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Bus Driver Needed

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

Manager Wanted

Part Time Apartment Manager wanted. Responsible for showing apartments, handing out applications, overseeing maintenance and other duties as needed. Up to \$25 per hour. Previous sale experience a plus. Send email of interest to Grotnmnger@gmail.com

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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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

3:00 pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

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, cinnamon apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Curtis Krueger • Lucius Geffre • Taylor Gese • Mark Kittelson • Sierra Tunby • Karsten Fliehs • Sandy Bunn

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Returning from the Battlefield to a Battle at Home

Nearly two dozen veterans a day fall victim to suicide. Not only is this number about twice as high as civilian suicide rates, but as of 2012, more men and women in uniform lost their life to suicide than in combat. We cannot accept this as the status quo. We, as a nation, have to do better.

In recent years, the VA has seen its funding increase. Some reforms have been made. But the bureaucracy has remained the same. Wait times are too long. Calls into the veteran suicide crisis hotline have gone to voicemail, according to the VA's own Inspector General report earlier this year.

Still, there is hope. Veterans who have been able to cut through the VA's red tape are less likely to lose their life to suicide. That's one of the reasons why I've been so vocal about the fact that we need to keep the Hot Springs VA Hospital open. This is a facility that has served veterans for more than 100 years. Its position in the Black Hills provides a level of serenity that aids in the healing process – especially for those facing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and similar illnesses.

Those who receive care there have lobbied hard to make sure it stays open, as has the Hot Springs community. Despite all this, the VA has incrementally depleted the number of services offered in Hot Springs and pushed forward a plan to close the facility altogether. Now is not the time to shutter the doors and tell our veterans to find help elsewhere.

The House has voted to block the VA from using funds to close the facility in Hot Springs or limit services there through FY2017, provisions I fought to include; but veterans deserve a permanent solution.

Earlier this Congress, the House also passed the Clay Hunt SAV Act, which helps increase access to mental healthcare at the VA. The bill became law only months later and implementation is underway. Additional services are also offered to veterans in major mental health legislation that passed Congress just a few weeks ago.

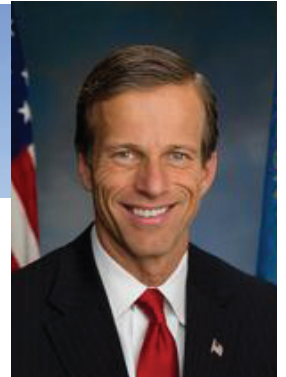
There are also incredible organizations throughout South Dakota that are reaching out and making a difference. Over Independence Day this year, I had the opportunity to meet members of the Lane Logan Memorial LTD at a parade in Watertown. They are working hard to fight PTSD and veteran suicide in memory of Lane, who lost his life to suicide at just 28 years old after serving his country.

The Sergeant Derr Foundation in Rapid City also does important work to advocate and assist those fighting battles after returning home. Sergeant Colton Derr lost his life far too young. As his biography reads, "Colton's one unfulfilled desire was to share his love with a family of his own. Instead, Colton is sharing his love with our God and family in Heaven."

Our office is also here to help. If you or a loved one ever faces an unresponsive VA, we are here to help usher you through, ensure they respond, and hold the agency accountable for its failure.

The VA's directive is to serve our nation's veterans and provide them with the care they have earned. Especially for those fighting a battle at home against PTSD, TBI and other mental illnesses, it's time that they begin treating veterans on the service members' terms, not the VA's.

John Thune U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Creating More Outdoor Opportunities for South Dakotans

South Dakota is home to some of the most iconic landmarks in the United States: Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, the Badlands, and if you mentioned Wall Drug to nearly any stranger from New York to Los Angeles, they would know the place made famous by free ice water and 5 cent coffee. While the attractions themselves generate nationwide interest, South Dakotans do an amazing job highlighting these wonders and creating additional opportunities that continue to draw people from across the state, nation, and world.

These larger-than-life landmarks hardly need an introduction, and for South Dakotans, neither do other statewide treasures like the Missouri River – one of my favorite spots in all of South Dakota – and Spearfish Canyon that winds its way through the Black Hills National Forest. The canyon's natural beauty is evident to anyone who has driven from Spearfish down to Cheyenne Crossing or spent time hiking or camping in the canyon's forest. These are good ways for visitors young and old to experience the canyon, but I believe we're missing some big opportunities on this now-federally owned land.

After hearing Gov. Dugaard's concerns about Spearfish Canyon, I led the state's congressional delegation in drafting legislation that would facilitate a land transfer between the federal government and the state of South Dakota that would include nearly 2,000 acres of land in the Spearfish Canyon and Bismarck Lake areas. If enacted, the federally owned land would be turned over to the state in exchange for several parcels of state-owned land in Pennington, Lawrence, and Lyman Counties.

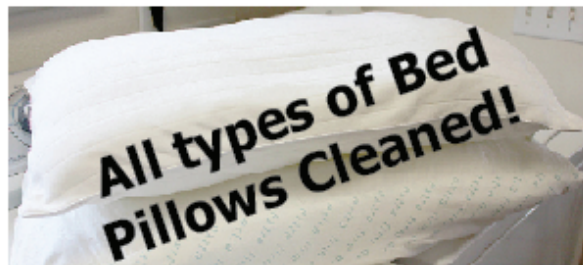
Take a look at state parks across South Dakota, and it's pretty clear why we are pursuing this land transfer. State officials have repeatedly shown their ability to both protect the wide array of South Dakota's natural resources and provide access to the opportunities they offer. That's exactly what we need in Spearfish Canyon and Bismarck Lake: a strong emphasis on conservation so these resources can be made available for future generations, and at the same time, a willingness to provide greater access to these recreational areas.

It's my job as your elected representative to make sure the federal government is held accountable to the people of South Dakota. Transferring these acres from federal to state control will fulfill that responsibility and help create more outdoor opportunities for South Dakotans and the millions of visitors to our state each year.

Pillow Cleaning Day

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1006 N 2nd St,



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~ Fiberfilled ~ etc.

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- ▶▶ Cleaned
- ▶▶ Sanitized
- ▶▶ Deodorized
- ▶▶ Choice of new ticking (new outside material)

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Achieving Regulatory Reform and Improving Chemical Safety Laws

In South Dakota, we understand that overregulation and too much bureaucracy hinder economic growth and productivity. We work best when government gets out of the way, and we have low unemployment and a strong economy to show for it. Unfortunately, this tried-and-true principle has seemingly been lost at the federal level: we have more than 1 million federal regulations on the books today and are writing new ones at the rate of 3,500 per year. I have spent a good part of my time in the Senate seeking to reform the regulatory environment and reduce the regulatory burden placed on Americans today.

While many efforts have been road blocked by a regulation-hungry president and his Democrat counterparts in Congress, there is at least one regulatory reform success story. After years of hard work, this summer the House and Senate passed – and President Obama signed into law – the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. The Lautenberg Act is the first major reform of the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) since it was enacted 40 years ago. TSCA is the law that gives the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authority to review and regulate chemicals in commerce. I applaud Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Chairman Jim Inhofe, Senator David Vitter, Senator Tom Udall and the entire committee for their diligence in seeing this law enacted.

The Lautenberg Act will help make sure South Dakota families are protected from harmful toxic chemicals by creating safeguards and oversight requirements. Over the last 40 years, the shortcomings of the well-intended but broken TSCA law have made it difficult for the EPA to monitor the safety of chemicals found in products American families use every day.

It will also support millions of jobs and spur economic growth by providing regulatory certainty for American businesses. For too long, job creators and manufacturers have suffered from inconsistent guidance of what chemicals can be used in their products. Now, they will have the certainty they need to safely invest in new manufacturing endeavors.

When working on the Lautenberg Act, the Senate EPW Committee, of

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which I am a member, took into account the oversight that we have been regularly conducting over the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act, and addressed problems we found in these laws in order to make TSCA a smarter, more conservative regulatory agent that won the support of all principal stakeholders. As a result, the Lautenberg Act will require that the EPA's regulatory decisions be based on the best available science and require the agency to show their work to the public and Congress.

Further, no longer can chemical regulations that are the result of cherry-picked data justify a politically-motivated regulatory outcome that is forced on job creators at the state or federal level. Instead, the EPA will need to justify its decisions by a substantial evidence standard and by using transparent scientific information while also taking into account costs when proposing any potential regulation.

The Lautenberg Act both protects public health and strengthens our economy, including the \$8 billion chemical industry that impacts more than 7 million related American jobs and is the catalyst for almost all U.S. manufacturing. It is proof that regulatory reform is possible, even under the current political environment. I will continue working with my colleagues to achieve similar reforms in other areas of government.

Tragedies Felt In South Dakota

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

Flags across South Dakota have been at half-staff for most of the last two weeks. Following the violence perpetrated in Dallas, France and Baton Rouge, President Obama issued three consecutive proclamations calling for the lowering of the flag. Even though our state has not been directly affected by this recent senseless violence, we are not untouched. We too feel the losses, and we mourn with the rest of the nation.

The assassinations of police officers in Texas and Louisiana weigh particularly heavily on our hearts. The sad events in these cities have reminded me how critically important our state, local and tribal law enforcement officers are to our communities, and that they deserve our appreciation.

The vast majority of those who enforce our laws live selfless lives. They're courageous, hardworking and dedicated individuals. They work long hours and willingly put themselves in harm's way to protect us. They don't know what they'll encounter when they approach a vehicle or knock on a door. Their spouses and children make sacrifices as well, adjusting to the hours of the job and assuming brave faces when their loved one responds to an emergency call.

Still, law enforcement officers are not perfect. Sometimes they make mistakes, and unfortunately, there will always be a few who do not represent their profession well.

But just as it is unacceptable for police to stereotype or target individuals based on the color of one's skin, individuals should not stereotype police officers based on a few bad actors. Stereotyping is wrong and individuals should rather be judged individually and slowly. When mistakes are made, deliberate processes must be followed to review the facts, and legal consequences must be assigned as justified by those facts. Vigilante justice has no place in a civilized society.

It is because of the men and women who enforce our laws that we live in a free and civil society. There are many places in the world today where people live in chaos and face daily uncertainty over whether they'll be able to protect themselves and their families. Because of our law enforcement officers, South Dakota is not one of those places.

As we mourn the senseless loss of life, occurring in so many places this year, let us also resolve to express our support and appreciation to those who protect us from violence. Let us show respect for the law and for each other, and convey our appreciation to those who put their lives on the line to protect us.

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Today in Weather History

July 24, 1993: A severe thunderstorm struck southern Hyde County, including the City of Highmore, with winds more than 60 mph and heavy rains of two to four inches. Near Stephan, in far southern Hyde County, an estimated of over four inches of rain in 20 minutes caused flooding damage to a bridge. Three to nine inches of rain caused widespread flash flooding and flood damage to Day, Roberts, and southeastern Marshall Counties. Especially hard hit was an area from Webster, northeastward through the Pickerell and Buffalo Lakes area, to Sisseton. A state of emergency was declared in Sisseton. The heavy rains overwhelmed a small creek that flows through Sisseton, swelling it to three blocks wide and up to five feet deep. The rushing water carried lumber, railroad ties, propane tanks, and several vehicles. Flood damage occurred to 70 percent of all buildings in Sisseton, including 100 homes. In Webster, the excessive rain flooded all the sewer lifts that pump water out of low-lying areas in town. The sewer system then backed up into homes and businesses. The rainstorm flooded nine of the 12 main floor rooms at the Super 8 motel in Webster. Roads and bridge damage was also extensive in Roberts, Day, and Marshall Counties with about 50 roads and bridges in Day County damaged by the flooding. Areas lakes, including Pickerell, Blue Dog, Enemy Swim, and Buffalo lakes rose over two feet, inundating areas around lake homes and submerging docks. Some estimated storm total rainfall amounts include; 4.60 inches in Webster; 3.91 in Waubay; 3.90 in Britton; and 3.60 inches near Ashton.

July 24, 1997: Over 6 inches of rain fell in the Conde area in far northeast Spink County. Water was over Highway 37, and many town basements were flooded. One basement filled with 5 feet of water. Nearly 7 inches of rain was received at Lake Poinset, and over 6 inches of rain was received in Estelline. Hidewood Creek in Hamlin County overflowed its banks. Water went into many residences homes, and some people were evacuated. A small bridge was taken out by the high water, and Highway 28 was closed for an hour.

1886 - Rain fell at Lawrence, KS, for the first time in four weeks. Rain fell over much of the state of Kansas that day relieving a severe drought which began in May. The very dry weather ruined crops in Kansas. (David Ludlum)

1942 - The temperature at Las Vegas, NV, hit 117 degrees to set an all-time record for that location. The record was tied on July 19, 2005.

1947 - One of the most powerful strokes of lightning ever measured yielded 345,000 amperes of electricity in Pittsburgh, PA. (The Weather Channel)

1952 - The temperature at Louisville, GA, soared to 112 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - Claudette, a weak tropical storm, deluged southeastern Texas with torrential rains. The Houston suburb of Alvin received 43 inches, a 24 hour record for the U.S. (David Ludlum)








1987 - Twenty-one cities in the eastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. The high of 91 degrees at Beckley, WV, was their hottest reading in 25 years of records, and marked their third straight day of record 90 degree heat. Bakersfield, CA, dipped to 60 degrees, marking their eighth straight morning of record cool weather. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in Oklahoma, and over Nebraska and Wisconsin. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Brainerd, NE. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Afternoon thunderstorms produced some flash flooding in New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM, was deluged with an inch and a half of rain in forty minutes. Evening thunderstorms soaked Whie Pine, PA, with two inches of rain in one hour. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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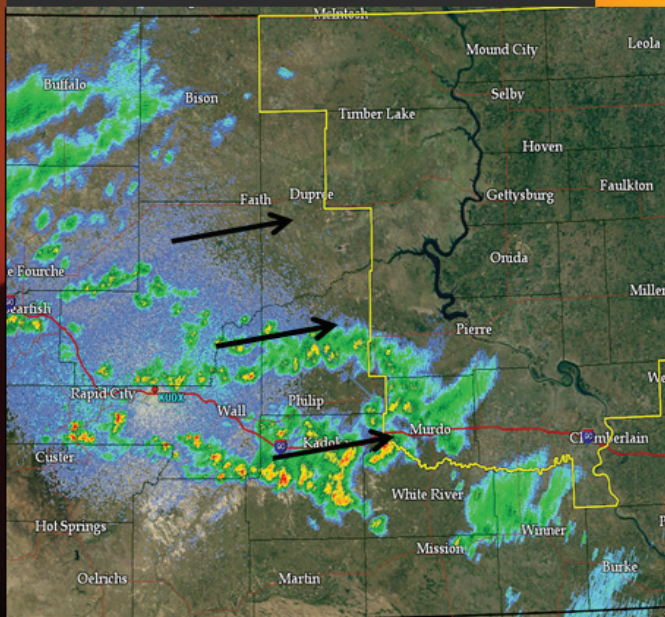
Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
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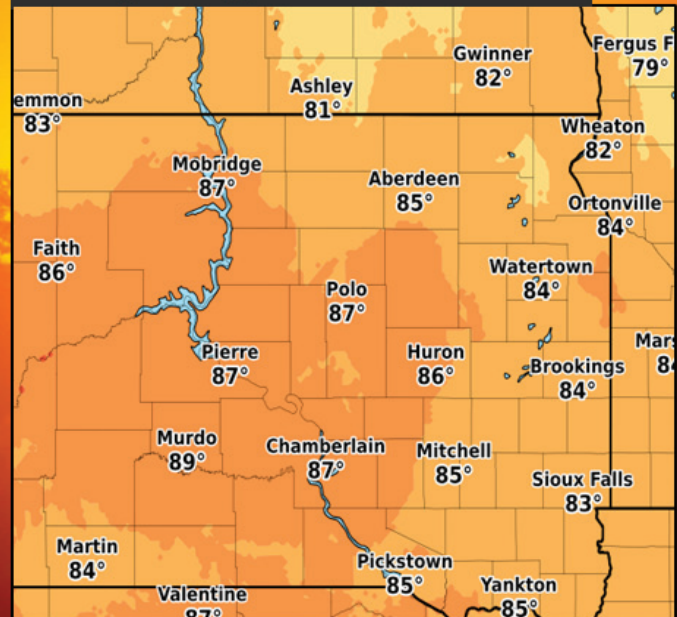
Scattered Showers and Storms This Morning Warm Today, But Less Humid



Radar Image at 530am CDT



Today's High Temperatures



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Published on: 07/24/2016 at 5:42AM

A shortwave moving into the region this morning has ignited scattered showers and thunderstorms over western South Dakota. This activity will move into central South Dakota through the early morning hours and eventually into the middle James River valley by late morning. Activity may persist over the southern half of South Dakota into the afternoon hours. No severe weather is expected. Otherwise, today will feel noticeably less humid today as drier air has moved into the region in the wake of yesterday's passing frontal boundary. Although, it will remain warm with highs in the 80s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 89.0 F at 3:55 PM

Low Outside Temp: 68.0 F at 11:59 PM

High Gust: 22.0 Mph at 7:00 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 108° in 1931

Record Low: 46 in 1905

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 60°F

Average Precip in July: 2.43

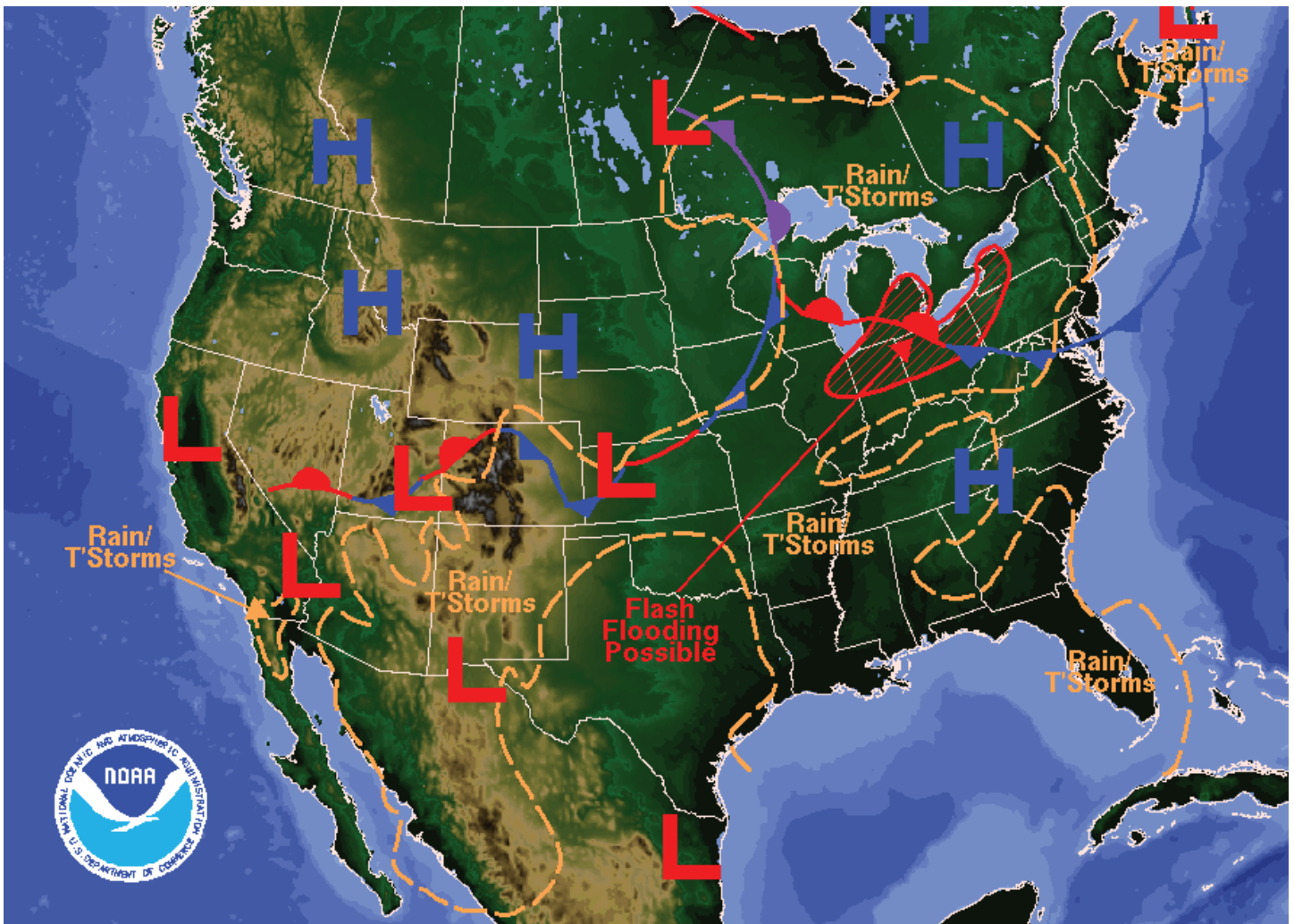
Precip to date in July: 3.55

Average Precip to date: 13.27

Precip Year to Date: 10.21

Sunset Tonight: 9:10 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:10 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jul 24, 2016, issued 4:42 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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STOPPED FROM GROWING

Over four hundred years ago a Japanese gardener planted a small pine sapling in one inch of soil in a small bowl. As the tree aged, he would remove it from the soil, trim its roots and branches and then replant it.

When he died, his eldest son continued the work that he started and a tradition was born. This tradition has been continued through thirteen generations. That tree still stands in the original dish. After four hundred years, that tree is only twenty inches tall.

In Peter's letter to the early church he provided some extremely important advice: "Grow in the special favor and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Peter was well aware that his time on earth was ending. So in this letter he magnifies the message that God placed on his heart as he faced the end of his journey.

Through the ages his words echo in our hearts: "His divine power gives us everything we need to live a godly life."

That "divine power" leads to growth, that growth comes from knowledge and that knowledge comes from His Word that nourishes our faith and trust. If we want to become who God wants us to become and do what He would have us to do, we must allow the "roots" of our relationship with Christ to go deep into His Word so that our "branches" will bear the fruits of the Spirit.

Prayer: Help us, Heavenly Father, to recognize the importance of growing in our knowledge of You so that we will enjoy Your favor as we live for and serve You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

News from the Associated Press

Federal prisoner jumps fence, escapes from Yankton facility

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal prison officials say an inmate has escaped from a minimum security work camp in Yankton.

The U.S. Marshals Service says 33-year-old Johnny Tiner was observed jumping a fence a facility shortly after midnight on Saturday. They say he is considered armed and dangerous.

Tiner was serving a 10-year sentence out of north Texas for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Besides Texas, Tiner also has ties to Colorado and Tennessee.

Authorities believe Tiner may be hiding out in southeastern South Dakota.

Authorities say Tiner has noticeable tattoos beneath his left eye and on the front of his neck.

Police: Victim carjacked at Sioux Falls gas station

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are searching for a man and woman they say carjacked the driver of vehicle at a gas station.

Police say the incident occurred at about 2 a.m. Saturday morning. Police say a man brandished a pistol during the robbery, and he and a woman fled with the vehicle.

Police described the vehicle as white, 2012 Mercedes Benz C300 with South Dakota license plates 1BRZ74.

Police say if anyone sees this vehicle, they should not approach it. But they should call 911 immediately.

Sioux Falls police investigating kidnapping, robbery

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say they are investigating a report of a man who was robbed and kidnapped at a motel.

Police say they were contacted early Saturday morning by deputies in neighboring Lyons County, Iowa who found the man who had been robbed and abducted at the Sioux Falls Inn.

Police say deputies brought the man to Sioux Falls.

Police say an investigation showed he was smoking a cigarette in the motel's parking lot when a vehicle approached him and forced him inside the vehicle at gunpoint. Police say robbers took an undisclosed amount of money from the man and drove him out of town and then pushed him out of the vehicle.

Police say the victim suffered minor injuries in the incident.

California fires threaten thousands of homes; 1 body found

JOHN ANTCZAK, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thousands of homes remained evacuated Sunday as two massive wildfires raged in tinder-dry California hills and canyons, and authorities said a burned body was found in one neighborhood swept by the flames.

Firefighters have been working a fire up and down ridgelines since Friday that has blackened 31-square miles of brush on the edge of Santa Clarita and the Angeles National Forest. About 300 miles up the coast, crews were battling another blaze across 10-square miles north of the majestic Big Sur region.

The body of a man was discovered inside a burned sedan Saturday evening outside a home in Santa Clarita, just north of Los Angeles. There was no evidence the death was crime-related, the Los Angeles

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County Sheriff's Department said Sunday as the investigation continued.

The area was among those ordered evacuated as the fire raged through brush withered by days of 100-degree temperatures as Southern California sweltered through a heat wave.

After flames driven by gusty winds swept through an evacuated neighborhood, firefighters reported that some buildings had been engulfed, but it was not immediately clear whether they were homes, outbuildings or garages, said Nathan Judy, a spokesman for the U.S. Fire Service.

The area was still unsafe, he said late Saturday night.

"You've still got hotspots in that area, a lot of smoldering stuff," and trees that might fall because their roots had burned, Judy said.

More than 900 firefighters and water-dropping helicopters battled the flames overnight on several fronts.

"It's not a one-direction type of fire," Judy said. "It's going in different directions depending on which way the wind is blowing. It's doing what it wants."

Despite firefighters' efforts, the blaze destroyed sets at Sable Ranch in Santa Clarita, which has Old West-style buildings used for movie locations.

"It was a horrific firestorm," owner Derek Hunt told KABC-TV. "At some point, you know you're defeated and you have to step back and save what you can. We fought as best as we could."

Smoke and ash from the fire cast a pall over neighboring Los Angeles. Air quality officials advised people with respiratory problems to stay indoors.

Bengal tigers and a mountain lion were among several hundred animals evacuated Saturday as flames partially ringed the Wildlife Waystation, a nonprofit sanctuary for rescued exotic creatures in Sylmar. Volunteers showed up with trucks and trailers to help with the rescue. Later in the day, firefighters managed to beat back the threat.

More than 200 horses along with goats, rabbits and other animals also were removed from fire areas.

Sunday's forecast called for low humidity with afternoon and evening winds gusting to 25 mph or more that could once again fan the fires' explosive growth.

Up the coast, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection firefighters battled the blaze in rugged mountains north of Big Sur. The fire 5 miles south of Garrapata State Park posed a threat to about 1,000 homes and the community of Palo Colorado was ordered evacuated, Cal Fire said.

Jerri Masten-Hansen said she and her husband watched the fire creep in toward them. "We felt threatened this morning and decided we needed to go," Masten-Hansen told KSBW-TV.

Her sister also left her home down the road. "I grabbed all the pictures of the kids, and then I took the paintings of my parents that had been done by a local artist," Ellen Masten said.

Trump vs. Clinton: Is a 2017 'peaceful transfer' possible?

BILL BARROW, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Hillary Clinton should be in jail. Donald Trump threatens America's very existence.

These are not fringe opinions. They are widespread views across the nation's bitter political divide. That means that on Nov. 9, the morning after Election Day, tens of millions of Americans will awaken to the realization that someone they loathe will be the 45th president of the United States.

The dynamics of the race, more ominous than the usual rough-and-tumble of politics, leave many Republicans and Democrats worried that many voters will be unwilling to accept the outcome. That could weaken the new president from the very first day in office. Intense, sustained opposition diminishes a president's political capital and emboldens opposition lawmakers who have to answer to their own supporters.

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"Politics has never been genteel ... but generally both parties and their leaders have recognized the legitimacy of the process, and that seems to be fraying," said Republican Steve Schmidt, top strategist for Arizona Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign.

The GOP mood was on display at their national convention, where delegates in Cleveland erupted daily into chants of "Lock her up! Lock her up!" — a reference to Clinton's use of a private email server while secretary of state. Clinton was investigated, but not charged.

Clinton's campaign answered with fundraising pitches, telling would-be donors: "We have to stop him." There promises to be plenty of Trump bashing when Democrats convene their convention Monday in Philadelphia.

It's not that the United States hasn't had divisive elections before.

The 2000 race between Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore resulted in a prolonged recount of Florida's votes and ended with a 5-4 Supreme Court ruling that put Bush in the White House.

Chris Lehane, who managed Gore's bid, said as bitter as that was, "it's even more partisan now."

Lehane recalled being on Capitol Hill, preparing for a news conference, when the court issued its ruling that ended Gore's presidential hopes. "I remember I had one of the first Blackberries, and the first message I got (after the decision) was from Gore: 'Do not trash the Supreme Court,'" Lehane said. "He knew how he reacted mattered" for Bush.

Trump has shown a willingness to question election results. He warred with national GOP leaders during his own primary season, and he asserted anew Thursday that Clinton's Democratic victory came only as the result of a "rigged system." As a private citizen, he questioned the legitimacy of Barack Obama's presidency, falsely charging that Obama was not a natural-born citizen and thus ineligible to serve.

Each candidate has declared the other unqualified for the presidency. Trump talks of "crooked Hillary" and says she's a "puppet" of special interests. Clinton calls Trump "temperamentally unfit" for the Oval Office.

Schmidt, the former McCain strategist, noted "half the country is going to be unhappy" after any presidential election. This year, he said, all signs suggest "a very unhealthy number of that half that's unhappy will also not regard the legitimately elected president of the United State as legitimate."

Neither campaign responded to an Associated Press inquiry asking whether the candidates would commit now to an unequivocal concession upon defeat. And there's no guarantee voters would follow their chosen candidate's lead.

"I could never accept Hillary Clinton as president," said Terry Hardaman, a 38-year-old Republican in Roswell, Georgia. Hardaman got emotional as he noted Clinton's email controversy. "I'm a Marine. Two tours in Iraq. I lost friends there. If any of us had done what she did," he said, his voice trailing off. "And now she wants to be commander in chief?"

Yet in Atlanta, 91-year-old black Democrat Howard King expressed similar emotion about Trump. King compared the national mood and Trump's candidacy to the twilight of the Roman Empire. "You read that history, Rome wasn't conquered from the outside," King said. "It fell from within." Asked to contemplate a Trump administration, King laughed. "Donald Trump is a fool," he said. "I can't see him as 'our president.'"

The next president could run into trouble from an unlikely source — the winning party, adding one more impediment to a governing mandate.

Trump has yet to secure the endorsement of his closest primary rival, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, and establishment Republicans remain uneasy about their nominee.

Clinton has earned the support of challenger Bernie Sanders, but many of his liberal backers aren't

following along. One of them, activist and professor Cornel West, described a nation "in deep crisis" because of social, economic and political discord that a "thoroughly narcissistic Republican like Donald Trump" and a "thoroughly opportunistic politician like Hillary Clinton" cannot assuage.

Nonetheless, Schmidt and Lehane both said the tension of the campaign makes it that much harder, but also more important for the loser to concede graciously. They said that's the first step in the "peaceful transfer of power" seen on Inauguration Day.

"The first person to call Barack Obama 'Mr. President-elect wasn't staff,'" recalled Schmidt. "It was Sen. McCain."

AP Exclusive: Medicare safeguard overwhelmed by pricey drugs **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A safeguard for Medicare beneficiaries has become a way for drugmakers to get paid billions of dollars for pricey medications at taxpayer expense, government numbers show.

The cost of Medicare's "catastrophic" prescription coverage jumped by 85 percent in three years, from \$27.7 billion in 2013 to \$51.3 billion in 2015, according to the program's number-crunching Office of the Actuary.

Out of some 2,750 drugs covered by Medicare's Part D benefit, two pills for hepatitis C infection — Harvoni and Sovaldi — accounted for nearly \$7.5 billion in catastrophic drug costs in 2015.

The pharmaceutical industry questions the numbers, saying they overstate costs because they don't factor in manufacturer rebates. However, rebates are not publicly disclosed. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, is calling the rise in spending "alarming."

Medicare's catastrophic coverage was originally designed to protect seniors with multiple chronic conditions from the cumulatively high costs of taking many different pills. Beneficiaries pay 5 percent after they have spent \$4,850 of their own money. With some drugs now costing more than \$1,000 per pill, that threshold can be crossed quickly.

Lawmakers who created Part D in 2003 also hoped added protection would entice insurers to participate in the program. Medicare pays 80 percent of the cost of drugs above a catastrophic threshold that combines spending by the beneficiary and the insurer. That means taxpayers, not insurers, bear the exposure for the most expensive patients.

The numbers provided to The Associated Press reflect the total paid by taxpayers, insurers and beneficiaries. They offer a glimpse into the volatile and often mysterious world of high-cost drugs:

— Catastrophic spending for Harvoni and Sovaldi — two hepatitis C pills from Gilead Sciences — more than doubled in two years, from about \$3.5 billion in 2014 to nearly \$7.5 billion in 2015. Harvoni topped the list of Medicare's high-cost drugs last year; Sovaldi was first in 2014.

The FDA approved Sovaldi in Dec., 2013, and its \$1,000-per-pill price quickly made headlines. A congressional investigation last year found that Gilead was focused on maximizing revenue, even as a company analysis showed that a lower price would allow more patients to be treated.

— Revlimid, a cancer drug derived from 1950s thalidomide, surpassed \$1.7 billion in catastrophic costs in 2015, coming in second among high-cost drugs. Spending on the medication from biotech company Celgene increased by 50 percent in three years.

— Gleevec, a breakthrough drug introduced in 2001 to treat leukemia, was ensconced as 5th among the top ten pricey medications, with more than \$1 billion spent in 2015. That was a 54-percent increase from 2013. Drugmaker Novartis has been criticized for repeatedly hiking the price of Gleevec.

— Catastrophic spending accounts for a fast-growing share of Medicare's drug costs, which totaled nearly \$137 billion in 2015. The catastrophic share was 37 percent, yet only about 9 percent of ben-

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eficiaries reached the threshold for such costs. For those patients, average spending jumped by 46 percent, from \$9,666 in 2013 to \$14,100 in 2015.

"If the numbers continue to increase like this each year, I worry about how much the taxpayers could afford," said Sen. Grassley, who plans to ask Medicare for explanations.

"It may be that some drug companies are taking advantage of government programs to maximize their market share, and we need to know whether that's the case," he added.

Catastrophic coverage will soon cost as much as the entire prescription program did when it launched, said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. "Congress can't continue to stand idle."

Experts say the rapid rise in spending for pricey drugs threatens to make the popular prescription benefit financially unsustainable.

Nonpartisan congressional advisers at the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission have called for an overhaul. The presidential candidates, as well as the Obama administration, have proposed giving Medicare legal authority to negotiate prices.

The drug industry says Medicare patients are getting valuable, innovative medicines.

Lisa Joldersma, policy vice president for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, also questioned the cost numbers. "I would push back on the notion that taxpayers are bearing 80 percent of the risk here because the numbers do not reflect rebates," she said.

Rebates for individual drugs are not disclosed. They averaged nearly 13 percent across the entire program in 2013, according to government figures, and were estimated at about 17 percent for 2015.

Most beneficiaries haven't seen a drastic hit yet from rising drug costs, but that may be changing. This year, average premiums went up more than 15 percent in five of the top eight drug plans, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Concerns about catastrophic costs undercut the image of Medicare's prescription program as a competitive marketplace in which private insurers bargain with drugmakers to drive down prices.

"The incentive is to price it as high as they can," said Jim Yocum, senior vice president of Connecture, Inc., a company that tracks drug prices. Medicare is barred from negotiating prices, "so you max out your pricing and most of that risk is covered by the federal government."

An architect of the program says no one anticipated \$1,000 pills. Former Medicare administrator Tom Scully said catastrophic coverage was meant to protect patients taking many different medicines over months and years.

"The pricing is pretty wild," he said.

No ASEAN consensus on S. China Sea despite rounds of talks

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VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Southeast Asia's main grouping apparently failed to reach a consensus on how to deal with China's territorial expansion in the South China Sea, intensifying a diplomatic stalemate despite three rounds of formal and informal talks Sunday.

The foreign ministers of the 10 countries that make up the Association of Southeast Asian Nations deliberated for several hours during the three sessions, including over lunch, but remained deadlocked because Cambodia didn't want China criticized, diplomats said.

"It's really a loyalist of the big country C," a diplomat who attended closed-door meetings told The Associated Press, referring to China.

The stalemate puts pressure on ASEAN's cherished unity and also gives an upper hand to China, which has used every diplomatic means at its disposal to stave off wider international criticism over moves it's

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made in the South China Sea that have impacted four Southeast Asian countries.

"Certainly, Cambodia's paralysis of ASEAN ... hurts ASEAN's unity, cohesion, relevance and reputation," said Malcolm Cook, an analyst at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, a Singapore think-tank. "It makes ASEAN peripheral, not central, on this issue."

A bland press statement issued at the end of the first round of talks Sunday said only that the ministers had a "candid and constructive exchange of views on regional and international issues ... as well as developments in the Middle East, Korean Peninsula and the South China Sea."

After that, the foreign ministers broke for lunch before going into a so-called "retreat," where they were by themselves and in less formal surroundings. It was not clear whether they made any progress because many of the ministers came out and said nothing to waiting reporters. No statement was issued.

Like all other ASEAN meetings, the foreign ministers' conclave also traditionally issues a joint communique. But the sticking point is whether to include in it a reference to the South China Sea.

ASEAN's cardinal principle is decisions by consensus, which means any country can veto a proposal. This time, it is Cambodia, China's close ally, invoking its veto. In 2012, Cambodia also blocked a reference to the dispute, which ended with the ministers failing to issue a statement for the first time in the bloc's history.

Sunday's talks were expected to deal with terrorism, the economy, climate change, security, the impact of Brexit and other issues. But all this has been overshadowed by the July 12 decision by a Hague-based tribunal in a dispute between China and the Philippines.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration found that China had no basis for its expansive claims to territorial waters around the Philippines. China has similar claims that clash with Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei, and the ruling should have emboldened ASEAN to challenge Beijing more forcibly.

Diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter with the media, said the draft communique to be issued by the ministers left blank spaces under the heading "South China Sea" until a consensus can be reached.

Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman Sek Wannamethee Sek said the "joint communique is still being drafted."

Laos, which also is a China ally, has been careful not to take sides because of its position as the host. But it supports Cambodia's veto.

"For Laos and Cambodia, they clearly see relations with China as more important than their membership in ASEAN and are willing to damage ASEAN to aid their relations with China," said Cook, the analyst.

The South China Sea is dotted with reefs and rocky outcroppings that several governments claim, including China and the Philippines. The arbitration panel didn't take a position on who owns the disputed territories. It did conclude that many of them are legally rocks, even if they've been built into islands, and therefore do not include the international rights to develop the surrounding waters. That and other findings invalidated much of what China's called its historic claims to the resource-rich sea.

In order to ease tensions, China, the Philippines and possibly other claimants must define what the ruling means for fishing, offshore oil and gas exploration, and military and other activities in the vast body of water that lies between the southern Chinese coast and the Philippine archipelago.

China has rejected the ruling as bogus, and called for bilateral negotiations with the Philippines. In recent days, its military has staged live-firing exercises in the area and said it would begin regular aerial patrols over the sea. It also has asserted that it will not be deterred from continuing construction of its man-made islands.

In a commentary Sunday, China's official Xinhua News Agency urged East Asian nations to be vigilant against U.S. "interference" in the region and to foster closer ties with China, "a market no country can afford to lose."

India refuses to renew visas for 3 Chinese journalists

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NEW DELHI (AP) — India's government has refused to renew the visas for three Chinese journalists working for China's official Xinhua News Agency, an official said Sunday, meaning they will have to leave the country by the end of this month.

The official declined to disclose the reasons for the refusal to renew the visas — a move that comes amid tensions between the two countries — but said Xinhua could send replacements for the journalists.

The official said that the three had received several visa extensions and that one of them has been in India for the past seven years. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

A report Sunday in The Hindu newspaper said the three traveled to the southern Indian city of Bangalore recently and met exiled Tibetan activists, which became an issue with India's government.

Though the Tibetan government in exile is headquartered in the northern Indian town of Dharamsala, thousands of Tibetans live in southern Karnataka state, whose capital is Bangalore.

Xinhua and China's Foreign Ministry did not immediately respond to faxed requests for comment on Sunday.

Non-renewal of visas is generally a step followed by various governments to expel foreign journalists.

Indian media reports said the three Chinese journalists were based in New Delhi and Mumbai.

The Indian government's decision comes at a time when the two countries' ties have been under strain following China's refusal to support India's application for membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group at a meeting in Seoul last month.

They also share a disputed Himalayan border over which they fought a bloody monthlong conflict in 1962. Any border agreement resolving the dispute looks unlikely in the immediate future, but they appear to be willing to avoid incidents such as incursions into the disputed territory.

Afghanistan marks day of national mourning after huge attack

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan marked a national day of mourning on Sunday, a day after at least 80 people were killed by a suicide bomber attack on a peaceful demonstration. The attack was claimed by the Islamic State group.

Funerals were due to begin quietly in western Kabul as families collected their dead from hospitals and morgues across the capital, and graves were dug in preparation.

Authorities say another 231 people were wounded, some seriously, in the attack Saturday afternoon on a march by members of the ethnic Hazara community, who are predominantly Shiite Muslim. Most Afghans are Sunni, and the IS group regards Shiites as apostates.

The IS group has had a presence in Afghanistan for the past year, mainly in the eastern province of Nangarhar along the Pakistani border. The Afghan military, backed by U.S. troops, is planning an offensive against IS positions in Nangarhar in coming days. It was the first IS attack on Kabul — and the city's worst since a vicious Taliban insurgency began 15 years ago — raising concerns about the group's

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reach and capability in Afghanistan.

Prior to the Saturday attack, thousands of Hazaras had marched through Kabul to demand the rerouting of a power line through their impoverished province of Bamiyan, in the central highlands. It was their second demonstration; the first was in May with had a much better turnout and attended by senior Hazara politicians who were absent from Saturday's march.

The office of President Ashraf Ghani said that march organizers had been warned to call off the demonstration after intelligence was received that an attack was likely.

Daud Naji, a member of the Enlighten Movement which organized the marches, said on Sunday that they had been told only that there was a "heightened risk" of attack and had subsequently cancelled nine of 10 planned routes.

Hazaras account for about 15 percent of Afghanistan's population, estimated at around 30 million, and often complain of discrimination. During the Taliban's 1996-2001 rule, Hazaras were often brutalized more than other ethnic groups.

The Saturday attack has raised concerns about sectarianism, and the Interior Ministry announced a ban on public gatherings and demonstrations in a potential bid to avoid any inter-communal strife. A presidential spokesman pointed out that the ban on public gatherings would not apply to funerals for Saturday's victims.

Hazara demonstrators have continued to occupy Demazang Square, where the attack took place as the march was winding down and some were preparing to set up a camp, Naji said, until three conditions had been met.

He said the Enlighten Movement wished to have its own representatives, as well as others from international human rights organizations, involved in a commission Ghani has established to investigate the incident.

The movement also wanted the pipeline rerouted through Bamiyan, as originally demanded. The multi-million-dollar regional project was routed away from Bamiyan by the previous Afghan government for financial considerations, according to people involved in the planning, who have spoken on condition that they not be named as they are not authorized to speak publicly on the issue.

And, Naji said, they wanted the name of Demazang Square changed to Shahada or Martyrs' Square, "to honor the memories of those who were killed, along with a picture of everyone who died there."

Ghani's spokesman, Haroon Chakhansuri confirmed that the president has issued a decree to change the name of the square as the Hazaras have asked

The death toll was not yet finalized Sunday, according to the Interior Ministry. The ministry said on Saturday that 80 people were killed; Naji said the Enlighten Movement puts the toll so far at 84.

There was also confusion about the exact nature of the attack, with many witnesses claiming the suicide bombers had been supplemented with explosives contained in an ice-cream cart. Officials on Saturday said there were two suicide bombers wearing explosive-packed clothing. One detonated himself, the other was shot by police before he was able to blow himself up, they said.

G-20 countries pledge to protect against Brexit shock

JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Global finance officials promised Sunday to protect the world economy from the shockwaves of Britain's European Union referendum and to boost sluggish growth.

Envoys of the Group of 20 major economies also rejected trade protectionism, an issue that has risen in prominence as U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump stirs unease with talk about restricting access to American markets.

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The gathering of finance ministers and central bank governors from the United States, China, Britain, Germany and other governments took place against a backdrop of a weak global recovery that was rattled by Britain's vote to leave the EU and trade tension over Chinese exports of low-priced steel.

The British vote "increased global economic uncertainty," said a joint statement by the officials, who were meeting in Chengdu in western China.

"G-20 members are ready to actively respond to the potential economic and financial impact brought by the British referendum," said the statement. "In the future, we hope to see Britain as a close partner of the EU."

On Friday, the director-general of the International Monetary Fund, Christine Lagarde, called for quick action to end uncertainty about the British-EU split. She said that turmoil prompted the IMF to cut its forecast of this year's global growth by 0.1 percentage point.

Sunday's statement promised to use "any and all policy instruments" to achieve "strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth objectives." The governments promised to strengthen communication and cooperation but announced no joint action, as some financial traders had hoped.

"We are taking action to boost confidence and promote growth," said the statement.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said ahead of the meeting that it was not the right time for coordinated action similar to that in 2008-09 following the global crisis because economies face different conditions.

"Overall, the general sense was that the outlook remains uncertain," Lew said in a statement Sunday. "There is now broad consensus that what the global economy needs is growth — not austerity — and the discussions here have focused on how best to achieve that outcome."

The envoys also pledged to avoid devaluing currencies to boost exports.

"We will oppose all forms of protectionism," their statement said.

Trump, who was named the Republican Party's nominee for president on Friday, setting up a race with presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, has called for measures to protect American industry, though he has given no details.

National leaders of the G-20 economies are due to meet in September in Hangzhou, southwest of Shanghai.

The G-20 statement also cited the importance of reducing excess production capacity in steel and other industries that has led to a glut of supply and depressed prices. That is a source of tension between China and trading partners that accuse Beijing of exporting steel at improperly low prices, hurting competitors and threatening a loss of jobs.

Beijing has announced plans to shrink its coal and steel industries, eliminating millions of jobs. The United States has imposed anti-dumping duties on Chinese steel and European officials have launched trade probes.

Lew emphasized U.S. interest in seeing progress on that during a meeting with his Chinese counterpart, Lou Jiwei, according to Lew's department.

Trump: France, others hit by terror may face more screening

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump is asserting that countries like France that he says are compromised by terrorism may be subjected to the "extreme vetting" he proposes as a deterrent to attacks in the U.S.

When asked if his proposal might lead to a point when not a lot of people from overseas are allowed into the U.S., Trump said, "Maybe we get to that point" and added: "We have to be smart and we have

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to be vigilant and we have to be strong.”

In an interview to air Sunday on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Trump also rejected suggestions that his stance on requiring NATO members to pay their share was a mistake; defended Fox News founder Roger Ailes, who left the network amid accusations of sexual harassment; criticized rival Hillary Clinton’s newly named running mate, Sen. Tim Kaine, for accepting gifts while Virginia’s governor; dismissed descriptions of his nomination acceptance speech as “dark,” instead calling it “optimistic”; and expressed disapproval of David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klan leader who is seeking a Senate seat from Louisiana.

For months Trump has called for a temporary ban on foreign Muslims seeking to enter the United States and criticized the Obama administration for continuing to admit refugees from Syria. In his speech Thursday night at the Republican National Convention, he said the U.S. “must immediately suspend immigration from any nation that has been compromised by terrorism until such time as proven vetting mechanisms have been put in place” — notably leaving out any reference to Muslims or to Syria, Iraq and other Mideast nations.

In the NBC interview, Trump noted “specific problems” in Germany and France — both countries have been rocked by fatal attacks in public places in recent weeks — and “Meet the Press” host Chuck Todd asked if his proposal would limit immigration from France. “They’ve been compromised by terrorism,” Todd said.

Trump replied: “They have totally been. And you know why? It’s their own fault. Because they allowed people to come into their territory.” He then called for “extreme vetting” and said: “We have to have tough, we’re going to have tough standards. ... If a person can’t prove what they have to be able to prove, they’re not coming into this country.”

During his interview, Trump also:

—Rejected suggestions that his comments on NATO members being required to pay their share in order to get the benefits and protection afforded by the treaty were a mistake.

—Defended Ailes, who resigned from Fox amid sexual harassment allegations by numerous women. Trump described Ailes as a longtime friend and said “some of the women” complaining about Ailes have been helped by him in the past and earlier had said good things about him. “It’s very sad,” Trump said. “Because he’s a very good person. I’ve always found him to be just a very, very good person.”

—Criticized Kaine for accepting \$160,000 worth of gifts, much of it for trips, while serving as governor. The gifts were legal under the state’s permissive ethics rules, but Trump said: “To me, it’s a big problem ... how do you take all these gifts?”

—Took issue with descriptions of his convention speech earlier in the week as “dark.” “It was an optimistic speech,” Trump said. Referring to his mention of crime as well as shootings and terrorist attacks both here and overseas, he said, “Sure, I talk about the problems, but we’re going to solve the problems.”

—Criticized Duke, who cited Trump’s campaign as an inspiration for his Senate bid. Trump was quick to say he rejected efforts by Duke to run for the Senate. In an interview several months ago, Trump was asked about Duke offering his support and Trump responded: “I don’t know anything about David Duke.” His initial response drew harsh criticism from Democrats, Republicans and civil rights groups,” and he later said “I disavow” Duke’s support.

Thousands attend funeral for slain critic of Cambodia leader

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Tens of thousands of Cambodians marched Sunday in the funeral procession for a leading government critic who was fatally shot in an attack that raised suspicion of a political conspiracy.

A farm worker who was caught red-handed told police he killed Kem Ley, 45, over a \$3,000 loan. However, the suspect's wife said the family was too poor to lend so much money.

Although there were no overt political slogans during the procession, the huge crowds reflected the massive anti-government sentiment that could pose a challenge to Prime Minister Hun Sen, who was a frequent target of Kem Ley's criticism.

Kem Ley's body, which was kept at a Buddhist temple in Phnom Penh for people to pay respects, was placed in a glass casket on a decorated vehicle that set out at dawn for a 70-kilometer (50-mile) journey to his hometown in Takeo province. The hearse was followed by people on foot, motorcycles, cars and motor rickshaws. Some carried his portraits.

Most of the marchers wore white T-shirts with pictures of Kem Ley, and some had printed slogans: "Wipe your tears and continue your journey." Many also waved religious and Cambodia's flags in what appeared to be one of the biggest public rallies in Cambodia in recent times.

The last such turnout was when opposition leader Sam Rainsy returned from exile on July 22, 2013.

"I regarded him as my god because of his bravery, cleverness. His death was as if I had lost something personal," said Chhun Eang, holding Kem Ley's portrait. She said she traveled from northwestern Battambang province, some 300 kilometers (200 miles) away, to attend the procession. "Why are good people like him always killed?" she said in between sobs.

Long Kiet, a 70-year-old retiree, said Kem Ley was killed because he criticized the government. "They are not scared to kill anyone who dares to criticize them. It doesn't matter if he or she speaks right or not."

Several lawmakers from Sam Rainsy's Cambodia National Rescue Party also joined the procession, and Sam Rainsy's Facebook page carried the event live.

As the convoy passed, onlookers bowed their heads with both hands placed together in respectful salutation. The procession is expected to arrive in Takeo on Sunday afternoon ahead of the funeral on Monday.

Several hundred police, including units in riot gear, were deployed along the route, particularly visible in front of Hun Sen's office, where anti-riot trucks and tear gas guns were on standby. Hun Sen has promised a thorough investigation into the killing, which came at a time of political tension that began last year with legal and other pressures by the government on the Cambodia National Rescue Party.

Opposition leaders and Global Witness, a British activist group whose work was occasionally the subject of Kem Ley's radio commentaries, have suggested a political conspiracy behind the killing.

One of his most recent commentaries was about a report issued by Global Witness that alleged that Hun Sen and his family had enriched themselves and kept power through corruption.

Kem Ley is the most prominent Cambodian government critic to be killed since trade union leader Chea Vichea in 2004.

Prosecutor: Venezuela first lady's nephews confess drug deal

JOSHUA GOODMAN, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Two nephews of Venezuela's powerful first lady confessed to trying to smuggle 800 kilograms (1,763 pounds) of cocaine into the U.S., according to prosecutors in the politically-charged case.

The court filings Friday by prosecutors shed new light on the case that has sounded alarm bells about high-level corruption and drug trafficking by Venezuela's political elite at a time of increasing economic and political turmoil in the South American nation.

Efrain Campo and Francisco Flores were arrested last November in Haiti in a sting operation coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Administration. They were then flown to New York, where they are in jail awaiting trial for conspiring to smuggle cocaine into the U.S. Both have pleaded not guilty.

The documents filed Friday seek to refute a motion by the defendants' attorneys to suppress their post-arrest statements to DEA agents on their way to New York because they allegedly hadn't been informed of their rights and were coerced after being taken into custody by armed men in ski masks in what they at first thought was a kidnapping.

Prosecutors allege Campo and Flores hatched the drug deal in about two months. They said it was first brought to the attention of the DEA by a wheelchair-bound cooperating witness nicknamed "El Sentado," who met Campo and Flores in Honduras and ended up killed three weeks after their arrest.

As part of the DEA investigation, confidential sources were sent to Caracas to meet with the two young men. The court documents include photographs allegedly taken from a secret video of those meetings that prosecutors say show Campo examining a brick of cocaine with plastic gloves as Flores looks on. Campo allegedly said the narcotics came from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

During the meetings, Campo allegedly brags about owning several Ferraris and being at "war" with the U.S. and Venezuela's opposition. He also describes high-level connections with the government that will make it easy to move drugs through Caracas' international airport and prevent any cocaine-laden plane from being follow by law enforcement because, he said, "it departs as if someone from our family was on the plane," according to a statement by U.S. attorneys for the southern district of New York.

In the court filings, Campo first suggested to agents that the cocaine deal was to fund Cilia Flores' congressional campaign.

"I know I said that but in reality it was for me," a court document quotes Campo as telling a DEA agent.

"Campo stated that friends in the drug business had told him to be careful not to get robbed so he made the statement regarding his Mom's campaign for protection," the DEA agent wrote in his post-arrest report.

In reality, Campo said he was struggling financially, earning just \$800 a week from a fleet of taxis he owned in Panama, according to the documents. He also described being rebuffed by his cousin, Erick Malpica-Flores, then finance director of state-run oil giant PDVSA, in a plan to charge commissions to businesses trying to collect on debts owed them by the company.

Campo, 29, said he and his wanted to make \$20 million from multiple drug shipments, enough to go live in the U.S. with his wife and child. He said his family would "kill him" if they knew what he was up to, according to the documents.

Campo's lawyer didn't immediately respond to an e-mailed request for comment.

The U.S has been steadily stepping up pressure on high-ranking members of Venezuela's military, po-

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lice and government officials for their role in making the country an important transit zone for narcotics. Several Venezuelan officials, including a former defense minister and head of military intelligence, have been indicted or sanctioned in the U.S., and many more are under investigation.

Cilia Flores, who President Nicolas Maduro calls the "First Combatant," is one of the most influential members of Venezuela's socialist government and a constant presence alongside her husband.

The single time she commented on her nephews' case in January she said they had been kidnapped by the DEA, which was kicked out of Venezuela a decade ago, in an attempt to destabilize her husband's rule.

AP EXPLAINS: For 69 years, Kashmir is torn by deadly strife

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SRINAGAR, India (AP) — When news spread that Indian troops had killed 22-year-old Burhan Wani, a charismatic commander of Indian-controlled Kashmir's biggest rebel group on July 8, the public response was spontaneous and massive. Tens of thousands of angry youths poured out of their homes in towns and villages across the Himalayan region, hurling rocks and bricks and clashing with Indian troops.

A curfew and a communications blackout has failed to stop the protests. The violence has left 48 civilians dead as government forces fired live ammunition and pellets to try to quell the unrest. About 2,000 civilians and 1,500 police and soldiers have been injured in the clashes.

But Kashmir's fury at Indian rule is not new. The stunning mountain region has known little other than conflict since 1947, when British rule of the subcontinent ended with the creation of India and Pakistan.

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The Himalayan kingdom of Jammu and Kashmir was asked to become part of one of the two newly independent nations. But Maharaja Hari Singh, the unpopular Hindu ruler of the Muslim-majority region, wanted to stay independent.

A raid by tribesmen from northwestern Pakistan forced Singh to seek help from India, which offered military assistance on condition that the kingdom accede to India. The ruler accepted but insisted that Kashmir remain a largely autonomous state within the Indian union, with India managing its foreign affairs, defense, and telecommunications.

The Indian military entered the region soon after, and the tribal raid spiraled into the first of two wars between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. The war ended in 1948 with a U.N.-brokered ceasefire. Nonetheless, Kashmir became divided between the two young nations by a heavily militarized Line of Control, with the promise of U.N.-sponsored referendum in the future.

In Indian-controlled Kashmir, many saw the transition as the mere transfer of power from their Hindu king to Hindu-majority India. Kashmiri discontent against India started taking root as successive Indian governments breached the pact of Kashmir's autonomy. Local governments were toppled one after another, and largely peaceful movements against Indian control curbed harshly.

Pakistan continued raising the Kashmir dispute in international forums, including in the U.N. India began calling the region its integral part, saying that Kashmir's lawmakers had ratified the accession to New Delhi.

As the deadlock persisted, India and Pakistan went to war again in 1965, with little changing on the ground. Several rounds of talks followed, but the impasse continued.

In the mid-1980s, dissident political groups in Indian Kashmir united and contest elections for the

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state assembly. The Muslim United Front quickly emerged as a formidable force against Kashmir's pro-India political elite. However, the front lost the 1987 election, widely believed to have been heavily rigged.

A strong public backlash followed. Some young MUF activists crossed over to Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, where the Pakistani military began arming and training Kashmiri nationalists.

By 1989, Kashmir was in the throes of a full-blown rebellion.

India poured in more troops into the already heavily militarized region. In response, thousands of Kashmiris streamed back from the Pakistani-controlled portion with guns and grenades. More than 68,000 people have been killed since then.

Though the militancy waned, popular sentiment for "azadi," or freedom, has remained ingrained in the Kashmiri psyche. In the last decade, the region has made a transition from armed rebellion to unarmed uprisings as tens of thousands of civilians frequently take to the streets to protest Indian rule, often leading to clashes between rock-throwing residents and Indian troops. The protests are quelled by deadly force.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

In 2008, a government decision — later revoked — to transfer land to a Hindu shrine in Kashmir set off a summer of protests. The following year, the alleged rape and murder of two young women by government forces set off fresh violence.

In 2010, the trigger for protests was a police investigation into allegations that soldiers shot dead three civilians and then staged a fake gunbattle to make it appear the dead were militants and claim rewards for the killings.

In all three years, hundreds of thousands of young men and women took to the streets, hurling rocks and abuse at Indian forces. At least 200 people were killed and hundreds wounded as troops fired into the crowds, inciting further protests.

The crackdown appears to be pushing many educated young Kashmiris, who grew up politically radicalized amid decades of brutal conflict, toward armed rebel groups. Young Kashmiri boys began snatching weapons from Indian forces and training themselves deep inside Kashmir's forests.

The number of militants has, however, remained minuscule, not crossing 200 in the last several years.

ANTI-INDIA GROUPS

The All Parties Hurriyat Conference is a conglomerate of social, religious and political groups formed in 1993. It advocates the U.N.-sponsored right to self-determination for Kashmir or tripartite talks between India, Pakistan and Kashmiri leadership to resolve the dispute.

The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, or JKLF, was one of the first armed rebel groups. It favors an independent, united Kashmir. Currently led by Mohammed Yasin Malik, the group gave up armed rebellion in 1994, soon after Indian authorities released Malik from jail after four years.

Hizbul Mujahideen is Kashmir's largest and the only surviving indigenous armed rebel group. Formed in 1990, the group demands Kashmir's merger with Pakistan. Its supreme commander Syed Salahuddin is based in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir. The group was led in Indian Kashmir by Burhan Wani until his death on July 8.

The Lashkar-e-Taiba is a Pakistani-based group fighting for Indian Kashmir's merger with Pakistan. The United States lists it as a terrorist group. Its leader, Hafiz Saeed, is on a U.S. terrorist list with a \$10 million bounty on his head. He's also one of India's most wanted. New Delhi blames the group for several deadly attacks in Indian cities, including the 2008 Mumbai attack that killed 166 people.

PRO-INDIA GROUPS

The Jammu Kashmir National Conference is a pro-India political group that has ruled Kashmir for the most part since 1947. Its most recent leaders, Farooq Abdullah, and his son, Omar Abdullah, the current opposition leader in the state assembly, are seen as the strongest proponents of India in Kashmir.

The Jammu Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party emerged in early 2000s as the strongest opponent to the NC, with pro-separatist leanings for electoral gains. It soon came to power in 2002. It currently rules Indian Kashmir in coalition with India's ruling Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party.

Tiger mauls woman to death in Chinese wildlife park

BEIJING (AP) — Siberian tigers at a wildlife park in Beijing mauled a woman to death and wounded another when they stepped out of their car in an enclosure, a Chinese state-run newspaper said.

A tiger pounced on one of the women after she got out of a private car in which she was touring the Beijing Badaling Wildlife World on Saturday, the Legal Evening News reported.

The second woman was killed by another tiger that leapt at her after she stepped out of the vehicle to try to help her companion, the report said.

The Yanqing district government confirmed in an official microblog post that the tiger attack took place at the park, which lies at the foot of the Great Wall. It offered few details but said the injured person was being treated.

Visitors are allowed to drive their own vehicles around the park, but are forbidden from getting out while in certain enclosures, the report said.

A woman who answered the phone at the park refused to comment on the attack, saying only that the park was closed for two days due to forecasts of heavy rain.

DNC rules meeting agrees to a compromise on superdelegates

CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The role of superdelegates could be significantly reduced in future Democratic presidential primaries under a compromise deal struck at the Democratic National Convention rules committee Saturday.

Efforts by Bernie Sanders supporters to pass amendments eliminating or limiting the power of superdelegates failed to win approval at the committee meeting in Philadelphia. But campaigns for Sanders and Hillary Clinton worked out an agreement to create a "unity commission" to revise the nominating process, including changing superdelegate rules, which won near-unanimous support.

The 21-member commission will study a number of issues, including how to improve access to caucuses and how to broaden the party's appeal. For superdelegates, the commission's recommendation is that Congress members, governors and other elected officials should remain as unpledged delegates, but that other delegates would be bound proportionally to the primary results of their state.

Sanders campaign manager Jeff Weaver endorsed the plan, saying it would "result in the reduction of superdelegates as we know them by two-thirds." The Clinton campaign also expressed support for the commission.

Any changes to superdelegate rules would still be subject to DNC approval. A report by the commission is due by Jan. 1, 2018.

The compromise came after a lengthy meeting in which Sanders supporters grew increasingly frustrated as their efforts on superdelegates were voted down.

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Discussing the proposal to eliminate superdelegates, Aaron Regunberg, a Sanders delegate and a Rhode Island lawmaker, argued that the current system does not reflect "our core values." But Clinton supporters argued that the superdelegate system brings more people into the political process and instead called for a more extensive review of the nominating process.

The amendments did win enough support to potentially move on to the convention floor for votes next week. But conflict on the floor appeared unlikely. Calling the compromise a "step forward," Regunberg said they had not filed a so-called minority report to pursue a floor fight on the amendment to abolish superdelegates.

Sanders has been critical of superdelegates during his contentious primary fight with Clinton. His supporters argue that Clinton's substantial superdelegate lead may have influenced the outcome of the race, although Clinton also led Sanders with pledged delegates. Late in the race, Sanders sought to flip superdelegates, but with little success.

There are 713 superdelegates, mainly members of Congress and members of the Democratic National Committee. Clinton leads Sanders with superdelegates 602-48. Combining pledged delegates and superdelegates, Clinton leads 2,807 to 1,894.

A collection of liberal organizations and Sanders backers held a news conference before the hearing, stressing their opposition to superdelegates. Supporters crowded the conference room where the hearing was held, with more people packed in an outside hallway, cheering and chanting.

With the convention just days away, the hearing was one of the last opportunities for Sanders' supporters to push their agenda. The party platform debate concluded recently with a draft document that included many of Sanders' priorities, including proposals for a \$15-an-hour federal minimum wage, abolition of the death penalty and steps to break up large Wall Street banks.

The hearing came as the Democratic Party tries to unify for the general election after an acrimonious primary. But the recent release of hacked DNC emails, detailing the split between the DNC and Sanders, may slow that process.

Energized white supremacists cheer Trump convention message

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — They don't like to be called white supremacists.

The well-dressed men who gathered in Cleveland's Ritz-Carlton bar after Donald Trump's speech accepting the Republican nomination for president prefer the term "Europeanists," "alt-right," or even "white nationalists." They are also die-hard Trump supporters.

And far from hiding in chat rooms or under white sheets, they cheered the GOP presidential nominee from inside the Republican National Convention over the last week. While not official delegates, they nevertheless obtained credentials to attend the party's highest-profile quadrennial gathering.

Several gathered in the luxury hotel well after midnight following Trump's Thursday address, a fiery appeal they said helped push the Republican Party closer to their principles.

"I don't think people have fully recognized the degree to which he's transformed the party," said Richard Spencer, a clean-cut 38-year-old from Arlington, Virginia, who sipped Manhattans as he matter-of-factly called for removing African-Americans, Hispanics and Jews from the United States.

Like most in his group, Spencer said this year's convention was his first. On his social media accounts, he posted pictures of himself wearing a red Trump "Make America Great Again" hat at Quicken Loans Arena. And he says he hopes to attend future GOP conventions.

"Tons of people in the alt-right are here," he said, putting their numbers at the RNC this week in the dozens. "We feel an investment in the Trump campaign."

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He and his group chatted up convention goes late into the night, including an executive from a major Jewish organization and a female board member of the Republican Jewish Coalition. They sat at the marble bar as Spencer explained his position on blacks, Hispanics and Jews. They challenged him repeatedly and expressed shock at how calmly he dismissed their rejection of his ideals.

"We'll help them go somewhere else. I'm not a maniac," Spencer said of the minorities he wants to eject from the country. "I know in order to achieve what I want to achieve, you have to deal with people rationally."

The New York billionaire has publicly disavowed the white supremacist movement when pressed by journalists.

Asked to respond to the white supremacists presence at the convention, campaign spokesman Jason Miller said, "Donald Trump has a lifetime record of inclusion and has publicly rebuked groups who seek to discriminate against others on numerous occasions. To suggest otherwise is a complete fabrication of the truth."

Sean Spicer, chief strategist for the Republican National Committee, said convention organizers release credentials in large blocks to state delegations, special guests and media outlets. Officials have little control over where they end up, he said, noting that even protesters from the liberal group Code Pink managed to get into the convention hall.

"People get tickets through various means, including the media," Spicer said. "In no way, shape or form would we ever sanction any group or individual that espoused those views."

Yet Trump's "America First" message, backed by his call for a massive border wall and focus on immigrants who are criminals, has energized people like Spencer. He described their mood as "euphoric."

Seizing on that energy, former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan David Duke on Friday announced a bid for the Senate. The Louisiana Republican likened his policies on trade and immigration to Trump's in an announcement video.

"I'm overjoyed to see Donald Trump and most Americans embrace most of the issues that I've championed for years," Duke said. "My slogan remains 'America First.'"

"America First" was first used in 1940 by the America First Committee, a short-lived isolationist faction that formed to pressure the U.S. government not to join the Allies' war against Germany.

Trump referred to "America First" repeatedly in his convention speech Thursday night, highlighting people murdered by immigrants in the country illegally and warning of rising inner-city crime. Earlier in the week, a convention screen displayed a tweet with the hashtag "#TrumpIsWithYou" from a self-described member of the alt-right, one of the thousands of tweets promoted over the course of the week.

"Nearly 180,000 illegal immigrants with criminal records, ordered deported from our country, are tonight roaming free to threaten peaceful citizens," Trump charged in his speech.

Such a message, combined with the Trump campaign's repeated brushes with white supremacist material on social media, has drawn criticism from Republican leaders. House Speaker Paul Ryan was among those who spoke out against a recent Trump tweet that showed an image shaped like the Star of David over Hillary Clinton's likeness and a pile of money.

Trump has repeatedly re-tweeted messages from Twitter users with questionable profiles, including an individual with the handle "@WhiteGenocideTM."

And late last year, he re-tweeted inaccurate and racially charged crime statistics that vastly overstated the percentage of whites killed by blacks. His team — accidentally, it said — selected as a delegate a white nationalist leader who paid for pro-Trump robo-calls during the GOP primary. He was removed.

There are no indications Trump himself has consciously courted these groups, but the series of errors, compounded by Trump's muddled condemnation of supremacist supporters early in the campaign,

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have forced allies to answer uncomfortable questions as Republican leaders try to improve the party's standing with minority voters.

When asked about Trump's white supremacist supporters, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a Trump ally, noted that Trump has repudiated Duke.

"He'll be more aggressive with Duke than you will have Hillary being with people who are saying terrible things with Black Lives Matter. Let's hear her condemn some of the guys who called for killing cops," Gingrich said.

But Gingrich conceded it bothered him that white supremacists were drawn to the Republican National Convention this year.

"I don't want white supremacists anywhere," Gingrich said. "Trump last night was pretty clear about that. This is a country that has to provide opportunity for everybody."

Yet that wasn't clear to the group gathered at the Ritz-Carlton after the speech. Spencer and a handful of like-minded friends, most wearing convention credentials and Trump paraphernalia, said the nativist overtones — and the series of tweets over the last year — marked a clear nod to them.

"Trust me. Trump thinks like me," Spencer said. "Do you think it's a coincidence that everybody like me loves Trump and supports him?"

Clinton says veep pick Kaine is everything GOP ticket isn't

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MIAMI (AP) — Hillary Clinton debuted running mate Sen. Tim Kaine on Saturday as a can-do progressive committed to social justice and equality — "everything Donald Trump and Mike Pence are not" — at a boisterous rally ahead of next week's Democratic National Convention.

"He is qualified to step into this job and lead from Day One. And he is a progressive who likes to get things done," Clinton declared at Florida International University.

Kaine, a bilingual former Virginia governor, detailed his life in public service. "I like to fight for right," he said.

And, as Clinton smiled broadly at her choice for vice president, Kaine greeted the largely Hispanic audience in Spanish. "We're going to be 'compañeros de alma,' in this great 'lucha' ahead," he said, or "soul mates in this great fight ahead."

Trump, in a text to his own supporters, said President Barack Obama, Clinton and Kaine were "the ultimate insiders" and implored voters to not "let Obama have a 3rd term."

At the splashy rally, Democrats sought to offer a contrast with Trump and Pence, whose first appearance together in a New York City hotel ballroom included a lengthy speech by the GOP businessman and much more limited remarks from Pence, the Indiana governor. The two only briefly posed for photos at their campaign kickoff.

Clinton chose to introduce Kaine as her running mate in the battleground state of Florida, waving to the large crowd of cheering supporters as they bounded on stage with their hands raised in the traditional sign of unity. Clinton sought to present the partnership as one built in optimism, panning the Republican convention, which ended two days earlier, as a display of "fear," "anger and resentment."

She noted that Kaine had taken a year off from Harvard Law School to do missionary work in Honduras and had worked as a civil rights attorney specializing in equal housing. Clinton said Kaine as governor worked with Republicans and helped his home state navigate the Great Recession without sacrificing funding for education.

She also pointed to his work on gun control after the deadly Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, praising

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his efforts to curb gun violence before a nation still reeling from a series of shootings and violence against police.

"Behind that smile Tim also has a backbone of steel. Just ask the NRA," Clinton said.

Choking up, Kaine described the Virginia Tech shooting as the "worst day ... of my life."

Kaine, 58, was long viewed as a likely choice because of his resume in government and his time as chairman of the Democratic National Committee. He also had a particularly powerful backer in Obama, whom Kaine endorsed in 2007. Obama considered him for vice president a year later.

Kaine showed a willingness to mix it up with the Republican ticket, assailing Trump as someone who had left "a trail of broken promises and wrecked lives wherever he goes."

He also vouched for Clinton's trustworthiness, a major liability with voters, telling the crowd, "She has always delivered."

He pointed out that his father-in-law was a Republican governor of Virginia who had integrated the public schools. He called marrying his wife, Anne Holton, "the best decision of my life."

Holton, who wiped away tears during the speech, is the state's education secretary and a former state judge. The couple has three adult children, including a son, Nat, a Marine who is going on a deployment on Monday, aides said.

When the Kaines returned to their northside Richmond home Saturday night, hundreds of well-wishers cheered amid shouts of "We love you, Tim!" Kaine spoke for about 10 minutes amid a hot and humid evening before his wife coaxed him to finish up, telling the crowd, "I've got to get him to bed." The couple planned to attend 9 a.m. Catholic Mass.

Kaine is likely to be a valuable asset for the Democratic ticket in appealing to Hispanic Americans turned off by Trump's harsh rhetoric about immigrants.

Trump was not making public appearances on Saturday but took to Twitter to seek to undercut Clinton's new addition, pointing to the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal and Wall Street as areas where supporters of one-time Clinton rival Bernie Sanders might split with Kaine.

Trump tweeted that Kaine "has been praising the Trans Pacific Partnership and has been pushing hard to get it approved. Job killer!" In a tweet earlier in the day, Trump wrote that Kaine was "owned by the banks. Bernie supporters are outraged, was their last choice. Bernie fought for nothing!"

Kaine is viewed skeptically by some liberals, who dislike his 2015 vote to provide the president with "fast-track authority" on trade deals and recent stances on Wall Street regulations, including rules governing regional banks.

Clinton opposed the TPP during the primary against Sanders, citing concerns about job protections and national security. A Clinton campaign aide said Kaine made clear "in the course of discussions" that he shares Clinton's opposition to the TPP in its current form.

But progressive groups said they want more assurances that the White House, which has pushed the trade deal, won't try to ram it through after the November election.

"The selection increases the burden on Hillary Clinton to pressure the White House to take TPP off the table in a lame-duck Congress," said Adam Green, co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee.

But Larry Cohen, a former president of the Communications Workers of America union and a top Sanders adviser, said Kaine's record needed to be considered in its totality.

"Most Harvard Law graduates don't go into civil rights work in the South," said Cohen, who first met Kaine when he served as Richmond's mayor. "His life has been those kinds of choices. He's never run after big money. He's always run after 'How can I make a difference?'"

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, July 24, the 206th day of 2016. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.
On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar (see-MOHN' boh-LEE'-vahr) was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1862, Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen, died at age 79 in Kinderhook, New York, the town where he was born in 1782.

In 1915, the SS Eastland, a passenger ship carrying more than 2,500 people, rolled onto its side while docked at the Clark Street Bridge on the Chicago River; an estimated 844 people died in the disaster.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in his famous "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1980, comedian-actor Peter Sellers died in London at 54.

In 1991, Nobel Prize-winning author Isaac Bashevis Singer died in Miami at age 87.

In 1998, a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol, killing two police officers before being shot and captured. (The shooter, Russell Eugene Weston Jr., is being held in a federal mental facility.)

In 2002, nine coal miners became trapped in a flooded tunnel of the Quecreek Mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily 77 hours later with the rescue of all nine.

In 2014, Air Algerie Flight 5017, an MD-83 carrying 116 people, crashed in northern Mali, killing all on board; it was the third major international aviation disaster in a week.

Ten years ago: The trial of Saddam Hussein and seven co-defendants resumed in Baghdad without the former Iraqi leader, who remained hospitalized after going on a hunger strike. Rescuers from the U.S. Coast Guard and Alaska Air National Guard saved 23 crew members from a cargo ship taking on water south of the Aleutian Islands.

Five years ago: Thousands of protesters angry about Spain's brutal economic woes once again filled Madrid's downtown Sol square after many had spent weeks marching hundreds of miles from far-flung cities across the country. Cadel (kuh-DEHL') Evans won the Tour de France, becoming the first Australian champion in cycling's greatest race.

One year ago: Fulfilling the hopes of millions of Kenyans, Barack Obama returned to his father's homeland for the first time as U.S. president, a visit long sought by a country that considered him a local son. In a stunning, public attack on his own party leader, Republican Sen. Ted Cruz accused Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of lying, saying he was no better than his Democratic predecessor, Harry Reid, and couldn't be trusted. Two teenage fishermen, Perry Cohen and Austin Stephanos, went missing off Florida's Atlantic coast; their capsized boat was found two days later. AT&T became the country's biggest traditional TV provider with its \$48.5 billion purchase of DirecTV.

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Today's Birthdays: Actor John Aniston is 83. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 81. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 80. Actor Mark Goddard is 80. Actor Dan Hedaya is 76. Actor Chris Sarandon is 74. Comedian Gallagher is 70. Actor Robert Hays is 69. Former Republican national chairman Marc Racicot (RAWS'-koh) is 68. Actor Michael Richards is 67. Actress Lynda Carter is 65. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 64. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., is 63. Country singer Pam Tillis is 59. Actor Paul Ben-Victor is 54. Basketball Hall of Famer Karl Malone is 53. Retired MLB All-Star Barry Bonds is 52. Actor Kadeem Hardison is 51. Actress-singer Kristin Chenoweth is 48. Actress Laura Leighton is 48. Actor John P. Navin Jr. is 48. Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez is 47. Basketball player-turned-actor Rick Fox is 47. Actor Eric Szmanda is 41. Actress Rose Byrne is 37. Country singer Jerrod Niemann is 37. Actress Summer Glau is 35. Actress Elisabeth Moss is 34. Actress Anna Paquin is 34. Actress Megan Park is 30. Actress Mara Wilson is 29. Rock singer Jay McGuiness (The Wanted) is 26. Actress Emily Bett Rickards is 25. TV personality Bindi Irwin is 18.

Thought for Today: "It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't." — Attributed to President Martin Van Buren (1782-1862).