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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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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 Flihs • Sandy Bunn

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

12:00pm: Bridge at Olive Grove

6:00pm: Laides Night at Olive Grove

Wednesday, July 27

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Tom and Nancy Cutler

Birthdays: Ryland Strom • Tony Madsen • Kalli Leonhardt • Lori Herron • Bill Schuelke

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

1:00pm: 1 pm: Rounds staff to visit Groton at the Groton Community Center

6:00pm: Olive Grove Men's League

Thursday, July 28

Full Circle Golf Tourney at Olive Grove

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Bob & Carolyn Snyder

Birthdays: Craig Weber • Blake Ronning • Jasmine Schaller • Julianna Kosel

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Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.
1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204

Win Walking Shoes Or Activity Tracker with #WalkToWinSD Walking Campaign

BROOKINGS, S.D. - To get more South Dakotans moving, SDSU Extension is proud to promote the recently launched Walking Campaign from the South Dakota Department of Health (DOH).

"This campaign is very timely, as the Surgeon General recently released a Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities," said Nikki Prosch, SDSU Extension Health & Physical Activity Field Specialist. "It also helps promote meeting the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines."

"Walking is a great way for individuals of all ages and abilities to increase physical activity, it's easy and requires no equipment," Prosch said. "Walk your dog, walk over lunch, walk to run errands, whatever it might be just walk more."

The campaign emphasizes walking as the single most recommended form of exercise.

Prosch referenced data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System which shows walking is the most reported form of physical activity for 39 percent of South Dakotans and the second most-reported activity for another 10 percent of South Dakotans.

#WalkToWinSD details

The Walking Campaign is paid for and organized by the South Dakota Department of Health. The campaign includes monthly Facebook photo contests through September 2016. Each month's winner will receive a physical activity tracker or walking shoes. To enter, post a walking photo and use the hashtag #WalkToWinSD.

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

Highway 12 Construction in Aberdeen

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Transportation is set to begin a project on Highway 12 and Lamont Street in Aberdeen on Tuesday, July 26.

The contractor will be constructing a turning lane and installing traffic signals at the intersection of Highway 12 and Lamont Street in Aberdeen.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on Highway 12.

Motorists are asked to watch for suddenly slowing and merging traffic, and be aware of construction workers and equipment adjacent to the driving lane.

This work is part of a nearly \$800,000 contract with BX Civil & Construction, Inc. to do repair work on Highway 12 in the Aberdeen region.

The project has an overall completion date of Oct. 14.

For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511.

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Gas Prices Fall to Lowest Point since April

July 25, 2016 – South Dakota's gas price average continues to drift lower. It's now at \$2.25 for a gallon of self-serve regular fuel, fifty-five cents lower than one year ago, according to GasPrices.AAA.com.

It's been over two months since South Dakota's price average was as low as it is today, AAA reports. However, the state's low for 2016 occurred on Feb. 15 when it hit \$1.64. The all-time high price for self-serve regular gasoline in South Dakota was reached on July 18, 2008 when it came in at \$4.091 per gallon.

	Today	Last Week	Change	27-Jun	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.259	\$2.256	\$0.003	\$2.29	-\$0.034	\$2.685
Brookings	\$2.192	\$2.249	-\$0.057	\$2.41	-\$0.222	\$2.745
Huron	\$2.516	\$2.361	\$0.155	\$2.27	\$0.247	\$2.704
Mitchell	\$2.308	\$2.298	\$0.010	\$2.35	-\$0.043	\$2.766
Pierre	\$2.410	\$2.427	-\$0.017	\$2.53	-\$0.119	\$3.072
Rapid City	\$2.398	\$2.407	-\$0.009	\$2.37	\$0.026	\$2.864
Sioux Falls	\$1.992	\$1.986	\$0.006	\$2.19	-\$0.200	\$2.655
Vermillion	\$2.162	\$2.153	\$0.009	\$2.22	-\$0.053	\$2.667
Watertown	\$2.309	\$2.377	-\$0.068	\$2.41	-\$0.105	\$2.793
Yankton	\$2.192	\$2.347	-\$0.155	\$2.39	-\$0.200	\$2.968
South Dakota	\$2.251	\$2.281	-\$0.030	\$2.34	-\$0.087	\$2.805

With abundant fuel supplies across the nation and declining crude oil costs, gas prices dropped in 47 states over the past week, led by double digit drops in several Midwestern states. Gas prices have dropped in 48 states during the previous month with prices down by at least 25 cents per gallon in Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Michigan. Prices are substantially lower than one year ago in every state, headlined by California, where prices are more than a dollar cheaper than this time last year.

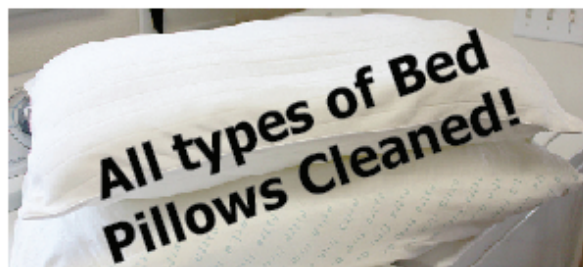
National pump prices have fallen for 43 of the past 44 days, dropping 22 cents during this span. The national average price for regular gasoline sits at \$2.21 per gallon, which is the lowest mark since April and the lowest price for this date since 2004. Today's price is five cents less than one week ago, 15 cents less than one month ago, and 56 cents less than the same date last year.

AAA believes gas prices are likely to remain low for the remainder of the summer compared to recent years. U.S. crude oil supplies are at their highest level for this time of year in 86 years; although domestic oil production has ticked lower each of the past nine months. While oil production has slowed slightly, fuel production has continued to rise. This is supported by data from the American Petroleum Institute, which last week reported fuel deliveries for June were three percent higher than in 2015 and the highest number in nine years. Overall, domestic deliveries are 1.7 percent higher during the first half of 2016 than the same period last year, which is

Pillow Cleaning Day

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

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

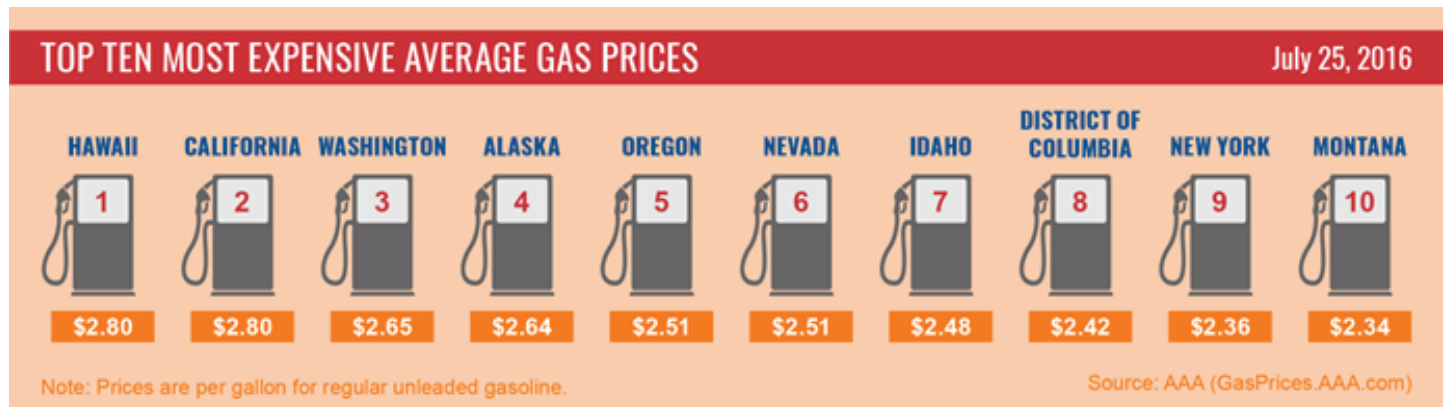
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in line with AAA reports of travelers taking advantage of lower gas prices and hitting the roads in record numbers this year.

Despite the lowest seasonal prices in 12 years, it's important to note the possibility that unexpected events could trigger higher prices later this summer. For example, crude oil costs could rise due to disruptions in supply, stronger than expected economic growth or geopolitical tensions overseas. In addition, regional prices could increase due to refinery problems, production cuts, stronger than anticipated demand, or hurricanes that impact distribution and production.

While gas prices are dropping on the West Coast, it continues to be the most expensive market for gasoline, including the only six states where drivers are paying more than \$2.50 on average:



Less than one percent of U.S. stations are selling gas for more than \$3.00 per gallon today compared to 14 percent on this date last year.

With domestic supplies at their highest seasonal levels in decades, a stronger U.S. dollar, and an uptick in the number of U.S. oil rigs, West Texas Intermediate crude oil is trading at its lowest price since early May. Many analysts have predicted oil prices could drop even further later this year, which would likely lead to lower gas prices for consumers heading into the fall. At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the New York Mercantile Exchange, WTI was down 56 cents to settle at \$44.19 per barrel.

Drivers can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

Britton Grain Terminal

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Monday, August 1st, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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Become the Next Dakota Star at the South Dakota State Fair

HURON, S.D. – Performers can make their voice heard at the South Dakota State Fair and become the next Dakota Star at the Dakota Star Talent Competition sponsored by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union. More than \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to Dakota Star division winners.

The grand prize winner in the adult division wins the title of "2016 Dakota Star," along with a cash prize of \$1,000 and the opportunity to star in his/her own commercial promoting Dakota Star on KTTW Fox. The winner will also have the opportunity to perform on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage during the 2017 South Dakota State Fair and emcee the 2017 Dakota Star talent competition. The 2015 Dakota Star is Liz Kubal from Lesterville, S.D.

There are three age divisions for Dakota Star – Children (up to 11 years), Junior (12 through 17 years) and Adult (18 and older). Applications for the 14th Annual Dakota Star Talent Competition sponsored by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union are now available online at www.sdstatefair.com or at the State Fair office. The deadline for entering the talent competition is Monday, Aug. 22, at 5 p.m.

Preliminary competition begins on Friday, Sept. 2, and ends on Sunday, Sept. 4. Dakota Star finals will be held on Monday, Sept. 5. The talent competition is held on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage.

"As a locally-owned financial cooperative, Dakotaland Federal Credit Union believes strongly in the power of people. The talent found across our great state of South Dakota is worth celebrating and we look forward to showcasing those that take to the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage at the State Fair in 2016," stated Dawn Mutchelknaus, VP of Marketing at Dakotaland Federal Credit Union.

Sponsors of the 2016 Dakota Star are Dakotaland Federal Credit Union and KTTW-FOX. Dakotaland Federal Credit Union has locations in Huron, Volga, Brookings, Madison, Redfield, DeSmet, Mitchell and Woonsocket. With 30,000 members and \$280 million in assets, Dakotaland continues to be locally owned and operated offering a full-line of financial services to its membership since 1935.

The 2016 SD State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 1, through Monday, Sept. 5. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 31. This year's theme is "Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

Agriculture is a major contributor to South Dakota's economy, generating \$25.6 billion in annual economic activity and employing over 115,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club, July 18, at the home of Linda Gengerke with Linda Anderson assisting. Following supper eleven members answered roll call with a vining plant. Important concerning the Northern District SDFGC meeting was read. It will be held August 13, at 11:00 in the Pizza Ranch in Aberdeen. Yard of the week winners have been Sherry Profetta, John and Dodie Martin, Jake Mckiver, Deb Olson, Ron and Katherine Rehfus. Next meeting will be held at Deb Olsons home with Pam Rix assisting, August 15, at 5:30pm. Deb will have the program. Following the meeting Linda Gengerke gave the program " Different Twists on Clemantis. She also gave a garden tour as she has many varieties of Clemanties.

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Today in Weather History

July 26, 1963: An estimated F2 tornado moved northeast from 4 miles northeast of Raymond. Barns and outbuildings were destroyed on one farm, and the home was unroofed. Asphalt was ripped off a state highway.

1819 - Twin cloudbursts of fifteen inches struck almost simultaneously at Catskill, NY, and Westfield, MA. Flash flooding resulted in enormous erosion. (David Ludlum)

1874: Torrential rainfall brought flash flooding to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

1890: During the morning hours, an estimated F3 tornado went through the southern part of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Five hundred people were made homeless as the tornado destroyed 35 homes and damaged 60 others.

1897: Jewel, Maryland received 14.75 inches of rain in a 24 hour period. This record is currently the oldest, state rainfall record in the United States. All other state rainfall records are in the 1900s and 2000s.

1921: On the summit of Mt. Wellenkuppe, in Switzerland, the temperature reached 100 degrees by 10 am. The summit had an elevation of 12,830 feet and was covered in snow.

1931: A swarm of grasshoppers descends on crops throughout the American heartland, devastating millions of acres. Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota, already in the midst of a bad drought, suffered tremendously from this disaster.

1943 - Tishomingo, OK, baked in the heat as the mercury soared to 121 degrees, a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1960 - The temperature at Salt Lake City, UT, hit 107 degrees, an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1979: Tropical Storm Claudette stalled over Alvin, Texas, inundating the town with 45 inches of rain in 42 hours. The total included 43 inches in 24 hours, which is the maximum 24-hour rainfall in American history.








1987 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced hail two inches in diameter in McHenry County, IL, and wind gusts to 70 mph at Auburn, ME. A wind gust of 90 mph was recorded at Blairstown, NJ, before the anemometer broke. The high winds were associated with a small tornado. The record high of 88 degrees at Beckley, WV, was their sixth in a row. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in the Middle Atlantic Coast Region, and in the south central U.S. Eight cities in the northwestern and north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Salem, OR, hit 103 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Morning thunderstorms produced heavy rain in southeastern Texas, with more than three inches reported at the Wildlife Refuge in southwestern Chambers County. Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Montana, with wind gusts to 62 mph reported at Helena. Eight cities from Maine to Minnesota reported record high temperatures for the date, including Newark, NJ, with a reading of 99 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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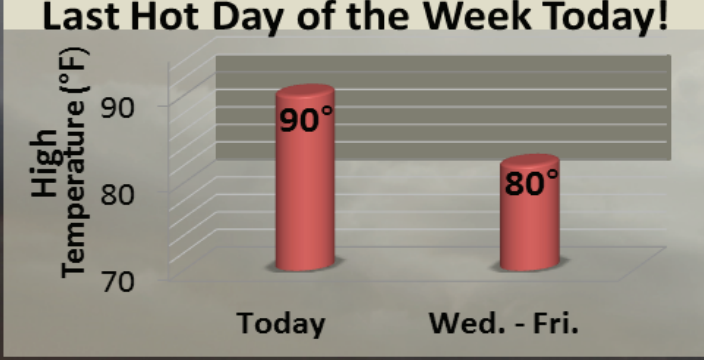
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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
 50%	 60%	 30%	 10%			 30%
Chance T-storms	T-storms Likely	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms
High: 87 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 80 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 79 °F

Off and on Thunderstorms through Wednesday

Some storms could be strong to severe this evening


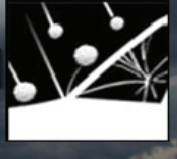

Last Hot Day of the Week Today!






High Temperature (°F)

Day	High Temperature (°F)
Today	90°
Wed. - Fri.	80°

Main Threats

- Lightning 
- Large Hail 
- Strong Damaging Winds 

 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 7/26/2016 5:10 AM Central

Off and on Showers and thunderstorms are expected through Wednesday, as a cold front sinks south across the region, and several upper level disturbances move overhead. Some storms could be strong to severe, especially this evening. Highs today will top out near 90 degrees. 80 degree temperatures will be common for the rest of the work week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 90.5 F at 4:20 PM

Heat Index: 95.0 at 4:17 PM

Low Outside Temp: 58.1 F at 6:33 AM

High Gust: 24.0 Mph at 3:27 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 112° in 1931

Record Low: 42 in 1962

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 2.60

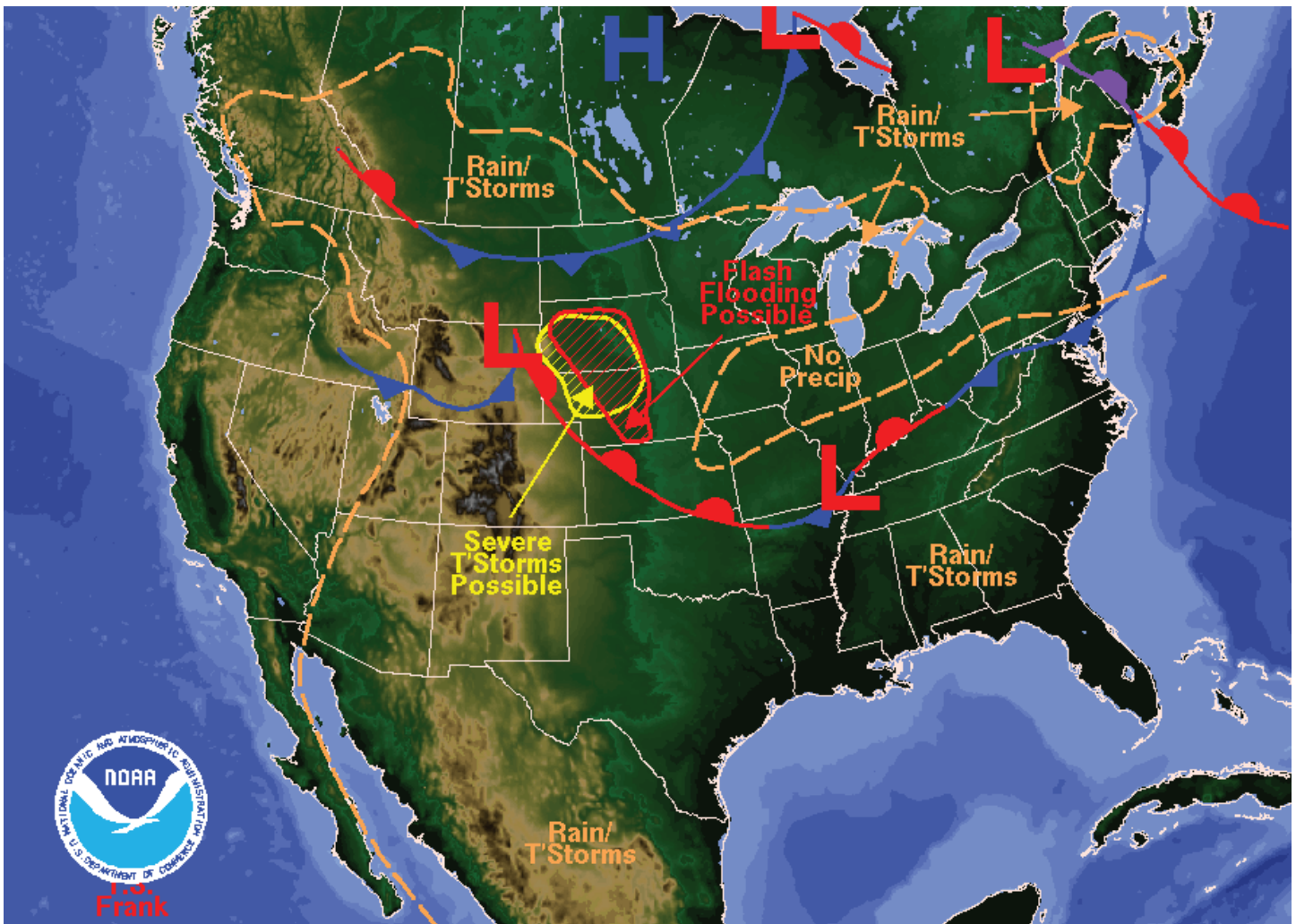
Precip to date in July: 3.55

Average Precip to date: 13.44

Precip Year to Date: 10.21

Sunset Tonight: 9:08 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:12 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jul 26, 2016, issued 4:35 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE TYPEWRITER

C.L. Sholes enjoyed building things. He spent many hours alone trying to make life better through his inventions. One of his serious ambitions was to make a machine that would print his thoughts faster than he could write them. From this desire came the typewriter.

He worked on this "machine" for years. At the end of the Civil War he made an agreement with Remington and Sons to manufacture 1,000 typewriters. They were to sell for \$125.00 each. But the people who bought them and the people who tried them out were not impressed. In fact, the company was about to go bankrupt in 1880.

Then one of their salesmen thought of the business community. He reasoned that if the people who wrote important letters could do it faster and neater it would make businesses more profitable. He was right! In six years nearly every business office that could afford a typewriter had a typewriter.

The Psalmist said, "Happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord." Our God is the God of hope and help. What more is there?

Often we have what it takes to make a difference in our life and in the lives of others. We try but nothing happens. But when we offer whatever we have to God and ask Him to bless it for His good, we can count on His help and hope that He will reward us for our faithfulness.

Prayer: Lord, may we use every gift and talent You have given us to honor You. May the work of our hands and the desires of our hearts bring goodness to all. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. Psalm 146:5

News from the Associated Press

Sturgis jailbreak thwarted; 2 guards suffer minor injuries

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Charges are pending against four inmates who tried to escape from the Meade County Jail in Sturgis, injuring two guards in the process.

The sheriff's office says the inmates assaulted the two correctional officers while they were checking cells about 2 a.m. Monday.

Two of the inmates were quickly stopped by staff while two others made it into a hallway and unsuccessfully tried to break through two windows in a visitation area.

The two guards were treated for minor injuries and released from medical care.

The inmates were in jail on charges ranging from burglary to drug possession.

Teen accused in Sioux Falls beating death charged as adult

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The 16-year-old suspect in what Sioux Falls police say was a beating death over the weekend is being charged as an adult.

Wilson Hughes is charged with first-degree manslaughter in the death late Friday or early Saturday of 18-year-old Arick Strauser.

Hughes appeared in court on Monday but did not enter a plea. A judge set bond at \$500,000 cash. Hughes' defense attorneys declined comment to the Argus Leader newspaper.

Authorities say Strauser died late Friday or early Saturday after an altercation with a group of teenagers. Police allege that Hughes beat Strauser to death with his hands and feet.

Police say a video posted on social media showing a group of teenagers encountering Strauser helped the investigation, and that more arrests are possible.

Shooting at Rapid City apartment kills 1, injures 1

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — One person is dead and another injured after a shooting at a Rapid City apartment building.

Police officers responded to a report of shots fired about 7:30 p.m. Monday and found the two wounded males. Authorities believe one male was shot inside an apartment, and the male suspected of doing the initial shooting was himself shot outside the building.

Authorities have not said who was responsible for the second shooting. The department did say no officers were involved in the shooting, and that a private security guard was at the scene.

Both males were taken to a hospital, where one died and one was in unknown condition.

Police Chief Karl Jegeris says both guns involved in the shooting have been recovered, and there is no threat to public safety.

Water outage planned for several hours in eastern Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Part of eastern Pierre is going to experience a water outage for a few hours.

The city of Pierre says the roughly three-hour outage will happen Tuesday morning. It's expected to occur between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Residents along East Green Street and South Roosevelt Avenue will be affected, as well as customers to the east including the county jail and the National Guard's Armory.

Service will be temporarily interrupted to let the city replace a water valve that's malfunctioning. Ex-

cavation work was expected to start Monday.

The city is individually notifying impacted customers.

South Dakota Democratic delegates unify around Clinton

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota delegates are in Philadelphia for the 2016 Democratic National Convention this week. Here's a look at the state delegation's thoughts on the convention to nominate Hillary Clinton as the party's standard-bearer:

DEMOCRATIC UNITY?

The South Dakota delegation — consisting of 10 delegates for Clinton, 10 for her primary rival Bernie Sanders and five superdelegates supporting Clinton — appears unified around the former secretary of state, said Clinton delegate Rick Weiland.

"I don't sense a lot of disunity," Weiland said. "I think people are pretty excited."

The goal is for a strong message of party unity at the convention to make sure Republican nominee Donald Trump is defeated in the fall, said state Democratic Party Chairwoman Ann Tornberg, a superdelegate supporting Clinton.

Cully Williams, a Sanders delegate, said the senator's supporters from South Dakota are starting to fall in line behind Clinton, who triumphed in the state's June presidential primary.

"Nobody's running out and getting Hillary Clinton tattoos or anything like that," Williams said, referring to Clinton as a plan B who is better than Trump. "She's not Satan reincarnate like some people would have you believe, and I think that she may not carry the torch as far as we want her to, but she's still going to get a decent ways there."

But Sanders delegate Clara Hart said she remains skeptical of the party's presumptive nominee. Clinton has to prove that she's going to take on some of the issues that Sanders staked out during the primary campaign, including college tuition affordability and not catering to Wall Street, Hart said.

Democrats are also trying to overcome anger from Sanders supporters over leaked emails indicating staffers at the Democratic National Committee favored Clinton over Sanders.

BOOSTING CLINTON

South Dakota delegates said Clinton could have a better chance of winning the deep red state in the fall than in the recent past. Republicans returning from last week's GOP's national convention were confident Trump would claim victory.

Tornberg acknowledged that the last time a Democrat carried South Dakota was Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. Republicans now hold every statewide office and supermajorities in both legislative chambers.

"If it happens, it'll be narrow," Tornberg said. "That's the only prediction I would make, is that I don't think Republicans in South Dakota are thrilled with Donald Trump, and I think that we have a better chance than we have in decades."

GETTING INVOLVED

Former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, a superdelegate supporting Clinton, will speak to South Dakota attendees Tuesday morning. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is also among speakers set to address the delegation later this week.

South Dakota U.S. House candidate Paula Hawks, a state representative, is set to participate in a panel about rural issues, according to a spokesman, and Senate candidate Jay Williams is also attending the convention.

Man who led police on a 3-county chase sentenced to 5 years

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A man who led police on an hour-long chase through three counties has been sentenced to five years in prison.

The incident happened in March 2015 after William Schneider was pulled over on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation for an outstanding warrant. Schneider pleaded guilty to assaulting a federal officer and false statements.

Authorities say one of the officers was hurt and required medical treatment after he tried to stop Schneider from driving away. Schneider allegedly drove as fast as 95 mph during the chase and ordered a passenger to throw out a bag of drugs and a firearm.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland ordered Schneider to serve three years of supervised release when his prison term ends.

The Standing Rock reservation straddles the North and South Dakota border.

Extreme heat, humidity stress South Dakota crops, livestock

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service says extreme heat and humidity has impacted much of South Dakota and stressed crops, rangeland and livestock.

The Agriculture Department says in its latest crop progress report that showers and storms gave some areas relief, but rain totals varied and left many places with little precipitation.

Winter wheat harvested was 82 percent, which is ahead of 36 percent last year. Spring wheat harvested was 20 percent, which is ahead of 1 percent last year.

Oats harvested was 58 percent compared to 33 percent last year.

South Dakota man faces felony in Brand Board theft case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of withholding money while he worked at the State Brand Board faces a felony grand theft charge.

Prosecutors said Monday that 31-year-old Chad Cordell faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.

An indictment says the alleged theft occurred between 2011 and March 2016.

Lawrence County State's Attorney John Fitzgerald says Cordell was an inspector who received a fee for inspecting livestock but didn't send the money in to the state.

Court records don't list an attorney for Cordell, and a working phone number for him couldn't be located.

State employment records list Cordell as "inactive." Brand Board Director Debbie Trapp didn't immediately return an email requesting comment.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the case.

Sioux Falls police identify victim in manslaughter case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have identified a man who died over the weekend after apparently having an altercation with a group of teenagers.

A 16-year-old Sioux Falls boy faces a manslaughter charge in the death late Friday or early Saturday of 18-year-old Arick Strauser. Capt. Blaine Larsen says the boy allegedly beat Strauser to death with his hands and feet.

Police say a video posted on social media showing a group of five teenagers encountering Strauser

helped the investigation.

The boy has not been identified because of his age. Police say more arrests are possible.

Motorcycle rider killed in crash with pickup near Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG, S.D. (AP) — A crash in Potter County involving a pickup truck and a motorcycle killed the 23-year-old man driving the motorcycle.

The Highway Patrol says the pickup was making a turn on U.S. Highway 212 about 6 miles east of Gettysburg when it collided with the motorcycle about 10 p.m. Sunday.

The motorcycle driver later died of his injuries. The 59-year-old pickup driver was not hurt. Authorities did not immediately name the people involved.

2 attackers slay priest in Normandy church, are shot dead

ELAINE GANLEY, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Two attackers invaded a church Tuesday during morning Mass near the Normandy city of Rouen, killing an 84-year-old priest by slitting his throat and taking hostages before being shot and killed by police, French officials said.

Another person inside the church was seriously injured and is hovering between life and death, Interior Ministry spokesman Pierre-Henry Brandet said.

Police managed to rescue three other people inside the church in the small northwestern town of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, Brandet told reporters, and the two attackers were killed outside the church.

The identities of the attackers and motive for the attack are unclear, according to a French security official who was not authorized to be publicly named.

Brandet said the RAID special intervention force was searching the perimeter of the church ahead of entering for possible explosives and terrorism investigators had been summoned.

"The investigations are ongoing. There are still unknowns," Brandet said. "There are dogs, explosive detectors and bomb disposal services and as long as there are still unknowns, the judicial police cannot get inside the site. It's a dramatic situation."

It was the first known attack inside a French church in recent times. One was targeted last year, but the attack never was carried out. The anti-terrorism division of the Paris prosecutor's office immediately opened an investigation.

French President Francois Hollande traveled to the town. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve was also visiting.

Dominique Lebrun, the archbishop of Rouen, confirmed the death of 84-year-old Rev. Jacques Hamel.

"I cry out to God, with all men of good will. And I invite all non-believers to unite with this cry," Lebrun wrote in a statement from Krakow, Poland, where Pope Francis was visiting. "The Catholic Church has no other arms besides prayer and fraternity between men."

France is currently on high alert after an attack in Nice on Bastille Day — July 14 — that killed 84 people and a string of deadly attacks last year claimed by the Islamic State group that killed 147 others. France is also under a state of emergency and has extra police presence after the Nice attack, where man barreled his truck down the city's famed Promenade des Anglais, mowing down holiday crowds.

Islamic State extremists have urged followers to attack French churches and the group is believed to have planned at least one church attack earlier.

In April 2015, an Algerian student who was arrested after shooting himself in the leg was found with heavy weapons, bulletproof vests and documents linked to Islamic State. He is charged with killing a young woman inside her car the same day. According to French authorities, the suspect, Sid Ahmed

Ghلام, was sent by the Belgian Abdelhamid Abaaoud to attack a church in Villejuif, just outside of Paris. A cell directed by Abaaoud later carried out the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that left 130 people dead and the March 22 attacks in Brussels that killed 32 people.

Mom: Warning didn't keep slain son safe at Florida nightclub

TERRY SPENCER, Associated Press

TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

KELLI KENNEDY, Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Stephanie White clutched a stack of photos while sitting in a chair in her home. The television was on, loud, and turned to the local news. A story came on about the mass shooting at a nightclub that took her baby's life.

"My son," said White, tired and dejected Monday afternoon. She waved a hand at the television. "There's another picture of him."

Her son was one of two teenagers killed early Monday at Club Blu, the latest in a string of mass shootings across the nation this summer. With the Orlando massacre at the Pulse nightclub still fresh on her mind, White had advised her 18-year-old on what to do if there was a shooting: "Hit the floor; find a table."

But when gunfire erupted in the parking lot of the Fort Myers club, 18-year-old Stef'an Strawder didn't have anywhere to hide. He was killed along with a 14-year-old boy. Seventeen people ranging in age from 12 to 27 were wounded during the swimsuit-themed party for teens.

"I told him to look for all the exits if any kind of shooting would go off, to hit the floor, find a table and get out of the way ... because I thought about the people in Orlando. That was a big thing," White told The Associated Press.

Because the shooting happened in the parking lot, "he didn't have that chance," she said.

Florida is again reeling from a mass shooting at a nightclub, but instead of being committed by an extremist spouting Islamist ideology, this rampage may have started with an argument about a rap performance. Police have not yet released a motive.

Monday's shooting was followed by a visit from the governor, makeshift memorials of flowers and prayer vigils.

"It's difficult to understand and difficult to wrap your brain around," said Teresa Furlough, an elementary school teacher and the mother of three children, ages 18, 16 and 15, none of whom were at the club. Furlough attended one of three vigils Monday evening.

"We're pro-life when it comes to certain situations, but we're not pro-life for every situation," she said. "These people didn't respect the sanctity of life."

The shooting at a venue tucked in a strip mall also left 14-year-old Sean Archilles dead, and a state grappling with another tragedy. The massacre at Orlando's Pulse nightclub last month killed 49 patrons and wounded dozens.

Fort Myers interim Police Chief Dennis Eads said the shooting was not an act of terrorism. Police detained three people and were searching for others, he added.

In a news release, officials said they investigated two suspicious vehicles near the club in the aftermath of the shooting; one vehicle fled and led officers on a chase, eventually stopping. Two men ran from the car, the release said, and the driver accelerated toward officers, one of whom shot the man in the abdomen. That man, who was treated and released from a hospital, was charged with aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer and fleeing. Police haven't said whether the men were involved in

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the shooting.

The chief declined to give a motive for the shooting or discuss details, saying the investigation is ongoing.

The shooting happened about 12:30 a.m. Monday, just as the club was closing and parents were picking up their children.

Security guard Brandy Mclaughlin, who was hired for the event, said she saw someone with a semi-automatic rifle open fire, with the attack sounding like "firecrackers."

"The rapper was upset, someone not being able to perform," she said. "It wasn't targeted, terrorist or gays, or anything like that. It wasn't a black or white situation. It was an idiot. An idiot with a firearm."

Club owner Cheryl Filardi, who said she was in the back room when the shots rang out, said at least 10 security guards were hired for the party — two in the parking lot, one or two at the door and the rest floating inside.

She said the club has had four or five teen parties over the past half-dozen years, and this was the second one this summer. She said the parties are something positive for a rough and often-violent neighborhood.

"To be honest with you, every day someone's getting shot in this area. These days in Lee County, somebody's always shooting," Filardi said. "If we do teen parties, we always have a ton of security and we've never had a problem."

State records show this wasn't the first time violence had broken out at Club Blu.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation records show two separate shootings occurred just outside the club on the same night in May 2015. Two men were each shot in the leg but told police they did not want to press charges.

Although beer posters still hung in its windows, Club Blu's alcohol license was revoked June 7 because of issues related to its business records, regulators said.

Miami mother tells court missing toddler is dead

MIAMI (AP) — Miami police are continuing to search for a missing 2-year-old, even though the child's mother has told a judge that the child died.

Media outlets report 30-year-old Marjorie Dufrene told Miami Circuit Court Judge Cindy Lederman last week that her daughter, Angela, was dead.

According to courtroom audio, Lederman asked Dufrene where Angela was. Dufrene's attorney, who is not named in the audio, replied that he would assert her right against self-incrimination.

The girl's disappearance was discovered last week after an anonymous tip spurred an investigation by the Florida Department of Children and Families. Dufrene hasn't been charged with a crime.

Police believe Angela was last seen in November 2015 in the area of the apartment she lived in, located in Miami's Overtown neighborhood. The family doesn't live in the apartment anymore.

The Latest: Sarandon waits to be convinced to back Clinton

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Latest on the Democratic National Convention (all times local):
6:25 a.m.

Susan Sarandon says she's waiting to be persuaded to support Hillary Clinton before giving her vote. The actress is attending the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia and has been taking part in demonstrations with various groups.

Sarandon has been an outspoken supporter of Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. In an interview with

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left-leaning website Democracy Now, she says she wants to see what Clinton's plans for are on issues such as fracking and the Trans-Pacific Partnership. She says she wants to be "convinced" by the likely Democratic nominee.

In a separate interview with left-wing online network, The Young Turks, Sarandon calls the leaked e-mails that show the Democratic National Committee and chairwoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz strongly backing Clinton for the party bid, "disgusting." But she adds, "it doesn't come as a surprise."

6:00 a.m.

A Russian presidential spokesman has accused U.S. politicians of being paranoid about Russia allegedly backing Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential race.

Hillary Clinton's campaign on Monday blamed Russia for hacking the party's computers and suggested the goal was to benefit Trump's campaign. Trump has denied the accusations.

Dmitry Peskov, spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin, said on Tuesday that that allegation is just another "paranoid" attempt by American politicians to play the Russian card during the campaign. Peskov also denied reports that Trump's foreign policy adviser Carter Page during his visit to Moscow earlier this month met with Putin's chief of staff.

4:45 a.m.

Secretary of State John Kerry says he raised the email hack of the Democratic National Committee with Russia's top diplomat but stopped short of making any allegation about who might be responsible.

Kerry told reporters Tuesday he brought the matter up with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov at a meeting in Laos and explained that the FBI was investigating. He did not, however, repeat allegations or echo suspicions that Russia was responsible for the hack and said he would not draw conclusions until the probe is complete. "I raised the question and we will continue to work to see precisely what those facts are," Kerry said. He would not say if Lavrov responded.

Asked about the allegations earlier, Lavrov scoffed, saying: "I don't want to use 4-letter words."

Sanders urges fans to rally behind Clinton as DNC heats up

GEOFF MULVIHILL, Associated Press

MEGAN TRIMBLE, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sen. Bernie Sanders urged supporters to rally behind Hillary Clinton at the Democratic convention, but ardent followers who marched for hours in punishing heat Monday and planned to do so again seemed intent on keeping his upstart campaign alive.

"Based on her ideas and her leadership, Hillary Clinton must become the next president of the United States," Sanders said. "The choice is not even close."

Sanders encouraged his supporters to fall in line with Clinton after dozens were cited for climbing barricades outside the convention. Many pro-Sanders demonstrators expressed disgust with party leaders after leaked emails suggested they had favored Clinton over the Vermont senator during the primary race.

Another series of protests and rallies was planned for Tuesday, the anger reflecting the rift inside the Democratic Party and the convention hall itself between Sanders' supporters and Clinton's. Debbie Wasserman Schultz resigned as Democratic Party chairwoman Sunday over leaked emails suggesting that the supposedly neutral Democratic National Committee played favorites during the primaries by siding with Clinton and bad-mouthing Sanders.

As Sanders' supporters marched 4 miles from City Hall to the convention site Monday afternoon, they chanted "Hey, hey, ho, ho, the DNC has got to go!" and carried signs reading, "Never Hillary," "Just Go

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to Jail Hillary” and “You Lost Me at Hillary.”

Police moved metal fences into place as tensions mounted outside the Wells Fargo Center, and closed the nearest subway station to arriving trains. Fifty-five people were issued citations as they tried to breach police barricades at the edge of the security zone surrounding the convention, police said.

Destine Madu, a protester from Maplewood, New Jersey, said it doesn't matter if Sanders is calling on his backers to support Hillary Clinton.

“He's like a Moses,” she said. “He led us to the promised land.”

Deborah Armstrong, of Spokane, Washington, said she and her husband went bankrupt because of his health problems, which required a heart transplant.

“I'm Bernie or bust,” she said. “I'm not going to have Trump held up to our head like a gun.”

The demonstrators espoused a variety of causes, including economic justice, socialism and marijuana legalization. With Sanders out of the race, some of them were backing Green Party candidate Jill Stein.

The four-day convention is far removed from City Hall and the skyscrapers of Center City.

In contrast, the Republican convention last week in Cleveland was held in a bustling part of the city. A heavy police presence and fewer than expected protesters helped authorities maintain order. Only about two dozen arrests were made.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. 'GLASS CEILING' SHATTERING AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

With a roll call of the states, Hillary Clinton will become the first woman to lead a major party into a White House race.

2. SANDERS TO SUPPORTERS: RALLY TO BEAT TRUMP

The Vermont senator embraces former rival Clinton as a champion for the same economic causes that enlivened his supporters.

3. 19 KILLED IN KNIFING NEAR TOKYO

A Japanese man who slashed the throats of dozens of patients at a facility for the mentally disabled reportedly sent a letter to Parliament outlining the bloody plan.

4. 2 ATTACKERS, 1 HOSTAGE KILLED IN FRENCH CHURCH

Two attackers seize hostages in a church near the Normandy city of Rouen, killing one hostage by slitting their throat before being killed by police, a security official says.

5. GERMANY VOWS MORE CHECKING OF MIGRANTS AFTER ATTACKS

Top security officials in the country call for tougher security screening of asylum-seekers and announce that more police officers will be hired.

6. FLORIDA VICTIM'S MOTHER URGED CAUTION

In the aftermath of the Pulse nightclub massacre in Orlando, Stephanie White advised her 18-year-old son on how to stay safe. Stef'an Strawder was one of two teens killed at Club Blu in Fort Myers.

7. WHO IS UNLIKELY ALLY IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PUSH

The landing in United Arab Emirates of a solar-powered plane underscores the significant number of clean energy initiatives out of this major OPEC oil producer.

8. WHAT SRI LANKA IS LOOKING TO PROTECT

Tens of thousands of acres of mangrove forests — the seawater-tolerant trees that help protect and build landmasses, better absorb carbon and reduce the impact of natural disasters.

9. HOW CRAFT BREWERIES ARE TRYING TO STAND OUT

Cone heads, zombies, beards, bananas — they are some of the creative beer tap handles that have become a big business as the number of specialty breweries skyrockets.

10. SARAH SILVERMAN: BERNIE-OR-BUST DEMS 'BEING RIDICULOUS'

The comedian joined Sen. Al Franken to urge Democratic delegates to unite — then stirred up Sanders die-hards with some choice words.

History and hostility as Clinton ascends to nomination

KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press

CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A glass ceiling is shattering at the Democratic National Convention as Hillary Clinton ascends to the presidential nomination with Tuesday's roll call of the states, making her the first woman to lead a major party into a White House race.

But as history is being made, hostility is being heard, too. Rhetorically, at least, die-hard Bernie Sanders' supporters also are breaking some glass, loudly protesting his treatment by the party and still cold to Clinton even as Sanders appeals for Democrats to unify and defeat Republican Donald Trump, "a bully and a demagogue."

What was expected to be a tightly orchestrated convention, run with all the professionalism and experience that were lacking at Trump's often-chaotic affair in Ohio, instead showed its rough edges in the early going, starting with chants of "Bernie" during the opening invocation and boos at numerous mentions of Clinton's name.

First lady Michelle Obama gave a heartfelt endorsement of the candidate who engaged her husband in a fierce struggle for the nomination in 2008. "I trust Hillary to lead this country," she said in a speech that provided a parent's-eye view of the White House and its power.

Liberal favorite Elizabeth Warren, senator from Massachusetts, and Sanders himself also gave the party something to cheer about Monday night.

While Mrs. Obama has often avoided overt politics, her frustration with Trump's rise was evident. Without naming him, she warned that the White House couldn't be in the hands of someone with "a thin skin or a tendency to lash out" or someone who tells voters the country can be great again. "This right now, is the greatest country on earth," she said.

Sanders took the stage to a sustained roar and shouts of "We love you, Bernie." Some of his supporters were in tears.

While asserting "our revolution continues," the Vermont senator implored his restive followers to get behind Clinton. On issues of poverty, immigration, environmental protection and more, he said, Clinton's election counts. "If you don't believe that this election is important," he said, "take a moment to think about the Supreme Court justices that Donald Trump would nominate."

Democrats made a pronounced effort to showcase their diversity, salting the lineup from the stage with black, Hispanic, gay and disabled speakers in an obvious counterpoint to Trump and the various groups he has upset with his remarks.

The convention opened in a dustup over leaked emails showing the party's pro-Clinton, anti-Sanders slant during the primaries, when it was supposed to be neutral. In the uproar, party chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida went swiftly into exile, first giving up her position, then the convention's opening-day gavel after being roundly booed by Sanders partisans at a meeting of her home-state delegation.

Sanders delegate Gian Carlo Espinosa, 29, of Key West, Florida, said he would not abandon protests,

as Sanders urged. "Why else are we here?" he asked. "The people that we're representing are displeased with the party. We have to get that across somehow." This, despite Sanders telling his backers in an email and text message: "Our credibility as a movement will be damaged by booing, turning of backs, walking out or other similar displays."

In roasting heat, spirited protests unfolded outside, another echo of the Republican convention in Cleveland. Several hundred Sanders backers marched down Philadelphia streets, with signs saying "Never Hillary." One said, "Just go to jail, Hillary," a takeoff on cries at the Republican convention to "lock her up."

Nevertheless, Clinton was firmly on track to write the next chapter of a story that left off in 2008, when she conceded the Democratic presidential race to Barack Obama in a speech that lamented "we weren't able to shatter that highest, hardest glass ceiling this time," but added proudly, "it's got about 18 million cracks in it," a tally of her primary votes.

The roll call, when each state announces its delegate totals from the primary season, will affirm a nomination Clinton locked up weeks ago. One question of the day was whether Sanders would press for a count by all the states, as his delegates want, or interrupt the process to ask that her nomination be approved by acclamation. That's what Clinton did on Obama's behalf in 2008 to indicate their rivalry was truly over.

Clinton promised an uplifting counterpoint to Trump's dark portrayal of the state of the nation, but the fallout from some 19,000 leaked Democratic National Committee emails threatened to complicate those plans.

Michael Buratowski, an analyst with the cybersecurity firm the Democrats employed, said he found evidence of Russian involvement, such as the use of a Russian-language keyboard and time-offs that coincided with Russian business hours in what he described as an attack too sophisticated to be the work of freelance hackers. The hackers took at least a year's worth of detailed chats, emails and research on Trump, according to a person knowledgeable of the breach who wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

As the convention began, the DNC released a statement apologizing to Sanders and his supporters "for the inexcusable remarks made over email."

The statement was signed by DNC leaders, though Wasserman Schultz's name was notably absent.

Letter foretold Japan rampage that killed 19 disabled people

MARI YAMAGUCHI, Associated Press

YURI KAGEYAMA, Associated Press

SAGAMIHARA, Japan (AP) — A young Japanese man went on a stabbing rampage Tuesday at a facility for the mentally disabled where he had been fired, police said, killing 19 people months after he gave a letter to Parliament outlining the bloody plan and saying all disabled people should be put to death.

When he was done, Satoshi Uematsu, 26, had left dead or injured nearly a third of the almost 150 patients at the facility in a matter of 40 minutes in the early Tuesday attack, the deadliest mass killing in Japan in decades, authorities said. Twenty-five were wounded, 20 of them seriously.

Security camera footage played on TV news programs showed a man driving up in a black car and carrying several knives to the Tsukui Yamayuri-en facility in Sagami-hara, 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Tokyo. The man broke in by shattering a window at 2:10 a.m., according to a prefectural health official, and then set about slashing the patients' throats.

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Details of how he did that, and if the victims were asleep or otherwise helpless, were not immediately known, although a letter he sent to Japan's Parliament in February gave a peek into Uematsu's dark turmoil.

He calmly turned himself in about two hours after the attack, police said.

Tsukui Yamayuri-en, which means mountain lily garden, was a facility Uematsu knew well, having worked there since 2012 until he was let go in February.

He knew the staffing would be down to just a handful in the wee hours of the morning, Japanese media reports said.

Not much is known yet about his background, but Uematsu once dreamed of becoming a teacher. In two group photos posted on his Facebook, he looks happy, smiling widely with other young men.

"It was so much fun today. Thank you, all. Now I am 23, but please be friends forever," a 2013 post says.

But somewhere along the way, things went terribly awry.

Uematsu began to tell people around him that disabled people needed to be killed. In February, he tried to hand deliver a letter he wrote to Parliament's lower house speaker demanding all disabled people be put to death through "a world that allows for mercy killing," Kyodo news agency and TBS TV reported.

Uematsu boasted in the letter that he had the ability to kill 470 disabled people in what he called was "a revolution," and outlined an attack on two facilities, after which he said he will turn himself in. He also asked he be judged innocent on grounds of insanity, be given 500 million yen (\$5 million) in aid and plastic surgery so he could lead a normal life afterward.

The letter was reprinted by Kyodo after the attack.

"My reasoning is that I may be able to revitalize the world economy and I thought it may be possible to prevent World War III," the rambling letter says.

The letter, which the Tokyo police got, included Uematsu's name, address and telephone number, and reports of his threats were relayed to local police where Uematsu lived, Kyodo said.

Kanagawa Gov. Yuji Kuroiwa apologized for having failed to act on the warning signs.

From his time working at the facility, Uematsu was known to people in the area, and some said he was so polite and upstanding that they found the news shocking.

Akihiro Hasegawa, who lived next door to Uematsu, said he heard Uematsu had gotten in trouble with the facility, initially over sporting a tattoo, often frowned upon in mainstream Japanese society because of its association with criminal groups.

"He was just an ordinary young fellow," he said.

Yasuyuki Deguchi, a criminologist, said Uematsu's alleged actions were typical of someone who bears a grudge and seeks revenge, because it appeared he planned out the attack, and then he turned himself into police.

"Accomplishing his goal was all he wanted," Deguchi said on TV Asahi.

Michael Gillan Peckitt, a lecturer in clinical philosophy at Osaka University in central Japan, and an expert on disabled people's issues in Japan, said the attack speaks more about Uematsu than the treatment of the disabled in Japan.

"It highlights the need for an early-intervention system in the Japanese mental health system. Someone doesn't get to that state without some symptoms of mental illness," he said.

Mass killings are rare in Japan. Because of the country's extremely strict gun-control laws, any attacker usually resorts to stabbings. In 2008, seven people were killed by a man who slammed a truck into a crowd of people in central Tokyo's Akihabara electronics district and then stabbed passers-by.

In 2001, a man killed eight children and injured 13 others in a knife attack at an elementary school in

the city of Osaka. The incident shocked Japan and led to increased security at schools.

As recent as earlier this month, a man stabbed four people at a library in northeastern Japan, allegedly over their improper handling of his questions, although no one died.

In 2010, 14 were injured by an unemployed man who stabbed and beat up passengers on two public buses outside a Japanese train station in Ibaraki Prefecture, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) northeast of Tokyo.

Kerry: Progress with Russia on Syria despite military doubts

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MATTHEW LEE, Associated Press

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said progress is being made with Russia on a potential military partnership that could strengthen a faltering truce in Syria despite grave doubts expressed by the Pentagon and joint chiefs of staff.

Speaking Tuesday after meeting Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Laos, Kerry made no promises of success but said he hoped discussions with Russia could produce a tangible result in the next week to 10 days.

"My hope would be that somewhere in early August — the first week or so, somewhere in there — we would be in a position to be able stand up in front of you and tell you what we're able to do with the hopes that it can make a difference to the lives of people in Syria and to the course of the war," he said.

His comments followed remarks from Defense Secretary Ash Carter on Monday in which he said Kerry's efforts with Russia have been complicated by the fact that Russia is focused mainly on supporting the Syrian government, which he said has had the effect of prolonging the civil war.

"We had hoped that they would promote a political solution and transition to put an end to the civil war, which is the beginning of all this violence in Syria, and then combat extremists rather than moderate opposition, which has to be part of that transition," Carter said at a Pentagon news conference with Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "So they're a long way from doing that."

When a reporter told Carter that he sounded unenthusiastic about the Kerry effort, Carter said, "No, I'm very enthusiastic about the idea of the Russians getting on side and doing the right thing. And I think that would be a good thing if they did. I think we're a ways from getting that frame of mind in Russia. But that's what Secretary Kerry is working toward."

Kerry said he appreciated Carter's words and that his talks with Lavrov, as well as technical discussions at lower levels, would be continuing "to work through to details in order to make certain that the doubts expressed by Secretary Carter by Chairman Dunford or doubts expressed by (Russian) President (Vladimir) Putin and the Russians are going to be addressed ahead of time."

Kerry has been talking to Russian officials about a proposal in which the U.S. would share intelligence and targeting information with the Russians. In exchange Moscow would use its influence with the Syrian regime to effectively ground the Syrian air force and promote a political solution to a civil war that has killed as many as a half a million people.

Both Carter and Dunford said any arrangement with the Russians to coordinate military action in Syria would be transactional and not based on trust.

Kerry's talks with Lavrov in Laos on Tuesday and with Putin in Moscow 10 days ago came after a leaked proposal showed the U.S. offering Russia a broad new military partnership against IS and the Nusra Front, which is al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate. Several conditions would apply, including Russia committing to grounding Syria's bombers and starting a long-sought political transition process.

Dunford denied reports that U.S.-backed opposition forces have coordinated with Nusra in some cases.

"We don't have any indication that the forces that we are providing support to in Syria are cooperating or intermingled with al-Nusra," the general said.

Solar plane's arrival highlights UAE's clean-energy push

ADAM SCHRECK, Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The United Arab Emirates might not seem like an obvious spot to begin and end a globe-spanning flight promoting renewable energy.

It is OPEC's fourth biggest oil producer, after all, where gas guzzlers rule the road and the air conditioning is always on — not just at its indoor ski slope. Its oil output and fossil fuel-burning airlines are growing, and its per-capita carbon emissions rank among the world's highest.

Yet this federation of sheikhdoms on the Persian Gulf has emerged as an unlikely champion of clean energy. One way is by backing the Solar Impulse 2 solar plane, which ended its groundbreaking round-the-world flight on Tuesday in Abu Dhabi and counts Emirati renewable-energy company Masdar among its sponsors.

Here are some others:

GOING SOLAR

Dubai, the country's cosmopolitan commercial hub, last month picked an Emirati-Spanish consortium to develop the third phase of what is slated to become the world's biggest solar park. The winning bid for the 800-megawatt phase of the project came in at an industrywide record low cost of 2.99 U.S. cents per kilowatt-hour.

The first phase of the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park, named after the emirate's ruler, went online with 13 megawatts of capacity in 2013. Another 200 megawatts will be added next year. Plans call for the \$14 billion park to eventually produce 5,000 megawatts by 2030, enough to power tens of thousands of homes.

Abu Dhabi's government-backed Masdar, which was part of the winning bid, opened a 100 megawatt plant using a different technology known as concentrated solar power outside the federal capital in 2013. It aims to develop another 350-megawatt project in the emirate.

Smaller-scale projects are popping up too, including solar-powered parking meters and public Wi-Fi hotspots. DP World, which runs the Mideast's busiest seaport in Dubai, plans to cover rooftops throughout the facility with solar panels. The emirate's utility operator last year rolled out a plan for building owners to connect their own solar panels to the grid.

Dubai aims to generate a quarter of its power from clean-energy sources by 2030 and 75 percent by 2050. It is even looking into the feasibility of tapping geothermal energy, possibly for use in the energy-intensive desalination process the UAE uses to satisfy much of its water needs.

"Like any rational country, they're looking ahead and ... seeing it really makes sense to plan a strategy of diversification," said economist Rachel Cleetus, the climate policy manager at the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Union of Concerned Scientists. "They are putting a lot of money behind these investments."

SUSTAINABLE CITY

Masdar is probably best known as the developer of Masdar City, a clean-energy showcase community being built near Abu Dhabi's main airport. It has hosted several dignitaries, including U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Vice President Joe Biden.

Earlier plans for Masdar City to become a self-sufficient, zero-carbon city of 40,000 serviced by fu-

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turistic electric podcars have been altered, and little has been built beyond an innovative urban core designed to keep cool using traditional Arabic architectural techniques. Still, the development has managed to attract some corporate tenants, including German engineering giant Siemens.

It also houses the global headquarters of the International Renewable Energy Agency, a 144-member organization founded in 2009. Its member countries include Israel, which sends delegates to the group's meetings and hopes to open an office in the Emirates even though the countries have no formal diplomatic relations.

Masdar CEO Mohammed al-Ramahi acknowledged in an interview that ambitious projects such as Masdar City "take time to grow and mature," and said the project now won't be finished until 2030.

He insists the UAE is serious about its commitment to renewables despite a drop in oil prices that is testing the country's finances.

"These projects bring value back to Abu Dhabi and the UAE," he said.

INVESTING IN RENEWABLES

Masdar has been busy developing renewable energy projects well beyond the Emirates.

It owns a 20 percent stake in Britain's London Array, the world's largest offshore wind farm. Another Masdar-backed wind farm is being built off England's eastern coast.

In Spain, it teamed up with engineering company Sener to build three concentrated solar power plants. Among its projects in the Mideast are a wind farm in Jordan and a solar plant in Egypt.

Al-Ramahi said the company has invested \$2.7 billion into clean-energy projects over the past decade. "All of our projects are bankable," he said. "The financial institutions would not give you a dime if it's not sustainable and it doesn't make commercial sense."

The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, the emirate's main sovereign wealth fund, sees potential in renewables too. Last October, it pumped \$200 million into an Indian renewable energy company, ReNew Power Ventures.

"They're definitely showing a very strong commitment to renewable energy," the UCS's Cleetus said of the Emirates. "The question is can they take it further, scale it up ... and at the same time diversify away from fossil fuels."

The Latest: Officials seek stronger border control, police

BERLIN (AP) — The Latest on a series of attacks in Germany (all times local):

9:45 a.m.

Top security officials in Germany are calling for tougher security screening of asylum-seekers and have also announced that more police officers will be hired following four attacks in the country — two of them claimed by the extremist Islamic State group.

Horst Seehofer, the interior minister of Bavaria — where three of last week's attacks took place — told the daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung Tuesday: "we must know who is in our country."

Thomas Strobl, the interior minister of Baden-Wuerttemberg — where a woman was killed by a Syrian attacker Sunday — also demanded a tougher stance toward asylum-seekers.

Three of the attacks were carried out by recent immigrants, rekindling concerns about Germany's ability to cope with the estimated 1 million migrants registered entering the country last year.

9:05 a.m.

The extremist Islamic State group has published a video in which a man pledges allegiance to IS and vows Germany's people "won't be able to sleep peacefully anymore." It appears to be the same as the one found by German investigators on the phone of man who blew himself, killing himself and wound-

ing 15 people.

The IS-linked Aamaq news agency released the video early Tuesday. The man on the video, his face covered with a black scarf, threatens to make life intolerable and that "we will blow up your homes."

German authorities could not immediately be reached to confirm whether the video was the same as the one found on the cell phone of a 27-year-old Syrian who blew himself Sunday night in the Bavarian town of Ansbach.

VIEWER'S GUIDE: Tuesday's roll call says it all

NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For all of the hoopla attached to a political convention, it all comes down to this: that moment when the presumptive nominee becomes the nominee outright.

On Tuesday night, Hillary Clinton is to become the first woman presidential nominee of a major party.

The result is foreordained, but the roll call of the states will nonetheless be an emotional coda for Bernie Sanders supporters whose passion and energy took the Vermont senator from fringe candidate to serious contender.

Some things to watch for at the Democratic convention on Tuesday:

ROLL CALL

All of the energy and angst of the hard-fought primary battle between Clinton and Sanders will culminate in the roll call of the states. Each state delegation will get a chance to announce how its delegates are voting. Sanders delegates have pushed to have their votes fully tallied.

Sanders has left open the possibility that Clinton could receive the nomination by acclamation — or unanimous nomination — at the end of the roll call. That may not satisfy his delegates. Some are ready to boo or even walk out if there is a unanimous nomination.

In 2008, Clinton halted the roll call midway through to call for then-Sen. Barack Obama's approval by acclamation, or unanimous vote.

FIRST DUDE

The spouse of a presidential nominee always gets some love at a party convention. And Bill Clinton's speech Tuesday night will pique extra interest since he hopes to be the first first man. Bill Clinton also carries the extra title of ex-president and is a beloved figure to party faithful.

But the former president carries with him the baggage of numerous scandals and investigations from his years in the White House. And Clinton, famously protective of his wife, can get in trouble when he gets carried away in defending her.

Watch how he's introduced: Hillary Clinton has joked that she's still working on what to call her husband if she's elected, offering "first dude" and "first mate" as possibilities.

MOTHERS OF THE MOVEMENT

Hoopla and celebration will give way to a somber moment when the convention showcases "mothers of the movement" — women whose children have died in gun violence.

The speakers will include the mothers of Eric Garner and Michael Brown, both killed by police. The moment will not be without controversy: Philadelphia's police union complained that Clinton was showcasing killings by police without giving equal time to the families of fallen officers. Clinton's campaign responded that two members of law enforcement also are on the convention schedule.

MANNERS, MANNERS

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Will they heed their leader? Sanders' supporters are bringing a lot of emotion to the convention hall with them, and their leader is having trouble containing it.

Sanders has sent out text messages and emails asking his supporters "as a personal courtesy" to him to "not engage in any kind of protest on the floor." The Vermont senator said in an email that the movement's credibility "will be damaged by booing, turning of backs, walking out or other similar displays."

Wish granted: Six-year-old boy will be garbage man for a day

DARCY COSTELLO, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Ethan Dean is living his dream.

The six-year-old Rancho Cordova, California boy who suffers from cystic fibrosis will get to be a garbage man for the day thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Just like he's always wanted.

He has a garbage truck bedspread and pillow. He has garbage truck toys. He's had a garbage truck birthday party. Now, he'll have the garbage truck driver experience.

Ethan will make five stops in his garbage truck, picking up trash and recyclables along the way, before stopping at the state Capitol for a press conference and VIP lunch.

The choice of wish was not a surprise to his dad, Ken Dean. He says he knew it would be about garbage trucks. His son has watched them coming down the street since he learned to crawl.

Sarah Silverman: Bernie-or-bust Dems 'being ridiculous'

LEANNE ITALIE, Associated Press

Comic Sarah Silverman joined Sen. Al Franken Monday night to urge Democratic National Convention delegates to unite — then stirred up Bernie Sanders die-hards with some choice words: "To the Bernie or bust people, you're being ridiculous."

As a Sanders supporter herself, Silverman said she would now vote for Hillary Clinton "with gusto" as she continues to be "inspired and moved to action by the ideals set forth by Bernie, who will never stop fighting for us."

She spoke on the convention's opening day just before Paul Simon stood at a microphone and crooned the Simon and Garfunkel classic "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Singer Demi Lovato got personal at the podium, touching on her struggle with mental illness, including eating and bipolar disorders. She urged an end to the stigma of those afflicted and called on politicians to support better access to health care for all.

"Like millions of Americans, I am living with mental illness," the 23-year-old Lovato said. "But I am lucky. I had the resources and support to get treatment at a top facility. Unfortunately, too many Americans from all walks of life don't get help, whether they fear the stigma or cannot afford treatment." Lovato closed with a performance of her hit "Confident."

Actress Eva Longoria of "Desperate Housewives" trashed Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump for his statements on Mexican immigrants.

Longoria, a Latina from a small town in south Texas, said she is ninth-generation American from a place once owned by Mexico.

"My family never crossed a border. The border crossed us," she said, adding: "When Donald Trump calls us criminals and rapists, he is insulting American families. My father is not a criminal or rapist. In fact, he's a United States veteran."

Fans and fashionistas, meanwhile, waited patiently for the dress reveal of first lady Michelle Obama, who spoke late Monday night. She wore a bright blue, A-line, cap-sleeve custom dress from American

designer Christian Siriano. It was made of silk crepe and included high-belt detailing.

Earlier Monday, Triumph the insulting, cigar-chomping puppet dog joined sweltering street protesters while actress Rosario Dawson urged Bernie Sanders supporters to "listen" to their man.

Actor and activist Danny Glover of the "Lethal Weapon" film franchise addressed the convention's black caucus, describing Trump as a fascist and urging caucus members to "listen to new voices that demand speaking truth to power."

Glover and actresses Shailene Woodley and Susan Sarandon joined more than 1,000 people for a climate rally, vowing to keep up the fight on environmental issues even though Sanders, their preferred presidential candidate, would not be in charge. Woodley urged Sanders supporters to remain calm and Sarandon thanked him for "igniting this spark."

Boyz II Men performed on the convention stage, while Grammy winner Alicia Keys, who founded a social justice organization called We Are Here, appeared on a panel on criminal justice reform and civil rights.

Asked about remarks Hillary Clinton made as first lady about urban gangs with "super-predators" — which she later walked back — Keys said: "It's obvious that that was a big mistake. ... If we can admit to our mistakes, that's the beginning, and the question is not only just admitting to the mistake but what are we going to do about it."

Looking ahead to Tuesday, actresses Lena Dunham of "Girls" and America Ferrera of "Superstore" were among the notables expected to attend a bash hosted by Glamour magazine.

Jordan deal with donors means legal work for Syria refugees

LAYLA K. QURAN, Associated Press

RAMTHA, Jordan (AP) — Syrian refugee Fawaz al-Jasem used to drop his tools and run when he saw police approaching the farm in northern Jordan where he has been picking vegetables for the past three years.

Now he works without fear of arrest.

He is among some 23,000 Syrians given work permits this year as part of Jordan's promise to the international community to put 50,000 refugees to work legally in 2016 in return for low-interest loans and easier access to European markets.

"Before we got work permits it was like we were in prison," said the 34-year-old al-Jasem, pulling weeds in a tomato field, a New York Yankees baseball cap shielding his face. "Now we are free to come and work as we wish."

Jordan's deal with donor countries, reached earlier this year, is aimed in part at deterring Syrians from moving on to Europe, as hundreds of thousands have done, and keeping them in the region with a promise of jobs and education for their children.

Jordan has made "significant progress" in meeting the target for employing Syrians, the European Union ambassador to the kingdom, Andrea Matteo Fontana, said last week.

But the new deal is bad news for foreign workers in Jordan who fear they will be squeezed out of an increasingly crowded labor market. There are an estimated 1 million foreigners working in Jordan, mostly as janitors, maids, construction workers and farm pickers.

As a first step, Jordan halted the influx of foreign workers and "started formalizing the Syrian labor that works in the informal sector," according to Planning Minister Imad Fakhoury.

"We will absorb the refugees and consider them as a surplus labor pool," said Fakhoury.

The deal on labor rights for refugees, known as the Jordan Compact, is an attempt to find longer-term solutions for the millions of Syrians who have been displaced since the civil war began in 2011. Close

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to 5 million have fled their homeland, settling mostly in neighboring Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon.

Jordan hosts more than 650,000 refugees, with about 80 percent living in communities, rather than refugee camps, and imposing a heavy burden on resources, including health care, schools and housing.

On Wednesday, Europe announced it has eased trade rules with Jordan to spur investment in the kingdom and create jobs for Syrian refugees. The new rules will allow a wider range of Jordanian products to be sold in Europe without tariffs. Eligible manufacturers must employ a certain percentage of Syrians.

Jordan would also receive internationally backed loans at comfortable terms, in part to finance labor intensive projects.

In exchange, Jordan dropped its opposition to labor rights for refugees, despite domestic unemployment of more than 14 percent and a continued economic slowdown.

Before the policy change, tens of thousands of Syrian refugees worked without permits that were too expensive or difficult to obtain. Cheap Syrian labor pushed down wages in certain sectors, such as construction and agriculture.

Under the new rules, Jordanian employers can obtain work permits for Syrian laborers free of charge during a six-month grace period that ends in September.

Refugees need a health certificate and an ID card issued by Jordan's Interior Ministry to be eligible for a permit. Nearly 200,000 refugees don't have such an ID card because of lack of passports or other supporting documents, according to the U.N. refugee agency.

For others, like farm worker al-Jasem, the new permit is a life changer.

Al-Jasem, a farmer in the Syrian city of Hama, fled to Jordan with his wife and two children in 2013, first to the Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan's largest for Syrians. He quickly left the camp, settling on the sprawling vegetable farm where he also found work.

The family sleeps in a plastic tent on the farm on the outskirts of the town of Ramtha, close to the border with Syria. Al-Jasem and his wife, who also received a permit, supplement their \$1.40 an hour salaries with free farm food.

The farm employs close to 1,300 laborers — more than 700 from Pakistan, 300 from Syria and 270 from Egypt.

One of the Egyptians, Ahmed Abd El Hay, said he was upset when he heard about the freeze on new arrivals, though Jordanian officials said veteran foreign workers are not at risk of being forced to leave the country.

The International Labor Organization welcomed the freeze on newcomers.

Migrant workers should be protected, but "maybe we should not have more Egyptians enter Jordan because we have refugees who can do the work," said Maha Kataa of the ILO in Jordan.

Syrian refugees who are not eligible for the new program continue to live in fear.

Emad Abdullah, a Syrian refugee who works on another farm, said that after two years in Jordan, he still hasn't been able to get a government ID, the prerequisite for a work permit. Abdullah said he feared being sent to a camp or back to Syria.

"We only work on this two kilometer plot of land, we would not dare leave it," he said.

Former Oregon lumber town rides digital wave to a comeback

ANDREW SELSKY, Associated Press

PRINEVILLE, Oregon (AP) — It was not long ago that Crook County had five major lumber mills. Timber was king, and the rural Oregon county was the nation's top producer of ponderosa lumber.

But amid restrictions on harvesting from federal lands, logging started to freefall around 1990. The

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county's mills began closing. The global recession hit a few years later. Unemployment soared to around 20 percent, the highest in Oregon.

"We had the sawmills close, and then the bottom dropped out of the economy. So, kick us when we're down," said Donna Barnes, Ochoco Lumber Co. accounting manager.

Now, the digital revolution is providing Crook County and its main town, Prineville, with a second chance.

Fifteen years ago, Facebook came looking for a site for its first wholly owned data center. The executives liked that the chilly night air at 3,200 feet (975 meters) above sea level could cool the servers, cheaply and in an eco-friendly way. They liked the 15-year abatement on property taxes, and the fact there was room to grow.

The California-based company completed a 300,000-square-foot (27,870-square-meter) data center in 2011. Within months, it began building a second. Facebook is now building a third on a bluff 400 feet (120 meters) above Prineville. Apple followed suit, and officials recently announced it will also build its third data center in the town of about 9,000.

The future looks sunnier. Unemployment is down to 6.8 percent.

"We were overlogging in the '60s, and now we've been curbed," Prineville Mayor Betty Roppe said. "The pendulum swings the other way. And so we're trying to diversify jobs."

Logging is ingrained in Oregon's culture. A statue of an ax-wielding pioneer tops the state Capitol. Oregonians' favorite local novel is Ken Kesey's "Sometimes a Great Notion," about a logging family. Oregon's professional soccer team is the Portland Timbers, its logo a double-bladed ax over a forest-green background.

But the timber troubles that hit Crook County also affected much of Oregon and the American West.

By September 2014, the pendulum had swung so far that Oregon's high-tech industry accounted for the same number of workers and share of wages as the forest sector did in the 1970s, the state Office of Economic Analysis noted in a report. Most of Oregon's nearly 100,000 high-tech jobs are clustered in the "Silicon Forest" around Portland, said Joshua Lehner, an economist with the office.

That makes Prineville all the more remarkable. The town is a three-hour drive from Portland and light years from its liberal, hipster culture. Locals often wear cowboy hats and boots, not beanies and Birkenstocks.

Other former mill towns also have sought economic alternatives, with varying success. To create a high-tech outpost in the high desert, Prineville and Crook County leaders showed a willingness to cut through red tape.

"Our staff here are really good at bending over backward to help get things permitted," Roppe said.

The data centers spent about \$6 million for land that was owned by the town and county. On June 29, the town announced Apple's plans for a new 330,000-square-foot (30,660-square-meter) data center and 70,000-square-foot (6,500-square-meter) logistics building, declaring on Twitter: "We love Apple!"

So many transient construction workers are here that motels and RV spaces are usually filled up. Once the data centers are built, those workers will move on. But locals also are among those building the data centers, and they're being hired to operate, clean and guard them.

The tech giants agreed to pay 150 percent of customary wages in the county, Roppe said. Facebook initially employed around 35 people, and that number has swelled.

"Instead of 35 people, now there are 165 people," County Commissioner Ken Fahlgren said in an interview in the century-old, ivy-covered Crook County courthouse. "Every time they build a new building, they add another group of folks that work for them. We hope that they live here, buy homes here, bring their kids to school here, and we develop an economy around that."

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Highlighting Prineville's resurgence, a wetlands is being built on the town's western edge that will increase its wastewater treatment capacity. Some of the water will be filtered and used by Apple to cool its servers.

On the other end of town, Ochoco Lumber is selling the land its mill once stood on, billed as prime real estate along Ochoco Creek. The mill closed in 2001. Only a small building is left that Barnes, the accountant, uses to manage the books of the company's operations elsewhere. On the walls are photos of the mill in full swing, depicting a bygone era.

"The data centers on the hill have been key to our redevelopment, so things look a lot more positive," Barnes said.

Prineville's metamorphosis is rare for a small town with an extractive-industry-based economy, said John M. Findlay, an American history professor at the University of Washington.

He cited as examples The Dalles, which hosts a Google data center, and Quincy, Washington, which hosts Microsoft, Yahoo and others.

"These successes take some imagination — communities have to be able to see past declining industries and envision new ones," Findlay said. They also require infrastructure and political support, such as tax breaks, he noted.

Other timber-dependent towns like Bend and Hood River have capitalized on outdoor recreation and craft breweries, and attracting retirees.

In Prineville, trickle-down benefits of the data-center boom are noted in the Taqueria Mi Tiendita, where customers include construction workers.

"We bought this shop eight years ago," said Lety Toledo, who co-owns the cafe with her husband. "Those were tough times, but we hung on. Now, it is better."

Lehner, the economist, cautions that the total number of jobs in the county is the same as in the 1990s. Some people left; others gave up looking for work, driving down the unemployment rate.

Still, he believes the labor force is poised to grow in coming years.

"The outlook is fairly bright for Crook County, particularly relative to much of rural America," he said.

Bangladesh police say 9 militants killed in raid in Dhaka

NEW DELHI (AP) — Police in Bangladesh's capital raided a five-story building Tuesday and killed nine suspected Islamic militants, the country's police chief said.

Inspector General of Police A.K.M. Shahidul Hoque said the raid took place in Dhaka's Kalyanpur area and one suspect was arrested and was being treated for injuries in a hospital.

Hoque said officials were investigating to see which group the men belonged to, but their clothing and other evidence showed it was likely that they belonged to local banned group Jumatul Mujahedeen Bangladesh, or JMB.

The group is blamed for a July 1 attack in Dhaka's Gulshan diplomatic area, where 20 people, including Italians and Japanese, were killed when armed gunmen attacked a restaurant.

Hoque said the suspected militants were killed when police raided the building used as a den by the suspected Islamic militants.

He said the suspects attempted to flee the building by shooting their way out, but were stopped by police who cordoned off the area.

Explosive experts were searching the building, Hoque said.

"It will take a few hours to have a clear idea. But we have found them clad in black dress ... suggesting they belong to the same group involved in the attack in Gulshan," he said.

"We have not found any evidence about any connection with the IS. They are members of a local group, JMB, I think," he said.

Local media reported that the arrested man was being treated for bullet wounds.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the July 1 attack and for many other recent attacks on atheist bloggers, foreigners and minority groups, but authorities have rejected the claims, saying there are no signs of the group having any operations in the country.

Instead, the government says the local militant groups including the JMB are behind the attacks that have drawn global attention.

Takeaways: Sanders, Michelle Obama dominate convention

MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bernie Sanders gave a strong endorsement of Hillary Clinton for president and Michelle Obama went on the attack against Donald Trump as Democrats struggled to appear unified at their national convention in the face of a storm over hacked emails.

Democrats looked to defuse tensions by announcing that outgoing party chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz would not take the stage. She has long been a focus of criticism from Sanders and his backers for her apparent bias in Clinton's favor.

Many of Sanders' supporters weren't appeased and jeered as speakers lauded Clinton.

Here are the top takeaways from Monday's opening day of the Democratic National Convention:

SANDERS URGES UNITY

Seeking to avoid a nationally televised display of disunity, Sanders urged his supporters to back Clinton.

The Vermont senator tried to settle roiling tensions between his ardent, left-leaning supporters and the party's rank-and-file that back Clinton. He spoke directly to supporters, sent them texts and made an appeal as the final speaker Monday.

He told the convention that "Hillary Clinton must become the next president of the United States.

"If you don't believe this election is important, if you think you can sit it out, take a moment to think about the Supreme Court justices that Donald Trump would nominate and what that would mean to civil liberties, equal rights and the future of our country," he said.

Some of Sanders' strongest supporters were not ready to give up the fight against Clinton.

Melissa Arab, 44 of Shelby Township, Michigan, said she "wouldn't vote for her for dog catcher," she said.

FIRST LADY STEALS SHOW

Not even Sanders could quiet the shouts of his die-hard supporters — but Michelle Obama did. She delivered a sharp attack on Trump — without ever mentioning his name.

She said she wants to see elected "someone who understands that the issues a president faces are not black and white and cannot be boiled down to 140 characters."

That was a clear reference to Trump, the tireless tweeter.

She lauded Clinton as a woman with a heart and as a future president who never "buckles under pressure" or takes the easy way out.

BIG NAMES

Other big names on the first night included Elizabeth Warren, who delivered the keynote address. The Massachusetts senator is a favorite of liberals.

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"I'm with Hillary. This choice is personal. It's about who we are as a people," she said.

Warren called Clinton "one of the smartest, toughest, most tenacious people on this planet," contrasting her decades-long record of public service with Trump, whom she described as "a man who has never sacrificed anything for anyone."

There were also big names from the entertainment world, including comedian Sarah Silverman, and musicians Demi Lovato and Paul Simon.

THAT EMAIL CONTROVERSY

Democratic leaders long knew they would have a tough time unifying the party at the convention after a tough primary campaign. The hacked emails made it that much harder.

The 19,000 Democratic National Committee emails, posted by Wikileaks over the weekend, showed that top officials at the supposedly neutral DNC favored Clinton over Sanders in the primaries.

The FBI announced Monday it was investigating how the hack occurred.

Clinton's campaign, citing a cybersecurity firm hired to investigate the leak, blamed Russia and suggested the goal was to benefit Trump's campaign. Trump dismissed that suggestion in a tweet: "The new joke in town is that Russia leaked the disastrous DNC e-mails."

Whatever the origins, Wasserman Schultz bore the brunt of the political fallout. Long a controversial figure, she announced on Sunday afternoon she would resign.

On Monday, the DNC released a statement apologizing "for the inexcusable remarks made over email."

The statement was signed by DNC leaders, though Wasserman Schultz's name was notably absent.

Sanders celebrated the ouster and said the party chief's departure "opens up the possibility of new leaders at the top of the Democratic Party that will stand with working people."

GOP GLOATS

Republicans who suffered through a gaffe-plagued convention in Cleveland last week watched the Democratic drama with delight.

Trump said in a tweet: "Wow, the Republican Convention went so smoothly compared to the Dems total mess. But fear not, the dishonest media will find a good spinnnn!"

After turmoil, Sanders, Mrs. Obama, Warren thrill convention

JULIE PACE, Associated Press

KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Seeking to bridge deep Democratic divides, Bernie Sanders robustly embraced his former rival Hillary Clinton Monday night as a champion for the same economic causes that enlivened his supporters, signaling it was time for them, too, to rally behind her in the campaign against Republican Donald Trump.

"Any objective observer will conclude that — based on her ideas and her leadership — Hillary Clinton must become the next president of the United States," he declared in a headlining address on the opening night of the Democratic convention.

Sanders joined a high-wattage lineup of speakers, including first lady Michelle Obama who made a forceful, impassioned case for the Democratic nominee. Mrs. Obama's address all but wiped away earlier tumult in the convention hall that had exposed lingering tensions between Clinton and Sanders supporters.

Mrs. Obama, who has spent nearly eight years in the White House avoiding political fights, took numerous swipes at Trump, all while avoiding mentioning him by name.

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"This election and every election is about who will have the power to shape our children for the next four or eight years of their lives," she said. "There is only one person I trust with that responsibility, only one person I believe is truly qualified to be president of the United States, and that is Hillary Clinton."

While Sanders had endorsed Clinton previously, his remarks Monday marked his most vigorous and detailed praise of her qualifications for the presidency. It came at a crucial moment for Clinton's campaign, on the heels of leaked emails suggesting the party had favored the former secretary of state through the primaries despite a vow of neutrality.

Sanders scored the resignation of party chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz, a nemesis in the primaries, but that wasn't enough to quell the anger of supporters. As the convention opened, they still erupted in chants of "Bernie" and booed Clinton the first several times her name was mentioned. Outside the convention hall, several hundred marched down Philadelphia's sweltering streets with signs carrying messages such as "Never Hillary."

Behind the scenes, Sanders and Clinton aides joined forces to try to ease tensions. Clinton's campaign quickly added more Sanders' supporters to the speakers lineup. Sanders sent urgent messages to supporters asking them not to protest.

By the time Sanders took the stage for the night's closing address, much of the anger had been overshadowed by speeches promoting party unity. Sanders did his part, imploring his supporters to consider a country under Trump's leadership.

"If you don't believe this election is important, if you think you can sit it out, take a moment to think about the Supreme Court justices that Donald Trump would nominate and what that would mean to civil liberties, equal rights and the future of our country," he said.

President Bill Clinton, watching from the audience, leapt to his feet and applauded, as did most of the delegates filling the convention arena.

Sanders spoke just after Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a favorite of liberals who has emerged as one of the Democrats' toughest critics of Trump.

"Donald Trump has no real plans for jobs, for college kids, for seniors," she said in the keynote address. "No plans to make anything great for anyone except rich guys like Donald Trump."

Mrs. Obama was one of the night's standouts. While she has often avoided overt politics during her nearly eight years in the White House, her frustration with Trump's rise was evident. She warned that the White House couldn't be in the hands of someone with "a thin skin or a tendency to lash out" or someone who tells voters the country can be great again.

"This right now, is the greatest country on earth," she said.

Clinton's campaign hoped the nighttime line-up would overshadow a tumultuous start to the four-day convention. The hacked DNC emails fed the suspicion of Sanders' supporters and sapped Clinton's campaign of some of its energy following a well-received rollout Saturday of her running mate, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine.

Campaigning in North Carolina, Trump seemed to revel in the Democrats' commotion, telling supporters that Clinton made a mistake by not choosing a more liberal running mate to appease Sanders' base. "Crazy Bernie's going crazy right now," he said.

But in Philadelphia, Delegates waved "Love Trumps Hate" signs and cheered as immigration supporters, gay rights advocates, and labor leaders took the stage.

Comedian-turned-Sen. Al Franken, a Clinton supporter, and actress Sarah Silverman, a Sanders supporter, made a joint appearance to promote party unity.

"I am proud to be part of Bernie's movement," Silverman said as the crowd roared. "And a vital part of that movement is making absolutely sure Hillary Clinton is our next president of the United States."

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Trump was a frequent target throughout the night, though the jabs were often more mocking than mean. The tone was a sharp contrast to the Republican convention, where the attacks against Clinton was biting personal, including chants of "Lock her up."

Wasserman Schultz had planned to be among those taking the stage, despite the email hacking controversy. But she stepped aside, bowing to pressure from Democrats who feared the mere sight of her on stage would prompt strong opposition.

The outgoing chairwoman did watch the gathering from a private suite at the arena.

Asian stocks mixed after Wall Street decline

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BEIJING (AP) — Chinese stocks gained Tuesday but other Asian markets fell after Wall Street declined on losses for energy stocks.

KEEPING SCORE: The Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.5 percent to 3,028.56 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced 0.7 percent to 22,144.70. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 fell 1.6 percent to 16,362.88 and Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 shed 0.4 percent to 5,512.10. Benchmarks in Seoul and Manila advanced while New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan and Indonesia retreated.

WALL STREET: Stocks fell as investors took a break after four weeks of gains that brought the market to record highs. Energy companies fell more than other shares, but analysts said the sale was benign and foreseeable following a run-up in prices. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 77.79 points, or 0.4 percent, to 18,493.06. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 6.55 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,168.48 and the Nasdaq composite lost 2.53 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,097.63.

ENERGY STOCKS: Energy stocks tumbled as the price of oil slid 2 percent, leaving U.S. benchmark crude down 12 percent this month. Chevron lost 2.5 percent and Exxon Mobil gave up 2 percent, the two biggest drops for companies that make up the Dow. The industry faces concern that growing gasoline inventories during the peak U.S. summer driving season and a steady rise in working drilling rigs will push up crude inventories, depressing prices and profits.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "After a mixed European session, U.S. markets were dramatically thrown off course by the capitulation in energy stocks overnight," said Angus Nicholson of IG in a report. He said concern about U.S. gasoline stocks combined with anxiety over European banks: "Concerns about the Italian banking sector threaten to rear their ugly head again this week as all European banks undergo stress tests."

CENTRAL BANK WATCH: The Bank of Japan and the U.S. Federal Reserve are due to hold policy meetings this week. With Japan's economy barely growing, economists are speculating about whether its central bank may push interest rates lower into negative territory when it announces its decision Friday. The U.S. economy is in better shape than other advanced economies, but expectations are the Fed will hold interest rates steady.

YAHOO: Shares in Yahoo, the original Internet giant, fell \$1.06, or 2.7 percent, to \$38.32 after the company announced Verizon would buy its advertising, media and email businesses for \$4.8 billion. What little of Yahoo is left will be a holding company for its Alibaba and Yahoo Japan investments, as well as its patent portfolio. Verizon fell 23 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$55.87.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude gained 4 cents to \$43.17 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It plunged 94 cents on Monday to close at \$43.13. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 16 cents to \$44.88 after falling 97 cents the previous session to \$44.72.

CURRENCY: The dollar declined to 104.84 yen from Monday's 105.70. The euro edged down to \$1.0987 from \$1.0994.

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Today is Tuesday, July 26, the 208th day of 2016. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 26, 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.

On this date:

In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1882, the Richard Wagner opera "Parsifal" premiered in Bayreuth, Germany.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1925, five days after the end of the Scopes Trial in Dayton, Tennessee, prosecutor William Jennings Bryan died at age 65. (Although Bryan had won a conviction against John T. Scopes for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution, the verdict was later overturned.)

In 1945, the Potsdam Declaration warned Imperial Japan to unconditionally surrender, or face "prompt and utter destruction." The same day, Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labour Party; Clement Attlee succeeded him.

In 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33. King Farouk I of Egypt abdicated in the wake of a coup led by Gamal Abdel Nasser.

In 1956, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal.

In 1965, the Maldives became independent of Britain.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth successful manned mission to the moon.

In 1986, Islamic radicals in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months. American statesman W. Averell Harriman died in Yorktown Heights, New York, at age 94.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 1996, swimmer Amy Van Dyken became the first American woman to win four gold medals at a single Olympics as she captured the 50-meter freestyle in Atlanta.

Ten years ago: In a dramatic turnaround from her first murder trial, Andrea Yates was found not guilty by reason of insanity by a Houston jury in the bathtub drownings of her five children; she was committed to a state mental hospital. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki appealed to a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress to press the war in Iraq with money and troops. In Baghdad, a thinner but combative Saddam Hussein returned to his trial for the first time since his hunger strike and hospitalization.

Five years ago: The White House threatened to veto emergency House legislation that aimed to avert a threatened national default. Democratic Rep. David Wu of Oregon announced he would resign amid the political fallout from an 18-year-old woman's allegations of an unwanted sexual encounter with him, charges that Wu denied.

One year ago: Closing out a historic visit to the land of his father's birth, President Barack Obama told Kenyans that their country was at a crossroads, and he urged them to "choose the path to progress" by continuing to root out corruption, eliminate income inequality and be more inclusive of women and girls. In a rare Sunday session, senior Senate Republicans lined up to rebuke Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz — without mentioning him by name — for harshly criticizing Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

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Chris Froome won his second Tour de France in three years. True crime author Ann Rule, 83, died in Burien, Washington. Bobbi Kristina Brown, the 22-year-old daughter of singer Whitney Houston, died in hospice care six months after she was found face-down in a bathtub in her suburban Atlanta town-home.

Today's Birthdays: Jackson Five patriarch Joe Jackson is 88. Actor Robert Colbert is 85. Actress-singer Darlene Love is 75. Singer Brenton Wood is 75. Rock star Mick Jagger is 73. Movie director Peter Hyams is 73. Actress Helen Mirren is 71. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 67. Actress Susan George is 66. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 60. Actor Kevin Spacey is 57. Rock singer Gary Cherone (sher-OWN') is 55. Actress Sandra Bullock is 52. Actor-comedian Danny Woodburn is 52. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 51. Actor Jeremy Piven is 51. Rapper-reggae singer Wayne Wonder is 50. Actor Jason Statham (STAY'-thum) is 49. Actor Cress Williams is 46. TV host Chris Harrison is 45. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 43. Actor Gary Owen is 43. Rock musician Dan Konopka (OK Go) is 42. Gospel/Contemporary Christian singer Rebecca St. James is 39. Actress Monica Raymund is 30. Actress Caitlin Gerard is 28. Actress Francia Raisa is 28. Christian rock musician Jamie Sharpe (Rush of Fools) is 27. Actress Bianca Santos is 26. Actress-singer Taylor Momsen is 23. Actress Elizabeth Gillies (TV: "Sex&Drugs&Rock&Roll") is 23.

Thought for Today: "One brave deed makes no hero." — John Greenleaf Whittier, American poet and essayist (1807-1892).