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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](mailto: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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### 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 Harder • Hunter Monson • Isaiah Cutler  
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm: Amateurs hosts Redfield (DH)  
6:00pm: Laides Night at Olive Grove  
6:00pm: T-Ball Scrimmage in Groton  
Wednesday, July 20  
**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower/pea salad, pudding, whole wheat bread.  
**Birthday:** Joel Guthmiller  
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study  
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center  
6:00pm: Olive Grove Men's League  
8:00pm: Amateurs host Miller in 1 9-inning game

## Apts for Rent

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The Deb Olson yard at 1310 N 6th St., Groton, was chosen as last week's Groton Garden Club Yard of the Week. Olson is pictured with her dog, Tucker, in front of her yard. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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## Today in Weather History

July 18, 1883: An estimated F3 tornado moved southeast from south of Redfield to north of Hitchcock, to 6 miles southeast of Crandon in Spink County. At least one farm house was destroyed and swept away. Three people were killed on one farm.

July 18, 1986: In the afternoon, an F2 tornado that touched down in the northern suburbs of Minneapolis became one of the most observed and photographed tornadoes ever. The photographic coverage included video from a Minnesota DOT traffic camera and a remarkable aerial video taken from a helicopter by a television camera crew. The tornado began in Brooklyn Park and moved slowly northeast, causing light to moderate damage. It then turned east and slowed as it crossed the Mississippi River. Also on this day, an F2 tornado touched down two miles southeast of Bryant, in Hamlin County. This tornado traveled near Dolph Creek and moved east along the creek to the Lake Norden area. The tornado damaged many trees and destroyed a barn. A second F2 tornado touched down three miles west of Toronto and moved southeast. The tornado destroyed a barn, silo, and six other buildings and caused extensive damage to farm equipment on a farm one mile south and a half mile west Astoria.

July 18, 2008: Severe thunderstorms developed across parts of central and north central South Dakota bringing large hail up to the size of golf balls and damaging winds to near 80 mph. Some tree, vehicle, and building damage occurred with some of the storms. Eighty mph winds or higher brought down many branches along with some trees in Fort Pierre. Power was cut off for parts of Fort Pierre when branches fell on power lines. Several truck trailers and feed silos were tipped onto their sides by the high winds. Also, some buildings were damaged. A loaded train was pushed down the tracks almost a quarter of a mile by the strong winds. Seventy mph winds or greater brought down many tree branches along with some trees in Pierre. There were power outages in Pierre along with some buildings receiving damage. Damaging thunderstorm winds also downed six power poles between Sully Buttes and Onida knocking power out to over 800 homes in and around Onida.

64: The great fire of Rome breaks out and destroys much of the city on this day. Despite the well-known stories, there is no evidence that the Roman emperor, Nero, either started the fire or played the fiddle while it burned. The fire began in the slums of a district south of the legendary Palatine Hill. The area's homes burned very quickly, and the fire spread north, fueled by high winds.

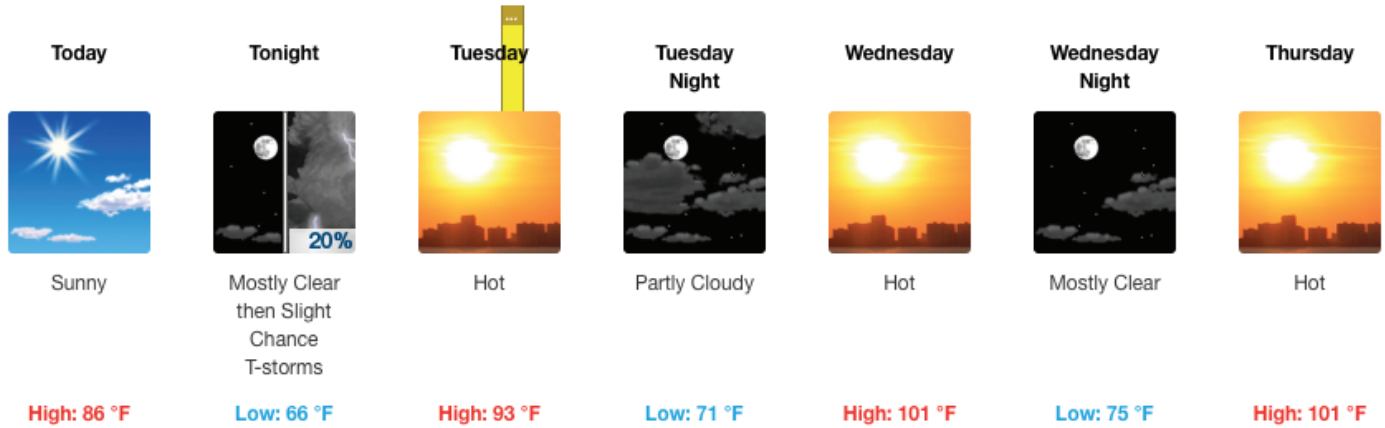
1996: A massive rainstorm in north central and northeast Illinois led to widespread flooding. Aurora reported 16.94 inches of rain, establishing a state record for the most rain in a single day. Other heavy totals included 13.60 inches at Joliet, 9.24 inches in Wheaton, 8.09 inches in DeKalb, and 7.82 inches at Elgin. This event is often called "the second most damaging weather disaster in Illinois History."



**The Fire of Rome, 18 July 64 A.D., Hubert Robert, 1785.**

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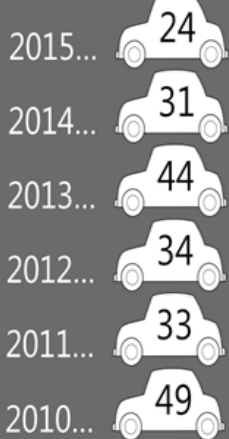
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## Heatwave This Week



Children Killed by Heatstroke in Vehicles



### Please Keep Children Safe

- Nearly 40 children die every year when they are left in vehicles
- All these deaths can be prevented
- Look before you lock!

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### What is a Heat Wave

- Abnormally hot and humid weather lasting at least 2 days
- Heat waves can occur anywhere in the country and cause heat illness or even death

find out how to stay safe at [www.weather.gov/heat](http://www.weather.gov/heat)



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## National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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The story this week is going to be the heat and high humidity. Stay safe!

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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 79.9 F at 7:10 PM

Heat Index: 81.0 at 6:23 PM

Low Outside Temp: 56.5 F at 6:14 AM

High Gust: 37.0 Mph at 12:47 AM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

Record High: 106° in 1936

Record Low: 40 in 1915

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 60°F

Average Precip in July: 1.87

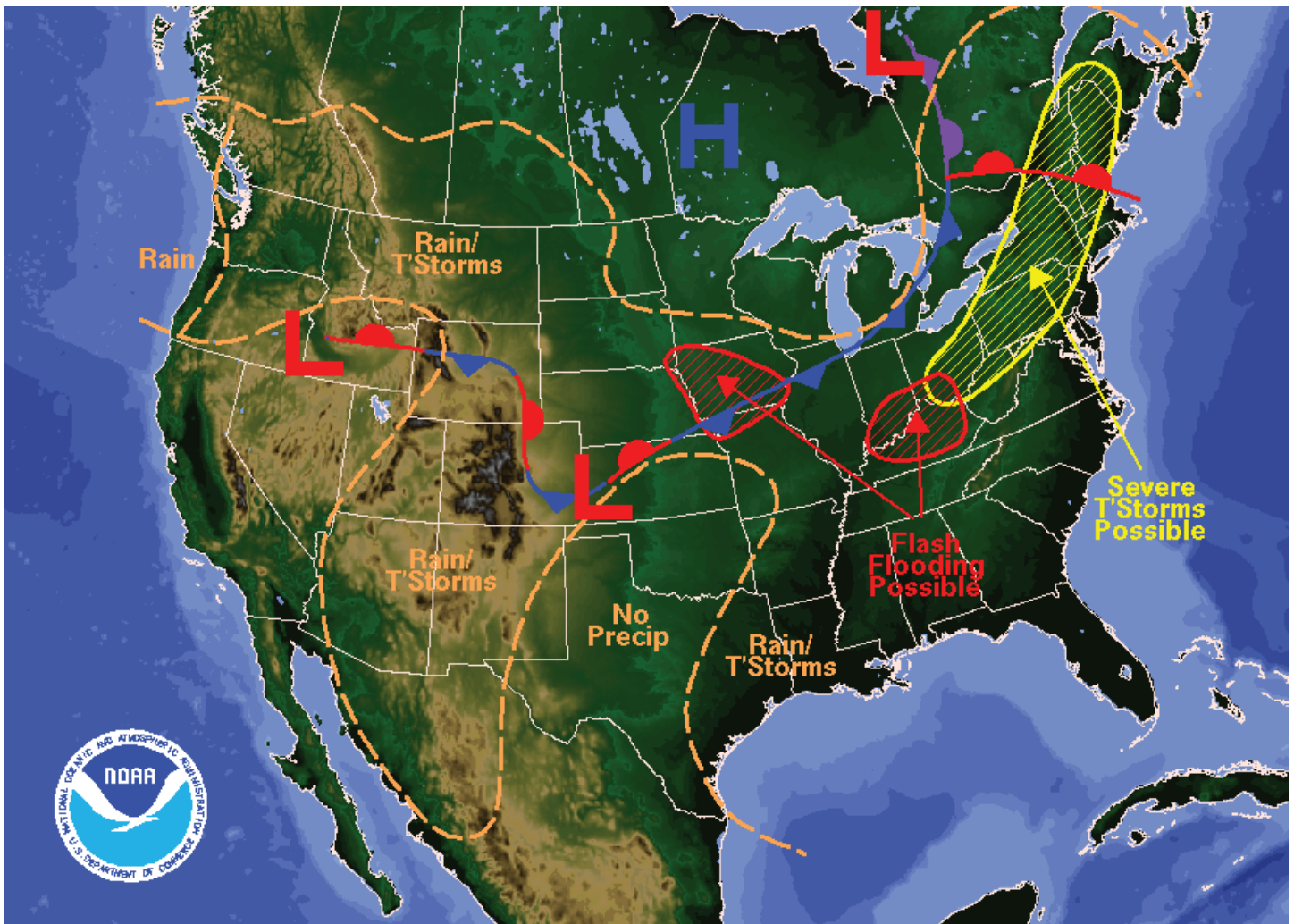
Precip to date in July: 3.55

Average Precip to date: 12.71

Precip Year to Date: 10.21

Sunset Tonight: 9:16 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:04 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jul 18, 2016, issued 4:37 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## NOT SOMETHING, SOMEONE!

A visitor recently said to me, "There's something different about you. You have something I don't have. I lack something in my life that you have in your life. It's very obvious to me. What is it?"

"Oh," I replied, "it's not something. It's Someone. It's the Lord!"

John, the Apostle, put it this way: "Life itself was in Him, and this life gives light to everyone. This light shines through the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."

This magnificent truth declares that the Light we need in and for our lives. The darkness of sin can never extinguish the Light that comes from God through Jesus Christ. In this Light we can see ourselves as we really are: sinners in need of a Savior and the salvation that only He can provide. When we come to Jesus, the true Light, and follow Him, we can walk confidently in His strength and power, seeing things as they really are. We will be able to avoid falling into temptation and sin since His Light will shine on our paths. We will then walk in ways that are pleasing to Him. When we follow this Light we can be assured of knowing that our lives are pleasing to Him and we can count on His presence and power.

With God's Son Jesus, as our Savior, we will become "someone" who is different. Our lives will reveal His wonder and glory and we will shine as His "lights."

Prayer: Lord, You truly are the Light of the world and will, if we allow You, give us "the" light that will guide us and guard us and bring us safely into Your presence. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: ...In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1

## News from the Associated Press

### **South Dakota wildfire prompts evacuation of about 20 homes**

EDGEMONT, S.D. (AP) — A wildfire in western South Dakota's Black Hills prompted the evacuation of about 60 homes near Edgemont.

The Indian Canyon fire has consumed nearly 19 square miles. Emergency officials on Sunday evacuated about 20 homes on the outskirts of Edgemont. KELO-TV reports the evacuation order was lifted about 11 p.m. Sunday. No injuries have been reported.

The Rapid City Journal reports that lightning is believed to be the cause of the fire. Officials say smoke is causing reduced visibility for motorists in the southwestern corner of South Dakota into northeastern Wyoming.

The Great Plains Fire Information service says the blaze is being fought on the ground and from the air.

### **Weekend storms wreak havoc in northeastern South Dakota**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Weekend storms in northeastern South Dakota damaged buildings, caused power outages and led to at least a couple of injuries.

National Weather Service reports show wind gusts on Saturday in the region in the range of 75 mph. The American News reports the wind downed power poles and trees, damaged a machine shed near Bath and a hangar at Aberdeen's airport. Heavy rain also led to street flooding in Aberdeen.

The Daily Republic reports that winds estimated at up to 80 mph knocked over a camper at Lake Poinsett. JL Dye of Sioux Falls was knocked unconscious and suffered a cut on his nose. His wife, Chrissy, was taken to a Sioux Falls hospital with a back injury.

Dye says the camper and several others were heavily damaged.

### **Authorities ID Michigan man killed in South Dakota crash**

KADOKA, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Michigan man who died after a crash at a scenic overlook in western South Dakota.

The Highway Patrol says 54-year-old Gary Haggard, of Clarkston, Michigan, was driving a semitrailer that tipped over Friday morning after hitting a curb and slid into a car at the overlook off Interstate 94 west of Kadoka.

No one was in the car, but two women standing nearby suffered life-threatening injuries when they were struck by the car. One was from Georgia and the other from South Korea. They were traveling together.

The two women were flown to a Rapid City hospital. Haggard was taken to a Philip hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

### **State accepting applications for youth deer hunting camp**

PRESHO, S.D. (AP) — Wildlife officials in South Dakota are accepting applications from adolescents interested in participating in a two-day deer hunting camp in September.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department says seven hunters will be selected for the camp scheduled to begin Sept. 24 at the Snake Den Lodge near Presho. The camp is open to first-time youth deer hunters between the ages of 12 and 15.

Each young hunter will be paired with a mentor during the camp. Participants will learn how to select

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the best ammunition and firearm for deer hunting, improve shooting and safety, sight in a firearm, field dress and how to properly care for meat.

Participation is free. Applicants must be HuntSAFE certified, and a parent or guardian must attend the camp with them.

## State health officials urging travelers to be aware of Zika

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State health officials are urging South Dakota women who are pregnant or planning a pregnancy to avoid traveling to areas affected by the Zika virus.

State epidemiologist Dr. Lon Kightlinger says people traveling to the tropics or sub-tropics should take precautions such as wearing pants and long-sleeved shirts and using an EPA-registered insect repellent.

The Zika virus causes only a mild illness, at worst, in most people. But infection during pregnancy can lead to severe brain-related birth defects for the fetus. It is usually spread by mosquitoes, although sexual transmission also is possible.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now advises women to use protection if their sex partner has traveled to a Zika-infected region.

Zika is not known to be carried by the mosquitoes found in South Dakota.

## US officers see unexpected slip in Taliban violence

**ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer**

ABOARD A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT (AP) — After inflicting heavy losses on weakened Afghan security forces a year ago, the Taliban under new leadership have been surprisingly slow to ramp up attacks at the midpoint of the traditional fighting season, senior American military officers said Sunday.

In an Associated Press interview, Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he is cautiously encouraged by a relative slackening of the Taliban's aggressive tactics.

Citing "a lower level of violence from the Taliban than we have seen in the past," Dunford was quick to say that while he believes Afghan forces have seized battlefield momentum, there are no assurances that the balance won't shift again.

"We've seen peaks and valleys with the Taliban before, but certainly on the ground right now the Afghan forces have the momentum," he said, speaking aboard an Air Force C-17 transport plane en route from Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan to Stuttgart, Germany. Dunford spent three days in Afghanistan speaking with U.S. and Afghan commanders, troops and officials. On Sunday he met with President Ashraf Ghani and other senior members of Ghani's government in Kabul.

Dunford commanded all U.S. and coalition forces in Afghanistan from February 2013 to August 2014.

In separate interviews in Afghanistan over the weekend, other senior U.S. officers highlighted an unexpected easing of Taliban military pressure in the days since Ramadan, the period of traditional Muslim fasting, ended in early July. One called it a "tactical pause," another said it points to a weakening of the Taliban, but none claimed it means an early end to the long war.

Private analysts interviewed Sunday expressed skepticism about the war's progress.

Anthony Cordesman, an Afghanistan expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said there are many forces at work against the country in addition to a resilient Taliban, even if the militants may have become more fragmented.

"Poverty is rising, governance is extremely weak and virtually absent in many districts," Cordesman said in an email exchange. "Power brokers and ex-warlords are stronger. No progress has been made in fighting corruption in one of the most corrupt countries in the world. Narcotics is becoming more



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important in the economy, and there is a major brain drain.”

He said President Barack Obama’s recent decision to commit U.S. troops longer and more directly “really does matter” on the military front. “But, Afghanistan desperately needs unified and more effective leadership and governance, more economic aid and reform, and less corruption or all the weakening of the Taliban can do is to make this an endless war of attrition.”

Dunford said he found Afghan commanders and officials heartened by Obama’s decisions to keep 8,400 U.S. troops in the country when he leaves office, more than previously planned, and to authorize more aggressive use of U.S. forces in support of Afghan offensive actions.

“It’s a psychological turning point” for the Afghan government and its security forces, he said, while adding: “I’m not sure it’s a turning point on the ground” for actual war fortunes.

Col. Michael Marti, director of the U.S.-led coalition’s intelligence center in Kabul, said Sunday he attributes the absence of an expected summer surge in Taliban violence to after-effects of the U.S. killing in May of the group’s leader, Mullah Mohammed Akhtar Mansour.

“Their overall operational tempo appears to be decreased a little bit,” Marti said, adding that the Taliban’s leadership transition means they are “building a new team” under their new leader, Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada, an extremist cleric.

Cordesman said the new Taliban leader lacks charisma and credibility, and he and other key Taliban figures “seem even less interested in real peace negotiations.”

Marti said it is too early to declare the slackening of Taliban attacks a trend. However, Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, said in an AP interview on Saturday he views the Taliban as seriously off the rails.

“This is not the cohesive, homogenous movement that it’s been known as in the past,” Nicholson said. “They’re not on a war-winning trajectory.”

As events of the past 15 years have shown, the Taliban do not need overall military victory in order to remain a threat to the U.S.-backed government in Kabul.

“All they have to do is wait out the eventual end of outside funding for Afghan security forces, at which point the government would collapse,” said Stephen Biddle, a professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University.

“This may not yield a literal Taliban military triumph even then, but the resulting chaos would be almost as bad for us — and for Afghans,” Biddle said in an email exchange Sunday.

“The only real alternative to this scenario is a negotiated settlement in the meantime, and a fractured Taliban leadership could actually make that harder rather than easier,” Biddle said. “So I don’t disagree with Gen. Nicholson’s assessment of the state of the Taliban, but I’m not sure it implies grounds for great optimism on the war’s prognosis.”

## **The Latest: Trump: Will attend wife Melania’s speech Monday**

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Latest on the Republican National Convention in Cleveland (EDT):

7:44 a.m.

Republican Donald Trump is making an early, surprise visit to Cleveland Monday to catch his wife’s speech at the Republican National Convention.

Trump says in a phone interview with “Fox & Friends” that he’d “love to be there when my wife speaks.”

The GOP nominee-to-be adds that Melania Trump’s evening speech will be about “love of the country” as an immigrant.

Trump also says he’s eager to take an early look at the convention hall’s stage design as the GOP

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gathering kicks off in Cleveland on Monday.

Trump is scheduled to deliver his own speech Thursday on the convention's final night.

7:05 a.m.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie says he is disappointed but has "no discontent" over presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump's decision to choose someone else as his running mate.

Christie told reporters Sunday night that he didn't lobby for the position and was honored to be considered. Trump on Friday chose Indiana Gov. Mike Pence after a vetting process that also included New Jersey's Republican governor.

Christie gave his first public comments since Trump's decision after a private speech Sunday at a hotel near where Republicans are gathering for this week's convention in Cleveland.

He says he has been friends with Trump for 15 years and this is "just another one of those steps along our friendship and a hard decision for him to make, and he made what he thought was the best decision."

3:25 a.m.

The Republican National Convention is set to kick off as the nation reels from another deadly shooting and dissident delegates stage a longshot, last-gasp effort to deny Donald Trump the GOP nomination for president.

It is Trump's moment — a week that few could have imagined when the New York billionaire entered the race a year ago.

Yet the delegate rebellion is likely to underline how divisive Trump has been. Delegates vote on the rules that will govern the convention week, and insurgent delegates said they would try to force a state-by-state vote — a move that could disrupt floor proceedings even if they fail.

Trump's opponents want to change a rule that requires delegates to vote for the candidate to whom they were committed after state primaries and caucuses.

## **Turkish F-16s patrol skies days after failed coup**

**SUZAN FRASER, Associated Press**

**DOMINIQUE SOGUEL, Associated Press**

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Warplanes patrolled Turkey's skies overnight in a sign that authorities feared that the threat against President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government was not yet over, despite official assurances that life has returned to normal after a failed coup.

The state-run Anadolu news agency said Erdogan ordered the overnight patrol by F-16s "for the control of the airspace and security" after a faction within the military launched the attempted coup late Friday.

The rebellion, which saw warplanes firing on key government installations and tanks rolling into major cities, was quashed by loyal government forces and masses of civilians who took to the streets. The country's top military brass did not support the coup.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said Monday that a total of 232 people — 208 government supporters he called "martyrs" and 24 coup plotters — died in the unrest. Government and military officials earlier put the total number of dead at 294, including 104 involved in the coup. The reason for the discrepancy was not immediately clear. More than 1,500 people were wounded.

Yildirim's voice cracked and he wept as he spoke with reporters after a cabinet meeting and repeated a question his grandson had put to him: "Why are they killing people?"

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He said he had no answer, but that Turkey would make the coup plotters answer "in such a way that the whole world will see."

He said a total of 7,543 had been detained since Friday, including 6,030 military personnel.

On Monday, Turkish prosecutors began questioning 27 generals and admirals. Anadolu reported the group includes former Air Force commander Gen. Akin Ozturk, who has been described as the ring-leader of the foiled uprising. Ozturk, who remained on active duty, has denied he was involved and insisted he worked to quell the uprising in statements to Turkish media.

On Sunday, Yildirim said the coup had failed and life had returned to normal, but he and other officials also urged people to take to streets at night, saying risks remained.

At nightfall, thousands of flag-waving people rallied in Istanbul's Taksim Square, Ankara's Kizilay Square and elsewhere. Erdogan remained in Istanbul despite statements that he would return to the capital and address crowds in Kizilay Square. News reports said close to 2,000 special forces police officers were deployed in Istanbul to guard key installations.

The government moved swiftly in the wake of the coup to shore up its power and remove those perceived as enemies.

On Monday, security forces continued raiding military facilities in search of suspected plotters. They searched the Air Force Academy premises and residences in Istanbul, Anadolu reported. It was not clear if any arrests were made.

The crackdown targeted not only generals and soldiers, but a wide swath of the judiciary that has sometimes blocked Erdogan, raising concerns that the effort to oust him will push Turkey even further into authoritarian rule.

The failed coup and the subsequent crackdown followed moves by Erdogan to reshape both the military and the judiciary. He had indicated a shake-up of the military was imminent and had also taken steps to increase his influence over the judiciary.

It is not clear how the post-coup purge will affect the judiciary, how the government will move to replace the dismissed judges and prosecutors, or where the trials for those detained would be held.

Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus defended the crackdown on judiciary officials in an interview with CNN-Turk, saying many of them would have played a role had the coup attempt succeeded.

"All of these (judiciary officials) did not necessarily have first-degree knowledge about this pro-junta initiative. Had they succeeded (with the coup) it is clear that these people would have been included into this business. Therefore, anyone connected to this group will be exposed."

The government alleged the coup conspirators were loyal to moderate U.S.-based cleric Fethullah Gulen, whom Erdogan has often accused of trying to overthrow the government.

Gulen, who lives in Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania, espouses a philosophy that blends a mystical form of Islam with democracy. He is a former Erdogan ally turned bitter foe who has been put on trial in absentia in Turkey, where the government has labeled his movement a terrorist organization. He strongly denies the government's charges.

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." So far, officials have not offered evidence he was involved.

Yildirim said those involved with the failed coup "will receive every punishment they deserve." Erdogan suggested that Turkey might reinstate capital punishment, which was abolished in 2004 as part of the country's bid to join the European Union. German Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman said Monday that Turkey reinstating the death penalty would mean the end of negotiations for the country to join the EU.

Even before the weekend 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 heavy-handed rule. He has shaken up the government, cracked down on dissent, restricted the media and renewed fighting with Kurdish rebels.

## With millions covered, 'repeal and replace' gets riskier

**RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cleveland, we have a problem.

As Republicans gather to anoint their presidential ticket, Donald Trump's plan for replacing "Obamacare" appears to be anything but solid. A nonpartisan analysis recently found it would make 18 million people uninsured.

Uncompromising opposition to President Barack Obama's health care overhaul has been a winning issue for Republicans, helping them gain control of Congress. Capturing the White House would finally let them make good on "repeal and replace."

Yet Obama's law has changed the nation in ways that many people wouldn't want reversed. Reviled as it may be, the law means people don't have to worry about being denied coverage due to medical problems, or fear policies that max out while a patient is undergoing chemotherapy. Millions who couldn't afford health insurance now have financial help.

Ripping apart the social safety net in the name of rolling back the government's power would be politically self-defeating, a dilemma for Republicans.

"I don't think they can credibly do 'repeal' until they have a solid legislative proposal to replace it," said Lanhee Chen, policy director for the 2012 Mitt Romney presidential campaign. "Politically, you can't really do 'repeal' without the 'replace' coming in right behind it."

Trump "has made some vague pronouncements, but that's not a plan," he added.

Many conservatives are hoping House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., will have the answer. Ryan has put together a framework for a replacement plan, and he's trying to build GOP consensus. While a President Trump would do everything he could administratively to unwind the health care law, Congress would take on the main work of repealing it and designing an alternative.

"He is going to rely heavily on the Republican House and the Republican Senate to put substantive bills on his desk," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., chair of the GOP platform committee.

Even with Ryan's policy expertise, that scenario is also filled with uncertainty.

If Republicans can keep the Senate, they're not expected to have a 60-vote majority that would allow them to ram through legislation. They might have to scale back their health care aspirations from the start.

Possible outcomes could shift from full repeal to rescinding parts of the law that Democrats don't much like either, such as its tax on high-value insurance plans, the employer coverage requirement, and a Medicare cost-control board. Call that "repeal lite."

A GOP replacement — while scrapping Obama's unpopular individual requirement to carry health insurance — would likely have other features similar to the president's approach. Among them are tax credits to help people afford insurance and a provision for people with medical problems to get coverage. Some conservatives would dismiss that as "Obamacare lite."

"Don't get me wrong, there would be a lot of turbulence," said Jim Capretta, a health care policy expert at the business-oriented American Enterprise Institute. "Proposing to move in a different direction will be rocky politically no matter what the circumstances are."

That raises another question: How much political capital would a newly inaugurated President Trump, with far-reaching ambitions on trade and tax policy, want to spend on "repeal and replace"?

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All the uncertainty is making people covered under the health care law uneasy. Millions previously uninsured have gotten coverage. The nation's uninsured rate is about 9 percent, a historic low.

Deborah Paddison, a freelance editor and writer from Phoenix, says she would become uninsurable without the Affordable Care Act. As a youngster, she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune disease that attacks the joints and tissues of the body. She's had more than a dozen surgeries and a kidney transplant. Currently she is getting rehab following a recent operation to stabilize an artificial hip.

Her monthly premium for a plan through HealthCare.gov is \$429, for which she gets a subsidy of \$235. Her share comes out to \$194.

"There are so many people like me, with a history of chronic disease, who don't yet qualify for Medicare," said Paddison. "We work, we are productive citizens, but basically we would be uninsurable."

The Ryan plan provides a pathway for people who maintain "continuous coverage" to avoid insurance limitations based on their medical histories. But it's not clear if that would work as well or better for Paddison than what she currently has.

A political independent, she said Trump is "not nearly as informed as he claims to be."

While two-thirds of Republicans would like to see the health care law completely repealed, a recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that other Americans have very different ideas.

About half of Democrats would like to see Congress expand what the law does, as Hillary Clinton is proposing.

Overall, 33 percent of Americans want the health care law repealed, while 28 percent want to expand what it does. Others are somewhere in the middle.

Those numbers point to enduring divisions, not a clear mandate for repeal.

But don't look for Republicans to back off.

"We are committed to take this on again," said Barrasso. "We have an obligation to the people who voted for us to proceed with 'repeal and replace.'"

## **Palestinian stabs 2 Israeli soldiers in West Bank**

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian stabbed two Israeli soldiers in the West Bank on Monday before being shot, the military said.

The attacker's condition was not immediately known. Israel's rescue service said the soldiers were lightly wounded.

The violence is the latest in a 10-month wave of attacks that has seen Palestinians use knives, cars and guns against Israeli civilians and soldiers. Some 34 Israelis and two visiting Americans have been killed since mid-September. More than 200 Palestinians have been killed, the majority said by Israel to have been attackers. The rest were killed in clashes with Israeli troops.

Israel says the violence is fueled by a Palestinian campaign of lies and incitement. The Palestinians say it is the result of frustrations stemming from nearly 50 years of Israeli occupation and a lack of hope for an independent state.

Earlier Monday, the Israeli military said it had demolished the West Bank home of Bilal Abu Zeid, a Palestinian who it says served as an accomplice to a deadly attack earlier this year.

Abu Zeid is said to have been involved in an attack in Jerusalem in February that killed an Israeli paramilitary police officer. The military did not disclose what role Abu Zeid allegedly played in the attack.

The military said clashes erupted as it was carrying out the demolition and that Palestinians opened fire and lobbed explosives at troops. The military responded with live fire, and the Palestinian Health

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Ministry said five people were wounded, one seriously.

Israel sees house demolitions as an effective deterrent against violence. Critics say it amounts to collective punishment.

## Parliament to vote on renewing Britain's nuclear arsenal

LONDON (AP) — British lawmakers are due to vote Monday on whether to replace the country's fleet of nuclear-armed submarines, a powerful but expensive symbol of the country's military status.

The Conservative government is determined to maintain Britain's nuclear deterrent, which consists of four Royal Navy submarines armed with Trident missiles. It says replacing the aging submarines will cost up to 41 billion pounds (\$54 billion) over 20 years.

Prime Minister Theresa May will open the debate in her first address to Parliament since taking office last week.

Her office says May will say that "the nuclear threat has not gone away, if anything, it has increased," and it would be reckless to abandon the country's "ultimate safeguard."

"We cannot outsource the grave responsibility we shoulder for keeping our people safe," she will say, according to extracts released in advance of the afternoon debate.

Britain has been a nuclear power since the 1950s, and both Labour and Conservative governments have consistently supported atomic weapons.

May's Conservatives made replacing the four submarines — Vanguard, Victorious, Vigilant and Vengeance — a promise in last year's election.

The Conservatives have a small majority in the House of Commons, and lawmakers are likely to back renewal, despite opposition from the Scottish National Party and some Labour Party members.

Nuclear disarmament has been a lifelong cause for beleaguered Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who is facing a leadership challenge from disgruntled lawmakers. Many Labour legislators will probably vote to keep the nuclear program to protect thousands of unionized defense jobs.

## Japan companies seek hipness through teens posting to Vine

**YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer**

TOKYO (AP) — What's helping turn Japanese youngsters into stars on Vine, the Twitter-owned social network devoted to looping, six-second video clips, is the stodginess of this nation's business world.

Japan Inc. companies, both big and small, are generally so clueless about appealing to youngsters — especially young women and especially on social networks — they need all the help they can get from teenage Viners for marketing.

Reika Oozeki, 19, became a sensation overnight on Vine when she was just 17, offering snarky sketches of life.

"I was studying for tests, and I was bored," says Oozeki, who started out using her cellphone to shoot videos of herself in pajamas or at school. "I was so surprised it caught on."

Now she has more than 730,000 followers and her videos have looped over viewers' screens nearly 850 million times. Most of her clips are close-ups of her face. She might coo pretending to be with a date, and then suddenly switch to a growl when she is supposedly with girlfriends.

She has appeared on TV shows, got cast in a movie and is signed with a production company. She is also training to become a swimming coach for children, who adore her because she is famous on Vine.

When companies approach her to make Vine clips, Oozeki is often given free rein. She is sometimes not even required to say the company name. In the clip she made for Intel Japan, she merely snarls,

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“Interru haitteru,” the Japanese for “Intel Inside.”

Vine is unique as a social network in that people post entirely video, much of it taken on cellphones. Each clip is a six-second loop.

There are 200 million people who watch Vine videos every month, and, although Vine does not break down viewers by country, Japan is one of Vine’s largest markets outside the U.S.

Kota Furukoshi, chief executive of Tokyo-based Web marketing consulting startup Ninoya, says Japanese companies, which still tend to be dominated by old men, are generally resigned to their lack of online savvy. Instead of trying to acquire and build such skills in-house, they tend to turn for outside help for online marketing, he said.

Popular Vine creators in Japan represent a break from old-style Japanese who tend to be shy, inhibited and inept at self-expression, said Kota Furukoshi, chief executive of Tokyo-based Web marketing consulting startup Ninoya.

“They’re very creative. They’re stylish. They’re sharp,” Furukoshi said. “They know how to build their personalities online.”

Vine translated well in Japan, unlike other companies that had a culture clash.

LinkedIn, for instance, failed, and was even frowned upon in this culture where job-hopping is not as common as in the U.S. and is seen as betrayal by employers, said Furukoshi.

Vine is at a disadvantage compared to YouTube or Facebook as a moneymaker because most Vine users are too young to be big spenders. But some companies — like the Japan unit of Intel and Japanese candy maker Morinaga & Co. — are using Vine, seeing it as a worthwhile investment for brand recognition.

There are signs that the Vine craze may have peaked in Japan. Nobi Hayashi, who consults and writes about technology in Japan, believes Vine’s trademark brevity is proving its weakness.

“It becomes just one gag after the other,” Hayashi said.

Last month, Vine added a “watch more” option, allowing an attachment of longer video of up to 140 seconds, and up to 10 minutes for some partners. Vine is also starting to support opportunities to make money through the clips.

But Japanese, like Americans, are often turning to rivals like Snapchat. And other social networks, such as Instagram and Facebook, also offer video.

Oozeki says she is expanding to other platforms, especially YouTube, for self-expression. That reflects the sentiments of many of the Japanese Vine stars, who see their influence on Vine as a springboard for other online or film careers.

Hokuto Ikura quit his job at a major company, moved to Tokyo from Fukuoka to become a planner at Tokyo-based Grove Inc., which recruits and supports Viners and other online creators.

Vine changed Ikura’s life in a personal way, too. Oozeki is now his girlfriend. He says they complement each other well because Oozeki is inspired and creative, while he is more organized and analytical.

Hayatto Noguchi, with about 23,000 followers and 16 million loops or views on Vine, is hoping to leverage Vine as a springboard for his livelihood.

Noguchi uses animation <https://youtu.be/H8mnxbiNaTQ> as well as the stop-motion technique of manipulating real-life objects, frames at a time, to create the illusion of movement.

In one, colorful origami-like buildings pop up on a desk. In another, a likeness of Noguchi appears on top of a cake to wish a happy birthday. He has already been tapped by Intel Japan, Tic Tac mints and other companies to create Vine videos, although the pay is relatively small at a few hundred dollars (tens of thousands of yen) per post.

It’s a tricky process to fine-tune the looping and craft an eye-catching concept. An overly polished look

can backfire because most people are tired of the slickness of TV ads and Hollywood movies, he said. Noguchi recently quit his job at a cellphone company and is devoting himself full time to Vine. He hasn't told his parents about Vine, dreaming of that day they'll find out on their own.

But he has no illusions about how fleeting the Vine craze might be, and shrugs that time might be running out for him to become a self-sustaining videographer.

"I think this year is it," he said.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

### 1. FORMER MARINE KILLS THREE BATON ROUGE OFFICERS, WOUNDS THREE OTHERS

Authorities are investigating the motives of shooter Gavin Long, who was killed at the scene.

### 2. WHAT TO WATCH FOR AS THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION KICKS OFF

The first act will underline how divisive Trump has been with insurgents pushing for a rule change in a last-gasp effort to deny him the nomination.

### 3. AP POLL SHOWS US VOTERS SPLIT OVER TRUMP'S PROPOSED TEMPORARY BAN ON ENTRY OF MUSLIMS

The AP-GfK polls shows Trump's shifting rhetoric on that ban might win some Americans over.

### 4. TURKISH WAR PLANES PATROL SKIES IN SIGNS OF LINGERING FEAR OF THREATS AGAINST GOVERNMENT

The Cabinet prepares to meet for the first time since the failed coup attempt amid concerns that a crackdown will push Turkey even further into authoritarian rule.

### 5. FRANCE FIND NO EVIDENCE SO FAR THAT TRUCK DRIVER HAD LINKS TO "TERRORIST NETWORK"

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve says the driver may have been motivated by IS messages but not necessarily coordinating with a larger network.

### 6. WHY JAPANESE COMPANIES ARE TURNING TO TEENAGE VINERS FOR MARKETING HELP

Stodgy Japan Inc. firms need all the help they can get in appealing to youngsters, especially young women.

### 7. HOW COLOMBIA IS RETHINKING ITS ANTI-DRUG STRATEGY AS COCAINE PRODUCTION SKYROCKETS

The country is hopeful that an imminent cease-fire with rebels will allow the military to shift its resources from fighting insurgents to pursuing top drug traffickers.

### 8. SPACEX LAUNCHES CRITICAL SPACE STATION DOCKING STATION FOR ASTRONAUTS

The unmanned Falcon rocket also carried a DNA decoder for high-flying genetic research.

### 9. WHO ANSWERED THE GAME'S SUMMONS FOR AN ANTI-VIOLENCE SUMMIT IN LOS ANGELES

Several hundred gang members, hip-hop luminaries joined city leaders including the mayor and police chief.

### 10. KIM KARDASHIAN LAUNCHES LATEST SALVO IN TAYLOR SWIFT-KANYE WEST BATTLE

Swift says a video posted Snapchat of an old call between her and West actually proves she never gave permission for him to call her a vulgar name.



## Uncle says Nice attacker recruited by Algerian IS member

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MSAKEN, Tunisia (AP) — The uncle of the truck driver who killed 84 people on the French Riviera says his nephew was indoctrinated about two weeks ago by an Algerian member of the Islamic State group in Nice.

French officials could not confirm Monday that attacker Mohamed Lahouaijeh Bouhlel had been approached by an Algerian recruiter, saying that the investigation is ongoing.

IS claimed responsibility for last week's attack, though Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said Monday that investigators have found no sign yet that Bouhlel had links to a particular network.

The driver's uncle, Sadok Bouhlel, told The Associated Press that given Bouhlel's family problems — he was estranged from his wife and three children — the Algerian "found in Mohamed an easy prey for recruitment."

Bouhlel's rapid radicalization has puzzled investigators. Friends and family said he had not been an observant Muslim in the past. Cazeneuve said Monday on RTL radio that the driver may have been motivated by IS messages but not necessarily coordinating with a larger network.

"Mohamed didn't pray, didn't go to the mosque and ate pork," said Sadok Bouhlel, a 69-year-old retired teacher, in the driver's hometown of Msaken, Tunisia. The uncle said he learned about the Algerian recruiter from extended family members who live in Nice.

Sadok is devastated by his nephew's act, and doesn't want him buried in Msaken. "He made more than 80 families grieve, and stained the reputation of our town and our country."

Many of the dead and injured were children watching a fireworks display with their families. Cazeneuve said 59 people are still hospitalized after the attack Thursday, 29 of them in intensive care, out of 308 people injured overall.

France held a moment of silence Monday to remember the victims. Thousands of people massed on the waterfront promenade where the Bastille Day celebrations became a killing field on Thursday night.

Among the mourners was Prime Minister Manuel Valls, who was loudly booed as he arrived at and left the ceremony in Nice.

President Francois Hollande's Socialist administration has come under blistering criticism from opposition conservatives after last week's deadly attack. Former President Nicolas Sarkozy accused the government of bad policies that he says failed to prevent three major attacks in the past 18 months.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve hit back Monday, listing a series of laws and extra police forces created under Hollande's presidency "to face a threat that France was not prepared for" when he took over from Sarkozy in 2012.

After a special security meeting, Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said French forces in the U.S-led coalition struck IS targets again overnight and on Saturday. French warplanes have been involved in the operation in Iraq and to a lesser degree in Syria.

## GOP reaches for nuance on race, police after latest unrest

**BILL BARROW, Associated Press**

ATLANTA (AP) — Some prominent Republicans are speaking out about race, expressing empathy for the challenges faced by black Americans, after a spate of racially tinged gun violence that saw two black men killed by police and retaliatory attacks by a black sniper that killed five Dallas police officers.

House Speaker Paul Ryan and one of his predecessors, Newt Gingrich, have argued for frank conversations about race, citing some hurdles unique to African-Americans.

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"It's important that we acknowledge ... there are people in this country who believe that because of their color of their skin, they're not as safe as everybody else," Ryan said recently on CNN.

Gingrich, among the finalists to be Donald Trump's vice presidential pick, said, it was "difficult" for white Americans to "appreciate how real" it is for black Americans to live in fear of a "situation where the police don't respect you and you could easily get killed."

The tone is not uniform among Republicans: Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor who has long advocated strong police tactics, declared the Black Lives Matter movement — a response to police killings of black men — "inherently racist." The real danger to young black men, Giuliani said, is "99 out of 100 times ... other black kids, who are going to kill them."

Additional killings of at least three police officers Sunday in Louisiana, where Alton Sterling had been killed by Baton Rouge police two weeks ago, could certainly test the new tenor.

But before Sunday's shootings, at least, Giuliani's take was an outlier in a week punctuated by a floor speech from Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, one of two black men in the chamber and the only black Republican.

In deeply personal remarks, Scott, 50, told of years of being stopped by police — including seven times in one year after he was an elected official.

The senator recounted a white officer once calling him "boy." Even recently, Scott recalled, a Capitol Hill policeman questioned the lapel pin issued only to senators. Scott said he was told: "The pin, I know. You, I don't. Show me your ID."

Scott, who nevertheless praised American law enforcement, said he doesn't know a black man of any age, social status or income level who hasn't suffered the "loss of dignity that accompanies each of those stops." And he said that pales in comparison to what Philando Castile in Minnesota, Alton Sterling and others faced as they died at the hands of police.

The range of GOP reactions represents a break from the usual partisan divide after previous police-involved killings or other acts of gun violence, with Democrats criticizing police brutality and calling for stricter gun regulations and Republicans championing law-and-order while generally defending gun rights and police, while avoiding mentions of race.

After Sterling, Castile and the Dallas attacks, something was different. Yet rhetorical shifts won't necessarily break the logjams on equally sensitive public policy arguments over gun laws, economic inequality and police behavior.

Ryan has not granted Democratic demands for votes on new gun regulations, specifically an expansion of background checks and proposals to block gun purchases by individuals on certain terrorist watch lists. But in an agreement with the Congressional Black Caucus, the speaker appointed a bipartisan panel to suggest ways to improve police relationships with their communities.

Most Republicans haven't gone as far as Democrats in putting black Americans' frustrations in the wider context of economic struggle.

Still, Matt Moore, the South Carolina Republican Party chairman and one of Scott's constituents, said the chilling videos of Castile's and Sterling's deaths — along with live televised images of the Dallas sniper attacks during peaceful protests against police violence — have created a new sense of empathy in the GOP.

"Empathy is just seeing the world through someone else's eyes, and we already experienced that in South Carolina," Moore said. He cited the April 2015 killing of Walter Scott, a black man, by a white North Charleston police officer, and the June 2015 massacre in which a white gunman killed nine people at a historic black church in Charleston.

The latter event sparked Republican Gov. Nikki Haley and white South Carolina lawmakers to lower the Confederate battle flag from statehouse grounds. "That shows people can change," Moore said, adding that he hopes more Republicans "will look at all these issues comprehensively, from a social, economic and personal perspective."

GOP pollster Whit Ayres said the new dynamics could conceivably lead to speedier action on various criminal justice overhauls pending in Congress. Sentencing changes — a break from former sentencing guidelines, particularly for nonviolent offenses — already have moved through several statehouses in recent years.

Still, Moore and Ayres agreed, the hardest divide to breach will be on guns, where the Republican base and most GOP officials oppose any new restrictions on access to weapons. Conservatives are much more likely than other voters to make voting decisions based on gun policy, Ayres said.

"Intensity matters in politics, and that issue is exhibit A," he said.

## Voters split over how to secure US from illegal immigration

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**VIVIAN SALAMA, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans reject Donald Trump's proposal to build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico and his support for deporting those in the country illegally. But they're divided on the presumptive Republican nominee's proposed temporary ban on the entry of Muslims from other countries, a new survey finds.

The poll shows Trump's shifting rhetoric on that ban might win some Americans over.

When it comes to Trump's proposal to build a wall along the Mexican border, about 6 in 10 Americans oppose the idea while 4 in 10 are for it, the new Associated Press-GfK poll indicated.

Similarly, 6 in 10 Americans favor providing a way for immigrants who are in the country illegally to become U.S. citizens, while about 4 in 10 are opposed.

Seventy-six percent of Democrats, along with 44 percent of Republicans, favor a path to citizenship for immigrants in the country illegally. Among Trump's supporters, just 38 percent are in favor of a path to citizenship. Sixty-seven percent of Republicans and just 21 percent of Democrats favor a border wall. Three-quarters of Trump's supporters favor that proposal.

Trump's likely rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton, has cast his calls for the border wall and temporary foreign Muslims ban as dangerous.

Trump supporter Marile Womack, 79, of Debarry, Florida, adamantly favors the border wall. No one else "had the guts to do it," she said. But the daughter of Austrian immigrants isn't opposed to immigration from any country so long as it's done legally.

"I don't favor banning immigrants, but I am for investigating them before they come," she said.

In contrast, Mark Wecker, a car salesman from Redding, California, called a border wall stupid, because "it's a lot of money and it's not going to keep them out if they want to get in."

Three-quarters of Latinos, two-thirds of African-Americans and more than half of whites favor providing a path to citizenship. Forty-eight percent of whites, 26 percent of blacks and just 16 percent of Latinos favor a border wall.

Daniella Gil, a stay-at-home-mom from Cornelius, Oregon, who is the daughter of Mexican immigrants, said, "We should be focusing on the violence coming from Syria as opposed to Hispanics jumping the border."

She said she supports immigration from any country so long as it's done legally.

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Americans are slightly more likely to oppose than favor a temporary ban on Muslims who are not U.S. citizens from entering the United States, by a 52 percent to 45 percent margin that has been strikingly consistent in AP-GfK polls conducted this year.

Sixty-nine percent of Republicans say they favor the temporary ban on Muslim immigration, while 68 percent of Democrats are opposed. Half of whites and just a third of non-whites say they favor the ban. Seventy-six percent of Trump supporters are in favor.

On a trip to Scotland last month, Trump shifted his rhetoric, saying he would instead “want terrorists out” of the U.S., and to do so, he would limit people’s entry from “specific terrorist countries and we know who those terrorist countries are.”

The poll indicates that rhetorical shift could win support. Among those asked more broadly about a temporary ban on immigrants from areas of the world where there is a history of terrorism against the U.S. or its allies, 63 percent are in favor and 34 percent opposed. Ninety-four percent of Trump supporters say they favor this proposal, as do 45 percent of Clinton supporters.

“That’s a necessity for creating stability,” said Ryan Williams, 40, a health care provider from Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Most Americans — 53 percent — think the United States is currently letting in too many refugees from Syria, engulfed in civil war since 2011 and the Islamic State militant group’s de facto center. President Barack Obama has pledged to admit some 10,000 Syrian refugees this year.

Another 33 percent think the current level is about right, while just 11 percent want to let in more. About 4 in 10 think there’s a very or somewhat high risk of refugees committing acts of religious or political violence in the United States, 34 percent think the risk moderate, and 24 percent consider it very or somewhat low.

Seventy-six percent of Republicans think the U.S. should allow fewer refugees. Among Democrats, 43 percent think the current level is about right, 38 percent think the U.S. should allow fewer, and 18 percent want to allow more.

Said Gil, the stay-at-home mom from Oregon, “Some of those people are innocent kids.”

## **Coca’s comeback forces Colombia to rethink drug war**

**JOSHUA GOODMAN, Associated Press**

ESPINAL, Colombia (AP) — Explosives experts wearing heavy body armor light a fuse and take cover behind a concrete-reinforced trench. “Fire in the area!” a commando shouts before a deafening blast ricochets across the Andean foothills and sends a plume of brown smoke 30 meters (100 feet) high.

Such drills have intensified for Colombia’s military, one of the most battle-tested in the world, as it tries to control skyrocketing cocaine production that has fueled a half-century of war with leftist guerrillas.

After six straight years of declining or steady production, the amount of land under coca cultivation in Colombia began rising in 2014 and jumped 42 percent last year to 159,000 hectares (393,000 acres), according to the U.S. government. That’s an area twice the size of New York City, and after much production shifted to Peru over the past decade, the United Nations said recently that Colombia is once again the world’s largest supplier of the drug.

The military training exercises simulate the charges that troops typically use to blow up land mines protecting coca crops in areas dominated by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the rebel group known as the FARC. Once the mines are destroyed, civilians move in to dig up the plants.

Troops have had to wipe out coca plants manually since last year when President Juan Manuel Santos ended a two-decade-old aerial eradication program over health concerns signaled in a World Health Organization-sponsored report reclassifying the chemical herbicide glyphosate as a carcinogen.

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But amid rising cocaine production, Colombia is being forced to rethink its anti-drug strategy again, taking into account the possibility of a more stable future now that the government has reached a cease-fire deal with rebels that will take effect once a final accord is signed, probably in the coming weeks.

If and when that happens, the military is hopeful it will be able to shift its energy and resources from fighting rebels to pursuing top drug traffickers.

In the meantime, Defense Minister Luis Carlos Villegas insists that Colombia's military is not easing up on eradication, as was suggested in June in Senate testimony by the State Department's top anti-narcotics official.

"We haven't renounced the war on drugs," Villegas said in an interview. "Nobody in the world has produced more dead, more blood, or more resources than Colombia."

As proof, he points out the government's scaling up of manual eradication to replace the now-grounded crop duster plans that were piloted by Americans. In the coming months, Colombia will quadruple to around 200 the number of eradication crews, each comprised of about two dozen civilians escorted by a much-larger security detail of sharpshooters, paramedics and land mine removal teams.

It's dangerous work. In the last 15 years, 153 people on manual eradication teams have been killed, the majority from exploding land mines or booby traps, according to the anti-narcotics police. More than 500 have lost limbs or suffered serious injuries.

It's also costly and slow-going: On an average day, each crew can only clear about a hectare (about 2½ acres). That's why the government has managed to eradicate only about 9,000 hectares (22,000 acres) of coca fields this year compared to the 172,000 hectares (425,000 acres annually at the height of the fumigation program a decade ago.

With some people warning that Colombia will soon be awash in coca because the manual eradication process moves so slowly, Santos earlier this year decided to bring back pesticides on a more limited — and what he says is safer — basis.

Starting later this year, crews will be equipped with hazardous materials suits and motor-powered sprayers worn on their backs, allowing them to spread a glyphosate substitute over longer distances.

But even those committed to the program's success recognize its limitations and yearn for a return to the days of fumigation.

"Without a doubt the results aren't going to be sufficient," Capt. Manuel Perez, a police special forces instructor, said between loud blasts at Los Pijaos training base, a drive of a few hours south of Bogota.

Elsewhere on the sprawling base, in an experimental field growing 23 varieties of coca, procedures and equipment are being tested against growers' ever-changing techniques. The biggest concern lately is a strain called "Boliviana negra" — Black Bolivian, also known as "Supercoca," which is found in the southern jungles and being studied for its resistance to the herbicide.

However strong the government's eradication effort, the new strategy's linchpin is the FARC. The group has long funded its insurgency by levying a "war tax" on cocaine shipments moving through areas it controls. But as part of peace talks, it has already agreed to abandon the business and join the government in an alternative development program to wean an estimated 64,000 mostly-peasant families off the drug trade. Although details are scarce, the two sides in July made public a pilot project in western Antioquia state near where they're already removing land mines together.

Conservative critics of Santos see his plan as tailor-made to appease the rebels, who have long compared the fumigation with glyphosate to the U.S. military's use of the defoliant Agent Orange during the Vietnam war.

Experts say FARC members are taking advantage of the relative safety provided by the end of fumigation, as well as the long build-up to a peace deal, to urge farmers to increase coca production so they

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will be well-positioned to receive government assistance when hostilities cease.

Meanwhile, the coca growers have little faith the government can deliver. A visit earlier this year by The Associated Press to a FARC-controlled area in Antioquia found some coca growers bracing for confrontation and showing no sign of slowing down.

"We'll fight whoever comes and touches our plants," said Fernando Zapata, head of a community council in the tiny hamlet of San Isidro, his hands swollen green from so many years stripping coca leaves from its knobby bush. "We're organized and will fight to the death if necessary. They want to stop us from feeding our families."

## Asian stocks mixed on Turkey coup attempt, better China data

**JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets were mixed Monday after Wall Street ended the week up, a Turkish military coup failed and China reported better economic data.

KEEPING SCORE: The Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.5 percent to 3,038.69 points while Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 rose 0.5 percent to 5,455.20. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.1 percent to 21,674.28 and Seoul's Kospi was unchanged at 2,017.13. Japanese markets were closed for a holiday. Benchmarks in Singapore and New Zealand gained while the Philippines and Indonesia retreated.

WALL STREET: All three major stock indexes ended up for a third straight week after the government reported stronger consumer sales. The Commerce Department said retail spending rose 2.7 percent in June from a year earlier. The Labor Department reported consumer prices rose a modest 1 percent in June from a year ago, suggesting that the Federal Reserve may take its time raising interest rates from the record lows that have helped push stocks higher. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 10.14 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,516.55. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 2.01 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,161.74. The Nasdaq composite lost 4.47 points, or 0.1 percent, to end at 5,029.59.

TURKEY'S COUP: Emerging market stocks were jolted by Friday's failed coup attempt, but financial analysts said the downturn was likely to be short. The Russian ruble, Mexican peso, South African rand and other currencies fell against the dollar. "A bit of a pullback may be in order in the wake of the Turkish coup, but the hunt for yield in this global low rate environment is likely to see funds flow back in into higher yielding EM assets," said Angus Nicholson of IG in a report.

CHINA'S OUTLOOK: Growth in the world's second-largest economy held steady at 6.7 percent over a year earlier in the second quarter of the year, supported by better-than-expected factory output and retail sales. That prompted suggestions that efforts to reverse a steady decline in growth are gaining traction, though some analysts warned the second half might be more challenging. "The outlook towards risk assets is further supported by better than expected China data," said Citigroup analysts in a report. "Together with stability in renminbi this is likely to diffuse the tail risks investors worry about."

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude added 2 cents to \$45.97 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 27 cents on Friday to close at \$45.95. Brent crude, used to price international oils, advanced 20 cents to \$47.81 per barrel in London. The contract gained 24 cents the previous session to \$47.61.

CURRENCY: The dollar rose to 105.52 yen from Friday's 104.81 yen. The euro edged up to \$1.1062 from \$1.1037.

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## Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 18, the 200th day of 2016. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 18, 1976, 14-year-old Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci (koh-muh-NEECH'), competing at the Montreal Olympics, received the first-ever perfect score of 10 with her routine on uneven parallel bars. (Comaneci would go on to receive six more 10s in Montreal.)

On this date:

In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began, consuming most of the city for about a week. (Some blamed the fire on Emperor Nero, who in turn blamed Christians.)

In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.

In 1872, Britain enacted voting by secret ballot.

In 1925, Adolf Hitler published the first volume of his autobiographical screed, "Mein Kampf (My Struggle)."

In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1944, Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister because of setbacks suffered by his country in World War II. American forces in France captured the Normandy town of St. Lo.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed a Presidential Succession Act which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

In 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Edgar Faure met for a summit in Geneva.

In 1969, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., left a party on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard with Mary Jo Kopechne (koh-PEHK'-nee), 28; some time later, Kennedy's car went off a bridge into the water. Kennedy was able to escape, but Kopechne drowned.

In 1984, gunman James Huberty opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro (ee-SEE'-droh), California, killing 21 people before being shot dead by police. Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

In 1986, the world got its first look at the wreckage of the RMS Titanic resting on the ocean floor as videotape of the British luxury liner, which sank in 1912, was released by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

In 1994, a bomb hidden in a van destroyed a Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 85. Tutsi rebels declared an end to Rwanda's 14-week-old civil war.

Ten years ago: The Senate voted after two days of emotional debate to expand federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, sending the measure to President George W. Bush for a promised veto. A doctor and two nurses who'd labored at a flooded-out New Orleans hospital in Hurricane Katrina's chaotic aftermath were arrested and accused of killing four trapped and desperately ill patients with injections of morphine and sedatives. (A grand jury later declined to indict Dr. Anna Pou and the nurses.)

Five years ago: Gen. David Petraeus handed over command of American and coalition forces in Afghanistan to Gen. John Allen as he left to take over the Central Intelligence Agency. Reeling from months of tragedy caused by a devastating tsunami and earthquake, Japan celebrated after its women's soccer team won the World Cup by beating the United States 3-1 on penalty kicks, after coming from behind twice in a 2-2 tie.

One year ago: Saudi Arabia announced it had broken up planned Islamic State attacks in the kingdom and arrested more than 400 suspects in an anti-terrorism sweep, a day after a powerful blast in

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neighboring Iraq killed more than 100 people in one of the country's deadliest single attacks since U.S. troops pulled out in 2011. Actor Alex Rocco, 79, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, is 95. Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 87. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tenley Albright, M.D., is 81. Movie director Paul Verhoeven is 78. Musician Brian Auger is 77. Singer Dion DiMucci is 77. Actor James Brolin is 76. Baseball Hall of Famer Joe Torre is 76. Singer Martha Reeves is 75. Pop-rock musician Wally Bryson (The Raspberries) is 67. Country-rock singer Craig Fuller (Pure Prairie League) is 67. Actress Margo Martindale is 65. Singer Ricky Skaggs is 62. Actress Audrey Landers is 60. World Golf Hall of Famer Nick Faldo is 59. Rock musician Nigel Twist (The Alarm) is 58. Actress Anne-Marie Johnson is 56. Actress Elizabeth McGovern is 55. Rock musician John Hermann (Widespread Panic) is 54. Rock musician Jack Irons is 54. Talk show host/actress Wendy Williams is 52. Actor Vin Diesel is 49. Actor Grant Bowler is 48. Retired NBA All-Star Penny Hardaway is 45. Alt-country singer Elizabeth Cook is 44. Actor Eddie Matos is 44. MLB All-Star Torii Hunter is 41. Dance music singer-songwriter M.I.A. is 41. Rock musician Daron Malakian (System of a Down; Scars on Broadway) is 41. Rock musician Tony Fagenson (Eve 6) is 38. Movie director Jared Hess is 37. Actor Jason Weaver is 37. Actress Kristen Bell is 36. Actor Michiel Huisman (MIHK'-heel HOWS'-man) is 35. Rock singer Ryan Cabrera is 34. Actress Priyanka Chopra (TV: "Quantico") is 34. Christian-rock musician Aaron Gillespie (Underoath) is 33. Actor Chace Crawford is 31. Actor James Norton (TV: "Grantchester") is 31. Musician Paul Kowert (Punch Brothers) is 30. Actor Travis Milne is 30. Bluegrass musician Joe Dean Jr. (Dailey & Vincent) is 27.

Thought for Today: "While we read history we make history." — George William Curtis, American author-editor (1824-1892).