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## Bus Driver Needed

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

## Manager Wanted

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

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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### 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

### Friday, July 29

**Senior Menu:** Tuna noodle casserole, beets, Swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Amber Falk Odde • Jarod Flihs • Mike Imre • Desiree Giedt • Brenda Waage

Saturday, July 30

**Birthdays:** Christopher Sippel • Brandyn Anderson • Carlyle Mortenson • Krista Tunby • Gloria Leidholt • Trista Jean Keith • Travis McKiver

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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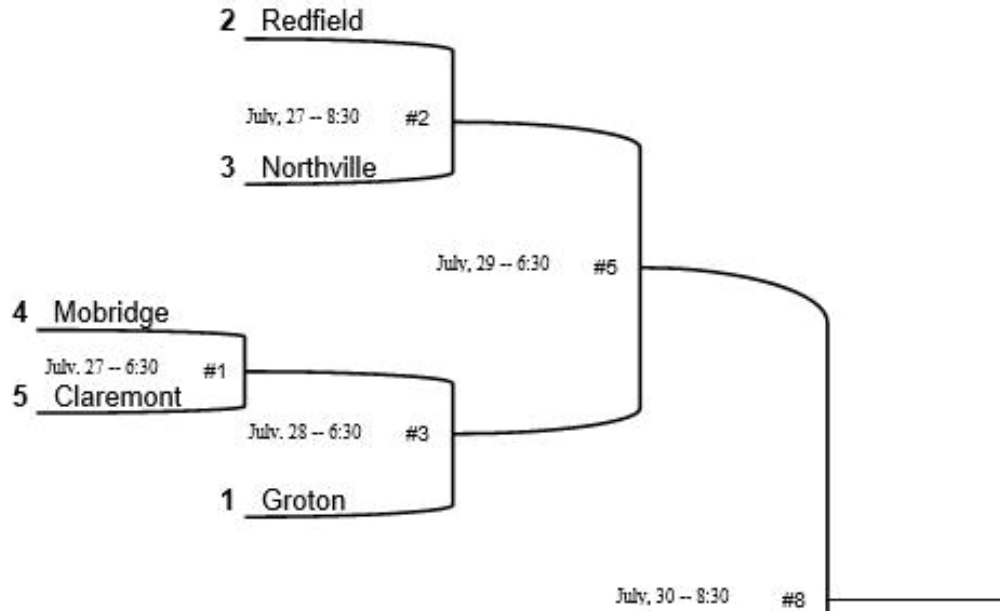
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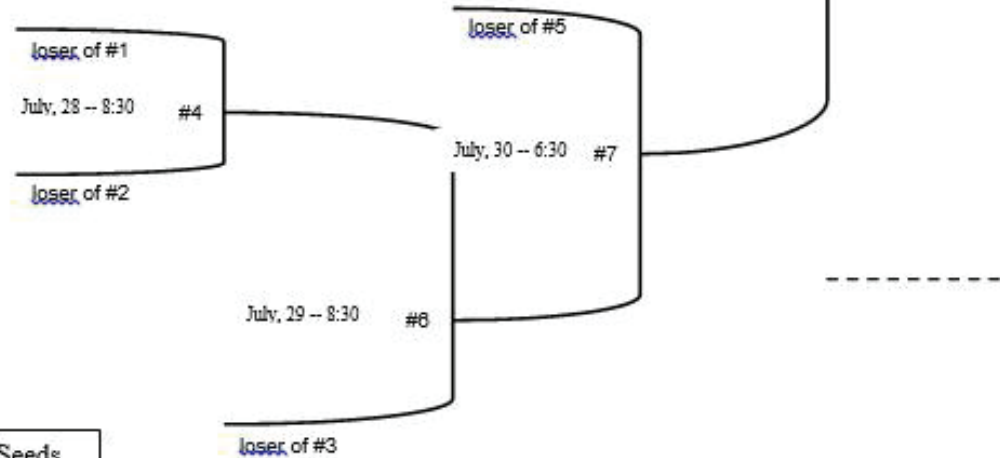
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## District 2B Amateur Baseball Tourney July 27-30 Groton, SD

Winner's bracket



Loser's bracket



District Tourney Seeds	
Groton	#1 Seed
Redfield	#2 Seed
Northville	#3 Seed
Mobridge	#4 Seed
Claremont	#5 Seed

Highest seed will be the home team and will be using the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.

## Drought and Heat Effects on Corn Production

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Hot, dry weather occurring during corn pollination and fertilization may decrease yields by as much as 8 percent per day, explained Jonathan Kleinjan, SDSU Extension Crop Production Associate.

"Yields may be reduced at any point in the growing season when water usage exceeds supply," Kleinjan said. "However, corn is most susceptible to stress during pollination and fertilization, with daily potential yield losses of 3 to 8 percent."

He explained that this period actually begins about two weeks prior to silk emergence, with a potential loss of up to 4 percent per day. "During silking and pollen shed, the losses can be as high as 8 percent per day, depending on the severity of the stress. In the two weeks following silking, losses can be as high as 6 percent a day if the stress continues."

### Pollination 101

In corn, pollination is the process of conveying the pollen from the tassel to the ear silks. The germination of pollen grains on the silks results in a pollen tube that transfers genetic material to the respective ovules on the ear. The fertilized ovule will then become a kernel of corn.

Drought and heat stress may cause problems with this process by 1) slowing silk emergence while accelerating pollen shed, 2) desiccating silks to the point where they are no longer viable, and 3) killing pollen directly.

"All of these issues may cause reduced kernel set or even a blank ear in extreme cases," Kleinjan said.

### Biggest Concern? Lack of Moisture

High temperatures during pollination are not as big of a problem as lack of moisture, Kleinjan explained.

"Pollen shed occurs primarily in the morning, when temperatures are relatively cool and the pollination process occurs over an extended period of time, with fresh pollen available each morning," Kleinjan said. "In addition, one corn plant can provide enough pollen to fertilize 10 other plants, which helps provide a natural buffer against stressful conditions."

Corn can naturally withstand relatively high temperatures. However, the most potential for damage exists when high temperatures are combined with drought stress.

"Substantial losses can still occur during the early kernel development and grain fill stages, with losses of up to 5 percent per day as long as the stress remains. This may be due to aborted kernels and/or poor kernel development," Kleinjan said.

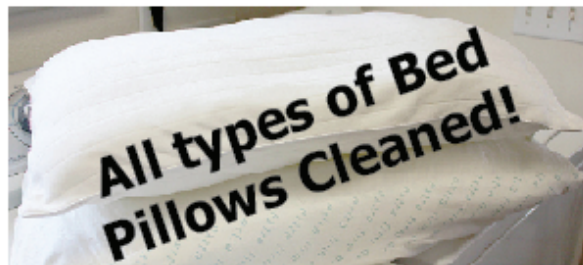
While growers have no control over the weather, Kleinjan said producers can manage for potential drought stress by using practices that conserve soil moisture and planting hybrids with a good overall stress tolerance.

"In some cases, planting early maturing hybrids may allow pollination and early kernel development to take place prior to heat and drought conditions," he said.

## Pillow Cleaning Day

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1006 N 2nd St,



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## South Dakota arts staff ready to work with you

One of the reasons the arts have been successful throughout South Dakota is that local volunteers have pitched in to keep our creative culture strong in individual communities. From civic organizations to community arts councils to school art programs, citizens of all ages help ensure that statewide programs for the arts have a hometown group of advocates to connect people and creative activities.

Arts South Dakota, the state's newest arts advocacy organization, was created to maintain those connections and be a resource to local volunteers and community arts leaders. Using online contacts, face-to-face meetings and communications like this column in your local paper, Arts South Dakota will keep the flow of information coming to the people who make the arts work in our state.

Our organization has a board of directors who are passionate about the arts and committed to continued success for creative expression across South Dakota. Our two staff people share that commitment and have extensive experience in arts programming and administration.

Shari Kosel, Arts South Dakota's Programming and Communications Director, is well known to community arts organizations through her editorship of CAN-

mail bulletins. She also has coordinated the Governor's Awards in the Arts and the increasingly successful Arts Education Institute, which energizes teachers who wish to bring the arts into their classrooms. Shari is equally well known for her statewide animal advocacy and her communication skills. As communications director, she will be the point person for keeping in touch with local groups and community volunteers. Shari will be based in the Black Hills, but will be working throughout the state.

My background includes working with the SDSU Alumni Association, the Washington Pavilion and the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra. As a musician and trumpet player performing with a wide variety of musical groups throughout the state, from the Dakota Jazz Collective to the Hegg Brothers Christmas Jam, I have had the privilege to visit many South Dakota communities and meet local people who love the arts. My office will be in Sioux Falls, but like Shari, I will be traveling the state as executive director of Arts South Dakota, keeping in touch with you.

You'll be hearing more about Arts South Dakota in the months ahead. In the meantime, if you have questions, I hope you'll contact us at [info@arts-southdakota.org](mailto:info@arts-southdakota.org) or check out [www.arts-southdakota.org](http://www.arts-southdakota.org) or [www.artssouthdakota.org](http://www.artssouthdakota.org) to join us.



By Jim Speirs  
Executive Director,  
Arts South Dakota

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By Richard P. Holm M.D.

More than 2600 years ago, a physician from India was the first to write about cataract surgery. He described using a curved needle to push back completely clouded over lenses into the vitreous fluid in the middle of the eye, out of the field of vision. This reportedly would return some vision for people completely blinded in that eye by a cataract, and he called it "couching."

The vitreous is the sack of fluid that separates the iris, pupil, and lens at the front of the eye from the retina or light sensitive nerve blanket that catches the image in the back of the eye and sends the photo message to the brain. Pushing or couching cataracts back and hopefully to the side into that vitreous would allow light through to the retina, however the vitreous would be disrupted, could possibly become infected, and there would be no lens to focus the light. Still this was better than nothing.

Couching cataracts eventually spread to China, Arabia, Africa and Europe, but it is not difficult to understand why this procedure was used only as a last resort. Other methods to remove the lens completely from the eye, without disrupting the vitreous, gradually were developed during the Middle Ages and up unto today. But until we learned how to control infection in the mid-1800s this was still very dangerous and not commonly done. Eventually very thick external glasses were devised that would replace the lost natural lens, and starting in the 1940s these removable glasses began to be replaced with lenses that are surgically implanted into the eye.

Now the surgery to extract opaque and diseased cataract lenses is much better, and keeps improving. And the lenses we implant continue to advance as well.

It is like cleaning out all that vision blocking algae, and swimming in a crystal clear pool.



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## Today in Weather History

July 27, 1999: Golf ball size hail and high winds destroyed hundreds of acres of crops on a farm south-east of Ipswich. Golf ball size hail and high winds caused extensive damage to the Richland Wesley Church and to the pastor and associate pastor home. The hail poked numerous holes in the siding and shingles of the buildings and broke many windows. Several cars were damaged and a large tree was also downed. An F1 tornado snapped large branches off an oak and drove them into the ground. The tornado knocked down approximately 5 headstones in a small cemetery, and took a roof off a small outbuilding. It destroyed an empty grain bin, moved a grain auger 50 feet, and took off several large doors on a machine shed. The tornado also knocked down or snapped off numerous large trees in shelter belts and destroyed a barn and several outbuildings just north of Chelsea.

July 27, 2001: An F1 tornado damaged homes, public buildings, trees, and power lines in town of Lennox, Lincoln County. The American Legion building had its entire front facade ripped off, and its windows shattered. Several vehicles near the building sustained major damage from flying debris, and one was lifted and dropped partly onto another vehicle. Damage to homes included holes in permanent siding, several roofs heavily damaged, windows broken, fences blown down, garages damaged including at least one totally destroyed. Damage to public buildings included the pump house at the water tower being destroyed, the roof at the water plant was damaged, flag poles next to the ambulance building were broken, and an overhead door at the fire station was torn off. A fire truck at the fire station was damaged, and the station's window air conditioner was blown out along with some ceiling tiles inside. Power was lost to much of the city for at least an hour and a half because of the downed power lines.

1819: Hurricane affected coast from Louisiana to Alabama. It struck Bay St. Louis. New Orleans was at the fringe of the storm and suffered no severe damage. Ships at the Balize suffered a strong gale for 24 hours that only grounded three ships. Lakes Pontchartrain and Borgne rose five to six feet during the storm, with farms along the lakes flooded by the storm tide. Forty one lives were lost on the U.S. Man of War schooner Firebrand, a 150 ton gun ship, while it lay off the west end of Cat Island. At 15 least 43 people died in all.

1926 - A hurricane came inland near Daytona Beach, FL. The hurricane caused 2.5 million dollars damage in eastern Florida, including the Jacksonville area. (David Ludlum)

1939 - The temperature at Lewiston, ID, hit 117 degrees to establish an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1943 - On a whim, and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. It started regular Air Force flights into hurricanes. (The Weather Channel)






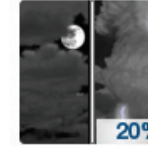

1987 - Thunderstorms in Minnesota spawned a tornado which moved in a southwesterly direction for a distance of thirty miles across Rice County and Goodhue County. Trees were uprooted and tossed about like toys, and a horse lifted by the tornado was observed sailing horizontally through the air. Thunderstorms drenched La Crosse, WI, with 5.26 inches of rain, their second highest 24 hour total of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Hot weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Williston, ND, reported a record high of 108 degrees. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the eastern U.S., and in southeastern Texas. Richland County, SC, was soaked with up to 5.5 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989: Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Yuma, Arizona experienced their most severe thunderstorm of record. Strong thunderstorm winds, with unofficial gusts as high as 95 mph, reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Yuma got nearly as much rain in one hour as is normally received in an entire year. The storm total of 2.55 inches of rain was a record 24-hour total for July. Property damage due to flash flooding and high winds was in the millions.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Cloudy then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 78 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 82 °F

## A.M. Thunderstorms Linger East, then dry

Today



77-84°

Tonight



56-62°

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Updated: 7/27/2016 530am Central



Published on: 07/27/2016 at 5:30AM

Showers and thunderstorms will linger across far eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota this morning, as a cold front exits to our southeast. It will be replaced by mainly dry high pressure sinking in from Canada. Near, to slightly below normal high temperatures will prevail through Thursday, toping out in the upper 70s to mid 80s. Lows tonight will be 56 to 62 degrees.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 77.4 F at 7:05 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 65.4 F at 12:21 PM**

**High Gust: 25.0 Mph at 1:11 PM**

Precip: 0.37

## Today's Info

**Record High: 110° in 1931**

**Record Low: 41 in 2013**

**Average High: 84°F**

**Average Low: 59°F**

**Average Precip in July: 2.68**

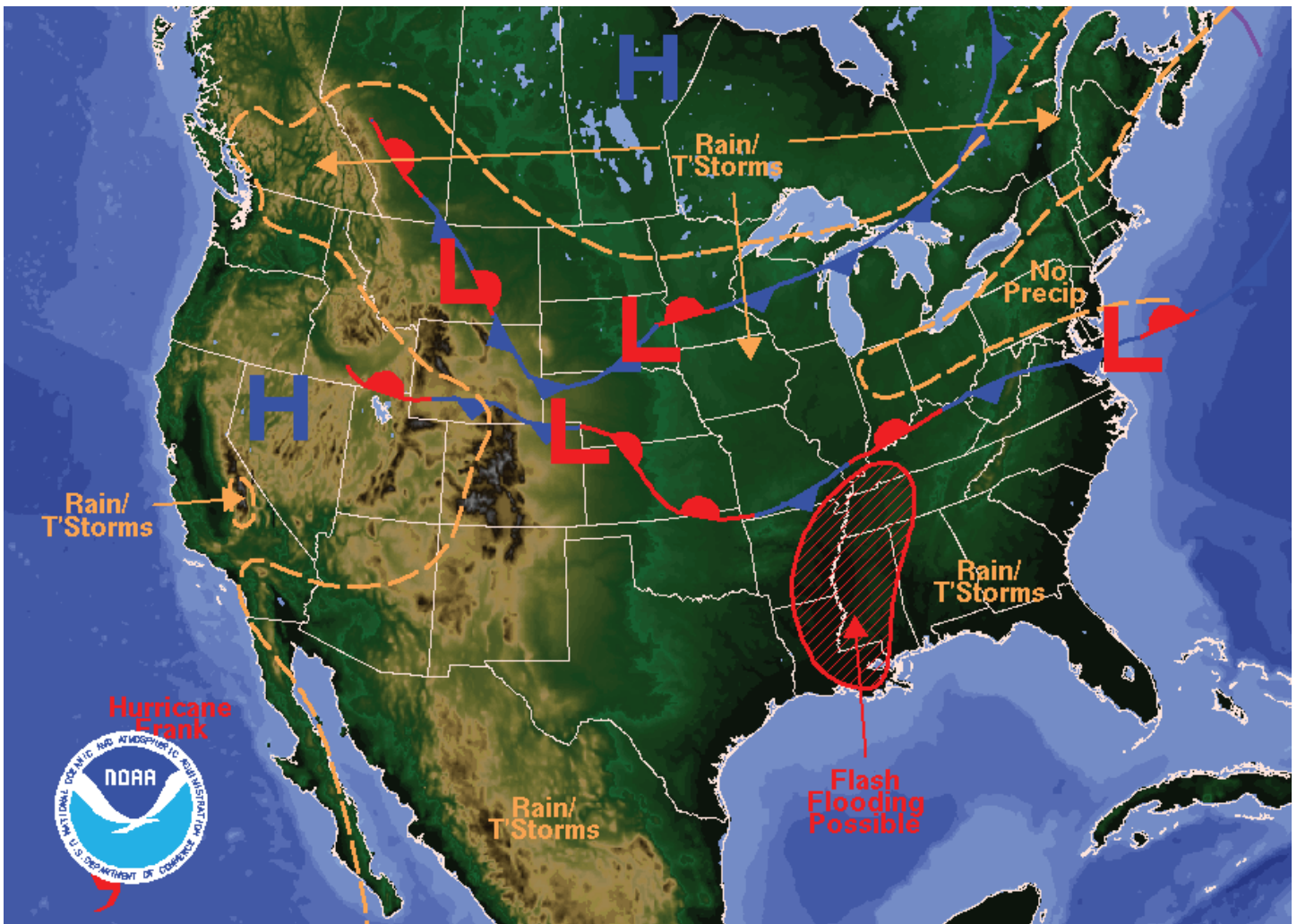
**Precip to date in July: 3.92**

**Average Precip to date: 13.52**

**Precip Year to Date: 10.58**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:06 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:13 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jul 27, 2016, issued 4:26 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

The founder of a successful company was being interviewed by a reporter from a large daily newspaper. His first question was, "What does it take to succeed?"

After a moment's thought he replied, "The same thing it took to get started. A sense of urgency and excitement."

That answer is certainly true if one wants to be successful in developing and managing a business. And it is also true if one wants to succeed in the Christian life.

No one has ever expressed this truth any more powerfully than the Apostle Paul. Hear him, "...I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: I am straining to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling me."

God has one goal for everyone - that we will become like Christ! And if we choose to achieve that goal it will take all of our energies just as it took all of Paul's energies.

Paul said that he focused on "this one thing" - this one goal. He had the mind and heart and focus of an athlete in training. And when athletes are in training, they set aside everything that is harmful or hurtful and anything that might distract them or destroy their commitment to their goal of victory.

The Christian formula for success must include urgency and excitement as well as dedication and focus.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to make those adjustments in our lives that are necessary if we want to be successful Christians. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: ...I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14

## News from the Associated Press

### **Disguised robber at Yankton bank leaves suspicious package**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A person wearing a disguise robbed a downtown Yankton bank and left behind a suspicious package that prompted authorities to call out a Sioux Falls bomb squad.

Authorities say a person wearing the disguise of an elderly man entered the Wells Fargo bank shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday and demanded cash. The person fled with an unknown amount of money.

Police Chief Brian Paulsen says the person did not use a weapon, and he does not believe the public is in danger.

The Daily Press & Dakotan reports that authorities later determined the package left behind was not dangerous. Some people in homes and businesses in the area were evacuated for a time while the bomb squad dealt with the threat.

### **Daugaard awards nearly \$1M in trail project funding**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has awarded nearly \$1 million in Recreational Trails Program funding to cities, state parks and the Black Hills National Forest.

Daugaard says he's happy to be able to award the grants to project sponsors across the state. Awards to cities ranged from \$9,750 for Claremont to \$112,000 for Hurley.

The federal program offers up to 80 percent reimbursement for maintenance and development projects related to trails.

Areas including the Big Sioux Recreation Area Trail, George S. Mickelson Trail, Black Hills Snowmobile Trail System and Spearfish Falls Trail, among others, also got grants for trail improvement projects.

Daugaard says the efforts will benefit South Dakota's future generations.

### **Sioux Falls mayor proposes \$467M budget to city council**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether is proposing a \$467 million budget for 2017, a dip from current spending.

Huether submitted the proposed budget Tuesday to the Sioux Falls City Council.

The Argus Leader reports that the plan reflects softening sales tax receipts. It's less than the \$471 million Sioux Falls is running on in 2016.

Huether says prioritizing limited taxpayer dollars is crucial. He says the budget maximizes the value and return of citizens' tax dollars.

The budget recommendation projects 4 percent sales tax growth compared to the 6 percent growth officials anticipated this year.

The plan would add four new police officers and two other new employees.

### **American Indian Chief David Beautiful Bald Eagle Jr. dies**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A longtime representative of South Dakota's Lakota people, Chief David Beautiful Bald Eagle Jr., has died on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. He was 97.

Bald Eagle died at home Friday and a traditional four-day wake began in his home Monday.

Bald Eagle was born in a tepee in 1919 and for decades he was the face of the Lakota people in state tourism promotions.

Charlie Rooks with Rooks Funeral Home in Eagle Butte said Bald Eagle's funeral is scheduled for Friday

at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis.

He served in the Army during World War II and was wounded after parachuting into Normandy during D-Day, the Rapid City Journal reported. He later became a champion Lakota dancer, rodeo cowboy and chief of the Minicoujou band. He also appeared in movies, including the Oscar-winning "Dances with Wolves."

Bald Eagle's grandfather was Chief White Bull, a relative of Sitting Bull, who fought in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876.

Bald Eagle had been asked to address indigenous people worldwide, and tribal leaders from South Dakota reservations sought counsel from him, the newspaper reported.

"I was born in a tepee at Cherry Creek, the first Indian village there ever was," Bald Eagle told the Journal in 2013. "I know we can't go back there, back to where we were. But we can tell the young ones how it was and they can remember, and they can bring it back. They can return."

## Some find outbursts at DNC embarrassing, others expressive

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — For some South Dakota delegates who support Bernie Sanders, outbursts at the Democratic National Convention are cause for embarrassment. For others, the outcries from attendees are a way to express concerns in the messy Democratic process.

Tensions between Sanders' left-leaning supporters and party rank-and-file who back presumptive nominee Hillary Clinton have been on display at the convention in Philadelphia. The South Dakota delegation consists of 10 Clinton delegates, 10 for Sanders and five superdelegates supporting Clinton.

"I didn't boo because that's not what I'm about," said Sanders delegate Rachel Caesar. "But I respect their ability to have their voices heard too."

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

Many of Sanders' supporters weren't appeased Monday and jeered as speakers lauded Clinton. Some of the outbursts were "embarrassing" to Cully Williams, a Sanders delegate.

The outcries can be "incredibly healthy" to allow people to express concerns, but it can be risky if too much division is broadcast because it could be detrimental to the entire party, said Sanders delegate Margaret Potts.

"It's certainly not something that I find in the South Dakota delegation," said state Democratic Party Chairwoman Ann Tornberg, a superdelegate supporting Clinton. "We don't have that kind of rancor within our group."

Former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, a superdelegate supporting Clinton, spoke to South Dakota attendees Tuesday morning. He was "eloquent and enthusiastic," talking of party unity and the pivotal importance of the fall election, Tornberg said.

If there's any history lesson from the last 50 years, it's that "unity is the only pathway to success," Daschle said.

## Shooting at Rapid City apartment kills 1, injures 1

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — One person is dead and another critically 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. The man suspected of doing the initial

shooting was shot outside the building by a private security guard after opening fire.

Authorities say the suspect then shot himself in the head. Both males were taken to a hospital, where the suspect died and the other male is in critical condition.

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

Authorities say they found drug paraphernalia and evidence of methamphetamine distribution in the apartment.

## **South Dakota fugitive one of most wanted by Marshals Service**

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

The U.S. Marshals Service has added a South Dakota man who has been on the run for nearly eight years to its list of 15 Most Wanted fugitives.

David Bonness, 48, is wanted by authorities in Pennington County on 17 total counts of pedophilia, rape and sexual contact with a child. He was questioned in December 2008 about the alleged sexual assault of a girl over a span of about five years and fled before authorities could collect DNA from him.

He faces 14 counts of second-, third- and fourth-degree rape, with the seven most serious counts each carrying a maximum punishment of 50 years in prison.

"The crimes allegedly committed by Bonness are horrific," U.S. Marshals Service Deputy Director David Harlow said in a statement Tuesday. "We, along with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners, will make his capture our top priority."

The case has been designated a "major case" by the Marshals Service for several years, and made it onto the most wanted list "in large part due to a lot of hard work by the Black Hills Fugitive Task Force," Gary Bunt, a senior inspector in South Dakota with the Justice Department, told The Associated Press.

"Obtaining Top 15 status is not an easy designation to obtain considering all of the violent crime that happens across the United States," Bunt said. "To my knowledge, I can't remember a fugitive case generated in South Dakota receiving this much national attention."

The Marshals Service is offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading directly to the arrest of Bonness.

Bonness is described as a 5-foot-9 white male weighing about 180 pounds, with brown hair and green eyes. He has personal ties in Wyoming and Nebraska, though authorities say he could be anywhere. Authorities said he poses a significant threat to the public.

"The U.S. Marshals and our law enforcement partners are determined to bring Bonness to justice and give some sense of closure to the young victim and her family," Paul Thielen, U.S. marshal in South Dakota, said in a statement.

## **Brookings man killed in motorcycle-truck crash identified**

GETTYSBURG, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a motorcycle driver who died after a collision with a pickup truck in Potter County.

The Highway Patrol says 23-year-old Luke Kleinlein, of Brookings, died after the truck collided with his bike on U.S. Highway 212 about 6 miles east of Gettysburg late Sunday.

The 59-year-old pickup driver was not hurt. Authorities are still investigating the crash.

## **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 have described as a beating death is being charged as an adult.

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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.

Strauser died after an altercation with a group of teenagers, according to authorities. Police allege Hughes beat Strauser to death with his hands and feet.

"It was fists and kicks. No weapon as far as we can determine," Police Capt. Blaine Larsen said.

Court documents say Hughes acted in the heat of passion "in a cruel and unusual manner." Strauser was found near some trash bins and declared dead at a hospital with injuries to his head and neck.

A video posted on social media showing a group of five teenagers encountering Strauser helped the investigation, and more arrests are possible, according to police. It isn't clear who posted the video, but authorities say it might have been a second group of teenagers that encountered the first group.

Strauser's mother, Amiee Strauser, told KSFY-TV that family members first learned of the incident through a friend who had seen the video.

"I am so absolutely crushed that someone would just beat my son to death and leave him on the side of the road to die," she said.

## US Marine Corps horse honored for Korean War valor

LONDON (AP) — A U.S. Marine Corps horse who served during some of the bloodiest fighting of the Korean War has been posthumously decorated for bravery.

Sgt. Reckless was awarded the Dickin Medal during a ceremony at the Korean War Memorial in London on Wednesday, the 63rd anniversary of the end of the war.

A serving British Army horse stood in for the late Reckless at the ceremony.

The chestnut Mongolian mare served as an ammunitions carrier for the marines' anti-tank division. She made repeated trips to supply ammunition and retrieve wounded troops under heavy bombardment during the battle for Outpost Vegas in March 1953.

After the war, Reckless retired to the United States and died in 1968 at age 20. She was nominated by a historian who wrote a biography about her.

Reckless is the 68th recipient of the medal, awarded by the PDSA veterinary charity and billed as the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross — Britain's top award for military valor.

Since 1943, the medal has recognized gallantry by animals serving with the military, police or rescue services.

Almost half the recipients have been dogs, including a World War II commando collie who made more than 20 parachute jumps. The medal has also gone to police horses, carrier pigeons and, once, to a cat — a Royal Navy ship's mascot who carried on rat-catching while the vessel was shelled and besieged in China in 1949.

## Analysis: China emerges more muscular after ASEAN meetings

VIJAY JOSHI, Associated Press

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Daring to take on China in a territorial dispute in the South China Sea, the Philippines went to an international tribunal for justice, and won big. But it turned out to be a pyrrhic victory.

Beijing came back with such ferocity and manipulative diplomacy that other Southeast Asian countries that have similar disputes with it are apparently backing down.

One by one, their positions became clear at meetings this week of Asia-Pacific and Southeast Asian

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nations, a gathering that was supposed to unanimously call out China for a host of actions in the resource-rich South China Sea — building artificial islands and military airstrips, sending warships, staging live-firing exercises and shooing away fishermen from other countries.

And so, the four-day conclave in Vientiane, the Laotian capital, ended Tuesday with China's muscles bulging more than ever, and the vaunted unity of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations in disarray.

"Neither China nor ASEAN emerged from the Vientiane meetings with honor," said Ian Storey, a senior fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, a Singapore-based think tank. "It's a sad state of affairs when expectations of ASEAN being able to do anything to lower tensions in the South China Sea are zero, and instead the focus is on whether it can get its act together."

Philippine Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay Jr. sought to put a positive spin on the developments.

"Whether or not you will say that this is a triumph of China or a triumph of the Philippines, or a defeat of China or a defeat of the Philippines, the fact is clear," he told reporters in Manila on Wednesday. "This is a victory for ASEAN for upholding the very principles of international law and ... more importantly, pursuing our negotiations in the dispute in a peaceful manner."

"Be that as it may, the actual resolution of this dispute between China and the Philippines is a matter between China and the Philippines," he said, reflecting a position that suits China perfectly.

The first coup de grace China dealt was at an ASEAN foreign ministers' meeting, where it successfully prevented a joint communique from mentioning the July 12 ruling by the Hague-based arbitration panel in favor of the Philippines. While the communique did express concerns about the tensions in the South China Sea, it did so without naming China.

A millstone around the neck of ASEAN — Southeast Asia's main grouping — is that it can issue statements only when there is consensus among all 10 members. China leveraged that by ensuring that Cambodia and Laos would not provide that consensus. Both countries receive massive aid from China, which recently announced a \$600 million package to Cambodia.

"As an association, ASEAN loses power and relevance when it punts on the most important regional issues," said John Ciorciari, a Southeast Asia expert at the University of Michigan. "Yet ASEAN operates by consensus, and when push comes to shove, national interests tend to trump regional solidarity."

"Aid has won China some close friends in Southeast Asia, and Cambodia in particular has been quite willing to cast vetoes on communique language inimical to Chinese interests," he said.

China does not accept the arbitration panel's ruling, and says all disputes should be settled bilaterally through negotiations. It did not participate in the panel's hearings, and insists that almost all of the South China Sea, which is ringed by claimants China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, the Philippines and Taiwan, belongs to it historically.

It also accuses outside parties — the United States, Japan and Australia — of needling ASEAN countries and raising tensions. After ASEAN's failure to rebuke China, those three countries issued a joint statement in Vientiane saying they strongly oppose "any coercive unilateral actions that could alter the status quo and increase tensions."

China lashed out at them on Wednesday, with Foreign Minister Wang Yi saying in a statement that the three countries were "fanning the flames" of regional tension.

"Now it is the time to test whether you are peacekeepers or troublemakers," he said.

Diplomats who attended the Laos meetings said it was interesting to see that claimant countries appeared less enthusiastic than others in wanting to rebuke China. Even the Philippines was not too forceful in asking for strong language in the joint ASEAN statement. It repeatedly pointed out that the ruling by the arbitration panel was the result of its "unilateral" lawsuit, implying that ASEAN should not get involved.

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Malaysia's foreign minister didn't even show up for the meetings. At a later meeting of ASEAN and Asia-Pacific nations, Brunei took pains to praise China's leadership, according to diplomats who attended the meeting.

And on Tuesday, Vietnam's deputy foreign minister, Le Hoai Trung, told The Associated Press that his country prefers bilateral dialogue with China, which Beijing wants.

The Philippines is in a tight spot because even though it went to the tribunal and won, that was under the previous government of Benigno Aquino III. President Rodrigo Duterte, Aquino's successor, has made friendly overtures to Beijing and is leaning toward bilateral negotiations.

But the bottom line is that the tribunal's decision, although legally binding, is non-enforceable. The arbitration panel didn't take a position on who owns the disputed territories, which include reefs and rocky outcroppings in the vast sea. It concluded only that many of them are legally rocks, even if they've been built into islands, and therefore do not include the international rights to develop the surrounding waters.

Now it is up to China to decide what concessions it wants to make, and how much pressure the smaller countries can take.

"At this point, it (the ruling) is not a magic stick ... it's not a solution to everything, but rather it needs to be combined with other measures," said Tran Viet Thai, deputy director of the Institute of Strategic Studies, a Vietnamese government think tank.

China is showing no signs of slowing down its efforts to exert control over the South China Sea.

State-run companies are joining forces to offer luxury cruises in the waters. Three companies dealing in shipping, tourism and construction will contribute to running as many as eight cruise liners by June 2017 to service a region through which an estimated \$5 trillion in global trade passes each year. They're also building four docks, which will be able to handle 2 million passengers a year.

One of China's main cellphone carriers, China Telecommunications Corp., has extended 4G service to several disputed South China Sea islands. Its competitor China Mobile Communications Corp. already offers similar services.

Along with creating new islands by piling sand on top of coral reefs, China has built airstrips, harbors and lighthouses that it says will benefit fishermen and ship owners who transit the strategic waterway.

Clearly, China is not giving up the sea — tribunal or no tribunal — yet the ruling will continue to hang over it like a dagger.

"It's impossible for (the ruling) to be irrelevant," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told reporters in Manila, where he made a stop after the Laos meetings.

But "we are not trying to create a confrontation. We are trying to create a solution," he said.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

### 1. OBAMA TO HAIL CLINTON

The U.S. president once told the Democratic nominee for the White House, "You're likable enough" — but now the incumbent is prepared to endorse the woman who hopes to replace him.

### 2. KAINÉ'S FLUENCY IN SPANISH NOT A BE-ALL, END-ALL

But while some Latinos say there's a practical value to the U.S. vice presidential nominee's skills, they add the days are gone when that alone is enough to win over Hispanic voters.

### 3. HOLLANDE HOLDS MEETINGS AFTER CHURCH ATTACK

The French president is trying to avert religious tensions and new violence after Islamic State group



extremists attacked a Catholic church and slit the throat of an elderly priest.

#### 4. JAPAN STABBING SPREE SUSPECT'S TROUBLED TIMELINE

Satoshi Uematsu stated his intent to kill in a letter, was committed to a psychiatric hospital, but doctors deemed him safe to release after just 12 days. Five months later, he killed 19 mentally disabled people.

#### 5. REPORT: SHOOTING DEATHS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INCREASE

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund says shooting deaths of officers spiked 78 percent in the first half of 2016 compared to last year.

#### 6. HOW FED IS EXPECTED TO REACT TO IMPROVING ECONOMY

Most analysts think the U.S. central bank will signal that it wants to see further gains before raising interest rates again.

#### 7. LAWMAKER EXPLORES MEDICARE DRUG 'EXPLOITATION'

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, wants to know if the government's prescription drug benefit is vulnerable to price manipulation by drugmakers.

#### 8. EFFORT LAUNCHED TO DIGITIZE ALL FISH

Scientists are using a powerful CT scanner at a University of Washington lab on the San Juan Islands to begin digitally cataloging thousands of species.

#### 9. TOUGH ROOM, ELIZABETH BANKS

You could've heard crickets in the Democratic convention hall when the "Pitch Perfect" and "Hunger Games" actress attempted a joke or two in introducing a short video about Clinton.

#### 10. WHERE CARIBBEAN ISLAND IS COMING UP SHORT

Jamaica's sprinters are obviously elite, but the tiny nation is still a long way from that level in other track and field events.

## **Doctors Without Borders: Thousands of Yemenis needing dialysis in trouble as treatment centers face 'breaking point'**

By AHMED AL-HAJ

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The international medical aid agency Doctors Without Borders is warning that thousands of Yemeni patients in need of dialysis face a life-threatening situation after their treatment centers have been pushed to a "breaking point" because of the ongoing conflict.

The group, also known by its French acronym MSF, said on Tuesday that Yemeni dialysis centers are struggling with supplies amid import restrictions.

Rights groups have previously blamed Saudi-led coalition battling Shiite rebels known as Houthis, for imposing a blockade on Yemen's entry points, including the airport in the capital, Sanaa.

William Turner, MSF's chief in Yemen says those with kidney failure "are at a critical moment."

Adel Al-Hagami, head of the Dialysis Treatment Centre in a Sanaa hospital, says patients who can't get their weekly dialysis treatment "will die."

## **France's religious leaders united after church attack**

SYLVIE CORBET, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France's main religious leaders have sent a message of unity and solidarity following a meeting with French President Francois Hollande a day after two extremists attacked a Catholic church and slit the throat of an elderly priest.

Hollande was presiding over a defense council and cabinet meeting Wednesday after speaking with Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Muslim and Jewish leaders.

On Tuesday, the attackers took hostages at the church in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, in the northwest region of Normandy, during morning Mass. After the priest was slain, both attackers, one a local man, were killed by police outside the church.

Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois, called on Catholics to "overcome hatred that comes in their heart" and not to "enter the game" of the Islamic State group that "wants to set children of the same family upon each other."

The rector of the main Paris mosque, Dalil Boubakeur, said France's Muslims must push for better training of Muslim clerics and urged that reforming French Muslim institutions be put on the agenda, but without elaborating.

The French prosecutor identified one of the attackers as Adel Kermiche, a 19-year-old who grew up in the town and tried to travel to Syria twice last year using family members' identity documents. He was detained outside France, sent home, handed preliminary terrorism charges and wore a tracking bracelet.

The identity of the second attacker has not been made public. Police combing the area after the attack detained a 16 year-old whom prosecutor Francois Molins said was the younger brother of a young man who traveled to the Syria-Iraq zone of the Islamic State group — carrying the ID of Kermiche.

Candles were set in front of the town hall, and stunned townsfolk were calling for the kind of unity Hollande is seeking.

"It's going to be hard to admit it ... we are scared ...," said Mulas Arbanu, a resident of the town near Rouen. "Be we Christians, Muslims, anything, we have to be together."

Said Aid Lahcen had met the 85-year-old Rev. Jacques Hamel, the slain priest, in the past.

"From the moment when you touch a religion, you attack the nation, and you attack a people. We must not get into divergences, but stay united people as we were before," he said.

## **New Indonesia Cabinet includes reformer, rights abuser**

**STEPHEN WRIGHT, Associated Press**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo announced a new Cabinet on Wednesday that puts a retired general linked to human rights abuses in charge of security and returns a popular reformist to the finance ministry.

Sri Mulyani Indrawati, who was finance minister from 2005-2010, is returning to the role from her current position as managing director at the World Bank, Jokowi said. In her first stint as finance minister, she was praised for overhauling a corrupt taxation department and guiding the economy through the 2008 global financial crisis.

The appointment is a coup for Jokowi and his efforts to reinvigorate the economy, but was overshadowed by a controversial military figure also joining the Cabinet.

Wiranto, head of the Indonesian military in 1999 when it committed atrocities in East Timor after Timorese voted for independence, was named the minister for security, political and legal affairs. Wiranto and other military men were indicted for crimes against humanity in 2003 by a U.N. tribunal, but successive Indonesian governments have ignored its findings.

Andreas Harsono, Indonesia researcher at Human Rights Watch, said Wiranto's entry into the Cabinet shows a conservative backlash against Jokowi's efforts to address Indonesia's poor human rights record, including abuses in Papua, which has a long-running separatist movement, as well as investigating the military's anti-communist massacres in 1965.

"Wiranto has a lot of baggage," Harsono said. "I think it is a setback for Jokowi and human rights."

Wiranto replaced Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, an ally of Jokowi who, though a former general, had opened a landmark symposium earlier this year into the 1965 atrocities that historians estimate killed half a million people. He had been ordered by Jokowi to investigate mass graves that survivors say are scattered throughout Indonesia.

Pandjaitan becomes the chief minister for maritime issues at a time when Southeast Asian nations are at odds with China over its territorial ambitions in the South China Sea.

It is the second reorganization of Jokowi's Cabinet since the maverick politician became president in 2014, after defeating an establishment candidate in a national election.

A total of 13 ministries were changed and nine of the ministers are new to the Cabinet. Many of the new appointments were in economy-related ministries, reflecting Jokowi's focus on developing an economy that is one of the largest in Asia but suffers from weak infrastructure and entrenched poverty.

"We have to resolve the poverty problem. We have to reduce the economic gap between the rich and the poor, the gap among regions," Jokowi said. "We have to strengthen the national economy, we have to open job opportunities as wide as possible for the people."

Tobias Basuki, a political analyst at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta, said the new Cabinet is a "very mixed bag" reflecting crisscrossing priorities that included giving ministries to political parties that have joined Jokowi's coalition in parliament.

Some of the more progressive and younger politicians were taken out of the Cabinet, he said, but the reshuffle also removed poorer performing ministers.

"Jokowi is a pragmatic president and politician, so it's not that he ignores human rights but at the same time it's not a paramount principle for him, he has other pragmatic calculations," said Basuki.

## 2 Indians, Filipino among 2016 Ramon Magsaysay awardees

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — An Indian who led a grassroots movement on behalf of the low-caste Dalit community and the Philippines' chief anti-corruption fighter are among the six recipients of this year's Ramon Magsaysay Award, honoring leadership in solving society's most intractable problems.

The other recipients named Wednesday are an emergency aid provider in Laos, an Indonesian Muslim philanthropy group, an Indian musician and a Japanese volunteer group. The awards, named for a former Philippine president, are regarded as Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. The foundation will formally confer the awards on Aug. 31 in Manila.

Bezwada Wilson, who was the first in his Dalit family to pursue higher education, is being honored for his 32-year crusade. He recruited volunteers and worked with Dalit activists to organize a people's movement called Safai Karmachari Andolan (SKA) that has filed cases and liberated around half of an estimated 600,000 people from manually removing human excrement from dry latrines.

Conchita Carpio-Morales, the Philippines' ombudsman, or public prosecutor, is also being honored "for her moral courage and commitment to justice" in tackling head-on corruption, one of the most intractable problems of the Philippines. The former Supreme Court justice has filed cases against a former president and other high-ranking officials and raised her office's conviction rate from 33.3 percent in 2011 to 74.5 percent in 2015. The foundation praised her "example of incorruptibility, diligence, vision and leadership of the highest ethical standards in public service."

Indian artist Thodur Madabusi Krishna has been chosen to receive the emergent leadership award for "his forceful commitment as artist and advocate to art's power to heal India's deep social divisions." Born to a privileged Brahmin family in Chennai in 1976, he was trained in aristocratic Karnatic music

that has become almost exclusive to the elite. But he has worked since the 1990s to bring Karnatic music to the youth and public schools, identify gifted rural youth to be trained in Chennai under well-known artists, and to bring together students from diverse social backgrounds to interact with renowned artists and learn about different art forms.

The Indonesian organization Dompot Dhuafa has redefined the landscape for zakat — the tax on an adult's wealth that is a cornerstone of the Islamic faith. The organization has become the largest philanthropic organization in Indonesia today, in terms of donations received totaling \$20.2 million, reaching 13 million beneficiaries as of 2015, with at least 20 percent of them moved out of poverty.

The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers group, founded 51 years ago, sends young adults abroad to volunteer in other communities. The foundation praised its volunteers "for their idealism and spirit of service in advancing the lives of communities other than their own" and laying "the true foundation for peace and international understanding."

Vientiane Rescue of Laos is being awarded for its "heroic work in saving Laotian lives in a time and place of great need, under the most deprived circumstances." The group, put up in 2007 by volunteers aghast at how victims of road accidents in Laos' capital are left to die because of lack of emergency assistance, operates a free ambulance service, despite the lack of equipment, sponsors, and formal training.

## **Sanders loyalists warn of party split after Clinton victory**

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bernie Sanders loyalists warned that the Democratic Party could rupture over the nomination of Hillary Clinton after a volatile night that saw a large group of Sanders delegates and supporters exit the party's national convention to stage a sit-in at a nearby media tent.

They rejected Sanders' call for unity even after the Vermont senator took the symbolic step of declaring Clinton the winner of the state-by-state delegate count inside the convention in Philadelphia.

"I suspect we are witnessing an event that will fundamentally change American politics," said Cory James, 22, a college student from Flint, Michigan, who expects the Democratic Party to break apart over Clinton's victory.

Thousands of activists have taken to the streets during the convention this week to voice support for Sanders, a liberal U.S. senator, and his progressive agenda. The "Bernie or bust" brigades that have marched across the sun-warped city threatened to disrupt Clinton's moment as the first woman to be nominated for president by a major U.S. political party.

"We all have this unrealistic dream that democracy is alive in America," said Debra Dilks, of Boonville, Missouri, who spoke as a protest broke up near Philadelphia's City Hall.

She said she wasn't sure she would even vote in November.

"Hillary didn't get the nomination. The nomination was stolen," Dilks said.

At the media tent protest, some had their mouths taped shut, while a few others spontaneously sang, "This land is our land." They said they were holding a peaceful protest to complain about being shut out by the Democratic Party.

In the streets outside, Sanders supporters who had spent the day protesting began facing off with police. They started scaling 8-foot walls that blocked off the secure zone around the arena parking lot. Police and the Secret Service immediately arrested four protesters, who will be charged with entering a restricted area. They're scheduled to appear in court Wednesday.

Protests continued into the night as Sanders supporters and an anti-police brutality group joined together. Later, another protester set an Israeli flag on fire as people chanted, "long live the intifada." Others then came together for a candlelight vigil.

Earlier in the day, activists held a midday rally at City Hall, and then made their way down Broad Street to the convention site. By early evening, a large crowd had formed outside the subway station closest to the arena. The crowd consisted of an assortment of protesters espousing a variety of causes, but mostly Sanders supporters and other Clinton foes on the left.

"I think people were hoping we could sway the delegates and show that there really is a movement here," said Alexis Holmes, a school janitor from Carbondale, Illinois, who has been protesting in the city since Sunday.

The longstanding bitterness between Sanders' supporters and Clinton's seemed to grow worse over the past few days after a trove of hacked emails showed that officials at the Democratic National Committee played favorites during the primaries and worked to undermine Sanders' campaign.

Sanders had urged supporters Monday to fall in line behind Clinton for the good of the country. But many were not swayed.

Engineer Chris Scully, of Troy, New York, said he opposes Clinton because of her war record as U.S. secretary of state. He carried a "Jill Before Hill" sign Tuesday at a demonstration at City Hall, in a nod to Green Party candidate Jill Stein.

As Scully spoke, a passer-by called out: "That's a vote for Trump!"

In a separate protest against police brutality and racial injustice, about 500 people marched down Broad Street to City Hall. Protest leader Erica Mines told the crowd that it was an "anti-police rally" and a "black and brown resistance march" and instructed all white people to move to the back.

March participant Tiara Willis, of Philadelphia, said she subscribes to the slogan "I'm with her ... I guess." She said she would not back Trump and called Clinton, "the lesser of two evils."

## Clinton campaign seeks to make most of Kaine's Spanish

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — When Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine and Hillary Clinton made their debut as the Democratic presidential ticket, he proudly declared, "Hillary and I are soul mates in this struggle."

It was a message he delivered to the Miami crowd in Spanish.

In the days after Kaine's selection as Clinton's running mate, much was made of his time working with Roman Catholic missionaries in Latin America as a young law student. Fluent in Spanish, the former mayor of Richmond and governor of Virginia moved easily between languages when he spoke at that first campaign event.

But while some Latinos say there's a practical value to Kaine's skills, they add the days are gone when that alone is enough to win over Hispanic voters.

"Words are fleeting and actions are what matter," said Daniel Lopez, a 50-year-old security guard at a Mexican market in Santa Ana, California, who said he's voting for Clinton because of her strong work ethic — not what languages she or her vice presidential pick may speak.

Latinos make up about 17 percent of the nation's population, and roughly half — 27.3 million — are eligible to vote in 2016. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, nearly 70 percent of Latinos say they speak only English at home or indicate they speak English "very well."

It was no accident that Kaine was introduced at an event in Miami, home to one of the nation's largest Hispanic communities. While he joined Clinton for a joint interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," Kaine's

first solo television interview was with "Noticias Telemundo."

Marc Campos, a veteran campaign consultant in Houston, said Kaine's appearances on Telemundo and its primary competitor, Univision, will help the campaign reach older Spanish-speaking Latinos who are more likely to vote.

In cities such as Houston, local Spanish-language stations pull in ratings near their top English-language competitors. Campos said on such stations, Kaine could also reach relatively new U.S. citizens — or people living in the country illegally, who cannot vote but may be willing to volunteer.

University of California, Berkeley political science professor Lisa García Bedolla said the ability to speak Spanish is usually symbolic. But in the case of Kaine, who learned the language while working with missionaries in Honduras, she said it calls attention to his ability to connect on key issues that matter to Latinos. Kaine's Spanish suggests a cultural competency that is not usually found among presidential candidates, she said.

"He kept talking about fe, familia y trabajo (faith, family and work). He was very respectful and humble about what he learned," she said.

Kaine, who delivered the first speech on the Senate floor entirely in Spanish in 2013, is expected to help Clinton promote plans to push for a comprehensive overhaul to the nation's immigration laws and connect with families who are living in fear of deportation.

Beyond Florida, his language skills could be an asset for Clinton in the battleground states of Colorado, Nevada and Virginia.

In picking Kaine, Clinton bypassed two Latinos on her short list: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro and Labor Secretary Tom Perez. That drew sharp criticism from some Latino academics and activists.

"The superficial usage of Spanish by a white politician to appeal to the Latino vote, in addition to the Clinton campaign's decision not to pick a Latino like Julián Castro for vice president, does reveal a long history of the Democratic Party taking the Latino community for granted," said Jimmy C. Patino Jr., a University of Minnesota Chicano Studies professor.

Dennis Montoya, a Democratic activist in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, said: "I think that if the candidate speaks Spanish, it's better than if they don't speak Spanish. But overall I'm left with a feeling of being patronized when we have business as usual being conducted at the national level."

## **From 'likable enough' to lovefest, Obama to hail Clinton**

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It was long ago and far away when Barack Obama snippily remarked, "You're likable enough, Hillary." It's a lovefest now.

Hillary Clinton formally captured the Democratic nomination and declared the glass ceiling keeping women from the presidency cracked and nearly shattered. Her husband, ex-President Bill Clinton closed the historic night with an expansive and passionate testimonial, offering a deeply personal — though sanitized — account of their relationship. It was a policy-driven ode to the "best darn change-maker I have ever met."

Tonight, the current president is joining her party — for it is her party now — in making the case to the nation for electing the former first lady, senator and secretary of state as the first woman to occupy the Oval Office.

The Democrats' standard-bearer at long last, Hillary Clinton was affirmed as the party's nominee

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Tuesday night at a convention that appeared to be finding its stride after a disruptive opening at the hands of distraught Bernie Sanders supporters. The ritualistic roll call of the states that sealed her nomination proceeded without trouble inside the hall and Sanders himself stepped up in the name of unity to ask that her nomination be approved by acclamation.

The unhappiest among his followers filed out, occupied a media tent and staged a sit-in, some with tape on their mouths to signify their silencing by the party. "This was a four-day Hillary party, and we weren't welcome," said Liz Maratea, 31, of New Jersey. "We were treated like lepers."

Clinton's landmark achievement saturated the roll call with emotion and symbols of women's long struggle to break through political barriers. Holding a sign saying "Centenarian for Hillary," 102-year-old Jerry Emmett of Prescott, Arizona, cast her state delegation's vote. She was born before women won the right to vote in 1920, and remembered her mother casting a ballot for the first time.

Bear Atwood, 56, a Terry, Mississippi, civil rights attorney and at-large delegate, was moved to tears when Clinton became the nominee. "I've been working in women's rights for my whole adult life," she said. "This is the culmination of a career and a personal life."

Said Clinton, in a surprise appearance on video at night's end: "We just put the biggest crack in that glass ceiling yet." The crowd roared.

Eight years after the bitter primary battle that Obama won, the president and his ex-rival are engaged in a baton-passing partnership: Clinton presenting herself as the protector of his legacy; Obama seeing the election in November as an affirmation of his course as president, if she wins.

As polished an orator as he is, he's got a tough act to follow, after a memorable speech from his wife, Michelle. Her passionate pitch for Clinton on opening night won praise even from Donald Trump, who turned the other cheek for once and ignored her digs. "Excellent," he said of her delivery. "I thought she did a very good job."

Although the convention made clear progress in sublimating its divisions, Clinton remains a divisive and largely unpopular figure for the country, as is Trump. Polling has consistently found a lack of trust in Clinton, exacerbated by remaining questions about her emails as secretary of state and no doubt by the years of intrigue surrounding the ex-president and herself.

The convention's second night was devoted to reintroducing Clinton to voters, as speakers highlighted issues she has championed for years, like health care and advocacy for children and families.

The portrait was missing some strokes. "Hunger Games" actress Elizabeth Banks and other speakers praised Clinton for focusing her early law career on children's causes; left unsaid was that she also joined the Rose law firm in Arkansas, which worked for Tyson Foods, Wal-Mart and several brokerage houses and had a part in the Whitewater real-estate scandal that dogged the Clintons for years.

Bill Clinton traced the couple's love story chapter and verse, starting from their meeting in a library and proceeding through his head-strong courtship and on through the years. Unsavory episodes, like his numerous dalliances with women in Arkansas and the nearly career-ending liaison with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, were omitted.

"Hillary will make us stronger together," he said, pushing back on the Republicans' "cartoon" version of his wife. In a subtle dig at Trump, he said the U.S., with his wife as president, would be welcoming to Muslims who love America. And, touching on the shootings of black men by police and by the killings of police officers, he envisioned a future "where nobody's afraid to walk outside."

Sanders, the liberal scold of the Democratic Party and a fierce competitor of Clinton in primary contests that she had been expected to breeze through early on, came to the convention as a would-be peacemaker. But he had his hands full trying to get his supporters to swing behind Clinton or even tolerate the idea of her presidential candidacy.

The morning after his rousing endorsement of Clinton at the convention, Sanders himself was booed

as he arrived for a breakfast with California delegates Tuesday.

"It is easy to boo," Sanders said in admonishing his supporters. "But it is harder to look your kids in the face, who would be living under a Donald Trump presidency."

## **China sends Hong Kong journalists to up to 5 years in prison**

**GERRY SHIH, Associated Press**

BEIJING (AP) — A southern Chinese court has sentenced four people, including at least two Hong Kong journalists, to prison on charges of running an illegal business after they reportedly sent copies of their sensitive political magazines to mainland China.

A court in Shenzhen said Wednesday the four received prison sentences of up to five years each. The sentencing, following the high-profile temporary disappearance of five Hong Kong booksellers, raises questions about the semiautonomous territory's status as a free press haven for material banned on the mainland.

Two of those convicted in Shenzhen included Hong Kong magazine publisher Wang Jianmin and editor Guo Zhongxiao, who were arrested in 2014 in the border city, according to Hong Kong media. The two men published New Way Monthly and Faces, two journals that often delved into high-level Communist Party power struggles. It's unclear whether the two other convicted people were Hong Kong residents, or what role they played at the publications.

Reports cited Wang's lawyers as saying their clients were not running a mail-order business and had sent only eight copies of the magazines to friends in China. Wang was also convicted on collusion and bribery charges.

Hong Kong has served for decades as a clearing house for information about sensitive mainland topics, and publishers once considered themselves beyond Beijing's reach.

But the free-wheeling scene has been chilled by a series of run-ins with mainland authorities in the past year, including the disappearance of the booksellers from the Causeway Bay firm Mighty Current. Publishers at an annual Hong Kong book fair, the largest of its kind in Asia, said this month that printers and distributors were increasingly unwilling to handle sensitive titles for fear of political repercussions.

The booksellers went missing one after the other, only to turn up months later under the control of mainland Chinese authorities. Four of the men have been released and a fifth is still detained.

The Independent Commenters Association and the Hong Kong Journalists Association voiced concern in a joint statement and said Beijing has selectively targeted Wang and Guo, as well as Mighty Current and a third publisher called Morning Bell Press, to "clean the origin" of mainland political gossip in Hong Kong.

The groups urged mainland authorities to "respect the rule of law and the principal of 'one country two systems,'" the agreement that outlines the former British colony's relationship with Beijing.

## **Senator: Is Medicare drug plan vulnerable to exploitation?**

**RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior senator is examining whether Medicare's prescription drug benefit is vulnerable to manipulation by pharmaceutical companies that set very high prices for medications.

In a letter Monday to Medicare's top administrator, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said policymakers must ensure the Part D prescription program serving some 38 million beneficiaries "is free from exploitation," and asked if it meets that test as currently structured.

Grassley acted after The Associated Press reported on Medicare data that show spending for high-cost drugs covered under the program's "catastrophic" protection jumped by 85 percent in three years,



from \$27.7 billion in 2013 to \$51.3 billion in 2015. The data include costs to taxpayers, insurers and beneficiaries, as compiled by Medicare's number-crunching Office of the Actuary.

Catastrophic coverage kicks in after a beneficiary has spent \$4,850 of their own money. At that point, taxpayers cover 80 percent of the cost of medications. The beneficiary's share is limited to 5 percent, while insurers pick up the remaining 15 percent.

The congressional Medicare Payment Advisory Commission recently warned that spending on the prescription program is rising at an "unsustainable" rate, singling out pricey specialty drugs covered under Medicare's catastrophic protection.

The commission urged Congress to overhaul the benefit so that insurers bear 80 percent of the cost of catastrophic coverage and taxpayers pay 20 percent. That would give insurers more incentive to negotiate lower prices with drug companies.

Separately, the Obama administration and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton want to give Medicare the legal authority to directly negotiate with the pharmaceutical companies. Republican Donald Trump has also supported opening the door to negotiations, although GOP congressional leaders do not. Polls show that regardless of political affiliation, Americans want government action to curb drug costs.

Medicare's prescription program "is an important part of the health care of many Americans, but has recently seen an alarming trend in spending growth," Grassley wrote Medicare administrator Andy Slavitt.

"Do you believe there is potential for exploitation of the catastrophic benefit as it is currently framed?" Grassley asked.

Lawmakers who created the Medicare prescription program in 2003 saw catastrophic coverage as a way to protect seniors with multiple chronic illnesses from the cumulatively high costs of taking many medications. The recent advent of drugs that sell for \$1,000 per pill is changing that. Now some patients can land in the catastrophic benefit in short order.

An analysis of Medicare's ten most pricey drugs finds that the catastrophic benefit is picking up an increasing share of costs, meaning more exposure for taxpayers.

In 2013, there were four medications among the top ten that had 80 percent or more of their total costs covered by catastrophic protection.

In 2015, seven of the top ten priciest drugs had crossed that threshold, according to Connecture, a company that tracks drug prices paid by health plans.

"It means that one drug alone is going to kick someone into catastrophic coverage," said Jim Yocum, senior vice president of the company.

Grassley, a member of the Senate committee that oversees Medicare, asked for answers in a couple of weeks.

## As Fed ends meeting, few expect much clarity on next hike

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER, AP Economics Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — With consumers spending and employers hiring more freely, the U.S. economy has fared better of late. But when the Federal Reserve ends its latest policy meeting Wednesday, most analysts think it will signal that it wants to see further gains before raising interest rates again.

The Fed is expected to issue a statement that acknowledges the strengthening economy without providing much clarity about when the next rate hike might occur.

Still, some Fed-watchers say the wait may not be much longer. In the eight weeks between this week's meeting and the next in September, the Fed will see a flurry of fresh economic data, including two

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monthly jobs reports. If the new figures show sustained improvement, September might be when the Fed decides to resume the rate increases it began in December.

"If we get decent economic news between now and September, I think the odds are good that the Fed will move," said David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors. "It is still a data-dependent story, but I think the Fed will know enough by then to move."

Jones foresees two modest rate hikes this year, one in September, the other in December. And he said investors may not have to wait until September to know what the Fed is thinking. Jones suggested that Chair Janet Yellen may use her speech at the Federal Reserve's annual late-summer conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to put investors on notice of a coming rate hike.

A few months ago, it was widely assumed that the Fed would have resumed raising rates by now. But that was before the U.S. government issued a bleak May jobs report and Britain's vote to quit the European Union triggered a brief investor panic. Since then, though, a resurgent U.S. economy, a bounce-back in hiring and record highs for stocks have led many economists to once again start looking for a rate hike.

The Fed's statement Wednesday may nod toward welcome signs of a strengthened job market: In June, employers added 287,000 jobs, the most since October 2015, and analysts are forecasting solid more solid gains in coming months.

In December, the Fed raised its benchmark rate from a record low near zero, where it had stood since the depths of the 2008 financial crisis. It also laid out a timetable for up to four additional rate hikes this year. But as 2016 began, intensified fears about China's economy, the world's second-largest, and a plunge in oil prices sent markets sinking and led the Fed to delay any further action.

Once the markets stabilized, the Fed signaled a likely rate increase by midyear. Anemic hiring in April and May, though, raised concerns about the economy, and Fed officials left rates alone. The central bank was also affected by Britain's forthcoming vote on whether to leave the EU, anticipation of which had rattled investors.

When Britain did vote to leave the union and markets sank, some economists even suggested that the Fed's next move might be to cut, rather than raise, rates. Now, though, the pendulum has swung back, especially after the arrival of a reassuring June jobs report and a big rebound on Wall Street.

The economy is also picking up after the year's anemic start. Stronger consumer spending is thought to have lifted growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, from a 1.1 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter to an expected 2.5 percent in the April-June quarter. That figure will be reported Friday. In the spring, consumers boosted spending to what could be the fastest pace in a decade. Economists also foresee a lift from business investment, reflecting a rebound from cutbacks in the energy sector.

All that strength might argue for September rate hike, especially if monthly job growth equals as least 200,000 between now and then. Still, the risks of raising rates again too soon and possibly choking off economic activity may seem greater to the Fed than the risks of waiting longer. It has room to accelerate its rate increases if the economy were to heat up so much as to ignite inflation.

Some economists say they think there will be only one rate hike this year. Yet if that proves true, the Fed might be prodded to move faster next year.

"The slower they move rates this year, the faster they will have to raise rates in 2017 to play catch-up with a better economy," predicted Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

## **Israeli military says it killed suspect behind deadly ambush**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli forces tracked down a group of suspects behind the deadly ambush of a family car in the West Bank earlier this month and killed the man who pulled the trigger in that attack in a shootout early on Wednesday, the military said.

The July 1 attack killed Miki Mark, a 48-year-old father of 10 children, and wounded his wife and two teenage children. The military subsequently sent hundreds of troops to the area of the attack to search for the perpetrators in what was the largest operation in the territory in two years. Israel also vowed to take unprecedented steps to capture the killers.

On Wednesday, the military said that after almost a month of pursuing the perpetrators, troops closed in on the Hamas cell behind the ambush. It said troops surrounded a house near the West Bank city of Hebron where the group was hiding and called on them to surrender.

One Palestinian, believed to be the shooter who killed Mark, was killed in the pre-dawn shootout. Weapons were found on his body, the military said, adding that three others were arrested, including one who belonged to the official Palestinian security forces.

Since mid-September, Palestinians have carried out dozens of stabbings, shootings and attacks using cars against civilians and security forces, killing 34 Israelis and two visiting Americans.

During the same period, about 200 Palestinians have been killed, mainly by Israeli forces or in some cases, armed civilians. Most of the Palestinians have been identified by Israel as attackers while the rest were killed in clashes with Israeli forces.

Israel says the violence is fueled by a Palestinian campaign of lies and incitement, compounded on social media sites that glorify attacks. Palestinians say it stems from frustration at nearly five decades of Israeli rule in territory they claim for a state.

## **Bill Clinton tells a love story to make his case for Hillary**

**LISA LERER, Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — There have been millions of words, decades of video and reams of commentary devoted to their story. It's been dissected, defended and decried at kitchen tables and on cable news, in tabloids and classrooms.

But on Tuesday night, as millions of voters watched and with the political stakes as high as they've ever been, Bill Clinton tried to make sense of it all and make the case for his wife, the newly minted Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

"In the spring of 1971, I met a girl," he began.

The former president's tenth address to a Democratic convention was by far his most personal, a 42-minute tour through wedding proposals and Halloween parties, the deaths of parents and movie marathons.

Perhaps their worst moments — the Monica Lewinsky scandal, impeachment and legal battles that followed — were conspicuously omitted.

Instead, Bill Clinton cast himself as a passenger in his wife's life, reshaping the story of much of their decades in politics.

The goal was to make Clinton, perhaps the most famous female politician in the world, yet a public figure her aides claim remains unknown, relatable to voters. He cast her as a liberal heroine of her own story, who fought for education reform, health care, civil rights, the disabled, 9/11 first responders and economically depressed rural areas.

"She's the best darn change-maker I've ever met in my entire life," he said. "This woman has never been satisfied with the status quo on anything. She always wants to move the ball forward. That is just

who she is.”

He never once mentioned GOP nominee Donald Trump by name, dismissing Republican attacks on Clinton as “made up” and a “cartoon alternative.” Rather, Bill Clinton focused nearly exclusively on his wife’s achievements and how she’d influenced him.

“I have lived a long full blessed life. It really took off when I met and fell in love with that girl in the spring of 1971,” he said.

But it wasn’t only Clinton who broke a glass ceiling on Tuesday when she became the first female nominee of a major party. Should she win on Election Day, her husband will step into a singular role in American history: first gentleman.

The potential new title is perhaps the strangest twist in a political career known for its second acts. After health scares and political missteps, the Comeback Kid, as he was known in his first presidential race, could come back to Washington one last time.

In 2012, he acted as a powerful validator for President Barack Obama, electrifying the room as the party’s “explainer-in-chief.”

But, said Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta, “This is different.”

“This is more personal,” said Podesta, who recalled riding to the convention hall with Bill Clinton as he touched up his 2004 convention address. “This is more about her.”

Bill Clinton felt pressure to perform for his wife and make up for his own missteps during her second presidential campaign.

Nearly 70, he’s also a bit frailer, a touch shakier, though aides and friends say his famous memory remains sharp. Some say his administration’s legacy has been repudiated by his own party, which shifted left during Obama’s time in office.

“God bless him, Bill even looks old now,” said Republican strategist Alex Castellanos. “He’s not the once and future king, he’s the once and past king.”

But no one doubts that Bill Clinton still wants to be at the center of the action. While aides have said he will not get a Cabinet post or a seat in the Situation Room should his wife win, Clinton has made clear that her closest adviser will remain involved with her administration, saying he’d likely have a role in managing the nation’s economy.

They remain a “two for one” package, as Bill Clinton famously said during his first presidential race. But on Tuesday night, he hinted, just barely, that Clinton perhaps is finally getting her part of the deal.

“I married my best friend,” he said. “And I really hoped that she choosing me and rejecting my own advice to pursue her own career was a decision she’d never regret.”

## Japan police search home of suspect in stabbing spree

**EMILY WANG, Associated Press**

**MARI YAMAGUCHI, Associated Press**

SAGAMIHARA, Japan (AP) — Japanese police on Wednesday searched the home of the suspect in a mass stabbing spree that left 19 people dead at a facility for the mentally disabled.

The suspect, 26-year-old Satoshi Uematsu, was transferred earlier in the day from a local police station to the prosecutor’s office in Yokohama.

The attacker left dead or injured nearly a third of the approximately 150 patients at the facility in a matter of 40 minutes early Tuesday, Kanagawa prefectural authorities said. The fire department said 25 were wounded, 20 of them seriously.

Uematsu turned himself into police about two hours after the pre-dawn attack in Sagamihara, a city about 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of central Tokyo.

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He had worked at the facility until February, when he delivered a letter to Parliament outlining a bloody plan to attack two facilities for the handicapped and saying all disabled people should be put to death.

Kanagawa prefecture welfare department official Shogo Nakayama said that officials from the Sagami-hara facility confronted him about the letter a few days later, and Uematsu quit.

His head and shoulders hidden with a blue jacket, the suspect was led out of a police station in Sagami-hara on Wednesday morning and into the back of an unmarked white van with emergency lights on top. Photographers and video journalists swarmed the van as it pulled away.

At his house in Sagami-hara police took in cardboard boxes to carry out any evidence. Parts of the property were sealed off with yellow police tape.

The parents of one of the seriously injured residents of the facility told Japanese television network NTV that their son is unconscious and on artificial respiration.

"I feel anger that he was a former worker," the mother said of the attacker. NTV did not identify the parents or show their faces.

Uematsu broke into the Tsukui Yamayuri-en facility by shattering a window at 2:10 a.m., according to a prefectural health official, and then set about slashing the residents' throats.

Sagami-hara fire department official Kunio Takano said the dead were 10 women and nine men, ranging in age from 19 to 70. All those killed were residents, said Tatsu-hisa Hiro-sue, another Kanagawa welfare division official.

Further details of the attack, including whether the victims were asleep or otherwise helpless, remained unclear Wednesday.

In February, Uematsu tried to hand deliver a letter to Parliament's lower house speaker that revealed his dark turmoil. It demanded that all disabled people be put to death through "a world that allows for mercy killing," Japanese media reported.

Uematsu boasted in the letter that he had the ability to kill 470 disabled people in what he called "a revolution," and outlined an attack on two facilities, after which he said he would turn himself in.

"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 letter says.

Lower house official Yoko Otsuka said that the letter was reported to Tokyo police, who in turn informed police in Kanagawa.

Mass killings are rare in Japan, and Tuesday's was the deadliest in decades. Seven people were killed in 2008 by a man who slammed a truck into a crowd in central Tokyo's Akihabara electronics district and then stabbed passers-by.

In 2001, a man killed eight children in a knife attack at an elementary school in the city of Osaka. The incident led to increased security at schools.

## After the sprinters, Jamaica seeking track and field depth

**TIM REYNOLDS, AP Sports Writer**

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The most dominant runner at Jamaica's national track and field championships this summer was not a superstar sprinter like Usain Bolt, Yohan Blake or Veronica Campbell-Brown.

It was Kemoy Campbell.

Meet the best distance runner in Jamaica — yet unlike Bolt, Blake and the sprint stars, he's far from being a favorite for a medal at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics this summer. Campbell literally lapped the field at the national championships, winning the 5,000-meter run by 2 minutes over the second-place

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finisher. That's an absurd margin for a big-time race, one that basically equates to someone prevailing in a 100-meter dash by 2 1/2 seconds.

Campbell has no competition in his homeland. Jamaica is an Olympic sprinting superpower, but when it comes to the rest of the track and field program the tiny nation is on shaky footing at best.

"When I come here to race, I'm racing by myself," Campbell said, somewhat dejectedly.

Jamaica has won 66 track and field Olympic medals, coming home with at least one in each of the last 12 Summer Games. Of those, 63 were claimed in events where runners needed to go 400 meters or less, two others were won in 800-meter runs (in 1948 and 1952) and only one — James Beckford's silver in the long jump at the 1996 Atlanta Games — came in a field event.

This summer's team is again speedster-dominant: Of the 59 track athletes Jamaica plans to send to Rio, 42 will be running or hurdling over distances of 400 meters or less.

Even after all of Bolt's success and stature as a global superstar, even after Jamaica winning 10 gold medals in the last two Summer Olympics, there's still not enough resources to go around to every discipline in the track and field program. So the athletes in the "other" events tend to toil in anonymity, some of Jamaica's national champions unable to even hit the Olympic qualifying standards and earn a spot in Rio.

"We need more resources," said Orlando Thomas, the Jamaican national champion in javelin — with a winning throw that would have earned him 17th place at this year's NCAA Division I men's championships. "Better quality equipment, better support, better resources."

Thomas isn't going to Rio, after not reaching the Olympic minimum to be part of the elite field. Jamaica is sending seven throwers, including three women in discus for the first time. Each of those women had met the Olympic qualifying standard before the national meet, but still needed to finish in the top three there to earn the Olympic berth — and did so despite the surface from which they were throwing from being less-than-ideal.

"I did what I needed to do," said Florida State junior Kellion Knibb, one of those three Olympic discus qualifiers, adding that the conditions were "terrible."

It's not uncommon for Jamaicans to find their way to the United States for college or training. Campbell, the 5,000-meter champion, ran at Arkansas and now trains in the Boston area. Clive Pullen, who will represent Jamaica in the triple jump at the Rio Games, also competes for Arkansas. College coaches from all over the U.S. were at the national meet in Kingston earlier this month, looking for talent.

"The facilities here aren't the worst, but aren't the best," Pullen said as he overlooked National Stadium in Kingston. "That's why you see field event athletes like myself move on to the states, to study in college and get the gurus over there to help nurture us. For sure, if I was a sprinter, I would be here. We have gurus here for sprinting. But for what I have, I am grateful. And I'm grateful to have a chance to represent my country."

Pullen knows Jamaica doesn't have much, but takes immense pride in what it has.

"Compared to other Third World countries," Pullen said, "we are doing phenomenal."

He says there's reason for hope, and he wasn't the only one to say so even after a meet where there was one — that's right, one — person to clear any height in the pole vault championship, no male or female high jumpers able to reach the Olympic standard, yet where the last-place finisher in the men's 5,000 got some of the loudest cheers of the weekend.

And that was for finishing 4 minutes behind Campbell's winning time.

"The depth in every event isn't there yet for Jamaica," Thomas said. "Not yet. Maybe someday we will get there. Maybe someday I will get there and put Jamaica on the map for javelin, too."

## **Daimler's mytaxi, British rival Hailo to merge**

BERLIN (AP) — Daimler's mytaxi and British rival Hailo are merging to form Europe's biggest app-based cab ordering service.

Mytaxi operates in Germany, Austria, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Sweden. Hailo is active in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Spain.

The two companies said Tuesday that the merger will involve a share swap.

The new app, which will operate under the name mytaxi, will give users access to about 100,000 cabs in 53 cities across nine European countries.

German automaker Daimler has invested about €500 million (\$550 million) in mytaxi over the past years and is expected to pump more money into the business in a bid to fend off competition from the likes of Uber.

## **Clinton wins historic nomination, says glass ceiling cracked**

**JULIE PACE, Associated Press**

**CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — On a night awash in history, Hillary Clinton triumphantly became the first woman to lead a major American political party toward the White House, breaking through a barrier that painfully eluded her eight years ago.

She put an electrifying cap on the Democratic convention's second night, appearing by video from New York and declaring to cheering delegates, "We just put the biggest crack in that glass ceiling yet."

Minutes earlier, former President Bill Clinton took on the role of devoted political spouse, declaring his wife an impassioned "change-maker" as he served as character witness. He traced their more than 40-year political and personal partnership in deep detail.

"She has been around a long time," he acknowledged. Casting her experience as an attribute, he added, "She's been worth every single year she's put into making people's lives better."

For a man more accustomed to delivering policy-packed stem-winders, Clinton's heartfelt address underscored the historic night for Democrats, and the nation. If she wins in November, the Clintons would also be the first married couple to each serve as president.

She will take on Donald Trump, who won the Republican nomination a week ago. Trump, who campaigned Tuesday in North Carolina, mocked the former president's speech in advance, calling him "over-rated."

At Trump's convention last week, Clinton was the target of blistering criticism of her character and judgment, a sharp contrast to the warm and passionate woman described by her husband. Seeking to explain the vastly different perceptions of his wife, Clinton said simply, "One is real, the other is made up."

The former president took voters back to a time before an affair with an intern led to his impeachment — and to intense public scrutiny of the first couple's marriage. While her aides believe his past transgressions are old news to voters, they have flared up anew at times during the campaign, with Trump often leading the charge.

Bill Clinton headlined the second night of the Democratic convention, a jubilant celebration of her formal nomination for president. In an important move for party unity, her primary rival Bernie Sanders helped make it official when the roll call got to his home state of Vermont, prompting delegates to erupt in cheers. It was a striking parallel to the role Clinton played eight years ago when she stepped to the microphone on the convention floor in Denver in support of her former rival, Barack Obama.

This time, Clinton shattered the glass ceiling she couldn't crack in 2008.

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She leads a party still grappling with divisions. Moments after Clinton claimed the nomination, a group of Sanders supporters left the convention and headed to a media tent to protest what they said was their being shut out of the party. At the same time, protesters who had spent the day marching in the hot sun began facing off with police.

Trump cheered the disruptions from the campaign trail. In North Carolina, he told a convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars that, "our politicians have totally failed you."

Indeed, Clinton's long political resume — secretary of state, senator, first lady — has sometimes seemed an odd fit for an electorate deeply frustrated with Washington and eager to rally around unconventional candidates like Trump and Sanders. Many voters have questions about her character and trustworthiness, suggesting she's used her access to power to her personal advantage.

President Clinton spoke after three hours of testimonials from lawmakers, advocates, celebrities and citizens who argued otherwise. Each took the stage to vouch for her commitment to working on health care, children's issues and gun control.

"Hillary Clinton has the passion and understanding to support grieving mothers," said Sybrina Fulton, whose son Trayvon Martin was killed in 2012. "She has the courage to lead the fight for commonsense gun legislation."

The significant time devoted to the testimonials underscored the campaign's concerns about how voters view Clinton. Public polls consistently show that a majority of Americans don't believe she is honest and trustworthy. That perception that was reinforced after the FBI director's scathing assessment of her controversial email use as secretary of state, even though the Justice Department did not pursue charges.

President Clinton complicated the email controversy last month when he met privately with Attorney General Loretta Lynch in the midst of the FBI investigation. Republicans cast the meeting as a sign that the Clintons play by different rules, while Democrats bemoaned that at the very least, it left that impression.

The former president has campaigned frequently for his wife during the White House race, but mostly in smaller cities and towns, part of an effort by the campaign to keep him in a more behind-the-scenes role. His convention address was his highest profile appearance of the campaign.

Clinton's landmark achievement saturated the roll call with emotion and symbols of women's long struggle to break through political barriers. Jerry Emmett, a 102-year-old woman born before women had the right to vote, cast the ballots for Arizona.

Martha McKenna, a Clinton delegate from Maryland, said the night felt like a celebration for Sanders' campaign as well as Clinton's. She added, "The idea that I'm going to be here when the first woman president is nominated is overwhelming."

The Democratic convention drew the party's biggest stars to sweltering Philadelphia for the week-long event. On Monday night, first lady Michelle Obama made an impassioned case for Clinton as the only candidate in the presidential race worthy of being a role model for the nation's children. President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will speak Wednesday, along with Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, Clinton's new running mate.

## **The Latest: 46 people rescued from sinking vessel off Alaska**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The Latest on the rescue of 46 crew members who abandoned a fishing vessel in Alaska's Aleutian Islands on Tuesday (all times local):

9 p.m.

Officials say two Good Samaritan vessels have rescued 46 people who abandoned a fishing boat in



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Alaska's Aleutian Islands.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Lauren Steenson says there were no reports of any injuries as the crew members were transferred from life rafts to the vessels in a fairly calm Bering Sea.

She says the ships then embarked on a 13-hour voyage to Adak, Alaska, a port in the Aleutians.

The Good Samaritan ships Spar Canis and the Vienna Express rushed to the scene as did two other merchant vessels, all responding to a Coast Guard's emergency broadcast for help.

When the 220-foot Alaska Juris started taking on water Tuesday morning, all crew members donned survival suits and got into three rafts.

The trouble occurred about 690 miles west of Dutch Harbor, one of the nation's busiest fishing ports.

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5:05 p.m.

A second Good Samaritan vessel has arrived to help rescue 46 people who abandoned a fishing boat in Alaska's Aleutian Islands.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Lauren Steenson says the plan is to have the 46 crew members transfer to the two vessels, and then they will be taken to a port.

The names of the two Good Samaritan ships are the Spar Canis and the Vienna Express.

The crew of the 220-foot Alaska Juris donned survival suits and got into three rafts after the fishing vessel started taking on water Tuesday morning about 690 miles west of Dutch Harbor, one of the nation's busiest fishing ports.

There have been no reported injuries to the 46 crew members, and the Coast Guard will investigate.

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4:55 p.m.

Forty-six people have abandoned a sinking fishing vessel in Alaska's Aleutian Islands. The Coast Guard says all 46 donned survival suits Tuesday and were awaiting rescue in three life rafts.

The Coast Guard says a Good Samaritan vessel was on scene, and Petty Officer Kelly Parker said the plan is for all 46 crew members to board the Spar Canis.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the crew members were off the 220-foot fishing vessel Alaska Juris, which was taking on water Tuesday morning. The ship is sinking near Kiska Island, about 690 miles west of Dutch Harbor, one of the nation's busiest fishing ports.

Two other civilian ships and a Coast Guard cutter were en route. The Coast Guard is also sending two helicopters, and it has a military transport plane in the vicinity.

## **N. Korea floats propaganda leaflets in river for 1st time**

**HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea on Wednesday accused rival North Korea of floating propaganda leaflets down a river in the first such incident.

South Korea's military discovered dozens of plastic bags, each carrying about 20 leaflets, near the estuary of Seoul's Han River close to the tense Korean border last Friday, according to the South's Defense Ministry. Seoul is only an hour's drive from the border.

The leaflets contained threats to launch missile attacks and a repeat of the North's long-running propaganda such as that the North won the 1950-53 Korean War, a ministry official said, requesting anonymity because of department rules.

The war ended with no one's victory. An armistice that stopped the fighting has yet to be replaced with a peace treaty, leaving the Korean Peninsula split along the world's most heavily fortified border and at

a technical state of war. Wednesday marks the 63rd anniversary of the armistice's signing.

North Korea recently warned of unspecified "physical" measures in response to a U.S. plan to deploy an advanced missile defense system in South Korea by the end of next year. North Korea last week fired three ballistic missiles into the sea, according to Seoul defense officials.

The rival Koreas resumed old-fashioned, Cold War-era psychological warfare in the wake of North Korea's fourth nuclear test in January.

Seoul began blasting anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts and K-pop songs from border loudspeakers in retaliation for the North's atomic detonation. Pyongyang quickly matched Seoul's campaign with its own border broadcasts and launches of balloons carrying anti-South leaflets across the border.

The latest discovery of propaganda leaflets marks the first time for North Korea to use a river to send leaflets, according to the South Korean defense official. He said North Korea is believed to have used a river because the direction of wind isn't favorable in the summer to fly propaganda balloons from north to south.

Many in South Korea believe their broadcasts could sting in Pyongyang because the rigidly controlled, authoritarian country worries that the broadcasts will demoralize front-line troops and residents and eventually weaken the grip of absolute leader Kim Jong Un.

Nearly 30,000 North Koreans have fled to South Korea since the end of the Korean War, mostly for political and economic reasons. South Koreans defecting to the impoverished, authoritarian North is highly unusual.

## **Takeaways: Glass ceiling shattered; 'change agent' hailed**

**MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Hillary Clinton became the first female presidential nominee of a major party, and her husband made a personal but forceful case for her to reoccupy the White House — this time from the West Wing.

Delegates erupted in cheers as Hillary Clinton's primary rival, Bernie Sanders, helped make the nomination official Tuesday when the roll call of states got to his home state of Vermont — a crucial show of unity for a party trying to heal deep divisions.

And Clinton herself appeared on video to thank delegates and celebrate her big night.

Sanders, following the role Clinton played eight years ago, asked for his former rival to be declared the nominee by acclamation. In November, she will take on Republican Donald Trump.

Here are the top takeaways from Day Two of the Democratic National Convention:

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### GLASS CEILING SHATTERED

"We just put the biggest crack in that glass ceiling yet," a smiling Clinton declared as she made a surprise appearance on video at night's end, to the roar of delegates.

"This is really your victory," she said, predicting that many more women will be nominated for president -- and elected.

Clinton's long political resume — secretary of state, senator, first lady — has sometimes obscured the historic nature of her candidacy. Her supporters noted that Clinton's achievement came nearly a century after women gained the right to vote in 1920.

Maryland Sen. Barbara Mikulski nominated Clinton, saying she was acting on behalf of "all women who have broken down barriers for others." Mikulski was the first Democratic woman to be elected to the Senate in her own right.

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## 'I MET A GIRL'

Bill Clinton emphasized the personal as he told delegates and a TV audience about the woman he calls his best friend. The former president recalled that as a law student at Yale University in 1971, "I met a girl" named Hillary Rodham.

After several false starts, Clinton finally asked her to walk to an art museum. "We've been walking and talking and laughing together ever since," he said.

Clinton called his wife the "best darn change-maker I've met in my entire life," adding that she "had done more positive change before she was 30 than many politicians do in a lifetime in office."

Referring to Republican attacks on his wife at last week's convention, Clinton said there are two versions of her. "One is real, the other is made up," he said.

A nominee's spouse always gets some love at a party convention. But Bill Clinton's speech piqued extra interest since he hopes to be the first first man. Clinton, a former president, is a beloved figure to many Democrats, but he carries with him the baggage of numerous scandals and investigations.

## GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS REMEMBERED

Hoopla and celebration gave way to somber moments as the convention showcased "mothers of the movement" — women whose children died in gun violence.

Sybrina Fulton, the mother of Trayvon Martin, a Florida teen killed in 2012, said that no mother "would have signed up" for the assignment.

Fulton said Clinton has the compassion to support grieving mothers and the courage to fight for gun legislation. "This isn't about being politically correct. This is about saving our children," she said.

Clinton has made gun safety a foundation of her presidential campaign, vowing to push for expanded criminal background checks and a renewal of a ban on assault weapons.

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 said two members of law enforcement also are on the convention schedule.

## PROTESTS CONTINUE

Moments after Clinton claimed the nomination, a group of Sanders supporters left the convention hall and marched to a nearby media tent to protest what they said was their being shut out of the party.

Unmoved by Sanders' plea for unity, thousands of people chanting "Bernie or bust!" took to the streets under the hot sun. By early evening, a large crowd had formed outside the subway station closest to the Wells Fargo Center as delegates inside were on the verge of nominating Clinton for president.

Still, in the convention hall itself, the party seemed much more united behind Clinton than it had been on the first day, when Sanders supporters frequently jeered any mention of her name.

## Nomination fatigue? Elizabeth Banks' jokes fall flat

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Tough room, Elizabeth Banks.

You could've heard crickets in the Democratic convention hall when the "Pitch Perfect" and "Hunger Games" actress attempted a joke or two in introducing a short video about Hillary Clinton.

Delegates barely laughed or clapped. Nomination fatigue? Clinton had just received the party nod.

Banks walked to the podium in white fog to Queen's "We Are the Champions," mocking a similar en-

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trance at the Republican convention by Donald Trump.

"The Trump campaign is hard up for money. I just bought their fog machine on eBay for 30 bucks," she attempted. "I don't feel good about it. I don't."

Nothin'.

Also taking the stage Tuesday was "Girls" creator Lena Dunham, who praised Clinton for making it easier for sexual assault survivors like herself in New York to access emergency room care. She was joined by "Superstore" star America Ferrera, who spoke of her Honduran parents and their struggles raising a family on meager salaries.

"Occasionally I needed a free meal to get through the school day," she said, citing what she called Clinton's commitment to immigrant families like hers.

Tony Goldwyn, who isn't president but plays one on "Scandal," introduced "mothers of the movement," women of color who lost children to gun violence or excessive force in police custody. He said these mothers "have turned their pain into power and their outrage into action," adding, "They understand that we must reach out to each other because of our diversity, because we are stronger together."

Debra Messing, who co-starred on "Will & Grace," introduced a first responder and a victim from the 9/11 terror attack. And singer Andra Day performed her "Rise Up," accompanied by United Percussion, a drumline and marching band.

To close out the evening, actress Meryl Streep, wearing an American flag-motif dress, likened Clinton's "grit and grace" to a host of women trailblazers through history, from Harriet Tubman to Sally Ride.

Streep spoke of Deborah Samson, who disguised herself as a man to serve in George Washington's Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Rather than reveal her gender after being shot, she dug a musket ball out of the wound with a penknife and sewed herself up.

"These women share something in common," Streep said, "capacity of mind, fullness of heart and a burning passion for their cause. They have forged new paths so that others can follow them — men and women, generation on generation. That's Hillary. That's America."

Streep was followed by singer and activist Alicia Keys, founder of the We Are Here social justice movement.

"Let's act on our differences and celebrate them," Keys urged as she performed a medley of her songs.

Earlier Tuesday, Bryan Cranston, who played President Lyndon B. Johnson on Broadway and HBO, appeared on a civil rights panel with 1960s-era activists and signed on to an anti-Donald Trump campaign with more than 100 other celebrities at the Democratic National Convention.

Cranston was joined by Julianne Moore, Kerry Washington, Mark Ruffalo, Neil Patrick Harris, Shonda Rhimes and Macklemore in calling on Americans to deny Trump the White House. It's part of MoveOn.org's "United Against Hate" effort.

## Black-footed ferrets return to where they held out in wild

MEETEETSE, Wyo. (AP) — A nocturnal species of weasel with a robber-mask-like marking across its eyes has returned to the remote ranchlands of western Wyoming where the critter almost went extinct more than 30 years ago.

Wildlife officials on Tuesday released 35 black-footed ferrets on two ranches near Meeteetse, a tiny cattle ranching community 50 miles east of Yellowstone National Park. Black-footed ferrets, generally solitary animals, were let loose individually over a wide area.

Groups of ferret releasers fanned out over prairie dog colonies covering several thousand acres of the Lazy BV and Pitchfork ranches. Black-footed ferrets co-exist with prairie dogs, living in their burrows and preying on them.

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In the weeks leading up to the release, biologists made extra sure the ferrets will have plenty of prairie dogs to eat by treating the local prairie dog population with insecticide and plague vaccine. Plague, which is spread by fleas, can kill off prairie dogs by the thousand.

Scientists recently found plague had killed some prairie dogs in the area but not nearly enough to interfere with the release. In fact, the pattern of prairie dogs killed by the disease suggests the plague vaccine works, said Zack Walker, a Wyoming Game and Fish Department biologist.

More plague control will be needed as wildlife officials plan more black-footed ferret releases next year and the year after.

"In the early years, it's going to be important to keep it up," Walker said.

The release completed the circle of a story that began in 1981, when a ranch dog named Shep brought home a dead black-footed ferret in the Meeteetse area. Local ranchers took the carcass to a taxidermist, who alerted them it was no ordinary weasel but a very rare specimen, indeed.

Five years later, biologists rounded up the remaining wild ferrets to launch a successful captive-breeding program. Tuesday's release, in other words, brought the descendants of the last Meeteetse ferrets back to Meeteetse for the first time.

"We thank the ranch owners for their commitment to recovery of black-footed ferrets. The decades of hard work from Game and Fish and our numerous partners show in these recovery efforts," Wyoming Game and Fish Department Director Scott Talbott said in a release.

The Fish and Wildlife Service breeds black-footed ferrets at a facility near Fort Collins, Colorado. There, the young ferrets go through a "boot camp" where they learn how to catch prairie dogs.

Ferrets have been released at 24 sites in Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, South Dakota, Arizona and Kansas, as well as Canada and Mexico. Recent release sites include the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge near Denver last fall.

This was the first ferret release in Wyoming in almost a decade. Last year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated all of Wyoming as a zone for "experimental, non-essential" populations of black-footed ferrets.

The designation indemnifies ranchers in case they accidentally harm any ferrets released on their property.

Biologists flocked to the Lazy BV and Pitchfork ranches in the 1980s to learn more about the last remaining black-footed ferrets in the wild, recalled Meeteetse Mayor J.W. Yetter, who worked in the local logging industry at the time.

"There was a whole crew of university people and wildlife biologists in training quartered up at the timber creek ranger station. They were the ones charged with tracking, capturing, radio collaring and generally discovering the extent of that colony and getting biologic information about the members of that colony," Yetter said.

## California wildfire forces shutdown of famed Big Sur parks

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BIG SUR, Calif. (AP) — California's signature parks along the Big Sur coastline that draw thousands of daily visitors were closed Tuesday as one of the state's two major wildfires threatened the scenic region at the height of the summer tourism season.

To the south, firefighters made progress containing a huge blaze in mountains outside Los Angeles, allowing authorities to let most of 20,000 people evacuated over the weekend to return home. In Wyo-

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ming, a large backcountry wildfire in the Shoshone National Forest put about 290 homes and guest ranches at risk.

The Big Sur fire threatened a long stretch of pristine, forested mountains hugging the coast and sent smoke billowing over the famed Pacific Coast Highway, which remained open with few if any flames visible to motorists but a risk that the blaze could reach beloved campgrounds, lodges and redwoods near the shore.

"It is folly to predict where this fire will go," said California state parks spokesman Dennis Weber.

The Los Angeles-area fire has destroyed 18 homes since it started and authorities over the weekend discovered a burned body in a car identified Tuesday as a man who refused to be evacuated.

A woman living in the house Robert Bresnick was visiting left with firefighters but he went back inside the house. The body of Bresnick, 67, was found about 20 minutes later Saturday in the car after flames tore through the neighborhood, said Los Angeles County Coroner's Assistant Ed Winter.

The Big Sur closures were put into place for parks that draw 7,500 visitors daily from around the world for their dramatic vistas of ocean and mountains. Campgrounds were closed because of the dangers smoke could pose to visitors but could reopen soon if the blaze is held back by firefighters.

Jim Newby, a Phoenix-area tourist, drove along the Pacific Coast Highway with his family and was disappointed at the smoke.

"We wanted to see more of the ocean," Newby said. "We didn't see a whole lot of it unfortunately, and it's a beautiful, beautiful stretch."

The park shutdowns came as a fire that started Friday just north of Big Sur grew Tuesday to 36 square miles (93 square kilometers) but was just 10 percent contained. Twenty homes have burned in the zone, residents of 300 more were ordered to evacuate and more than 2,000 firefighters were trying to douse the blaze.

The Wyoming fire in a remote region burned nearly 11 square miles (28 square kilometers) and forced the evacuations of 900 people but no homes had burned by Tuesday afternoon, authorities said.

In neighboring Bridger-Teton National Forest, a fire grew to 26 square miles (67 square miles) and was partially contained. Two smaller fires were burning in the Bighorn National Forest.

In Southern California, the fire in rugged wilderness between the northern edge of Los Angeles and the suburban city of Santa Clarita grew to 59 square miles (153 square kilometers).

But authorities said Tuesday they had managed to contain 25 percent of the area, meaning the flames there had been isolated and were not expected to spread. They warned, however, that the fire was still extremely dangerous and would take time to put out.

"We're not really out of the woods," said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Justin Correll. "We're not ready to relax. There's still a lot of firefighting to do."

Acting Gov. Tom Torlakson, substituting for Gov. Jerry Brown who is at the Democratic National Convention with other top state officials, declared a state of emergency for both fires on Tuesday night. The move frees up funding and relaxes regulations to help with the firefight and the recovery.

The 3,000 firefighters faced another day of temperatures in the 90s to low 100s as they fought the fire, aided by fleets aircraft dropping retardant and water and hundreds of fire engines.

Some neighborhoods in Santa Clarita, population about 200,000, remained off limits Tuesday because of the fire. But most evacuations ordered for about 10,000 homes with an estimated 20,000 residents were lifted.

Lane Leavitt, who trains stunt actors and specializes in setting people on fire for movies and television, was relieved when he returned home Monday evening to find his home and business fully intact.

"It's a miracle everything was there," he said from his home across the street from a ranch used to

make movies where the sets were incinerated.

Friends and clients from around the world called and texted Leavitt, worried he lost everything after he abandoned the house with fire burning on two sides of it.

He texted back: "We're still standing."

## Asian stocks mostly higher ahead of Fed statement

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Asian stocks were mixed on Wednesday ahead of the Federal Reserve's policy statement, as strong U.S. economic data raised questions over the likely course for interest rates.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 2.0 percent to 16,702.55 and Australia's S&P/ASX200 added 0.1 percent to 5,543.00. But Hong Kong's Hang Seng index gave up early gains, falling 0.2 percent to 22,090.27 and South Korea's Kospi fell 0.2 percent to 2,023.09. Stocks in mainland China and Singapore fell but shares in Taiwan and Indonesia were stronger.

U.S. RECOVERY: U.S. new home sales data in June exceeded expectations. Americans bought new homes last month at the fastest pace in more than eight years, according to the Commerce Department. Home prices continued their steady upward march in May, thanks to rising sales and a dwindling supply of available houses. Analysts said data continued to auger a broad recovery.

FED WATCH: The Federal Open Market Committee is scheduled to release its latest monetary policy statement later on Wednesday after wrapping up a two-day meeting. While analysts expect the Federal Reserve not to change policy this month, they said recent strength in U.S. economic data and the recovery of investor sentiment since Britain's referendum to leave the European Union have revived the possibility of a rate hike later this year.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "The Fed will in most likelihood opt for a cautious stance while assessing Brexit implications on the U.S. economy," Mizuho Bank wrote in a daily commentary. "We caution that there is a risk that markets may be caught wrong-footed in the event of a surprise downbeat tone."

ANOTHER TAKE: With a majority of analysts betting on one rate hike in December and two hikes next year, "the Feds are unlikely to rock the boat," said Stephen Innes, senior trader at OANDA. "However, this week's FOMC meeting is facing heightened importance due to the uptick in U.S. economic data."

WALL STREET: U.S. stock markets finished mixed. The Dow closed down 19.31 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,473.75, weighed down by a drop in shares in McDonald's. The Standard & Poor's 500 was flat and the Nasdaq composite rose 12.42 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,110.05.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude dropped 11 cents to \$42.81 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract closed down 21 cents at \$42.92 a barrel on Tuesday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 13 cents to \$44.74 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar gained to 105.89 yen from 104.85 yen while the euro strengthened to \$1.0998 from \$1.0986.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 27, the 209th day of 2016. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded

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guilty to the bombing, exonerating security guard Richard Jewell, who had been wrongly suspected.)

On this date:

In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 burned out after only a few weeks' use).

In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto.

In 1946, American author, poet and publisher Gertrude Stein, 72, died in Neuilly-sur-Seine (NU'-yee-suhr-sehn), France.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon.

In 1976, Air Force veteran Ray Brennan became the first person to die of so-called "Legionnaire's Disease" following an American Legion convention in Philadelphia.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1995, the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington by President Bill Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

In 2003, comedian Bob Hope died in Toluca Lake, California, at age 100.

Ten years ago: Floyd Landis' stunning Tour de France victory just four days earlier was thrown into doubt when he tested positive for high levels of testosterone during the race. (Landis was stripped of his title for doping.)

Five years ago: A Russian space official (Vitaly Davydov) said that once the mammoth International Space Station was no longer needed, it would be sent into the Pacific Ocean. Julio Lugo scored from third base on a blown umpire's call at the plate, giving the Atlanta Braves a post-midnight 4-3 win in 19 innings over the Pittsburgh Pirates. Ervin Santana pitched the first solo no-hitter for the Angels in nearly 27 years, striking out 10 and leading Los Angeles over Cleveland 3-1. Former New York Yankees pitcher Hideki Irabu, 42, was found dead of an apparent suicide in the affluent Los Angeles suburb of Rancho Palos Verdes.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, during a visit to Ethiopia, unleashed a blistering and belittling rebuke of Republican White House hopefuls, calling their attack on his landmark nuclear deal with Iran "ridiculous if it weren't so sad." The Boy Scouts of America ended its blanket ban on gay adult leaders while allowing church-sponsored Scout units to maintain the exclusion for religious reasons.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 94. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 85. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 77. Actor John Pleshette is 74. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 69. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 68. Singer Maureen McGovern is 67. Actress Janet Eilber is 65. Rock musician Tris Imboden (Chicago) is 65. Actress Roxanne Hart is 62. Country musician Duncan Cameron is 60. Comedian-actress-writer Carol Leifer is 60. Comedian Bill Engvall is 59. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 54. Country singer Stacy Dean Campbell is 49. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 49. Actor Julian McMahon is



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48. Actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (NIH'-koh-lye KAH'-stur WAHL'-dah) is 46. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 44. Rock musician Abe Cunningham is 43. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 42. MLB All-Star Alex Rodriguez is 41. Actor Seamus Dever is 40. Actor Jonathan Rhys (rees) Meyers is 39. Actor Blair Redford is 33. Actress Taylor Schilling is 32. Singer Cheyenne Kimball is 26. Golfer Jordan Spieth is 23. Actress Alyvia Alyn Lind is nine.

Thought for Today: "We are always the same age inside." — Gertrude Stein (1874-1946).