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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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Wednesday, July 13

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Jeff Voss • Jolene Townsend • Dawn Jones • Rick Mettler • Carna Atherton Pray • Barb Pray • Cindy Leonhardt

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: NESD U8 Groton Red vs. Groton Blue in Groton

6:00pm: Olive Grove Men's League

7:00pm: NESD U8 Groton Red vs. Groton Blue in Groton

Thursday, July 14

Senior Menu: Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetable, rice and raisins, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Christine Nyberg • Ava Kramer
1:30pm: Noem staff to hold mobile office hours in Groton. Call 878-2868 to schedule an appointment

5:30pm: U8 Softball at Redfield

6:00pm: NESD U10 Groton Blue at Webster

6:00pm: NESD U10 Groton Red at Milbank Blue

6:00pm: NESD U12 Groton Blue vs. Sisseton at Britton

6:00pm: T-ball Practice

6:30pm: U10 Softball at Redfield

7:15pm: NESD U10 Groton Blue at Webster

7:15pm: NESD U10 Groton Red at Milbank Blue

7:30pm: NESD U12 Groton Blue vs. Sisseton at

Apts for Rent

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Mike Hubbard (far right) from Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc., was on hand at the Groton Area School community engagement meeting last night. He helped to answer questions about Groton's future project plans. The Groton School Board hired FJJ to help analysis the needs of the district. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The Groton Area School District is looking at a major overhaul of the elementary school and the replacement or major overhaul of the 1934 addition at middle/high school building. There is about \$2 million different between new and remodel of the 1934 addition.

The first of five community meetings was held Tuesday at the Groton Community Center. After the meeting, those in attendance had the option to vote for new or remodel of the 1934 addition. The vote was 23-10 in favor of new, or 70 percent. Any vote would require a passage of 60 percent.



After the meeting, several patrons gathered around the proposed options and funding impact slide. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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The Groton Area School Board held a special meeting Tuesday at the Groton Community Center. It was part of the first community engagement on proposed facility updates of up to \$21 million. From left to right are board members Deborah Gengerke, Kelly Kjelden, Clint Fjelstad, Marty Weismantel, Superintendent Joe Schwan, Business Manager Michael J. Weber, Board President Steve Smith, Grant Rix and Merle Harder. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Mike Hubbard from FJJ, Inc., put up several drawings of the proposed school projects that the Groton Area School board is considering. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

BBB Warning: Enjoy Pokémon GO... with Caution

In just a few days, Pokémon GO has become the most downloaded phone app in the U.S. The app, which uses mapping software to create a virtual reality game, is getting children and adults out and about in their neighborhoods to “catch” the game characters as they pop up on phone screens from various locations.

Although the game can be a blast, BBB is warning players and parents to be aware of some nuances that go with GO.

Expenses: It’s possible to play completely cost-free by winning “PokeCoins” (the app’s currency) through gameplay, but you can also purchase the coins through an in-app purchase. The longer you play, the more spending money you need to store to “train” your gathered characters. The app also requires constant GPS access, and it uses a lot of data. After playing for hours every day, consumers with limited data plans may find themselves with a hefty bill at the end of the month.

Privacy: In order to play the game, users must allow the app to access other applications, such as maps and camera. Many users sign in with a Google account, and that has caused some concerns about privacy. The Android version of the game only accesses limited data (such as the user’s email address), but the iOS version for the iPhone can access all Google data. Niantic, the game’s maker, says no personal information has been accessed, and it is issuing a bug fix to correct the problem.

Niantic’s website states, “We recently discovered that the Pokémon GO account creation process on iOS erroneously requests full access permission for the user’s Google account. However, Pokémon GO only accesses basic Google profile information (specifically, your User ID and email address) and no other Google account information is or has been accessed or collected. Once we became aware of this error, we began working on a client-side fix to request permission for only basic Google profile information, in line with the data that we actually access. Google has verified that no other information has been received or accessed by Pokémon GO or Niantic. Google will soon reduce Pokémon GO’s permission to only the basic profile data that Pokémon GO needs, and users do not need to take any actions themselves.” Users can create an account through the app itself rather than using an email address to access the game.

Malware: So far, the app is only available in the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand, which has given cybercriminals an opportunity to capitalize on the demand. A malware version of the game has been found online; although no known infections have been reported. Users should only download the app through official app stores, not third-party sites.

Safety: Players should use the same safety precautions while playing the game that they would in any other outdoor setting, including caution in strange locations. A Missouri police department reported robbers using a secluded “PokeStop” location to rob unsuspecting game players. Players should be cautious as pedestrians and obey all traffic laws, and drivers should be on the lookout for children who may be distracted by the game. The app also drains phone batteries, so users should be careful not to get stranded far from home.

Infringement: PokeStops are supposed to all be on public property (or cooperative private sites), but at least one homeowner has reported that his historic house is mistakenly a PokeStop. Players should be respectful of others’ private property. Future commercial opportunities are anticipated, where stores can offer rare or unique characters to add to the game.

Service Notice: Betty Beck

Services for Betty Beck, 94, of Claremont will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 15 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Father Mike Kelly will officiate. Burial will follow in Huffton Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday. Betty fell asleep July 12, 2016 at her home in Claremont.

Junior Teener Region Tournament

In the first round of the Junior Teener Tournament being played in Groton, Milbank defeated Groton, 13-3, Sisseton edged out Mobridge, 15-13, and Warner/Ipswich/Northville defeated Milbank, 24-16.

Games scheduled for today have Groton taking on Mobridge at 10 a.m., Sisseton taking on WIN at 12:30 p.m. and Milbank playing the winner of the Groton-Mobridge game at 3 p.m.

The tournament concludes tomorrow.



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Century Club Announces Oldest Living South Dakotan



SIOUX FALLS, SD (July 13, 2016) South Dakota Health Care Association's Century Club, in conjunction with KELOLAND Television, is honored to announce Bertha (Maisch) Mohr as the "2016 Centenarian of the Year!" Bertha is 107 years old, and the oldest resident in the Century Club!

"We congratulate Bertha on receiving the Centenarian of the Year award for 2016!" said Mark B. Deak, SDHCA Executive Director. "Her commitment to family and breadth of experience are inspiring. We could all learn from her wisdom."

Born in December 1908, Bertha has lived much of her life in rural Hosmer and Eureka, South Dakota. Like many people her age, Bertha left school after the elementary grades in order to help out on the farm. She remembers the Depression years well, and how hard she and her family worked, stretching every penny to get by. Though she can recall Christmases without presents or even a tree, she has never felt sorry for herself because of her situation. It was simply the way things were. "[Christmas] was a day – just like always," she said.

Bertha married Theobald Mohr in 1931, at age 22. Bertha and Theobald farmed near Hosmer until 1955. They had four children together: Lawrence (Virginia) Mohr (both deceased); Milton (Betty) Mohr, Hosmer; Doris (Milton) Adam, Rapid City; and Edna (Merle) Hieb, Eureka. She also has 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Though Theobald passed away in 1976, Bertha remained active, including finding employment as a beautician, cook, and seamstress at various times. She retired in 1990 at the age of 82.

At age 97, Bertha was out chipping ice from the front of her house when she fell and broke her hip. Since then, Bertha has lived in Hosmer Senior Citizens Home, and the Avera Eureka Health Care Center. She is known for overseeing family members in the kitchen during family get-togethers to make sure the food is being prepared to her standards. Her family loves the strudels, cheese buttons, vegetable soup, halupsie, and other treats for which she is known.

After all these years, family remains the most important thing in Bertha's life. Her commitment to and love for her children, grand-children and other family members is a legacy that her family will treasure forever. Whenever one of her family is saying good-bye after a visit, she tells them, "I love you now and I always will."

The Century Club was created by the South Dakota Health Care Association to recognize South Dakotans age 100 or older, both for their longevity and their contributions to our state. Over 1,500 South Dakotans have been inducted into the Century Club since its founding in 1997. The Century Club is, as its name states, a Club. Therefore, there may be older people in the state that have not yet been inducted by a family member or loved one into the Century Club.

The Century Club is open to any resident of South Dakota upon the celebration of his or her 100th birthday. There are no dues and each inductee receives a specially designed certificate and membership card. Once a year, the current oldest living Century Club Member is recognized as the "Centenarian of the Year." Submit names for the Century Club by visiting www.sdhca.org and downloading a Century Club Application or call LuAnn Severson, Century Club Coordinator, at 1-800-952-3052.

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Today in Weather History

July 13, 1964: Early morning low temperatures dropped into the lower to mid-30s across the northern half of the state. Some low temperatures include 32 degrees at Castlewood, 33 in Andover and 4 miles NW of Onida.

1895: A tornado that began in Cherry Hill, New Jersey made its way to Woodhaven, Long Island in New York. The image below is a hand-colored lantern slide in the Museum Library's Lantern Slide Collection.

1951: Rivers across eastern Kansas crest well above flood stage, causing the greatest destruction from flooding in the Midwestern United States to that time. Five-hundred-thousand people were left homeless, and 24 people died in the disaster.

1975 - Dover, DE, was deluged with 8.50 inches of rain to establish a 24 hour record for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1977 - Lightning struck a key electrical transmission line in Westchester County of southeastern New York State plunging New York City into darkness. (David Ludlum)

1980 - Afternoon highs of 108 degrees at Memphis, TN, 108 degrees at Macon, GA, and 105 degrees at Atlanta, GA, established all-time records for those three cities. The high of 110 degrees at Newington, GA, was just two degrees shy of the state record. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Unseasonably cool weather prevailed across the Midwest. Ten cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Casper, WY, with a reading of 39 degrees. By way of contrast, record heat was reported in the eastern U.S., with highs of 93 degrees at Burlington, VT, and 101 degrees around Miami, FL. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - There were just three reports of severe weather across the country, and just one record high temperature reported. Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to the Tennessee Valley area, producing nine inches at Senatobia, MS. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - A thunderstorm at Albany, GA, produced 1.40 inches of rain in forty minutes, along with wind gusts to 82 mph. Afternoon highs of 98 degrees at Corpus Christi, TX, 110 degrees at Tucson, AZ, and 114 degrees at Phoenix, AZ, equalled records for the date. Greenwood, MS, reported 55.65 inches of precipitation for the year, twice the amount normally received by mid July. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
20%	10%	20%			20%	30%
Breezy. Sunny then Slight Chance Showers	Slight Chance Showers then Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms
High: 84 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 81 °F



Breezy Today – Isolated Showers Northeast SD

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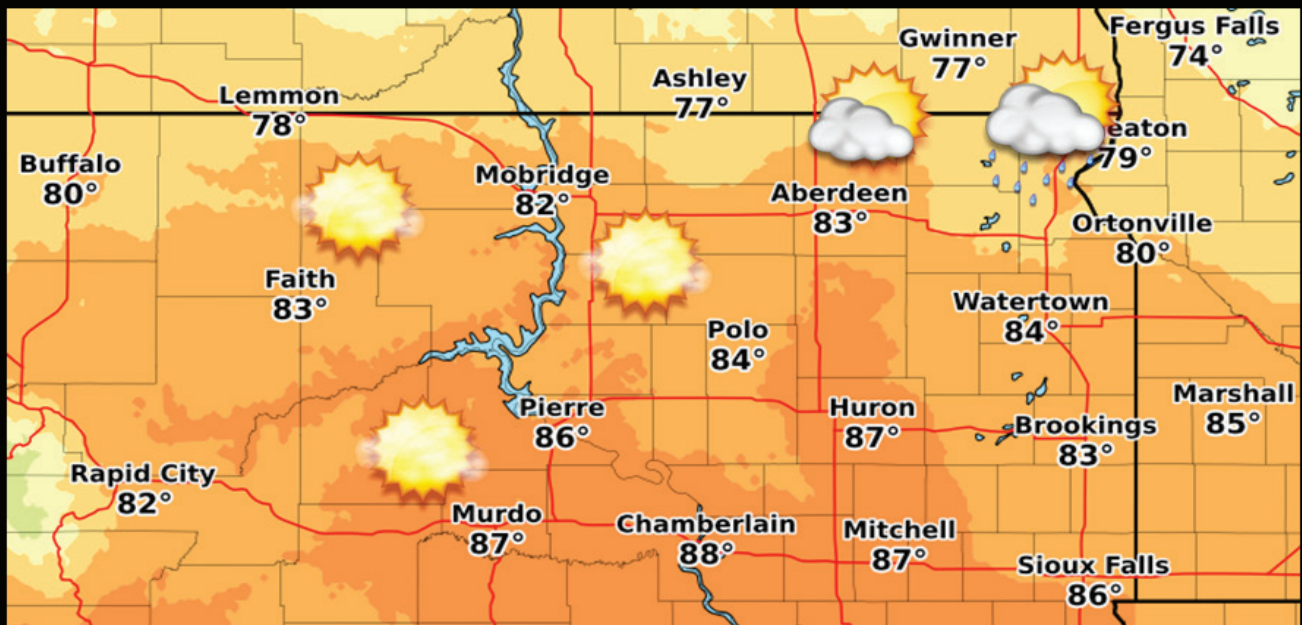
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Dry, mild & breezy conditions expected today - with an isolated light shower or two possible across far northeast South Dakota into western Minnesota. More widespread shower activity could occur on Thursday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 83.8 F at 5:19 PM

Low Outside Temp: 55.1 F at 6:07 AM

High Gust: 27.0 Mph at 4:34 PM

Precip:

Today's Info

Record High: 106° in 1936

Record Low: 44 in 1987

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 1.39

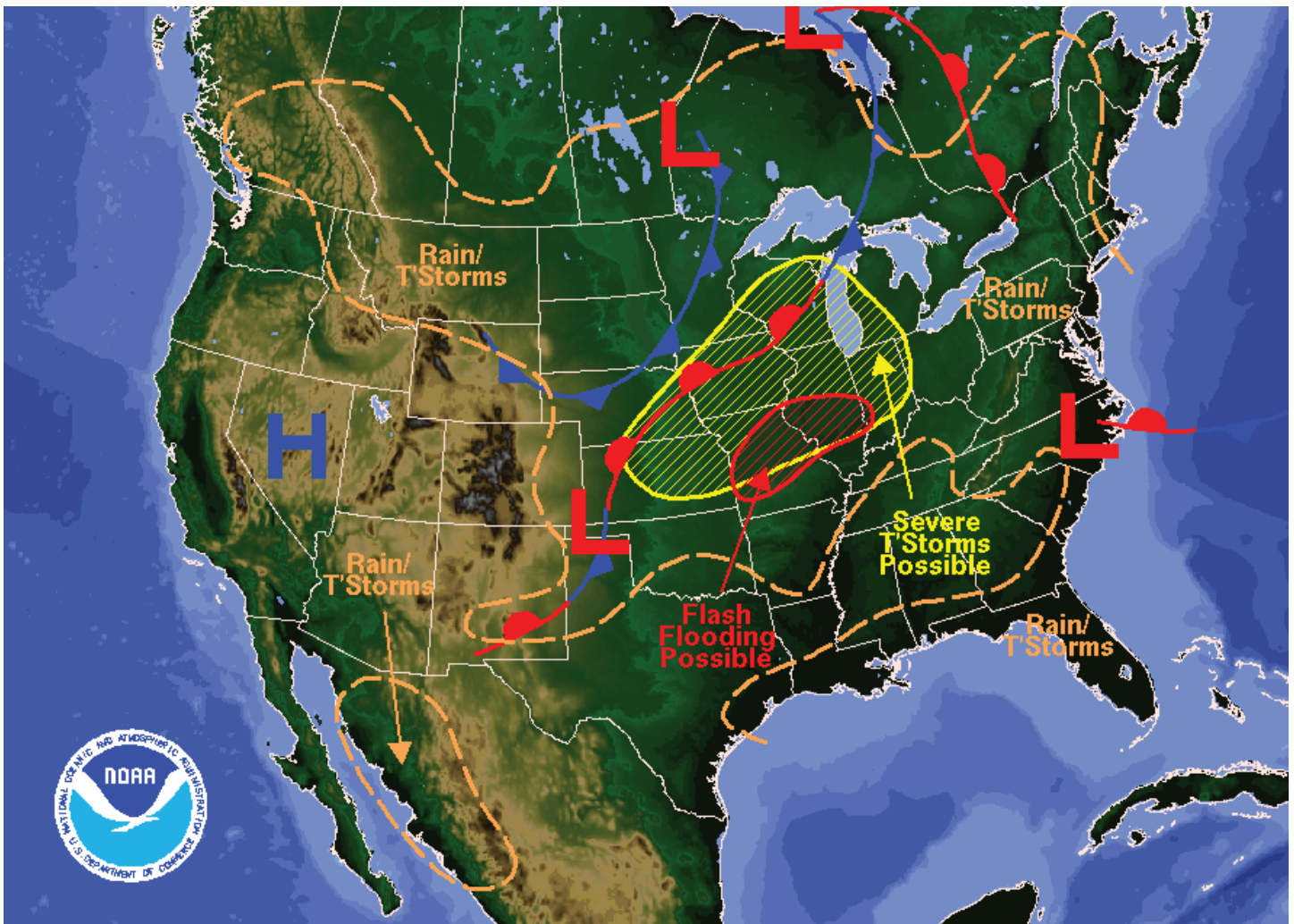
Precip to date in July: 2.74

Average Precip to date: 12.23

Precip Year to Date: 9.40

Sunset Tonight: 9:20 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:59 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jul 13, 2016, issued 4:42 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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HOW TO RECOGNIZE OUR VALUE

At the end of each season in each major sport, someone is recognized as being the most valuable player. In 1942, the Most Valuable Player of the Year Award in the American League was given to a player who made the most errors, hit into more double plays than anyone else and also struck out more than any other player. His name was Joe Gordon. He was also named into the baseball players Hall of Fame.

We can learn much from Joe Gordon. Even though he failed in some categories more than other players he did not allow his failures to be final. He did not give up nor refuse to do his best. He persisted through his problems and kept struggling to be successful. And he was! Rather than giving up he stood up, faced his problems and focused on his goal: to be his best and do his best.

Paul said, "Work with enthusiasm (and) remember that God will reward each one of us for the good we do..." This word of encouragement is a point well worth pondering.

There are times, for the Christian, that we work hard and do our best to be faithful in the tasks that God brings our way. We serve without notice and with little recognition. It seems as though no one cares because no one comments. But God does indeed care and one day He may make one final comment: Well done, good and faithful servant.

Prayer: Lord, for all who are weary in well doing and continue to serve You faithfully, we ask that someone somewhere will recognize the good they have done. In Your Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Ephesians 6:8

News from the Associated Press

\$25 million city office building in Sioux Falls in jeopardy

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls City Council has taken a step toward reversing approval of a \$25 million city office building downtown.

The council in April approved the 79,000-square-foot, three-story government office building in a decision in which Mayor Mike Huether cast a tie-breaking vote. His administration maintains that the building would be more economical than renovating an existing building.

The April vote called for the sale of bonds to finance the project to be delayed until October, to provide more time for other options to be studied.

Some council members remain skeptical of the need for a new building. The council on Tuesday voted 5-3 to give initial approval to repealing the \$25 million bond ordinance approved in April. A final project rejection could come at the group's July 19 meeting.

Brookings officer put on leave after alleged Facebook post

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The Brookings Police Department is investigating an officer for a Facebook post.

The department issued a statement saying the officer has been placed on administrative leave because of the alleged post. Authorities didn't name the officer or provide details about the post other than to say it was "contrary to the views" of the department.

The statement also said the department was "committed to upholding the civil rights of all individuals with whom we come into contact."

Police Chief Jeff Miller also issued an apology.

The Argus Leader reports that Miller did not comment further, citing what he said was a personnel matter.

Congress questions Indian Health Service staff, management

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Members of Congress on Tuesday questioned the longstanding staffing and management shortcomings that have led to poor health care services at government-run facilities caring for Native Americans across the country.

The hearing in Washington of the House subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs focused on proposed legislation that would expand the authority of the Indian Health Service to remove or demote employees and would also allow it to offer incentives to recruit well-trained administrators and health care providers. This was the second time in less than a month that the IHS' top leader, principal deputy director Mary Smith, tribal leaders and health care advocates testified before members of Congress regarding proposed measures to overhaul the embattled agency.

"We are here because of a crisis," said U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem, a Republican from South Dakota who is sponsoring the legislation. "The Indian Health Service is beyond broken, and fixing it is literally a matter of life and death."

Noem's bill and another proposal introduced in the U.S. Senate come after health inspectors over the past 14 months have uncovered serious quality-of-care deficiencies at hospitals run by the IHS in South Dakota and Nebraska. Smith said the agency faces "severe operational and staffing challenges."

"We welcome this attention and momentum that it creates for lasting quality improvements for these facilities because we are on the front lines of medical care in some of the most remote parts of our country," Smith said.

The agency's longstanding inability to hire and retain well-qualified administrators and management is due in part to the remote location of many of its hospitals, housing shortages in those areas and lack of competitive pay. At the same time, tribal leaders for years have complained about the agency's decision to keep in its staff mediocre providers and ineffective managers.

At the clinician level, for example, the hospital in South Dakota's Rosebud Indian Reservation had to stop offering surgical and obstetrics services last month after a staff member died. Its emergency room closed seven months ago in part because the agency struggled to maintain appropriate staffing levels. Since then, nine people have died and five babies have been delivered in ambulances on their way to other facilities.

Meanwhile, the management challenges were exemplified during the hearing using the case of a physician whose recent appointment as acting chief medical officer for the Great Plains region came weeks after she publicly apologized for comments made regarding the birth of two babies in the bathroom of that hospital.

"That official clearly has disdain for our people and should work elsewhere," said William Bear Shield, chairman of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Health Board.

Noem's bill specifically provides guidelines to remove or demote employees for poor performance or misconduct; forces the agency to implement mandatory cultural competency training for health providers; and offers relocation reimbursements for certain employees who move to work at facilities that are "located in a rural area or medically underserved area."

The dire problems at IHS-run facilities began to surface in May 2015 with a report from inspectors from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services who toured a facility on Nebraska's Winnebago Reservation. Following inspections of facilities in South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Rapid City and Rosebud uncovered similar quality-of-care deficiencies.

Victoria Kitcheyan, tribal treasurer of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, pleaded to Congress on Tuesday to continue to work on the issue even if the legislation becomes law.

"It's going to take a team effort, additional resources, consistent congressional oversight. And furthermore we have 10,000 people back at home who need their hope restored. ... Until those systematic changes are made within the IHS system, Winnebago hospital will continue to be the only place where you can legally kill an Indian."

Webinar on hiring people with disabilities slated

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota employers who want to start hiring people with disabilities can watch a webinar to learn more about the process and available resources.

The offering from the Department of Labor and Regulation and the South Dakota Retailers Association is scheduled for July 19.

It will offer insight about appropriate questions for potential employees, information about providing accommodations and a breakdown of resources available to employers.

Shawn Lyons is executive director of the retailers association. He says the program will explain first steps employers should take and show how businesses can benefit from a more diverse workforce.

Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman says the agency can help businesses navigate the resources available to assure a good fit for individuals and employers.

South Dakota winter wheat forecast up 35 percent from 2015

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says South Dakota's winter wheat crop is forecast to be up 35 percent from last year.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service estimates the average yield for winter wheat to be 54 bushels per acres, based on July 1 conditions. That's up 10 bushels from last year.

Spring wheat is expected to be down 25 percent from 2015. Oat production is forecast to be up 12 percent from a year ago.

Man sentenced to 30 years in prison on assault, drug charges

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man has been sentenced to 30 years in prison on assault and drug charges.

Nicholas Speckmeier, of Sioux Falls, pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated assault and one count of ingestion of a controlled substance.

Authorities say Speckmeier led Gregory County sheriff's deputies on a 50-minute high speed chase last August through the towns of Bonesteel and Fairfax. Speckmeier allegedly fired shots from a pistol out the window of the vehicle.

A passenger in the vehicle, Samantha Jo Lane, was sentenced earlier to 25 years in prison on weapons and drug charges.

Speckmeier and Lane told law enforcement they had taken methamphetamine before driving to Gregory County from Sioux Falls.

New York sues jail medical provider, claims inadequate care

FRANK ELTMAN, Associated Press

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — The state's attorney general claims in a lawsuit that a medical provider has failed to provide proper services to inmates in a suburban New York City jail, where 12 have died in the past five years, including four since March.

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman announced the allegations Tuesday in a lawsuit filed against Armor Correctional Health Medical Services, which is being paid \$11 million annually to care for inmates at the Nassau County Correctional Center on Long Island.

"Failing to provide proper health services as required is completely unacceptable," Schneiderman said in a statement. "Neglecting the duty to provide adequate care not only defrauds taxpayers, it compromises the health and safety of inmates, with sometimes fatal consequences."

A statement from an Armor spokeswoman said the company needs time to review the complaint but intends to "vigorously defend" itself against the claims.

"Any allegation that Armor has failed to provide quality correctional medical care at the facility is simply false," the company said.

Armor, which is based in Miami, provides jail health services in 29 counties across eight states: Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Virginia and Wisconsin.

"Armor has provided a substantial amount of data that simply is contradictory to any claim of deficient patient care," spokeswoman Yeleny Suarez said. "Armor is proud of its work caring for the inmates at the Nassau County facility and will continue to do so as long as Nassau County wants it to do so."

Schneiderman's lawsuit, filed in Manhattan, claims Armor failed to meet performance standards required under the contract.

Of the 12 inmates who have died at the Nassau facility since 2011, five were found by the state Com-

mission on Correction to have received inadequate medical care, according to the lawsuit.

One inmate who died in custody in July 2014 sought medication on June 5 that he had been taking at home, the lawsuit said. It claims he was not examined until six days later when he was found to have difficulty breathing and swelling of his shoulder, neck and throat. He was referred to a rheumatologist, but the referral visit was never made, according to the suit.

The inmate died as a result of cardiopulmonary arrest that the State Medical Review Board determined was due to swelling of his airway, the lawsuit said.

Schneiderman is seeking to bar Armor from bidding on any future health service contracts in New York and asks for an independent monitor to oversee compliance with the contract. It also wants Armor to pay fines and damages.

County Attorney Carnell Foskey said in a statement that Nassau officials have been working with the attorney general on its investigation of health care at the jail. He said a commissioner of corrections has been hired, and the Health Department placed a registered nurse at the facility to serve as a monitor.

Woman convicted of burning bar opts not to have new trial

HERREID, S.D. (AP) — Prosecutors say a woman convicted of setting fire to a bar and grill she co-owned in Herreid to get insurance money has decided against a retrial and pleaded guilty to a felony charge.

Lori Brandner of Herreid faces up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for conspiracy to commit arson for insurance proceeds. A judge had previously granted the 42-year-old a retrial, but prosecutors say she chose not to have it.

An attorney for Brandner didn't immediately return a telephone message requesting comment.

A jury in February found Brandner guilty of arson, conspiracy to commit arson and filing a fraudulent insurance claim. Authorities say Brandner and three others set fire to the business on Jan. 21, 2015, and that Brandner later submitted a \$310,000 insurance claim.

Sentencing for Brandner hasn't been scheduled.

AP FACT CHECK: Crime stats don't back Trump's dire view

EILEEN SULLIVAN, Associated Press

CHAD DAY, Associated Press

EDITOR'S NOTE _ A look at the veracity of claims by public officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — In presenting himself as the "law and order" candidate for president, Donald Trump portrays a nation of lawlessness and disorder.

That grim picture may speak to the visceral fears of voters of a country "out of control," as Trump put it. It does not, though, reflect a trend of declining crime that has been unfolding over 25 years.

Crime figures are a malleable source of information. Depending on what time period is compared, and which crimes are considered, they can be used to tell a tale of progress or setbacks. Here's a look at some of Trump's recent statements, President Barack Obama's very different assertions and how they compare with the facts:

TRUMP: "Crime is out of control, and rapidly getting worse. Look what is going on in Chicago and our inner cities. Not good!" — Tweet.

TRUMP: "Violent crime has increased in cities across America." — Speech on Monday.

THE FACTS: Violent crime has dropped dramatically since the early 1990s.

According to FBI data , the national violent crime rate last peaked in 1991 at 758 reported violent

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crimes per 100,000 people. In 2014, the latest year for which full data is available, the rate was 366 per 100,000 people.

Even so, Trump has some statistical support for claiming violent crime is up in big-city America.

The Major Cities Chiefs Association, a nonprofit that works with urban police chiefs, finds that violent crime reported by some urban police departments rose from 2014 to 2015, and homicides alone were up in 44 of the big-city and county police departments, by this count.

One year's results, though, cannot be taken to mean that the overall trend of declining violent crime is changing.

There have been other upticks in violent crime in the past 15 years, even as rates have fallen over the longer period. In both 2005 and 2006, the number of violent crimes reported to the FBI increased 2.3 percent and 3.2 percent respectively. That was followed by five years of declines.

"It is a mistake to say crime is out of control and rapidly getting worse," Darrel Stephens, executive director of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, told AP. "We do have increases in many cities and it should be of concern to people, but the rate is well below the early '90s when it was at its peak."

Said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum: "I would not say that crime is out of control everywhere or anywhere for that matter, in comparison to where we were 25 years ago."

OBAMA: "It is important to keep in perspective that in places like New York, or Los Angeles, or Dallas, you've seen huge drops in the murder rates." — News conference, Saturday.

THE FACTS: He's right about New York but Los Angeles and Dallas saw increases in homicides from 2014 and to 2015, and in the first three months of this year compared with the same period last year, according to the Major Cities Chiefs data. Over time, however, murder rates have fallen drastically in both cities over the past 25 years, FBI data show. Violent crime in those cities also has been on the decline since the early '90s, much like the rest of the country.

Obama did not specify the time period behind his claim.

The FBI's annual Uniform Crime Report, the main source of data on crime, isn't a perfect measure because police departments voluntarily report their numbers and some departments may classify crimes differently. But the decline seen in the FBI's numbers has been mirrored in another nationwide crime measure, the National Crime Victimization Survey published by the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics.

TRUMP: "According to the Chicago Tribune, there has already been more than 2,000 — 2,000 — shooting victims in Chicago alone this year. This epidemic of violence destroys lives, destroys communities and destroys opportunity for young Americans."

OBAMA: "I'm not just talking about mass shootings. I'm talking about the hundreds of people who have already been shot this year in my hometown of Chicago — the ones that we just consider routine."

THE FACTS: Trump accurately cited the newspaper's finding that more than 2,100 people have been shot in Chicago this year. Obama appeared to confuse the number of people shot with the number of people who died from shootings — more than 240.

But with Chicago homicides starkly rising, Trump and Obama were on solid ground in pointing to the reality that it has been a bloody year in that city.

Embracing Lincoln, Clinton to urge nation to fix divisions

KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Hillary Clinton is embracing the symbolism of Abraham Lincoln's "House Divided" speech, arguing that the nation needs to repair its divisions after a series of high-profile shootings.

Clinton's campaign said the Democratic presidential nominee would use the backdrop of the Old State House in Springfield, Illinois, on Wednesday to discuss the importance of uniting the country and healing divisions in the nation's politics and culture.

Lincoln delivered his address about the perils of slavery in June 1858 to the state Republican convention, famously declaring that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." He was defeated in his Senate bid that year but elected president two years later.

Returning to the site of Lincoln's speech, Clinton intends to address race relations in the aftermath of the shooting deaths of five Dallas police officers who were working at a public protest over fatal police shootings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota.

Clinton is not the first to reach for Lincoln's legacy. President Barack Obama launched his first presidential campaign in 2007 in a chilly outdoor rally on the steps of the Old State Capitol, echoing Lincoln's calls for unity before the Civil War.

Her campaign said the speech will build off remarks last Friday to the African Methodist Episcopal Church convention in Philadelphia, where she pointed to the recent violence and declared there is "something wrong with our country."

"We have to find a way to repair these wounds and close these divides. The great genius and salvation of the United States is our capacity to do and be better," Clinton said last week in Philadelphia. "We need to find a way to do that again today-because it's critical to everything else we want to achieve."

Clinton has often been viewed as a polarizing figure during her more than two decades in national politics. But she has sought to present herself as a unifying force against Republican Donald Trump, pointing to the businessman's inflammatory statements about Muslims, Hispanics and others.

Trump, in an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, predicted that protests against police violence that followed last week's slaying of the five police officers in Dallas "might be just the beginning for this summer."

In her Philadelphia speech, Clinton spoke of the shootings of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Philando Castile in suburban St. Paul, Minnesota. Clinton said that as president she would urge white Americans to gain a better understanding of the anxiety many blacks feel in dealing with law enforcement.

She also said Americans need to recognize the sacrifice of the slain police officers and their families, "who lived every day with the fear that something like this would happen and will always be proud of their service and sacrifice."

Man covers face with toilet paper, robs Nashville store

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Police in Tennessee are looking for a man who they say robbed a Nashville gas station while covering his face with toilet paper.

WSMV-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/29WRjEU>) that the man entered a Twice Daily gas station just before 2 a.m. Wednesday.

He went into the bathroom, grabbed toilet paper and used it to cover his face as he pulled out a gun and demanded money from the clerk. No other customers were at the gas station at the time of the

robbery.

Police are reviewing the store's surveillance video, hoping to get a frame of the man's before he covered it with the toilet paper.

Funerals Wednesday for 3 of 5 slain Dallas police officers

DALLAS (AP) — Funerals are set to begin for the five officers slain by a sniper during a protest last week in downtown Dallas.

Funerals will be held Wednesday for Dallas Police Sr. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens, Dallas Police Sgt. Michael Smith and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Officer Brent Thompson.

Ahrens' funeral will take place in Plano. Smith's funeral at the Farmers Branch church he and his family attended will be followed the next day with a service at the Dallas church where he worked security.

After a Dallas memorial service, Thompson's funeral will be at a church in Corsicana, the town south of Dallas where he lived.

Dallas Police Officer Michael Krol's funeral is set for Friday, and Dallas police Officer Patrick Zamarripa's funeral will be held Saturday.

3 arrests made in alleged plot to harm officers, police say

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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Calling it a "substantial, credible threat" to police, authorities in Louisiana have arrested three suspects accused of stealing at least eight handguns in an alleged plot to harm police officers in the Baton Rouge area.

The arrests in Louisiana's capital city come amid heightened tensions following the deadly police shootings of black men in Baton Rouge and Minnesota and the killings of five police officers in Dallas last week.

Authorities discovered the alleged plot while responding to a weekend burglary at a pawn shop, Baton Rouge Police Chief Carl Dabadie said at a news conference Tuesday.

The chief said the first suspect arrested told police that "the reason the burglary was being done was to harm police officers." He said the suspect didn't give any details about when or where a possible plot would be carried out.

State Police Col. Mike Edmonson called it a "substantial credible threat" to police.

All of the suspects are from Baton Rouge and all are black. They face charges including burglary, simple burglary, and theft of a firearm; they have not been arrested on any charges related to plotting to kill police.

Six of the eight stolen firearms have been recovered and two are still at large, authorities said.

"We have been questioned repeatedly over the last several days about our show of force and why we have the tactics that we have. Well, this is the reason, because we had credible threats against the lives of law enforcement in this city," Dabadie said.

In a statement, police said surveillance video showed the suspects using a ladder to climb the roof of the building to get in early Saturday. Eight handguns and one airsoft BB gun were missing from the store.

Authorities said they arrested one suspect — Antonio Thomas, 17 — at the scene with a handgun and a BB gun. Another suspect, Malik Bridgewater, 20, was apprehended Sunday and a third suspect — a 13-year-old boy — was apprehended on a street. They called on a fourth suspect to turn himself in.

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Another man was arrested for allegedly purchasing two of the stolen guns, but he hasn't been linked to the alleged plot, a police spokesman said.

It wasn't immediately known if those arrested had attorneys.

In the first few days after 37-year-old Alton Sterling was shot and killed after being pinned down by two white police officers in Baton Rouge, police took a reserved approach to enforcement, keeping a low profile as hundreds gathered outside the convenience store where Sterling died.

But tensions escalated during weekend protests that moved away from the store and into other parts of the city, marked by a show of force by law enforcement that included police wielding batons, carrying long guns and wearing shields. Over a three-day period, police arrested about 200 protesters and came under criticism for the tactics used to deal with the demonstrations.

Earlier Tuesday, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards defended the police response. He said the riot gear and weaponry were appropriate.

"We've had a police officer with teeth knocked out of his face because of a rock. If you don't have on riot gear, you have no defense against that sort of thing," the Democratic governor said.

"In light of what happened in Dallas, understanding that just one gunman can change the situation entirely, how do you in good conscience put police officers on the street without the ability to defend themselves?" he added.

Protests have spread around the country as people expressed outrage over the recent death in Baton Rouge and of a second black man, Philando Castile, at the hands of police in Minnesota last week. The Justice Department has opened a federal civil rights investigation into Sterling's shooting.

Community leaders in Baton Rouge have sought to defuse the tension.

State Rep. Ted James, a black lawyer who grew up near where Sterling was shot, and Cleve Dunn Jr., a prominent black businessman, met with local Republican leaders at a public luncheon to discuss the shooting. The two also have showed up at protests, urging calm.

"I truly believe that we can have parallel conversations about respect for police officers, making sure that they're safe, but also have a parallel conversation about the things that are happening with African-American males across the country," James said.

Police: Burglary suspect dies after officers used stun gun

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A home burglary suspect has died after police used a stun gun on him, authorities said, adding the suspect resisted officers who found him wrapped in material that looked like it came from house air conditioner ducts.

Birmingham Police Lt. Sean Edwards said a homeowner in that Alabama city called police early Tuesday to report hearing glass breaking and someone yelling and growling in his basement.

A police statement said arriving officers told the homeowner to go next door for his safety while they checked out the home.

"As officers walked around the house they observed several windows broken," the statement emailed by Edwards said. "They entered the home and observed a white male in shorts only wrapped up in material that looked like the air conditioner duct work."

Edwards said the suspect didn't comply with verbal orders of the officers, and they used a stun gun several times as he continued to resist them.

The statement said officers then "closed in on the suspect" and handcuffed him, taking him from the home to await medics.

The unidentified suspect was later pronounced dead at a hospital where he was taken, according to police.

Edwards said the burglary suspect acted "extremely irritated" throughout the encounter with police and growled at officers.

The police statement said the State Bureau of Investigation was called to investigate and that it wasn't immediately known if the suspect had a previous medical condition or was under the influence of some foreign substance.

Court sides with Utah's Planned Parenthood in defunding case

LINDSAY WHITEHURST, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah governor's order to block funding to Planned Parenthood was probably a political move designed to punish the group, a federal appeals court wrote in an ruling that ordered the state to keep the money flowing.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver decided Tuesday there's a good chance the governor's order violated the group's constitutional rights.

Republican Gov. Gary Herbert cut off cash last fall for sexually transmitted disease and sex education programs following the release of secretly recorded videos showing out-of-state employees discussing fetal tissue from abortions.

The head of the Planned Parenthood Association of Utah hailed the ruling as a victory for the clinic's patients.

"Our doors are open today and they will be tomorrow — no matter what," CEO Karrie Galloway said in a statement.

Herbert's spokesman says the governor believes contract decisions should be made by the state, and that he was disappointed in the ruling blocking the defunding order while Planned Parenthood's lawsuit challenging it goes back to be heard by a lower court. The state is considering its next legal steps, which could include asking the full 10th Circuit to reconsider the panel's decision.

Herbert didn't comment on a finding by two appeals court judges that he likely used the controversy to politically attack the group because it provides abortions. A third judge dissented and questioned whether Planned Parenthood would ultimately prevail.

Lawyers for the Utah branch argued it has never participated in fetal donation programs. They also filed emails showing state health officials were concerned about defunding the programs that serve thousands of teenagers and low-income people.

State attorneys have argued that the governor has the right to end contracts and that Planned Parenthood was still under a cloud of suspicion when Herbert ordered state agencies to stop acting as a pass-through for federal money.

Herbert said he was offended by the callousness of the discussion shown on the videos, which sparked uproar among Republican leaders around the country.

Several states have moved to strip Planned Parenthood of contracts and federal money, and the organization has sued in states like Arkansas, Alabama and Louisiana.

While most court decisions have allowed money to keep flowing, U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups in Utah decided the governor could block the money because the state has an interest in avoiding the perception of corruption.

While Waddoups acknowledged that the Utah organization has not broken any laws, he said it has associated with other Planned Parenthood entities accused of illegally selling fetal tissue to researchers for profit.

The contracts that the governor blocked are worth \$275,000, a small portion of the organization's

\$8 million budget. It also receives money through federal contracts, fees from clients, insurance and contributions.

Multiple investigations by Congress and several states have cleared Planned Parenthood of illegal acts. A Texas grand jury also cleared the group and instead indicted two of the activists who made the undercover videos.

Israel: Troops kill Palestinian in car speeding toward them

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military says security forces have shot and killed a Palestinian man who was in a car speeding toward them in the West Bank.

The military says the officers, who are with Israel's paramilitary border police, were confiscating an arms-manufacturing machine on Wednesday when the car accelerated toward them. It says the security forces fired toward the car, killing the man.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health identified him as 22-year-old Anwar al-Salaymeh.

The military says another Palestinian was taken to hospital, and a third Palestinian was detained for questioning. It says the military is reviewing the matter.

Israel says it has raided dozens of West Bank arms-making factories this year to quell an ongoing spate of Palestinian violence.

Global stocks up on eased UK uncertainties, stimulus hopes

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Global stock markets were higher on Wednesday as the confirmation of Britain's new leader eased uncertainties, while the stimulus hopes in Britain and Japan also helped lift stocks.

KEEPING SCORE: Europe started with moderate gains. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.2 percent to 6,696.04 and France's CAC 40 added 0.4 percent to 4,350.17. Germany's DAX was flat at 9,967.47. Futures augured a tepid start on Wall Street. Dow futures remained flat, while S&P futures inched up 0.1 percent.

ASIA'S DAY: Asian stocks finished higher. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rose 0.8 percent to 16,231.43 and South Korea's Kospi gained 0.7 percent to 2,005.55. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 0.5 percent to 21,322.37. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 advanced 0.7 percent to 5,388.50. Stocks in mainland China, Singapore and Indonesia and other Southeast Asian countries also closed higher.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Market sentiment has improved as Britain's new prime minister has been confirmed and thus substantially reduced the political uncertainties following the Brexit vote," said Margaret Yang, a market analyst at CMC Markets Singapore, referring to Britain's vote last month to leave the European Union. "Although there is still a lack of clues as to when negotiations will start and the new terms of the UK's relationship with the EU still remain uncertain, at least now we know there is a plan and the road map is clearer."

UK WATCH: Britain's Conservative Party confirmed that Theresa May has been elected party leader and will become the next prime minister. David Cameron is making his final appearance in the House of Commons as prime minister on Wednesday, stepping down less than three weeks after losing the campaign to keep Britain in the European Union. The confirmation of the new leader sent the British pound higher.

CENTRAL BANK WATCH: Analysts said market expectations for the British central bank's first rate cut also rose sharply after Britain's new leader was confirmed. Most economists expect the Bank of England to look to stimulate the British economy at a policy meeting on Thursday, with some expecting the

central bank to reduce its benchmark interest rate to a new record low from the current 0.5 percent, where it has been since March 2009. In Japan, stocks extended gains after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Liberal Democratic Party emerged victorious from parliamentary elections, driven by the hopes that Abe would continue to flood the markets with money by expanding bond purchases.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 59 cents to \$46.21 per barrel in New York. The contract added \$2.04 to close at \$46.80 a barrel on Tuesday. Brent crude, a standard for international oil prices, lost 82 cents to \$47.65 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar fell to 104.57 yen from 104.84 yen. The euro weakened to \$1.1076 from \$1.1063.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. OBAMA TO MEET LAW ENFORCEMENT, ACTIVISTS AT WHITE HOUSE

"We'll share solutions from communities that have already found ways to build trust and reduce disparities," the president said on Facebook.

2. FUNERALS SET TO BEGIN FOR OFFICERS KILLED BY SNIPER IN DALLAS

Dallas Police Sr. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens, Dallas Police Sgt. Michael Smith and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Officer Brent Thompson will be laid to rest Wednesday.

3. WHY MANY YOUNG PEOPLE DISLIKE TRUMP

A new poll shows nearly two-thirds of Americans between the ages of 18 and 30 believe the presumptive Republican nominee is racist.

4. HOW BEIJING RESPONDS TO RULING ON SOUTH CHINA SEA DISPUTE

China warns other countries against threatening its security in the South China Sea, after a tribunal says Beijing has no legal basis for expansive territorial claims there.

5. CAMERON STEPS DOWN AFTER 6 YEARS AS UK PRIME MINISTER

David Cameron — like predecessor Tony Blair — leaves his leadership post following a historic blunder.

6. SCIENTISTS DISCOVER NEW FISH SPECIES IN ALASKA

Biologists find 14 kinds of new snailfish in the Aleutian Islands region.

7. SOLAR PLANE FLIES OVER PYRAMIDS ON GLOBE-CIRCLING TRIP

Solar Impulse 2 is close to completing its around-the-world trip that began in March 2015.

8. SOUTH KOREA TO DEPLOY ADVANCED US MISSILE SYSTEM

Seoul and Washington say they need the missile system to better deal with what they call increasing North Korean military threats, but local residents are protesting the weapons.

9. WHO CHANGES WORDS TO 'O CANADA' AT ALL-STAR GAME

Remigio Pereira of the Canadian singing quartet The Tenors sings "All lives matter to the great" instead of "The true North strong and free."

10. WHERE 'HAPPY GYMNASTICS' IS REPLACING GRIND OF STRICT TRAINING

China is slowly changing its approach to gymnastics, cultivating a less stressful approach for young athletes.

Spain: American gored in next-to-last San Fermin bull run

MIGUEL TREJO, Associated Press

CIARAN GILES, Associated Press

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP) — An American was gored in the leg and five other runners were injured Wednesday in the next-to-last running of the bulls at Pamplona's San Fermin festival, officials said.

One of the six bulls crashed into a group of runners close to a fence, goring the American in the thigh and lifting at least two others in the air with his horns.

In a statement, the Navarra regional government identified the American as a 39-year-old with the initials M.L.O. and said his condition was not serious. There were no further details.

The statement said four Spaniards and another American were also being treated in city hospitals for bruises.

More than 1,000 people took part in the 8 a.m. (0600 GMT, 2 a.m. EDT) dash with six fighting bulls and their accompanying steer along a 930-yard (850-meter) street course to the city's bull ring. The bulls then face matadors and almost certain death in afternoon bullfights.

The nationally televised run lasted 2½ minutes.

The nine-day fiesta, known also for its 24-hour street partying, became world famous with Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises." It attracts thousands of foreign tourists.

Bull runs are a traditional part of summer festivals across Spain.

Twelve people, including four Americans, have been gored since the runs started July 7.

In all, 15 people have died from gorings at the festival since record-keeping began in 1924.

DC's other 1600 Pennsylvania is source of humor, headaches

JESSICA GRESKO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential candidates work for years to move in to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. For 24-year-old Nicole Berns, moving in was much easier, requiring filling out a three-page form and paying \$500 in fees.

Berns' keys aren't for the White House. They're for 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, a 77-unit apartment building that began leasing about a year ago. It is just about 3 ½ miles from the White House, which has the same numbered address but is at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW on the city's grid system. The addition of an address nearly identical to the nation's seat of power has caused some confusion, but also some amusing opportunities for residents.

"I love telling people that I live there. I call it, 'The Other White House,'" said Berns, who recently moved in to the building.

Before the apartment building was built, the lot housed a used car dealership whose address was 1550 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. But when developers bought the property they realized that no building had claim to the 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. SE address, which also made sense for the location. Figuring it would be fun and a way to get recognition, they successfully petitioned for an address change.

Residents say they often get funny looks or disbelief when they have to give their address or hand over their driver's licenses. Carlos Gutierrez, 39, and other residents said they get asked: "You live at the White House?"

The address has produced headaches for some residents. One early resident of the building, Daniel Perry, 36, said Amazon.com initially wouldn't take orders to the address, though that's since been sorted out. Another resident said even now, she sometimes has difficulty ordering online. A recent order for a pair of summer sandals required calling the company, she said.

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Residents have to make sure that anyone sending them mail puts the all-important "SE" after the address. The correct zip code — 20003 — is also key. The White House's ZIP code is 20500.

A goof means the mail might eventually get to the correct recipient, but because the president's mail gets extra security screening, any resident's mail with an incomplete address could be significantly delayed.

Mail mix-ups happen the other way, too. Errant letters for the first family arrive at the building every so often and sit unopened by the residents' mailboxes until the U.S. Postal Service redirects them. There's also what property manager Cameron Mahjoubi calls "prank mail" — letters sent to past presidents including Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and George Washington.

The building itself doesn't provoke any double takes. Its tallest part is six stories high and it's mostly brick. There are no white columns in sight, though an American flag does fly out front. The lobby has an American flag, too: a white-on white mural, with one star added for the District of Columbia.

The developers behind the building contemplated other nods to the executive mansion including naming several townhome units after presidents, but they settled instead for the names of local parks, names that still include Garfield and Lincoln. An initial design for the building included plush blue carpet intended to mirror some in the White House, but that was ultimately scratched. The building does, however, have an east and west wing, said Greg Selfridge, managing partner of NOVO Properties, the property's developer and manager.

"We tried to be tasteful and witty," Selfridge said of nods to the White House, which is about 10,000 square feet smaller than his group's building.

Other differences abound. The Oval Office is over two times the size of the smallest studio apartments. And instead of views of the Washington Monument like the White House, the building has views from its top deck of the Potomac River and historic Congressional Cemetery, the final resting place of scores of former members of Congress. Then there's the fact that, unlike the president, residents pay rent: \$1,400 to \$3,000 a month.

The building does have one thing in common with the more famous mansion, however. No occupant is an owner, and residents are always moving in and out.

A look at who got what they wanted, a year after nuke deal

BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are some of the major points of contention in last year's seven-nation Iran nuclear deal, and who is getting their way:

NUCLEAR PROGRAM

By its own metrics, the Obama administration has achieved its main objective: cutting off Iran's four pathways to a bomb. The U.N.'s nuclear agency has confirmed that Tehran has taken offline thousands of centrifuges used to enrich uranium, a potential bomb-making material. The Iranians have disabled a heavy water plant that would have produced plutonium usable in a weapon. They've opened their supply chain to far greater scrutiny. An underground enrichment facility near Fordo remains open, contrary to U.S. wishes, but under strict limits. All told, Iran is at least a year away from developing a nuclear weapon — America's overarching criterion.

Compliance also has yielded benefits for Iran, too, giving it newfound credibility as an international player. Many nuclear restrictions begin coming off in the middle of next decade.

Winner: Thus far, a strategic victory for the United States.

MISSILES AND OTHER CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

The U.S. bragged after the deal was signed that it had secured two key last-minute concessions: Pro-

longing the United Nations ban on Iranian missile development by eight years and the ban on Iranian arms transfer by five years. Iran almost immediately flaunted both restrictions. It has persisted in sending weapons and fighters to the Syrian government and Yemeni rebels in their respective civil wars. Its missiles have gravely concerned America's Arab allies and Israel. And Washington's response has been limited. It has issued some new, unilateral sanctions. But when it broached the subject of missiles with other U.N. Security Council members, the U.S. found them divided on whether the bans any longer applied. They proved unwilling to support any global punishment in response.

Winner: Iran.

SANCTIONS

Iran wanted relief from international economic pressure to coincide with January's implementation of the nuclear accord. U.S. and other negotiators agreed. More by accident than design, however, it hasn't quite worked out. Iran immediately announced a lucrative deal with European plane maker Airbus, but most international banks and manufacturers have stayed away, fearful of incurring U.S. prosecution or fines. While the Iranians recouped some \$100 billion in frozen assets overseas, the U.S. says they've only brought a fraction of that home. A cash shortfall has prompted Iranian threats of reneging on the nuclear deal, leading top U.S. officials to lobby for greater economic investment in Iran. Another breakthrough recently emerged: A deal between Boeing and Iran Air that could be worth \$25 billion. More quietly, Iran's oil sector is booming again.

Winner: The U.S., for almost accidentally preserving much of its financial sanctions against Iran, but the ground may be shifting.

GEOPOLITICAL EFFECTS

Both sides raised the prospect of hugely consequential aftereffects from the deal. Iran has won a seat at the table for peace mediation efforts on Syria's civil war, while continuing to send weapons and fighters to help President Bashar Assad's government. In Iraq, both sides are staying out of each other's way as the Iranians pressure the Islamic State on the ground and a U.S.-led coalition pummels the extremist group by air. In Yemen's conflict, the U.S. has exposed Iran's role in support of Shiite rebels. But both sides say they back a peace process that would preserve some of Iran's interests. President Hassan Rouhani and Iranian leaders are flying around Asia and Europe without the stigma attached to predecessors. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif are conversing and meeting regularly.

Winner: Iran for ending its isolation, even as the U.S. also is finding advantages to the new geopolitical reality.

Trump seeks to block release of Trump University testimony

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — A federal judge who has been a target of Donald Trump's scorn must decide whether to release videos of the presumed Republican presidential nominee testifying in a lawsuit about the now-defunct Trump University — images that Trump's attorneys worry will be used to tarnish the campaign.

U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel faces Trump's attorneys in San Diego Wednesday for the first time since he permitted release of unrelated documents in a class-action lawsuit alleging fraud. That move led Trump to intensify attacks on the judge that included mention of the judge's Mexican heritage.

News organizations want full transcripts and video of Trump's recent depositions. The big battle is shaping up over the video, which Trump's attorneys don't want to see in campaign ads.

Aiming for Friday announcement, Trump narrows his VP list

BY JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump has reached the final phase of his search for a running mate, narrowing his list to three leading contenders and directing his staff to prepare for a Friday announcement.

"It's a little bit like 'The Apprentice,'" former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, one of Trump's finalists, said in a Tuesday interview with Fox News Channel. "You find out sooner or later who the last one standing is."

Along with Gingrich, a boisterous rabble-rouser who has spent decades in Washington, the finalists include Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a steady, staunch conservative who would help to calm nervous Republicans wary of Trump's style, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a one-time rival who has become one of Trump's most trusted advisers.

That's according to a person familiar with Trump's thinking, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss the vetting process. Trump said in a Tuesday interview with The Wall Street Journal that Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions is also still in the mix.

Trump has spent weeks consulting with friends and family as he weighs the most important decision of his campaign to date. He's also met with the candidates and brought his finalists on tour to test their receptions before his crowds. On Monday, it was Christie's turn in Virginia. On Tuesday, he was joined in Indiana by Pence.

Introducing Trump at a rally in Westfield, Indiana, on Tuesday evening, Pence received an enthusiastic reception as he compared Trump to Republican icon Ronald Reagan and dug into Trump's likely Democrat rival, Hillary Clinton.

Trump told The Wall Street Journal on Tuesday he is looking for a "fighter skilled in hand-to-hand combat" as his second-in-command, but hadn't seen enough of Pence to measure his fight. Pence's speech appeared to be an effort from the former congressman to show Trump he could take on such a role.

While Trump kept his cards close, he spoke playfully of Pence at the rally: "I don't know whether he's going to be your governor or your vice president."

Pence and Gingrich would be welcome picks among anxious Republican officials already gathering in Cleveland for next week's convention. Their governing experience and popularity among the party's conservative base would mark a sharp contrast to Trump, whose brand of politics has alienated hard-line conservatives and establishment Republicans alike.

Former Trump adviser Michael Caputo said Pence fit that bill.

"Not only does he fulfill Trump's requirement for a running mate with political experience, he also is CEO of a company called Indiana," Caputo said. "He's straight out of central casting. He's a communicator. He gets the message, he stays on messages. And he knows how to reach out to a broad range of America."

In an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Trump said he'd narrowed his list to four contenders. He appeared to have made progress by Tuesday, when he told Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly that he had "a pretty good idea" of his pick.

Still, he appeared to agree with O'Reilly's complaint that his campaign's plans for Friday announcement are ill-conceived, because fewer people tend to watch the news that day.

"When I heard I was doing it on Friday, I was saying, I wonder if those people know me very well," Trump said of his campaign staff.

Trump's team has been building hype for the decision, including in a text message to supporters that

urged recipients to sign up to receive an early notification of the choice. Fox News Channel added to the speculation Tuesday when it said it had suspended its contributor agreement with Gingrich "due to the intense media speculation" about his potential to join Trump's ticket.

Less than an hour later, Gingrich appeared on the network and suggested Trump's decision was imminent.

"My guess is you're going to hear either tomorrow or Thursday," Gingrich said. "Certainly no later than Friday, because they're going to want to dominate the weekend news with the new vice presidential selection."

Law enforcement, activists to meet with Obama at White House

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will quickly return to the delicate balancing act of supporting law enforcement while addressing concerns of bias from some of the communities they serve.

Obama is meeting Wednesday with police officers at the White House — the second such session this week. This time it will be expanded to include mayors, academics and civil rights activists.

"We'll share solutions from communities that have already found ways to build trust and reduce disparities," Obama said on Facebook.

Obama and Vice President Joe Biden met with representatives from eight police organizations Monday before flying the next day to Dallas to lead a memorial for five police officers killed by a suspect who said he wanted to kill whites, particularly white officers. The officers were working at rally in which protesters gathered to voice complaints about the shooting deaths of two black men by police officers, one in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the other in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Going forward, I want to hear ideas from even more Americans about how we can address these challenges together as one nation. That means you," Obama said.

He is calling on people to submit their stories and ideas to go.wh.gov/VDPvKz.

Biden told CNN after Monday's meeting that a couple of the police groups at the meeting voiced some displeasure with the president while others told him he was "doing it just right" with his comments. Biden did not offer detail about the complaints, but said Obama stressed how he has repeatedly voiced support for law enforcement and offered to send critics a list of when he has done so.

Biden said Obama asked the police officials at the meeting: "Fellas, what do you think I'm not doing? What have you not heard me say?"

Biden also said some of the police organizations voiced concerns for the safety of their members. "It's the first time I've ever heard police organizations say, 'My guys are frightened,'" Biden said.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the president is hoping to push the conversations toward concrete actions that the government and communities can take.

"Even the most optimistic assessment of what could happen tomorrow doesn't leave anybody concluding that all the problems are going to be solved," Earnest said aboard Air Force One as it headed to Dallas. "But the president is hopeful that while the country is focused on this issue, that we can reprioritize and re-energize the search for common ground."

Poll: Most young people dislike GOP's Trump, say he's racist

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NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump is wildly unpopular among young adults, in particular young people of color, and nearly two-thirds of Americans between the ages of 18 and 30 believe the presumptive Republican nominee is racist.

That's the finding of a new GenForward poll that also found just 19 percent of young people have a favorable opinion of Trump compared to the three-quarters of young adults who hold a dim view of the New York billionaire.

Trump's likely general election opponent, Hillary Clinton, is also unpopular with young people, but not nearly to the same extent as the real estate mogul and realty TV star. A mere 6 percent of young African Americans, 10 percent of young Hispanics, 12 percent of young Asian Americans and 27 percent of young whites see Trump in a favorable light, ratings that suggest the celebrity businessman faces a staggering task this summer to win their backing in his bid for the White House.

"I think if you want to be a moral young person, you can't support Trump," said Miguel Garcia, 20, of Norwalk, California.

The grandson of Mexican immigrants and a college student who also works at a tire shop, Garcia is a registered Democrat who has not chosen a candidate to support this fall — but is resolute in his disdain for Trump.

"It's really hard to back anything Trump does," Garcia said. "He just says prejudiced stuff."

GenForward is a survey by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago with the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The first-of-its-kind poll pays special attention to the voices of young adults of color, highlighting how race and ethnicity shape the opinions of the country's most diverse generation.

The GenForward survey is a poll of adults between the age of 18 and 30, not necessarily registered or likely voters. Those surveyed may not end up voting, or casting a ballot for either major party candidate for president.

The poll found that only 39 percent of young people have a favorable opinion of Clinton to 54 percent who have an unfavorable view of the presumptive Democratic nominee.

Desiree Batista, a former supporter of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, said she was "picking the lesser of two evils" in backing Clinton, a decision she reached in part because she believes Trump "was unqualified" to be president.

"I just don't think he's fit to be a presidential candidate," said Batista, a 21-year-old college student from Colonia, New Jersey. "I understand people like him as a businessman, even though I don't feel the same way."

The depth of animosity toward Trump among young Americans may be driven by the two-thirds of those who believe he is racist. That includes nearly 6 in 10 whites, and more than three-quarters of African Americans, Hispanics and Asians.

Trump launched his campaign last summer by accusing some immigrants from Mexico of being rapists and bringing drugs into the country. He later vowed to temporarily bar foreign Muslims from entering the U.S., a position from which he has recently backed away.

"Clearly, from what Trump has said he can be categorized as racist," said Barrett Coleman, a 28-year-old graduate student from Richmond, Virginia, who is supporting Clinton. "His comments about Mexicans, in particular, are just awful."

A Trump's spokeswoman did not return messages seeking comment about the GenForward poll, which

found he does have some supporters among young people. Nour El Hanly, a 20-year-old student from Chicago, is a Muslim of Moroccan descent who said he found Clinton "corrupt" and will "continue failing Obama policies."

"I do not favor all of (Trump's) rhetoric, but he's a smart businessman who will help the nation's economy," said El Hanly, a Republican. He said he favored Trump's plan to strengthen security along the U.S. border with Mexico, but doesn't think Trump will follow through on any sort of plan to bar Muslims from the country.

"Most of my friends don't agree, but I think he is the best choice," he said.

Still, the poll found little common ground between young Americans and Trump. About 7 in 10 oppose Trump's proposal to temporarily ban Muslims from other countries from entering the United States. Seven in 10 oppose his plan to build a wall along the U.S. southern border. Six in 10 say immigrants in the country illegally should be allowed to stay, including large majorities of young Hispanics, African-Americans and Asian-Americans and about half of young whites.

Nathan Mclendon, a 22-year-old African-American independent, said he doesn't believe Trump can relate to the concerns of young voters or people of color.

"He doesn't understand what we're going through. He's not focused on equality," said Mclendon, of Tampa, Florida. "I don't find him trustworthy. And I'm not sure he cares."

The poll of 1,965 adults age 18-30 was conducted June 14-27 using a sample drawn from the probability-based GenForward panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. young adult population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points.

The survey was paid for by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago using grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online or by phone.

Latest Baghdad bombing jeopardizes diverse neighborhood

HAMZA HENDAWI, Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's deadliest single bombing in 13 years of war has turned the Baghdad district where it took place into the centerpiece in an increasingly bitter rivalry between the country's prime minister and its Iranian-backed Shiite militias eager to hold sway over the city's most diverse and prosperous area.

Karada, a commercial hub on the east bank of the Tigris River, long had a reputation as one of Baghdad's most diverse neighborhoods. Though it has a Shiite majority, it boasts large Sunni Muslim and Christian communities and has the largest number of churches in a single Baghdad neighborhood. It was home to much of Iraq's once large Jewish community, which mostly left the country by the 1950s.

Since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, it has been hit by seemingly endless suicide attacks, roadside bombs and even rocket shelling. But it was spared the sectarian bloodletting and cleansing that tore the rest of Iraq's capital apart and is perhaps the only neighborhood left in the city where Sunnis and Shiites live side-by-side.

But the July 3 suicide bombing that killed nearly 300 and wounded 200 others may have been one attack too many.

The blast, for which the Islamic State group claimed responsibility, set fires that ripped through two shopping malls, raising the death toll and horror of the attack. Some of Karada's deeply shaken resi-

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dents are asking Shiite militias for protection.

"This one is different," said Haidar Hadi, a resident who works at a Karada women's clothing store. "Too many people were killed and it all happened when people were fed up with security conditions," said the 26-year-old who, like his co-workers, wore mourning black.

Iranian-backed Shiite militias, who style themselves as Iraq's strongest protectors against militants, are stepping in, trying to gain influence in the district. It is part of a wider competition for political power between them and Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, who has tried to limit the militias' role. In the case of Karada, it could jeopardize the district's inclusive character, given the hatred and fear among Sunnis of the militias.

Hours after the bombing, al-Abadi visited Karada, only to be met by some residents shouting insults at him. He had to rush away in his convoy as residents hurled water bottles, rocks and shoes at it, yelling, "thieves" and "pickpockets," a reference to allegations of widespread government corruption.

The next day, two of the most powerful Shiite militia leaders, Hadi al-Amiri and Qais al-Khazali, both harsh critics of al-Abadi, toured the site. Some residents, overwhelmed with emotion, approached the two, pleading for help to protect Karada and avenge the victims.

Muqtada al-Sadr, a radical Shiite cleric whose followers in April stormed Baghdad's heavily fortified "Green Zone" that houses parliament and government offices, visited the bombing site on Tuesday.

"The site must be kept as a monument to the people's suffering from corruption and terror," said al-Sadr, whose Saraya al-Salam, or Peace Brigades, militia is among Iraq's largest.

Al-Amiri called on the government to hang convicted IS militants on death row in the streets of Karada as retribution.

Al-Khazali vowed to avenge the bombing and demanded the militias be allowed to "cleanse" the environs of Baghdad. "Now that the state's security and intelligence institutions have failed to carry out their duties ... the Popular Mobilization (the formal name of the Shiite militias) must be involved in the security file," he said.

Al-Abadi responded, over the weekend, saying no one would be allowed to make political gains out of the tragedy, and no one except security forces would be allowed to carry arms inside the city.

Some Iranian-backed militias have offices in Karada, but they've had little influence among its Shiite community. Most Shiites in the district are followers of Iraq's top religious leader, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, a moderate cleric who has repeatedly been critical of militiamen over their abuse of Sunni civilians while fighting the Islamic State north and west of Baghdad.

Karadah's residents have tended to join volunteer brigades loyal to al-Sistani in response to his June 2014 call for a jihad, or holy war, against IS after it blitzed across much of Iraq. While militiamen often operate as unofficial security forces in other Shiite-dominated districts, they are absent from Karada.

Al-Sistani's representative declared in a Friday sermon that it was no longer possible to "show leniency to the corrupt and the losers at the expense of the blood and lives of citizens," a thinly veiled criticism of the prime minister for failing to make good on his calls to reform the government and shake up his security forces.

The representative, Sheikh Ahmed al-Safy, also visited the bombings site and attended some of the funerals.

Amid the mounting pressure after the bombing, al-Abadi sacked the capital's security chief and accepted the resignation of the interior minister, a veteran member of the Badr Brigade led by al-Amiri.

Iraq's Shiite militias have grown in size and influence during the fight against IS. After much of the military and security forces melted away in the face of the IS blitz in 2014, the militias rallied to push the militants back from the outskirts of Baghdad. They have also grown in political ambition and be-

come bolder in criticizing al-Abadi.

At the same time, they are accused of abuses of Sunnis in territory they retook from IS. And they have had friction with the military as it rebuilds and gains some successes of its own against the extremists.

The militias are believed to be maneuvering to become the main armed force in the capital, a city of around 7 million.

Currently, the army is in charge of security in Baghdad. But the Interior Ministry, which is known to be close to the militias, has long wanted to take that role from the military, the chairman of parliament's security and defense committee, Hakem al-Zamli, told The Associated Press.

"That could effectively mean the militias taking over in Baghdad," he said.

Militiamen, meanwhile, are maintaining a daily presence at the site of the Karada bombing. The burned shells of the mall have turned into a makeshift shrine attracting thousands of visitors every day to commemorate the victims — and vent their frustration at the government's perceived failure to protect the city against IS.

Unarmed but in combat fatigues, the militiamen take part in funerary processions at the site. The banners of several militias are hoisted over the shopping malls. On Sunday night, they organized and acted as pall bearers for a symbolic funeral for the dozens still unaccounted for a week after the blast.

"I doubt that Karada will ever return to what it was before the bombing," said survivor Majid Toamah, a 40-year-old store owner. He lay on his back on the floor in a relative's home with both legs in a cast, broken when he leaped 20 meters (66 feet) to the street below to escape the fire. "There is fear and horror in our hearts now."

"There is so much hatred for Karada because it has all the goods anyone needs and is home to all sects and everyone loves everyone else."

MVP Hosmer, Perez lift AL to All-Star win, Series home field

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — Eric Hosmer stood in the middle of the field, holding up a trophy. He hopes to do it again with the Kansas City Royals this fall.

Hosmer and Salvador Perez homered off former Kansas City teammate Johnny Cueto during a six-pitch span in the second inning, Hosmer added an RBI single to become MVP of the All-Star Game and the American League beat the Nationals 4-2 Tuesday night for its fourth straight win.

If the defending champion Royals reach the World Series for the third straight year, they will start at home, sweet, home once again.

"Hopefully this is something we can all rally upon for the second half and find a way to use that home-field advantage," Hosmer said.

David Ortiz found himself in the middle of the most touching moment at Petco Park, embraced by his AL teammates near first base after exiting his final All-Star Game. The popular Big Papi plans to retire at 40 after this season with Boston.

Kris Bryant of the Cubs led the parade of sparkling young talent with a first-inning home run. The Yankees' Dellin Betances flashed his 100 mph heat, and Astros reliever Will Harris came on to throw a called third strike past Cardinals rookie Aledmys Diaz on a 3-2 pitch on the outside corner with the bases loaded to end the eighth.

Royals reliever Kelvin Herrera pitched a hitless sixth for the AL, which will open the Series at home for the 11th time in 14 years since the All-Star winner has been used to determine the hosts for Games 1 and 2.

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Kansas City became baseball royalty last fall, bursting to a 2-0 lead over the New York Mets at Kauffman Stadium, where Cueto pitched a two-hitter in the second game. The Royals won in five games for their first title since 1985.

This year, Kansas City is languishing at 45-43, seven games off the AL Central lead and in the middle of the wild-card race.

"We know how much that home-field advantage helped us," Hosmer said. "It just brings that sense of comfort to the team and gives you a jumpstart for the whole Series."

The team with home field has won the World Series six of the last seven times and 24 of the past 30.

Cleveland's Corey Kluber pitched a 1-2-3 second inning for the win, and Zach Britton induced Nolan Arenado's game-ending, double-play grounder for the save as the AL cut its deficit to 43-42 with two ties. The NL has outscored the AL overall, 360-359.

Ortiz wore spikes with gold-colored bottoms and matching batting gloves to mark his 10th All-Star selection and delivered the AL batting order to umpires at home plate.

He gave a pregame pep talk to his teammates, hit a smash down the first-base line that Anthony Rizzo snagged to rob him of a potential RBI double in the first and walked against Jose Fernandez in the third.

When Edwin Encarnacion came out to pinch run for him, Ortiz waved to the crowd and then spent his AL teammates came out of the dugout to exchange hugs as the crowd of 42,386 rose in tribute.

"I was supposed to hit a home run in my second at-bat. My boy told me he was going to throw me a fastball, and the first pitch was a changeup," Ortiz said.

"Then 3-2 he threw me a slider and I'm like, 'Are you trying to break my back?' But he said it was the catcher's fault."

Fernandez admitted, "I couldn't believe that I was actually pitching to him. We both looked at each other and smiled."

"He signed the jersey I brought for him," the 23-year-old Miami Marlins ace said.

The All-Star Game returned to San Diego for the first time since 1992 at Jack Murphy Stadium. Just before this first pitch, commissioner Rob Manfred joined Rod Carew, his family and the family of late Padres great Tony Gwynn and named the batting titles after the two Hall of Famers, giving Gwynn the NL honor and Carew the AL championship.

Gwynn died of salivary gland cancer two years ago at age 54.

Sailors dressed in white lined the foul lines and outfield warning tracks for the national anthems. The Tenors, a British Columbia-based group, changed an "O Canada" lyric to "We're all brothers and sisters. All lives matter to the great," and one held up a sign reading "All Lives Matter."

Randy Jones threw out the ceremonial first pitch and former Padres All-Star closer Trevor Hoffman helped open, bringing the game ball to the mound from the bullpen accompanied by AC/DC's "Hell's Bells."

With an NL ballpark hosting for the second year in a row in a streak of at least four, the AL wore white uniforms, hit last and used the Padres clubhouse on the first-base side. Ball boys in retro-style mustard-and-mud Padres uniforms lent a San Diego feel to Petco, which opened in 2004.

There was a home run on the game's fourth pitch for the second straight year; Bryant connected on a 96 mph Chris Sale fastball with two outs as hitters swung early in the count to beat the shadows creeping in from the left-field corner in the late-afternoon start.

Bryant was part of an all-Cubs infield — the first starting infield quartet from a single team since the 1963 St. Louis Cardinals.

"I think a lot of us were looking first pitch," said Bryant, who played college ball for the University of

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San Diego. "A lot of pitchers are coming into the game trying to light up the radar gun a bit."

That was the highlight for the NL Central-leading Cubs, whose fan base was pumped up by a fast start and dreams of the team's first title since 1908.

Mike Trout, the All-Star MVP in 2014 and '15, singled in the first for a five-All-Star Game hitting streak — only Mickey Mantle, Joe Morgan and Dave Winfield (seven each) and Stan Musial, Willie Mays and Nellie Fox (six apiece) strung together more.

The lead was short-lived, with Hosmer and Perez going deep for a 3-1 lead in the second, sandwiched around Mookie Betts' single. Cueto was hard to miss in the center of the field, wearing lime green and orange spikes.

"This morning I got up and didn't feel well. That is not an excuse," Cueto said. "I just left two pitches up, and that was the story."

Hosmer, the first Kansas City player to homer in an All-Star Game since Bo Jackson in 1989, made it 4-1 in the third against Fernandez with a one-hopper off Bryant's left arm that bounced into left field for an RBI single. Marcell Ozuna cut the gap with a run-scoring single off Aaron Sanchez in the fourth.

When it was over, Hosmer said he was giving the midnight black truck he earned with the MVP award to his dad, Michael, who stood off to the side.

"So he can stop stealing all my cars," Eric said.

Hillary Clinton, the candidate we know so well _ and don't

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When she was about 14, Hillary Clinton says, she wrote to NASA volunteering for astronaut training. NASA's reply was simple and definitive: No girls.

"It was the first time I had hit an obstacle I couldn't overcome with hard work and determination, and I was outraged," she would write in her book, "Living History."

More than a half-century later, and after much hard work, much determination, and most of all, many, many obstacles — some undeniably of her own making — Clinton is no closer to actual space travel. She may have to settle for becoming the first female leader of the free world.

Her journey — more than three decades in the public eye, and counting — has been unlike any seen in American politics: a story of great promise, excruciating setbacks, bitter scandal, stunning comebacks, and especially reinvention — of her own life, and as a result, of the role of women in government. It's one that has fascinated not just her own country, but the world.

Think about it: Is any woman more recognizable on a global scale than Hillary Clinton? If Barack Obama was the presidential candidate who seemed to come out of nowhere, Clinton's the candidate who seemed to come out of everywhere.

Americans first knew her as a governor's wife and working mother in Arkansas, then as the nation's first lady — famously claiming an office in the West Wing of the White House, not the East, as half of husband Bill Clinton's "Buy one, get one free" bargain. Touched by scandal from Whitewater to Monica Lewinsky — but also carving out her own political identity — she emerged to become a hard-working senator, the first first lady to gain elected office. We knew her as the presidential candidate who suffered a stinging defeat to Obama in 2008, but proudly claimed "18 million cracks" in the glass ceiling.

Then she reinvented herself again, becoming Obama's secretary of state, traveling almost a million miles to 112 countries. Finally, after much speculation, she announced her second run for the presidency.

We knew her so well by then.

Or not. Who WAS Hillary Clinton, and why, if we'd been watching her for so long, did we feel like we

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didn't know her?

At least, that's the persistent narrative. Perhaps it's a question of layers. She's had so many different roles, of course we've seen different facets of her. But there's also a sense of impenetrability, exacerbated by her penchant for secrecy — a characteristic that has led to her greatest vulnerability in this election: the email scandal over her use of a private server.

For the last 14 years, and 20 overall, Americans polled by Gallup have named Clinton their most admired woman in the world. But consider some other titles attached to her over the years: Lady Macbeth. Washington insider. Robotic. Wildly ambitious. Congenital liar. (Or Donald Trump's current favorite, "Crooked Hillary.")

But also: Feminist heroine. Glass-ceiling breaker. The most prepared in the room. The most qualified presidential candidate ever. Loyal friend. Witty companion. Mom. Grandma.

"It's an amazing life," says biographer Carl Bernstein, who wrote a 600-page book on her and says he still struggles to define her. "You could not make any of this stuff up."

There have been polarizing figures in politics before, but it's hard to imagine any have been called as many things — wildly divergent things — as she. Does everyone simply have their own version of Hillary Clinton?

THE AMBITION THING

"Saturday Night Live" has been turning out versions for a good 25 years. Each actress spoofing Clinton — there have been nine, including Miley Cyrus rapping in a bandeau — has put her spin on the part. But there's been one constant: ambition, pure and unadulterated.

"No, MINE!" blurted out Amy Poehler's Hillary, alongside Tina Fey's Sarah Palin, in agonized disbelief that John McCain's running mate was still in the race but she wasn't. Recently, Kate McKinnon has perfected a wackier, more manic ambition. In a recent scene where Clinton herself gamely played a bartender, the fake Hillary asked Huma Abedin, her aide, "Why won't the people just let me LEAD?"

Comedy aside, the ambition tag has dogged Clinton, 68, throughout her career, as if it were a bad quality rather than a necessity in high-stakes politics. The satirical website The Onion captured the irony in a 2006 headline: "Hillary Clinton Is Too Ambitious To Be The First Female President."

That gets a knowing laugh from Melanne Verveer, Clinton's chief of staff from her first lady years.

"If a guy is described as ambitious, it's a noble attribute — he wants to put himself ahead," says Verveer. "But if a woman is ambitious, it's not an attribute, it's a negative, a pejorative. It's not proper somehow."

Former Rep. Patricia Schroeder thinks the ambition factor is — unfairly — key to Clinton's challenges connecting with the electorate.

"We still don't like a woman who is showing ambition, especially for that level of a job," says Schroeder, who famously explored her own presidential candidacy decades ago. "It's: 'I'd like her if she weren't so damned ambitious. How come she wants all that power?'"

CHAMPION FOR WOMEN

At her college graduation in 1969, Hillary Rodham was already blazing a trail: The senior from Park Ridge, Illinois, was the first student chosen to address a Wellesley commencement. She delighted many classmates when she delivered an on-the-spot rebuke to the previous speaker, a U.S. senator whose comments the grads found condescending to women. At Yale Law School, where she met Bill Clinton, she developed a keen interest in children's rights, which she pursued in post-graduate work.

It's been a particular frustration to Clinton's campaign that young Democrats haven't responded more

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enthusiastically, with many attracted to the populist message of Bernie Sanders (six years her senior). There's a sense that millennials are too young to remember her efforts on behalf of social justice, particularly for women and girls on a global scale.

"Young people today want to be part of something bigger ... but they don't understand how much she shares those aspirations of theirs," Verveer says.

A key moment in Clinton's political journey — and a defining personal moment — came in 1995, when as first lady she spoke at a U.N. Congress on women in Beijing, declaring, "Human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights."

It was a time when Clinton was searching for a new identity, having failed to reform health care back home. But even she had no idea the impact those simple words would have.

"It not only gave her an instant sense of the world looking at her differently, but she was also seeing the role she could play — in ways perhaps she had never understood before," Verveer says. "It has remained with her ever since."

Clinton's image as a champion for women has been complicated by her, well, complicated marriage — she's been an object of both sympathy and blame for staying with her husband post-Monica Lewinsky.

But memories of Beijing endure.

To this day, Verveer says, people come up to Clinton on her travels and say: "I was there, in Beijing." It's something that they instantly share."

ROBOTIC OR HUMAN?

Part of the narrative on Clinton has been her trouble connecting to the public. "I am not a natural politician, in case you haven't noticed," she said recently, "like my husband or President Obama."

One "SNL" skit has her showing off her new kitchen in a Senate campaign ad, saying in robot-speak, "I can't wait to prepare some food dishes in this kitchen, such as salads and toast."

Those who've watched her up close say she's both natural and an excellent communicator one on one. Friends always say she's relaxed, funny, witty, a great companion.

And not just her friends. Talk to classmates from Wellesley, even those who only knew her from afar, and they say they can't understand the disconnect between public and private Hillary.

Nancy Herron, who didn't really know Clinton at school, reconnected with her decades later at a reunion, where Herron performed a standup routine on what it's like being in the shadows of such a famous classmate. She even skewered Clinton's pantsuits.

"She sat there and just laughed her head off," says Herron. "She really enjoyed being teased. Afterward, she gave me a hug, and said, 'We need to take you on the road!'"

Adds another classmate, Cheryl Lawson Walker: "She wasn't intimidating, easy to talk to, very funny, hang-loose. She had yet to be hardened." Or, Walker allows, maybe the "hardened" Hillary is simply what the public sees.

THE TRUTH ISSUE

In a February Gallup poll, the most common responses Americans gave when asked what came to mind about Clinton were "dishonest" and "dislike her." (For Sanders, they were "socialist" and "old.")

Fair or not, it's a theme woven into the Clinton story — both Clintons — from the White House scandals to the email story.

"The most difficult thing Hillary Clinton has to deal with right now," says Bernstein, author of "Hillary in Charge," "is her difficult relationship with the truth."

Bernstein is quick to point out that Clinton's version of untruthfulness is in a different ballpark than

that of Trump, who, he feels, “just spouts lies, and has no interest in existential truth,” where Clinton “tries to establish a baseline of truth.” (Politifact, the fact-checking organization, says 27 percent of Clinton’s statements it investigated were false or mostly false, compared with 76 percent of Trump’s.) Another longtime observer, writer Gail Sheehy, attributes her difficulties with the truth to a defense mechanism honed over years of fending off attacks on her and her husband.

“You could call it denial,” says Sheehy, author of “Hillary’s Choice.” “It’s a defense mechanism she has used a great deal.”

The issue has never been more important than in this campaign, when both Clinton’s veracity and judgment are being called into question.

What the email mess shows, Bernstein says, is “this fierce desire for privacy and secrecy that seems to cast a larger and larger shadow over who she really is.”

Who she really is. There’s that question again.

Is it a fair one? One we’d ask about other candidates?

Schroeder thinks not. “I say to people, ‘What more do you want to know?’” the former congresswoman says. “We can see her voting record. We know what colors she likes. She speaks about her mother. She’s a Methodist. How many politicians do we even know that much about? Do they want some kind of a confession?”

Others note that Clinton has naturally become very guarded, given that she’s been judged, relentlessly and often unfairly, “on a huge stage, for all of her life,” in Bernstein’s words. Besides, “too many people are interested in looking for information that reinforces their already held prejudices and beliefs,” he says.

Herron, Clinton’s college classmate, feels that we don’t subject male candidates to the same scrutiny, always looking for another layer. “What do we know about Mitt Romney? What do we know about ANYBODY? We expect her to let her hair down, to talk about her failures and self-doubt or something.

“You know what, she’s not like that! Let her be who she is.”

The Wizard of Id and Ego: Trump chases win, keeps up guard

NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump was angry: A reporter had the gall to suggest that ego was behind his purchase of New York’s famed Plaza Hotel.

When Trump thought about it, though, he decided it was true — and admitted as much in a big, big way.

“Almost every deal I have ever done has been at least partly for my ego,” the billionaire declared in a 1995 New York Times opinion piece titled, “What My Ego Wants, My Ego Gets.”

Flash forward two decades, and what 70-year-old Donald John Trump wants is the presidency. To understand why, consider the billionaire’s ego not just as mere mortals might see it (an outsized allotment of conceit) but also as Trump himself understands it (an extraordinary drive for excitement, glamour and style that produces extraordinary success.)

As Trump once put it: “People need ego; whole nations need ego.”

The race for the White House, then, may be Trump’s ultimate ego trip, guided by the same instincts he’s relied on in a lifetime of audacious self-promotion, ambition and risk-taking.

It was those instincts that allowed a fabulously wealthy businessman to pull off a mind meld with the economic anxieties of ordinary Americans, elbowing aside the Republican A-team and breaking every

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rule of modern politics to become the party's presumptive presidential nominee.

"I play to people's fantasies," Trump has acknowledged. And plenty of voters fantasize about bringing some of that Trump braggadocio to the American psyche.

Trump's candidacy has given rise to a whole nation of armchair analysts with their own theories to explain the man: He's a bully. He's a champion. He's insecure. He's a rebel. He's a narcissist. He's an optimist. He's calculating. He's unscripted. He lacks self-awareness. He's brimming with insight. He's a pathological liar. He sees a larger truth.

Trump himself shies away from self-analysis. But he's acknowledged that for much of his life, it's been all about the chase: Whatever it is, he's in it to win it.

"The same assets that excite me in the chase often, once they are acquired, leave me bored," he told an interviewer in 1990, as his boom years were sliding toward bust. "For me, you see, the important thing is the getting, not the having."

That mindset has generated plenty of speculation about whether Trump really wants to set aside his my-way lifestyle to shoulder the heavy demands of governing.

Trump bats away such talk. But his campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, has sketched out a limited level of presidential engagement for Trump in discussing a strong role for the candidate's vice presidential choice.

"He needs an experienced person to do the part of the job he doesn't want to do," Manafort told The Huffington Post in May. He said Trump sees himself as chairman of the board, not the CEO and certainly not chief operating officer.

As a presidential candidate, Trump has a straightforward pitch.

"The country has been great to me and I want to give back," he says. "And if people want me to do that, I think I'll do a fantastic job for them."

Not just fantastic. Perhaps even celestial.

"I will be the greatest jobs president that God ever created," Trump said in his announcement speech.

Trump's unbounded confidence — and obsession with winning — has been a lifelong constant, evident in ways small and large.

Growing up as one of five children in a well-to-do Queens real estate family, Donald was the brash one, a fighter from the start.

"We gotta calm him down," his father would say, as Trump recalls it. "Son, take the lumps out."

For good or ill, it's advice Trump never really embraced.

Military school helped channel his energy, but Trump's rebellious streak remained.

Trump followed his father into real estate, but chafed within the confines of Fred Trump's realm in New York's outer boroughs.

Manhattan's skyline beckoned; Trump crossed the East River and never looked back.

"He's gone way beyond me, absolutely," an admiring Fred marveled. His son had made it big in Manhattan well before he hit 40.

So successful at such a young age, Trump never did have to smooth out those lumps that his father had warned about.

"He was at the top of his own pyramid," says Stanley Renshon, a political psychologist at the City University of New York who is writing a book about Trump. "Nobody was going to say, 'Donald, tone it down.'"

Trump, who stresses his Ivy League education, revels in juvenile jabs, labeling his adversaries "stupid," "dumb" and "bad."

"I know words," he declared at a December campaign rally where he criticized the Obama administration. "I have the best words. But there's no better word than stupid, right?"

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With no one to shush or second-guess him, brashness has been Trump's way, along with his trademark glitz and flash. (Flash, in Trump's lexicon, registers a level below glitz.)

Through years of boom, bust and more than a decade of reality-TV celebrity on "The Apprentice," the deals kept coming and the price tags (and, often, the debt) kept growing — as did the hype. Always the hype.

Telling snapshots:

— Trump, in a chance encounter with "Harry Potter" actor Daniel Radcliffe before they appeared on the "Today" show in 2005. Radcliffe, 16, told Trump he was nervous about making a live television appearance. Trump's advice: "Just tell them you met Mr. Trump," Radcliffe recalled in a recent appearance on "Late Night with Seth Meyers."

"To this day," added Radcliffe, "I can't even relate to that level of confidence."

— Trump, visiting Scotland in 2012 to fight the government's proposed wind farm off the shore of his new golf resort there.

Trump was asked during a parliamentary inquiry to provide evidence for his claim that the "monstrous turbines" would hurt tourism.

"I am the evidence," Trump answered in all seriousness, drawing laughter from the galleries. "I am a world-class expert in tourism."

— Trump, chiming in with free advice for the Obama White House from the sidelines.

The businessman rang up Obama adviser David Axelrod in 2010 to volunteer to fix the BP oil spill that was gushing millions of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico and had confounded the world's leading experts. Trump also brought up his disdain for the tent that the White House sometimes erects on the South Lawn for state dinners with world leaders. In his presidential campaign, Trump often tells of offering to build — and pay for — a "great, grand ballroom."

Axelrod largely confirms Trump's account — with one big exception.

"I honestly don't recall him ever saying that he would pay for it," says Axelrod. "That's a line I would have remembered."

He's not all chutzpah.

Ivanka Trump tells of her "incredibly empathetic" father reaching out to help strangers he sees mentioned in the news whose stories of adversity touch him.

— A Mississippi man remembers Trump picking up the phone when his father wrote to ask for a loan to build a hotel back in 1988. Trump didn't offer a loan to the Indian-American small businessman, but did give him a pep talk and some advice.

"Trump inspired my father to the fullest when he told him that Dad's immigrant story was wonderful," Suresh Chawla wrote in a 2015 letter to The Clarksdale (Mississippi) Press Register.

— Pro golfer Natalie Gulbis tells of Trump encouraging her early in her career and coaching her on how to negotiate equal pay with male competitors.

Far more often, though, Americans have seen the tweet-storming settler of scores and hurler of insults — the man who takes every time-tested piece of conventional wisdom, does the opposite and somehow thrives.

For all the protesters who roil his rallies, Trump himself is the heckler of our time, who happens to do his heckling from the podium. No one is immune. Not senator and war hero John McCain, not the disabled, not Mexicans, not Muslims, not even those people who make up a majority of the country (and the electorate): women.

Vanquished rivals learned to their peril that to criticize Trump is to set off the nuclear option in response.

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Trump calls it having a little fun.

Aubrey Immelman, a political psychologist at Saint John's University in Minnesota who has developed a personality index to assess presidential candidates, puts Trump's level of narcissism in the "exploitative" range, surpassing any presidential nominee's score in the past two decades.

"His personality is his best friend, but it's also his worst enemy," says Immelman.

Still, the loudmouth from Queens has a vulnerable side. He revealed it in a movie review, of all things, with filmmaker Errol Morris in 2002.

Talking about "Citizen Kane," his favorite movie, Trump spoke with unusual introspection about the accumulation of wealth.

"You learn in Kane that maybe wealth isn't everything, because he had the wealth but he didn't have the happiness," said Trump, who once wanted to become a filmmaker himself.

"In real life, I believe that wealth does in fact isolate you from other people," he said. "It's a protective mechanism — you have your guard up much more so than you would if you didn't have wealth."

There's a wariness to the say-anything Trump that has been long in the making.

Trump, in a 1990 Playboy interview, said the loss of his older brother Fred Jr., an alcoholic who died at age 42, "affected everything."

"He was the first Trump boy out there, and I subconsciously watched his moves," Trump said. "I saw people really taking advantage of Fred and the lesson I learned was always to keep up my guard 100 percent." He said he's a "very untrusting guy."

The man who has married three times, lives large and offers the opulence of his real estate developments as a metaphor for what he can do for America, in fact has relatively simple tastes, if you are to believe him and his family.

He's never had a drink, smoked or done drugs, he says. He's a self-proclaimed "germ freak" who'd really rather not shake your hand.

Give him spaghetti and meatballs over pate any day, says his sister.

Or even meatloaf, a Trump favorite when he's at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida.

"Whenever we have it, half the people order it," Trump said in a 1997 New Yorker profile. "But then afterward, if you ask them what they ate, they always deny it."

That, in itself, could be a metaphor for Trump's success over 16 Republican primary rivals. He appealed to the everyman tired of pate from political elites and hungry for red meat. (Even if some of his supporters don't want to admit it.)

Trump's challenge now is to balance his raging-bull persona with the policy details and presence that voters associate with a president.

In the primaries, says Renshon, Trump "was the guy who had his finger on what people wanted."

Renshon adds: "The traits that got him to where he has gotten are not necessarily the only traits he's going to need to get across the finish line."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 13, the 195th day of 2016. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 13, 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean-Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday, who was executed four days later.

On this date:

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In 1787, the Congress of the Confederation adopted the Northwest Ordinance, which established a government in the Northwest Territory, an area corresponding to the eastern half of the present-day Midwest.

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

In 1939, Frank Sinatra made his first commercial recording, "From the Bottom of My Heart" and "Melancholy Mood," with Harry James and his Orchestra for the Brunswick label.

In 1955, Britain hanged Ruth Ellis, a 28-year-old former model and nightclub hostess convicted of killing her boyfriend, David Blakely (to date, Ellis is the last woman to be executed in the United Kingdom).

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Thurgood Marshall to be U.S. Solicitor General; Marshall became the first black jurist appointed to the post. (Two years later, Johnson nominated Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.)

In 1972, George McGovern received the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach.

In 1977, a blackout lasting 25 hours hit the New York City area.

In 1978, Lee Iacocca was fired as president of Ford Motor Co. by chairman Henry Ford II.

In 1985, "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

In 1990, the romantic fantasy "Ghost," starring Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1999, Angel Maturino Resendiz, suspected of being the "Railroad Killer," surrendered in El Paso, Texas. (Resendiz was executed in 2006.)

Ten years ago: Israel imposed a naval blockade against Lebanon and blasted the Beirut airport and army air bases; Hezbollah fired dozens of rockets into Israel. Former CIA officer Valerie Plame filed suit against Vice President Dick Cheney, presidential adviser Karl Rove and other White House officials, saying they'd orchestrated a "whispering campaign" to destroy her career. (A federal judge later dismissed the case, and an appeals court refused to revive the lawsuit.) Actor-comedian Red Buttons died in Los Angeles at age 87.

Five years ago: California became the first state in the nation to add lessons about gays and lesbians to social studies classes in public schools under a measure signed by Gov. Jerry Brown. Three coordinated bombings in India's busy financial capital killed 26 people in the worst terror attack in the country since the 2008 Mumbai siege. The United States earned its first trip to the Women's World Cup final since winning it in 1999 with a 3-1 victory over France. (Japan, which went on to win the Cup, upset Sweden 3-1 in the other semifinal.) The initial version of Snapchat, a mobile messaging app that lets people send photos, videos and messages that disappear in a few seconds, debuted under the name Picaboo in Apple's iOS App Store.

One year ago: Calling America "a nation of second chances," President Barack Obama cut the prison sentences of 46 non-violent drug offenders. Sandra Bland, a 28-year-old woman from suburban Chicago, was found hanged in a Waller County, Texas, jail cell three days after being arrested during a traffic stop; her death was ruled a suicide, a finding disputed by her family. New York City reached a \$5.9 million settlement with the family of Eric Garner, a black man who died after being placed in a white police officer's chokehold. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker declared his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

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Today's Birthdays: Game show announcer Johnny Gilbert (TV: "Jeopardy!") is 92. Actor Patrick Stewart is 76. Actor Robert Forster is 75. Actor Harrison Ford is 74. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 74. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 70. Actress Daphne Maxwell Reid is 68. Actress Didi Conn is 65. Singer Louise Mandrell is 62. Rock musician Mark "The Animal" Mendoza (Twisted Sister) is 60. Actor-director Cameron Crowe is 59. Tennis player Anders Jarryd is 55. Rock musician Gonzalo Martinez De La Coteria (Marcy Playground) is 54. Comedian Tom Kenny is 54. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 54. Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent is 54. Actor Kenny Johnson is 53. Roots singer/songwriter Paul Thorn is 52. Country singer Neil Thrasher is 51. Actor Ken Jeong is 47. Singer Deborah Cox is 43. Actress Ashley Scott is 39. Rock musician Will Champion (Coldplay) is 38. Actor Fran Kranz is 35. Actress Aya Cash is 34. Actor Colton Haynes is 28. Actor Steven R. McQueen is 28. Soul singer Leon Bridges is 27. Actor Kyle Harrison Breitkopf (BRYT'-kahpf) is 11.

Thought for Today: "If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints, possibility never." — Soren Kierkegaard, Danish philosopher (1813-1855).