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Bus Driver Needed

The Groton Area School District has an opening for a morning bus route driver for the 2016-17 school year. Interested persons should contact Superintendent Joe Schwan at 397-2351.

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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Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, creamy coleslaw, sherbet, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Carroll & Helen Nehls • Lorin & Julie Flihs

Birthdays: Sharon Young • Bob Pray

6:00pm: Amateurs at Northville (DH)

Saturday, July 16

Birthdays: Linda Thurston • Richard Voss • June Ackman • Linda Stearns

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court

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

Sunday, July 17

Birthdays: Rosemary Belden • Kevin Krueger

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

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

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

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

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (WELCA Serves)

Monday, July 18

Couples Golf Night at Olive Grove

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and

Apts for Rent

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

Paul's Lawn Care	 <p>Paul, Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel 605/397-7460</p>
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Putney Putovers

Putney Putovers 4-H Secretary's Report (June 13th, 2016)

The Putney Putovers 4-H club met June 13th, 2016 at Parkview Nursery. The staff at Parkview gave a tour of the Nursery and gave a nice presentation on how to care for different plants, trees, and shrubs, as well as how a greenhouse works. The meeting was called to order by President Carly Wheeting. The flag pledges were led by US: Aspen Johnson State: Ashley Johnson 4-H: Braden Althoff. Roll call was completed with the topic "Something you learned today at Parkview". The Secretary's report was read by Alexis Simon; it was approved by Emma Donley and seconded by Hannah Monson. The Treasurer's report was read by Lucas Simon; it was approved by Alexis Simon and seconded by Emma Donley. There was a bill of \$51.18 for pizza. Community Service was reported by Ashley Johnson, Alexis Hanten, and Caleb Hanten who all helped at church, Lucas Simon helped at the baseball field, and Emma Donley did landscaping at church.

There was no old business. In new business, Bo Peep tickets were handed out to Jillian and Jaron Hughes, Alexis, Lucas, Cole and Carter Simon and Ashley Johnson. Members are also encouraged to check out the Newshound for important dates. The next meeting date will be July 5th at 5:30pm at the Simon home. The meeting was adjourned by Carly Wheeting, with a motion made by Dylan Kruger and seconded by Lucas Simon. The host was Braden Althoff and pizza was provided by the club.

Talks were reported by the following: Emma Donley: "The Development from Infant to Age Three", Alexis Hanten: "Staying Safe in the Summer", Hannah Monson: "What to Bring to the Fair for Showing Cows", and Dylan Krueger: "Things to Expect When Your Dog Gets Older". Demonstrations were reported by the following Emma Donley: "Making Peanut Butter Play Dough" and Hannah Monson: "How to Make a Decorative Jar".

---Hailey Monson, Secretary

Putney Putovers 4-H Secretary's Report (July 5th, 2016)

The Putney Putovers 4-H club met July 5th, 2016 at the Simon's home. The meeting was called to order by Carly Wheeting. The flag pledges were led by US: Lane Tietz, State: Caleb Hanten, and 4-H: Cole Simon. Roll call was completed with the topic "Favorite part from July 4th". The Secretary's Report was read by Hailey Monson; it was approved by Alexis Simon and seconded by Cole Simon. The Treasurer's report was read by Lucas Simon; it was approved by Lane Tietz and seconded by Hannah Monson. There were no bills. Community Service was reported by Caleb Hanten who served and helped with landscaping at church. There was no old business. In new business, July 15th is when project entry must be completed online. Members are encouraged to look at other important dates in the Newshound.

The next meeting date is August 1st at 5:30 at the Simon home. The meeting was adjourned by Carly Wheeting, with a motion made by Alexis Hanten and seconded by Emma Donley. The host and hostesses were Alexis, Cole, Lucas, and Carter Simon. Talks were provided by the following: Lane Tietz: "Sugar" and Hailey Monson: "Training your Calf to lead". Demonstrations were provided by the following: Alexis Hanten: "How to Make a Bottle into a Decorative Bottle", Caleb Hanten: "How to properly Varnish Wood", and Hailey Monson: "How to make Fruit Dip".

---Hailey Monson, Secretary

Game Over for Drivers Playing Pokemon Go Recent Crashes Should Serve as Wake-Up Call to Drivers

July 14, 2016 – AAA is urging drivers not to use Pokemon Go behind the wheel because it could lead to potentially deadly consequences. This week's crashes involving the game should serve as a wake-up call to focus on the task of driving and not to be distracted.

"Driving is among the most dangerous activities that people do on a daily basis, and the last thing we need is to increase the number of distractions in the vehicle," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "One would think playing Pokemon Go while driving is so blatantly dangerous, a warning to drivers wouldn't be necessary. Apparently, that's not the case."

Distracted driving is risky driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that at least 3,000 deaths per year involve distracted driving, though the true number is likely far higher. The following statistics help put the dangers of distracted driving into context:

- Taking your eyes off the road for more than two seconds doubles your risk of a crash.
- When driving 55 miles per hour, five seconds with eyes off the road is equivalent to driving the length of a football field blindfolded.
- Distraction is a factor in nearly six out of 10 moderate-to-severe teen crashes.

Not only should Pokemon Go not be played while driving but motorists also need to be aware that others playing the game might enter an intersection or cross a street at an inopportune time. "Driving requires your full attention, and putting away your phone until you reach your destination could save your life," said Buskohl. "Pedestrians playing the game also need to stay alert so they do not cross busy intersections while distracted."

Crashes are not the only risks affecting drivers. Drivers playing Pokemon Go also could face jail time and fines. Most states, including South Dakota, have laws against distracted driving and every state has laws to prevent reckless driving. Motorists are likely to be pulled over by law enforcement if they are a threat on the road.



For Sale

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July 17 1:00-3:00
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Turn Your Junk into "Fair" Cycled Art at the SD State Fair

(Huron, SD) – Entries are being accepted for the "Fair" Cycled Art Contest at the 2016 South Dakota State Fair.

Creations need to be constructed out of 'recycled' items, or items already found lying around. New resources can only account for 10 percent of the materials used. Divisions include a table top art division and a yard art division. In each division, there are two age categories, 17 years old and under and 18 years and older.

A first place prize of \$50 will be awarded in each division and second place in each division will receive \$25. The registration deadline is Aug. 22. Exhibits are due to the State Fair office by Aug. 29, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Entry forms can be obtained online at www.sdstatefair.com, by calling (800) 529-0900 or at the SD State Fair office in Huron.

The 2016 SD State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 1, through Monday, Sept. 5. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 31. This year's theme is "Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

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The Skin Cancer Foundation Shares Sun Protection Tips for Young Children Research Shows Too Many Babies Are Getting Tans and Sunburns

New York, NY (July 14, 2016) - Some babies are being exposed to the sun's damaging ultraviolet (UV) rays in the first 6 months of life, when their skin is most vulnerable. In fact, a research team at the University of Miami found that as many as one-third of local parents actively increased their infant's sun exposure each day, believing mistakenly that it would build their babies' tolerance to the sun's rays. As a result, 12 percent of the parents reported that their babies' skin had tanned before they were 6 months old, and 3 percent said their infants had been sunburned.

"Sun exposure can be extremely dangerous for babies due to their thin skin and relative lack of melanin - the skin pigment that provides some sun protection," says Deborah S. Sarnoff, MD, senior vice president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "All of the sun damage we receive as children adds up and greatly increases skin cancer risk later in life. That's why it's so important that parents make sun protection a priority early in life."

The Skin Cancer Foundation wants parents and caregivers to know that skin cancer is highly preventable, and offers the following tips to help keep babies and toddlers sun-safe this summer and all year long:

Seek Shade. Avoid direct sun exposure during peak sun hours, between 10 AM and 4 PM. On walks, keep to the shady side of the street and use the sun shield on your stroller.

Cover Up. Keep your baby covered up with a brimmed hat and lightweight clothing that fully covers the arms and legs. For added protection, look for special clothing marked with an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) of 30 or more, which means the clothing will only allow 1/30th of the sun's UV rays to reach the skin.

Be Careful in the Car. While glass screens out most UVB rays, the chief cause of sunburn, UVA rays can penetrate windows. Like UVB rays, UVA rays damage DNA and can lead to skin cancer. By law, front windshields are treated to filter out most UVA, but side and rear windows generally aren't. Consider buying a UV shield, which you can hang over any window that allows sunlight to reach the child's car seat. Another option is to install professional protective window film.

Start Sunscreen at 6 Months. Since infants' skin is so sensitive, it's best to keep newborns out of the sun rather than use sunscreen. Beginning at 6 months of age, it's time to introduce daily sunscreen use. Choose a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, SPF 15 or higher. Look at active ingredients; zinc oxide and titanium dioxide are good choices, because these physical filters don't rely on absorption of chemicals and are less apt to cause a skin reaction. You may want to test sunscreen on the inside of your baby's wrist. If the child has a little irritation, try another sunscreen.

Toddlers move around a lot, so you may need to get creative with your sunscreen application routine. Sunscreen sticks work well for the face and hands, since toddlers are less likely to rub the product into their eyes. Sprays are another good option. Make sure to apply the sunscreen evenly and liberally all over your baby's exposed skin. For the face, apply into your hands, then apply to your baby's face.

Use Sunscreen Properly. Use sunscreen on all exposed areas not covered by clothing, such as the back of the hands, face, ears and neck. Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going out and reapply it every two hours or more frequently if you take your baby into the pool or if he or she is sweating.

For more information, visit The Skin Cancer Foundation's website, SkinCancer.org.

Today in Weather History

July 15, 1885: The first of three damaging tornadoes hit 7 miles NNE of Highmore and moved to the northeast. Two small homes were destroyed before the funnel turned to the east, then northeast and north before lifting. This tornado was estimated to have F2 strength and was seen in all directions for 20 miles. The second tornado appeared to be motionless 3 miles east of Harrold, and then moved east to Holabird, in Hyde County, where it destroyed two homes and dissipated. A third tornado, this one with an estimated F3 strength, formed to the west of Highmore and moved east into town, then lifted about 4 miles east of town. Three homes were destroyed, and about 20 other buildings were damaged at Highmore. A farmer was killed 2 miles east of town. Losses totaled about \$55,000, which included many new buildings, including a church and a skating rink.

July 15, 1986: Thunderstorms brought locally heavy rainfall to portions of Walworth to Marshall Counties. Three inches of rain in an hour and a half was reported in extreme northwest Marshall County. The highest rainfall amount was seven inches southeast of Bowdle. The rains caused lowland flooding, with water over several roads in Marshall County, including Highway 10, two miles east of Britton. In Britton, 3.86 inches of rain was reported.

July 15, 2006: Record heat occurred across central and north central South Dakota and into parts of northeast South Dakota. Afternoon high temperatures ranged from 105 to as high as 120 degrees. Record highs were set at Pierre, Mobridge, Kennebec, and Timber Lake. Pierre set a new all-time record high of 117 degrees and Mobridge tied their all-time record high of 116 degrees. Kennebec and Timber Lake both hit a record high temperature of 112 degrees. The coop observer station 17 miles west-southwest of Fort Pierre tied the state record high temperature with 120 degrees. Other high temperatures for the day were 116 degrees at Onida and Mission Ridge, 114 degrees at Murdo, 112 degrees at Redfield and Blunt, 111 degrees at Stephan, 110 degrees at Conde and Gann Valley, and 109 degrees at Aberdeen.

July 15, 2011: A large upper-level high-pressure area built over the region bringing very hot and humid conditions. This heat was the worst to hit the region since July 2006. Beginning on Friday, July 15th and persisting through Wednesday, July 20th, many locations experienced high temperatures in the 90s to lower 100s, with low temperatures in the 70s at night. Also, humidity levels rose to extreme levels at times. Surface dew point temperatures in the 70s and lower 80s brought extreme heat index values of up to 110 to 125 degrees. The dew points were some of the highest ever recorded in the region. The dew point at Aberdeen tied the previous record with 82 degrees. Sisseton also tied their record with 83 degrees. Watertown came a degree shy of tying their record with 80 degrees.








The prolonged heat took its toll on livestock with fifteen hundred cattle perishing during the heat. Numerous sports and outdoor activities were canceled. Some of the highest heat index values included; 110 degrees at Mobridge; 111 degrees at Watertown; 113 degrees at Miller and Gettysburg; 114 degrees at Wheaton and Faulkton; 116 degrees at Pierre; 118 degrees at Sisseton; and 121 degrees at Aberdeen. The highest heat index value occurred at Leola with a temperature of 98 degrees and a dew point of 82 degrees, and the heat index hit 125 degrees.

1888: The Bandai volcano erupts on the Japanese island of Honshu on this day in 1888, killing hundreds and burying many nearby villages in ash.

1901: The city of Marquette, Michigan set their all-time record high temperature with 108-degree reading.

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	T-storms Likely	Mostly Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms	Sunny
High: 78 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 84 °F

Inclement Pattern Through Saturday

- Isolated heat of the afternoon showers/storms today
- More widespread thunderstorm activity Friday night
- Severe storms possible Saturday & Saturday night

Heatwave Next Week

- 100 Degree heat middle of next week
- Lows temps only falling into upper 60s/low 70s

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



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Updated: 7/15/2016 4:52 AM Central

Published on: 07/15/2016 at 4:59AM

There are a couple of weather concerns we should be aware of over the next few days. First is the risk for severe storms Saturday, mainly in western and central South Dakota. The focus shifts next week as we dry out and turn up the thermostat. High temperatures for the middle of next week have the potential to top the century mark - and the heat looks to stick around for a few days.

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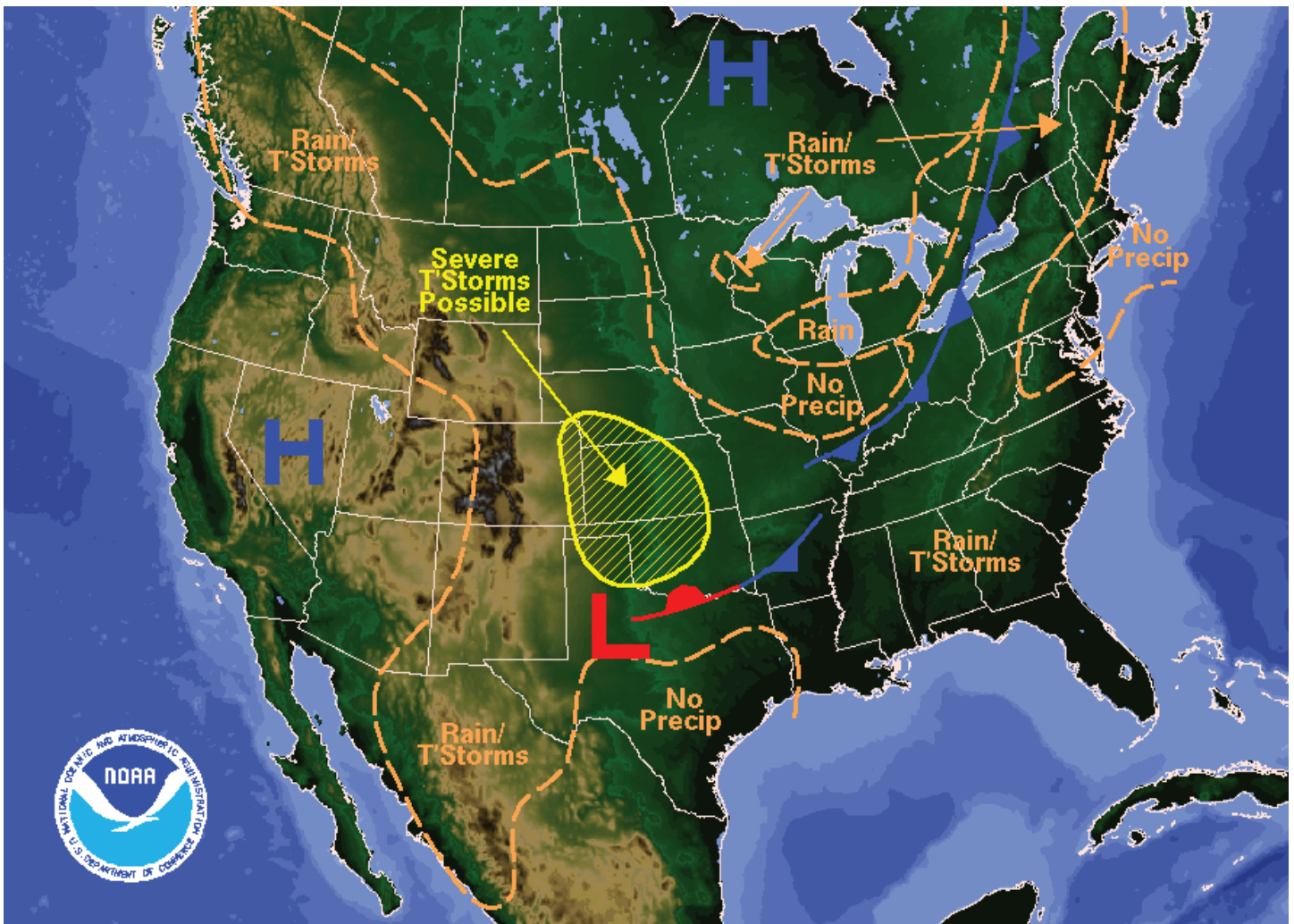
Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 70.3 F at 5:25 PM
Low Outside Temp: 56.5 F at 11:17 PM
High Gust: 22.0 Mph at 10:39 AM

Precip:

Today's Info

Record High: 114° in 1931
Record Low: 41 in 1912
Average High: 84°F
Average Low: 59°F
Average Precip in July: 1.59
Precip to date in July: 2.74
Average Precip to date: 12.43
Precip Year to Date: 9.40
Sunset Tonight: 9:18 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:01 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jul 15, 2016, issued 4:36 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mc Reynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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MIND YOUR THOUGHTS!

It was a beautiful day in the mountains. The crisp, clean air and the morning sun combined to create a sense of magic. Gary decided that he would take a long, leisurely drive to the many vistas in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Shortly after he started his trip a tire went flat. Easing to the side of the road he parked his car and got out. When he opened his trunk and looked inside, he discovered that his jack was missing. He went to the middle of the road and looked for any signs of life. Off in the distance he saw a cabin. His heart began to beat with hope thinking there would be someone there to help him.

As he walked along the road he began to think, "What if the person living there does not have a jack?" Then he thought, "What if he has a jack and won't lend it to me? And why should he lend it to me since he doesn't even know me? I doubt if he will even open the door."

He was so agitated that by the time he got to the cabin he was shaking all over. Climbing the steps, he paused and knocked on the door. When the resident opened it, he blurted out, "Keep your jack. I didn't want to use it anyhow," and hit him in the jaw.

Our thoughts shape our attitudes and our attitudes shape our behavior and our behavior tells others who we really are.

Prayer: Father, may we, as Your Word advises us, "Fix our hearts on what is good and true and right" and show grace and gratitude to everyone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Philippians 4:8

News from the Associated Press

Lawrence County residents to vote on controversial quarry

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Residents of Lawrence County will get the chance to vote on a proposed rock quarry.

County commissioners last month narrowly approved a permit for Rapid City-based Mountain View Ranches LLC, which is planning a 192-acre sand, gravel and rock quarry off Crook City Road.

Some area residents worry the operation will jeopardize historic trails and lead to other problems including noise, dust and road damage. They gathered enough petition signatures to bring the matter to a public vote.

Mountain View Ranches maintains that the area is appropriate for a quarry. The company has said only 10 acres would be operated at a time, and that land would be reclaimed as the work progressed. The special election is scheduled Aug. 30.

Man pleads guilty to being accessory in Rapid City killing

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — One of two men accused of being accessories in the alleged murder-for-hire of a Rapid City woman last year has pleaded guilty.

Twenty-nine-year-old Garland Brown is accused of moving the body of 22-year-old Jessica Rehfeld after she was killed. He pleaded guilty Thursday and faces up to five years in prison when he's sentenced Aug. 25.

Authorities say Rehfeld was stabbed to death in May 2015. Her body was found in a remote grave near Rockerville last month.

Twenty-four-year-old Michael Frye faces the same charge as Brown. He has pleaded not guilty.

Three other people face first-degree murder charges in the case, including Rehfeld's ex-boyfriend, Jonathan Klinetobe. They've all pleaded not guilty.

Wildfire burning in Rapid City at 80 percent containment

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Crews battling a wildfire in Rapid City have mostly contained the blaze.

The 13 ½-acre fire on what is known as M Hill is about 80 percent contained, with about 70 personnel remaining on scene to handle mop-up work. No one has been hurt and no structures have been threatened.

Residents of an apartment complex just hundreds of yards away from the flames turned out to watch the fire, prompting police at one point to block off streets in the area.

The fire that started Wednesday night shut down a popular hiking spot and a park and sent smoke over the city. Officials suspect it was human-caused, but the exact cause isn't yet known.

Federal delegation boosts Spearfish Canyon state park plan

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's congressional delegation is helping with Gov. Dennis Daugaard's plan for a new state park at Spearfish Canyon.

U.S. Sen. John Thune introduced legislation Thursday that would authorize an exchange of nearly 2,000 acres of federal land in the areas of Spearfish Canyon and Bismarck Lake for almost 2,000 acres of state-owned land in separate parcels.

Sen. Mike Rounds co-sponsored the bill, and Rep. Kristi Noem introduced its companion in the U.S.

House.

Game, Fish and Parks would improve facilities and roads under the plan and open a new part of Spearfish Canyon to the public.

Daugaard says there are still many steps to making the park a reality, but he's hopeful it can be achieved.

The governor announced the proposal in his 2016 State of the State.

Avera, Mount Marty get grants for telemedicine, education

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two institutions in South Dakota have received grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture meant to help connect rural communities with medical and educational services.

Avera Health and Mount Marty College are each receiving one of the 81 grants that the USDA has awarded for distance learning and telemedicine projects.

Avera is receiving more than \$494,000 to provide pharmacy services to 18 rural, understaffed hospitals through telemedicine. The agency says the grant will allow a pharmacist to provide prescription review and pharmacy support 24 hours a day.

Mount Marty College is getting more than \$116,000 to buy video conferencing equipment to offer tribal colleges classes that are part of the curriculum of a master's degree in education. The USDA says this project will help train current and future teachers.

Debt recovery center to start collecting for state courts

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A new collections center to recover money owed to state agencies and programs will begin pursuing debt for the state court system when it goes online Friday.

The Unified Judicial System will be first to send bad debt to the Obligation Recovery Center, with state agencies joining the fold over the next six months. The court system is initially submitting about 17,000 cases — worth about \$7 million — to the center to recover difficult-to-collect debt such as restitution and fines, State Court Administrator Greg Sattizahn said.

Recovered funds would go to crime victims, schools and counties, among other recipients, he said. The Bureau of Administration estimated in 2015 that people owe South Dakota agencies more than \$50 million.

"I feel that we are doing taxpayers a service by trying to collect debts and save money," said Democratic Rep. Peggy Gibson, a member of the Obligation Recovery Center Advisory Group. "You can't just throw it under the carpet forever and just hope people will pay at some point in time."

Lawmakers approved the recovery center during the 2015 legislative session. CGI Technologies and Solutions Inc., based outside of South Dakota, is running the center under contract with the state, said Commissioner Jeff Holden of the Bureau of Administration, which oversees it. The state has also contracted with three third-party debt collection companies.

Holden expects more people to pay back money because the center has "significant tools" that state agencies don't have, he said.

For example, the addition of a 20 percent collection charge when an agency exhausts recovery efforts and sends debt to the center is an incentive for people to pay before it gets referred. In some cases, people with debt referred to the center could be barred from having driver's licenses, registering vehicles or getting hunting and fishing licenses, Holden said.

Those provisions have caused concern among some lawmakers, including Republican Sen. Brock

Greenfield, who criticized the plan as an ineffective expansion of government.

"I think it's just the heavy hand of government coming down on people," he said. "You want to have consequences for a person's misdeeds, but in this case I don't think the punishment fits the so-called crime."

Coyotes renew deal with ECHL's Rapid City Rush

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Coyotes have renewed their affiliation agreement with the ECHL's Rapid City Rush.

The Coyotes announced the one-year deal Thursday.

"Rapid City is a first class organization and we are looking forward to another great season," Coyotes general manager John Chayka said.

The South Dakota team is entering its third season in the 28-team ECHL.

Mark DeSantis will be the Rush's head coach after serving as associate coach last season.

The Coyotes recently moved their AHL farm club from Springfield, Massachusetts, to Tucson.

Man accused of stabbing teen 5 times with small screwdriver

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a 50-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly stabbing a 17-year-old boy five times with a small screwdriver.

The incident happened about 12:30 p.m. Thursday in downtown Sioux Falls. The victim suffered non-life threatening puncture and scratch wounds to his chest, back and arm. He was transported by ambulance to a local hospital for treatment.

Authorities say the incident happened after an argument between the suspect and a mutual acquaintance of the victim and suspect.

The man was arrested for aggravated assault and an outstanding warrant.

South Dakota family of 12 displaced after fire damages home

BRYANT, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a family of 12 in South Dakota had to relocate after a fire started by a lighter damaged their home.

The Hamlin County Sheriff's Office says one of its deputies noticed the fire while on patrol Wednesday afternoon in Bryant, a town about 50 miles northwest of Brookings.

A mother and her children were inside the home and the deputy was able to notify them. Two children thought to be missing were found safe hiding behind a bush in the back yard. One child had minor injuries.

Crews determined the cause of the fire to be from a child playing with a lighter in front of the home. The family has been relocated to family and friends in the community.

Magistrate judge promoted to Second Circuit Court judge

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says he will appoint a Sioux Falls magistrate judge to the Second Judicial Circuit.

Natalie Damgaard has served as a magistrate judge since 2011. Prior to that, she was an associate with the Janklow Law Firm.

Damgaard takes over for Judge Patricia Riepel, who retired last month.

Damgaard graduated from the University of South Dakota in 2002 with a degree in criminal justice. She graduated from the USD law school in 2006.

The Second Circuit includes Lincoln and Minnehaha counties.

Wildfire in Rapid City shuts down popular hiking spot

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Officials have stopped the spread of a wildfire in Rapid City that has shut down a popular hiking spot and continue efforts to contain the blaze.

The fire on what is known as M Hill started Wednesday night and covered about 13 1/2 acres, or less than a square mile. No structures have been threatened and no injuries reported.

Fire Department spokesman Jim Bussell says about 100 city, county, state and federal fire personnel responded to the blaze. It is being fought on the ground and from the air.

There was no immediate word on the cause, though officials suspect it was human-caused.

Officials say smoke that has drifted over the city could cause problems for people with respiratory issues.

Letcher man convicted of illegally killing bald eagle

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A federal jury has convicted a Letcher man of illegally killing a bald eagle.

Authorities say 69-year-old Ted Nelson last year injected a poison into the carcasses of cows to kill predators including coyotes, using a pesticide that can't legally be used for baiting.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says an eagle ate the carcasses of coyotes that had been poisoned, and died.

A jury in Sioux Falls recently convicted Nelson of unlawfully killing a bald eagle and unlawfully using a pesticide. He could face more than a year in prison and a \$26,000 fine. A sentencing date was not immediately set.

Trump keeps suspense alive over veep choice

JULIE PACE, Associated Press

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump is keeping suspense alive over his choice of a running mate, sidelining the announcement because of the deadly attack in Nice, France.

He'd planned to introduce his pick at a news conference Friday morning in New York, but said on Twitter Thursday evening that he would postpone the event "in light of the horrible attack." This, after a day of rampant speculation that saw Indiana Gov. Mike Pence emerge as a late favorite for the job.

Trump told Fox News he had not made his "final, final decision," and his advisers cautioned that he could change his mind. The billionaire said his selection would "absolutely not" be changed by the France attack.

In the French resort city of Nice, a truck drove onto a sidewalk and plowed through a crowd of Bastille Day revelers who'd gathered to watch fireworks Thursday night. It was not immediately known who was behind the attack, but it prompted Trump to say that if elected president, he would ask Congress for a declaration of war against the Islamic State. His Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, said the U.S. needs to "stand strongly" with France and strengthen the coalition against terrorism.

In addition to Pence, Trump's shortlist included former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, according to people familiar with the candidate's thinking.

After spending much of Thursday in Indianapolis, Pence flew to New York, according to a Republican familiar with the process. The person was not authorized to discuss the deliberations publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity. Indianapolis television station WTHR posted a video showing Pence ar-

iving Thursday evening at a private airport outside New York.

According to the Republican familiar with the process, the frenetic day was made more complicated by the fact that Trump was in California for a series of fundraisers, isolated from nearly all of his closest advisers, including his three adult children and his campaign chairman, Paul Manafort.

Frustration among Trump and his advisers mounted because of news reports that Pence was the pick, sending top aides scrambling to insist no final decision had been made.

Trump is now up against two clocks: The Republican convention kicks off in Cleveland on Monday, leaving little time for re-scheduling. Pence, who is running for re-election, faces a noon Friday deadline to withdraw from the race.

The paperwork has been drawn up for him to take that step, according to a Republican who was not authorized to publicly discuss the plans and insisted on anonymity. However, those documents have not been filed.

Jim Bopp, an influential conservative attorney who has previously advised Pence, said the delayed announcement "creates an enormous legal problem" for Pence, who is barred by Indiana law from seeking both offices. Bopp said that could mean Pence "has to make a decision without an official announcement."

The convention and vice presidential announcement give Trump back-to-back opportunities to reassure Americans — as well as leaders within his own party — that he's prepared for the presidency.

Top party officials are already in Cleveland, where a committee voted late Thursday to rebuff a push to let delegates vote for any presidential candidate they'd like. It was a major blow to Republican foes of Trump who have been working to try to thwart his nomination.

Pence, a staunch conservative who served six terms in Congress, is seen as a running mate who would have the backing of GOP leaders and ease some of their concerns about Trump's political inexperience and volatile temperament. He has deep ties to evangelical Christians and other conservatives, particularly after signing a law last year that critics said would have allowed businesses to deny service to gay people for religious reasons. But the move alienated some moderates in the party.

Pence, 57, also has influential allies in Trump's inner circle. But some of Trump's children, who have been closely advising their father, are said to favor different candidates.

France reels as Bastille Day truck attack kills 84 in Nice

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NICE, France (AP) — A Frenchman of Tunisian descent drove a truck through crowds celebrating Bastille Day along Nice's beachfront, killing at least 84 people, many of them children. The slaughter ended only after police killed the armed attacker in a hail of bullets.

French leaders on Friday extended the country's 9-month-old state of emergency and vowed to deploy thousands of police reservists on the streets after Thursday night's massacre of pedestrians leaving a fireworks display for France's national independence day.

Video shot by terrified civilians shows crowds fleeing in panic, leaping off the elevated pavement onto the beach below, and police finally surrounding the stationary truck and fatally shooting its driver.

Wassim Bouhlel, a native of Nice, told The Associated Press he saw a truck drive into the crowd, then its driver emerged with a gun and started shooting.

"There was carnage on the road. Bodies everywhere," he said.

Police identified the attacker as a 31-year-old Nice resident and said he had drawn a gun on them. The truck's windshield was riddled with bullets.

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No group has claimed responsibility for the carnage, but French officials called it an undeniable act of terror. The assault on revelers in the southern French city rocked a nation still dealing with the aftermath of two attacks in Paris last year that killed 147 people and were claimed by the Islamic State extremist group.

"Terrorism is a threat that weighs heavily upon France and will continue to weigh for a long time," Prime Minister Manuel Valls said after French President Francois Hollande called an emergency government meeting Friday. "We are facing a war that terrorism has brought to us. The goal of terrorists is to instill fear and panic. And France is a great country, and a great democracy, that will not allow itself to be destabilized."

Hollande rushed to Nice, 690 kilometers (490 miles) south of Paris, to offer his condolences after the emergency meeting.

"France was struck on the day of its national holiday, July 14, the symbol of liberty," Hollande said Friday, denouncing "this monstrosity" — a truck bearing down on citizens "with the intention of killing, smashing and massacring."

Hollande said it was not clear whether the driver had accomplices. The Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation for "murder and attempted murder in an organized group linked to a terrorist enterprise."

The truck knocked over and crushed pedestrians over a distance of two kilometers (1 ¼ miles), a lawmaker said. Broadcast footage showed a scene of horror along Nice's famous promenade, with broken bodies splayed on the asphalt, some piled near one another, others bleeding onto the roadway or twisted into unnatural shapes.

The regional president, Christian Estrosi, told BFM TV that "the driver fired on the crowd, according to the police who killed him." He said more than 10 children were among the dead, which also included two Americans and people from Russia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

Some people tried to escape into the water, according to Eric Ciotti, a lawmaker who represents Nice. "A person jumped onto the truck to try to stop it," Ciotti told Europe 1 radio. "It's at that moment that the police were able to neutralize this terrorist. I won't forget the look of this policewoman who intercepted the killer."

Flags were lowered to half-staff in Nice, Paris, Brussels and many capitals across Europe. Hollande announced a three-month extension to the state of emergency imposed after the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris that killed 130 victims. The government declared three days of national mourning to begin Saturday.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, who traveled to the scene, said police were trying to identify the driver. "We are in a war with terrorists who want to strike us at any price and in a very violent way," he said.

Ciotti said identification papers were found in the truck and that investigators were trying to determine whether they were legitimate.

Partiers in summer apparel ran for their lives down Nice's palm tree-lined Promenade des Anglais, the city's famous seaside boulevard.

Estrosi said some of the city's 1,200 security cameras had pinpointed the moment the attacker boarded the truck, far from the seaside "in the hills of Nice" and could follow his path to the promenade. Estrosi called for the investigation to focus on any accomplices.

"Attacks aren't prepared alone. Attacks are prepared with accomplices," Estrosi said. "There is a chain of complicity. I expect it to be unveiled, discovered and kept up to date."

France has lived with soldiers in the streets since the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris, and much of the country experienced increased security during the monthlong European football championship that concluded

July 10.

Damien Allemand, a journalist for the regional newspaper Nice-Matin who was at the waterside, said the fireworks display had finished and the crowd had got up to leave when they heard a noise and cries.

"A fraction of a second later, an enormous white truck came along at a crazy speed, turning the wheel to mow down the maximum number of people," he wrote in an online account. "I saw bodies flying like bowling pins along its route. Heard noises, cries that I will never forget."

On video, one person could be heard yelling, "Help my mother, please!" A pink girl's bicycle was overturned by the side of the road.

Hollande said France would bolster its presence in Iraq and Syria, where he said earlier that military advisers would be on the ground to help Iraqis take back the Islamic State stronghold of Mosul.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department confirmed that two Americans were among the dead. President Barack Obama condemned what he said "appears to be a horrific terrorist attack."

European Council President Donald Tusk said it was a "tragic paradox" that the victims of the attack in Nice were celebrating "liberty, equality and fraternity"—France's motto—on the country's national day.

France, one of the world's top tourist destinations, has long known it is a top target for the Islamic State group. In September 2014, then-IS spokesman Abu Mohammed al-Adnani referred to "the filthy French," telling Muslims within the country to attack them in any way they could, including "crush them with your car."

France is also Islamic State's biggest source for European recruits. Nice was home for a prolific producer of French-language jihadist recruitment videos, a former petty drug dealer named Omar Omsen who is now fighting in Syria.

World leaders express horror at attack; sympathy for France

NICE, France (AP) — World leaders are expressing dismay, sadness and solidarity with France over the attack carried out by a man who drove truck into crowds of people celebrating France's national day in Nice, killing at least 84 people:

UNITED STATES

President Barack Obama condemned what "appears to be a horrific terrorist attack" in Nice.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and other loved ones of those killed," he said.

Noting that the attack occurred on Bastille Day, the French national holiday, Obama praised "the extraordinary resilience and democratic values that have made France an inspiration to the entire world."

Secretary of State John Kerry called it a "horrendous attack in Nice. ... I was proud to stand alongside French leaders earlier today at Bastille Day celebrations in Paris, and the United States will continue to stand firmly with the French people during this time of tragedy."

Both presidential candidates also condemned the attacks, with Republican Donald Trump declaring "this is war" and Democrat Hillary Clinton vowing "we will not be intimidated."

Clinton said "every American stands in strong solidarity with the people of France, and we say with one voice: We will not be intimidated. We will never allow terrorists to undermine the egalitarian and democratic values that underpin our very way of life."

Trump, who postponed plans to announce his vice presidential pick because of the attack, said "this is war. If you look at it, this is war coming from all different parts."

BRITAIN

British Prime Minister Theresa May is calling for nations to "redouble" efforts to defeat violent extrem-

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ists following the attack in Nice.

She called the attack "horrifying" and said Britain will stand with France in its time of mourning.

"We must redouble our efforts to defeat these brutal murderers who want to destroy our way of life," the new prime minister said Friday.

GERMANY

Chancellor Angela Merkel pledged solidarity with France in the aftermath of the attack, saying "Germany stands at France's side in the fight against terrorism."

Speaking on the sidelines of a summit in Mongolia, Merkel added: "I am completely convinced that we will win this fight despite all difficulties."

On a state visit to Uruguay, German President Joachim Gauck said Friday that "the 14th of July, the day when France celebrates its national day, represents the values of the French Revolution, which are our values as well."

"An attack on France, therefore, is an attack on the entire free world," he said.

Germany's Foreign Ministry flew the French flag in solidarity with its neighbor, and flags on all public buildings were ordered flown at half-staff.

EUROPEAN UNION

European Council president Donald Tusk expressed consternation that France was attacked on its national day and said the world stands united with the French people.

"It is a tragic paradox that the victims of the attack people celebrating liberty, quality and fraternity. We will stand united with the families of victims, the French people and the government in the fight against violence and hatred," Tusk said.

The EU lowered its flags to half-staff outside its headquarters Friday and the EU Commission's daily media briefing observed a moment of silence.

NATO

NATO's chief said he was "appalled and saddened" by the attack in Nice and that alliance's other member nations "stand in strong solidarity with the people of France."

"This attack targeted innocent people and the core values for which NATO stands," alliance Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said. "But terrorism will never defeat democracy, freedom and our open societies."

RUSSIA

Russian President Vladimir Putin says he was "shocked by the violence and exceptional cynicism" of Thursday's attack in Nice.

Putin sent condolences to French President Francois Hollande on Friday and said that terrorism can be defeated only if "all civilized mankind pulls efforts together" to fight militants, their leaders as well as targeting their financial backers "wherever they are hiding."

Putin said Russia is willing to work closely with France and other countries to fight terrorism which is "devoid of any human moral."

IRAN

Iran's Foreign Ministry says the attack in Nice shows a need for stronger cooperation to fight terrorism. Spokesman Bahram Ghasemi says "terrorism is an ominous phenomenon that will be eradicated only

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with international cooperation and consensus.”

TURKEY

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the attack shows “terrorism has no religion, race or nationality.”

Erdogan said Friday that “those who carried out this brutal incident have nothing to do with humanity. In essence these barbarians have no place in this world or should they have.”

“We need to see that for the terror organizations, there is no difference between Turkey and France, between Iraq and Belgium, between Saudi Arabia and the United States.”

SPAIN

Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo said he called his counterparts in France to express his condolences.

“We are very sorry and very much with the French people and the French government,” he said in at a meeting of Asian and European leaders in the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar.

BELGIUM

Foreign Minister Didier Reynders expressed dismay that France was once again the target of an apparent terrorist attack. “We condemn such an attack, maybe a terrorist attack, but such an attack in France again,” he said.

IRELAND

Ireland’s president says all lovers of freedom worldwide support the people of France as they absorb the horror of another mass killing.

Michael D. Higgins says after meeting France’s ambassador in Dublin: “This cowardly attack in a public place on a national day of celebration must be condemned in the strongest terms. We must strengthen our resolve not to let such cold-blooded attacks undermine the way of life in our global community seeking to live in diversity and peace.”

GREECE

Greece’s Foreign Ministry says the attack in France targeted “the cradle of the ideas of liberty, equality and fraternity,” adding that “the action of barbaric terrorism is doomed to fail.”

“We express the certainty that, in spite of radical extremists, France, the beacon of the ideas of enlightenment, of democracy and of freedom will continue to ceaselessly shine its light on Europe and the World,” the ministry said.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka says the attack in France shows “we face a threat of perverse, fanatical ideology, despising humanity and human life.”

Sobotka said France has his country’s support and solidarity, saying “We have to defeat terrorism together.”

Czech President Milos Zeman said the attack is a reminder that “the western democracies find themselves at a time when they have to get again united and defend the values on which they were built with no mercy and no compromise.”

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ESTONIA

Prime Minister Taavi Roivs condemned "a terrible attack on innocent people celebrating their national day. Today, we all stand together with the French people."

VATICAN

Pope Francis has condemned the terror attack in Nice during national Bastille Day celebrations. The Vatican said "we condemn in an absolute manner all manifestations of homicidal folly, hatred, terrorism and attacks against peace."

ISRAEL

Israel's prime minister is condemning the "horrific" attack on revelers in Nice. Benjamin Netanyahu says the attack was a reminder that "terrorism can strike anywhere and must be fought everywhere." He said Israel was prepared to help France "fight this evil until it is defeated."

CHINA

Premier Li Keqiang said "we strongly condemn terrorism of all forms. We express our condolences to the victims and we will fight all kinds of terrorism."

INDIA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condemned what he called a mindless attack. "I am appalled by the horrific attack in Nice. I strongly condemn such mindless acts of violence. My thoughts are with the families of deceased," he said. "India shares the pain and stands firmly with our French sisters and brothers in this hour of immense sadness."

PAKISTAN

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said the government and people of Pakistan were deeply saddened by the attack. "Being the front-line state in the war against terror, Pakistan itself has suffered immensely and has seen a series of tragedies," he said.

AFGHANISTAN

President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan is calling the Nice attack a "brutal and unforgiveable crime, unjustifiable under any circumstances." In a statement issued by the presidential palace in Kabul, Ghani said terrorism does not recognize borders, nationality, faith or religion, posing a threat to the region and the world. Ghani expressed condolences and deepest sympathies to the families of victims of the attack, and to all French people.

EGYPT

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has extended his deepest sympathies to President Francois Hollande and the people of France for "the abhorrent terrorist attack in the French city of Nice." A statement from the presidential office says el-Sissi reiterated his support for international efforts to combat terrorism, which "knows neither borders nor religion." Egypt's Grand Mufti Shawki Allam also condemned the Nice attack, saying the perpetrators of such attacks "have followed the footsteps of the devil, shed blood, and terrorized" innocent people.

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AUSTRALIA

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said three Australians suffered minor injuries while fleeing the scene. "It has shocked France, it has rocked it to its core," Bishop told reporters in the Western Australia capital of Perth. "This should have been a time of great national pride and celebration." Bishop condemned the violence, saying it was a reminder that "no country is immune from terrorist attacks."

KUWAIT

The ruler of oil-rich Kuwait has condemned the attack in Nice, France, saying it "runs counter to all religious teachings and humanitarian values." The state-run Kuwait News Agency said the ruling emir, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, sent a cable of condolence to French President Francois Hollande over the assault. Sheikh Sabah said Kuwait "supports all measures France might take to protect its security against the terrorist acts."

LEBANON

Lebanon is expressing empathy with France in the face of the "cowardly" attack that struck in Nice, targeting what it called "the lung" of Mediterranean tourism. The Foreign Ministry blamed the attack on the "terrorism beast" which struck France on its national day, a "symbolic day for the sacrifices of the French people throughout its history to build the culture of freedom, equality and brotherhood." Lebanon called for joint international efforts to stem terrorism.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The seven sheikhdoms of the United Arab Emirates condemned the "heinous terrorist crime" that struck Nice. In a statement, Emirati Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan pledged to stand with the people of France after the assault. Sheikh Abdullah also stressed the attack "makes it imperative for everyone to work together decisively and without hesitation to counter terrorism in all its forms." The UAE is part of the U.S.-led coalition targeting the Islamic State group and hosts American and Western military personnel involved in the fight.

QATAR

Tiny gas-rich Qatar has condemned the "heinous" attack in Nice, France. The Foreign Ministry said the assault "is contrary to all human, ethical values and religions." It said it stood in solidarity with France after the attack. Qatar, on the Arabian Peninsula, hosts a major American military base home to U.S. Central Command and has not faced any militant attack like neighboring Saudi Arabia. That U.S. base is involved in the battle against the Islamic State group.

JAPAN

Japan expressed "strong shock and anger" following the truck attack in Nice. Japanese Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said Japan also aims to strengthen its counter-terrorism and border measurements to ensure safety of Japan.

SOUTH AFRICA

President Jacob Zuma says South Africa "stands firmly with the international community in condemning all forms of terrorism and stands in solidarity with the government of the Republic of France as they

mourn the death of their citizens.”

“South Africa shares in the grief of the French people and wishes the injured survivors a speedy recovery. Terrorism in any form and from whichever quarter cannot be condoned,” he said in a statement.

Man dead after exchanging gunfire with Baltimore officers

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore police officers responding to the sound of gunshots near an apartment building fatally shot a man who fired at them with an AR-15-style rifle, authorities said early Friday.

No officers were wounded nor anyone else in the shooting Thursday night in a neighborhood on the city’s west side, police spokesman T.J. Smith said. He added that it wasn’t immediately clear why the man had begun shooting.

Four plainclothes officers riding in an unmarked car heard gunfire coming from the building about 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Smith said at a news briefing. The officers drove toward the sound and when they arrived, they saw a man shooting an AR-15-style weapon, according to Smith.

Smith said the man started firing toward the officers, and two returned fire.

The suspect was shot at least once and retreated to the apartment building, according to the spokesman. He didn’t immediately identify the officers, the man or the races of those involved but held up a picture of what he said was the rifle recovered afterward.

The shooting comes a week after police shootings of two black men, one in Louisiana and the other in Minnesota, stoked outrage among many in the African-American community and protests around the country. Tensions also were heightened in the U.S. by last week’s killing of five police officers in Dallas by a black gunman.

Smith said the early shooting scene was chaotic as officers drove toward the sound of the gunfire.

Officers, who Smith said initially thought there might have been more than one suspect involved, surrounded the building and searched the area. He said authorities found the gun in a tree line just behind the apartment complex and the suspect inside on the second level with at least one bullet wound to his upper body.

The man was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead, Smith said.

He said police still had many questions so early in the investigation Friday.

“We don’t have a victim ... No one has come forward and said, ‘Hey, I was being shot at,’” he said.

The idea that the man was trying to lure officers to the scene with the gunfire is a “theory” police are looking into, Smith added.

“Officers were drawn due to gunfire; were they specifically drawn there by him if they might have known they were in the area? We don’t know the answer to that yet, but that’s something that we’re trying to figure out,” Smith said.

While the officers were in plainclothes, they also were wearing outer tactical vests that were marked “police” on the front and back, he said.

Smith said the crime scene processing would take several hours and he asked anyone in the area at the time of the shootings to come forward and speak with investigators. He added that expected more information to be released later in the afternoon.

“There are a number of shell casings from this AR-15-style weapon on scene,” he said.

Smith also said the two officers who fired their weapons were being placed on administrative duties as is routine in such cases.

State Department: 2 Americans killed in Nice, France attack

BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Two Americans are among the dead from France's Bastille Day attack.

State Department spokesman John Kirby says the pair was among those killed in Nice on Thursday when a large truck plowed through a crowd gathered for fireworks. More than 80 died in all.

Kirby didn't identify the individuals by name, citing privacy concerns.

He says the U.S. is providing assistance to those affected by the attack, while the embassy tries to account for all Americans in the Mediterranean city.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

S. Korea premier pelted with eggs, bottles over missile site

HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Angry residents in a rural South Korean town threw eggs and water bottles at the prime minister and blocked him for more than six hours Friday to protest a plan to deploy an advanced U.S. missile defense system in their neighborhood.

Earlier this week, South Korea announced that the missile system called Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, will be placed in the southeastern farming town of Seongju by the end of next year to better cope with North Korean threats. Seongju residents launched protests, saying they fear possible health hazards from the missile system.

Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, accompanied by the defense minister and others, visited Seongju to try to explain the decision to residents but was immediately disrupted by jeers.

Some hurled eggs and water bottles, shouting "We oppose (the THAAD deployment) with our lives," according to TV footage.

A senior police officer was injured on his forehead. Hwang didn't appear to be directly hit by any objects as security guards and aides used umbrellas and bags to protect him. But his suit jacket was tainted by eggs and he evacuated to a town hall office.

When he and the others came out of the building into a minibus, they were surrounded by hundreds of protesters, some using tractors. Hwang was held in the bus for more than six hours.

South Korean officials have dismissed as groundless a belief that THAAD radar systems emit electromagnetic waves that can cause health problems. Defense officials say the U.S. system is harmless if people stay at least 100 meters (yards) away from it.

Seongju residents criticized the government for unilaterally deciding on the deployment without consulting them. About 200 Seongju residents made a protest visit to Seoul's Defense Ministry on Wednesday, and some wrote letters of complaint in blood. A group of 13 local leaders went on a hunger strike.

Defense Minister Han Min Koo told residents Wednesday he would personally stand in front of the radars to prove they aren't harmful.

The planned missile deployment drew an angry response from North Korea and China. North Korea has threatened unspecified "physical" measures in retaliation while China suspects the system would help U.S. radars track its missiles. Russia also opposes the deployment.

U.S. and South Korean officials have said the THAAD system only targets North Korea, not China or anyone else.

Seoul and Washington began their formal discussions on the THAAD deployment after North Korea conducted a fourth nuclear test and carried about a long-range rocket launch earlier this year.

The United States has about 28,500 troops in South Korea as deterrence against potential aggression from North Korea. American-led U.N. troops fought alongside South Korea during the 1950-53 Korean

War while China assisted North Korea.

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. AT LEAST 84 KILLED WHEN TRUCK MOWS DOWN BASTILLE DAY REVELERS IN NICE

President Francois Hollande will meet with his defense council and travel to Nice after the third major attack to ravage France in two years leaves the nation reeling.

2. HORRIFIED WORLD LEADERS CONDEMN NICE ATTACK

Obama, Putin, Merkel and others express dismay and solidarity with France.

3. AP-GFK POLL FINDS EMAIL INVESTIGATION HAS DAMAGED CLINTON'S IMAGE

More than half of Americans think Clinton broke the law by using a private email account and server at the State Department.

4. DONALD TRUMP POSTPONES PLAN TO ANNOUNCE VP PICK AFTER NICE ATTACK

With Indiana Gov. Mike Pence emerging as a late favorite, the presumptive GOP nominee had planned to introduce his running mate Friday morning.

5. HOW FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES REMEMBER DALLAS SNIPER MICAH JOHNSON

They say he had been an easy-going extrovert but was never the same after he was disarmed in Afghanistan for allegedly stealing a female soldier's panties.

6. WHERE POLICE ARE HUNTING A SERIAL KILLER WHO HAS LEFT A TRAIL OF TEARS AND FEAR

Phoenix police say the same perpetrator is behind the shooting that have killed seven people outside homes.

7. WHY LEANING ON THE MILITARY IS UNLIKELY TO YIELD AN ECONOMIC MIRACLE IN VENEZUELA

President Nicolas Maduro put the military in charge of the battle against food shortages but the armed forces have played a big role in the economic mess.

8. WHAT SUCCESS OF "POKEMON GO" TELLS US ABOUT NINTENDO

The Japanese game maker was a latecomer to smartphone games but is seeing the deep wealth of its franchise characters pay off.

9. MICKELSON BEGINS BRITISH OPEN WITH A THREE-STROKE LEAD AFTER SHOOTING 8-UNDER 62

He birdied the par-5 fourth hole to push his score to 9 under, looking to take advantage before the foul weather moves in.

10. ROCK LEGEND MICK JAGGER EXPECTING HIS EIGHTH CHILD

The Rolling Stones frontman's girlfriend Melanie Hamrick is pregnant.

Mourners gather for funeral of black man killed by police

CAIN BURDEAU, Associated Press

REBECCA SANTANA, Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Mourners gather Friday to pay their last respects to a 37-year-old black man shot and killed in an encounter with two white police officers in Louisiana, a killing that helped fuel protests nationwide over the treatment of African-Americans by police.

Alton Sterling was shot July 5 outside a Baton Rouge convenience store in an encounter with police that was caught on video. Captured by at least two cellphone cameras, the shocking recordings were broadcast worldwide.

The death was the start of a tumultuous week in American race relations. A day after Sterling's death, Philando Castile was shot and killed by a police officer in Minnesota during a traffic stop with his girl-

friend streaming the aftermath of the black man's death live in Facebook. On July 7, as people outraged by police killings took to the street in Dallas, an African-American man opened fired, killing five police officers there.

Protests over police treatment of blacks drew thousands in Baton Rouge, and the Department of Justice has opened an investigation into Sterling's shooting. His family has called for the officers to be prosecuted. Police said in a search warrant that officers saw the "butt of a gun" in Sterling's pocket during the arrest and that he tried to reach for it during the altercation.

Sterling leaves behind five children. His 15-year-old son, Cameron Sterling, spoke to reporters briefly this week for the first time, telling people his father was a good man while calling for protesters to be peaceful. Authorities arrested about 200 people in Baton Rouge during the protests through last week-end, with demonstrators accusing the police of heavy-handed tactics.

"I feel that people in general, no matter what their race is, should come together as one united family," Cameron Sterling told reporters Wednesday outside the store where his father died. The teen remained composed as he spoke. The previous week, he broke down in sobs and had to be led away as his mother talked in front of television cameras about the death.

During an interview with The Associated Press last week, Cameron Sterling's mother, Quinyetta McMillon, spoke fondly of the boy's father, recalling his trepidation watching his son take his first steps. She called them the "Doublemint twins" because they both liked snacks.

A public viewing was scheduled between 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. CDT at Southern University in Baton Rouge followed later in the day by a funeral service. The Rev. Al Sharpton and U.S. Rep. Cedric Richmond were scheduled to speak at Sterling's service set to follow at 11 a.m. CDT.

AP-GfK Poll: Email investigation has hurt Clinton's image

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EMILY SWANSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton enters the summer damaged by perceptions that she violated the law by using a private email system while serving as secretary of state, a new Associated Press-GfK poll finds.

More than half of Americans think the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee broke the law by using a private email account and server at the State Department and nearly 4 in 10 think she did so intentionally, according to the poll.

Clinton has battled the notion during her campaign that she is dishonest and purposely set up the private email server because she wanted to hide her public and private exchanges from public scrutiny and skirt disclosure laws. Her Republican opponent, Donald Trump, calls her "crooked" at virtually every campaign appearance.

FBI Director James Comey said last week that Clinton's actions did not warrant prosecution and the Justice Department declined to seek criminal charges. But Comey said the former first lady and New York senator and her staff were "extremely careless" in their handling of classified material.

"She's innocent until proven guilty, but to me the FBI director called her guilty and then gave her a pass card," said James Thompson, a 57-year-old Republican from Colchester, Connecticut. "If that was anyone else in this world, they would have been gone. They would have been down the river. They would have been in jail."

Large and growing numbers of voters view Clinton as dishonest, the poll indicates, but she is helped by Trump's poor ratings on an array of personal attributes. The poll showed that two-thirds or more of

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Americans do not consider the GOP businessman to be even somewhat civil, honest, likable or qualified for office.

Trump is poised to receive the Republican nomination next week at the party's convention in Cleveland. Clinton will rally her supporters later this month in Philadelphia. Her ability to navigate the fallout from the email investigation will be a major plot line during the campaign.

The poll found that 56 percent of Americans said they think the Democratic presidential candidate broke the law, including 39 percent who think she did so intentionally and 17 percent who think she did so unintentionally.

In addition, 36 percent think Clinton used bad judgment but did not do anything illegal. And only 6 percent think Clinton did nothing wrong at all.

Half of Americans — 50 percent — now consider Clinton's emails to be a major problem, up from one-third who said that in October 2015. Another 31 percent consider it to be a minor problem and only 17 percent think it's not a problem.

Edgard Lopez, a 61-year-old Democrat from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, who runs a medical device company, said the email investigation was simply an attempt by the GOP to divert "the attention of the important matters for this country."

Lopez said Clinton would benefit from having former President Bill Clinton at her side, someone he considers "the best president this nation has had for many, many years." Lopez, meanwhile, said he considers Trump to be racist and described him as "a rich guy who tried to step on a lot of toes."

"For me, he's a piece of trash," Lopez said.

Clinton has sought to turn the issue of trust into a test of who will best address the economic and foreign policy issues that Americans care most about. But the poll showed a stark dividing line between Democrats and Republicans. Seventy-one percent of Republicans think Clinton intentionally broke the law, while another 18 percent think she unintentionally broke the law. Among Democrats, 61 percent think Clinton showed poor judgment but did not break the law, while 11 percent think she did nothing wrong at all.

Republicans are also more likely than Democrats to say Clinton's email use is a major problem, 85 percent to 22 percent. But 49 percent of Democrats say it's a minor problem, while just 29 percent don't think it's a problem at all.

The poll suggests perceptions that Clinton is dishonest, already a major issue for her campaign, are growing. Fifty-five percent of Americans say the word "honest" doesn't describe Clinton well at all, up slightly from 50 percent in April and 44 percent in October 2015.

Another 18 percent say she is only slightly honest.

Thompson, of Connecticut, said he supported neurosurgeon Ben Carson's campaign in the Republican primaries but recently placed a Trump bumper sticker on his car.

"I have come around on Trump just because I think he's being more truthful than Hillary," he said. "The truthfulness is everything. We can't have somebody in office who is going to lie to us."

Americans are slightly more likely to say Trump is at least somewhat honest than Clinton, 30 percent to 24 percent.

While the email investigation has drawn more attention in recent weeks, it remains to be seen if it will remain prominent on the minds of voters in the coming months. Just 32 percent of Americans say they're following the email issue very or extremely closely, but that's up from 21 percent in October of 2015.

The AP-GfK Poll of 1,009 adults was conducted online July 7-11, using a sample drawn from GfK's

probability-based KnowledgePanel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points. Respondents were first selected randomly using telephone or mail survey methods and later interviewed online. People selected for KnowledgePanel who didn't have access to the internet were provided access for free.

Senator's speech on race stirs recollections of police stops

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WASHINGTON (AP) — South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, the lone black Republican in the Senate, candidly described being stopped by police, even Capitol Hill cops, because of the color of his skin. It's an experience all too familiar to many of his African-American colleagues in Congress.

A day after Scott's personal recounting on the Senate floor, several lawmakers said Thursday that they have had similar experiences, whether it's being pulled over for no reason while driving in their hometowns or being challenged by police. Their white colleagues, they think, would never be treated the same way.

Scott described being pulled over seven times within a year and also being stopped by a U.S. Capitol Police officer who said he recognized the pin he was wearing that identifies him as a senator — but didn't recognize Scott.

"I have felt the anger, the frustration, the sadness and the humiliation that comes with feeling like you're being targeted for nothing more than just being yourself," Scott said.

Americans have questioned the state of race relations after gun violence directed at police officers as well as shootings by police. Last week, a black Army veteran killed five police officers in Dallas in revenge for police shooting black men in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the Minneapolis suburbs.

As a nation reels, black lawmakers say they hope Scott's speech resonates, leading to a greater understanding about the divide between blue and black.

"I am absolutely convinced that most African-American members of Congress, particularly the men, have encountered some form of a hostile police encounter over the years," said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y.

Jeffries, 45, recalled twice when he was younger being pulled over by police and searched along with African-American friends. No reason was given for the stops. Several other black male lawmakers told similar stories.

South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn, the No. 3 Democrat in the House and a veteran of 1960s civil rights marches, said he was once being driven in South Carolina in his car with congressional tags. A policeman stopped the car and asked the driver, "Where's the congressman?" while staring directly at Clyburn sitting in the back seat.

"He doesn't see a congressman, he sees a black face," Clyburn said.

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., the only other African-American in the Senate, wrote an essay for the Stanford University newspaper after he graduated from that school in the early 1990s about being stopped by police, guns pointed at him, for "fitting the description" of a car thief.

"In the jewelry store, they lock the case when I walk in," Booker wrote. "In the shoe store, they help the white man who walks in after me."

Booker said he read the article, written when he was 23, at the Senate Democratic caucus meeting Tuesday.

Of Scott's speech, Booker said it was powerful and "frankly showed a lot of courage for him to tell the truth."

Most black lawmakers interviewed by The Associated Press said they were treated well by Capitol

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Police, the force that protects Congress and its people. Some said they were often asked to stop and identify themselves on the Hill, though they weren't sure if it was because of the color of their skin.

"I've had to show my pin on numerous occasions," said Rep. Yvette Clarke, D-N.Y. "It makes you wonder."

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said he'd been "asked to show my ID many times, after I've been here 18 years."

A spokeswoman for the Capitol Police said she had no comment on Scott's speech or the other accounts.

Cummings, 65, says police stops while driving have become less frequent as he's gotten older. But when he was younger, he says he was probably stopped by police once a month.

Rep. Andre Carson, D-Ind., says he was stopped in the Washington suburbs once when an officer questioned why he was wearing a suit. Rep. Cedric Richmond, D-La., said he has been stopped "all the time" over the years in his Louisiana district.

In an effort to try and address recent police shootings, the House Judiciary Committee this week established a bipartisan working group to address police accountability, aggression toward law enforcement and public safety concerns related to those issues. Jeffries and Richmond are both on the panel.

On Thursday, Scott delivered another speech to offer some solutions to the problems. He suggested more body cameras, better tracking of police shootings and better police training, among other ideas. He said he represents hope and progress — a U.S. senator whose grandfather picked cotton in the Deep South.

"It's a dark hour in race relations for America," Scott said. "But I bring you hope, real hope."

Sentencing for Va. man caught in sting trying to join ISIS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A northern Virginia man caught in a government sting trying to join the Islamic State could be sentenced to from five to 20 years in prison.

Sentencing for 29-year-old Joseph Farrokh of Woodbridge is scheduled for Friday in federal court in Alexandria. He is one of about a half-dozen men from the region arrested this year on terror-related charges arising from government sting operations.

In Farrokh's case, he pleaded guilty to trying to travel to the Islamic State to join fighters there. He was arrested in January at the Richmond airport.

Farrokh has since denounced the Islamic State, and court papers spell out in detail how the Pennsylvania native quickly became radicalized.

Prosecutors are seeking at least 16 years in prison; the defense is asking for a five-year term.

New JFK Jr. documentary looks back at 'America's prince'

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BOSTON (AP) — "America's prince" is getting a new documentary.

"I Am JFK Jr. — A Tribute to a Good Man," which hits select theaters on July 22, captures the fascination with John F. Kennedy Jr., from his early days toddling around the White House to his death in a plane crash in 1999.

Network Entertainment's Derik Murray made the film in the mold of his other "I Am" movies, including "I Am Bruce Lee," "I Am Chris Farley" and "I Am Evel Knievel." It also airs on Spike TV at 9 p.m. EDT on Aug. 1, and a DVD release is set for Aug. 16.

The film captures JFK Jr. as "John John," the tousle-haired toddler of the late President John F. Ken-

nedey and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, saluting his father's casket after the 1963 assassination.

Highlights include his time as an assistant district attorney in New York City, his 1988 People magazine "Sexiest Man Alive" cover, and his 1995 debut as publisher of the splashy but short-lived magazine George.

Interspersed are snippets of interviews with celebrities and politicians who knew him well. They include supermodel Cindy Crawford, who famously posed as a midriff-baring George Washington — complete with powdered wig — for the inaugural issue of George; actor Robert De Niro; boxer Mike Tyson; journalist Christiane Amanpour; Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt; former Brown University roommate Chris Oberbeck; Grateful Dead songwriter John Perry Barlow; and others.

Not surprisingly, the film focuses on JFK Jr.'s death at age 38 on July 16, 1999, when the single-engine private plane he was piloting from New Jersey to Martha's Vineyard en route to a family wedding on Cape Cod crashed into the Atlantic. Killed with Kennedy were his wife, Carolyn Bessette, and her sister, Lauren Bessette.

Friends, acquaintances and pundits reflect on a life cut short and speculate what he might have become.

President, for instance?

A clip of an interview that JFK Jr. gave to Oprah Winfrey is telling. She insists he surely must have thought about running for office, and he responds, somewhat coyly, "There is this great weight of expectation and anticipation."

But maybe not.

"John was smart enough to know, 'I'm junior. I'm not my father,'" another presidential son, Michael Reagan, says in the film.

"I believe that he had greatness in him," CNN journalist Chris Cuomo tells the producers. "And I don't give a damn if that meant anything about politics."

Serial killer shooter leaves trail of grief, fear in Phoenix

TERRY TANG, Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — In a blue-collar Phoenix neighborhood known for gang and drug violence, Margarito Castro's 19-year-old son Manny was learning to be a welder just like his father. Father and son carpooled together to work until June 10, when Manny was shot dead as he sat in his car in front of his girlfriend's house by a suspect identified this week as the city's first serial killer in a decade.

Now Margarito Castro goes to visit Manuel "Manny" Castro Garcia's grave daily, mystified why someone targeted his son and six other people since March. Police say all were killed by a thin, lanky man with a handgun who is probably in his 20s and that there is no known motive.

He is possibly Hispanic, like many of the 208,000 people living in the Maryvale neighborhood where all but one of the killings happened after dark and just before dawn.

Shootings often ring out at night in Maryvale, a neighborhood of strip malls and auto parts stores where most of the stucco single-story homes feature bars on windows and chain-link fences protecting yards.

People who don't live in the neighborhood frequently avoid driving through it at night, but Margarito Castro said his son never got involved with crime or gangs. And a police detective who went through the young man's belongings and pored over his social media accounts told Castro he couldn't figure out why someone would want to kill his son.

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"He was a good boy," Castro said from under the shade of a tree in the cemetery, where he tries to stay half an hour on every visit despite temperatures hitting 110 degrees.

The six killings in Maryvale — and one in another working class neighborhood about 10 miles away — come after six people were killed and 19 wounded in 2005-2006 series of seemingly random shootings that terrorized Phoenix.

But those happened all around the sprawling city of 1.5 million spanning more than 500 square miles. Airport janitor Dale Hausner and his roommate Sam Dietman, a petty criminal, were given life sentences. Hausner committed suicide in prison by overdosing three years ago.

All of the latest victims were Hispanic or black, and one was a 12-year-old girl. The men and women were shot outside homes as they stood or sat in cars by a suspect or suspects firing a handgun from inside a car described as both light and dark or while on foot near the victims and then fleeing in the car, police said.

"We're talking about people outside of residential areas or outside of a home in the street, next to the street, with a description of a suspect that drives up, gets out, almost without any prior contact just starts shooting and then flees in that vehicle," Phoenix police Sgt. Jonathan Howard said.

He added: "Everybody has reported one person. Some of our witnesses have reported that they believe there were additional people or another person in the car, and certainly we're keeping an open mind."

A 16-year-old boy and a 21-year-old man were also shot but survived. One of them gave enough information for police to create a composite sketch of the suspect with short-cropped dark hair. Police have few other leads about the suspect and the vehicle and are appealing to the public for tips.

So far, officers have not identified a motive, unsettling Maryvale residents who say gunfire at night is relatively routine but call the latest killings scarier because they're not attributed to the neighborhood's longstanding problems with drug violence and gang members settling scores.

At the community YMCA, employees now take extra care to make sure that children are picked up by parents or relatives they know and the employees themselves leave the building as a group instead of heading outside on their own, YMCA worker Jenny Mendez said.

Those precautions were supposed to be routine before the killings were labeled the work of a serial killer, "but now we make sure we do it," Mendez said.

Retired casino cook John Tang now does all of his grocery shopping during the day because he's worried he could be shot if he walks outside after dark.

"I don't shop at nighttime," Tang said. "I don't want to be another victim."

At Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, Castro held back tears and said he wants justice for the killing of his son.

"Nothing is going to bring him back," Castro said. "Everything is with God. He's the one that's going to make this person or persons pay for this."

Analysis: Venezuelan military had big role in economic woes

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LA GUAIRA, Venezuela (AP) — President Nicolas Maduro's announcement this week that the military will lead the battle against widespread food shortages overlooks one key fact: The armed forces have played a big role in Venezuela's economic mess.

Since Maduro took office in 2013, he has named a number of active and retired generals to run the

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economy. All five of his food ministers who manage one of the government's largest budgets have come from the armed forces. And they in turn have placed dozens of their military cohorts to lead everything from a state-run chain of supermarkets to an agency overseeing food imports.

None of those moves, however, can match the scope of Maduro's promotion this week of Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino to head what is called the Great Mission of Sovereign Supply.

The goal is to boost production and guarantee the smooth distribution of food in the face of what Maduro sees as economic sabotage by his opponents. As part of the overhaul, all ministries will take orders from Padrino, and the nation's ports will fall under the "total control" of the military.

That has led some to compare the move to a discreet power grab by the armed forces, the historical arbiter of Venezuela's political disputes.

Venezuelans caught their first glimpse of the initiative in images broadcast Wednesday on state TV showing uniformed officers inspecting chicken plants and studying delivery orders for a large shipment of vegetable oil.

"We're going to defeat this economic war because there's political will, from the people's power and the armed forces," said Gen. Pedro Alvarez while carrying out the inspection near the capital.

But despite the media blitz, little has changed for most Venezuelans.

In several Caracas neighborhoods, the day began as it always does, with blocks-long lines of shoppers waiting for hours for the arrival of delivery trucks and the chance to buy whatever is unloaded before it hits barren shelves.

At the entrance to the port of La Guaira, where most of the food that Venezuelans consume enters the country, there were no signs of an impending military buildup, just a few relaxed, unarmed civilian police. More worrisome: Not a single docked ship could be seen.

The doubling-down on the armed forces would appear to make political sense for Maduro, who lacks the military background of his predecessor and mentor, the late Hugo Chavez. With Maduro's popularity low amid daily food riots and an opposition push to recall him from office, it's vital for him to have the loyalty of the armed forces, which put down a wave of anti-government protests in 2014.

But leaning on the military is unlikely to yield the economic miracle Venezuela desperately needs — at least judging by its record so far.

A press tour in March of a military-run farm near the central city of Maracay showed soldiers readying empty chicken pens and tending a small plot of tomatoes. But it was nothing close to the scale of what Venezuela needs to revive farming and food output, which has withered under more than a decade of price controls that have choked private producers.

With government spending outstripping revenue, inflation has reached triple digits and the bolivar has collapsed against the dollar and other foreign currencies.

As supply chains broke down in recent years, foreign imports surged. But now, those are crashing too.

The collapse in the price for Venezuela's oil has forced austerity measures, leading officials to tightly restrict access to the foreign currency needed by businesses — and many state enterprises — to import raw materials. That has led to a fall in domestic production.

The government plays down those factors, saying that smuggling and speculation in heavily subsidized, price-controlled essential goods is the main reason for the shortages.

On Monday, Maduro ordered the takeover of a plant belonging to the Kimberly-Clark Corp. The U.S. paper products manufacturer closed its operations in the country, saying it was impossible to do business.

In addition to the military's inexperience in economic matters, there are also concerns that it is profiting from the mounting problems.

Security forces frequently appear on state TV seizing warehouses of smuggled goods. When the cameras are off, however, troops have been seen taking goods for themselves or demanding bribes at military checkpoints that have proliferated across the country in the past year.

One of Maduro's former food ministers is wanted on charges of profiting from overseas purchases. Two others, including current head Gen. Rodolfo Marco Torres, are being investigated by the opposition-controlled National Assembly for allegedly inflating contracts and embezzlement. In April, lawmakers demanded Torres' removal for failing to appear before the legislature.

The greater empowerment of military leaders always casts a shadow in a continent scarred by repeated coups, but few experts expect an outright military takeover, which would draw international sanctions.

Some believe that Padrino could be a pragmatic figure who will work behind the scenes to weaken the socialist party's resistance to a recall referendum that, if held this year, could oust Maduro and bring new elections.

When the opposition won control of the legislature in a landslide in December, Padrino — surrounded by the military command — appeared on TV to congratulate Venezuelans for peacefully fulfilling their civic duty. For some opponents, that was a cryptic sign that he isn't wedded unconditionally to Maduro's socialist project.

Some fear the military's enhanced role will only stain the institution.

"They've given the military total power to fix a problem they helped create and for which there's no solution," said Fernando Antich, a retired general and former defense minister in the pre-Chavez era. "The only result is they'll now share responsibility for the failure."

Trump postpones VP announcement, citing France attacks

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump abruptly postponed plans to announce his vice presidential pick following a day of rampant speculation, citing the "horrible attack" in Nice, France, that left scores dead.

Trump had planned to hold his first event with his yet-to-be-named running mate Friday morning in New York. He announced the change of plans Thursday evening on Twitter.

The stunning announcement raised questions about the status of Trump's selection process. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence had emerged as a late favorite for the job, though Trump said he had not finalized the pick and advisers cautioned he could change his mind.

"I haven't made my final, final decision," Trump said on Fox News Channel. He said that while his running mate selection would "absolutely not" be changed by the France attack, he did not feel it was appropriate to hold a news conference in its aftermath.

Dozens of people were killed late Thursday in the French resort city of Nice when a truck drove onto a sidewalk and plowed through a crowd of Bastille Day revelers who'd gathered to watch fireworks. Trump told Fox News after the attack that if he's elected president he would ask Congress for a declaration of war on the Islamic State group.

Democrat Hillary Clinton, also appearing on Fox, said the U.S. needs to "stand strongly" with France and said she would intensify efforts to put together a more effective coalition against terrorism.

In addition to Pence, Trump's vice presidential shortlist included former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, according to people familiar with the candidate's thinking.

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After spending much of Thursday in Indianapolis, Pence flew to New York late in the day, according to a Republican familiar with the process. Indianapolis television station WTHR posted a video showing Pence arriving at a private airport outside New York early Thursday evening.

Trump did not say when he planned to announce his running mate. He's up against a clock: The Republican convention kicks off in Cleveland Monday.

Top party officials are already in Cleveland, grappling with a rules fight that could increase the odds of nationally televised clashes at the convention. Late Thursday, a committee at the Republican National Convention defeated an effort by conservatives who want to let delegates vote for any presidential candidate they'd like. Conservatives hoped that would lead to delegates blocking Trump's nomination.

The convention and vice presidential announcement give Trump back-to-back opportunities to reassure Americans — as well as leaders within his own party — that he's prepared for the presidency.

Pence, a staunch conservative who served six terms in Congress, is seen as a running mate who would have the backing of GOP leaders and ease some of their concerns about Trump's political inexperience and volatile temperament.

He has influential allies in Trump's inner circle. But some of Trump's children, who have been closely advising their father, are said to favor different candidates.

Campaign chair Paul Manafort was among those urging caution in assuming any decision Thursday, saying on Twitter that Trump's choice "will be made in the near future."

As the day began, it appeared the decision would come quickly. Gingrich, the fiery Republican who helped define the political battles of the 1990s, told The Associated Press that Trump was supposed to let him know something in the afternoon. But by early evening, Gingrich told the AP he had heard nothing from Trump or others in the campaign.

Other Republicans with knowledge of the process said there had been no calls to Christie, either.

The top contenders have been vetted by a top Washington lawyer and all have spent time with Trump in recent days. But the final decision rests with the candidate, who is known for making decisions more on instinct than other factors — and for sometimes changing his mind.

Trump was in California Thursday for several fundraisers. His schedule put him at a distance from many of his closest advisers, including Manafort and his three oldest children.

Pence is running for re-election, but Indiana law prevents him from seeking two offices at once. He faces a Friday deadline to withdraw from the governor's race.

The paperwork has been drawn up for him to take that step, according to a Republican, who insisted on anonymity because that person was not authorized to publicly discuss the plans. However, those documents have not been filed.

Christie, in New Jersey, said in an interview with MSNBC, "No matter what phone call (Trump) makes to me today, I will take a deep breath and prepare for tomorrow." That interview came hours before David Samson, whom Christie appointed to chair the powerful Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, pleaded guilty to scheming to get United Airlines to run direct flights between New Jersey and South Carolina, where he has a vacation home.

Gingrich calmly answered questions about the selection process on Facebook Live, saying he had told Trump the choice was between having "two pirates on the ticket or a pirate and a relatively stable, more normal person."

Beyond their political backgrounds, the finalists bring different strengths to the ticket.

Pence, 57, has deep ties to evangelical Christians and other conservatives, particularly after signing a law last year that critics said would have allowed businesses to deny service to gay people for religious reasons. But the move alienated some moderates in the party.

Trump took notice of Pence during the Indiana primary, noting that the governor had high praise for him despite endorsing one of his rivals.

Gingrich, 73, is something of a rabble-rouser who has spent decades in Washington. He has been a steadfast Trump defender for months and has become a trusted adviser to the businessman.

So, too, has Christie. The New Jersey governor, 53, quickly endorsed Trump after ending his own presidential bid, stunning many of his supporters. He has proven himself an effective "attack dog" on the trail and has taken on the important role of heading Trump's transition planning.

Boa constrictor pulled from beneath SUV in Pennsylvania

KINGSTON, Pa. (AP) — Two men have pulled an 8-foot-long boa constrictor from beneath a vehicle parked outside of a northeastern Pennsylvania medical building.

The Citizens' Voice in Wilkes-Barre reports (<http://bit.ly/2a1TXt4>) the men pried the snake from a Mercury Mountaineer's undercarriage Thursday afternoon after one saw it wriggle underneath.

Owner Katie Hauer, who'd been inside the Geisinger Kingston medical center in Kingston borough, says "They told me I better not get in my car."

One of the men, herpetologist Cameron English, identified the snake as a Red Tailed Boa Constrictor. It was placed in a plastic container.

No one was injured and it wasn't immediately known who owns the snake.

Asian shares surge on solid China data, optimism on earnings

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TOKYO (AP) — Asian shares were higher Friday after China reported steady economic growth in the second quarter of the year. Stocks also tracked a bullish session overnight on Wall Street, as strong earnings reports pushed the Dow Jones industrial average and S&P to fresh record highs.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 stock index gained 1.2 percent to 16,575.63 as the yen weakened against the dollar. The Hang Seng index in Hong Kong climbed 0.7 percent to 21,709.69 and South Korea's Kospi index added 0.5 percent to 2,019.62. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was up 0.6 percent at 5,444.20. The Shanghai Composite index edged up 0.1 percent to 3,056.40. Shares in Southeast Asia also rose.

CHINA DATA: China reported its economy expanded at a steady 6.7 percent pace in April-June, as recovering spending on construction by state-owned companies helped compensate for weak private sector demand.

ANALYST'S VIEW: "While China is almost certainly expanding at a slower rate than its GDP data suggest, rapid state sector investment does appear to have kept growth broadly stable last quarter," Mark Williams and Daniel Martin of Capital Economics said in a commentary. "In other words, while policy easing over the past year has so far failed to drive a rebound, today's figures suggest that it has at least put a floor underneath growth."

EARNINGS BOOST WALL STREET: JPMorgan Chase released results Thursday that were better than analysts expected, spurring gains in most industries. "Optimism is starting to creep into the market," said Brad Sorensen, director of the Schwab Center for Financial Research. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 0.7 percent to 18,506.41, the S&P 500 gained 0.5 percent to 2,163.75 and the Nasdaq composite advanced 0.6 percent to 5,034.06. The Dow and S&P 500 remain at record highs, though the Nasdaq is barely positive for the year.

LINE IPO: Japanese messaging app Line surged 27 percent on Thursday, its first day of trading in New

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York, a gain of \$8.74 to \$41.58. The company's shares shot up 42 percent by midday Friday in its first day of trading on the Tokyo exchange. Line has more users than Facebook or Twitter in Japan.

CURRENCIES: The British pound rose to \$1.3445 from \$1.3345 a day earlier. The euro rose to \$1.1131 from \$1.1110 and the dollar rose to 106.20 yen from 105.26 yen.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude slipped 14 cents to \$45.53 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It gained 93 cents to \$45.68 a barrel on Thursday. Brent crude, a standard for international oil prices, fell 18 cents to \$47.19 a barrel. It rose \$1.11 to close at \$47.37 a barrel in London.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, July 15, the 197th day of 2016. There are 169 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 15, 1976, a 36-hour kidnap ordeal began for 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver as they were abducted near Chowchilla, California, by three gunmen and imprisoned in an underground cell. (The captives escaped unharmed; the kidnappers were caught.)

On this date:

In 1799, French soldiers in Egypt discovered the Rosetta Stone, which proved instrumental in deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.

In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confederation as the fifth Canadian province.

In 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., was founded in Seattle.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover announced he was slashing his own salary by 20 percent, from \$75,000 to \$60,000 a year; he also cut Cabinet members' salaries by 15 percent, from \$15,000 to \$12,750 a year.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman was nominated for another term of office by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

In 1954, a prototype of the Boeing 707, the model 367-80, made its maiden flight from Renton Field south of Seattle.

In 1964, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon delivered a televised address in which he announced that he had accepted an invitation to visit the People's Republic of China.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter delivered his "malaise" speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America.

In 1985, a visibly gaunt Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress Doris Day (it was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS).

In 1992, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in New York.

In 1996, MSNBC, a 24-hour all-news network, made its debut on cable and the Internet.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council condemned North Korea's missile tests and imposed limited sanctions; a defiant North said it would launch more missiles. In a chilly prelude to a Group of Eight

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summit in St. Petersburg, President George W. Bush blocked Russia's entry into the World Trade Organization. Gunmen in Baghdad kidnapped the chairman of Iraq's Olympic committee, Ahmed al-Hijiyah, and at least 30 others. (While some abductees were later released, al-Hijiyah's and the others' whereabouts remain a mystery.) The space shuttle Discovery undocked from the international space station.

Five years ago: Rupert Murdoch accepted the resignation of The Wall Street Journal's publisher, Les Hinton, and the chief of his British operations, Rebekah Brooks, as the once-defiant media mogul struggled to control an escalating phone hacking scandal. Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony announced they were breaking up after seven years of marriage. The Atlanta Braves earned their 10,000th win in franchise history with an 11-1 rout of the Washington Nationals.

One year ago: Vigorously challenging his critics, President Barack Obama launched an aggressive and detailed defense of a landmark Iranian nuclear accord during a White House press conference, rejecting the idea that the agreement left Tehran on the brink of a bomb and arguing the only alternative to the diplomatic deal was war.

Today's Birthdays: Author Clive Cussler is 85. Actor Ken Kercheval is 81. Actor Patrick Wayne is 77. Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Millie Jackson is 72. Rock singer-musician Peter Lewis (Moby Grape) is 71. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 70. Rock musician Artimus Pyle is 68. Arianna Huffington, co-founder of The Huffington Post news website, is 66. Actress Celia Imrie is 64. Actor Terry O'Quinn is 64. Rock singer-musician David Pack is 64. Rock musician Marky Ramone is 60. Rock musician Joe Satriani is 60. Country singer-songwriter Mac McAnally is 59. Model Kim Alexis is 56. Actor Willie Aames is 56. Actor-director Forest Whitaker is 55. Actress Lolita Davidovich is 55. Actress Shari Headley is 53. Actress Brigitte Nielsen is 53. Rock musician Jason Bonham is 50. Actress Amanda Foreman is 50. Actor Kristoff St. John is 50. Rock musician Phillip Fisher is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stokley (Mint Condition) is 49. Actor-comedian Eddie Griffin is 48. Actor Stan Kirsch is 48. Actor Reggie Hayes is 47. Actor-screenwriter Jim Rash is 45. Rock musician John Dolmayan is 44. Actor Scott Foley is 44. Actor Brian Austin Green is 43. Rapper Jim Jones is 40. Actress Diane Kruger is 40. Actress Lana Parrilla (LAH'-nuh pa-REE'-uh) is 39. Rock musician Ray Toro (My Chemical Romance) is 39. Actress Laura Benanti is 37. Actor Travis Fimmel is 37. Actor Taylor Kinney is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kia Thornton (Divine) is 35. Actor-singer Tristan "Mack" Wilds is 27.

Thought for Today: "If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it." — Margaret Fuller, American journalist and social critic (1810-1850).