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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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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

Thursday, July 21

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, Acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: Carson Bunn

8:00am: Pro Am at Olive Grove

1:00pm: Pro Am at Olive Grove

6:00pm: NESD U10 Groton Blue vs. Groton Red in Groton

6:00pm: NESD U12 Groton Red hosts Aberdeen

6:00pm: T-Ball Scrimmage in Groton

6:30pm: U12 Softball at Clark (DH)

7:15pm: NESD U10 Groton Blue vs. Groton Red in Groton

Apts for Rent

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The officers for the Groton Lions Club for 2016/2017 from right to left president Dave Pigors, first Vice President Troy Lindberg (not in Picture), 2nd Vice President Justin Olson, secretary Nancy Larsen, treasurer Mark Wattier, and District Governor Larry Buntrock.

Lions Club hosts South Dakota Lions Governor

It has been traditional that the state district governor install the Groton Lions Club officers first in the state. This tradition was kept, when last Thursday evening, South Dakota District Governor, Larry Buntrock installed the Groton club's new officers. Larry is from Britton now, but was a 1961 GHS graduate.

New officers of the Groton club are Dave Pigors, president; Troy Lindberg, first vice president; Justin Olson, second vice president; Nancy Larsen, secretary; and Mark Wattier, treasurer.

Lori Buntrock spoke on Leader Dog, where a sight impaired person may receive a seeing eye dog at no cost.

Lee Schinkel introduced his guest, Doug Kriesch.

Dave led a short business session. Topper Tastad reported on the recent car show, held at the Terry Thompson farm.

Justin Kerstan, chairman of the first Sunny and 80 free ice cream social for seniors. Justin was called to work, co committee members, Pastor Elizabeth Johnson, and Lee Schinkel reported on this new event. The ice cream social was deemed a huge success, with 90 folks served, and 12 Groton Lions Club members volunteering their time.

The club again voted to sponsor the international Peace Poster contest in the fall. Joseph Schwan and Lee Schinkel will chair this program.

Justin Olson livestreamed the evenings program, on facebook.

Preceding the meeting, a supper was prepared and served by members of the club.

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Harry boys win at Oahe Speedway

Joe and Trevor Harry of Ferney both placed first at the Oahe speedway July 17th. Joe races a 72 Nova in the Pro class and has been racing for 8 yrs. Joe has runnered up in points in 2011 and won the points in 2013. Trevor is 13 and started racing a Jr. Dragster when he was 9. Trevor is in the Jr. Major class and runs the 1/8 mile in 8.0 seconds (about 80 mph) and has runnered up for points in 2014. Trevor is sitting third in points right now out of 11 kids ranging from 13-17 yrs of age.

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Soccer lease proposal accepted

It was a short city council meeting Monday night as the council accepted the school board's soccer lease proposal. The new proposal would have the city mow the soccer field from January through June and the school would mow it from July through December.

The city accepted the 1975 Ford tanker truck from the Groton Fire Department to be used in town for various public works projects. It was donated to the city.

An electric rate study was tabled. Meeting reports were given from Heartland, DOT and a Noem representative meetings.

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SCOUTING FOR BUCKS DURING THE SUMMER

During the summer, buck's antlers are covered with velvet containing hundreds of nerve endings and blood vessels. To protect their velvet from bugs and things that might scuff up their antlers, they tend to stay in semi-open areas where there are few branches and breezes to keep the bugs away.

If you want to scout a new area or see signs of quality bucks in your hunting area, fields are a great place to scope in the mornings and evenings. Pipeline and power line right-of-ways are other good areas to look.

As summer temperatures rise, whitetails will visit watering holes more often than people think.

Summertime also gives you the chance to pattern does. Chances are they'll stick around the entire year.

As food sources change, so do their patterns. In areas with plenty of agriculture, patterns don't seem to change as much as they do in the deep woods.

By Larry Whiteley, Host of the award-winning Outdoor World Radio

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Potassium deficient Corn Caused by Extremely Dry Soil in South Dakota

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Very dry soil conditions in the northeast have caused soil potassium (K) to become unavailable to crops, especially corn, however Anthony Bly, SDSU Extension Soils Field Specialist said application of potassium fertilizers at this point are not recommended.

"The very dry soil will not allow the plants to take up the nutrient," Bly said. "It's the extreme soil drying which has temporarily trapped potassium (K) between the clay layers in the soil."

Bly explained that when the soil dries, the clay layers shrink and collapse around the potassium (K).

"Cracks in the soil are indicative of clay shrinkage and as soon as precipitation is received the soil will swell and the potassium will become plant available," he said.

Corn plant potassium (K) deficiency symptoms, Bly said, occur on the lower plant leaves at onset and move up the plant as the deficiency worsens. Plant leaves show a yellowing and necrosis (dead tissue) along the leaf margins (edges) with worse symptoms at the leaf tip.

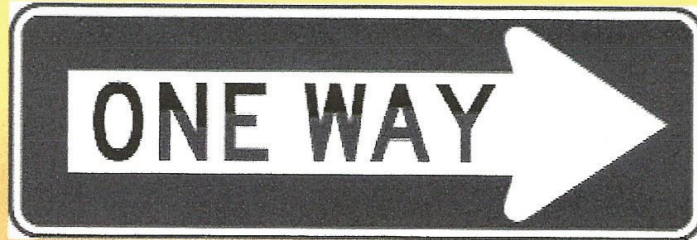
"This should not be confused with nitrogen deficiency as it also occurs on the lower leaves of the plant at onset but does not occur along the leaf edges, instead nitrogen deficiency starts at the leaf tip and moves in a V-pattern down the leaf mid-rib," Bly said.

Soil test comparisons before and after the extreme soil drying show huge changes in plant available potassium (K) as shown in the following table.

Sombke Thank You

I would like to thank Ken's Food Fair for the Apple i-Pad I won at their drawing.

Janice Sombke



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Who: Ages 3-12

When: **July 25-29**
Monday- Friday
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Friday:
Family Fun Night -
program, picnic and
games!

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Groton C&MA Church
706 N Main

For more info contact:

Pastor Doug Duncan 887.7730
Amy Duncan 887.7794
Jenna Franken 216.4291

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Today in Weather History

July 19, 1933: A significant F2 tornado moved ESE from west of Tulare to 3 miles ENE of Hitchcock. About 10 farms were damaged, and several barns were destroyed. Estimated property loss was set at \$50,000.

July 19, 2010: Severe storms moved from Montana southeastward across western South Dakota into south central South Dakota, merging with another area of storms over west central South Dakota. The storms produced a wide swath of hail and strong winds from northern Butte County, through southern Meade, eastern Pennington, Jackson, and Bennett Counties. Millions of dollars in crop damage was reported, along with some damage to homes and automobiles.

1886: A hurricane from the Gulf of Mexico crossed Florida causing great damage from Cedar Keys to Jacksonville. Three early season hurricanes striking Florida made the Hurricane Season of 1886 one of the busiest on record.

1960 - Cow Creek and Greenland Ranch in Death Valley, CA, reported morning lows of 102 degrees. The afternoon high at Greenland Ranch was 124 degrees, and the high at Cow Creek that afternoon was 126 degrees. The coolest low for the entire month for both locations was 82 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1974 - A severe thunderstorm with winds to 80 mph and up to two inches of rain washed out four to five foot deep sections of roadway in Lake Havasu City, AZ. Three persons in a station wagon died as it was carried 3000 feet down a wash by a ten foot wall of water. (The Weather Channel)

1977 - Thunderstorms produced torrential rains over parts of southwestern Pennsylvania. Some places receive more than twelve inches in a seven hour period. The heavy rains cause flash flooding along streams resulting in widespread severe damage. The cloudburst floods Johnstown with up to ten feet of water resulting in 76 deaths, countless injuries, and 424 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Fifteen cities in the western and the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Winnemucca, NV, with a reading of 33 degrees. Flagstaff AZ reported a record low of 34 degrees. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in New York State and New Jersey. High winds and hail two inches in diameter injured two persons and caused considerable damage to crops in the Pine Island area of central New York State. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced more than five inches of rain at Red Cloud, including two inches in fifteen minutes. Torrid temperatures continued over California, with record highs of 115 degrees at Red Bluff and 116 degrees at Redding. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Early morning thunderstorms in the Lower Mississippi Valley produced 5.50 inches of rain south of Alexander, AR, in just ninety minutes, and flash flooding which resulted claimed the life of one woman. Thunderstorms in Indiana produced 4.95 inches of rain in twelve hours east of Muncie. Eight cities in the southwestern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Las Vegas, NV, with a reading of 115 degrees, and Phoenix, AZ, with a high of 116 degrees. The low that night at Phoenix of 93 degrees was the warmest of record for that location. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








2005 - A severe heat wave gripped the region during early to mid-July. Las Vegas, NV tied their all-time record high temperature of 117 degrees, equalling the old record set on July 24, 1942.


2006: A derecho impacted a sellout crowd of almost 44,000 St. Louis Cardinals fans, packed into the new Busch Stadium, to see the Cardinals versus the Atlanta Braves. Winds of about 80 mph whirled around the St. Louis area, sending the fans running for shelter. The winds knocked out power and broke windows out of the press box. Nearly two minutes after the winds began at 100 mph, they stopped, and it began to rain. In all, about 30 people were injured at the stadium.

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Excessive Heat Warning

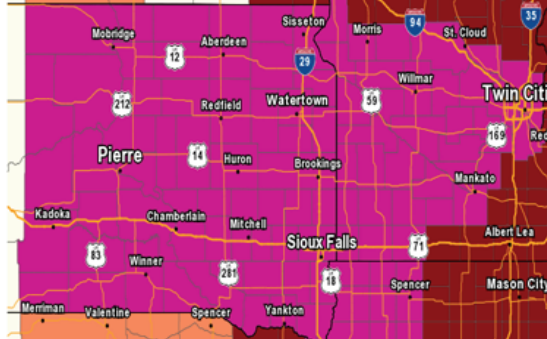
Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Slight Chance T-storms then Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Hot	Mostly Clear	Hot	Mostly Clear	Hot
High: 93 °F	Low: 71 °F	High: 101 °F	Low: 71 °F	High: 96 °F	Low: 69 °F	High: 96 °F



Heatwave This Week



Excessive Heat




Graphic Created July 19th, 2016 4:49 AM CDT

- **Today:**
90s to low 100s James River west
- **Wednesday/Thursday:**
95 to 105 entire forecast area
- **Friday:**
90 to low 100s – hottest near Pierre

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



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It's going to be a scorcher out there this week. Take extra precautions. If you work or spend time outside, when possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear light weight and loose fitting clothing when possible, and drink plenty of water.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 86.2 F at 5:15 PM

Heat Index: 89.0 at 4:02 PM

Low Outside Temp: 57.4 F at 5:32 AM

High Gust: 17.0 Mph at 3:43 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 106° in 1932

Record Low: 42 in 1900

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 60°F

Average Precip in July: 1.97

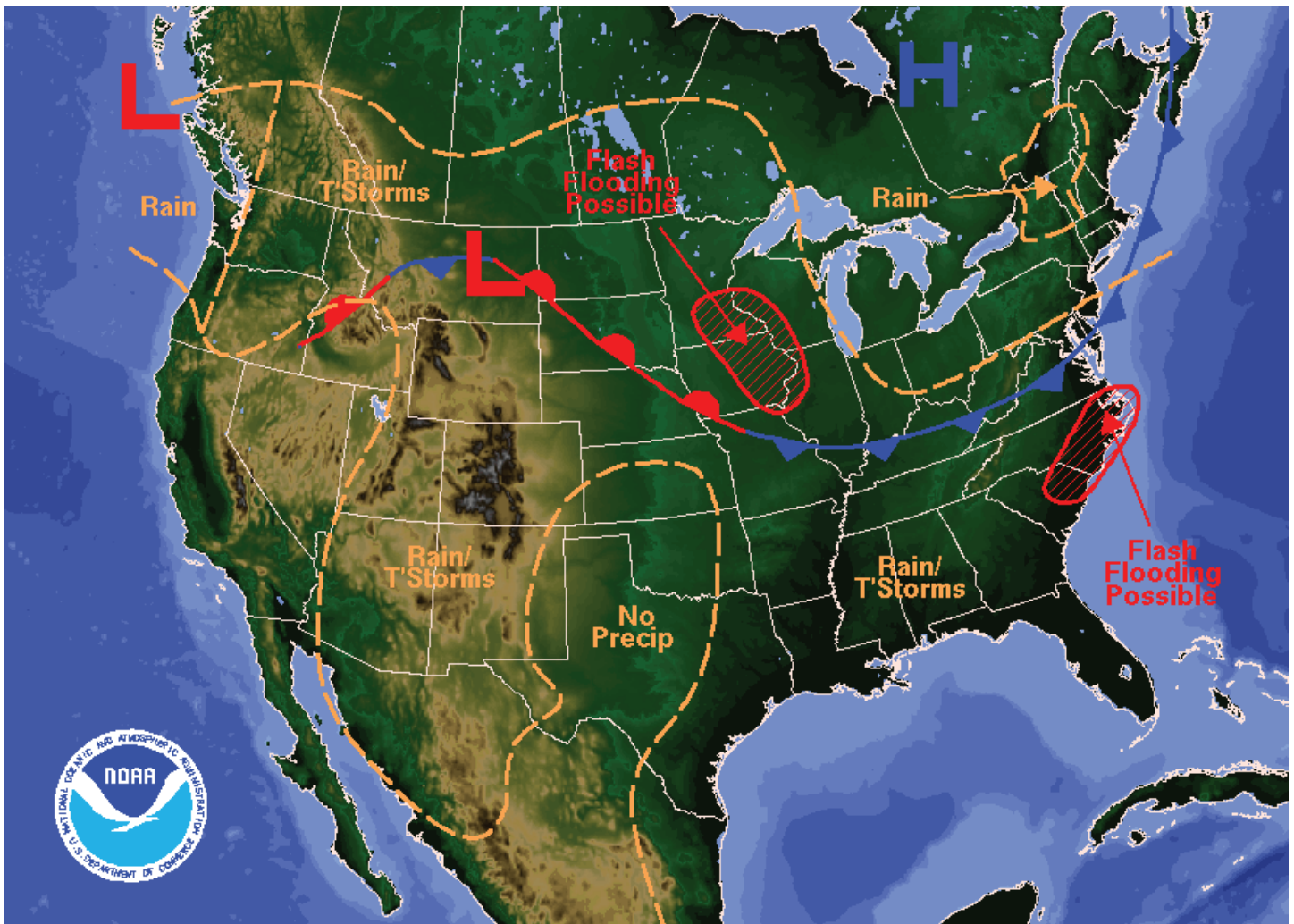
Precip to date in July: 3.55

Average Precip to date: 12.81

Precip Year to Date: 10.21

Sunset Tonight: 9:15 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:05 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jul 19, 2016, issued 4:27 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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NOT TRUE!

An upscale jewelry store in New York had an exhibit of crosses in their display window. They were anxious to attract shoppers to a sale that was going on. Prominently displayed in the middle of the crosses was a sign that read: "EASY TERMS!"

However, there are no easy terms associated with the cross of Christ. Certainly not for Him. And neither for us if we take our calling to be His disciples seriously.

Jesus said that "A student is not greater than the teacher...and a slave shares the master's fate."

Our commitment to Christ carries with it a cost. A sure sign of those who follow Him is the conflict and disagreement that surround them for doing His will and following His teachings. Christian commitment may even separate us from our family, friends and loved ones. How? As we take up our cross and follow Him our eternal values will certainly generate differences of opinions and lifestyles. Our goals will be different. Our vision of right and wrong will bring about separation of what to do with our time, treasures and talents. When we take up His cross and follow Him, He becomes our priority and passion and purpose for living.

Jesus does not call us to a life of peace, pleasure and prosperity. He calls us to live a life like He lived, doing as He did even though we may lose everything we have when we share in the reality of His cross.

Prayer: Give us courage, Lord, to take up our crosses each day knowing that it costs nothing to become a Christian but costs everything to be a Christian. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Mark 10:24-40

News from the Associated Press

Indian Canyon Fire estimate increased to 21 square miles

EDGEMONT, S.D. (AP) — Officials have increased their estimate of the size of a wildfire that briefly threatened the Black Hills community of Edgemont.

The Great Plains Fire Information service now estimates the Indian Canyon Fire at 13,500 acres, or about 21 square miles. An earlier estimate had it at 19 square miles.

The fire is now 60 percent contained and crews are mopping up.

The blaze was sparked by lightning over the weekend. About 20 homes on the outskirts of Edgemont were evacuated for a time that day.

No injuries have been reported and no structures have burned.

Man wielding a claw hammer robs casino in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are looking for a man who robbed a casino with an unusual weapon.

Authorities say a man wielding a claw hammer entered the Carousel Casino just before 10 p.m. Friday and demanded money from an employee.

The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. No injuries were reported.

Selby woman claims \$9,000 Hot Lotto prize

SELBY, S.D. (AP) — A Selby woman has claimed a \$9,000 Hot Lotto prize.

South Dakota lottery officials say Patsy Kenagy matched four of five white ball numbers and the Hot Ball to pick up the game's \$3,000 third prize in the July 9 drawing. An option purchased for an additional dollar tripled the amount.

The convenience store in Selby where Kenagy bought the winning ticket will receive \$900 for the sale.

The odds of winning the third prize are 1 in about 139,000.

Hot Lotto is played in 14 states and the District of Columbia. The jackpot is at \$4.29 million for the next drawing, on Wednesday.

Daugaard names new head for economic development office

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has named a new commissioner for the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Daugaard says Scott Stern will take over the post Sept. 1. He replaces former Commissioner Pat Costello, who stepped down at the end of June.

Daugaard says Stern will be a "great leader" for the state's economic development efforts.

Stern worked for nearly three decades with Stern Oil Company of Freeman. Over the past four years, he's been with Petro-Canada America, which is a division of Canada-based Suncor Energy.

Stern says he looks forward to helping South Dakota businesses grow.

South Dakota delegates seek party unity at GOP convention

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota delegates are in Cleveland for the 2016 Republican National Convention this week. Here are some of their comments about their hopes for the gathering to nominate Donald Trump as the GOP presidential candidate:

BACKING TRUMP

Trump easily carried South Dakota in the June 7 primary since he was the only active candidate left in the race. Delegates said Monday that efforts to derail Trump's nomination likely wouldn't gain significant traction among convention attendees from South Dakota.

"I don't think there's any real serious momentum or efforts underway," said Jason Glodt, one of South Dakota's 29 delegates, who said there have been emails encouraging delegates to nominate someone else.

Delegate John Teupel of Spearfish has been frustrated and disheartened by Trump's past rhetoric, but he said that efforts to work against Trump at this stage would be "too disruptive, too much chaos, too divisive."

Delegates signed an oath to cast their first ballot vote at the convention for the candidate who won a plurality of the vote in the state's primary.

DELEGATE WISHES

Teupel, who said he's encouraged by Trump's pick of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate, said he hopes Trump will stop criticizing the GOP and make a serious attempt to unify Republicans behind him.

"I hope he's starting to realize he needs the Republican Party to win the general election," Teupel said. State Rep. Lynne DiSanto, a delegate from Rapid City, said she wants to hear Trump focus on the economy, the country's borders and work incentives. The party has been splintered lately, and the convention is bringing Republicans together, she said.

"Are we going to undermine ourselves and have a Hillary presidency, or are we going to come together and make sure we keep her out?" said DiSanto, who is a first-time attendee.

TOP POLITICAL ATTENDEES

U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem and U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds are both attending the convention. A spokesman for U.S. Sen. John Thune, the third-ranking Senate Republican, said in a statement that Thune would be skipping the convention.

"Sen. Thune believed his time would be well spent by traveling the state, meeting with South Dakotans, and hearing more about the issues that matter to them," spokesman Ryan Wrasse said.

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who voted for Ohio Gov. John Kasich in South Dakota's GOP primary even though Trump was the presumptive nominee, is heading to the convention Tuesday as a delegate and chairman of the delegation.

Sheriff's office: Crash on Rosebud Reservation leaves 5 dead

CEDAR BUTTE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in western South Dakota say five people are dead following a weekend crash.

Mellette County Sheriff Mike Blom says two vehicles collided around 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of South Dakota Highways 44 and 63 on the western end of the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Blom says a pickup truck with three occupants from Wisconsin was westbound on Highway 44 when it collided with a mid-size sedan with seven occupants heading north on Highway 63. He says the circumstances surrounding the crash are still unclear.

Blom says five of the car's occupants, including a baby, died in the crash. A sixth passenger is in the intensive care unit of an area hospital, while a girl was transported to a Sioux Falls hospital.

Blom says the three women in the pickup were taken to area hospitals. Their conditions are unknown.

US Sen. John Thune skipping Republican National Convention

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Thune is skipping the 2016 Republican National Convention to spend time traveling around South Dakota.

A spokesman for the third-ranking Senate Republican on Monday said Thune believes his time would be well spent meeting with state residents and hearing about issues that matter to them.

Thune has events scheduled for Monday and Tuesday in South Dakota.

The state's senior U.S. senator faces a challenge from Yankton businessman Jay Williams, a Democrat who's at a significant financial disadvantage in the race.

U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem and U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds are both attending the gathering where Republicans will nominate Donald Trump to be the party's presidential standard-bearer in November.

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Anti-human trafficking effort targets hospitality providers

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — An anti-human trafficking effort in western South Dakota is focusing on hospitality businesses ahead of the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Members of South Dakota's West River Human Trafficking Task Force and volunteers will be distributing posters, fliers and other awareness materials to hospitality businesses in the region through the beginning of the rally, which is scheduled to kick off Aug. 8.

Members of the task force and volunteers plan to visit more than 400 area businesses, including some located in Hot Springs, Sturgis and Wall.

State and federal authorities have conducted undercover sex trafficking operations during previous rallies. The operations have led to several arrests and convictions.

The task force includes representatives of local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit organizations.

25-year-old woman dies in weekend rollover crash near Ethan

ETHAN, S.D. (AP) — A 25-year-old woman died after losing control of her vehicle on a rural road near Ethan.

The Highway Patrol did not immediately identify the victim of the Sunday evening crash about 2 miles east of the Davison County town.

Authorities say the woman's car rolled in the ditch. She was thrown from the vehicle and died at the scene. She was alone in the car.

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Sioux Falls Storm will play for 6th straight IFL title

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls Storm arena football team will play for the Indoor Football League title for the seventh straight year.

The Storm beat Cedar Rapids 54-28 on Saturday to advance to the United Bowl this coming Saturday. Sioux Falls lost to Billings in the 2010 championship game and has not lost in the postseason since, capturing five straight titles.

The Storm will face the Spokane Empire for this year's title. Spokane beat Nebraska 55-44 on Sunday to advance.

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. WHAT SOUNDED SIMILAR TO 2008

Melania Trump's speech to the Republican National Convention contained two passages that match nearly word-for-word the speech that first lady Michelle Obama delivered at the Democratic convention.

2. TRUMP'S FUNDRAISING SHIFT NOT FAZING SUPPORTERS

An AP poll finds that backers of the billionaire presidential candidate are mostly in favor of him raising money just like the rivals he once disparaged as the "puppets" of big donors.

3. ISLAMIC STATE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR GERMAN TRAIN ATTACK

The group's claim came just hours after a 17-year-old Afghan asylum seeker attacked passengers with an ax and knife, injuring five people.

4. TURKISH LEADER RECOUNTS NIGHT OF COUP

Recep Tayyip Erdogan discloses dramatic details of his survival on the night of the failed government takeover and suggests reintroducing the death penalty to punish conspirators.

5. US POLICE DEPARTMENTS HAVING OFFICERS PAIR UP

In response to deadly ambushes in Texas and Louisiana, the safety precaution could slow response times for low-level crimes and drive up overtime for already exhausted officers.

6. BALTIMORE NOT QUITTING FREDDIE GRAY CASES

After three straight acquittals, prosecutors in Maryland's largest city seem to be willing to try the remaining three cases against police officers amid mounting pressure to call it quits.

7. PITFALL FOR SELF-DRIVING CARS: THE HUMAN BRAIN

Experts say the development of self-driving cars depends on an unreliable assumption: that the humans in them will be ready to step in and take control if the car's systems fail.

8. FEDS WILL WEIGH CHANGING FUEL STANDARDS

The U.S. government issues a report on fuel economy and greenhouse gas standards for U.S. cars and trucks, and will review whether to leave the standards in place through 2025.

9. 'ORIGAMI ROBOT' COULD FIX SERIOUS STOMACH PROBLEMS

If your child has swallowed a small battery, a tiny, ingestible robot could be a new tool for extracting it.

10. RUSSIANS ESCAPE TOTAL BAN FOR RIO GAMES

Summer Olympic sports federations say they are ready to deal with "individual cases" of Russian doping, rather than endorse a total ban on the Russian team.

Trump campaign dismisses criticism of Melania Trump speech

ERICA WERNER, Associated Press

SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Trump campaign on Tuesday dismissed criticism that Melania Trump directly lifted two passages nearly word-for-word from the speech that first lady Michelle Obama delivered in 2008 at the Democratic National Convention, calling the complaints “just absurd.”

“There’s no cribbing of Michelle Obama’s speech,” Paul Manafort, Trump’s campaign manager, said Tuesday morning in a CNN interview. “Certainly, there’s no feeling on her part that she did it,” he said. “What she did was use words that are common words.”

Mrs. Trump’s star turn at the Republican National Convention Monday night captivated a GOP crowd that had rarely heard from the wife of Donald Trump. The passages in question focused on lessons that Trump’s wife says she learned from her parents and the relevance of their lessons in her experience as a mother.

Manafort said Mrs. Trump was aware of “how her speech was going to be scrutinized” and said any notion that she picked up portions of Mrs. Obama’s convention talk was “just absurd.”

The White House declined to comment on similarities between the two prime-time speeches, but the issue is likely to arise at the daily White House briefing.

The passages in question came near the beginning of Mrs. Trump’s roughly 10-minute speech. Her address was otherwise distinct from the address that Mrs. Obama gave when then-Sen. Barack Obama was being nominated for president.

In Mrs. Trump’s speech in Cleveland, she said: “From a young age, my parents impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect. They taught and showed me values and morals in their daily life.”

In Mrs. Obama’s 2008 speech in Denver, she said: “And Barack and I were raised with so many of the same values: like, you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond, that you do what you say you’re going to do, that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don’t know them and even if you don’t agree with them.”

Another passage with notable similarities that follows two sentences later in Mrs. Trump’s speech addresses her attempts to instill those values in her son.

“We need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow,” Mrs. Trump said. “Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them.”

In the first lady’s 2008 speech, she said, “Barack and I set out to build lives guided by these values and to pass them onto the next generation, because we want our children — and all children in this nation — to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work hard for them.”

Trump’s campaign initially responded that Mrs. Trump’s “immigrant experience and love for America shone through in her speech.” The statement didn’t mention Mrs. Obama. “In writing her beautiful speech, Melania’s team of writers took notes on her life’s inspirations, and in some instances included fragments that reflected her own thinking,” Trump spokesman Jason Miller said.

In an interview with NBC News taped ahead of her convention appearance and posted online early Tuesday, Mrs. Trump said of her speech, “I wrote it.” She added that she had “a little help.”

On the whole, Mrs. Trump presented a softer and gentler candidate. She said: “He is tough when he has to be, but he is also kind and fair and caring. This kindness is not always noted, but it is there for

all to see. That is one reason I fell in love with him to begin with.”

The Slovenian-born former model, 24 years her husband’s junior, also reintroduced herself, showing poise as well as devotion to her adopted country and to her husband’s cause. Mrs. Trump, appearing in a striking white dress with elbow-length sleeves ending in big, puffy cuffs, spoke after an uncharacteristically brief introduction from her husband, who kissed her and called her “my wife, an amazing mother, an incredible woman.”

Slain Baton Rouge officers all hailed from same community

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DENHAM SPRINGS, La. (AP) — Fresh out of the police academy, Matthew Gerald was so proud to bring his cruiser home that he stood in the driveway, wiping it down under the hot Louisiana sun. His neighbor Ashley Poe watched as he flicked the blue lights on and off, on and off.

Poe and her husband shared a laugh. The 41-year-old former soldier and Marine looked like an excited kid.

“It’s like living out the dream,” she said.

Gerald got to live it only for a few months. He was one of three officers gunned down in an ambush Sunday in Baton Rouge, traumatizing a nation already on edge.

In the span of 10 turbulent days, 10 law enforcement officers have been killed by attackers — at a protest march in Dallas, a courthouse in Michigan and now a convenience store in Baton Rouge.

The officers who died Sunday all lived just outside Denham Springs, a quiet bedroom community across the Amite River from Baton Rouge, which has been in turmoil for two weeks. Tensions rose sharply after the death of Alton Sterling, a black man killed by white Baton Rouge officers after a scuffle at a convenience store. The killing was captured on cellphone video.

As the nation debates race and policing, this community is mourning three of its sons — all husbands and fathers described by friends as being committed to protecting and serving the public.

“You hear about these things happening across the country to officers just trying to defend us, but this brings it right here, to our home,” Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks said. “These are our families. These are good men. They’re the only line of defense between good and evil. We say we don’t want to let this evil affect how we live our daily lives. But it does.”

Gavin Long, a former Marine from Missouri dressed in black and carrying extra ammunition, opened fire on officers around 8:45 a.m. Sunday, police said.

The gunfire also killed 45-year-old Brad Garafola, an East Baton Rouge Parish sheriff’s deputy and a father of four, and 32-year-old Montrell Jackson, a 10-year veteran of the Baton Rouge Police Department with a newborn baby at home.

Garafola and Gerald were white. Jackson was black, as was the gunman.

“The world is crazy right now. It is complete chaos,” Jackson’s sister-in-law Lauren Rose said. “And it all needs to stop, everything. We all need peace.”

Three other officers were wounded. One of them, Deputy Nicholas Tullier, remained in critical condition Monday. The gunman was killed at the scene.

Poe watched from the window Sunday morning as a line of police cars pulled up in front of Gerald’s house. She woke up her husband, a former city police officer.

“He said, ‘What’s wrong?’ and I said, ‘There’s units everywhere, and you’ve told me that’s never a good sign,’” she said. They turned on the news.

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The gunman shot Gerald and Jackson first.

Gerald was a Marine from 1994 to 1998. He later joined the Army and served as a decorated soldier from 2002 to 2009, including three tours in Iraq. Less than a year ago, he joined the Baton Rouge Police Department.

He had a wife and two daughters, Poe said, and was devoted to them.

Poe said her 14-year-old son was interested in the military, and Gerald was always ready to answer his questions.

"He'd tell him how he was proud to protect his country," she said. "It seemed like that was his passion to do that."

Denham Springs, population 10,000, is the sort of town where everyone is connected, said Mayor Gerard Landry. There's a palpable sense of anger and despair.

"There's no way to describe what it does to a small city like this," Marilyn Wallace said Monday, standing behind the counter of the store she and her husband, Randy, own on a two-block long stretch of antique shops in the historic district of Denham Springs.

The city is in Livingston Parish, about 13 miles from Baton Rouge, with a history of racial tension. But that history — and the racial divide in nearby Baton Rouge — seem remote here.

Jackson's father-in-law, Lonnie Jordan, called him a "gentle giant" — tall and stout and formidable looking, but with a peaceful disposition.

Jordan said his son-in-law had been working long hours since Sterling was killed.

Jackson posted on Facebook that he was physically and emotionally tired. He wrote that while in uniform he gets nasty looks and out of uniform some consider him a threat.

"I swear to God I love this city," he wrote, "but I wonder if this city loves me."

The police chief described at a news conference how he had gone to the district where Jackson worked just days earlier in an attempt to boost the spirits of the officers. Instead Jackson ended up giving him the pep talk.

He had been on the force 10 years and risen to the rank of corporal, said Kedrick Pitts, his half-brother. He worked hard, sometimes seven days a week.

He was funny and good natured, Pitts said. He collected shoes, 500 pairs, including special Kobe Bryant and Michael Jordan lines.

But what he loved most was his wife and 4-month-old son.

"He's going to grow up without a father," sister-in-law Rose said. "But we'll be there to give him memories and let him know how his dad was a great man, and how he died with honor ... Hopefully one day, he'll be like his dad."

At the convenience store Sunday, Garafola tried to intervene and help the fallen officers.

Surveillance video showed Garafola firing at the gunman from behind a dumpster as bullets hit the concrete around him, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Sid Gautreaux said.

"My deputy went down fighting. He returned fire to the very end," the sheriff said.

Garafola's friends described him as a man committed to public service and devoted to his family.

He had a wife and four children: a 21-year-old son, a 15-year-old daughter, a 12-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter.

Sgt. Gerald Parker, a close friend, described him as a "jack of all trades" who enjoyed helping people in his neighborhood, like mending their fences or mowing their lawns. He worked hard, often picking up extra hours.

"He was a man of strong character," Parker said. "All these officers are heroes. Some people would run. But these gentlemen leave their families knowing something can happen."

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His colleague, Deputy Nicholas Tullier, a father of two teenage sons, is surrounded by family at the hospital.

Carol Sue McManus, a relative, said he's a workaholic who serves on two units, one patrol and the other motorcycle. She said he was injured at one point when he was run over while escorting a funeral procession.

"I'm mad," she said with tears in her eyes. "I wish all this madness would stop."

Mystery numbers in N. Korea broadcasts carry Cold War echoes

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's state radio has recently broadcast strings of indecipherable numbers, Seoul officials said Tuesday, in a possible resumption of a Cold War-era method of sending coded messages to spies operating in South Korea.

A female announcer at the radio station read numbers for 2 minutes on June 24 and 14 minutes on Friday, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry and National Intelligence Service. A copy of those comments provided by the ministry included phrases such as "No. 35 on Page 459" and "No. 55 on Page 913."

During the Cold War, Pyongyang sent such numbers via shortwave radio to give missions to agents dispatched to South Korea, according to captured North Korean spies. It later reportedly stopped such broadcasts once it could communicate with its spies overseas via the internet, and as animosities with South Korea eased following a historic inter-Korean summit meeting in 2000. Relations have deteriorated greatly since then as North Korea has pursued the development of nuclear weapons despite international sanctions.

The announcer in the North Korean broadcasts described the numbers as "review assignments in physics (under the curriculum of) the remote educational university for the geological expedition members across the country" or "practice assignments in mathematic lessons (under the curriculum) of the remote educational university for expedition members of team No. 27."

Neither the Unification Ministry nor the NIS elaborated on whether South Korea believes the North's recent broadcasts were meant to send information to agents in the field. Some experts in Seoul view the messages as a North Korean attempt to wage psychological warfare.

Yoo Dongryul, head of the Seoul-based Korea Institute of Liberal Democracy, said the North may be trying to deceive South Korean intelligence officials into believing it's moving to increase its espionage operations.

He said it's unlikely the North would rely on old-fashioned "number stations" broadcasts, whose hard-to-reset coding patterns had already been exposed to South Korean intelligence officers. He said North Korea currently uses a more sophisticated espionage communication method known as steganography, in which secret messages are hidden within audio and video files.

For decades after the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, the rival Koreas sent agents across their heavily fortified border to infiltrate to each other's territory. But in recent years, both sides are believed to be focusing on less risky intelligence-gathering activities, such as information from the internet and satellite photos. Seoul accuses Pyongyang of sending spies disguised as ordinary refugees seeking to resettle in South Korea or nurturing pro-North figures in the South.

News of the North Korean broadcast came as North Korea is angrily reacting to the planned deployment of an advanced U.S. missile defense system in South Korea. On Tuesday, North Korea fired three ballistic missiles into the sea, according to Seoul defense officials.

Bus with Chinese tourists catches fire in Taiwan, killing 26

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A tour bus carrying visitors from China burst into flames on a highway near Taiwan's capital on Tuesday, killing all 26 people on board, officials said, in the deadliest incident involving Chinese tourism to the island.

The accident took place on the No. 2 national highway in Taoyuan county, south of Taipei, where Taiwan's international airport is located, the county's fire and rescue service said in a statement.

It said 24 of those on board were visitors from northeast China's Liaoning province who had been scheduled to fly home on Tuesday afternoon. The others killed were the driver and a tour guide, both Taiwanese.

Taoyuan fire chief Lai Chi-chong said all of the victims died inside the bus. "There was not enough time for them to escape," he told reporters.

Video from the scene showed both of the bus's doors pressed up against the highway's guard rail, making them impossible to open. Photos showed flames and thick black smoke pouring from the front of the bus.

Many of the bodies were badly charred, some of them piled in front of the unopened emergency exit, Taiwan's official Central News Agency and other media reported.

There was no official word on the cause of the fire, although CNA and others said that the bus apparently burst into flames after spinning out of control and smashing into the guard rail.

CNA cited eyewitnesses as saying the bus had been giving off smoke and swerving from lane to lane prior to crashing and bursting into flames.

The drivers of other vehicles pulled over and attempted to put out the flames with fire extinguishers, but the fire had grown too large for them to put out, the news agency said.

Thirteen firefighting vehicles and 30 firefighters were sent to the scene, but the fire apparently spread too rapidly. By the time the flames were extinguished, the vehicle had been heavily blackened from one end to the other.

Three of the victims were children — two 13-year-olds and a 12-year-old, according to a passenger manifest distributed to media by the Taiwanese travel agency that organized the trip.

The accident was the deadliest involving Chinese visitors to Taiwan since the island opened up to Chinese tourism in 2008, according to Taiwanese government records and reports of previous incidents.

Since then, 83 Chinese have died while on trips to Taiwan, including Tuesday's victims. Several of those deaths involved bus crashes, including a 2010 crash that killed 19, and the latest accident is likely to revive safety concerns surrounding the treatment of Chinese tourists, most of whom come on cheap group tours.

China's Taiwan Affairs Office said it would send representatives to help deal with legal issues surrounding the crash. China claims Taiwan as its own territory and the sides have no formal ties, although contacts have been growing in recent years to handle trade, travel and other practical, nonpolitical matters.

However, relations have deteriorated since the January election of independence-leaning Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, and Chinese tourist numbers have declined steadily in recent months, dealing a major blow to the island's travel industry.

Summer sports seek 'individual' not blanket ban on Russians

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LONDON (AP) — Summer Olympic sports federations said on Tuesday they are ready to deal with "individual cases" of Russian doping, rather than endorse a total ban on the Russian team for the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

The Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, which represents the 28 sports in the games, said it recognized the "gravity and extent of the doping activities in Russia" as detailed in Monday's report by World Anti-Doping Agency investigator Richard McLaren.

The report, which accused Russia's sports ministry of overseeing doping of the country's Olympic athletes on a vast scale, listed 20 summer sports as being part of the cheating conspiracy.

WADA and other anti-doping officials urged the International Olympic Committee to consider the unprecedented step of excluding the entire Russian contingent from the Rio Games. The IOC executive board was meeting by teleconference later Tuesday to weight its options.

Any IOC decisions may not be definitive, as the Court of Arbitration for Sport is scheduled to rule on Thursday on Russia's appeal against the IAAF ban on its track and field athletes from competing in Rio.

The summer sports association made clear they do not support a blanket ban.

The association asked WADA "to immediately provide all the detailed information to the 20 international federations concerned so that they may begin processing the individual cases under their own separate rules and regulations as soon as possible, and in line with the WADA Code and the Olympic Charter.

"It is important to focus on the need for individual justice in all these cases."

The association said it endorses all federation decisions, "including those that take into account collective responsibility of organizations under the IFs' governance."

That means, rather than applying a total ban, federations could suspend individual Russian sports. That's already the case with the IAAF, which barred Russia's track athletes from the games following previous WADA-commissioned reports into Russian doping.

"ASOIF fully supports a policy of zero tolerance in bringing all individuals linked to anti-doping violations to justice," the statement said.

The summer association's position falls in line with recent comments by IOC President Thomas Bach, who has cited the need to strike a balance between "individual justice and collective punishment." He said last week that, if summer sports were implicated in the McLaren report, the international federations would have to decide on the eligibility of Russian athletes "on an individual basis."

McLaren's report uncovered a state-run doping scheme that ensnared 28 sports, both summer and winter, and ran from 2011 to 2015.

The investigation told of 312 positive tests that Russia's deputy minister of sport directed lab workers not to report to WADA. Russia's intelligence serve, the FSB, was also involved, the report said. It also provided further details of the swapping of doping samples to protect Russian dopers, including medalists, at the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi.

"I'm shocked and devastated by what's been going on," said Paul Melia, the head of Canada's anti-doping organization, after the findings were delivered on Monday in Toronto. "And I can only imagine how betrayed the clean athletes of the world are feeling today in the face of this evidence."

WADA President Craig Reedie, who is also an IOC vice president, said: "WADA insists upon imposition of the most serious consequences to protect clean athletes from the scourge of doping in sport."

But a blanket ban is not a sure thing.

The decision to deliver one is rife with political ramifications that involve a country that sent the third-

most athletes (more than 430) to the previous Summer Olympics, four years ago in London. It puts the IOC in the position of ruling against one of its biggest supporters, a nation that spent more than \$50 billion hosting the Winter Games in Sochi just two years ago.

"The right to participate at the games cannot be stolen from an athlete, who has duly qualified and has not been found guilty of doping," said Bruno Grandi, president of gymnastics' international federation. "Blanket bans have never been and will never be just."

Gymnastics was not among the sports listed in the report. Wrestling, meanwhile, accounted for 28 of the 312 unreported positives. The head of that international federation, Nenad Lalovic of Serbia, told The Associated Press "we will absolutely follow the decisions of the IOC."

Whether the IOC issues its decision on Tuesday or simply sets the table for it to come later, it could be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. CAS was hearing Russia's appeal on Tuesday against the ban on its athletics team.

Japan stocks jump on Nintendo rally; other world indexes dip

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HONG KONG (AP) — Japanese stocks jumped on a weaker yen and a Pokemon-powered rally in Nintendo shares but other world benchmarks were mostly lower Tuesday as investors awaited more corporate earnings and a European Central Bank policy meeting.

KEEPING SCORE: European stocks fell in early trading, with France's CAC 40 sliding 0.9 percent to 2,153.60 and Germany's DAX shedding 1.1 percent to 9,949.54. Britain's FTSE 100 lost 0.5 percent to 6,663.98. U.S. stocks were poised to open lower, with Dow futures dipping 0.2 percent to 18,420.00 and broader S&P 500 futures down 0.3 percent to 2,153.60.

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index added 1.4 percent to end at 16,723.31 as the market had a delayed reaction to the yen's weakness after it reopened following a holiday. Other Asian indexes slid, with South Korea's Kospi losing 0.2 percent to 2,016.89, Hong Kong's Hang Seng sliding 0.6 percent to 21,673.20 and the Shanghai Composite Index in mainland China shedding 0.2 percent to 3,036.60. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 slipped 0.1 percent to 5,451.30.

POKEMON POP: Nintendo Co. shares surged another 14 percent thanks to the wildly popular "Pokemon Go" game. While the Japanese game maker isn't a component of the Nikkei index, its rally helped lift broader investor sentiment. The Kyoto-based company accounted for about one in four shares that changed hands on the Tokyo exchange's main board. Nintendo's market capitalization has now doubled since the launch of the augmented reality game on July 6.

GLOBAL OUTLOOK: Investors are anticipating a slew of events this week that they'll assess to get a better read on the state of the world economy and what it might mean for stock markets. British data set for release starting later Tuesday will provide an update on how the country's economy is doing after the Brexit vote. A slew of U.S. corporate earnings are also expected throughout the week, while the ECB's policy rate decision is Thursday, with markets expected to be volatile ahead of the announcement. Australia's central bank, meanwhile, released minutes of its July meeting showing that officials downplayed the risk of Britain's Brexit vote to the world economy while noting that inflation remained weak, which analysts believe could open the way for policy easing.

ANALYST VIEWPOINT: "The market has put two and two together after release of the more detailed (Reserve Bank of Australia) minutes and concluded that the probability of an August rate cut has increased," Ric Spooner of CMC Markets in Sydney said in a report. However, he added that "the stock market is struggling to get enthusiastic. This reflects a degree of caution as traders assess the odds of further gains."

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SOFTBANK SOFTNESS: Shares in Japanese technology company Softbank Group Corp. slumped 10 percent one day after it announced that it is buying Britain's ARM Holdings for 24.3 billion pounds (\$32 billion) in a bid to expand into the "Internet of Things" — or connected home devices. Investors were apparently unhappy that SoftBank is paying a 43 percent premium to ARM's closing share price last week.

CURRENCIES: The dollar edged lower to 106.08 yen from 106.22 in late trading Monday but was still hovering near its highest level in nearly a month. A weaker yen helps shares of Japan's big export manufacturers. The euro dipped to \$1.1069 from \$1.1070.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. oil futures slipped. Crude fell 17 cents to \$45.07 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 71 cents to settle at \$45.24 per barrel on Monday. Brent crude, the standard for oil sold internationally, fell 12 cents to \$46.84 a barrel in London.

Looking at own prospects, some Republicans avoid Cleveland

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CLAREMONT, N.H. (AP) — As her fellow Republicans gathered in Cleveland, New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte was back home touting her work on a bipartisan bill intended to address opioid abuse.

There was no mention of Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton or the presidential campaign fracas that began with the opening gavel of the Republican National Convention Monday and will continue through next week when Democrats gather for their convention in Philadelphia.

"I do have a re-election in November," Ayotte told reporters. "As far as I can tell, the voters are here, not in Ohio."

The first-term senator, who faces a re-election battle against Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan, is backing Trump but is careful to define her position as "support but not endorse." She maintains that her absence from the Republican National Convention has nothing to do with her party's presumptive nominee, but she's not alone in avoiding any association with Trump's coronation and fraying Republican Party on display in the convention's opening session Monday afternoon.

The list of noteworthy Republicans not venturing into Quicken Loans Arena is long, starting with two living former presidents, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush; former GOP presidential nominees John McCain and Mitt Romney; vanquished Trump primary rivals, including the host-state governor, John Kasich, and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush; senators like Ayotte; and governors and congressmen who have found other things to occupy their time.

Several elected delegates have bailed out on the convention, as well, a preview of the scene Monday when loud dissension besmirched the convention's opening session as anti-Trump delegates demanded a floor vote on the nominating rules only to be quashed by Trump campaign officials and Republican National Committee authorities.

Among the sitting elected officials, the list of prominent Republican absentees seems to correspond with GOP elected officials who represent Democratic-leaning constituencies most likely to reject Trump.

Republican Govs. Charlie Baker of Massachusetts and Larry Hogan of Maryland won surprise victories in Democratic-controlled states in 2014. Neither is in Cleveland. Baker has even publicly declared he won't vote for Trump.

"There's a convention?" Hogan joked with reporters recently. "I'm focused on Maryland." He said he's been to five conventions, "I'm just not going to this one." Just to underscore his point, he added, "No second thoughts."

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Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who defeated Trump in his state's presidential primary, is the first host governor in recent memory to skip convention floor proceedings. Kasich is keeping a busy schedule this week in Cleveland, greeting delegations and attending various events, but he's avoiding the floor at Quicken Loans Arena. He told NBC News that Trump would "have to change everything that he says" before he would endorse the celebrity businessman.

Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort on Monday called Kasich "petulant" and "embarrassing."

Republican Sen. Rob Portman, who also faces a tough re-election bid against former Gov. Ted Strickland, says he will appear on the convention floor this week, but will not be speaking from the podium — another notable departure from custom for any host-state senator.

It's not uncommon for elected officials from one party to walk a fine line when they represent a constituency that generally leans to the other major party. Several former Democratic senators and governors tried to distance themselves from President Barack Obama heading into the 2014 elections — and they lost anyway.

And Trump certainly has high-profile Republican supporters, even from some battleground states. The speaker's lineup Monday included Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst, whose state opted twice for Obama.

But the absentee list nonetheless underscores a GOP identity crisis, and even some of those Republican officials who are attending are finding ways to express their skepticism about the presumptive nominee. Utah Sen. Mike Lee, among the most conservative figures on Capitol Hill, was on the floor Monday leading the group of delegates demanding a floor vote on rules, in a last-ditch effort to allow bound delegates to vote for a nominee other than Trump, regardless of how their states had voted in primaries or caucuses.

Jeb Bush, once considered the favorite for the nomination by party insiders and national media, explained in a Washington Post op-ed last week his continued opposition to Trump's candidacy. "I do not believe Donald Trump reflects the principles or inclusive legacy of the Republican Party," Bush wrote. "And I sincerely hope he doesn't represent its future."

Democrats certainly relish the discord. The Clinton campaign on Sunday sent reporters a mock GOP schedule of speakers, listing time slots and several names of elected Republicans — only the names, all of officials who are skipping the convention, are crossed out. Still, Democratic strategists say privately that they do not know just how Trump will affect down-ballot races.

Meanwhile, Ayotte used her Monday outing to continue her work fighting drug abuse. At a recovery center, she took notes and asked questions of law enforcement officers, health care professionals and people in recovery.

"I'm glad to be here because this is, number 1, where I need to be listening," Ayotte said after the event.

Asked by reporters about Trump, she said, "I think that voters will judge each person individually, and I have great confidence in that."

Plans for self-driving cars have pitfall: the human brain

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Experts say the development of self-driving cars over the coming decade depends on an unreliable assumption by many automakers: that the humans in them will be ready to step in and take control if the car's systems fail.

Instead, experience with automation in other modes of transportation like aviation and rail suggests that the strategy will lead to more deaths like that of a Florida Tesla driver in May.

Decades of research shows that people have a difficult time keeping their minds on boring tasks

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like monitoring systems that rarely fail and hardly ever require them to take action. The human brain continually seeks stimulation. If the mind isn't engaged, it will wander until it finds something more interesting to think about. The more reliable the system, the more likely it is that attention will wane.

Automakers are in the process of adding increasingly automated systems that effectively drive cars in some or most circumstances, but still require the driver as a backup in case the vehicle encounters a situation unanticipated by its engineers.

Tesla's Autopilot, for example, can steer itself within a lane and speed up or slow down based on surrounding traffic or on the driver's set speed. It can change lanes with a flip of its signal, automatically apply brakes, or scan for parking spaces and parallel park on command.

Joshua Brown, a 40-year-old tech company owner from Canton, Ohio, who was an enthusiastic fan of the technology, was killed when neither he nor his Tesla Model S sedan's Autopilot braked for a truck making a left turn on a highway near Gainsville, according to federal investigators and the automaker.

Tesla warns drivers to keep their hands on the wheel even though Autopilot is driving, or the vehicle will automatically slow to a stop. A similar self-driving system Audi plans to introduce in its 2018 A7 monitors drivers' head and eye movements, and automatically slows the car if the driver's attention is diverted.

But Brown's failure to brake means he either didn't see the truck in his path or saw it too late to respond — an indication he was relying on the automation and his mind was elsewhere, said Missy Cummings, director of Duke University's Humans and Autonomy Laboratory. The truck driver said he had heard a Harry Potter video playing in the car after the crash.

"Drivers in these quasi- and partial modes of automation are a disaster in the making," Cummings said. "If you have to rely on the human to see something and take action in anything less than several seconds, you are going to have an accident like we saw."

Operators — an airline pilot, a train engineer or car driver — can lose awareness of their environment when they turn control over to automation, said Rob Molloy, the National Transportation Safety Board's chief highway crash investigator.

He pointed to the crash of Air France Flight 447 into the Atlantic Ocean while flying from Brazil to France in 2007. A malfunction in equipment used to measure air speed caused the plane's autopilot to disconnect, catching pilots by surprise. Confused, they caused an otherwise flyable plane to stall and fall from the sky, killing 228 people.

Planes and trains have had automation "for 20, 30 years and there are still times when they're like, 'Wow, we didn't expect that to happen,'" Molloy said.

Part of the problem is overconfidence in the technology causes people to think they can check out. Not long after Tesla introduced its Autopilot system, people were posting videos of car with the self-driving mode engaged cruising down tree-lined roads or even highways with no one in the driver's seat. Brown, for example, had posted videos lauding the Autopilot system and demonstrating it in action.

"There is a tendency of people to take one ride in one of these vehicles and then conclude that because they have not crashed over the course of 10 minutes that the system must be ready," said Bryant Walker Smith, a University of South Carolina professor who studies the technology.

Some experts think the ability of people to monitor autonomous systems may be getting worse. With the advent of smartphones, people are accustomed to having their desire for mental stimulation satisfied immediately.

"Go into Starbucks, for example," said Cummings. "No one can just patiently wait in line, they're all doing something on their phones. It's kind of pathetic."

Some automakers may be rethinking their approach. Two years ago, General Motors announced it

would start selling a Cadillac in the fall of 2016 that would almost drive itself on freeways. But last week the company confirmed that the project has been delayed for an unspecified reason.

At previous briefings, company executives said they were waiting to perfect methods of assuring that the driver pays attention to the road even when the system is on.

The system, called "Super Cruise," will use cameras and radar to keep the car in the center of a lane and also stay a safe distance behind cars in front of it. The system will bring the car to a complete stop without driver action if traffic halts, and it can keep the car going in stop-and-go traffic. But it's designed for use only on limited-access divided highways.

Google, meanwhile, is aiming for a car that's fully self-driving and may not even have a steering wheel or brake pedals.

After outbreak of dissent, Trump powers toward the prize

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Barring a last-minute jolt to the proceedings, Donald Trump is hours away from attaining the 2016 presidential nomination despite efforts to stop him that spilled messily into the opening of the Republican National Convention. As his wife, Melania, put it from the stage, "It would not be a Trump contest without excitement and drama."

She generated a lot of buzz with her well-received speech and, later, a controversy over some of her remarks. Two passages of her address matched nearly word-for-word the speech that Michelle Obama delivered in 2008 at the Democratic National Convention.

Trump's campaign responded in a statement that said her "immigrant experience and love for America shone through in her speech." The statement didn't mention Mrs. Obama.

For a time Monday, the Cleveland arena resembled the convention-floor battles of old as aggrieved anti-Trump Republicans protested the adoption by voice vote of rules aimed at quashing an already flailing effort to deny him the prize. Instead of a manicured message of unity, viewers saw the fractured face of a party still coming to grips with the polarizing man of the moment.

But to borrow the parlance of Trump the businessman, the deal will almost certainly be sealed Tuesday night.

That's when the roll call of states is set to unfold, delivering the delegates to make him the standard-bearer after a rollicking primary season that saw him vanquish 16 rivals. Typically in both parties, the roll call is heavy with ceremonial flourishes, good cheer and puffery about the virtues of each state. This time, it's also another opportunity for discord to be heard.

Trump appeared Monday night to introduce his wife, quickly stepping aside to let her speak. There was no hogging the stage as he did when introducing his running mate, Mike Pence, days earlier. Instead, a bold and familiar prediction: "We're gonna win so big."

Melania Trump traced her own life story, coming to America from Slovenia, and painted a softer, more rounded portrait of her husband than the hard-nosed, insult-throwing candidate GOP voters have seen at every turn. She praised his "simple goodness" and his loyalty to and love of family — while noting the "drama" that comes with Trump in politics.

"If you want someone to fight for you and your country, I can assure you, he is the guy," Mrs. Trump told delegates.

Her speech contained a striking resemblance to Michelle Obama's when she said her parents "impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect." Mrs. Obama, in

her 2008 speech, talked being raised learning about “values, like, you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond, that you do what you say you’re going to do, that you treat people with dignity and respect.”

Similarly, Mrs. Trump said, “we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them.” Mrs. Obama said in 2008, “we want our children — and all children in this nation — to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work hard for them.”

Themes of the four-day event are all rooted in Trump’s Make American Great Again slogan: make America safe again, work again, first again and one again, in turn.

Safety was first on tap, and a succession of speakers cast Trump as the leader for perilous times and Clinton as the embodiment of a system that has left America vulnerable — or worse.

Pat Smith, mother of Sean Smith, one of the Americans killed in the 2012 Benghazi, Libya, attacks, squarely blamed Clinton, then secretary of state, for the death of her son and for giving false accounts of the events of that night. “If Hillary Clinton can’t give us the truth,” Smith asked, “why should we give her the presidency?”

Clinton was a key figure for the convention — one who is disdained by elements of the Republican Party that are at odds over Trump, and therefore perhaps the best hope for GOP unity as the week and the campaign progress.

GOP divisions erupted on the convention floor Monday afternoon after party officials adopted rules by a shouted voice vote and denied the roll-call vote demanded in lusty shouts by delegates opposing Trump. They were quickly quieted and the evening program unfolded more on script.

Still, there was a silent protest, of sorts, in the many GOP luminaries who are avoiding the convention stage or Cleveland altogether, wary of being linked to a man whose proposals and temperament have sparked an identity crisis within the party.

That left Trump with an eclectic array of validators, among them Willie Robertson, star of “Duck Dynasty,” who took the stage with an American flag bandanna wrapped around his head. Said Robertson: “No matter who you are, Donald Trump will have your back.”

Stuntman to attempt Knievel’s launch over Snake River Canyon

PAT GRAHAM, AP Sports Writer

The Hollywood stuntman doesn’t want to follow in his idol’s footsteps so much as rocket above them — over a gaping canyon, no less.

Evel Knievel’s iconic launch, Take II.

Eddie Braun, fueled by the memory of the late daredevil, plans to strap into a steam-powered rocket cycle on Sept. 17 for his most death-defying role yet: Replicating a launch over the Snake River Canyon in Idaho that almost cost Knievel his life four decades ago.

Braun named his rocket “Evel Spirit” after his boyhood hero. It’s nearly identical to the model Knievel used for his failed canyon attempt on Sept. 8, 1974. Braun wants to prove Knievel could’ve made it had his parachute not prematurely deployed.

Along for the ride in this endeavor are two sons eager to complete the legacies of their fathers: Kelly Knievel, who was present the day of the crash, and rocket designer Scott Truax, whose dad constructed the original rocket cycle for Knievel.

Ready, set, and (gulp) launch.

“Evel took off on one side of the canyon in 1974. I’m hoping his spirit lands on the other side of the

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canyon in 2016," said the 54-year-old Braun, who says he completed the necessary paperwork and will launch a few miles away from Knievel's original site that's near Twin Falls, Idaho. "How many people get to fulfill the dreams of their hero? It's kind of like touching Superman's cape."

Braun has long been fascinated by everything Knievel, the popular figure who attempted so many memorable motorcycle jumps over an iconic career:

- The fountains at Caesars Palace in 1967 (crashed, crushed pelvis and femur)
 - 13 buses at Wembley Stadium in London in 1975 (crashed, broke pelvis and back)
 - 14 Greyhound buses at Kings Island theme park in Ohio in 1975 (success).
 - A 90-foot tank filled with sharks in 1977 (crashed on landing ramp during rehearsal, broken arms)
- And, of course, the Snake River Canyon attempt. Wearing his patriotic jumpsuit, Knievel was the epitome of cool and calm.

Soon after takeoff, his parachute deployed and halted the rocket's momentum. Watching that day was son, Kelly, and the rocket's designer, Robert Truax, who put a comforting arm around Kelly as the cycle drifted into the canyon.

Evel Knievel walked away with only minor injuries.

"He flipped a coin with his life, and came out alive," explained Kelly Knievel, whose father died in 2007 at 69 after suffering from diabetes and pulmonary fibrosis. "My dad certainly had nine lives, didn't he?"

Just before the attempt, the daredevil landed on the cover of Sports Illustrated. Just after, his celebrity status was only cemented.

The town of Twin Falls can't forget him, either. He put the city on the map — and opened its eyes because the Evel Knievel cavalcade supposedly left behind a trail of unpaid bills.

In 1974, Chris Talkington worked as the news director for the local television station and watched Knievel fail to make it over the canyon and then fail to pay vendors for their services. Now a city councilman in Twin Falls, he said his town is wiser about what to expect from a daredevil attempting to jump the canyon.

"It woke our little town up," explained Talkington, who wasn't aware of Braun's jump but said there is a ramp near the canyon. "I look forward to (another attempt). I applaud them."

As a kid, Braun would often jump over trash cans in the driveway on his Schwinn Stingray, pretending to be Knievel. Braun even became a professional stuntman because of Knievel, serving as a stunt double for actors such as Ray Liotta and Charlie Sheen, along with coordinating stunts for movies, TV shows and music videos.

For three years, Braun tried to launch this project and invested nearly \$1.5 million. He's looking to raise another \$150,000 .

He said he's secured the proper permission and permits from private land owners, Federal Aviation Administration, even Homeland Security, to green light his blastoff. Others have stepped up as well, including Slash from Guns N' Roses. Braun said the guitarist recorded a theme song for him — fittingly using Elton John's hit, "Rocket Man."

The jump will be live-streamed on the Internet.

For years, many believed Evel Knievel's daredevil son, Robbie — who's completed more than 350 jumps — might be the first to take a crack at the canyon. At one point, Robbie Knievel was looking at the jump in 2011, but it didn't take flight.

"Eddie put together the team and he's the one that got it done," Kelly Knievel explained. "It's very dangerous — and very ambitious."

Scott Truax used his father's blueprints to reconstruct the rocket. He wanted to show that his dad's version of Evel Knievel's "X2 Skycycle" would've worked, if not for the parachute malfunction.

The late Robert Truax was considered one of top rocket scientists of the 20th century.

"With this re-creation, it is my intent to clear his name and tell his amazing story," Scott Truax said in an email. "I like to think that instead of looking up at the rocket launch, he and Evel will be looking down on it and that's a much better view."

The rocket will reach a top speed of 400 mph in about three seconds and an altitude of 3,000 feet before the engine cuts off and the parachute deploys. Since parachute technology has come a long way that system has been revamped.

There's plenty of danger, which is why Braun's wife and four kids aren't planning to be at the launch. Braun constantly reassures them.

"They think it's really cool that dad gets to fly a rocket," Braun said. "I guess there's just a little Evel in all of us."

Poll: Trump supporters unfazed by reversal on self-funding

JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

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WESTFIELD, Ind. (AP) — Donald Trump's voters adored him for mostly paying his own way in the first half of the presidential campaign. Yet those same people are shrugging their shoulders now that he's raising money just like the rivals he once disparaged as the "puppets" of big donors.

A new Associated Press-GfK poll found that 63 percent of Trump supporters say they're at least somewhat more likely to back a self-funded candidate, just as he once was. However, just 13 percent consider it a problem that Trump changed his mind — and nearly all those think it's only a minor one.

How can people care so strongly about a candidate's original stance and then not care at all when he changes his mind?

At a Trump rally this week near Indianapolis, some of his most ardent supporters explained their thinking. Many said it wouldn't be fair for Trump, a billionaire businessman, to have to spend his own money against Hillary Clinton. The presumptive Democratic nominee and her allies aim to raise \$1 billion for the general election.

"It was inspiring to see someone spend their own money rather than relying on lobbyists," said 18-year-old Maxwell Nugent, who will be casting his first presidential vote for Trump this November. "It makes it more profound for him to be asking all the people who supported him to be giving money to the campaign now."

Nugent, who wore a black T-shirt that reads: "Hillary's Lies Matter," said he likes that Trump "started from the bottom, with no donors."

So far, Trump has put about \$50 million of his own money into his campaign, mostly through personal loans which he says he will not seek to recoup. But he assembled a fundraising operation two months ago and has raised more than \$51 million for his campaign and Republican Party allies.

Others who attended the Indiana rally said they have some concerns about Trump raising money — but also have faith that he won't bend his policies to appease donors.

"A big thing with me is that since he is a billionaire, he doesn't need to be bought," said Diane Martinez, who lives in Westfield, Indiana, and leads a group called Save Our Veterans that supports Trump.

Trump has lamented the influence that super-donors such as Charles and David Koch and Sheldon Adelson hold over Republican politicians, naming those three specifically.

Yet he's now developing a relationship with Adelson, a billionaire Las Vegas gaming executive, that could unleash streams of money to help him win the election. The Koch brothers have no plans to back Trump.

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Americans have a negative view of the amount of money in politics. An AP-NORC poll conducted in November of 2015 found that 8 in 10 Americans, Republicans and Democrats alike, think campaign contributions influence the decisions that elected officials make.

Trump supporters are among those who see an issue with the way campaign funding works. In the AP-GfK poll, 51 percent of Trump supporters call the way presidential candidates raise money for their campaigns very or extremely important to them, similar to the 46 percent of all Americans who say that.

"We need absolute reform," said Victor Wakley, another Save Our Veterans member at the Indiana rally for Trump. "I loved that he was paying his own way, and I do have some concerns now that he's not."

Democrat Bernie Sanders, who solicited only small donations online and held no traditional fundraisers, made campaign finance reform a pillar of his presidential campaign. Clinton also has promised to press for an end to unlimited money that flows into campaigns through super political action committees, although she is making full use of those groups in her 2016 bid.

Trump has called super PACs "corrupt" but offered no policy proposals about campaign finance. He's also stopped talking about the corrosive effect of donor money since he began raising it.

In an AP interview this spring, Trump said he is raising money only to help the Republican Party, and he has repeatedly said it would be easier for him to just write a big check to his own campaign. He also stresses that his campaign fundraising is coming from small donors, the way Sanders' fundraising was.

None of those statements is entirely true.

Trump's fundraising deal with the party includes a provision that the first \$2,700 of any donation go to his campaign. The rest of it — up to about \$500,000 per donor — is divided among the national party and some state Republican groups.

Online solicitations accounted for less than half of the money Trump raised in late May and June, and it's not clear how much of it was from small donors. Fundraising reports to federal regulators are due Wednesday night.

On Trump's self-funding reversal, 16 percent of all Americans polled by AP-GfK considered it a major problem and 21 percent a minor problem.

Among Clinton supporters, 26 percent say they're at least somewhat more likely to support a candidate who's funding his or her own campaign, but more than half say they consider Trump's reversal to be a problem, including 27 percent who say they think it's a major problem.

The Trump supporters say it's no surprise Democrats are trying to emphasize Trump's switch from self-funding to traditional funding.

"There are a couple of ways to look at it," said Jerry Loza, a Trump supporter at the Indiana rally. "You could say it's hypocrisy. You could also say it's a different game now."

The AP-GfK Poll of 1,009 adults was conducted online July 7-11, using a sample drawn from GfK's probability-based KnowledgePanel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using telephone or mail survey methods and later interviewed online. People selected for KnowledgePanel who didn't have access to the Internet were provided access for free.

Unique Zika case of Utah caregiver under investigation

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Health authorities in Utah are investigating a unique case of Zika found in a person who had been caring for a relative who had an unusually high level of the virus in his blood.

Exactly how the disease was transmitted is still a mystery, though the person has since recovered.

The elderly relative who died after contracting Zika abroad had amounts of the virus in his blood more than 100,000 times higher than other samples of infected people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Though the tropical mosquito that mainly spreads Zika isn't typically found in Utah, officials haven't ruled out the possibility that the man brought a mosquito back with him from an area where he caught the virus, perhaps in a suitcase, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The new case in Utah is a surprise, showing that we still have more to learn about Zika," CDC medical epidemiologist Dr. Erin Staples said.

Authorities did not give further details about either patient, citing health privacy laws. The new case was discovered after a doctor noticed the caregiver's Zika-like symptoms, which include rash, fever and pink eye, officials said.

He or she had cared for the older man both at home and in the hospital. That man died in late June and was the first death of a Zika-infected in the continental U.S. His age and another health condition made his exact cause of death unclear. The caregiver did not travel to an affected area.

Health workers are testing other people who had contact with the first patient. Officials are trapping mosquitoes in Utah to test them, though the species that spread the disease don't usually live in the state's high altitude and cold winters.

The CDC did not immediately revise its advice to health care workers or caregivers after the new case emerged.

"Based on what we know so far about this case, there is no evidence that there is any risk of Zika virus transmission among the general public in Utah," said Dr. Angela Dunn, deputy state epidemiologist at the Utah Department of Health.

Signs of Zika have been found in blood, urine, semen and saliva. There's no evidence yet that the Zika infection in this case is an unusual mutation, but researchers are exploring that possibility through genomic analysis.

The virus causes only a mild illness in most people. But during recent outbreaks in Latin America, scientists discovered that infection during pregnancy has led to severe brain-related birth defects.

No cases of mosquito-spread Zika have been reported in the continental United States, according to the CDC. Health experts think mosquito transmission probably will occur in the U.S., but the expectation is that it will be in low-elevation, sweltering places where the insect has been a steady problem — such as southern Florida or southern Texas.

More than 1,300 Zika illnesses have been reported in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, including eight in Utah, according to health officials. Almost all were people who had traveled to Zika outbreak countries and caught the virus there.

Fourteen were people who had not traveled to Zika zones but had sex with someone who had.

The CDC has also been tracking pregnant women infected with Zika, and says they have five reports of pregnancy losses because of miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion.

Police across US patrolling in pairs after ambush attacks

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DENVER (AP) — Police departments across the country are ordering officers to pair up after ambush attacks left eight officers dead in Texas and Louisiana, a precaution that could slow response times to low-level crimes and drive up overtime for already exhausted police.

Some agencies that normally let officers patrol alone began forcing them to double up throughout their shifts, even during meals or other breaks during their shifts.

Los Angeles police assigned members of specialized crime-fighting units to back up officers responding to routine calls. Baltimore police began sending two squad cars to every call received. Dispatchers in Denver urged officers to travel in pairs indefinitely and “keep their head on a swivel” to protect themselves against the new threat. Police in Fort Worth extended the order beyond their uniformed officers to plainclothes detectives and high-ranking supervisors.

The new safety measures are some of the most intense since the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, said Darrel Stephens, executive director of the Major Cities Chiefs of Police Association. Los Angeles also ordered more of its helicopters to patrol the skies. Officers elsewhere were told to keep their guard up, especially around police stations. It was unclear when operations would return to normal.

“You’re on the street eight, 10, 12 hours. Remaining with that heightened sense of alertness for that entire time is a pretty big challenge,” Stephens said. “Doubling up those officers helps them keep track of each other and helps them feel a sense of safety.”

It was unclear whether the buddy system might have prevented Sunday’s targeted killings of three law enforcement officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or the July 7 killings of five officers during a Dallas protest march with a heavy police presence.

In some cities, doubling up means less police visibility and geographic coverage on the streets because putting two officers in one car means others stay parked. Some departments have compensated by asking officers to extend their shifts, further straining those already on overtime from long nights of protests.

In Denver, two officers already respond to most calls, either together or in separate cars. But response times could end up slower for lower-priority cases, like thefts, that typically require just one officer.

Two-person patrols are the safest approach, but “what we’re seeing is the two-officer cars are responding to everything, so there are fewer cars to handle the calls,” said Denver police Sgt. Bryan O’Neill, vice president of the city’s Police Protective Association. “Our two-man cars are going out and working as quickly and effectively as they can, knowing that the calls are going to stack up. They don’t want to see the citizens suffer because we have fewer cars out there.”

Two-officer patrols are not a fool-proof solution, and studies are mixed about their effectiveness. Seven of the 51 officers killed in 2014 were in a two-officer vehicle, according to FBI statistics.

But if an officer is shot, a two-person patrol usually ensures the second officer can radio and get help, said Peter Moskos, a former Baltimore officer who teaches law and police science at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

But two-officer patrols are difficult to sustain for departments short on money and manpower, said Officer Robert Swartzwelder, president of the police union in Pittsburgh, where the chief called for fewer single-officer cars patrolling neighborhoods.

Most police departments will continue to focus resources on high-crime neighborhoods, in spite of manpower constraints, Stephens said.

Some officers said a strain on resources is worth it to improve officer safety during dangerous times.

The shooting of an officer in Milwaukee Sunday as he sat alone in his police cruiser should be seen as proof of the buddy system's value, said Mike Crivello, who heads the Milwaukee's Police Association union.

"When there are two officers, obviously it's double protection for both of them," he said.

The Milwaukee officer was wounded and undergoing surgery Monday. "Had he had a partner, the other one would be watching out," Crivello said.

Some Melania Trump speech lines mirror Michelle Obama speech

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Melania Trump's well-received speech Monday to the Republican National Convention contained two passages that match nearly word-for-word the speech that first lady Michelle Obama delivered in 2008 at the Democratic National Convention.

The passages in question focus on lessons that Mrs. Trump, the wife of presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, said she learned from her parents and the relevance of their lessons in her experience as a mother. They came near the beginning of her roughly 10-minute speech, which was otherwise distinct from the address that Mrs. Obama gave when her husband, then-Sen. Barack Obama, was being nominated for president.

In Mrs. Trump's speech in Cleveland, she said: "From a young age, my parents impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect. They taught and showed me values and morals in their daily life."

In Mrs. Obama's 2008 speech in Denver, she said: "And Barack and I were raised with so many of the same values: like, you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond, that you do what you say you're going to do, that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don't know them and even if you don't agree with them."

Another passage with notable similarities that follows two sentences later in Mrs. Trump's speech addresses her attempts to instill those values in her son.

"We need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow," Mrs. Trump said. "Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."

In the first lady's 2008 speech, she said, "Barack and I set out to build lives guided by these values and to pass them onto the next generation, because we want our children — and all children in this nation — to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work hard for them."

Trump's campaign responded in a statement that said her "immigrant experience and love for America shone through in her speech." The statement didn't mention Mrs. Obama.

"In writing her beautiful speech, Melania's team of writers took notes on her life's inspirations, and in some instances included fragments that reflected her own thinking," Trump spokesman Jason Miller said.

White House officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment late Monday evening.

In an interview with NBC News taped ahead of her convention appearance and posted online early Tuesday, Mrs. Trump said of her speech, "I wrote it." She added that she had "a little help."

Melania Trump ignites GOP convention after gloom, turmoil

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CLEVELAND (AP) — After a harsh primary, Republicans kicked off Donald Trump's general election campaign with a warm and personal validation from his wife, Melania Trump, who emotionally assured GOP convention delegates and voters across the country that the brash candidate has the character and determination to unite a divided nation

"If you want someone to fight for you and your country, I can assure you, he is the guy," Mrs. Trump told delegates in her highest profile appearance of the presidential campaign. But her well-received address was marred by two passages with similarities to a speech first lady Michelle Obama delivered at the 2008 Democratic convention.

Trump's campaign responded in a statement that said her "immigrant experience and love for America shone through in her speech." The statement didn't mention Mrs. Obama. "In writing her beautiful speech, Melania's team of writers took notes on her life's inspirations, and in some instances included fragments that reflected her own thinking," Trump spokesman Jason Miller said.

Even so, Mrs. Trump's remarks were a sharp contrast to the night's other speakers, who painted a bleak picture of a nation gripped by insecurity. The speeches were also filled with harsh criticism of Democrat Hillary Clinton, with delegates chanting "lock her up."

The evening's "Make America Safe Again" theme took on new resonance given the nation's unsettlingly violent summer. A parade of speakers told detailed stories about deadly combat missions and loved ones killed at the hands of people in the United States illegally. And they cast the turbulent times as a direct result of weak leadership by President Barack Obama and Clinton, who spent four years in the administration.

"Who would trust Hillary Clinton to protect them? I wouldn't," Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani said in one of the night's most fiery addresses.

Trump himself made a brief, but showy, entrance at the convention to introduce his wife. Emerging from shadows, he declared, "We're going to win, we're going to win so big." Trump returned to the stage after his wife's remarks, greeting her warmly with a kiss and cheering her on along with the crowd.

Many of the party's past and future stars were glaringly missing from the lineup, underscoring the concerns some GOP leaders have with closely aligning themselves with Trump. The businessman has cast aside decades of Republican orthodoxy in his unexpected political rise, creating a crisis within the GOP about its future.

Republican divisions erupted briefly on the convention floor Monday afternoon after party officials adopted rules by a shouted voice vote. Anti-Trump forces seeking to derail his nomination responded with loud and angry chants, though they were quickly quieted and there were no lingering signs of the protests as delegates returned to the cavernous convention hall for the evening program.

Trump hoped the chaos would be little more than a footnote. Despite persistent party divisions, his campaign is confident Republicans will come together behind their shared disdain for Clinton.

Convention speakers highlighted at length the deadly 2012 attacks on Americans in Benghazi, Libya, while Clinton was serving as secretary of state. The mother of one of the victims choked back tears as she personally blamed Clinton for her son's death and accused her of giving a false explanation for the attack.

"If Hillary Clinton can't give us the truth, why should we give her the presidency," Pat Smith said.

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The convention comes amid a wrenching period of violence and unrest, both in the United States and around the world. In a matter of weeks, Americans have seen deadly police shootings, a shocking ambush of police in Texas and escalating racial tensions, not to mention a failed coup in Turkey and gruesome Bastille Day attack in Nice, France. Three police officers were killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the eve of the convention's opening day.

Convention speakers relentlessly cast the troubling times as a result of ineffective leadership by President Barack Obama and Clinton, who spent four years in his administration.

"Hillary Clinton cannot be trusted. Her judgment and character are not suited to be sitting in the most powerful office in the world," said Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa. Ernst is one of the Republican Party's rising stars, but the speaking schedule had her appearing late in the night before a nearly empty hall.

Trump has been vague about how he would put the nation on a different course, offering virtually no details of his policy prescriptions despite repeated vows to be tough.

Campaign chairman Paul Manafort said Trump would "eventually" outline policy specifics but not at the convention. However, Trump said in a Monday night interview with Fox News that his convention speech Thursday would discuss a "major, major" tax cut, immigration, getting rid of burdensome regulations and taking care of veterans.

The line-up of speakers and no-shows for the four-night convention was a visual representation of Trump's struggles to unify Republicans. From the party's former presidents to the host state governor, many leaders were staying away from the convention stage, or Cleveland altogether, wary of being linked to a man whose proposals and temperament have sparked an identity crisis within the GOP.

Trump's team insists that by the end of the week, Republicans will plunge into the general election campaign united in their mission to defeat Clinton. But campaign officials undermined their own effort Monday by picking a fight with Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who is not attending the convention and has yet to endorse Trump."

Manafort, in remarks to reporters at a Bloomberg breakfast, called Kasich "petulant" and said the governor was "embarrassing" his party in his home state.

Even some of those participating in the convention seemed to be avoiding their party's nominee. When House Speaker Paul Ryan spoke to Wisconsin delegates Monday morning, he made no mention of Trump in his remarks.

Ryan, asked at a later event whether Trump was really a conservative, said: "Define conservative; he's not my kind of conservative."

Having stomach troubles? Try swallowing an origami robot

MATT O'BRIEN, Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Has your child swallowed a small battery? In the future, a tiny robot made from pig gut could capture it and expel it.

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are designing an ingestible robot that could be used to patch wounds, deliver medicine or dislodge a foreign object. They call their experiment an "origami robot" because the accordion-shaped gadget gets folded up and frozen into an ice capsule.

"You swallow the robot, and when it gets to your stomach the ice melts and the robot unfolds," said Daniela Rus, a professor who directs MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. "Then, we can direct it to a very precise location."

It's still a long way before the device can be deployed in a human or animal. In the meantime, the

researchers have created an artificial stomach made of silicone to test it.

Rus said one of the robot's most important missions could be to save the lives of children who swallow the disc-shaped button batteries that increasingly power electronic devices. If swallowed, the battery can quickly burn through the stomach lining and be fatal.

The robots could seek out and capture the battery before it causes too much damage, pushing it down through the gastrointestinal tract and out of the body.

The robot's flexible frame is biodegradable, made of the same dried pig intestine used for sausage casing. The researchers scoured markets in Boston's Chinatown before finding the right material to build an agile robot body that could dissolve once its mission was accomplished.

"They tried rice paper and sugar paper and hydrogel paper, all sorts of different materials," Rus said. "We found that sausage casing has the best properties when it comes to folding and unfolding and controllability."

Embedded in its meaty body — it wouldn't be hard to make a kosher version, Rus said — is a neodymium magnet that looks like a tiny metal cube.

Magnetic forces control its movement. Researchers use remote-control joysticks to change the magnetic field, allowing the robot to slip and crawl through the stomach on the way to the object it is trying to retrieve or the wound where it must deliver drugs.

Would it hurt to ingest a robot? Probably not, said research team member Steven Guitron, an MIT graduate student in mechanical engineering.

"I'm sure if you swallowed an ice cube accidentally, it's very similar," he said.

MIT's team has a patent pending and presented its research at a robotics conference in Sweden this spring. Rus said medical companies have expressed interest in clinical applications, which require going through the regulatory process of conducting animal and human studies.

"It's a nifty idea," but it could be a decade or so before hospitals could use such a device, said William Messner, a professor of mechanical engineering at Tufts University in Massachusetts who is not involved with the project. He said it could also have promise in performing biopsies.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration "has to get involved with anything like this and they're rightfully very careful about any kind of medical instrument," Messner said. "The big problem is: What if it gets stuck? Now you've really got a problem."

The multidisciplinary project fits into the growing field of soft robotics that coalesced with the 2013 founding of the peer-reviewed Soft Robotics Journal, based at Tufts. The Boston region is a hub for research into the moving machines made of flexible materials that can change shape and size, making them useful for surgery and other complex environments.

Questions and answers about US fuel economy standards

The Associated Press

The U.S. government has issued a report on fuel economy and greenhouse gas standards for U.S. cars and trucks that were first established in 2012. The report Monday kicked off a two-year review process leading to a government decision on whether to leave the standards in place through 2025 or change them.

A look at the standards:

WHAT ARE CAFE AND GHG STANDARDS?

CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) and GHG (greenhouse gas) standards are mile-per-gallon and emissions targets for cars and trucks set by the U.S. government. The standards are based on size and are weighted by sales. Each manufacturer has a different requirement based on the models it sells.

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Congress required CAFE standards in 1975 after several years of gasoline shortages during the Arab oil embargo. The standard for passenger cars stayed at 27.5 mpg from 1990 until 2007, when Congress required substantial increases in fuel economy. At the same time, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began regulating greenhouse gas emissions. In 2009, the government set a standard of 34.1 mpg for cars and light trucks by 2016. In 2012, the government set a new target of 54.5 mpg by 2025.

DOES THAT MEAN MY CAR COULD GET 54.5 MPG IN 2025?

No. That figure comes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is based on the fuel economy needed to achieve greenhouse gas reductions. Manufacturers can apply credits for various technologies to arrive at that figure. Real-world mileage is likely to be around 40 mpg.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

The government must decide whether the proposed standards for 2025 should stay in place or should be modified. When the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency set the new standards in 2012, they agreed to conduct a mid-term evaluation for model years 2022-2025. That evaluation begins with the draft technical assessment, which was released Monday, and is expected to end in 2018 with a decision on whether the CAFE standards should be modified.

WHAT DID THE DRAFT TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT SAY?

The draft doesn't recommend whether to change fuel economy and emissions requirements. That will come later. It says automakers are well on their way toward meeting the 2012 standards, but it also says those standards might have to be lowered, since low gas prices have changed the mix of vehicles that automakers sell. More people are buying trucks and SUVs — and spurning small, fuel-efficient cars — now that gas prices are low.

WHY WOULD THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDER CHANGING THE STANDARDS?

Gas is more than \$1 per gallon cheaper than it was in 2012, when the standards were issued, which has hurt demand for more fuel-efficient cars. If automakers can't sell those cars, then they can't apply their high mileage toward their corporate average. But environmentalists and others say automakers are already beating the targets in many cases, so the government shouldn't weaken them. They also say automakers have been pushing SUVs because they are more profitable than cars.

HOW ARE AUTOMAKERS IMPROVING THEIR FUEL ECONOMY?

The standards give manufacturers extra credit for new technologies, such as hybrid engines for pickup trucks and stop-start systems, which automatically shut off the engine when the vehicle stops. They also get greenhouse gas credits for more efficient air-conditioning systems. Manufacturers are raising their fuel economy with the introduction of electric cars like the Chevrolet Bolt, which is due out later this year, and the increased use of lightweight materials like aluminum and high-strength steel. Engine technologies, such as direct fuel injection, and more efficient transmissions are also contributing.

DO THOSE ADDED TECHNOLOGIES MAKE MY VEHICLE MORE EXPENSIVE?

Yes. In the report issued Monday, the EPA estimates the fuel economy standards will cost \$1,017 per vehicle between the 2022 and 2025 model years, while NHTSA estimates they will cost up to \$1,245 per vehicle. The agencies differ on how much consumers would save in gas, but they estimate it's between \$680 and \$1,620 per vehicle.

Seoul says North Korea has fired 3 missiles into sea

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Tuesday fired three ballistic missiles into its eastern sea in an apparent protest of South Korea's decision to allow the deployment of an advanced U.S. missile defense system in the country, Seoul officials said.

The missiles launched from a western North Korea town flew across the country before crashing into the waters off its east coast, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

Two of them flew about 500 to 600 kilometers (310 to 375 miles), displaying a sufficient range to reach entire South Korea, JCS spokesman Jeon Ha Gyu said. He said South Korea's military was analyzing how far the third missile flew. An earlier JCS statement said all three flew about 500 to 600 kilometers.

A statement from the Pentagon said that U.S. Strategic Command systems tracked "what we assess were three North Korean missile launches." It said two were presumed to be Scud tactical ballistic missiles, followed by the presumed launch of a Rodong intermediate range ballistic missile.

It said the missile launches did not pose a threat to North America.

North Korea routinely tests short-range missiles and artillery systems but the latest launches came days after the country warned of unspecified "physical counter-action" over the deployment of the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, system in the southern town of Seongju.

Jeon said South Korea "strongly condemns" the launches that he described as an "armed protest" against the THAAD deployment.

In Tokyo, Defense Minister Gen Nakatani said the launches were "an act of provocation that undermines regional and international security. ... We absolutely cannot accept it."

North Korea has already deployed a variety of missiles that can reach most of South Korea and Japan, including American military bases in those countries. The country is also pushing to develop a long-range nuclear-tipped missile that can strike the mainland U.S., but South Korean defense officials believe the North does not possess such a weapon.

Analyst Kim Dong-yub at Seoul's Institute for Far East Studies said the North appears to have demonstrated its ability to strike southern South Korean targets including an area where a THAAD battery is to be placed by the end of next year.

A Rodong missile is known to have a maximum range of 1,300 kilometers (800 miles). One of the missiles launched in March flew about 800 kilometers (500 miles), according to Seoul's Defense Ministry.

Seoul and Washington say they need the THAAD system to better deal with what they call increasing North Korean threats in the aftermath of its fourth nuclear test and long-range rocket launch earlier this year.

The Korean Peninsula remains in a technical state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. About 28,500 U.S. soldiers are stationed in South Korea to deter possible aggression from North Korea; tens of thousands more are stationed in Japan.

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Today is Tuesday, July 19, the 201st day of 2016. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 19, 1941, Britain launched its "V for Victory" campaign during World War II with Prime Minister Winston Churchill calling the V-sign hand gesture "the symbol of the unconquerable will of the

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people of the occupied territories and a portent of the fate awaiting the Nazi tyranny.”

On this date:

In 1553, King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen of England after pretender Lady Jane Grey was deposed.

In 1848, a pioneering women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, New York.

In 1903, the first Tour de France was won by Maurice Garin.

In 1944, the Democratic national convention convened in Chicago with the nomination of President Franklin D. Roosevelt considered a certainty.

In 1952, the Summer Olympics opened in Helsinki, Finland.

In 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing regularly scheduled in-flight movies as it presented "By Love Possessed" to first-class passengers on a flight from New York to Los Angeles.

In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio Somoza fled the country.

In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

In 1986, Caroline Kennedy, daughter of President John F. Kennedy, married Edwin A. Schlossberg in Centerville, Massachusetts.

In 1989, 111 people were killed when United Air Lines Flight 232, a DC-10 which suffered the uncontained failure of its tail engine and the loss of hydraulic systems, crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush joined former presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald R. Ford and Richard M. Nixon at ceremonies dedicating the Nixon Library and Birthplace (since re-designated the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum) in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1996, opening ceremonies were held in Atlanta for the 26th Summer Olympic Games.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush issued his first presidential veto, rejecting a bill that could have multiplied federal money for embryonic stem cell research; a few hours later, the House voted 235-193 to overturn Bush's veto, 51 short of the required two-thirds majority. Actor Jack Warden died in New York at age 85.

Five years ago: Summoned by British lawmakers to answer for a phone hacking and bribery scandal at one of his tabloids, media mogul Rupert Murdoch told a parliamentary committee hearing he was humbled and ashamed, but accepted no responsibility for wrongdoing.

One year ago: Saying they felt a "deep sense of ethical responsibility for a past tragedy," executives from Japan's Mitsubishi Materials Corp. offered an unprecedented apology to a 94-year-old former U.S. prisoner of war for using American POWs as forced labor during World War II; James Murphy of Santa Maria, California, accepted the apology during a solemn ceremony hosted by the Museum of Tolerance at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Helen Gallagher is 90. Country singer Sue Thompson is 90. Singer Vikki Carr is 76. Blues singer-musician Little Freddie King is 76. Country singer-musician Commander Cody is 72. Actor George Dzundza is 71. Rock singer-musician Alan Gorrie (Average White Band) is 70. International Tennis Hall of Famer Ilie Nastase is 70. Rock musician Brian May is 69. Rock musician Bernie Leadon is 69. Actress Beverly Archer is 68. Movie director Abel Ferrara is 65. Actor Peter Barton is 60. Rock musician Kevin Haskins (Love and Rockets; Bauhaus) is 56. Movie director Atom Egoyan is 56. Actor Campbell Scott is 55. Actor Anthony Edwards is 54. Country singer Kelly Shiver is 53. Actress Clea Lewis is 51. Percussionist Evelyn Glennie is 51. Country musician Jeremy Patterson is 46. Classical singer Urs Buhler (Il Divo) is 45. Actor Andrew Kavovit is 45. Rock musician Jason McGerr (Death Cab

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for Cutie) is 42. Actor Benedict Cumberbatch is 40. Actress Erin Cummings is 39. TV chef Marcela Valladolid is 38. Actor Jared Padalecki is 34. Actor Trai Byers is 33. Actor Steven Anthony Lawrence is 26.

Thought for Today: "Where there is unity, there is always victory." — Publilius Syrus, Latin writer during the first century B.C.