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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.

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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Anniversary: Dwight & Kim Zerr
Birthday: Joyce Walter • Dylan Young • Chantel Tunby • Matt Locke
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, July 24

Anniversary: Roger and Pam Rix
Birthdays: Christi Swenson • Nathan Loutsch • Nicole Foote • Karen Lane • Harvey Fliehs II • Macine McGannon
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship & Christmas Sing-along
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran worship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, July 25

Couples Golf Night at Olive Grove
Senior Menu: Beef stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.
Anniversary: Steve and Lori Giedt
Birthdays: April Woodward • Stan Knudsen • Taylor Holm • Hannah Webb
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
Tuesday, July 26
Senior Menu: Herbed roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, lemon buttered broccoli, cinna-

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July 18 Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Opp, Blackmun, Flihs, Peterson, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Glover was missing. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Paul Kosel, Kathy Sundermeyer, Ardella Theunissen, and Rudi Rosegarden.

Ardella Theunissen introduced her sister, Rudi Rosegarden, a council member of Sunset Valley, TX. She compared Groton and Sunset Valley and congratulated Groton on its appearance and projects.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank 17,925.18 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 2,225.00 emp savings; Terry Herron 500.00 med flex; City of Groton 200.00 change; SD Municipal League 10.00 book; AFLAC 782.32 emp ins; Ameripride 31.70 rug rent; Assoc Supply Co 821.94 pool chem.; Badger Meter 54.00 water meter comm.; David Blackmun 21.60 mileage; Gene Brolin 400.00 HWH sales inc; Car Quest 192.09 battery, plug, filter, lub; Chief Supply 79.83 belt, flashlite, holder; Dakota Electronics 250.65 radio repairs; Dearborne Life Ins 88.00 emp ins; Diamond Vogel 66.60 paint; Ecolab 98.96 pest control; Farmers Union Coop 980.00 dsl; Fastenal 26.61 bolts; Fordham Signs 170.00 bb sign; Full Circle Ag 89.47 herbicide; Jim Gerdes 100.00 Heartland rebate; Groton Ford 348.69 repairs; Groton Independent 81.98 publishing; Groton Vet Clinic 9.90 gloves; Guardian Ins 256.97 emp ins; Hanlon Brothers 750.00 doze dump; Paul Hathaway 220.00 umpiring; Heartland Consumer Power District 50,587.04 power; Mark Herman 300.00 umpiring; Roger Hoffman 80.00 umpiring; Kampa Const 10,000.00 6th St repairs; Ken's Alignment Center 1,398.46 repairs; Ken's Food Fair 2,603.13 gas, food, cleaners; Paul Kosel 400.00 med flex; Walt Lenius 10,710.00 cap well; Lien Trans 1,227.20 hot mix; Anita Lowary 1,063.73 med flex, candy, books; Michael Todd & Co 485.27 broom; MJ's Sinclair 1,092.35 gas, dsl, battery; Ryan Olson 25.00 lessons refund; Pepsi Cola 418.92 pop; Roy's Sport Shop 1,538.25 baseball equip; Runnings 57.49 shaft; Brian Schuring 300.00 umpiring; SD Municipal League 25.00 meeting reg; SD One Call 84.00 notifications; SD Supplement Retirement 1,160.00 emp retirement; US Post Office 110.00 box rent; Van Diest Supply 1,820.01 insecticide, herbicide; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,548.62 health ins; Ron & Lori Westby 500.00 HWH sales inc; Western Area Power Adm 25,935.92 power

The lease for the soccer field with the school was discussed. The schools suggestion of amending the lease to have the City mow the field from January to June and the school mow from July to December was accepted on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

Justin Fischbach came before the Council to request more time to catch up on his delinquent utility bill due to family emergencies and reduced income. Council allowed an extension to August 1, 2016.

Whether to hire an engineer to do rate studies for all utilities was discussed and tabled.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to accept the donation of the 1975 Ford Water Truck from the Groton Area Fire Protection and Rescue District. All members present voted aye.

Meeting reports from Blackmun, Lowary, and Hanlon were given on a budget meeting, 3 Heartland Power meetings, a DOT meeting and the meeting with K Noems staff member.

At 7:55pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by McGannon to discuss legal matters and personnel. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:30pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

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Three Special School Board Meetings

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

School Board Meeting July 26, 2016 – 6:00 PM – Andover Senior Center

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Public presentation and discussion of proposed building improvement measures.

ADJOURN

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

School Board Meeting July 26, 2016 – 8:00 PM – Bristol Community Center

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Public presentation and discussion of proposed building improvement measures.

ADJOURN

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

School Board Meeting July 28, 2016 – 7:00 PM – St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

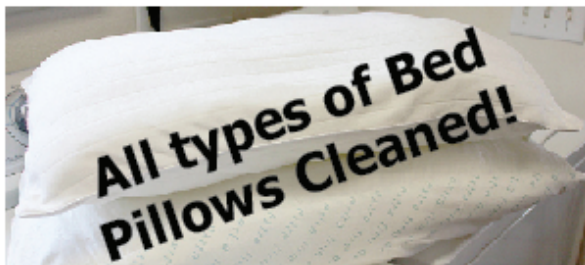
1. Public presentation and discussion of proposed building improvement measures.

ADJOURN

Pillow Cleaning Day

Friday, July 29, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The cross project at the Groton Union Cemetery is now complete. The refinished crucifix was put up yesterday on the Catholic side of the cemetery.



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Today in Weather History

July 23, 2007: High heat indices along with very little wind contributed to the deaths of over 2800 cattle in Brown, Spink, Day, and Marshall Counties. Most of the cattle deaths occurred on July 23rd. The high heat indices continued through the 25th with some more cattle deaths but protective measures kept the death count down. Most of the cattle that died were on feedlots. The total loss was around 3 million dollars.

July 23, 2010: A United States record setting hailstone fell from a very strong supercell thunderstorm moving southeast across central South Dakota. The record setting hailstone fell near Vivian, South Dakota and measured 8 inches in diameter, 18.625 inches in circumference, and weighed 1.9375 pounds. This hailstone broke the previous United States record for diameter (7.0 inches - 22 June 2003 in Aurora, NE) and weight (1.67 pounds - 3 September 1970 in Coffeyville, KS). The Aurora, Nebraska hailstone will retain the record for circumference (18.75 inches). Several other stones of 6 inches or more in diameter were measured during the storm survey.

Along with the very large hail, damaging winds in excess of 70 mph along with an isolated tornado occurred. The large hail and high winds caused extensive damage to homes, outbuildings, and vehicles as it moved southeast across the region. Some of the hail went completely through car windshields, roofs, garages, and campers. The hail caused five minor injuries to motorists on Interstate 90 as it went through their windshields. A minor was severely injured when the glass in the mini-van he was traveling was completely shattered by the large hail. The child suffered numerous cuts, many requiring stitches.

1788: Called the George Washington's Hurricane, this storm originated near Bermuda on the 19th before making landfall in Virginia. It passed directly over the Lower Chesapeake Bay and Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. This track is very similar to the track of the Chesapeake-Potomac hurricane of 1933. At Norfolk, winds increased at 5 p.m. on the 23rd with the wind originating from the northeast. At 12:30 a.m., the wind suddenly shifted to the south and "blew a perfect hurricane, tearing down chimneys, fences"...some corn was also leveled. In addition, large trees were uprooted and houses were moved from their foundations.

Port Royal and Hobb's Hole experienced a violent northeast gale which drove several vessels ashore. In Fredricksburg, great quantities of corn, tobacco, and fruit were destroyed. Houses and trees fell in great numbers across Northumberland, Lancaster, Richmond, and Westmoreland counties. Crops were destroyed and many livestock perished in Lower Mathews County. Many plantations saw their houses leveled. Homes were flooded with water six feet deep... several inhabitants drowned.

Historical figures of the time logged the storm's antics. George Washington noted the sinking of the small ship Federalist and uprooted trees. Colonel James Madison, father of the future president, experienced the passing of great winds and rains near Orange. In Alexandria, damage to wheat, tobacco, and corn was "beyond description." The information above is from the Weather Prediction Center and noted American historian David Ludlum.

1898 - A two hour thunderstorm deluged Atlanta, GA, with 4.32 inches of rain. More than a foot of water flooded Union Depot. Many street car motors burned out while trying to run through flooded streets. It grew so dark before the afternoon storm that gas lights were needed. (The Weather Channel)








1923 - Sheridan, WY, was drenched with 4.41 inches of rain, an all-time 24 hour record for that location. Associated flooding washed out 20 miles of railroad track. (22nd-23rd) (The Weather Channel)

1989 - Morning thunderstorms in the central U.S. drenched central Oklahoma with up to six inches of rain. Afternoon thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 85 mph at Fort Smith, AR. Evening thunderstorms over Florida spawned a tornado which touched down three times in south Fort Myers causing nearly three quarters of a million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2011: Chicago set an all-time daily record rainfall when 6.86 inches fell during the early morning hours of Saturday, July 23, 2011, at O'Hare airport. The previous daily record was 6.64 inches set on September 13, 2008.

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
 40%	 20%				 30%	 40%
Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Hot	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms
High: 89 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 90 °F	Low: 66 °F	High: 85 °F

Today's Severe Weather Outlook

Storms Possible Through the Day – Ending By This Evening

Possible Threats



Large Hail



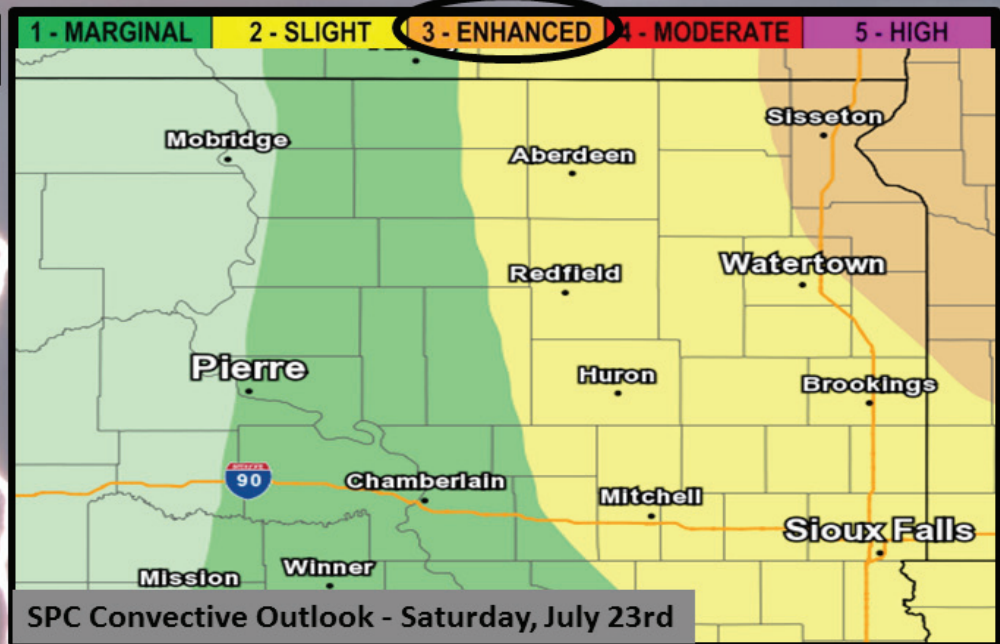
Damaging Winds



Isolated Tornado



Frequent Lightning



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 7/23/2016 5:42 AM Central

Published on: 07/23/2016 at 5:50AM

More showers and thunderstorms are expected through the day today. These storms have the potential to become strong to severe, especially across eastern South Dakota into Minnesota this afternoon. There is an enhanced risk of severe storms across far northeast South Dakota and on into Minnesota. Storms will end from west to east throughout the day as a frontal boundary moves east over the region and brings in drier and more stable air. This severe weather outlook will be updated throughout the day. For the latest map detailing the risk for severe thunderstorms, please visit www.spc.noaa.gov/products/outlook

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 92.2 F at 1:36 PM

Heat Index: 111.0 at 1:14 PM

Low Outside Temp: 69.6 F at 5:59 AM

High Gust: 18.0 Mph at 3:52 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 109° in 1941

Record Low: 41 in 1904

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 60°F

Average Precip in July: 2.34

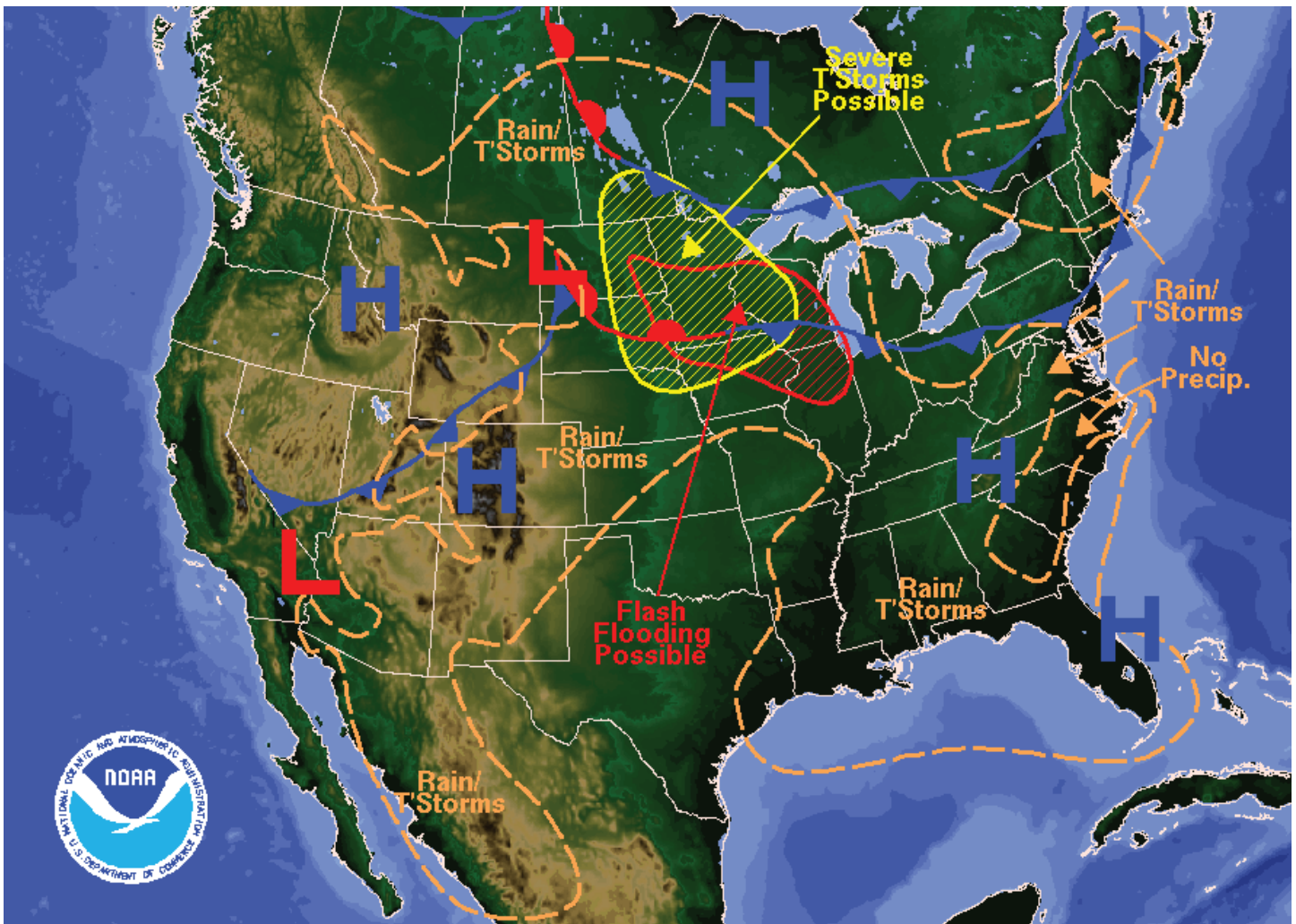
Precip to date in July: 3.55

Average Precip to date: 13.18

Precip Year to Date: 10.21

Sunset Tonight: 9:11 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:09 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jul 23, 2016, issued 4:32 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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SECOND PLACE

One of the great orchestra conductors of all time was Leonard Bernstein. Once he was asked, "What is the most difficult instrument to play?"

Quickly he answered, "Second violin. I can get many first violinists, but to find someone who can play second violin with great enthusiasm - that is a difficult problem to solve."

Why do orchestras need those who play second violin, second trumpet or second clarinet? Without them there is no harmony and without harmony there would be no beauty in life. Being willing to be "second" to someone else brings an added depth and breadth and width to the work of our Lord.

Selfishness can bring disaster to the life work and responsibilities of the church. That is why God is always looking for men and women who will fill in the lesser positions in His Kingdom - those who will put Him first and bring beauty and harmony to His creation.

However, to be "second" requires humility. It means having a true perspective about ourselves and our identity in Christ. In Him we find our worth and discover that we have great value to Him as we do what He wants us to do. There may be times when we measure our self-worth by the world's standards. But our true worth, our value to God, comes from our being faithful to Him even if it means we must play "second violin" in God's orchestra.

Prayer: Father, give us the grace and courage to be where You want us to be and do what You want us to do when You ask us to play "second violin." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philip-
pians 2:1-4

News from the Associated Press

Game, Fish and Parks: Avoid Big Sioux close to Dell Rapids

DELL RAPIDS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks wants people looking for fun on the water to steer clear of the Big Sioux River close to Dell Rapids.

The agency says the state Department of Transportation is doing work on a bridge over the river south of the city.

People who want to canoe, swim and boat should avoid the area for the summer and the early part of the fall.

Game, Fish and Parks Regional Supervisor Emmett Keyser says the area is “pretty treacherous” and should be avoided.

Keyser says the state has miles of rivers and lakes that people can use.

GOP delegates head home from convention confident, energized

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Republicans who attended the GOP’s national convention are headed home confident and energized after naming Donald Trump as their standard-bearer for the fall election, state delegates said Friday.

The party is united and ready to work for a November victory, which Trump will claim by “double digits” in deep red South Dakota, said Jason Glodt, one of the state’s 29 delegates. Convention attendees, including Gov. Dennis Daugaard, have also praised Trump’s choice of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate against presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

Delegate John Teupel of Spearfish had been skeptical and critical of the Trump campaign for months. He came out of the convention, though, with “a great deal of confidence” and said Republicans can’t afford to sit on the sidelines.

“There’s too much on the line here, too much at stake for the future of our country,” he said.

Trump easily carried South Dakota in the June 7 Republican primary since he was the only active candidate left in the race. He’s got “serious problems” if he’s not leading South Dakota in the general, said Jon Schaff, a political science professor at Northern State University.

With the likelihood of Trump handily taking the state in November, a visit from the candidate during the campaign is unlikely, Glodt said as he drove home from Cleveland in a recreational vehicle emblazoned on the sides with “South Dakota Republican Grassroots Express.”

But South Dakota Democratic Party Executive Director Suzanne Jones Pranger said Clinton will get “strong support” in the state.

“South Dakotans have the common sense to see that Donald Trump does not have the temperament or the judgment to be the president of the United States,” she said.

Trump won over the American people with his Thursday evening acceptance speech, South Dakota delegate Lynne DiSanto said, describing him as a man of action who will beat Clinton. Strength was the takeaway, said DiSanto, a state representative from Rapid City.

“America has become weak, and our partners and other countries believe that we’re weak,” she said Thursday night. “Donald Trump is strong, and that’s what we need and that’s what he delivered to-night.”

Trump promised to be the champion of disaffected Americans, wrapping up the convention on a strong note after shows of disharmony and assorted flubs earlier in the event.

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Glodt, of Pierre, said that he thinks the majority of Americans want change. Trump articulated that he's the best person to implement that change, Glodt said. He believes the "broad majority" of Republicans feel better about the nominee now than before the convention.

"The convention ended strong," Glodt said. "Trump gave an incredible speech, the best yet, and it ended on a high note."

Authorities identify 18-year-old killed in crash near Summit

SUMMIT, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified an 18-year-old Sisseton male who was killed in a one-vehicle crash north of Summit that also injured two 10-year-old girls.

The Highway Patrol says Justin Magnuson lost control of the car he was driving on a rural Roberts County road about 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, and the vehicle rolled in the ditch.

Magnuson was pronounced dead at the scene. The two girls riding in the car suffered injuries the patrol says are serious but not life-threatening.

'Merciless' heat, humidity sticks to nearly all of US

SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Call it the United Sweats of America. A heat wave spreading across the country is leaving few places to hide. Not even the cool of night.

By Friday afternoon, all but one of the Lower 48 states had hit 90 degrees somewhere, with only Washington around for cooler comfort. For much of the country, it was expected to get even worse over the weekend.

"It's just day after day. Merciless," said Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the private Weather Underground. "We don't often see this much of the country this hot for this length of time."

And while the extra hot weather will ease a bit next week for good chunks of the country, the temperature forecast for the next three months isn't exactly promising, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

For the first time in more than 20 years, the Climate Prediction Center map is shades of one color: orange for above normal temperatures.

The map usually varies, showing places where there is a greater chance for above or below normal temperatures or equal chances. But the outlook for August, September and October is for above normal everywhere.

Center climate scientist Dan Collins said the center's archives go back to 1995 and they've never seen this for the entire United States — including Alaska and Hawaii. That doesn't mean a three-month heat wave, just on average warmer than normal temperatures through October.

"Unusual indeed," Collins said. "But maybe less so as the years pass."

Scientists haven't calculated if man-made global warming from the burning of fossil fuels is a factor in the current heat wave, but said it has been a factor in most recent ones and a good chance here, too.

What's happening now is a ridge of high pressure has just spread over almost the entire United States. That keeps clouds and cooling away, and just pushes warm air down.

Add to that the humidity, which makes everything feel stickier. It's coming with warmer ocean water, especially from a hotter-than-normal Gulf of Mexico, Masters said.

The high heat and humidity will move from the Corn Belt toward the Southeast over the weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

On Monday, the weather service forecasts that nearly all of the Lower 48 states could hit 95 on the

heat index , which factors in humidity. And about 30 states are forecast to hit 100.

The high temperature averaged for the Lower 48 states was 92 degrees on both Thursday and Friday, the warmest since June of 2012, said meteorologist Ryan Maue of the private WeatherBell Analytics service.

Not even the cool of night is helping because temperatures aren't dropping as much as they normally do. That's a health issue because the human body relies on the evening coolness for relief, said Greg Carbin, a forecast chief for the weather service's Weather Prediction Center.

Heat waves like this one "are kinda like the home run statistic in steroid-fueled baseball," University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd said in an email. "Sure heat waves always happened naturally (like home runs in baseball) but the statistics are shifting to make them more likely and more frequent within a warmer background climate."

Trump convention speech draws 32.2 million TV viewers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Nielsen company says an estimated 32.2 million people watched Donald Trump deliver his GOP nomination acceptance speech.

Thursday's audience topped the 30.3 million who watched nominee Mitt Romney's 2012 speech but fell well short of John McCain's audience of 38.9 million at the 2008 Republican convention.

This year's tally reflects viewership across 10 commercial networks, Nielsen said Friday, topped by Fox News Channel with 9.4 million viewers.

The channel's triumph came the same day that its founder and chief, Roger Ailes, resigned amid a former anchorwoman's claims of workplace misconduct.

For the closing hour of the four-day convention, CNN drew 5.5 million viewers; NBC 4.6 million; ABC 3.9 million; CBS 3.8 million and MSNBC 3 million.

At slain officer's funeral, calls for respect and unity

MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — When protests erupted here over a black man's killing during a struggle with two white police officers, Baton Rouge police officer Matthew Gerald made a promise to an old friend who urged him to be careful.

"I'm going to do what I got to do to keep you all safe, old boy," Gerald told Dave Mulkey, his childhood friend and former roommate.

That text message was the last Mulkey received from Gerald before a lone gunman enraged by recent police shootings killed the 41-year-old rookie.

"That's what Matt did. He went toward the danger, along with his fellow officers," Mulkey told more than 2,000 mourners at Gerald's funeral on Friday, the first for the three officers who were shot down before the attacker was killed.

Baton Rouge's mayor and police chief hailed Gerald as a hero who proudly served his country during three tours in Iraq before joining the police force nine months ago.

The mayor and chief also issued broad appeals to respect police and heal wounds opened by the death of Alton Sterling, a black man whose shooting by police was videotaped and posted online, prompting widespread protests.

After nearly 200 arrests in three days in Louisiana's capital, tensions seemed to be easing before the surprise Sunday morning ambush.

Mayor Kip Holden said people must avoid an "us versus them" mentality and recognize that police of-

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ficers are "here for all of us."

"The men and women who put on those uniforms, they respect you. Respect them," Holden said.

Chief Carl Dabadie Jr.'s voice cracked as he strayed from his prepared remarks to respond to critics of policing. Departments across the country have been scrutinized after a steady stream of videotaped killings and mistreatment of black people.

"The media has blasted us for what we do and how we do it, basically portraying law enforcement as these band of bullies who go around and beat people up," the chief said. "We're not bullies. We are protecting our communities. And they throw us under the bus for it. And that's wrong."

Gerald's Army and Marine uniforms hung next to his flag-draped casket as photos on a big screen showed moments from his 11 years in the military, his fledgling police career and his family life.

Dechia Gerald, now a widow with two young girls, called him "my blue-eyed rock" in a written tribute, expressing hope that his legacy will "bridge the gap and foster peace in the country he lived, loved and died for."

Funerals for sheriff's deputy Brad Garafola and police officer Montrell Jackson are set for Saturday and Monday. They, too, were slain by Gavin Long, an Army veteran from Kansas City, Missouri, whose rambling videos urged violence in response to what he considered oppression.

Gerald joined the Baton Rouge police as an enthusiastic rookie after four years in the Marines and seven years in the Army, where he served as a Blackhawk helicopter crew chief.

J.D. Leach, commander of the police academy, recalled asking Gerald why he was joining the force at his age.

"I've been serving my country and now it's time to serve my community," Leach recalled Gerald telling him.

Gerald was partnered with Cpl. Lester Mitchell, an 11-year police veteran. The two officers, white and black, began riding together on July 1, days before Sterling's death.

"We talked about the madness, how much it was putting a strain on the community, police relations," Mitchell said during an interview before the funeral.

Mitchell said they were writing reports at police headquarters Sunday when Gerald said he was going for an energy drink at the B-Quik store less than a mile away.

Someone at the store approached Gerald, saying an armed man was walking through the area, Mitchell said. Gerald radioed for help, and Mitchell was among the officers who raced to the scene, hearing gunfire as they arrived.

"We were right in the middle of the firestorm," he said. "He had already been shot when we got there."

The many mourners Friday included Sheriff's Capt. Tom Cox from Knox County, Tennessee. He said he attended all five funerals for the officers killed by a sniper in Dallas this month, and planned to attend all three of the funerals in Louisiana.

"It's numbing, with this many in such a short period of time," Cox said. "We hope this isn't some trend."

Judge inclined to deny Trump's request to dismiss lawsuit

ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A federal judge said Friday that he is inclined to deny a request by Donald Trump's lawyers to dismiss a lawsuit that accuses the Republican presidential nominee of defrauding customers at the now-defunct Trump University.

U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel did not elaborate on his thinking during a lengthy hearing in San Diego — one day after Trump accepted the Republican nomination for president of the United States.

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Trump's attorney, Daniel Petrocelli, urged the judge to reconsider, calling the lawsuit a "gross overreach" of federal civil racketeering statutes. He told the judge the plaintiffs have failed to show that Trump himself orchestrated allegedly misleading marketing claims.

"He did not run Trump University. He was not the chief operating officer. He did not direct the day-to-day affairs," Petrocelli said. "The idea that he is somehow at the center of it is not supported by the evidence in the case."

Curiel, a target of the nominee's repeated public scorn, will issue a final decision in writing at a later time.

The complaint, filed in 2013 by former customer Art Cohen, is one of two class-action lawsuits that Trump is facing in San Diego over Trump University before the same judge. Trump also faces a lawsuit in New York.

The lawsuits allege that Trump University gave seminars and classes in hotel ballrooms across the country that were like infomercials, constantly pressuring customers to buy more and, in the end, failing to deliver. Cohen went to a three-day seminar in 2009 in Palo Alto, California, for \$1,495 and bought into the "Gold Elite" mentorship program for \$34,995.

Trump has maintained that customers were overwhelmingly satisfied and that he did nothing to deceive them.

Trump University's sales pitches "are classic examples of sales puffery common to advertising everywhere," his lawyers said in court documents filed for Friday's hearing arguing the lawsuit is an abuse of federal racketeering conspiracy statutes. They minimize Trump's involvement, saying he delegated responsibilities after creating Trump University in 2005.

Lawyers for the plaintiff wrote mockingly that Trump's lawyers should argue their case on Earth, not in "District Court in Bizarro World." They dismiss Trump's claims of limited involvement, saying, "He only starred in the marketing materials. Signed them. Corrected them. And approved them."

The Cohen lawsuit has not been scheduled for trial. The trial for the other lawsuit is set for Nov. 28.

Friday was the second time in a month that Curiel has faced Trump's lawyers. Last week, news organizations argued that he should allow the release of Trump's sworn testimony at depositions in December and January.

Trump's lawyers, fearing the video will be used in campaign attack ads, argued that transcripts should be enough. Curiel has yet to rule on the video request.

When Curiel permitted the release of unrelated documents in the case in May, Trump intensified his attacks on the judge, mentioning his Mexican heritage. Those remarks drew criticism from Republican leaders.

Trump vowed in early June to avoid talking about the judge.

Toxic algae bloom swarms Utah Lake, seeps into farm supply

LINDSAY WHITEHURST, Associated Press

SPANISH FORK, Utah (AP) — A huge toxic algae bloom in Utah has closed one of the largest freshwater lakes west of the Mississippi River, sickening more than 100 people and leaving farmers scrambling for clean water for days during the hottest part of the year.

The bacteria commonly known as blue-green algae has spread rapidly to cover almost all of 150-square-mile Utah Lake, turning the water bright, anti-freeze green with a pea soup texture and leaving scummy foam along the shore.

"It smells like something is rotting," said Jason Garrett, water quality director for the Utah County Health Department. "We don't have an idea of how long this event will last."

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Toxic algae is a problem around the country. An enormous outbreak in Florida is now fouling beaches on the Atlantic coast, and a 2014 outbreak at Lake Erie left more than 400,000 people in the Toledo area without tap water for two days.

Utah Lake doesn't provide drinking water, but its closure has caused big problems for people who use the lake for swimming, fishing and other activities and for farmers with thirsty crops.

Utah Poison Control says it has fielded hundreds of calls related to the bloom, including some 130 involving people who have reported vomiting, diarrhea, headache and rashes.

The contamination spread to the Jordan River, which supplies irrigation water to dozens of farmers around Salt Lake City, about 45 miles north of the lake. The problem occurred amid days of triple-digit temperatures as growers prepare for farmers markets and try to nurture crops such as corn and fruit trees at key points in their development.

"We've spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on this crop, maxed out every dollar we have," said Luke Petersen, who farms about 100 acres of tomatoes, summer squash and other produce in Riverton. "We're real worried about it."

Farmers got some relief on Friday after the state lifted a week-long advisory against using the water for food production. Officials cited new test results that show lower-than-feared levels of dangerous toxins produced by the bacteria.

Meanwhile, the Bonneville School of Sailing has had to cancel more than a dozen groups since the lake was closed.

"This will be a real hit," said co-owner Todd Frye. He loves the mountain-rimmed lake and has worked to change the decades-old perception that it's murky and polluted. New efforts to clean out bottom-feeding carp are improving the water quality, but he worries the algae bloom will be a blow to its image.

The lake is largely fed by treated wastewater as well as agricultural runoff, said Erica Gaddis, assistant director for the Utah Division of Water Quality.

Longstanding drought conditions have made the water especially low and stagnant. Combine that with hot summer weather and Utah Lake became a perfect petri dish for the cyanobacteria.

There are chemical and biological treatments for the problem, but using them on such a large bloom would be unprecedented and possibly harmful, Gaddis said.

For now, authorities are waiting for the bloom to run its course and clear, hopefully aided by a drop in temperatures or a storm that could stir up the water and reduce stagnation.

To stave off new blooms in coming years, the state is looking to reduce the levels of toxic algae-feeding phosphorous and nitrogen in wastewater that's pumped into the lake. That could be difficult, however, because cities served by those plants include some of the fastest-growing in the nation.

"We've been loading the Utah Lake in one form or another for 150 years, and it's catching up with us," Gaddis said.

Emails: Group asked governor for religious objections order

JEFF AMY, Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Emails disclosed in a lawsuit over a blocked Mississippi law that protects religious objections to same-sex marriage show a Christian legal group asked Gov. Phil Bryant to institute the protections through an executive order in 2015.

The emails were filed in court this week by opponents who persuaded a federal judge to block the law before it went into effect. The plaintiffs say the emails show House Bill 1523 "improperly and unconstitutionally reflects the sectarian Christian values" of the Alliance Defending Freedom and other supporters.

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Emails show the alliance also offered public relations advice to Bryant and drafted the statement the Republican governor issued explaining why he signed the bill into law. Bryant declined to answer questions from The Associated Press on Friday, sending only a statement.

"We appreciate the Alliance Defending Freedom working with the Legislature to draft House Bill 1523," Bryant said. "It is perfectly normal for our office to work with individuals and organizations, who have had a role in requesting and/or opposing legislation, during the bill review process to gather additional information."

U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves blocked the law less than an hour before it would have taken effect July 1. Bryant and Department of Human Services Executive Director John Davis are appealing, represented in part by the Washington, D.C.-based alliance, and have asked Reeves to let the law take effect in the meantime. Opponents have asked Reeves to leave his preliminary injunction in effect during any appeal, saying Bryant hasn't shown any proof his appeal will succeed.

"If allowed to go into effect, HB 1523 will cause sweeping harm to some of the most vulnerable members of society," wrote Roberta Kaplan, one of the lawyers for the plaintiffs.

An email from Austin Nimocks, senior counsel with the alliance, suggested an executive order to Drew Snyder, Bryant's policy director and counsel, 10 days before the U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage in Mississippi and nationwide.

"The main document is a model executive order that would prevent state governments from discriminating against their citizens because of their views about or actions concerning marriage," Nimocks wrote, including a sample news release.

Much of the language from that proposal appears in HB 1523, including a section that seeks to protect actions motivated by three beliefs: that marriage is only between a man and a woman; that sex should only take place in such a marriage; and that a person's gender is determined at birth and cannot be altered.

Outside groups often draft laws in Mississippi. University of Chicago researchers recently found that Mississippi lawmakers introduced more model bills from the conservative American Legislative Exchange Council than legislators in any other state. Mississippi lawmakers also introduced the third-highest number of bills from the more liberal-leaning State Innovation Exchange.

Kaplan's filing also cites correspondence from the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, which helped organize churches and other groups that supported HB 1523 in advance of the 2016 legislative session. The center also issued a poll showing support for the measure and suggested talking points that Bryant and other supporters cited.

The center's president, Forest Thigpen, said again Friday that his group conveyed the suggested language to legislative leaders.

"We work with national organizations on a regular basis, and we knew there was a model bill that had been developed," Thigpen said, saying it's common for his group to be a "resource for legislators."

Thigpen said it's "ridiculous" to allege that a religious motivation is somehow invalid in drafting legislation.

Kellie Feidorek, a lawyer with the alliance who helped write the signing statement and offered public relations advice to Bryant, said the plaintiffs should not be able to exclude people whose views aren't in "lockstep" with theirs from influencing policy.

"That is a chilling proposal for the diversity we cherish in public life," she said Friday.

APNewsBreak: Volkswagen has emissions-cheating fix ready

TOM KRISHER, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Volkswagen's plan to fix most of its 2-liter diesel engines that cheat on emissions tests includes a computer software update and a larger catalytic converter to trap harmful nitrogen oxide, and it may not hurt mileage or performance, according to dealers who were briefed by executives on the matter.

Limited details of the plan were made public last week at a regional dealer meeting in Newark, New Jersey, by Volkswagen of America Chief Operating Officer Mark McNabb, said two dealers who asked not to be identified because the plan hasn't been made public.

One dealer said the group was told that early testing of a small sample of repaired cars showed that the fix made "no discernable difference" in the cars' mileage, horsepower or torque. Both dealers said they were told that more testing was needed and that the plans still had to be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board.

If the fixes don't hurt performance and mileage, that could be a big boost for Volkswagen, which last month agreed to spend up to \$15.3 billion to settle consumer lawsuits and government allegations that its diesels cheated on U.S. emissions tests. The settlement included up to \$10 billion that would go to over 475,000 owners of 2-liter VW or Audi diesels, giving them the choice of selling the cars back at the pre-scandal value or getting them fixed. A fix that is satisfactory to owners would entice more of them to go for repairs, saving VW money. The \$10 billion figure is the worst-case scenario for the company and includes all owners taking the buybacks. Car owners also would get payments of \$5,100 to \$10,000.

Volkswagen has acknowledged that the cars were programmed to turn on emissions controls during government lab tests and turn them off while on the road. Investigators determined that the cars emitted more than 40 times the legal limit of nitrogen oxide, which can cause respiratory problems in humans. The company got away with the scheme for seven years until independent researchers reported it to the EPA.

Even with the fixes, the VWs won't fully comply with clean air laws because the cars were built to defeat the tests. The fixes must cut emissions by at least 80 percent, and VW must pay to mitigate any excess pollution.

At the time the settlement was announced, no fix was available, but the dealers said that VW appeared close to submitting one.

Neither the EPA nor Volkswagen would comment on details repair proposals. "Any remedies that are being discussed still need to be approved," VW spokeswoman Jeannine Ginivan said.

Both dealers said the fix was revealed by McNabb reluctantly under questioning from Northeast region dealers toward the end of a four-hour meeting on July 15. The meeting was held to discuss how VW would implement the buyback and repair plan and included plans to have company representatives handle paperwork.

The news gave hope to the dealers, who have had to make do with a lack of new vehicles and have seen U.S. sales decline since VW admitted cheating on the tests in September of last year. So far this year, VW brand sales are down nearly 15 percent even though the overall market has grown 1.5 percent.

One of the dealers said the so-called "Generation 1" diesels — about 325,000 VW Jettas, Golfs, Passats and Beetles from the 2009 to 2014 model years — would get new software and bigger catalytic converters in January or February of next year. About 90,000 "Generation 2" Passats already have sufficient emissions systems and would get only a software update early next year. Another 67,000

"Generation 3" 2015 models would get software in October and would get additional hardware a year later, the dealer said.

Getting the fixes through the EPA and California regulators could still be a problem. The agencies in January rejected a fix for the 2-liter engines, and last week they turned down a plan to fix about 85,000 vehicles with 3-liter diesels that also cheat on emissions tests.

Alan Brown, general manager of a VW dealer in Lewisville, Texas, and chairman of the company's National Dealer Advisory Council, said regional meetings with dealers around the country have caused most to be optimistic that better times are ahead. Details of how the cars would be fixed weren't discussed at the meeting he attended this week, he said. But if they don't affect mileage or performance "We'd celebrate," he said.

Dealers also were told that they'd be reimbursed by VW for sales losses due to the scandal, and that new vehicles are coming. A small SUV built in Tennessee is due early next year, and later in the year VW plans an all-wheel-drive wagon to compete with the hot-selling Subaru Outback.

Competitive Pennsylvania race turns on suburban Philadelphia

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MARC LEVY, Associated Press

BRYN MAWR, Pennsylvania (AP) — The Democratic National Convention is heading to Philadelphia, but Hillary Clinton has her sights set just beyond the city limits.

Pennsylvania's 20 electoral votes will probably hinge on Philadelphia's suburbs. No presidential candidate in 40 years has carried the state without winning the overall vote in the four-county arc just outside the City of Brotherly Love.

From the oil refineries in southern Delaware County to the 18th-century barns north in Bucks County, the suburban collar has grown over time to account for more than one-fifth of all Pennsylvania voters. In the past decade and a half, its political profile has shifted from decidedly Republican to narrowly Democratic.

For that reason, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee and her allies are trying to gain ground in the state, which Democrats have carried for the past six elections, in what could be a tight general election with Republican Donald Trump.

"Anecdotally, that creates a challenge for Trump," said Philadelphia-based Democratic strategist Mark Nevins. "He needs to appeal to the thoughtful moderates in the suburbs."

Today, registered Democrats in the four-county region outnumber Republicans by roughly 52,000. That's quite a change from 2000, when the GOP registration edge was 357,000.

"As people have moved away from Philly, they have tended to be the more progressive voters," Nevins said.

Clinton may not see the historic vote totals won by Barack Obama in Philadelphia back in 2008, but she probably will match or exceed his suburban vote, said former Gov. Ed Rendell, D-Pa.

Obama turned out Philadelphia's black voters by overwhelming margins in 2008 and 2012. He also carried the suburban counties both times, albeit by fewer votes in 2012 than four years earlier, the result of economic discontent, said Rendell, a former Philadelphia mayor.

Clinton's campaign is targeting suburban Republicans turned off by Trump. He will gain in some white, blue-collar pockets of Philadelphia and its suburbs.

"But Hillary is more popular in the Philadelphia suburbs in 2016, than Obama was in 2012," Rendell said, predicting her share of the suburban vote to exceed the president's.

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Trump's tough talk on trade deals and building a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border falls flat with Nicola Fryer, a 43-year-old Republican from Media, in Delaware County. He may be tougher on enemies abroad, Fryer said, but she worries that Trump will ruin relationships with U.S. allies.

"He doesn't know what he's doing," said Fryer, rushing between her office and picking up lunch in Bryn Mawr's bustling commercial strip. "What would he get us into? I don't trust him at all."

Trump has said he can compete in Pennsylvania as he maps a way to the 270 electoral votes needed to clinch the presidency. He points to GOP primary election victories in Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania as evidence.

Winning Pennsylvania and other Rust Belt state such as Wisconsin and its 10 electoral votes, could offset a loss in Florida, which offers 29.

Not since 1976 has a presidential candidate captured Pennsylvania without winning the collective four-county vote in Philadelphia's growing suburbs. According to census data, the four suburban counties have higher employment rates, higher family incomes and higher proportions of college graduates and foreign-born citizens than Pennsylvania as a whole.

In recent decades, the suburban population has risen while most other areas in the state have declined. The influence of the suburban vote on statewide elections has increased, from 18 percent in 1976 to 22 percent in 2012.

While Democratic presidential candidates have carried the state in six consecutive elections, the race is competitive, with less than four months until the November vote. A Quinnipiac University poll published July 13 shows Trump ahead of Clinton by 2 percentage points. Other recent polls have shown Clinton with a lead in the single digits.

Though Clinton's campaign has spent relatively little advertising in Pennsylvania, the pro-Clinton group Priorities USA began advertising on television last month, having first left it off its list.

For now, the group is airing an ad that includes the parents of a Columbus, Ohio, girl with a disability, highlighting negative remarks by Trump last November about a news reporter with a disability. The ad features the girl's parents seated on a sofa in a homey setting expressing outrage at Trump.

The group has reserved \$10 million in advertising through the election, just behind Colorado, but well behind Florida and Ohio, which are viewed as more critical, and with more expensive media markets.

"We're going to do everything we possibly can to keep Donald Trump from becoming president," Priorities USA spokesman Justin Barasky said. "That means we're constantly reassessing the dynamics of the race."

The Latest: Police say shooter posted 'invitation' online

MUNICH (AP) — The Latest on the shootings in Munich (all times local):

2 p.m.

Kosovo leaders say three ethnic Albanians — two women and a man — were among the nine people killed by a gunman in Munich. President Hashim Thaci says on his Facebook page the deaths of the trio from Kosovo was "shocking" and says his nation stands with Germany in "denouncing and fighting any form of terrorism." Parliament Speaker Kadri Veseli said that "such terrible attacks cannot and will not change our joint values and living."

12:30 p.m.

Prosecutor Steinkraus Koch tells a news conference the suspect had a book titled: "Rampage in Head:

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Why Students Kill.”

Police Chief Andre says that the suspect appeared to be “obsessed with shooting rampages.”

12:20 p.m.

Munich police investigator Robert Heimberger says it appears that the shooter hacked a Facebook account and sent a message urging people to come to the mall for a free giveaway.

The posting, sent from a young woman’s account, urged people to come to the mall at 4 p.m., saying: “I’ll give you something if you want, but not too expensive.”

Heimberger says: “It appears it was prepared by the suspect and then sent out.”

The woman shortly after reported that her account had been hacked.

12:10 p.m.

Munich police chief Hubertus Andrae says man suspected of killing nine people in a shooting rampage was born and raised in Munich.

Andrae tells a news conference that police have found no indications that anyone other than one shooter was involved.

Police investigator Robert Heimberger says the shooter was armed with 9mm Glock pistol and had 300 rounds.

12:05 p.m.

Munich police chief Hubertus Andrae says “no evidence” of links to the Islamic State group has been found in the home and room of the Munich shooting suspect.

Andrae also told a news conference that the crime and the perpetrator had “absolutely no” link to the issue of refugees.

11:40 a.m.

The mayor of Munich has declared a day of mourning for the victims of Friday’s shooting in the Bavarian capital.

Dieter Reiter says the city is “shocked and aghast at this terrible act.”

In a statement Saturday on Facebook, Reiter expressed his condolences to the victims, their family and friends, and thanked security forces for their work.

Ten people, including the alleged shooter, were killed in the attack.

Reiter said Saturday would be “a day of mourning, not of celebration” and that all public festivals in the city over the weekend had been canceled.

“These are difficult hours for Munich,” he said, adding that the city’s citizens had shown great solidarity toward each other. “Our city stands united.”

8:30 a.m.

Peter Beck, a Munich police spokesman, said officers were still collecting evidence at the scene of the crime Saturday morning.

“With regard to the suspect we have to examine everything, but we don’t know yet what triggered the crime,” Beck told The Associated Press.

AP-GfK poll finds clear divisions in views on gun limits

RYAN J. FOLEY, Associated Press

LISA MARIE PANE, Associated Press

A new poll shows that Americans generally support some of the most often-proposed limits on gun ownership, including universal background checks and banning semi-automatic weapons such as the AR-15.

Yet behind that support are deep divisions based on political party, geography, race and gender. The support for tighter gun laws also has clear limits. Americans broadly oppose a mandatory gun buyback program, do not want to ban handguns and do not believe gun manufacturers should be held liable when their products are later used in a crime.

A closer look at the findings of the Associated Press-GfK poll:

WIDE SUPPORT FOR CHANGES

Nearly two-thirds of Americans say they believe the nation's gun laws should be stricter. They are more likely to say Congress should set gun laws rather than state and local governments, which are passing a patchwork of different rules.

Two changes that have been recently blocked in Congress enjoy the broadest support, each with 73 percent in favor and 10 percent opposed. The first would require private sellers doing business at gun shows and over the internet to conduct background checks on buyers. The second would ban individuals who are on the government's terrorism watch list from purchasing guns, even if they have not been convicted of crimes.

Proposals to reinstate a ban on semi-automatic weapons and to ban high-capacity magazines were favored by more than half of respondents and opposed by a quarter of them.

Most favor making adults criminally liable if their guns are accessed by children and are used to harm themselves or someone else. Americans are also more likely to favor than oppose allowing the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to study gun violence.

The support for stricter gun laws appears to be driven, at least in part, by personal safety worries. Roughly 6 in 10 Americans are at least moderately concerned that they or members of their families might be victims of gun violence.

DIVIDED BY POLITICS

Despite some consensus, Americans' views on gun laws remain divided in many ways. Nearly 9 in 10 Democrats support stricter gun laws, while 4 in 10 Republicans do.

Americans are split over whether Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump would do a better job of handling gun laws as president. They also are equally divided in their opinions of the National Rifle Association, the powerful gun lobby.

Women are more likely than men to support stricter gun laws. Blacks and Hispanics are more likely to support stricter laws than whites.

About 7 in 10 people living in urban and suburban areas support stricter laws, but that number falls to only about half of those living in rural areas.

OPPOSITION TO MORE BURDENSOME MEASURES

Americans broadly oppose some of the tougher gun control measures that have been proposed or that have worked to reduce violence in other countries.

By 59 percent to 18 percent, most oppose banning the sale of handguns.

A large majority also opposes a mandatory gun buyback program similar to one that is widely credited with reducing gun violence in Australia. Americans also broadly oppose efforts to make gun makers and sellers liable if a gun they produce or sell is used in a crime.

SAFETY CONCERNS

By a wide margin, 62 percent to 35 percent, respondents said they believe owning a gun does more to protect someone from becoming a victim than putting that person's safety at risk. This was especially true for those who identified as Republicans, whites, men and rural residents.

Blacks and Hispanics were about evenly divided on the question, while a slim majority of Democrats say a weapon does more to put a person's safety at risk.

The AP-GfK Poll of 1,009 adults was conducted online July 7 to July 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 the KnowledgePanel who did not have access to the Internet were provided access for free.

AP Poll: Support grows among Americans for stricter gun laws

LISA MARIE PANE, Associated Press

RYAN J. FOLEY, Associated Press

Americans increasingly favor tougher gun laws by margins that have grown wider after a steady drumbeat of shootings in recent months, but they also are pessimistic that change will happen anytime soon, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

Nearly two-thirds of respondents expressed support for stricter laws, with majorities favoring nationwide bans on the sale of semi-automatic assault weapons such as the AR-15 and on the sale of high-capacity magazines holding 10 or more bullets.

The percentage of Americans who want such laws is the highest since the AP-GfK poll started asking the question in 2013, a survey taken about 10 months after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, that killed 20 children and six educators.

High-profile shootings also appear to have taken a toll on Americans' sense of safety. Strong majorities of those polled expressed some degree of concern that they or a relative will be a victim of gun violence or a mass shooting.

"If you live in the United States in these days right now, you have to be concerned," said Milonne Ambrose, a 63-year-old administrative assistant from Decatur, Georgia. "You could be on the street somewhere. You could be at a shopping mall thinking there will be a mass shooting and you will be in the middle of it. You can't not think about it."

Ambrose, a native of Haiti who moved to the U.S. nearly 50 years ago, said she is now much more alert and on guard whenever she is in public.

"I'm looking for exits. This isn't something I did before," she said. "What if I have to run? Where's the exit? Where would I go?"

The level of concern about being victimized is not uniform, however. Nonwhites are significantly more likely to be very or extremely concerned.

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Alonzo Lassiter, 66, of suburban St. Louis worries that his autistic 17-year-old son could be the victim of gun violence, either by a robber or the police.

"If somebody told him to get on the ground and put his hands up — or told him to give up his headphones — he wouldn't readily identify those instructions," said Lassiter, who is black. "He may be an easy target."

He said straw purchasers who buy and then resell guns to ineligible felons and teenagers have flooded some urban neighborhoods with firearms and need to be stopped.

The poll was conducted July 7 to July 11, shortly after a string of high-profile shootings. That included the Orlando nightclub massacre that left 50 dead, including the gunman, and 53 others wounded, and the fatal police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana. Most interviews took place after the sniper attack that killed five officers in Dallas.

A majority of respondents expressed a desire for a national approach to gun laws, rather than a patchwork of state laws or local regulations, even though Congress has thus far failed to act on many of the initiatives the poll showed Americans support. Yet less than half of respondents said they believe gun laws will indeed get tougher in the coming year.

By a 55 percent to 43 percent margin, respondents said laws that limit gun ownership do not infringe on the constitutional right to bear arms. But the responses also revealed a partisan divide: 87 percent of Democrats support stricter gun laws compared with 41 percent of Republicans.

Gender and geography are other dividing lines, the poll found. Women and those who live in cities and suburbs are more likely to support gun restrictions than men and those who live in rural areas.

Americans find common ground on other issues. Strong majorities of Democrats and Republicans said they support requiring background checks for people buying firearms at gun shows and through other private sales. They also back a ban on gun sales to people on the federal terrorism watch list even if they have not been convicted of a crime.

"Why should it only be the dealers that have to do the background checks? At gun shows, individual sellers should be required to do the background checks so they don't end up selling them to the criminal element," said John Wallace, a disabled Vietnam veteran and former gun dealer who lives in Limestone, Maine, and owns several guns.

Despite the support for tighter gun laws, majorities oppose banning handguns, imposing an Australia-style gun buyback program or making gun manufacturers or sellers liable if guns are later used in a crime.

While 70 percent of people in gun-owning households favor universal background checks, there were stark differences in how gun-owning households and gun-free households view efforts to limit access.

Just 42 percent of those who live in gun-owning households, for example, support bans on assault-style guns and banning high-capacity magazines.

Kimberly Huebner is an exception. The 43-year-old high school special education teacher from San Marcos, Texas, grew up in a household with guns and learned firearms safety. She also believes some restrictions should be imposed, including a ban on AR-style firearms and high-capacity magazines.

Her opinion has been shaped in part by recent mass shootings, she said.

Huebner believes the Second Amendment gives Americans the right to protect themselves against the government, but not necessarily the right to possess any firearm they choose, especially when it comes to AR-platform long guns. Those types of firearms, she said, "just are not necessary. Nobody is using them to hunt deer."

Instead, she said, some people have a skewed view of the Second Amendment.

"Like the Bible, they use it for their own arguments," she said. "You can manipulate and twist argu-

ments for your own benefits.”

She believes current laws need to be better enforced, specifically citing gaps in enforcing background checks.

Indian defense chief oversees search for air force plane

NEW DELHI (AP) — India’s defense minister was overseeing an aerial search of the Bay of Bengal on Saturday for an air force transport plane that disappeared with 29 people aboard.

The aircraft went missing Friday en route from the southern city of Chennai to Port Blair in the Andaman and Nicobar islands. The flight, covering 1,375 kilometers (854 miles), was supposed to last three hours. The Russian-made AN-32 could go for four hours without refueling, Defense Ministry spokesman Nitin Wakankar said.

The ministry said in a tweet that Defense Minister Manohar Parrikar was overseeing the massive and difficult search operation for the plane, which was making a routine courier flight when it disappeared.

Air force spokesman Anupam Banerjee said the last communication from the plane was about 15 minutes after takeoff.

A Defense Ministry statement said that very choppy seas along with heavy monsoon cloud cover were making the search operation difficult. It wasn’t known if the weather was bad during the flight, though monsoon season brings heavy winds and storms that can cause turbulence and flight delays around South and Southeast Asia.

Twelve naval ships were diverted from their missions to be part of the search operation, the Defense Ministry said. A submarine was also diverted to the area to help locate transmissions from the emergency locator beacon onboard the plane. The air force and the coast guard are also part of the operation, which involves searching a wide swath of the Bay of Bengal.

The passengers on board the plane included six crew members along with 11 air force personnel, two from the army and one each from the navy and the coast guard. Eight civilians working for the navy were also aboard the aircraft.

Russian balloonist lands safely in Australia after 11 days

ROD McGUIRK, Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — A cold and exhausted 65-year-old Russian balloonist came back to Earth with a bruising thud in the Australian Outback on Saturday after claiming a new world record by flying solo around the world nonstop in 11 days, officials said.

Fedor Konyukhov landed 160 kilometers (100 miles) east of Northam, where he started his journey on July 12, about three hours after he flew over the same town on his return, flight coordinator John Wallington said.

“He’s landed, he’s safe, he’s sound, he’s happy,” Wallington said from the landing site. “It’s just amazing.”

“It’s fantastic — the record’s broken, everyone’s safe. It’s all good,” he added.

Konyukhov’s gondola — a carbon box 2 meters (6 feet, 7 inches) high, 2 meters long and 1.8 meters (5 feet, 11 inches) wide — bounced twice over 200 meters (yards) in an empty field and tipped on its side before the support crew grabbed it to prevent the deflating balloon from dragging it farther, crew member Steve Griffin said.

“He’s got a bruise on his cheek, but he’s pretty well unscathed,” Griffin said.

Video of the landing showed Konyukhov smiling but silent as he emerged from the gondola. He stroked his bearded left cheek and wiped his eyes as he was hugged and cheered by supporters.

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Konyukhov flew by helicopter back to Northam, where his first shower in 11 days was a priority, Griffin said.

Konyukhov demonstrated precision navigation of his 56-meter (184-foot) -tall helium and hot-air balloon by returning to Australia directly over the west coast city of Perth, then over the airfield at Northam, 96 kilometers (60 miles) to the east by road.

American businessman Steve Fossett also started from Northam to set a record of 13 days, 8 hours for his 33,000-kilometer (20,500-mile) journey in 2002.

Konyukhov, a Russian Orthodox priest, took a longer route and roughly 11 days, 6 hours to complete the circumnavigation.

Crews in six helicopters followed the 1.6-metric-ton (1.8-ton) balloon from Northam inland to help him land.

His journey of more than 34,000 kilometers (21,100 miles) took him through a thunder storm in the Antarctic Circle, where temperatures outside the gondola fell to minus-50 degrees Celsius (minus-58 Fahrenheit).

The gondola heating stopped working on Thursday, so Konyukhov had to thaw his drinking water with the balloon's main hot air burner, Wallington said.

The journey also took him to speeds up to 240 kilometers (150 miles) per hour and heights up to 10,614 meters (34,823 feet) before he released helium to prevent the balloon from continually climbing as its fuel load lightened, Konyukhov's son Oscar said.

Konyukhov aimed to get four hours of sleep a day in naps of 30 or 40 minutes between hours of checking and maintaining equipment and instruments.

He used a bucket for a toilet and emptied it over the side.

Konyukhov's team had said that landing the balloon could be the most challenging and dangerous part of the journey.

Fossett, who was 58 at the time, was forced by strong winds to spend more than a day in the air after setting his own record as the first person to circle the globe in a balloon. His capsule tumbled along the ground for 15 minutes after he landed on a cattle ranch in southwest Australia's Queensland state. He emerged from the capsule with a bloodied mouth from biting his lip during the rough landing, but was otherwise unhurt.

The Swiss-based World Air Sports Federation did not immediately respond to a request for confirmation of the new record.

Police say Munich suspect was obsessed with mass shootings

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MUNICH (AP) — The 18-year-old gunman who opened fire at a crowded Munich shopping mall and fast-food restaurant, killing nine people and wounding 16 others before killing himself, was obsessed with mass shootings, police said Saturday.

Investigators searched the unnamed German-Iranian man's home overnight and found a considerable amount of literature about mass killings, including a book titled "Rampage in Head: Why Students Kill," but no evidence that he was linked to extremist groups such as the Islamic State. They believe he acted alone.

"Documents were found about mass shootings," Munich's police chief Hubertus Andrae told reporters. "The perpetrator was obviously obsessed with the issue."

Robert Heimberger, the head of Bavaria's criminal police, said it appeared the shooter had hacked a

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Facebook account and sent a message inviting people to come to the mall for a free giveaway.

The posting, sent from a young woman's account, urged people to come to the mall at 4 p.m. (1400 GMT), saying: "I'll give you something if you want, but not too expensive."

"It appears it was prepared by the suspect and then sent out," Heimberger said. The woman shortly after reported that her account had been hacked.

Initial investigations suggest the Munich-born suspect had suffered from psychological problems and received treatment, but details were still being confirmed, said Munich prosecutor Thomas Steinkraus-Koch.

The attack in the Bavarian capital sparked a massive security operation as authorities — already on edge after the recent attacks in Wuerzburg and Nice, France — received witness reports of multiple shooters carrying rifles shortly before 6 p.m. (1600 GMT). Eight hours later police declared a "cautious all clear," saying the suspect was among the 10 dead and that he had likely acted alone.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel was due to chair a meeting of her government's security Cabinet Saturday.

At an address on Dachauer Strasse that was searched by police early Saturday, a neighbor described the suspect as "very quiet."

"He only ever said 'hi'. His whole body language was of somebody who was very shy," said Stephan, a coffee shop owner who would only give his first name.

"He never came in to the cafe," he added. "He was just a neighbor and took out the trash but never talked."

Some 2,300 police from across Germany and neighboring Austria were scrambled in response to the attack, which happened less than a week after a 17-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker wounded five people in an ax-and-knife rampage that started on a regional train near the Bavarian city of Wuerzburg. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the train attack, but authorities have said the teen — who was shot and killed by police — likely acted alone.

The suspect's body was found about 2 1/2 hours after the attack, which started shortly before 6 p.m. (1600 GMT) at a McDonald's restaurant across the street from the mall. He was found with 9mm Glock pistol and at least 300 rounds of ammunition, police said.

A cell-phone video posted online showed the person filming from a balcony engaging verbally with the suspect dressed in black standing on the rooftop of the mall parking structure. The shooter at one point yells, "I'm German," to which the filmer responds, "You are a jerk," and demands to know what he is up to. The shooter yells at him to stop filming, and shortly after begins shooting. Andrae said police believe the video is genuine.

Police have asked anyone with video and photos to upload them directly to their website to aid the investigation.

David Akhavan, a 37-year-old who from Tehran, Iran, who works at the Shandiz Persian restaurant, described his anguish as he learned of the shooting.

"I started to get texts from friends asking if I was safe," he said. "Then, my thoughts were: please, don't be a Muslim. Please don't be Middle Eastern. Please don't be Afghan. I don't accept any of this violence."

Witnesses had reported seeing three men with firearms near the Olympia Einkaufszentrum mall, but Andrae said two other people who fled the area were investigated but had "nothing to do with the incident."

Local residents described the scene as the shooting unfolded.

"I was standing on the balcony smoking a cigarette. Suddenly I heard shots," said Ferdinand Bozorg-

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zad, who lives in a high-rise building next to Olympic Shopping Center. "First I thought someone had thrown some firecrackers. I looked down at the McDonald*s and saw someone shooting into the crowd. Then I saw two people lying there. "

Franco Augustini, another local resident, said his daughter hid in the shopping center during the attack.

"Next to our flat was a woman who was full of blood," Augustini said. "My wife had a bottle of water. Then we helped to wash her. It was horrible and made me speechless."

Andrae, the police chief, said seven of the victims were teenagers; a 20-year-old man and a 45-year-old woman were also killed. All were residents of Munich, he said. Twenty-seven people were hospitalized, including four with gunshot wounds, said Andrae.

He said the city was safe to visit and that the attack wasn't linked in any way to the recent influx of asylum-seekers that has stirred a debate about immigration in Germany,

Munich's mayor, Dieter Reiter, declared a day of mourning for the victims of "this terrible act."

"These are difficult hours for Munich," he said, adding that the city's citizens had shown great solidarity toward each other. "Our city stands united," he said.

Floods kill at least 112 across China, leave scores missing

BEIJING (AP) — Torrential rains that swept through China this week have left at least 112 people dead and 91 others missing, various provincial governments reported on Saturday.

The rains, which began on Monday, have flooded streams, triggered landslides and destroyed homes across China. The northern province of Hebei has been hit the hardest, with authorities there saying 72 people were killed and 78 missing.

Nearly 300,000 people were evacuated in Hebei, and the province made another round of appropriations of tents, blankets, rain boots and generators, the provincial department of civil affairs said.

In the Hebei city of Xingtai alone, 25 people were killed and another 13 were missing. The town also drew national attention after emotional protests erupted in one village on Friday.

The village of Daxian in Xingtai was nearly wiped out when it was swamped by a flash flood early Wednesday as villagers were asleep. Photos circulating online showed disturbing images of drowned children lying in mud.

Angry villagers in Daxian questioned whether authorities had failed to notify them in time for evacuation when an upstream reservoir discharged floodwaters. Authorities blamed a failure of a river levee near the village for the sudden water surge.

Qiu Wenshuang, a vice mayor of Xingtai, said Saturday that the village was already flooded when officials entered the village to evacuate residents on Wednesday morning, according to state media reports.

Despite her many roles, Hillary Clinton still hard to define

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

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

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

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

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

Americans first knew her as a governor's working wife in Arkansas, then as the nation's first lady — half of Bill Clinton's "Buy one, get one free" bargain. Touched by scandal, she nonetheless emerged to become a hard-working senator, the first first lady to gain elected office. She was the presidential candidate who suffered a stinging defeat to Obama, but proudly claimed "18 million cracks" in the glass ceiling.

Then she reinvented herself again, becoming Obama's secretary of state, traveling to 112 countries. We knew her so well by then. Or not.

Perhaps it's a question of layers, so many different roles. But there's also a sense of impenetrability, exacerbated by Clinton's penchant for secrecy — a characteristic that's led to her greatest vulnerability now: the email scandal.

For the last 14 years, and 20 overall, Americans polled by Gallup have named Clinton their most admired woman in the world. But consider some other titles from over the years: Lady Macbeth. Washington insider. Robotic. Wildly ambitious. Congenital liar.

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

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

THE AMBITION THING

"Saturday Night Live" has been turning out Hillarys for some 25 years. There have been nine, including Miley Cyrus rapping in a bandeau. But there's been one constant: Ambition.

"No, MINE!" blurted out Amy Poehler's Hillary in 2008, of her thwarted road to presidential glory. More recently, Kate McKinnon's Hillary moaned, "Why won't the people just let me LEAD?"

Comedy aside, the ambition tag has dogged Clinton, 68, as if it were a bad quality rather than a necessity. The satirical website The Onion captured the irony: "Hillary Clinton Is Too Ambitious To Be The First Female President."

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

"If a guy is described as ambitious, it's a noble attribute," says Verveer. "But if a woman is ambitious ... it's a pejorative."

CHAMPION FOR WOMEN

Hillary Rodham was already blazing a trail in 1969, the first student chosen to address a Wellesley commencement. She delighted classmates with a rebuke to the previous speaker, whose comments the grads found condescending to women.

It's been a frustration to Clinton's campaign that young Democrats haven't responded more enthusiastically. "Young people today ... don't understand how much she shares those aspirations of theirs," Verveer says.

A key moment in Clinton's journey came in 1995, with her famous Beijing declaration: "Human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights."

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Yet her image as a champion for women has been complicated by her, well, complicated marriage — she's gotten both sympathy and blame for staying with her husband.

ROBOTIC OR HUMAN?

"I am not a natural politician, in case you haven't noticed," Clinton offered recently.

But those who've watched her up close say she's an excellent communicator; Friends always call her relaxed, funny, witty. Wellesley classmates say they can't understand the disconnect between public and private Hillary.

At their 35th reunion, Nancy Herron performed a standup routine skewering Clinton — even her famous pantsuits.

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

THE TRUTH ISSUE

Fair or not, dishonesty is a theme woven into the Clinton story. "The most difficult thing Hillary Clinton has to deal with right now is her difficult relationship with the truth," says Carl Bernstein, author of "A Woman in Charge: The Life of Hillary Rodham Clinton."

Writer Gail Sheehy attributes that difficulty to years of fending off attacks.

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

The issue has never been more important. What the email mess shows, Bernstein says, is "this fierce desire for privacy and secrecy that seems to cast a larger and larger shadow over who she really is."

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

Is it fair?

Former Rep. Pat Schroeder thinks not. "What more do you want to know?" says the former congresswoman, who tested her own candidacy decades ago. "Do they want some kind of a confession?"

Herron feels that we don't subject male candidates to the same scrutiny. "We expect her to let her hair down, to talk about her failures and self-doubt or something," she says.

"You know what, she's not like that! Let her be who she is."

How Hillary Clinton chose Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine as her VP

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TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Hillary Clinton's search for a vice president started with a commanding victory in the New York primary and a special delivery in a plastic Duane Reed bag. Three months later, it ended with a phone call to a shipyard office, where Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine was waiting.

From the start, Kaine was a front-runner to join Clinton on the Democratic ticket. A senator, former Virginia governor and mayor of Richmond, he hails from a top battleground state and, as a fluent Spanish speaker, could help in another: Florida. Victories in both would likely put the White House out of the reach of Donald Trump and his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

But Clinton grew personally comfortable with the likable and even-keeled Kaine as they campaigned together in recent weeks and discussed the vice presidency. Clinton ultimately concluded that she had "unshakeable confidence in Kaine's readiness to do the job," according to a Clinton aide familiar with her thinking. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the private deliberations over her

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selection.

For a presidential candidate with the unique experience of helping conduct her husband's 1992 search for a vice president — it ended with the choice of Al Gore — along with eight years at the White House and another four years as President Barack Obama's secretary of state, that kind of confidence mattered.

It wasn't an easy decision. Clinton was also drawn to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, the former Iowa governor who remained in the running until the end. A person close to the campaign, also speaking condition of anonymity to discuss the private deliberations, said Clinton had a hard time not choosing her longtime family friend and political loyalist.

Campaign chair John Podesta started the process after Clinton's convincing victory over Democratic rival Bernie Sanders in April's New York primary, dropping off binders of information with Clinton at her home in Chappaqua, New York. The information on potential running mates was delivered in a bag from Duane Reed, a New York drug store.

As Clinton dealt with an up-and-down series of primary contests against Sanders, her team delved deeply into several potential running mates, scouring public information and ultimately asking a select few to provide detailed financial and personal information, and consent to interviews.

Clinton's team maintained a tight control over the information. Her vetters included Washington attorney James Hamilton, former State Department chief of staff Cheryl Mills and Podesta, along with a group of attorneys and top aides.

As the process entered July, Clinton scheduled a joint campaign event with Kaine in Annandale, Virginia, where he showed off his bilingual abilities, telling the audience, "Estamos listos para Hillary!" — or "We're ready for Hillary."

Clinton and Kaine met that evening at her Washington home for 90 minutes, and she invited Kaine and his wife, Virginia Education Secretary Anne Holton, to her home in Chappaqua two days later. This time, lunch was served and the Kaines joined Bill Clinton and the Clintons' daughter, Chelsea, and son-in-law, Marc Mezvinsky.

Kaine's name remained at the top of the speculation for vice president, but he kept his head down, telling reporters that he enjoyed being senator. Just hours before his selection, he professed that he didn't know where things stood.

While Clinton also considered other potential running mates, including Labor Secretary Tom Perez, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, officials said the choice came down to Kaine and Vilsack.

Clinton campaigned for Vilsack in his 1998 comeback victory as Iowa governor and later stood by her through her difficult 2008 presidential campaign. They served together in Obama's Cabinet.

The person familiar with the search process likened Vilsack to the "heart" candidate, given his friendship with Clinton, but said that Kaine's experience as a winner in a pivotal swing state along with his Senate experience in foreign affairs helped put him over the top.

While Kaine had supported Obama, not Clinton, in the 2008 presidential primaries, the presumptive Democratic nominee noted in a recent interview that Kaine had never lost an election during a lengthy political career that began with a seat on the Richmond city council during Bill Clinton's first term in the White House.

The Clinton aide said she ultimately concluded that Kaine met her top consideration — the ability to step in as president if necessary — and she had reached a comfort level with the low-key lawmaker that made her believe he could be a "true partner in governing."

Podesta, who served as chief of staff to Bill Clinton and later advised Obama, offered the former sec-

retary of state this advice: "It needs to be someone who whenever they walk into the room, you are glad to see them and you want to have them as part of any conversation."

The offer finally came in a 7:32 p.m. EDT phone call from Clinton, who was in a holding room after wrapping up a rally at the Florida state fairgrounds in Tampa. Kaine was attending a fundraiser in Newport, Rhode Island, for the state's Democratic senator, Jack Reed. Taking the call in a shipyard office, he quickly accepted.

Clinton then called Obama at the White House about 20 minutes later to inform him of her decision. Shortly after 8 p.m., the campaign blasted out a text message and accompanying announcement on Twitter that she had made her choice.

"I'm thrilled to announce my running mate, @timkaine, a man who's devoted his life to fighting for others," Clinton said on Twitter.

Replied Kaine: "Just got off the phone with Hillary. I'm honored to be her running mate. Can't wait to hit the trail tomorrow in Miami!"

Trump takes time from victory lap to swat at Ted Cruz

JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — A day after accepting the Republican presidential nomination, Donald Trump pivoted back to the GOP primaries on Friday, choosing to re-litigate a pair of monthsold battles with rival Ted Cruz.

In what should have been a feel-good victory lap the morning after his thundering acceptance speech, Trump instead defended his decision to retweet an unflattering photo of Cruz's wife, Heidi, and returned to wondering about possible links between Cruz's father and President John F. Kennedy's assassin. He also declared that he would never accept the Texas senator's backing.

"He'll come and endorse. It's because he has no choice. But I don't want his endorsement," Trump said. "Ted, stay home. Relax. Enjoy yourself."

Cruz, in Georgia on Friday to campaign for a Republican congressional candidate, never mentioned Trump but received a standing ovation upon his entrance and again when he mentioned "a little-noticed talk that I gave in Cleveland."

That "talk" was perhaps the most dramatic moment of the GOP's four-day convention. Dormant since ending his campaign in early May, Cruz reignited the personal feud between the top two finishers in the Republican primaries when he spoke at the convention but would not urge his hundreds of delegates to vote for Trump in November. Boos echoed across the arena.

Trump made no mention of his former rival during his acceptance speech Thursday night, but he switched gears Friday morning. The invitation-only event, billed as a thank-you reception for supporters and staff at Trump's Cleveland hotel, at first looked like it would simply consist of Trump and his running mate, Mike Pence, making perfunctory remarks saluting the convention and pledging to win in November.

Then Trump bore in on Cruz, calling his non-endorsement "dishonorable" before revisiting the hubbub over the celebrity businessman March's retweet of a post that juxtaposed an unflattering photo of Heidi Cruz with a glamour shot of Trump's wife, Melania, a former model. At the time, Cruz criticized Trump for involving his wife and Trump's responded by accusing a super PAC affiliated with Cruz of sending a risque photo of Melania Trump to Utah voters.

"I didn't start anything with the wife," Trump said Friday. "Then when I saw somebody tweeted a picture of Melania and a picture of Heidi, who I think, by the way, is a very nice woman and a very beautiful woman."

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"I think (she's) the best thing he's got going and his kids if you want to know the truth," he continued during a nearly 15-minute ramble about Cruz.

Trump turned to justifying how, on the eve of the Indiana primary, he touted a story in the National Enquirer tabloid that printed a photo that purported to show Cruz's father, Rafael, with Lee Harvey Oswald.

"All I did was point out the fact that on the cover of the National Enquirer there was a picture of him and crazy Lee Harvey Oswald having breakfast," the GOP nominee said. "Did anybody ever deny that was the father? They're not saying, 'Oh that wasn't really my father.' It was a little hard to do. It looked like him."

Cruz, in May, denied that his father was in the photo.

The senator ignored questions Friday in Georgia about Trump's comments and about whether a personal apology from Trump might coax his endorsement. In a 25-minute speech, he called for Republicans to "come together and unite in the defense of liberty" to "defeat Hillary Clinton in the presidential election."

Another creep higher sends S&P 500 to record high, again

STAN CHOE, AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Another day, another lazy drift higher for stocks and another record high.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.86 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,175.03 on Friday. It surpassed its prior record set Wednesday by 0.09 percent, the latest nudge higher for a market that has taken a decidedly slow-and-steady path to all-time highs in recent weeks. Telecom and utility stocks led the way, as they have for much of this year.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 53.62 points, or 0.3 percent, to 18,570.85. The Nasdaq composite rose 26.26, or 0.5 percent, to 5,100.16. The gains sent all three indexes to their fourth consecutive winning week, their longest streak since March.

Many doubts still hang over the market, including the continued drop for corporate earnings and a U.S. economy that is growing only modestly. But various earnings and economic reports have come in better than expected, and the S&P 500 is up nearly 9 percent since June 27.

Southwestern Energy had the biggest gain in the S&P 500 following its own better-than-expected earnings report. It lost money in the latest quarter, but less than analysts estimated. The producer of natural gas and oil also raised its forecast for production this year, and its stock jumped \$1.26, or 9.5 percent, to \$14.47.

American Airlines Group likewise rose despite reporting a drop in earnings. It climbed \$1.40, or 4 percent, to \$36.36 after reporting better results than analysts expected.

The telecom and utilities sectors each rose 1.3 percent to lead the market. They have been at the forefront of the market's rise this year because they pay some of the biggest dividends, and investors are scrounging for income given the low interest rates paid by bonds.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note held steady at 1.56 percent, while the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond ticked down to 2.28 percent from 2.29 percent late Thursday.

Honeywell International fell \$3.05, or 2.6 percent, to \$115.61. The company reported stronger earnings than analyst expected, but it also lowered its forecast for full-year sales. It helped hold the industrial sector to the weakest gains of the day among the 10 sectors that make up the S&P 500, up 0.1 percent.

Fridays' gains were the latest in a steady march higher for stocks. The S&P 500 has not had a day

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where it moved by 1 percent, up or down, in the last two weeks. It's a sharp turnaround from the end of June, when worries about the United Kingdom's vote to leave the European Union sent the S&P 500 to six straight days where it swung at least 1 percent.

The biggest loss for the S&P 500 over that span was Thursday's drop of 0.4 percent. And investors quickly snapped up stocks the following day.

"I think people are a little more sensitized, where any tick lower in the market creates this 'buy-on-the-dip' mentality," said Brian Jacobsen, chief portfolio strategist at Wells Fargo Funds Management. "I think it's interesting; a half-a-percent move down feels like a 5 percent move."

Next week could be more exciting. The Bank of Japan and Federal Reserve both hold policy meetings. Record-low interest rates and big stimulus programs from central banks have pushed stocks higher since the financial crisis.

Japan's economy is barely growing. Economists are speculating about whether its central bank may push more stimulus next week.

The U.S. economy is in better shape than other advanced economies, and few expect the Federal Reserve to make a big move at its meeting. But if it highlights the better-than-expected recent economic reports, economists may move up their predictions for when the Fed could next raise interest rates.

The Fed pulled rates off their record low in December but has held pat since then.

European stock markets were mixed. Germany's DAX index dipped 0.1 percent, France's CAC 40 index rose 0.1 percent and Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.5 percent. Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 1.1 percent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng dipped 0.2 percent and South Korea's Kospi index lost 0.1 percent.

The price of U.S. crude fell 56 cents, or 1.2 percent to settle at \$44.19 a barrel. Brent crude, the global benchmark, fell 51 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$45.69 a barrel in London. Wholesale gasoline rose 1 cent to \$1.36 a gallon, heating oil fell 1 cent to \$1.36 a gallon and natural gas rose 9 cents to \$2.78 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Precious and industrial metals prices ended lower. Gold fell \$7.60 to \$1,323.40 an ounce, silver fell 13 cents to \$19.69 an ounce and copper lost 2 cents to close at \$2.24 a pound.

The pound sank against the dollar on expectations for more stimulus from the Bank of England. It fell to \$1.3093 from \$1.3203. The dollar ticked up to 106.17 Japanese yen from 105.86 yen, and the euro dipped to \$1.0961 from \$1.1013.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, July 23, the 205th day of 2016. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 23, 1996, in one of the best remembered moments of the Atlanta Olympics, Kerri Strug made a heroic final vault despite torn ligaments in her sprained left ankle as the U.S. women gymnasts clinched their first-ever Olympic team gold medal.

On this date:

In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, New York, at age 63.

In 1886, a legend — or myth — was born as Steve Brodie claimed to have made a daredevil plunge from the Brooklyn Bridge into New York's East River. (However, there are doubts about whether the dive had actually taken place.)

In 1914, Austria-Hungary presented a list of demands to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Franz

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Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; Serbia's refusal to agree to the entire ultimatum led to the outbreak of World War I.

In 1945, French Marshal Henri Petain (ahn-REE' pay-TAN'), who had headed the pro-Axis Vichy (vee-shee) government during World War II, went on trial, charged with treason. (He was convicted and condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted to life in prison. On this date in 1951, Petain died in prison.)

In 1952, Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser launched a successful coup against King Farouk I.

In 1962, the first public TV transmissions over Telstar 1 took place during a special program featuring live shots beamed from the United States to Europe, and vice versa.

In 1967, a week of deadly race-related rioting that claimed 43 lives erupted in Detroit.

In 1977, a jury in Washington, D.C. convicted 12 Hanafi (hah-NAH'-fee) Muslims of charges stemming from the hostage siege at three buildings the previous March.

In 1982, actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, 7-year-old Myca Dinh Le and 6-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, were killed when a helicopter crashed on top of them during filming of a Vietnam War scene for "Twilight Zone: The Movie." (Director John Landis and four associates were later acquitted of manslaughter.)

In 1984, Vanessa Williams became the first Miss America to resign her title, after nude photographs of her taken in 1982 were published in Penthouse magazine.

In 1986, Britain's Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. (The couple divorced in 1996.)

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush announced his choice of Judge David Souter (SOO'-tur) of New Hampshire to succeed the retiring Justice William J. Brennan on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was hospitalized on the 17th day of a hunger strike; he appeared thinner but healthy at his trial a few days later. American Floyd Landis won the Tour de France (however, he was later disqualified for doping). Tiger Woods became the first player since Tom Watson in 1982-83 to win consecutive British Open titles. Zuleyka Rivera Mendoza of Puerto Rico was crowned Miss Universe 2006 at the pageant in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: Singer Amy Winehouse, 27, was found dead in her London home from accidental alcohol poisoning. Retired Army Gen. John Shalikashvili (shal-ee-kash-VEE'-lee), the first foreign-born chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, died at Madigan Army Medical Center near Tacoma, Washington, at age 75. Nguyen Cao Ky, 80, the flamboyant former air force general who'd ruled South Vietnam for two years during the Vietnam war, died in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. A bullet train crash in southern China claimed 40 lives.

One year ago: Secretary of State John Kerry told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee it was "fantasy plain and simple" to claim that President Barack Obama had failed to insist on enough restraints on Iran's nuclear program before agreeing to lift economic sanctions. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump paid a visit to the Mexico border, where he predicted Hispanics would love him, adding, "They already do." A gunman opened fire in a Lafayette, Louisiana, theater during a screening of the film "Trainwreck," killing two people and wounding nine before fatally shooting himself.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Gloria DeHaven is 91. Concert pianist Leon Fleisher (FLY'-shur) is 88. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 80. Actor Ronny Cox is 78. Radio personality Don Imus is 76. Actor Larry Manetti is 73. Country singer Tony Joe White is 73. Rock singer David Essex is 69. Singer-songwriter John Hall is 68. Actress Belinda Montgomery is 66. Rock musician Blair Thornton (Bachman Turner Overdrive) is 66. Actress Edie McClurg is 65. Actress-writer Lydia Cornell is 63. Ac-

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tor Woody Harrelson is 55. Rock musician Martin Gore (Depeche Mode) is 55. Actor Eriq La Salle is 54. Rock musician Yuval Gabay is 53. Rock musician Slash is 51. Actor Juan Pope is 49. Model-actress Stephanie Seymour is 48. Actress Charisma Carpenter is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Watters is 46. Country singer Alison Krauss is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dalvin DeGrate is 45. Rock musician Chad Gracey (Live) is 45. Actor-comedian Marlon Wayans is 44. Country singer Shannon Brown is 43. Actress Kathryn Hahn is 43. Retired MLB All-Star Nomar Garciaparra is 43. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky is 43. Actress Stephanie March is 42. Country musician David Pichette is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Michelle Williams is 36. Actor Paul Wesley is 34. Actor Daniel Radcliffe is 27. Country musician Neil Perry is 26. Country singer Danielle Bradbery (TV: "The Voice") is 20.

Thought for Today: "Science and technology revolutionize our lives, but memory, tradition and myth frame our response." — Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., American historian (1917-2007).