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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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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 gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.
Anniv: Josh & Merrie Atherton • Joey & Shonna Harry
Birthdays: Kaitlin O'Neil • Irene Belden • Kevin Pray
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
6:00pm: U12 Softball at Sisseton (DH)
6:00pm: U8 Softball at Sisseton
7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center
7:00pm: U10 Softball at Sisseton

Tuesday, July 19

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, tomato spoon salad, pears, cornmeal muffin.
Birthdays: Carol Strom • Arlis Doeden • Alexis

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Physical Activity Campaign Encourages South Dakotans to Walk

PIERRE, S.D. – The Nutrition and Physical Activity Program in the Department of Health launched a campaign to get all South Dakotans to walk more this summer.

In conjunction with the Surgeon General's recent Call to Walk, the campaign emphasizes walking as the single most recommended form of exercise. It's one of the easiest, least expensive and most customizable types of physical activity, according to Kiley Hump, chronic disease prevention and health promotion administrator for the Department of Health.

"Regular physical activity reduces the risk of numerous chronic diseases, including heart disease, stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure, certain cancers, depression and even falls. Walking for just 15 or 20 minutes per day is one of the most accessible ways to stay active, reduce health risks and improve quality of life," said Hump. "Walk with friends, family, coworkers and pets in your neighborhood, community and at work."

The campaign includes monthly Facebook photo contests from June to September. Post a photo and use the hashtag #WalkToWinSD to enter. Winners will receive physical activity trackers or walking shoes.

"Slightly more than half of South Dakota adults meet the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans for aerobic activity," said Hump. "The goal of this campaign is to encourage South Dakotans to add a little more physical activity to their daily routines."

Data from the department's behavioral risk factor survey shows walking is the most reported physical activity for 39 percent of South Dakotans and the second most-reported activity for another 10 percent.

Visit www.facebook.com/HealthySDTrails to learn more about the initiative and participate in the monthly #WalkToWinSD photo contests.

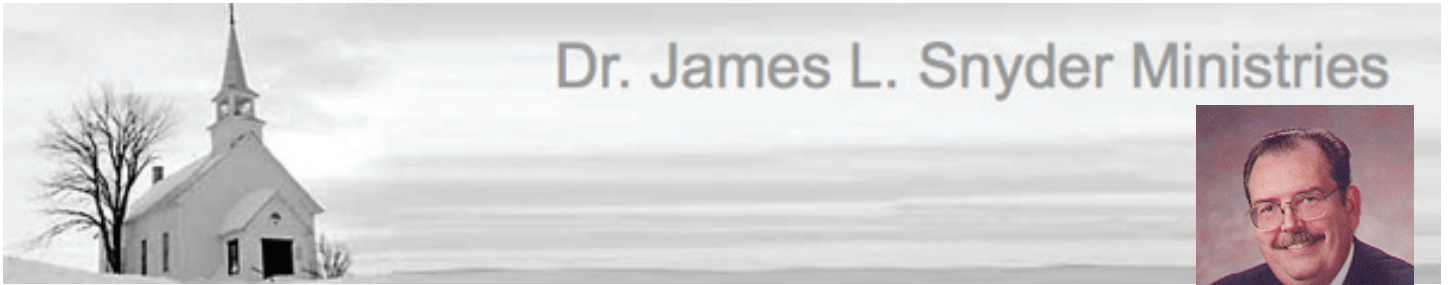
Preventing and reducing the burden of chronic disease through increased physical activity is one objective of the Department of Health's 2015-2020 strategic plan, <http://doh.sd.gov/strategicplan>.



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How Many Mondays Are There in One Week?

I must admit I am not up to date with all of the technology and gadgets today. Just when I think I have something mastered, they upgrade it or replace it with something that I cannot figure out. I guess that is why God gave grandfathers grandchildren.

It started on a Monday morning and I thought I would use the latest technology and order something online from Staples and then go over and pick it up. I would save a lot of time and it would look like I knew what I was doing. I love it when a plan comes together.

I must say it was very easy to give them my money online, just a little too easy for my comfort.

Then I went to Staples to pick up my order. When I got there, unfortunately, I had ordered the wrong product. I wanted black ink and I ordered, by mistake, colored ink. I had plenty of colored ink but I was completely out of black ink.

When I found out that I had made this error, I was beside myself. Believe me, standing beside me is no picnic.

I went to the customer window and explained to them my problem, which they were most gracious to help me with and cancel the order and refund my money. Being elated I then went and picked up the black ink that I wanted for my printer.

I do love it when a plan comes together.

I remember my grandmother saying, "As your Monday starts, so shall your week end." Driving back to my office, I chuckled to myself thinking that maybe good old grandmother was wrong on this one.

Getting to my office, I began to put the ink cartridge in my printer only to find out that, although I had black ink, I had the wrong ink cartridge! When will Monday end!

I started out the day trying to save time and trips, now I had to go back to the store and exchange the wrong cartridge for the right one. I am not sure, but I think I heard some snickering behind the customer window, but I refused to look in their direction. They can keep their snickers to themselves.

Driving back from the store I thought again of my dear old grandmother. Perhaps, looking at my experience today, she was absolutely right.

When I got back to the office, I remembered I had an appointment to take my truck in for a check up and new tires. So, back into town I went thinking about dear old grandmother.

The end result of the truck inspection was to cost me an arm and a leg. How do they expect me to drive my truck without an arm or a leg?

I was so happy when Monday was over thinking that the worst of my week concluded.

The next day I had a doctor's visit. It was one of those annual visits that you have to take so that the doctor can feel good about his doctoring. As much as he examines me, he can never find anything wrong with me. I am sure glad he is not a psychiatrist.

As he was looking at his chart, he looked up at me and said, "You haven't had a blood test in over a year." With one of those Dr. Smiles he said, "I'll have my nurse set up an appointment for you."

Of course, it would have to be the next day because of what they call their "fasting rules." I asked the nurse if that included coffee. Of course, it did and then I said, "Are you sure you want to see me before I have my morning coffee?"

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I came in the next morning feeling a little nervous because, one, I didn't have my morning coffee, and two, Ms. Dracula was going to poke me with a needle the size of the Empire State building and suck all the blood out of my body. Talk about being a nervous wreck!

Stumbling out of the doctor's office, I headed for my truck and drove directly to McDonald's to get my morning coffee.

I settled down in my office and began to think that this week is over as far as the problems are concerned. As I drove home for lunch, I noticed the new wheels on the truck shivered and so I had to take it back and have them check it.

Every once in a while, I have a week where every day is Monday and this week seems to be one of those weeks. My grandmother certainly was right. As your week begins, so shall it end. My prayer was that it would end very quickly.

I would like to see a week that has no Monday in it at all, but that is not going to happen.

My grandmother was trying to explain to me that there are no perfect days. Some days may be better than other days, but there are really no perfect days for us. Just when you think you got everything organized, something happens that puts everything in a disheveled mess.

Solomon spoke of a perfect day. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18).

Everybody has their definition of a perfect day, but I choose to rest in God's definition of a perfect day.

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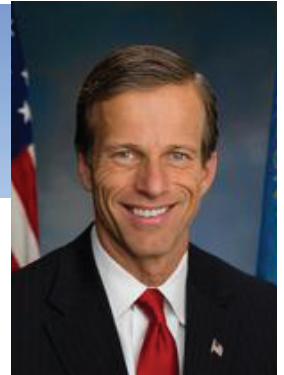
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John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Let Me Know What You Think

Each week the Senate is in session, I travel back and forth from my home in Sioux Falls to Washington, D.C., for hearings, votes, and other meetings. While I love representing South Dakotans in Washington, it's no secret that I'm happiest when I'm home in South Dakota, hearing directly from you. So, as I head back to spend several weeks traveling the state and connecting with you, I wanted to share some of the big things we've accomplished in the Senate over the last 18 months and look forward to hearing what you think.

Our top priority has been to focus on policies that boost America's economic security and strengthen our national security. We passed the first significant education reform bill since 2002, the first major trade promotion authority bill since 2002, the first significant reforms to Social Security since 1983, and the first major environmental law reauthorization since the 1990s. We worked hard to pass legislation that prevents states from imposing unworkable mandates on the food supply and protected the homeland by passing the National Defense Authorization Act, key cybersecurity reforms, and sanctions against the North Korean regime.

I knew serving as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee would give South Dakota's interests the national attention they deserve, and the results speak for themselves.

Congress passed and the president signed my bipartisan bill that makes landmark reforms to the Surface Transportation Board, the federal agency that oversees our nation's rail system. These reforms will make the agency more accountable to the people who depend on rail transportation, like our agriculture producers. The president also signed the first multi-year highway bill since 2005 – the longest since 1998. And all Americans will benefit from the aviation security reforms I authored as well as the consumer protection provisions included in the bipartisan aviation bill that I helped get to the president's desk. All of that is good news for states like South Dakota where a safe, reliable, and effective transportation system is critical.

While a lot was accomplished, there's a lot more we tried to do. Unfortunately, Senate Democrats and President Obama have made it difficult to approve must-pass bills like the Department of Defense appropriations bill, which would fund our troops, and the Military Construction/Veterans Affairs appropriations bill, which would fund key infrastructure programs and support our veterans. Despite bipartisan attempts to reach an agreement, Democrats opposed a \$1.1 billion funding bill that would have helped tackle the nationwide Zika threat. I'm most disappointed, though, that amid all of the threats we face from terrorist groups like ISIS, President Obama has yet to lay out a concrete and comprehensive plan to defeat the group and its radical ideology. These are important issues, and they deserve to rise above politics.

If our paths cross this summer, please stop and say hello. I can't do my job without knowing what's important to you, and your feedback on what I'm working on in the Senate is invaluable. If we don't catch up in person, you can always call my office, write me a letter, or send me an email. Either way, I look forward to hearing from you this summer.

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Another AAA and Budget Surplus

Throughout my time serving as governor, good stewardship of taxpayer dollars has been my goal. Two pieces of recent news can encourage South Dakotans that their state government is handling their money responsibly.

On July 11, Moody's announced that it was giving South Dakota a AAA public issuer rating. In their announcement, Moody's attributed the rating to South Dakota's "high levels of reserves, low fixed costs, stable revenues and an economy that has historically been more stable than the rest of the nation." The rating is South Dakota's third AAA rating. Fitch awarded their highest rating to South Dakota last month, following Standard & Poors' similar ranking of our state last year.

The good news from Moody's was followed by the announcement of South Dakota's fifth consecutive budget surplus. We closed the books on our budget year that ended June 30, 2016, and announced a \$14.1 million surplus which will be transferred to our budget reserve fund.

Attaining a surplus this year certainly wasn't inevitable. Just a few months ago revenue was trending below projections adopted in March. With the slowing of the agriculture sector, the state's revenues were weaker in April and May. April revenue was lower than was received in April of 2015. May 2016 was better than May 2015, but still weaker than projected. Fortunately, June's revenue came in higher than projected, leaving the state with \$3.6 million more revenue than projected for the full fiscal year.

In large part our surplus is result of the fiscal restraint demonstrated by state agencies. Every agency reverted funds this year. Instead of spending every dollar appropriated to them, state agencies left nearly \$10.5 million unspent, which also contributed to our surplus.

When I took office in 2011, balancing the budget was my number one priority. It's not a flashy endeavor. Nor is it an easy task. I would not choose to relive the 2011 session when we had to make cuts, and saying no to funding requests isn't pleasant. Still, managing the budget is among the most important tasks of any elected official.

As Calvin Coolidge once said, "There is no dignity quite so impressive, and no one independence quite so important, as living within your means." Judging by Coolidge's actions as president, I'd say he meant this applies to government as well as individuals. South Dakotans do their best to live within their means, and their government should do likewise.

In a time when many other states are adopting rosy projections and employing budget gimmicks to justify overspending, South Dakota is acting responsibly. We don't spend money we don't have, we keep our budget structurally balanced and we seize opportunities to spend in the short-term where it can lead to savings. These practices reflect the responsible values of South Dakota citizens.

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Classified: Careless

Some degree of confidential communications has existed in America since George Washington's time as general in the Revolutionary War. But as the global landscape became increasingly complex and the stakes of a single information leak rose, the system used to protect that information evolved from a gentlemen's agreement to a formal national security classification system.

The modern version we operate under today dates back to World War II when – at the urging of Albert Einstein and other scientists – it became necessary to ensure information related to the atomic bomb remained secure. Just as during World War II, what earns a classification today must remain undisclosed for the continued safety and security of the United States. No exceptions can be made.

In January 2009, just days before assuming the role of Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton set up an unauthorized email server in an unsecured location over which both personal and official emails would be transmitted. Few in the general public knew of the set up before a House investigation into the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, uncovered it in 2015.

In the months since, we have learned that tens of thousands of State Department emails were sent through that server, including more than 100 that contained classified information at the time they were sent. Eight of those email chains included Top Secret information, which under federal rules means the information would cause "exceptionally grave damage to the national security."

Despite the sensitivity of the information, the email server was left physically and virtually unprotected. Getting a Gmail account would have been more secure, according to FBI Director James Comey.

The consequences are real. Comey explained hostile actors may have gained access to the information. In fact, the FBI was able to confirm hostile actors did gain access to the private email accounts of individuals Clinton was in regular contact with.

Despite all this, no indictment of Clinton or her staff was made, a decision the FBI says was because Clinton didn't mean to put our national security at risk with the careless behavior. Regardless of intentions, carelessly mishandling classified information breaks the public's trust and jeopardizes our national security and the safety of our troops and diplomats abroad.

With so many serious questions remaining, I am actively fighting to keep America's classified information – and in turn, the American people – secure.

Following the Democratic National Convention at the end of this month, Clinton is expected to begin receiving classified intelligence briefings. Without the public's overt permission in November, this level of access should not be given to someone who has historically acted carelessly with our national security.

Shortly after Comey's announcement, I joined Homeland Security Chairman Michael McCaul and others in supporting the TRUST Act, which would revoke Clinton's security clearance as well as the security clearances of her colleagues at the State Department who were also careless in their handling of classified information. Additionally, the legislation would express Congress's desire to keep classified information out of Clinton's hands until she earns the legal right to such access.

I have also reached out directly to Comey with questions about the process he used to make a recommendation against indictment as well as the precedent this decision will set. It is imperative we have clarity and accountability on this.

I firmly believe there is a great responsibility that comes with access to classified information. Only those who will treat it with the extreme care it merits should have access. No one should get an exception to that rule.

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Helping South Dakota Families Access Capital

When the recession hit in 2008, it was initiated by the collapse of the housing market. Ironically, many argue the housing collapse was, at least in part, caused by the federal government pushing financial institutions to lend money to those who couldn't afford it. The stagnant economy that followed and the

resulting loss of wealth and capital led to sharp cutbacks in consumer spending. In places like South Dakota, consumer spending drives our economy – and we definitely felt the recession. The loss of consumer spending, coupled with the lack of business investment, led to massive job losses. Americans felt the pressure of the most dramatic employment contraction since the Great Depression. However, like most actions with the federal government, they acted too late and over-corrected.

Since the passage of the Dodd-Frank Act in 2010, financial institutions in America have been overly burdened and consumers have paid the price. Dodd-Frank was 2,300 pages of burdensome regulations that created multiple layers of untouchable, unaccountable bureaucracies. It passed with only three Republican votes between both the U.S. House and Senate. It was the worst example of partisan “reform” since Obamacare.

As a member of the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, one of my top priorities has been to provide regulatory relief to financial institutions so that South Dakota families can have better access to loans and capital – capital that is used to buy a home, start a business, purchase a car and invest in the future of our state.

One flaw in our banking rules today is that, too often, the administration takes a “one-size-fits-all” approach to regulating. In South Dakota, we are home to both large and small financial institutions that serve a host of purposes for our state. All agree that when it comes to banking regulation, one size does not always fit all. This type of approach is particularly harmful to our smaller financial institutions which are so vital to our communities.

I recently introduced legislation that would require federal regulatory agencies to take risk profiles and business models of institutions into account when crafting regulations. The Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk (TAILOR) Act would allow smaller financial institutions to focus their resources on taking care of their customers, rather than spending time and money on regulatory compliance. This will allow them to better meet the needs of families and local businesses, which will in turn lead to a stronger economy and healthier communities across our state.

The TAILOR Act also requires regulators to conduct a review of all the regulations issued by the relevant agencies since the 2010 passage of the Dodd-Frank Act. Approximately 500 new final rules have been issued since Dodd-Frank was enacted, many of which have placed undue burdens on our banks and our economy. If the review finds that the regulations issued since 2010 do not conform to the TAILOR Act, the agency would be required to revise the regulations.

I also recently introduced legislation that would exempt community banks and credit unions from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's revised Regulation C final rule, which amends the 1975 Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA). The intent of HMDA is to determine whether certain financial institutions are properly serving the communities in which they are located. However, the revised rule is harmful to our smaller banks and credit unions. It would require them to collect nearly 50 unique data points on

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loan applications and share that information with the federal government – with a huge cost to comply. Too often today, financial institutions are forced to divert their resources from providing loans and services within their communities in order to comply with onerous regulations. The TAILOR Act and Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act would alleviate compliance hurdles facing many of our community banks and credit unions today. Rather, these bills would allow our financial industry to do what they do best — serve their customers and strengthen our communities. Sound regulation is necessary for a strong economy, but Dodd-Frank goes too far.

Noem's Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Thank you to everyone who welcomed Kelly German from my Watertown office during her recent visit to Groton.

I couldn't do my job without getting the input and perspective of people across South Dakota. Kelly has shared with me the conversations she had while in Groton. I will be using that insight as I work to bring South Dakota commonsense and genuine ideas to the halls of Congress.

If you were not able to meet with Kelly while she was in town, please don't hesitate to contact me by calling my Watertown office at 878-2868, visiting my website at noem.house.gov, or following me on Instagram or Twitter using the handle @RepKristiNoem. I always value your feedback.

Again, thank you for the warm welcome.

Sincerely,

Kristi Noem

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Today in Weather History

July 17, 1985: An F1 tornado touched down, ten miles east of Raymond, in Clark County, destroying two cattle sheds and damaged several buildings. A garage was moved off its foundation. Heavy rains, high winds and hail up to 2.75 inches in diameter produced considerable damage to farm buildings between Raymond and Garden City. Rainfall amounts of three to six inches caused additional crop losses from erosion. In the city of Clark, some basement flooding occurred, and water ran across Highway 212 west of Clark. Some storm total rainfall amounts include; 3.77 inches in Clark; 3.15 in Clear Lake; 2.85 in Redfield; and 2.31 inches in 3 miles NE of Raymond. This thunderstorm began near Kennebec, in Lyman County, where winds gusted to 80 mph, and small hail was observed. A few trees were uprooted, and numerous branches were downed. Several car windows were broke from the winds and small hail. A half inch of rain fell in ten minutes, filling ditches. High winds continued into Spink County were extensive damage to a farm estate east of Redfield occurred. Heavy rains of three to five inches caused road and basement flooding. A damage path from wind and hail continued to Clear Lake, to the south of Gary and into Minnesota to the east of Canby. Winds gusted to 70 mph and hail ranged from one to almost two inches in diameter. In Clear Lake, four businesses were damaged, and power poles were downed. One building had the fiberglass siding and roofing torn off. A second building had a metal roof blown off. Highway 77, south of Clear Lake was impassable due to hail on the ground.








July 17, 1993: Torrential rains of three to seven inches fell in Grant County resulting in the overflow of Lake Farley into the city of Milbank. The dam held, but an emergency dike broke on the evening of the 17th releasing water into residential streets and a trailer court in Milbank. The broken barrier forced the evacuation of at least 200 people. Damage included 120 mobile homes and 26 houses being affected by floodwaters. Also, a man died when his pickup truck hit a wash out on a gravel road south of Milbank and was swept into the floodwaters of a nearby creek.

July 17, 2010: Several supercell thunderstorms moving southeast across the region brought enormous hail up to softball size along with damaging winds to parts of northeast South Dakota. Numerous homes, vehicles, along with thousands of acres of crops were damaged. Hail up to the size of softballs occurred near Westport, in Brown County. Golf ball to baseball size hail fell at the National Weather Service office causing damage to several vehicles. The rear window was broken out of one of the vehicles. A supercell thunderstorm tracking southeast across Clark County produced anywhere from a quarter to baseball size hail along with wind gusts over 70 mph from Crocker to Clark to Naples to Vienna. The large hail and winds caused extensive damage to homes, outbuildings, vehicles, and thousands of acres of crops. Many trees and gardens were also damaged or destroyed by the hail and high winds. The storm entered western Hamlin County. Winds measured at 90 mph in Hayti along with some large hail broke numerous windows out of several homes and vehicles, damaged several roofs, and downed many trees. A concrete silo was also destroyed. The highway shop lost half of its roof along with severe damage to the ceiling of a trucking business in Hayti.

1942: A great flood developed over the Smethport area in Pennsylvania, resulting in an estimated 34.50 inches of rain in just one day, including 30.60 inches in only six hours, setting a world record. The official observing site, Smethport Highway Shed, reported only 13.08 inches for the entire month because the flood consumed the gauge after 6.68" of rain. The total results from the substitution of the official estimated amount for the amount measured.

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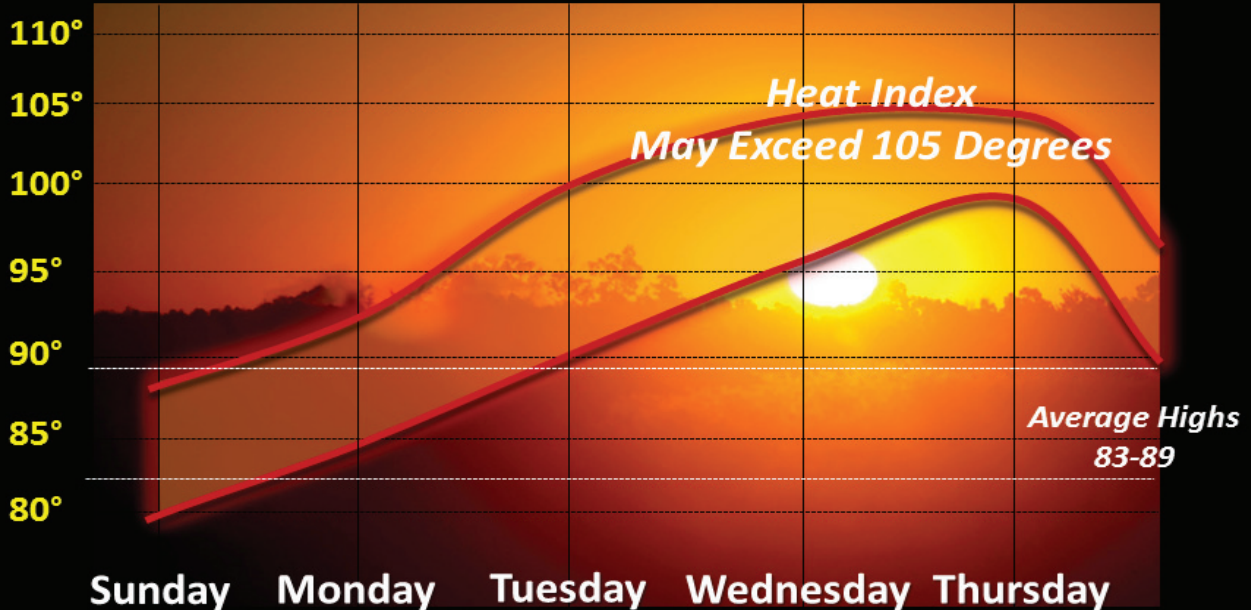
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Hot Hot Hot Regional Temperatures This Week



High Temperature Forecast



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Published on: 07/17/2016 at 5:04AM

Hot air will begin to move into the region on Monday - with peak heat around the middle of the work week. Afternoon heat index values Tuesday through Thursday may top 105 degrees, dangerous to anyone participating in outdoor activities.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 79.7 F at 1:33 PM

Low Outside Temp: 56.0 F at 3:15 AM

High Gust: 31.0 Mph at 3:59 PM

Precip: 0.81

Today's Info

Record High: 111° in 1936

Record Low: 44 in 1895

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 1.78

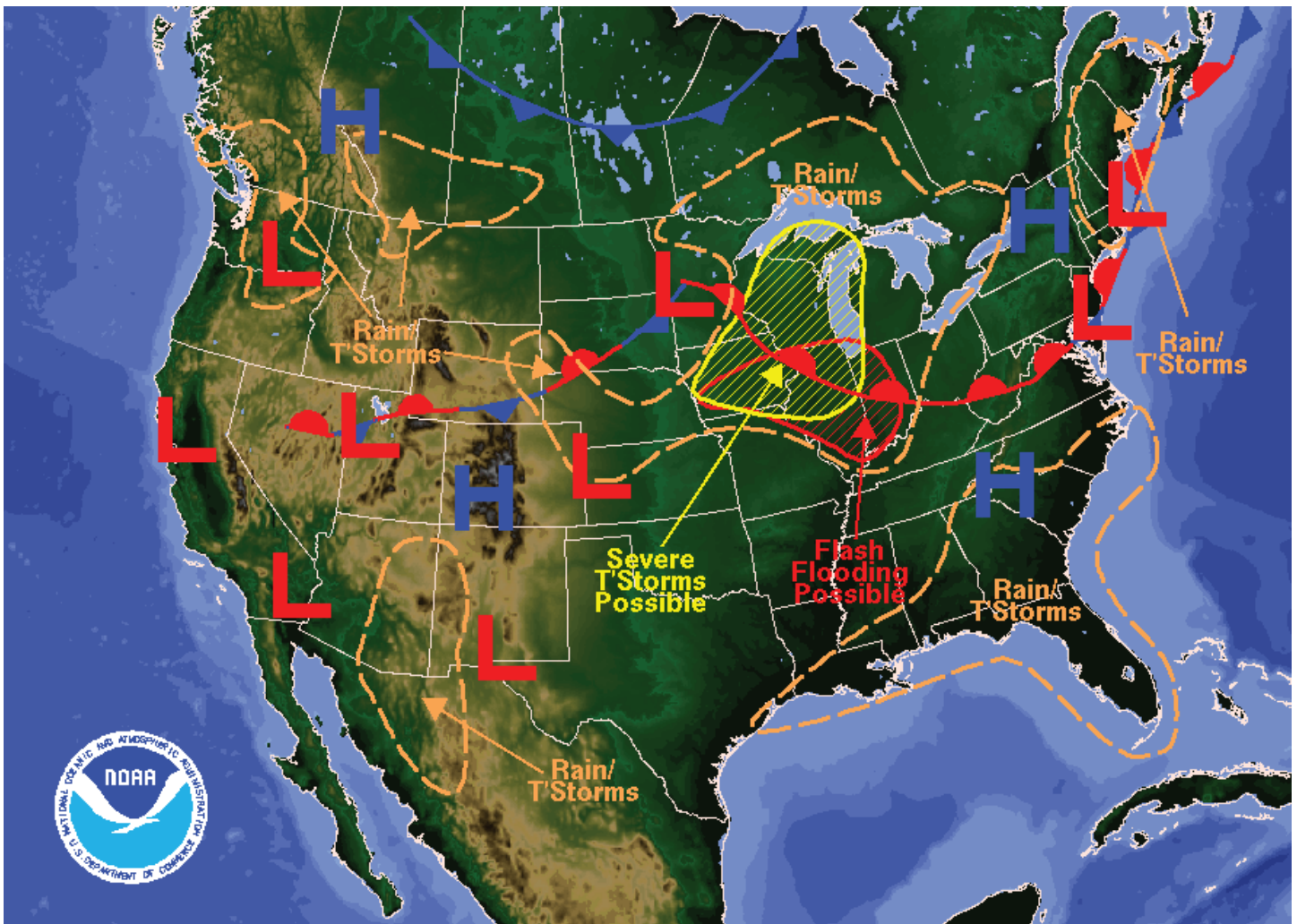
Precip to date in July: 3.55

Average Precip to date: 12.62

Precip Year to Date: 10.21

Sunset Tonight: 9:17 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:03 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jul 17, 2016, issued 4:36 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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NO ONE CAN REPLACE HIM!

Thomas Jefferson was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He was also the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. One of his other roles was as a minister of the United States to France.

When he went to France to serve America, he presented his credentials to the French premier. As he looked at them, the premier said, "I see you've come to replace Benjamin Franklin."

"No sir," came his response. "I've come to succeed him. No one can replace him!"

And that is true of each of us: No one can replace us or is equipped to do the work that God has planned for us to do. What a sobering thought.

Even as our fingerprints are unique and will never be given to another person, so are the tasks and responsibilities that God has set before us. We are an "original" with our own set of credentials.

Our worth is not dependent on what we do but on who we are in Christ. Our worth does not come from what we have been able to achieve or accomplish but from God's mercy and grace. Our worth is revealed in the price God paid for our redemption through the death of Christ on the cross.

God has something unique for each of us to do as "His minister" to His World. No one can replace us!

Prayer: May we accept our responsibility, Lord, to do what You would have us to do, knowing that You have chosen us and prepared us for something special. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. Revelation 2:19

News from the Associated Press

1 person burned, 5 families displaced by apartment fire

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officials say one person suffered burns as the result of a fire in the basement of a Sioux Falls apartment.

Sioux Falls Fire Department Cpt. Garrett Dulaney says the victim suffered burns to the legs during the Saturday morning blaze. The extent of the injuries is not known.

Dulaney says the fire caused extensive damage to the basement and smoke damage to the top floors. It took about 20 minutes to douse the flames. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

The American Red Cross was on scene to help residents, including members of five families who have been displaced.

Police take possession of piano men were pushing down street

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are asking residents if anyone is missing a piano.

Police say they responded to a call early Friday about two men pushing a piano down the street. The area is close to several storage units that have recently been burglarized.

A witness who called police said the men abandoned the Hallet Davis & Co. piano when they saw him and ran away.

The piano has been placed in police custody.

Accident at scenic overlook kills 1, seriously injures 2

KADOKA, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say one person was killed and two others seriously injured when a semitrailer tipped over slid into a parked car at a scenic overlook in western South Dakota.

The accident happened Friday morning off Interstate 94, about 22 miles west of Kadoka. Authorities say the semi tipped over after hitting a curb and slid into a parked Toyota Corolla.

Nobody was in the car, but two women standing in grassy area suffered life-threatening injuries when they were struck by the car. The women were airlifted to a Rapid City hospital. The semi driver was transported to a Philip hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Names of the victims have not been released.

Health Department launching campaign to get people to walk

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Health wants South Dakota residents to walk more over the summer.

The agency said Friday that the Nutrition and Physical Activity Program is launching a campaign to encourage walking.

Kiley Hump is chronic disease prevention and health promotion administrator for the Department of Health. Hump says regular physical activity reduces the risk of chronic diseases including stroke, diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure.

Winners of photo contests will get walking shoes or physical activity trackers. Hump says the campaign's goal is to encourage residents to add some more physical activity to their routines.

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Dry conditions threaten crop yields, boost fire danger

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Dry conditions and drought are threatening crop yields and boosting fire danger in South Dakota. Here's a look at the dry conditions, their effects across the state and what officials are doing about it:

LAY OF THE LAND

The U.S. Drought Monitor shows parched conditions in western South Dakota, with pockets of severe to extreme drought in the Black Hills region. Areas in the central, southwestern and northeastern parts of the state are also experiencing abnormally dry conditions. Recent rains in northeastern South Dakota have eased the situation, but "they're not out of the woods with this heat," said Dennis Todey, a former state climatologist who now works for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Drought Monitor estimates that over 188,000 people in South Dakota are in drought areas.

FIRE

Drought has exacerbated fire conditions in western South Dakota, which is in a region "right in the bullseye of the nation" for potential blazes over the next 30 days, said Jim Strain, deputy director of the Division of Wildland Fire at the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

"We are very concerned for the potential of large fire growth and the occurrence of many fires due to continuing drought and dryness conditions in western South Dakota," Strain said.

Drought contributes to fire occurrence and explosive fire growth in prairie and forest areas by drying out potential fuels such as dead grasses and logs.

South Dakota has seen several large fires since the start of the year, including the Cold Fire in the Pringle area and the Crow Peak wildfire sparked by lightning on June 24 that torched more than 2,700 acres, or over 4 square miles. A smaller wildfire in Rapid City burned this week.

STATE ACTION

Gov. Dennis Daugaard this week activated the state Drought Task Force for the first time since July 2012 to keep an eye on thirsty conditions and share information among government agencies and other organizations.

The governor also issued an emergency fire declaration for 13 drought-affected counties in western and central South Dakota, making a single engine air tanker plane to be based in Pierre available to respond to fires with the state bearing nearly all the cost.

David Bright, a pilot with Montana-based New Frontier Aviation, will fly the firefighting airplane. Typically, at an optimal drop height of 120 feet, a trigger on the flight stick opens a clamshell gate reminiscent of an older bomb bay, releasing retardant from the tanker plane to contain the blaze so people on the ground can put it out, he said.

Bright said it's hard to know how this job will compare with the others over the years.

"Sometimes we've sat there for 30 days and not turned a prop," he said. "Sometimes you go like a son-of-a-gun for two weeks."

FARMING AND RANCHING

The dry circumstances in western South Dakota have caused reduced productivity in pasture and rangeland for feeding cattle, Todey said.

Mark Hollenbeck, a rancher near Edgemont, said pastures are getting short quickly. He's already sold

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cows and is sending cattle to Nebraska, where there is forage available — for a price.

Hollenbeck said he's also noticed neighbors moving livestock out of the area.

"I don't know how many thousands of dollars, but it will be a significant impact," Hollenbeck said. "I'm basically paying somebody else to do what I should be doing."

Recent rain in the dry northeast was crucial for rescuing area farmers, said Matt Brandenburger, operations manager for the Wheaton-Dumont Co-op Elevator.

"This rain is why we're predicting our yields will be average," he said. "This rain was the savior. Without this rain we were going to have no crop."

But farmers will still need sustaining precipitation or a significant downpour by the middle of August to avert a "disaster," Brandenburger said.

CRYSTAL BALL

According to the National Weather Service's latest seasonal drought outlook, drought conditions are expected to persist in a pocket of far-western South Dakota through Sept. 30.

Today said South Dakota is likely to experience hotter temperatures over the next couple of weeks, and the western part of the state tends not to get significant precipitation at this time of year. That means it's difficult for the situation to improve right now.

"What you hope for is that it doesn't get too much worse," he said.

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. KEVN-TV reports that only about 20 personnel remaining on scene to handle mop-up work. No one has been hurt and no structures have been threatened.

KOTA-TV reports that residents of an apartment complex just hundreds of yards away from the flames turned out to watch the fire Thursday, 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.

Presidential health: Do we know enough about our candidates?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation is poised to elect one of its oldest presidents, and while age doesn't determine health, it begs the question: How much do we know — and should we know — about how physically fit Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are for the job?

"Age always matters" when it comes to risk for disease, said well-known aging researcher S. Jay Olshansky of the University of Illinois at Chicago, but he cautions that it shouldn't be a litmus test for the presidency. There are plenty of unhealthy young people.

Trump at 70 would be months older than Ronald Reagan on his election day, and Clinton will have just turned 69.

Age aside, releasing at least some medical information is an election-season ritual.

Clinton has revealed more of this usually intensely private data than Trump. Each had their own doctor write a letter last year attesting they're in excellent health. Clinton's was nearly two pages and included standard lab test results. Trump's was four paragraphs with few details.

That's a far cry from 2008 when Republican Sen. John McCain, then 71, released more than a thou-

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sand pages of medical records to show he was cancer-free and fit enough to serve as president.

The letter approach isn't enough for some experts, who say an independent panel should assess would-be presidents' health, sort of like the fit-for-flight physicals pilots take. After all, history shows presidents have been pretty adept at hiding frailty: Woodrow Wilson's secret stroke; Franklin D. Roosevelt's severe heart disease during his final campaign; Grover Cleveland even sneaked onto a boat for cancer surgery.

"What have we done to help independently vet those who would lead the most powerful nation on earth? Nothing," bioethicists Arthur Caplan of New York University Langone Medical Center and Jonathan Moreno of the University of Pennsylvania wrote recently in the Chicago Tribune.

Others say a candidate's health habits offer important clues.

"It's not a matter about what illnesses you bring but what's your endurance going to be like, and how do you prepare your body to endure a lot of stress," said Dr. James Dewar, vice chairman of family medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He assessed the candidates' health letters and saw no red flags but wished Trump's contained more information.

Dewar dismissed the letter's contention that Trump would "be the healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency," noting it ignores lean, active President Barack Obama.

The campaign offers a preview, as the travel, junk food, crowds and questions make for "an incredible cardiovascular stress test," said Dr. Michael Roizen, chairman of the Cleveland Clinic's wellness institute.

But over potentially eight years in the White House, "you want them to have mental functioning that is both quick and intact," Roizen added.

With life expectancy at a record high and a generation of more active seniors, older presidential candidates are no surprise. But older age also raises concern about the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. Reagan, who turned 70 shortly after his first inauguration, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's several years after leaving office.

There's little way to predict whose brain might falter over time, Dewar said. The best defense: "Regular exercise, adequate sleep and diet are things that we associate with keeping our body and our brain healthy."

What to look for:

—Heart risks. Both candidates report good blood pressure. Trump takes a statin drug to lower his cholesterol, although his cholesterol levels weren't revealed, and a daily low-dose aspirin, which doctors often recommend to reduce the risk of heart disease and colon cancer. Clinton had a full cardiac evaluation that found no problems, and reports healthy cholesterol levels.

—Medical history. Clinton's doctor reported the Democrat is fully recovered from her highly publicized 2012 concussion, which led to temporary double vision and discovery of a blood clot in a vein in the space between her brain and skull. Clinton takes the blood thinner Coumadin to prevent new clots. She also has experienced deep vein thrombosis, a clot usually in the leg.

She takes a thyroid hormone replacement for hypothyroidism, antihistamines for seasonal pollen allergies, and vitamin B12.

Trump's doctor said his only surgery was an appendectomy at age 10.

—Preventive care. Clinton is up to date on wellness screenings, including a normal colonoscopy, mammogram and gynecologic exam. Trump's doctor mentioned only a normal prostate screening.

—Health habits. Clinton makes time for yoga and brisk walks. Her doctor says she eats lots of fruits and vegetables; she's known for snacking on raw hot peppers for a health boost but occasionally indulges, like with one of the Iowa State Fair's famous pork chops on a stick.

Trump's doctor said he lost about 15 pounds over 2015. He loves red meat and once tweeted a photo

of himself munching McDonald's on his plane. His idea of exercise is a campaign speech.

Trump boasts that he's "not a big sleeper. I like three hours, four hours."

Enough sleep is important not just to be able to focus, but because it's when brain cells do some important health maintenance, Roizen noted. Still, high-powered people sometimes report less sleep, and he said it's not clear whether someone who's functioned with less-than-recommended amounts for years needs to change.

Possibly the factor most promising for longevity: Both candidates' parents lived into their 80s and 90s, Olshansky noted.

Presidents do tend to accumulate gray hair and wrinkles, but Olshansky's previous research found many outlived the life expectancy of their time, likely thanks to wealth and access to top medical care that Clinton and Trump also have.

Altogether, "we have sufficient information to believe the two of them are both likely to be healthy long enough to survive eight years in office," Olshansky said.

2 more arrests in Nice truck attack; IS claim is studied

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NICE, France (AP) — French authorities detained two more people Sunday in the investigation into the Bastille Day truck attack on the Mediterranean city of Nice that killed at least 84 people, as authorities try to determine whether the slain attacker was a religious extremist or just a very angry man.

Hundreds were injured in the Thursday night attack, and about 85 people remained hospitalized Sunday, Health Minister Marisol Touraine said on a visit to the southern French city. Of those, 18 are in life-threatening condition — including one child, she said.

A man and a woman were detained Sunday morning in Nice, according to an official with the Paris prosecutor's office, which oversees national terrorism investigations. The official provided no details on their identities, and said five people detained previously remain in custody. Neighbors told The Associated Press the attacker's estranged wife was among them.

Investigators are hunting for possible accomplices to truck driver Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, a 31-year-old Tunisian who had lived in Nice for years. He was killed by police after ramming his truck through crowds on Nice's famed seafront after a holiday fireworks display Thursday night.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but it's unclear whether Bouhlel had concrete links to the group. The IS said he was following their calls to target citizens of countries fighting the extremists.

Neighbors described the attacker as volatile, prone to drinking and womanizing and in the process of getting a divorce. His father, in Tunisia, said his son did not pray or fast for Ramadan, the Muslim holy month.

But French authorities believe that may have changed. Prime Minister Manuel Valls told the Journal du dimanche newspaper that authorities "now know that the killer radicalized very quickly."

"(IS) is encouraging individuals unknown to our services to stage attacks ... that is without a doubt the case in the Nice attack," he said Sunday.

A special church service was being held at a Nice cathedral Sunday in honor of the victims. Touraine, the health minister, urged any survivors to seek counselling offered by the government.

Nice's famous Promenade des Anglais, the site of the slaughter, is gradually reopening and becoming a shrine to the dead. Memorials have been set up on the westbound lane of the road where victims were struck, some still identifiable by bloodstains.

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Joggers, bikers and sunbathers on Sunday cruised down the pedestrian walkway along the glistening Mediterranean Sea, where well-wishers placed flowers, French flags, stuffed animals and candles.

The site is also becoming a platform for anger at the attacker. Pained and outraged epitaphs have been written in blue marker on stones placed where police shot him dead.

A woman asked if she could put a yellow potted plant there, unaware of the significance of the spot. A man standing nearby said "Never here." An argument ensued, with other passers-by saying that his family deserved respect.

"Are you defending him?" the man said, incredulously.

Many families are angry that they couldn't find information about missing loved ones. Many are also angry at French police and authorities for not preventing the deadly attack, even though France was under a state of emergency imposed after Islamic State attacks last year in Paris.

Valls, in the newspaper interview, defended the government's actions but warned that more lives will be lost to this kind of violence.

"Terrorism will be part of our daily lives for a long time," he said.

Vietnam detains dozens in anti-China protest in Hanoi

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Dozens of Vietnamese who gathered for an anti-China protest in central Hanoi were taken away by authorities Sunday as they tried to rally support for an international tribunal's ruling rejecting Beijing's claims in the South China Sea.

About two dozen people were bused away from around the landmark Hoan Kiem Lake in Vietnam's capital even before they began their protest. There was a heavy police presence around the lake, with cars briefly banned from around it.

The rally was organized by No-U, a Hanoi group that opposes China's expansive claims in the South China Sea. It came after the Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration issued the ruling last week in a case initiated by the Philippines, which together with Vietnam is one of the claimants in the disputed waters.

China rejected the tribunal's ruling and refused to take part in the arbitration.

The tribunal ruled that China violated international maritime law, specifically the Philippines' maritime rights, by building up artificial islands that destroyed coral reefs and by disrupting fishing and oil exploration.

Nguyen Chi Tuyen, a member of No-U, said the activists who were detained by police were all released by early Sunday afternoon.

Another small group of activists gathered in front of the Philippine Embassy in Hanoi at around noon with banners that read "Thank you, Philippines, you have a brave government" and "China, you must comply with international law," Tuyen said.

Vietnamese authorities have clamped down on such protests before, fearing they could stir dissent in the communist country.

Turks rally to defend democracy, govt seeks coup suspects

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ISTANBUL (AP) — Chanting, dancing and waving flags, tens of thousands of Turks marched through the streets into the wee hours Sunday in half a dozen cities to defend democracy and support the country's long-time leader after a failed military coup shocked the nation.

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It was an emotional display by Turks, who rallied in headscarves and long dresses, T-shirts and work boots, some walking hand-in-hand with their children. Rather than toppling Turkey's strongman president, the attempted coup that left some 265 dead and 1,440 wounded appears to have bolstered Recep Tayyip Erdogan's popularity and grip on power.

"Just a small group from Turkish armed forces stood up against our government ... but we, the Turkish nation, stand together and repulse it back," Gozde Kurt, a 16-year-old student at the rally in Istanbul, said Sunday morning.

Security forces on Sunday rounded up 52 more military officers for alleged coup links and issued detention orders for 53 more judges and prosecutors, continuing the purge of judges seen as government opponents. Officials say about 3,000 soldiers, including officers, are already in detention. Almost a similar number of judges and prosecutors have been dismissed.

Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said the perpetrators of Friday's failed coup "will receive every punishment they deserve," and the government said it would take steps toward extraditing a U.S.-based cleric it accused of fomenting the uprising.

The Yeni Safak newspaper used the headline "Traitors of the country," while the Hurriyet newspaper declared "Democracy's victory."

Still, the government crackdowns raised concerns over the future of democracy in Turkey, which has long prided itself on its democratic and secular traditions despite being in a tumultuous region swept by conflict and extremism.

Erdogan's survival has turned him into a "sort of a mythical figure" and could further erode democracy in Turkey, said Soner Cagaptay, director of the Turkish research program at The Washington Institute.

"It will allow him (Erdogan) to crack down on liberty and freedom of association, assembly, expression and media in ways that we haven't seen before and find strong public support within the country," he said.

The coup attempt began late Friday with tanks rolling into the streets of the capital, Ankara, and Istanbul as Erdogan was enjoying a seaside vacation. Explosions and gunfire erupted throughout the night. It quickly became clear, however, that the military was not united in the effort to overthrow the government. In a dramatic iPhone interview broadcast on TV, Erdogan urged his supporters into the streets to confront the troops and tanks, and forces loyal to the government began reasserting control.

The unrest claimed at least 265 lives, according to a tally compiled from official statements. Yildirim said 161 people were killed and 1,440 wounded in the process of putting down the coup attempt, while Gen. Umit Dundar said at least 104 "coup plotters" had died.

Before the weekend's chaos, Turkey — a NATO member and key Western ally in the fight against the Islamic State group — had been wracked by political turmoil that critics blamed on Erdogan's increasingly authoritarian rule. He has shaken up the government, cracked down on dissidents, restricted the news media and renewed fighting with Kurdish rebels.

But Saturday afternoon, when tensions eased, an atmosphere of celebration broke around as Turks answered official calls to rally to protect Turkish democracy. In Istanbul, crowds gathered at Taksim Square, where a man stood on an iconic monument with a Turkish flag draped on his chest.

Government supporters marched through Ankara, as cars honked in apparent approval. Some gathered outside parliament and amid the burnt cars outside the presidential palace. One man took a selfie with a Turkish police officer standing atop an abandoned tank.

"We are here for democracy, so the country lasts," retired soldier Nusret Tuzak said in Ankara.

Flights resumed late Saturday into Istanbul's Anaturk Airport after being halted for nearly 24 hours and scores of government supporters gathered to make sure the airport was not a coup target again.

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The usually buzzing airport was eerily quiet.

In an unusual show of unity, Turkey's four main political parties released a joint declaration during an extraordinary parliamentary meeting Saturday, denouncing the coup attempt and claiming that any moves against the people or parliament will be met "with the iron will of the Turkish Grand National Assembly."

Government forces arrested 2,839 accused coup supporters, Yildirim said. Dundar said the plotters were mainly officers from the Air Force, the military police and armored units. Anadolu said the government dismissed 2,745 judges across Turkey.

Officials claimed the judges and the coup plotters were loyal to moderate cleric Fethullah Gulen, whom Erdogan has often accused of attempting to overthrow the government. Gulen, a staunch democracy advocate who lives in exile in Pennsylvania, is a former Erdogan ally turned bitter foe who has been put on trial in absentia in Turkey.

In a televised speech, Erdogan called on the United States to extradite Gulen.

At a news conference Saturday in Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania, Gulen strongly denied any role in or knowledge of the coup.

"Government should be won through a process of free and fair elections, not force," he said. "As someone who suffered under multiple military coups during the past five decades, it is especially insulting to be accused of having any link to such an attempt. I categorically deny such accusations."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said the United States would entertain an extradition request for Gulen, but Turkey would have to present "legitimate evidence that withstands scrutiny."

Turkey's NATO allies lined up to condemn the coup attempt. President Barack Obama, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg urged all sides to support Turkey's democratically elected government.

Turkey's military staged three coups between 1960 and 1980 and pressured Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, a mentor of Erdogan, out of power in 1997.

Tainted liquor kills at least 19, blinds 6 in northern India

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LUCKNOW, India (AP) — At least 19 people died and six others were blinded after drinking toxic bootleg liquor in northern India, police said Sunday.

Another 50 people fell ill after consuming the home-brewed liquor on Friday and were being treated in hospitals in Etah district in Uttar Pradesh state, said senior police officer Ajay Shankar Rai. The Press Trust of India news agency put the death toll at 21.

Illicit liquor is a hugely profitable industry across India, where bootleggers pay no taxes and sell enormous quantities of their product. The manufacturers operate from homes, hidden warehouses and even forests.

Rai said the victims bought the liquor from a village shop on Friday evening and started falling ill and dying. The shop owner, who has been arrested, was selling pouches of tainted liquor for 15 rupees (4 cents) each, six times cheaper than the legal drink, he said.

Most of the victims were poor farmers and laborers looking for a cheap means of intoxication. India's poor often buy cheap bootleg liquor made of syrups and medicines that are spiked with methyl alcohol and other industrial spirits to give it a kick.

District Magistrate Ajay Yadav ordered an investigation, but excessive use of methyl alcohol in the liquor appears to have caused the deaths.

State authorities have suspended six officials, including four policemen, for allowing the sale of illicit

liquor in Etah district, about 240 kilometers (150 miles) southwest of Lucknow, the Uttar Pradesh state capital.

Israeli police say bomb attack thwarted in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police say they have apprehended a 20-year-old Palestinian who attempted to board the light rail in Jerusalem with explosives in his bag.

Police spokeswoman Luba Samri says the man was standing at a train stop on Sunday when he aroused the suspicions of security guards, who searched his bag and found several pipe bombs inside. Police streamed to the area, closed off streets in downtown Jerusalem and shut down the light rail.

Palestinians have killed 34 Israelis and two visiting Americans since September, mainly in individual stabbing attacks, though gun violence is on the rise. At least 200 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, with most identified as assailants.

On eve of convention, an underwhelming rollout of GOP ticket

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

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NEW YORK (AP) — While the Donald Trump-Mike Pence presidential ticket made its debut at a weekend event that was awkward at times, it highlights a pairing designed in part to bring together fractious elements of the Republican Party on the eve of its national convention.

Trump spent more time talking about himself, “crooked” Hillary Clinton and standard policy positions than he did praising running mate Mike Pence in a nearly 30-minute introduction. He lauded Pence’s personal character and conservative credentials and pointed to his record as governor of Indiana.

The trappings of a presumptive nominee’s most significant announcement were missing in the Manhattan hotel ballroom where a few hundred supporters gathered Saturday morning. Nowhere in sight were “Trump/Pence” signs, for example, and Trump’s decision had been tweeted the previous day, stealing any sense of surprise from the event. Choosing a venue in a state Trump has little chance of winning also broke with traditional politicking strategy.

“All right, back to Mike Pence,” Trump said at one point after a long tangent talking about the Republican Party’s efforts to overturn rules that limit church leaders’ political involvement. He called Pence a “solid, solid person” and mused at one point, “What a difference between crooked Hillary Clinton and Mike Pence.”

Trump and his new running mate appeared on stage together only briefly before Trump disappeared and Pence gave a speech that closely hewed to the populist themes that Trump has voiced, describing himself as “really just a small-town boy.” He praised Trump effusively as “a good man,” a fighter, a legendary businessman and a patriotic American.

“The American people are tired,” Pence said in remarks that included many of the same talking points that until recently he was using in his bid for re-election. “We’re tired of being told that this is as good as it gets. We’re tired of having politicians in both parties in Washington, D.C., telling us we’ll get to those problems tomorrow.”

Trump returned for a round of photos with the Trump and Pence families.

The joint appearance was meant to catapult the party toward a successful and unified Republican National Convention, which kicks off in Cleveland on Monday. Trump conceded in his remarks that one of the reasons he’d selected Pence was to promote unity within the Republican Party, left deeply fractured by the ascent of the billionaire businessman and reality TV star.

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The lack of hoopla contrasted with Mitt Romney's introduction four years ago of running mate Paul Ryan on the deck of a Navy battleship, the USS Wisconsin, off the shore of swing-state Virginia. With cheering, flag-waving crowds and a soaring patriotic soundtrack, the pair faced the nation for the first time flanked by a massive red, white and blue banner displaying their new campaign logo.

The underwhelming rollout of the GOP ticket continued when Pence flew back home to Indiana without Trump. A few hundred people greeted him at a suburban Indianapolis airport hangar bereft of any "Trump-Pence" signs. He spoke for only a few minutes, telling the crowd that he and his family were headed home for "pizza night."

The Indiana governor is well-regarded by evangelical Christians for long-held opposition to abortion and gay marriage, but his hard-line ideology on social issues is sometimes at odds with Trump's own views. The two also differ starkly on trade.

Clinton's team was already painting Pence's conservative social viewpoints as out of step with the mainstream.

Biden visits cancer research center in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden visited an Australian cancer research center on Sunday on the first day of his trip Down Under, as he continues his push to accelerate efforts toward a cure.

Biden, who arrived in Australia on Saturday as part of a tour of the Pacific, met with researchers at the newly-opened Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre in the southern city of Melbourne, where he praised the scientists for their efforts.

"We all have reasons to be in this fight," he said. "What you're doing here is profound. It has an impact in every corner of the world."

Biden's son, former Delaware state Attorney General Beau Biden, died of brain cancer last year. Following Beau's death, Biden pledged to spend his final year in office working to double the pace of cancer research toward a cure.

During his visit to the center, Biden announced the U.S. and Australia would share the genetic information of around 60,000 cancer patients to help researchers around the world better understand what causes particular cancers.

Later, Biden met with war veterans and then attended an Australian rules football match with his granddaughters.

Biden flies to Sydney on Monday, where he will meet with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. On Wednesday, he travels to New Zealand.

8 killed after construction elevator falls in east China

BEIJING (AP) — Eight people in an eastern Chinese city were killed when the construction elevator they were in plummeted from an apartment building, the local government said Sunday.

The Longkou city government in Shandong province said on its official microblog page that the elevator fell from the 18th story of the building under construction.

Eight people who were in the elevator when it fell Friday were immediately taken to hospitals but none survived, the government said.

Despite improvements in recent years, work safety remains a problem in China, where regulations are routinely ignored and cost-cutting by management often lead to accidents.

Quake jolts Tokyo region; no tsunami warning issued

TOKYO (AP) — A moderately strong earthquake has rattled the Tokyo region, but there are no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The Japan Meteorological Agency says the quake hit midday Sunday with a magnitude of 5. Its epicenter was 40 kilometers (25 miles) underground in Ibaraki prefecture, north of Tokyo.

The JMA says there is no risk of tsunami from the quake.

Japan's nuclear regulator says a nuclear power plant in the area suspended operations while it checked for any problems.

SpaceX launching space station docking port for NASA

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX aims to launch another load of space station supplies for NASA, including a critical docking port needed by new U.S. crew capsules set to debut next year.

The unmanned Falcon rocket is scheduled to lift off early Monday. Excellent weather is forecast for the 12:45 a.m. launch.

Aboard the rocket is a replica of the docking port destroyed in a SpaceX launch accident last summer. This is port No. 2. NASA needs at least one and preferably two of these ports for crew capsules under development by both SpaceX and Boeing.

Americans have been stuck riding Russian rockets to the International Space Station since shuttles stopped flying five years ago this month. The SpaceX Dragon and Boeing Starliner capsules will ease this Russian dependency.

SpaceX, meanwhile, will try to land its leftover booster back at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, just a couple miles from the Falcon launch pad. The California-based company wants to reuse its rockets to save time and money. It's only landed a used first-stage booster on land once, back in December. Three other boosters touched down vertically on an ocean platform, after delivering spacecraft to orbit.

SpaceX's vice president of flight reliability, Hans Koenigsmann, said Saturday that the company plans to launch its first recycled booster this fall.

The SpaceX Dragon cargo ship, meanwhile, holds about 5,000 pounds of food, science experiments and equipment. One-thousand pounds of that is the all-important docking port.

Just ahead of the Dragon, an unmanned Russian Progress spacecraft carrying more than three tons of food, fuel and other supplies for the space station crew launched early Sunday in Kazakhstan. The resupply ship is scheduled to dock with the station Monday night, according to NASA.

For the first time ever, the NASA press site at Kennedy Space Center will be evacuated for Monday's launch attempt, as will the neighboring Vehicle Assembly Building and the rest of the former shuttle launch complex. A risk evaluation by the Air Force shows that the Dragon capsule, full of toxic fuel, could parachute down into this targeted area in the event of a launch failure. The wind is expected to be blowing right in the press site's direction, thus the evacuation order.

Journalists as well as NASA and SpaceX public relations staff and VIPs have been ordered to find alternative viewing sites.

To save a cargo-laden Dragon in case of a launch accident, SpaceX added the option of releasing the capsule's parachutes in just such an emergency. The change came after a Dragon and all its contents were destroyed when the Falcon rocket failed shortly after liftoff from Cape Canaveral in June 2015.

The SpaceX Dragon is the only supply ship capable of returning items to Earth from the space station, thus the original need for parachutes.

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Trump presents 'partner' Pence, but no doubt who's the star

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NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump presented running mate Mike Pence to the nation Saturday, hailing the Indiana governor as his "first choice" and "my partner in the campaign." But he left no doubt in a sometimes awkward event that Pence's role will surely be as sidekick to the businessman-turned-reality-star-turned-politician at the top of the ticket.

Glancing at notes, Trump lauded Pence's personal character and conservative credentials. Then he moved on to draw sharp contrasts between the newly formed Republican team and Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Yet the announcement lacked much of the stagecraft typically associated with the public unveiling of a running mate, one of the most significant moments under a presidential campaign's control.

The only sign onstage in the Manhattan hotel ballroom bore only Trump's name. The two men appeared together just briefly. And Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, spoke for nearly 30 minutes before calling Pence to the stage.

His far-ranging remarks devoted more time to recapping his primary victories — and he even found time to tout his new hotel in Washington — than introducing the relatively unknown Pence to America's voters.

"All right, back to Mike Pence," Trump said at one point after a long tangent talking about the Republican Party's efforts to overturn rules that limit church leaders' political involvement.

The event — the culmination of a vice presidential rollout that featured mixed signals, second-guessing and a 24-hour delay — was intended to assert that Trump and Pence would stand up to America's enemies while being "the law-and-order candidates" at home.

"What a difference between crooked Hillary Clinton and Mike Pence," Trump said. He added: "He's a solid, solid person."

Pence, standing alone in front of ten American flags, hewed closely to the populist themes that Trump has voiced on the campaign trail, describing himself as "really just a small-town boy." He praised Trump effusively as "a good man," a fighter, a legendary businessman and a patriotic American.

"The American people are tired," Pence said in remarks that included many of the same talking points that until recently he was using in his bid for re-election. "We're tired of being told that this is as good as it gets. We're tired of having politicians in both parties in Washington, D.C., telling us we'll get to those problems tomorrow."

The joint appearance was meant to catapult the party toward a successful and unified Republican National Convention, which kicks off in Cleveland on Monday. Trump conceded that one of the reasons he'd selected Pence was to promote unity within the Republican Party, left deeply fractured by Trump's ascent.

"One of the reasons is party unity, I have to be honest," he said.

There was little hoopla — and no questions, though Trump on Thursday had billed the event as a news conference. In contrast, four years ago, Mitt Romney introduced running mate Paul Ryan on the deck of a Navy battleship, the USS Wisconsin, off the shore of swing state Virginia. With cheering flag-waving crowds and a soaring patriotic soundtrack, the pair faced the nation for the first time flanked by a massive red white and blue banner displaying their new campaign logo.

There were no newly printed banners or logos at the hotel ballroom event, which was set in a state that Trump has little chance of winning in November. The two men, instead of presenting an image of

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an emboldened, unified front, barely spent any time on stage together, as Trump quickly exited after greeting Pence with a perfunctory handshake and arm pat. He did return for a brief photo-op at the end.

The underwhelming rollout continued when Pence got back to Indiana, where a few hundred people greeted him at a suburban Indianapolis airport hangar bereft of any "Trump-Pence" signs or other obvious trappings of a presidential campaign. He spoke for only a few minutes, telling the crowd that he and his family were headed home for "pizza night."

And that was exactly what Pence's fans at home in Indiana expected.

"Even though the Trump rallies are big productions ... for Mike Pence, this is his style: a little more understated, a little more traditional, a little more what you'd expect from a conservative," said Dana Carroll of suburban Indianapolis.

The lead-up to the low-key Saturday was anything but smooth.

On Thursday, Trump had convened a midnight campaign conference call about his pick, even after he'd had Pence fly to New York to accept his offer.

He then announced the choice on Twitter, though the presentation event was postponed a day after the terror attack in Nice. Through no fault of the campaign, the show ended up on a Saturday morning, competing on TV with two international crises: the aftermath of the France attack and news about an attempted military coup in Turkey.

Brandishing his running mate's job-creating credentials, Trump — who pushed back against reports of indecision by deeming the governor "my first choice" — ticked through a list of statistics he said showed how Pence had pulled Indiana out of economic recession: an unemployment rate that fell to less than 5 percent on his watch, an uptick in the labor force and a decrease in Indiana residents on unemployment insurance.

"This is the primary reason I wanted Mike — other than that he looks very good, other than he's got an incredible family, and incredible wife," Trump said.

Just as Trump was settling on Pence, Republicans gathering in Cleveland essentially quelled the effort to stop him at the convention, all but assuring he'll be the GOP nominee.

"They got crushed," Trump said moments after praising party unity. "And they got crushed immediately, because people want what we're saying to happen."

The Indiana governor is well-regarded by evangelical Christians, particularly after signing a law that critics said would allow businesses to deny service to gay people for religious reasons. But his hard line ideology is sometimes at odds with Trump. The two have had differing views on issues including abortion and trade.

Clinton's team was already painting Pence's conservative social viewpoints as out of step with the mainstream. Her campaign also seized on Trump's chaotic process for selecting and announcing his pick, painting him in a web video as "Always divisive. Not so decisive."

NBA great Nate Thurmond, Hall of Fame center, dies at 74

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nate Thurmond, the tenacious defensive center who played with Wilt Chamberlain and was an iconic figure in two cities, died Saturday after a short battle with leukemia. He was 74.

The Golden State Warriors announced the death of one of the team's most respected players less than a month after they lost the NBA Finals to the Cleveland Cavaliers in seven games. Both franchises previously retired the Akron, Ohio, native's No. 42.

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Thurmond played 11 of his 14 seasons with the Warriors and retired after the 1976-1977 season, one year after leading the "Miracle" Cavaliers to an improbable trip to the Eastern Conference finals.

"Without a doubt, he is one of the most beloved figures to ever wear a Warriors uniform," Golden State owner Joe Lacob said.

Current Cavalier and Akron native LeBron James said on Twitter: "Knowing u played in the same rec league as me growing up gave me hope of making it out! Thanks!"

The 6-foot-11 Thurmond was voted as one of the best 50 players in NBA history and is considered among the most dominating centers in the game. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1985.

"Nate Thurmond was a giant of his era and one of the greatest players in the history of our game," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said in a statement.

Thurmond's play and numbers weren't flashy, but he earned the respect of his peers and knowledgeable basketball fans for his consistency, defense and strength.

"Looking back, he was as ferocious as any player in the history of the game on the court, but one of the kindest and nicest souls in his everyday life," former teammate and coach Al Attles said.

Thurmond recorded the first official quadruple-double in NBA history as a Chicago Bull when he had 22 points, 14 rebounds, 13 assists and 12 blocked shots against the Atlanta Hawks in 1974. He is one of only four players to grab more than 40 rebounds in a game.

Thurmond starred at Bowling Green, averaging 17.8 points and 17.0 rebounds in three seasons. He was selected third overall by the Warriors in the 1963 draft.

Thurmond apprenticed under Hall of Fame center Wilt Chamberlain until the Warriors traded Chamberlain to the Philadelphia 76ers in the middle of the 1964-65 season. Thurmond went on to average 15 points and 15 rebounds during his career and still holds the Warriors franchise records for career rebounds and minutes.

"We have lost an incredible person and someone whom I admired as much as any player I ever went to battle against on any level," Hall of Famer Jerry West said. "Nate Thurmond was, without a doubt, one of the fiercest competitors that I played against during my entire career. He played with unbelievable intensity and was simply a man among boys on most nights, especially on the defensive end."

The Warriors traded Thurmond to the Bulls prior to the 1974-75 season. The Bulls dealt him after 13 games the next season to his hometown Cavaliers, where he closed out his career in style.

He played a key role in the Cavaliers' most memorable season before James. They beat the Washington Bullets in seven games to get to the 1976 Eastern Conference finals, where they lost to the Boston Celtics in six games, but Thurmond's leadership that season made him a local legend.

Cleveland teammate Campy Russell said Saturday that "the Cavaliers franchise will always love and respect him as a true Cavalier legend."

Though he played less than two seasons for the Cavaliers at the end of his career, his jersey number was the first retired by the team.

After the seven-time All-Star selection retired, he worked for the Warriors as a community liaison and broadcast analyst until his illness sidelined him earlier this year.

"Nate brought the same passion to his longtime community-relations role with the Golden State Warriors, who benefited from his deep knowledge of the game and warmth and kindness to everyone he encountered for more than 30 years," Silver said in his statement.

Thurmond also opened a popular barbecue restaurant in San Francisco called Big Nate's BBQ, which he sold in 2011.

After 2 years, probe of Eric Garner chokehold death in limbo

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two years after the chokehold death of Eric Garner made “I can’t breathe” a rallying cry for protests over police killings of black men, federal authorities are still grappling with whether to prosecute the white officer seen on a widely watched video wrapping his arm around Garner’s neck.

The legal limbo is playing out on the watch of Attorney General Loretta Lynch, who has come under persistent pressure in the city and elsewhere to bring Officer Daniel Pantaleo to justice. The New York City case turned out to be a forerunner to a series of videotaped police killings across the country that have fueled outrage and protests.

Before becoming attorney general, Lynch ran the U.S. attorney’s office in Brooklyn, which initiated the review of Garner’s case after a state grand jury refused to indict Pantaleo in 2014, and she personally met with Garner’s family in that role. Questioned by Congress this week, she said the Garner investigation remains open but gave no indication of how or when a decision will be made.

Last year, the city agreed to pay \$5.9 million to settle the family’s wrongful death claim, but the push for a federal case has persisted. Garner’s siblings performed on a rap song called “I Can’t Breathe” that was released to mark the second anniversary of his July 17, 2014, death, and his mother, Gwen Carr, has proposed converting a small park across the street from where he died into a playground named after him.

“What’s in my heart is to keep my son’s name alive,” Carr said. “This is my work for the rest of my life.”

A resolution has been hampered by a behind-the-scenes disagreement over the direction of the federal investigation of Garner’s death in Staten Island, according to two people with inside knowledge. On one side are prosecutors in Lynch’s former office in Brooklyn, who aren’t sure there’s enough evidence to charge Pantaleo at the federal level. On the other side are their counterparts in the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division in Washington, who feel more confident in forging ahead.

Both people were not authorized to discuss the decision-making process and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Officials at the Justice Department declined to comment for this article.

Internal Justice Department disputes about the strength of such cases happen “more often than you think,” said David Weinstein, a former federal prosecutor in Miami who specialized in civil rights matters.

The nearly 100 U.S. attorneys’ offices in the country are mostly given great autonomy, but Washington attorneys don’t hesitate to get deeply involved when a matter falls within the jurisdiction of their specialized divisions like civil rights, Weinstein said. The two sides usually work out differences on their own, but if not, Justice Department leadership can often get its way because “whether they like it or not ... all U.S. attorneys answer to the attorney general,” he said.

The disagreements reflect the challenge of finding enough evidence to prove an officer willfully deprived a citizen’s civil rights, said Samuel Bagenstos, the former No. 2 official at the Civil Rights Division. Historically, the high legal bar has prevented prosecutors from charging most officers who kill unarmed men, including the one who shot Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

“These are hard cases to prove,” Bagenstos said. “That can create a lot of difficult conversations within the department about them.”

For Garner’s family and its supporters, the cellphone video shot by a bystander capturing the last moments of his life has always been evidence enough.

“It’s been two years,” the Rev. Al Sharpton said at recent gathering with Garner’s family. The fatal encounter “was on video and we’ve not seen justice. So that’s why people are questioning what’s going

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on now.”

Sharpton led a march through Brooklyn Saturday and vowed to keep marching against injustice until a culture of mistreating black people ends.

The video shows 43-year-old Garner, after being stopped by officers for selling loose, untaxed cigarettes, telling the officers to leave him alone and refusing to be handcuffed. Pantaleo responds by putting Garner in an apparent chokehold, which is banned under NYPD policy, as he was taken to the ground. The heavyset Garner, who had asthma, is heard gasping, “I can’t breathe.” He later was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The medical examiner ruled Garner’s death a homicide caused in part by the chokehold. But police union officials and Pantaleo’s lawyer have argued that the officer used a takedown move taught by the police department, not a chokehold, and that Garner’s poor health was the main reason he died.

Under the circumstances, “a federally protected civil right wasn’t violated,” Pantaleo’s lawyer, Stuart London, said this week. “This was a simple street encounter where the officer performed his duties as he was trained.”

The officer remains on desk duty as the New York Police Department awaits the outcome of the federal probe before deciding whether to discipline him on its own.

British Open showdown: Stenson leads Mickelson by a shot

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TROON, Scotland (AP) — Henrik Stenson and Phil Mickelson delivered what everyone expects out of a major championship.

They matched birdies and improbable par saves. Momentum could change with any shot. The lead changed four times over four hours of golf at its highest level, played in the cold wind and occasional rain off the Irish Sea. All the British Open lacked Saturday was a winner.

Turns out this was only the preview to a duel at Royal Troon.

Stenson took the lead for the last time with another two-shot swing on an inward par 3, and he kept it with a nifty up-and-down on the 18th for par and a 3-under 68, the second straight day that no one had a better score.

That gave the 40-year-old Swede his first lead in a major, even if it was just one shot over someone who already has five majors and his name on the claret jug.

“There’s only one thing that matters tomorrow,” Stenson said. “I know he’s not going to back down, and I’m certainly going to try to not back down, either. So it should be an exciting afternoon. ... I’ve worked hard these first three days to put myself in this situation and I’m going to try my hardest tomorrow to finish the job.”

Links golf can deliver some strange finishes, though this had all the trappings of a two-man race on Sunday.

Stenson had his third straight round in the 60s — no one has ever won at Royal Troon with all four rounds in the 60s — and was at 12-under 201. He is trying to become only the eighth player dating to Old Tom Morris in 1861 to win his first major after turning 40.

Mickelson, winless since he lifted golf’s oldest trophy at Muirfield three years ago, had a 70. His game was nowhere near as sharp as his opening-round 63 that tied a major championship record. Even so, he came up with the rights shots at the right time until Stenson passed him late in the afternoon.

“Some days it’s easy and it looks pretty like the first couple,” Mickelson said. “Some days it’s hard and it looks terrible, like it did today. But either way, I shot three rounds under par.”

He made a 25-foot birdie putt on the 13th hole for a two-shot lead. Stenson answered with a 5-iron to

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6 feet for birdie on the next hole to tie for the lead when Mickelson three-putted, only his third bogey of the week.

Mickelson regained the lead with a pitch to 4 feet for birdie on the par-5 16th, only for the Swede to answer again, this time with an all-out 3-iron into the wind on the 220-yard 17th hole to 20 feet. Mickelson lost the lead by missing the green to the left and making bogey.

Everyone else felt like mere spectators.

Bill Haas, a six-time winner on the PGA Tour who is rarely heard from at majors, was solid with a 69 and alone in third. It's his highest position ever in a major, yet he was six shots off the lead. Another shot back was Andrew Johnston, the Englishman with a big belly and beard to match who goes by "Beef." He broke par for the third straight day with a 70.

It was unlikely to matter.

This was all about Stenson and Mickelson, two powerful players with different styles and different credentials, mainly the number of majors — five for Mickelson, none for Stenson. Mickelson spoke earlier in the week about not having as much pressure knowing he already has won them.

Not since Davis Love III and Justin Leonard shared the lead and were seven shots clear of the field in the 1997 PGA Championship has the final round of a major took on the appearance of match play.

"I was happy enough to throw two good punches in there on the par 3s and pick up two shots on either one of them to come back out on top at the end of the third round," Stenson said. "I've always been of the thought that it's better to be one ahead than one behind, because that means Phil's got to play better than I do."

Mickelson finished three shots ahead of Stenson three years ago at Muirfield when Lefty closed with a 66 in one of the best final rounds of a major. He hasn't won another tournament since, and at age 46, it appeared time was running out.

A victory Sunday would give him six majors, same as Nick Faldo and Lee Trevino. He also would be the third-oldest major champion behind Julius Boros (48) and Morris, with whom Mickelson shares a birthday — June 16, albeit 149 years apart. The 1861 Open was played in September.

Stenson was on the verge of falling two shots behind until he holed a 40-foot par putt on the 10th. Two holes later, Mickelson was in danger of losing the lead when he pushed his 2-iron toward trouble and was fortunate the ball deflected off a piece of prickly gorse. He had just enough room to hammer it up the fairway, and then played a shot rarely seen in links golf — instead of running it up along the ground, he spun it back down a ridge to 6 feet for a key par.

"I got lucky that that ball didn't go into the gorse, even though I didn't have a back swing," Mickelson said. "I still had a chance to advance it a little bit. I still hit a good shot to advance it down the fairway like I did, and found a way to get up and down."

Now, they have one more round, this time with a claret jug at stake.

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Today in History

Today is Sunday, July 17, the 199th day of 2016. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Europe-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, New York, shortly after departing John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people on board.

On this date:

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

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In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began as right-wing army generals launched a coup attempt against the Second Spanish Republic.

In 1944, during World War II, 320 men, two-thirds of them African-Americans, were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California.

In 1945, following Nazi Germany's surrender, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at Potsdam in the final Allied summit of World War II.

In 1955, Disneyland had its opening day in Anaheim, California.

In 1962, the United States conducted its last atmospheric nuclear test to date, detonating a 20-kiloton device, codenamed Little Feller I, at the Nevada Test Site.

In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of suspended walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a tea dance.

In 1998, Nicholas II, last of the Romanov czars, was formally buried in Russia 80 years after he and his family were slain by the Bolsheviks.

In 2001, Katharine Graham, chairman of The Washington Post Co., died three days after suffering a head injury in Sun Valley, Idaho; she was 84.

In 2014, all 298 passengers and crew aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 were killed when the Boeing 777 was shot down over rebel-held eastern Ukraine.

Ten years ago: The shuttle Discovery and its crew of six returned home safely. A powerful earthquake sent a tsunami crashing into a beach resort on Indonesia's Java island, killing at least 600 people. Mystery writer Mickey Spillane died in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, at age 88.

Five years ago: Japan won the Women's World Cup in Frankfurt, Germany, stunning the United States 3-1 in a penalty shootout after coming from behind twice in a 2-2 tie. Darren Clarke gave Northern Ireland another major championship, winning the British Open by three strokes over Americans Dustin Johnson and Phil Mickelson.

One year ago: More than 1,000 people attended an interfaith service in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to mourn four Marines who had been shot to death at a reserve facility by a Kuwaiti-born gunman. A suicide bomber with the Islamic State group attacked a crowded marketplace in Iraq's Diyala province, killing 115 people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Donald Sutherland is 84. Actress-singer Diahann Carroll is 81. Comedian Tim Brooke-Taylor is 76. Rock musician Spencer Davis is 77. Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, is 69. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler is 67. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 65. Actor David Hasselhoff is 64. Rock musician Fran Smith Jr. (The Hooters) is 64. German Chancellor Angela Merkel (AHN'-geh-lah MEHR'-kuhl) is 62. Television producer Mark Burnett is 56. Actress Nancy Giles is 56. Singer Regina Belle is 53. Rock musician Kim Shattuck is 53. Country singer Craig Morgan is 52. Rock musician Lou Barlow is 50. Contemporary Christian singer Susan Ashton is 49. Actor Andre Royo is 48. Actress Bitty Schram is 48. Actor Jason Clarke is 47. Movie director F. Gary Gray is 47. Singer JC (PM Dawn) is 45. Rapper Sole' is 43. Country singer Luke Bryan is 40. Actor Eric Winter is 40. Hockey player Marc Savard is 39. Actor Mike Vogel is 37. Actor Tom Cullen is 31. Actor Brando Eaton is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeremih (jehr-uh-MY') is 29. Actress Summer Bishil (BIHSH'-ihl) is 28. Actress Billie Lourd is 24. Actor Leo Howard is 19.

Thought for Today: "My philosophy is to do the best you can for somebody. Help. It's not just what do you for yourself. It's how you treat people decently. The golden rule." — Art Linkletter, Canadian-born American radio and television personality (born this date in 1912, died in 2010).