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Bus Driver Needed

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

Manager Wanted

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

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Sunday, July 31

Birthdays: Amanda Swenson • Lynette Furman
• Keith Baker
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran worship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, Aug. 1

National Raspberry Cream Pie Day

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Bert Raap • Linda Gengerke • Annabeth Rohwer • Heather Dixon • Kervin Wolter • Baily Reich • Karen Young • Martin Schumacher, Lacey Grabow

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
7:00pm: Groton City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

Tuesday, Aug. 2

National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: David Strom • Marsha Wienk • Peggy Fliehs • Jesse Nierman • Chris Wheeting • Jennifer Keimig • Erin Unzen • Dylan Graf • Spencer Kavanaugh • Morgan Rossow • Rebecca Blocker

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

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Finding Savings in Prevention

Earlier this summer, lightning struck Crow Peak in the Black Hills, setting about 2,700 acres of land on fire before it was contained. The blaze threatened the homes and ranch lands near its path as well as the lives of the firefighters working to fend off its flames.

Over the course of the last decade or so, wildfires across the country have grown larger and more dangerous. In 2015, a record-breaking 10.1 million acres burned, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In total, the fires took the lives of at least seven firefighters, severely damaged 4,500 homes, and cost approximately \$2.6 billion.

Because of the way funding is allocated, the increased size and scope of fire fighting has drawn much-needed resources away from preventing these blazes altogether. I, along with many members on both sides of the aisle, would like to see this changed. More specifically, I've backed the bipartisan H.R.167, the Wildfire Disaster Funding Act. This legislation would help protect the resources we have to keep our forests healthy, thereby lowering the risk of costly wildfires. The most damaging fires would then be fought with emergency funding, just like other natural disasters are.

In the Black Hills, excessive drought and damaging pine beetles have only amplified the risk of wildfires. Not only is this a significant safety concern, but it also jeopardizes our state's tourism and forestry industries – and the paychecks of the hundreds of South Dakotans employed in these industries.

A number of counties West River have already become eligible for emergency relief due to excessive drought. Even the small rains some counties have received have simply not been enough to prevent fires or quench dry ranch lands.

Years of pine beetle damage have also turned much of the Black Hills into a tinder box. An estimated 430,000 acres - or about one-third of the Black Hills National Forest - have been destroyed by pine beetles. Through provisions I helped write into the 2014 Farm Bill, we've been able to help cut through environmental red tape, get boots on the ground faster, and allow the Forest Service to work on a larger scale in many cases. So far, nearly one million acres of the Black Hills National Forest has benefited from these provisions, but more must still be done.

Through other efforts, we were also able to prioritize additional funding to help beat the beetle.

Simply put, it is much more cost-effective and significantly safer to prevent a wildfire than it is to fight one. Our funding allocations should reflect that.

We are fortunate to have so many dedicated foresters working in the Black Hills today, fighting to keep our forests healthy, preserving our landscape, and, when necessary, stepping in to protect homes, livestock and lives. I am incredibly grateful for their efforts and humbled by the risks they take.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: I recently retired and am approaching the age when I can start receiving Medicare. What is the monthly premium for Medicare Part B?

Answer: The standard Medicare Part B premium for medical insurance is currently \$121.80 per month. Since 2007, some people with higher incomes must pay a higher monthly premium for their Medicare coverage. You can get details at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Question: What is the maximum Social Security retirement benefit?

Answer: The maximum benefit depends on the age you retire. For example, if you retire at full retirement age in 2016, your maximum monthly benefit would be \$2,639. However, if you retire at age 62 in 2016, your maximum monthly benefit would be only \$2,102. If you retire at age 70 in 2016, your maximum monthly benefit would be \$3,576. To get a better idea of what your benefit might be, visit our online Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire/estimator.html.

Question: How do I earn Social Security credits, and how many do I need to qualify for benefits?

Answer: We use your total yearly earnings to figure your Social Security credits. The amount needed for a credit in 2016 is \$1,260. You can earn a maximum of four credits for any year. The amount needed to earn one credit increases automatically each year when average wages increase.

You must earn a certain number of credits to qualify for Social Security benefits. The number of credits you need depends on your age when you apply and the type of benefit application. No one needs more than 40 credits for any Social Security benefit.

Question: Can I refuse to give my Social Security number to a private business?

Answer: Yes, you can refuse to disclose your Social Security number, and you should be careful about giving out your number. But, be aware, the person requesting your number can refuse services if you don't give it. Businesses, banks, schools, private agencies, etc., are free to request someone's number and use it for any purpose that doesn't violate a federal or state law. To learn more about your Social Security number, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Question: Why should I sign up for a my Social Security online account?

Answer: my Social Security gives you a personal online account you can securely use to check your Social Security information and do business with us. With a my Social Security account you can:

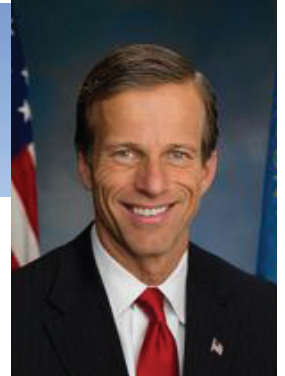
- Keep track of your earnings and verify them every year;
- Get an estimate of your future benefits if you are still working;
- Get a replacement Social Security card if you meet certain criteria and reside in these locations;
- Get a letter with proof of your benefits if you currently receive them; and
- Manage your benefits:
 - o Change your address or telephone number;
 - o Start or change your direct deposit;
 - o Get a replacement Medicare card; and
 - o Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.

To find all of the services available and set up an account, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

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John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Not Even Team USA Can Outrun the Taxman

In just a few short days, athletes from around the world, including South Dakota's own Paige McPherson, will meet in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the 2016 Olympic Games, followed shortly thereafter by the Paralympic Games. Ask any of these competitors and they will tell you that representing the red, white, and blue for this centuries-old tradition will mark the pinnacle in many of their athletic careers.

Becoming an Olympian doesn't happen overnight. For many members of Team USA, it's the culmination of years of relentless training and hard work, a significant financial commitment, and an immeasurable amount of sacrifice. It's no understatement to say that for these high-performing athletes, the chance to compete for an Olympic medal on this world stage is an opportunity second to none.

While all members of Team USA will be celebrated by their friends, families, and communities, it's the athletes who earn a medal at this year's games who will be welcomed home with an extra dose of congratulations. There will be parades, parties, and celebrations of all kinds for those who fight hard and come home with gold, silver, or bronze in hand. It's unfortunate that rather than focusing on these competitors and their success, the IRS will instead have its tax-collecting eyes focused squarely on the value of our athletes' prizes.

Just when you thought everyone's favorite federal government agency couldn't do anything else that would shock you, many people will be surprised to learn that the IRS considers winning the Olympics or Paralympics as a taxable event. That's right, the value of a competitor's medal gets tacked onto his or her federal tax bill at the end of each year. I've long believed this tax on Olympic and Paralympic success is unfair, and I'm fighting to have it abolished.

The United States Appreciation for Olympians and Paralympians Act, a bipartisan bill I reintroduced earlier this year, would exempt the small cash incentive prizes received by winning athletes and the value of their Olympic or Paralympic medals from federal tax. Doing so is fair, common sense, and sends the right message to Team USA, both present and future.

Like our athletes in Brazil, my bill still faces a few hurdles. While it was approved in the Senate without a single dissenting vote, it has yet to be considered by my colleagues in the House, and it's unlikely to become law before the Olympic torch is extinguished in Rio. That won't stop me from working hard to get this bill across the finish line this year, which would be a responsible step toward showing our athletes how much our nation values their commitment to Olympic success.



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Deadline for South Dakota 100 and 125 Year Farm & Ranch Recognition Coming Up Fast

HURON, S.D. – The deadline is quickly approaching for South Dakota families who have owned land for 100 or 125 years, to be honored at this year's Farm & Ranch Recognition Program at the State Fair, Thursday, Sept. 1.

Application forms are available online at www.sdfbf.org by clicking "programs" and then "Century Farms" or call the South Dakota Farm Bureau (SDFB) at 605.353.8052. Return the form & documentation of Date of Original Purchase to the SDFB office by Aug. 11, 2016. To qualify as a South Dakota Century Farm or Ranch, a family must have retained continuous ownership of at least 80 acres of original farmland for 100 years or more. If the family ownership of land has reached 125 years, they may apply to be recognized as a Quasiquicentennial Farm or Ranch. Documentation of the original date of purchase must be included with the application.

The SDFB started the farm and ranch recognition program in 1976 as a Bicentennial Project. It became the South Dakota Farm & Ranch Recognition program in 1984. There have been 2,837 century farms and ranches and 295 quasiquicentennial farms and ranches recognized thus far.

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



Lost Cat

Ruby belong to the Heupels at 407 N Broadway. If yousee Ruby, please give them a call at 397-8517

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Today in Weather History

July 31, 1966: A deadly, estimated F3 tornado moved southeast, passing south of Ashley, North Dakota, destroying buildings on five farms with near F4 damage to one farm house. Another tornado with F2 strength occurred north of Long Lake where two adults were killed, and three children were injured as a car was thrown 500 feet from Highway 101. A second estimated F2 tornado moved ENE just south of Aberdeen. A trailer was demolished, killing a man and injuring his wife. Seven airplanes were also had damage. Property damage was estimated at a quarter million dollars. An estimated 90 mph wind gust was also reported northeast of Aberdeen.

July 31, 2008: In the early morning hours of the 31st, a line of storms originating in North Dakota began to expand and surge southeast into northeast South Dakota. As the storms moved southeast, they started to tap into warmer, more humid air and rapidly evolve into a line of severe thunderstorms. Widespread damage occurred in a wide swath extending from Long Lake in McPherson County all the way into eastern Grant County and southern Big Stone County in Minnesota. The most extensive damage was found along and near US Highway 12 from Aberdeen to Milbank. Several observing stations in the path of this system measured wind speeds ranging from 70 mph to over 115 mph. Estimated wind speeds from damage surveys indicated even stronger winds with peak speeds of 120 mph.

Over fifty communities in northeast South Dakota and the surrounding rural areas received minor to major tree, and structural damage as straight line winds from 70 to 120 mph raced across the area. Webster and Waubay received the most extensive damage from the storms. Thousands of trees were snapped or uprooted, hundreds of grain bins were damaged or destroyed, hundreds of homes, businesses, and outbuildings were damaged or destroyed along with many power poles and miles of power lines downed. Many mobile homes, campers, and boats were damaged or destroyed along with many road and business signs.

Fallen trees also damaged countless homes, vehicles, and campers. Thousands of acres of crops were also damaged or destroyed by the winds and hail. The greatest crop damage occurred in the Roslyn, Grenville, Eden, and Pickeral Lake areas in Marshall and Day counties. Many acres of corn were blown down and not able to come back. The large hail combined with the strong winds also broke out countless windows in homes and vehicles along with damaging the siding on homes. Thousands of people were left without power for up to several days. Large hay bales were moved up to 700 yards by the high winds. A semi was overturned on Highway 12 near Webster, injuring the driver. Near Milbank on Highway 12, two other semis were blown off the road resulting in injuries to both drivers. A State Forestry Specialist said it was one of the worst tree damage events he has ever seen in the Webster area. A fifty-eight-year-old man died two miles north of Waubay during the cleanup after the storms when he was pinned between a backhoe and a tree.

1715: Spanish treasure ships, returning from the New World to Spain, encountered a hurricane during the early morning hours on this day. Eleven of the twelve ships were lost near present-day Vero Beach, Florida.

1987: Lightning struck a baseball field at Baker, Florida during a game. The shortstop and third baseman were killed instantly.

1987: The second deadliest tornado in Canadian history occurred in Edmonton, Alberta. An F4 tornado killed 27 people, injured over 300, and caused a quarter of a billion dollars in damage.

1997: South Pole, Antarctica recorded their coldest July ever. The average temperature of -86.8 degrees broke the previous record of -83.6 degrees set in July 1965.

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Today



Mostly Sunny

High: 88 °F

Tonight



Chance
T-storms

Low: 69 °F

Monday



Chance
T-storms

High: 88 °F

Monday
Night



Chance
T-storms

Low: 66 °F

Tuesday



Sunny

High: 88 °F

Tuesday
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 66 °F

Wednesday



Chance
T-storms

High: 91 °F

Heat and Humidity Return

Highs in the mid 80s to 90s

Cooler over eastern SD and west central MN

Breezy

Scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight
Isolated strong to severe storms possible



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Updated: 7/31/2016 5:33 AM Central

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The heat and humidity return to the region today, as temperatures rise into the mid 80s to 90s on breezy south to southeasterly winds. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected tonight, in advance of a low pressure system moving across western South Dakota. Isolated strong to severe storms will be possible.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 83.6 F at 3:39 PM

Low Outside Temp: 60.5 F at 6:38 AM

High Gust: 21.0 Mph at 11:02 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 106° in 1987

Record Low: 42 in 1903

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 3.02

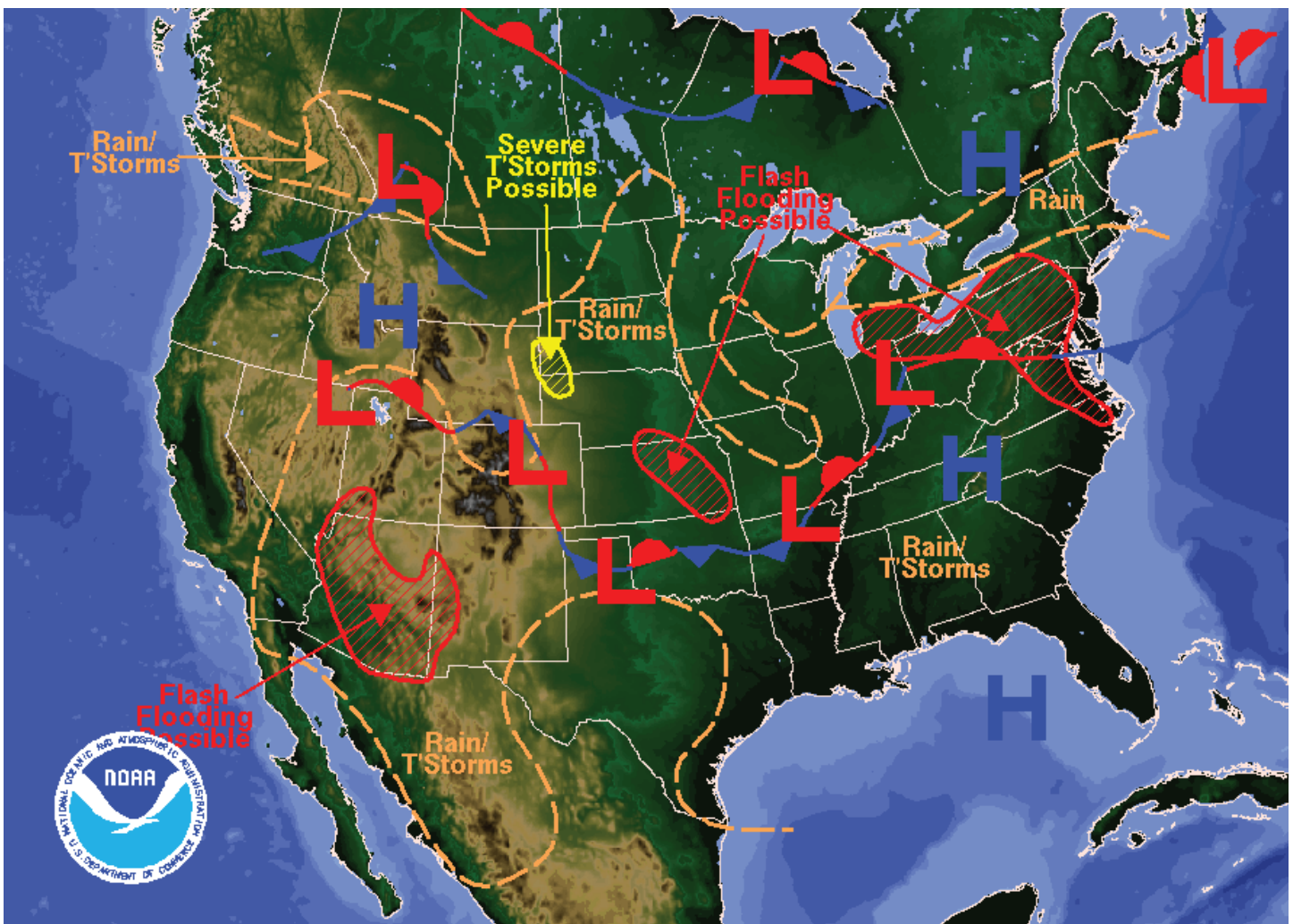
Precip to date in July: 3.92

Average Precip to date: 13.86

Precip Year to Date: 10.58

Sunset Tonight: 9:02 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:18 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jul 30, 2016, issued 4:39 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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"WHY A ROPE, SON?"

After saying his nightly prayer, little Johnny said to his Dad, "I'll be right back."

"Where are you going?" asked his Dad.

"To get a rope," he quickly replied.

"Why a rope, Son?" he wondered.

"Well, Dad, you promised me that Jesus would answer my prayers. I asked him for a pony tonight and I need the rope to tie the pony to my bed when it comes."

Now that's faith. Asking God for a pony and then running to get a rope. But that is what happens when we take God at His Word. Jesus said, "You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it."

Contained in the word "anything" is the word "everything." And when Jesus made that statement He would have us to understand that our prayers are to be motivated by asking for things that have God's best interest at heart. Certainly when we pray we are to ask for the desires of our hearts, but we must always place His will above our wants, His good above our greed and ask for His wisdom so that we can recognize the needs of His Kingdom first and foremost.

Is it wrong to ask God for a pony? Of course not. He created the little ponies and He wants us to enjoy all of His creation. But if spending time enjoying the pony causes us to stop reading the Bible, praying, worshiping, serving and obeying Him, we have the wrong priorities and we need to give up our "ponies".

Prayer: Give us the boldness, Father, to pray sincerely, confidently, expectantly and with determination for those things that will honor You and enrich our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:17-27

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News from the  Associated Press

Trump again defends criticism of parents of Muslim soldier

LISA LERER, Associated Press

JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Refusing to back down, Donald Trump on Sunday defended his criticism of the bereaved parents of a Muslim U.S. Army captain by complaining on Twitter that the father “viciously attacked” him in his speech at the Democratic National Convention.

“Am I not allowed to respond?” Trump tweeted. “Hillary voted for the Iraq war, not me!”

It was the latest bitter rhetorical volley between the defiant Republican candidate and the family of a fallen soldier since the two parties concluded their major conventions last week and the nation looked ahead to a close election this November. Wasting no time, Trump headed to Colorado — a key swing state — while Hillary Clinton took running mate Sen. Tim Kaine on a bus-tour through Ohio and Pennsylvania.

At last week’s Democratic National Convention, Pakistan-born Khizr Khan told the story of his son who received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart after being killed in Iraq in 2004. Khan questioned whether Trump had ever read the Constitution and said “you have sacrificed nothing.”

During the speech, Khan’s wife, Ghazala, stood quietly by his side.

“If you look at his wife, she was standing there. She had nothing to say. She probably, maybe she wasn’t allowed to have anything to say. You tell me,” Trump said, in an interview with ABC’s “This Week.”

Ghazala Khan responded Sunday in an opinion piece published in the Washington Post, saying talking about her son’s death 12 years ago is still hard for her. When her husband asked if she wanted to speak at the convention, she said she could not.

“When Donald Trump is talking about Islam, he is ignorant,” she wrote. “If he studied the real Islam and Koran, all the ideas he gets from terrorists would change, because terrorism is a different religion.”

Her husband told television talk shows on Sunday that he appreciated Trump’s later comments that his son was a hero but that he had no “moral compass.”

At one point, Trump had disputed Khan’s criticism that the billionaire businessman has “sacrificed nothing and no one” for his country.

“I’ve made a lot of sacrifices. I work very, very hard. I’ve created thousands and thousands of jobs, tens of thousands of jobs, built great structures,” Trump said.

Senior Republican leaders, including House Speaker Paul D. Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, remained silent on Sunday, as did vice presidential nominee Mike Pence.

But John Kasich, the Ohio governor who sought the GOP presidential nomination, said on Twitter, “There’s only one way to talk about Gold Star parents: with honor and respect. Capt. Khan is a hero. Together, we should pray for his family.”

Late Saturday night, Trump released a statement calling Humayun Khan “a hero” but disputing his father’s characterization.

“While I feel deeply for the loss of his son, Mr. Khan who has never met me, has no right to stand in front of millions of people and claim I have never read the Constitution, (which is false) and say many other inaccurate things,” said Trump.

Trump’s rebuke seemed strange in the world of politics where officials only speak well of families whose loved ones die in service to their country. When Cindy Sheehan, who lost her son in Iraq, staged prolonged protests on the war, then-President George W. Bush responded by saying that the nation

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grieves every death.

When asked about the mother of a State Department official killed in Benghazi, Libya, who blamed Hillary Clinton for her son's death, Clinton told "Fox News Sunday" that her "heart goes out" to the families and that she didn't "hold any ill feeling for someone" who has lost a child and recalls events differently.

Clinton used her first television interview since officially clinching the Democratic nomination to cast Trump as dangerously pro-Russia and an unknown quantity for U.S. voters. She said she realizes that people often see a "caricature" of herself as a politician but that she hopes American voters will review her track record as a U.S. senator and secretary of State.

'He's not temperamentally fit to be president and commander in chief,' she said.

At least 16 dead in hot air balloon crash in Central Texas

WILL WEISSERT, Associated Press

LOCKHART, Texas (AP) — At least 16 people died in the hot air balloon crash in Central Texas, the National Transportation Safety Board said Sunday, cautioning that investigators haven't officially determined the exact number of passengers and what caused the worst such disaster in U.S. history.

NTSB investigators will scrutinize the company that operated the balloon and the pilot, neither of which have been publicly identified. The balloon was operated by Heart of Texas Hot Air Balloon Rides, according to two officials familiar with the investigation who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly. The operation does not appear to be registered with the state of Texas.

Though authorities haven't publicly identified the pilot, Alan Lirette told the AP that it was Skip Nichols — his best friend, boss and roommate. Nichols, 49, identifies himself on his Facebook page as the chief pilot of Heart of Texas.

Lirette helped launch the balloon, which Nichols was piloting, Lirette said Sunday morning from their shared house in Kyle, Texas. Lirette also said there were 15 people on board — none of them children — plus Nichols. Lirette would not answer specific questions about the balloon's launch or crash into a pasture Saturday morning near Lockhart, Texas.

"That's the only thing I want to talk about, is that he's a great pilot," Lirette said of Nichols, who also owns Missouri-based Air Balloon Sports LLC. "There's going to be all kinds of reports out in the press and I want a positive image there too," he said.

NTSB investigators will look at "three things — human, machine and environment" at the site, which is about 30 miles south of Austin, board member Robert Sumwalt said Sunday in Washington, D.C. They'll look at the aircraft's maintenance history and weather at the time of the crash, which is one of the worst ever in the world. In February 2013, 19 people died and two people were injured when a balloon caught fire over Luxor, Egypt, and plunged 1,000 feet to the ground.

Federal officials aren't sure how many people were riding in the balloon, will look into whether the operator filed a passenger manifest before taking off and that balloons do not usually file flight plans, Sumwalt said. Lirette said that several people on board seemed related, because "a lot of last names were the same," but he didn't provide specifics. Authorities have not released the names of those who were on board.

The NTSB is interested in any cellphone video of the balloon's flight, and investigators will look for devices in the wreckage that have recoverable video shot by passengers, as well as any video from witnesses.

"When balloons go out on these flights, they have a chase couple of cars to go pick up the riders af-

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ter they've landed in a field somewhere. We think there may be some chase footage from those cars," Sumwalt said.

The crash happened in farmland, and cutting through it is a row of massive high-capacity electrical transmission lines. The site of the crash appears to be right below the overhead lines and aerial photos showed an area of charred pasture underneath, but authorities haven't provided further details about what happened.

Margaret Wylie lives about a quarter-mile from the crash site and told The Associated Press that she was letting her dog out Saturday morning when she heard a "pop, pop, pop."

"I looked around and it was like a fireball going up," she said, noting that the fireball was under large power lines and almost high enough to reach the bottom of them.

Heart of Texas' website said it offers rides in the San Antonio, Houston and Austin areas. The company's Facebook page features photos of a hot air balloon with a smiley face with sunglasses on it up in the air, people waving from a large basket on the ground and group selfies taken while up in the air.

Calls to Heart of Texas operations manager Sarah Nichols, 72, rang unanswered, and a woman in Missouri believed to be his sister did not return calls seeking comment.

Warning about potential high-fatality accidents, safety investigators recommended two years ago that the Federal Aviation Administration impose greater oversight on commercial hot air balloon operators, government documents show. The FAA rejected those recommendations, and the NTSB classified the FAA's response to the two balloon safety recommendations as "open-unacceptable," which means the safety board was not satisfied with the FAA's response.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford said it's difficult to say whether the Texas crash will cause the agency to reconsider NTSB's recommendations "until we've had a chance to gather and examine the evidence in this particular case."

'Jason Bourne' wins with \$60 million, 'Bad Moms' scores

LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even after a nearly 10-year hiatus, "Jason Bourne" still has it at the box office. The Matt Damon-led sequel has raked in a healthy \$60 million in its opening weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Not adjusted for inflation, it's the second highest opening of the series, behind "The Bourne Ultimatum."

But it wasn't all about "Bourne." There was something for everyone at the theaters this weekend. The raunchy R-rated comedy "Bad Moms" blew past its \$20 million budget, earning \$23.4 million in its first days in theaters for a third place finish behind "Star Trek Beyond's" \$24 million second week.

The youthful thriller "Nerve" also performed well, taking in \$15.1 million since launching on Wednesday. Starring Dave Franco and Emma Roberts, "Nerve" cost a reported \$20 million to make.

Trump backers claim shift in his immigration rhetoric

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

LUIS ALONSO LUGO, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — As he turns his attention to the general election, Donald Trump is signaling that he is ready to tone down his fiery rhetoric on illegal immigration — at least behind closed doors.

At the same time, Republican officials appear eager to push him in a more moderate direction, telling Hispanics that he has abandoned his divisive primary pledge to deport the estimated 11 million people

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living in the country illegally — even if Trump hasn't said so publicly himself.

"Trump has already said that he will not do massive deportations," Helen Aguirre Ferre, the Republican National Committee's director of Hispanic communications, told reporters at a Spanish-language briefing at the party's convention two weeks ago. Instead, she said, "he will focus on removing the violent undocumented who have criminal records and live in the country."

It's a statement that may come as a surprise to Trump's legion of loyal followers, many of whom were first drawn to Trump because of his hard-line views on immigration and border security. Trump has vowed to build a wall along the length of the southern border and use a "deportation force" to track down and deport anyone in the country illegally.

"You're going to have a deportation force, and you're going to do it humanely," Trump said in a TV interview last fall. He estimated in a separate interview that the process would take between 18 months to two years.

But those who would like to see Trump move in a more inclusive direction say that Trump has indicated that he no longer advocates that plan. As evidence, they point to several vague sentences from an interview Trump gave earlier this summer to Bloomberg News during a whirlwind trip to Scotland to visit his golf courses.

"President Obama has mass deported vast numbers of people — the most ever, and it's never reported. I think people are going to find that I have not only the best policies, but I will have the biggest heart of anybody," Trump told the outlet. Pressed on whether he would issue "mass deportations," Trump responded: "No, I would not call it mass deportations."

"We are going to get rid of a lot of bad dudes who are here," he was quoted as saying.

It remains unclear whether Trump was taking rhetorical or ideological issue with the phrase, and Trump has not made similar comments at any point since. Asked how he would manage the deportations at a press conference in Florida Wednesday, Trump said only, "We're going to have a whole policy on that over the next three weeks."

This kind of ambiguity is not unusual for Trump, whose vague statements often leave room for numerous, sometimes conflicting interpretations.

But for some who are supporting Trump and want to see him moderate, the meaning is clear.

"Two or three weeks ago, (Trump) conceded in an interview in Bloomberg in which he said the term 'massive deportation' is not used by him, and it was planted by a journalist," said the head of Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles, Alfonso Aguilar, who recently signed a letter along with several other Latino conservatives endorsing Trump.

Aguilar said that he had seen in Trump's comments "something very interesting, which can be the beginning of an openness toward the center on immigration. He said he wants to remove only people with criminal record, not people without criminal record. It could be the openness toward a legalization."

A similar interpretation has also developed among Hispanic and religious leaders who have met with Trump privately in recent months. Trump, they say, has been signaling that he is open to embracing a less punitive immigration policy that focuses on "compassion" along with the rule of law. Seizing on what they see as an opportunity to steer the candidate, several have formed an informal advisory committee that has been working on a series of recommendations they hope to Trump will consider.

"He realizes that there are a lot of good people that are in the shadows. He wants some proposals on how to work on that," said Ohio-based televangelist Frank Amedia, who is helping to lead the effort.

Hillary Clinton told "Fox News Sunday" that her priority if elected would be to deport violent criminals and those linked to terrorism.

"But don't go rounding up hard working mothers and fathers, taking them out of the factories or the

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hotels or the homes where they're working, making them disappear and leaving their children alone," she said. "That doesn't make any sense to me."

A record 27.3 million Latinos will be eligible to vote in the 2016 presidential elections, according to the Pew Research Center. While much of Trump's backing comes from white males, he could gain an advantage in a tightening race if he makes gains with this critical demographic.

Trump, Amedia said, has expressed interests in a plan that would quickly deport "the undesirables" from the country. But the group has also been exploring various options to deal with the millions of otherwise law-abiding immigrants living in the shadows, who are often afraid to report crimes or abuse for fear of deportation.

"It's not satisfactory for them to stay in that position," Amedia said. "They too need to have a recourse where they can walk out of the shadows and into the light."

Pastor Herman Martir, the president Asian Action Network, who is also involved in the effort, said that after meeting recently with the candidate to discuss his community's concerns, he expects to see a "change of tone in terms of being inclusive."

"I think because of that dialogue, he understood the need to put together something that will work for everybody," he said. "The approach is more compassionate, not so much about gathering everyone and pushing them aside and turning them back."

AP WAS THERE: 1966 University of Texas clock tower shooting

GARTH JONES, Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — EDITOR'S NOTE: Before Virginia Tech and Columbine, Sandy Hook, Aurora and Orlando, there was the University of Texas tower shooting.

It was shortly before noon on a sweltering Monday morning, Aug. 1, 1966, when architectural engineering student and Marine-trained sniper Charles Whitman climbed to the observation deck of the 27-story clock tower in the heart of UT's flagship Austin campus, armed with rifles, pistols and a sawed-off shotgun.

He killed 13 people and wounded more than 30 others before authorities gunned him down. He had killed his wife and mother prior to heading to the tower, one victim died in the hospital a week later and medical examiners eventually attributed a 17th death to Whitman in 2001 — a man who had been shot and wounded in his one functioning kidney and elected to stop dialysis treatment.

The killing spree introduced the nation to the concept of a "mass shooting" outside the context of a military battlefield, coining a phrase in American lexicon that's become chillingly commonplace. Dozens of times since Whitman, a lone gunman has claimed large numbers of victims in single shooting incidents.

Five decades after its original publication, The Associated Press is making available a version of its story, written by AP newsman Garth Jones, along with photos.

A young student and scoutmaster, firing with a Marine sniper's cold and deadly accuracy, killed 13 persons Monday from high in the University of Texas tower after slaying his wife and mother with knife and gun.

In an hour and a half of terror in the Texas capital, he also wounded 31 persons.

Two policemen ended the carnage by climbing to a platform above the sniper, Charles Joseph Whitman, 24, and killing him with six shots from a revolver and two blasts from a shotgun loaded with deer slugs.

Counting the sniper, the dead totaled 15. A sixteenth victim was the unborn child of a woman who

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was wounded. She was in her eighth month of pregnancy.

Police said Whitman left notes near the bodies of his wife and mother, slain separately in their homes.

The notes told of depression, repressed violence and severe headaches. Police said Whitman wrote that he was killing the women to spare them embarrassment over what he was about to do.

The mother was shot and stabbed to death in her fifth-floor luxury apartment near the campus. The 23-year-old wife was stabbed in the Whitmans' small duplex home.

Detective Lt. Merle K. Wells said the notes left in each place were different. He declined to release all of their contents.

Giving partial quotations, however, police said Whitman's notes told of "hating his father with a mortal passion." The notes also said his mother "gave the best 25 years of her life to that man."

Whitman's mother and father were separated about five months ago. The father, C.A. Whitman, lives in Lake Worth, Fla.

Shooting and darting from side to side in the heights of the tower, Whitman kept officers at bay. They fired at him with rifles equipped with telescopic sights but could not pin him down.

Meanwhile, deadly shots from Whitman, an ex-Marine who qualified as a sharpshooter, dropped students and workers as far as two blocks from the tower.

Ramiro Martinez, 29, an off-duty policeman, heard what was going on, left his steak on the fire, jumped into uniform and rushed to the campus.

On his own, Martinez crawled and ran to the main entrance of the building, where he handed a rifle to Allen Crum, an employee of the university cooperative store. The two men made their way to the observation deck. As Martinez rounded a corner and saw Whitman, Martinez fired and Whitman returned one shot. Martinez emptied his revolver at Whitman.

Then officer George McCoy, 26, who had followed Martinez and Crum rushed onto the platform and emptied his shotgun at Whitman.

One of Martinez's pistol bullets smashed Whitman's rifle and another hit him in the neck. A buckshot pellet from McCoy's shotgun hit Whitman between the eyes from about 25 feet, and police said that was undoubtedly the shot that finished him off.

At one point, police had attempted to maneuver a light airplane near the top of the tower with a sharpshooter aboard. Whitman drove the plane away with rifle fire.

Whitman began shooting from the tower at 11:48 a.m. (CST) and was killed at 1:20 p.m.

The tower, a Texas landmark, is a slender, four-sided structure 30 stories tall in the center of campus. It is Austin's tallest building and its upper stories command a view of the entire city and the rolling hills beyond.

The observation section of the tower reaches four stories above the 25th floor. The police said Whitman fired from all sides and all levels of the observation area.

Burst after burst from the sniper's arsenal — three rifles, a shotgun and at least two pistols — poured from the tower, keeping rescuers from the victims scattered about the no-man's land below.

Police crouched behind trees and buildings and answered with volleys from rifles and shotguns.

"It was panicky ... frantic," said Diane Casey, 18, a freshman student.

She and thousands of others on the campus for summer school cringed in terror inside university buildings as Whitman squeezed off his well-aimed shots.

When the shooting began, students and university workers ran out of campus buildings to see what was happening. As bullets rained they dashed for cover, some screaming wildly.

With rescuers pinned down by the unrelenting fire, some victims lay unattended for as long as an hour under the 98-degree sun. Finally armored cars used to haul money were pressed into service as

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ambulances.

Along the streets bordering the campus people scurried into alleys and hid behind autos and buildings. Police sealed off traffic for blocks as they mounted their siege. Radio stations blared warnings.

"Everybody was running, shouting, 'Someone has been shot.' I'm scared," said Mrs. Susan Bradshaw, a university employee.

Police Chief Robert Miles said that until Martinez went into action, there was no specific plan for capturing Whitman.

"In a situation like that," the chief said. "It all depended on independent action by the officers."

He said Martinez was so shaken after his exploit that he was sent back home.

"I'm sure you can understand why," Miles told reporters.

He said Martinez, a five-year police veteran, had passed four bodies on the tower steps on his way up to the platform. Two of them were women — a custodian and a younger woman. The other two were bodies of the children of the younger woman.

University Police Chief A.R. Hamilton said Whitman rode to the observation section on an elevator about 11 a.m.

At 11:48 a.m., university police received a trouble alarm from the tower. Two unarmed security police were sent to the top.

They started up steps from the elevator and heard shots.

"Then they saw three bodies," Hamilton said, and they went no further. "They carry no weapons."

"We told people to stay in their offices ... then we called the police ... I'm not sure whether he killed two visitors or a lady stationed at the top of the tower first."

Hamilton said Whitman was able to get his weapons to the top of the building by hiding them in a footlocker loaded on a cart and pretending to be a serviceman. Besides weapons, the footlocker contained ammunition, food, water and a plastic container of gasoline.

The only reported words of Whitman after he gained his firing perch were to Mrs. Vera Palmer, who works in the observatory.

As she stepped off the elevator, a man in a white shirt said:

"Lady, don't you dare get off this elevator."

Mrs. Palmer rode back down.

The woman she was to relieve, Mrs. Edna Townsley, was later found dead at her post.

Another of the sniper's victims was Associated Press newsman Robert Heard, 36, a rugged ex-Marine officer who decided to follow two Texas State Highway Patrolmen as they ran across an open space toward the tower. A bullet drilled through Heard's left shoulder, smashing him to the hot pavement. Like other wounded, he was taken to city-operated Brackenridge Hospital. "That guy must be an incredible shot," Heard said.

Kenneth Schindewolf, 18, of Houston, a campus visitor, said:

"I got shot at, right close by. I was just dumbfounded ... I flew behind a car. Finally I ran across the street and I could hear bullets hitting the street."

Tokyo elects 1st female governor to lead city into Olympics

YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Tokyo on Sunday elected its first female governor to lead the city as it prepares to host the 2020 Olympics, as voters turned to a leader promising clean politics after two predecessors resigned over money scandals.

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Yuriko Koike was announced the winner by Japanese media as soon as voting ended, based on her definitive lead in exit polls. She will take charge of a sprawling capital with a population of more than 13 million and an annual budget bigger than Sweden's.

"I am pushing for a Tokyo where people's lives will be better, and everyone can shine — men and women, children and adults, the elderly and the disabled," Koike said, appearing at her campaign office, bowing deeply and waving to cheering supporters.

Koike, 64, had previously served as defense minister, Japan's first woman in that post. But she ran in the Tokyo election without the official backing of the ruling pro-U.S., pro-business Liberal Democratic Party. During her campaign, she wore green to symbolize her freshness, and asked her supporters to also wear the color and wave green fans and banners.

One of Koike's first jobs will be going to the Rio de Janeiro Olympics as the representative of the city that's hosting the next games.

Yoichi Masuzoe, the former governor, resigned in June after acknowledging exorbitant, though not illegal, spending of taxpayers' money, including for hotel suites and expensive artwork. The governor before him also resigned in disgrace.

Planning for the 2020 Tokyo games has run into problems, including ballooning costs, the scrapping of the initial main stadium design and delays in construction. The Tokyo Olympics logo had to be redesigned after the initial choice was reportedly plagiarized.

The games are a centerpiece for Japan's revival hopes as the world's third-largest economy strives to keep growth going, largely based on monetary policies after more than a decade of stagnation.

Tokyo makes up a fifth of Japan's gross domestic product, and is home to about half of the nation's major companies. The city is hoping to showcase Japan's prized technology, including self-driving vehicles, during the games.

The other major candidates for governor were journalist Shuntaro Torigoe, the opposition candidate, and former rural governor Hiroya Masuda. Masuda, a former ministry bureaucrat, was chosen the official ruling party candidate.

Torigoe, a cancer survivor who is married, was embroiled in a sex scandal, reported in a popular tabloid magazine during the campaign period. He denies the allegations.

Public broadcaster NHK reported that Koike had won over both independents and ruling party supporters. Official results are expected by Monday.

After her win was announced, Koike promised that she would investigate what had happened regarding Masuzoe's exorbitant spending, and that she would decide what needs to be done to prevent a recurrence.

She also said she would work to fix the longtime problem over the lack of child-care facilities to help women pursue equal employment opportunities. She acknowledged that her being a woman was one way voters were looking for change.

"I promise a city hall that has never been seen before," Koike said.

Israel: Palestinian who tried to stab soldiers shot dead

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military says it has shot dead a Palestinian who tried to stab soldiers at a West Bank checkpoint.

The military says the man came from the direction of Nablus Sunday and was running toward troops with a knife in his hand when he was gunned down.

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.

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During the same period, about 200 Palestinians have been killed. Most of the Palestinians have been identified by Israel as attackers while the rest were killed in clashes.

Israel says the violence is fueled by a Palestinian campaign of lies and incitement. Palestinians say it stems from frustration at nearly five decades of Israeli occupation.

In battleground Virginia, Kaine may give Democrats an edge

THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP) — Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine's name on the Democratic ticket can realistically nudge this pivotal state closer into Hillary Clinton's column — no small feat in a contest of two presidential nominees that engender strong feelings by themselves.

Kaine's rise through Richmond city politics and tenure in state government gives the party disproportionate pull, specifically in the politically dynamic capital city metro area.

And while Clinton's aides try to downplay his potential impact on the must-win state, strategists in both parties say Kaine can put Virginia out of Republican Donald Trump's reach in the race for 270 Electoral College votes.

"Tim Kaine is an example of putting someone on the ticket that will impact their home state," Virginia Republican strategist Chris Jankowski said. "Putting him on the ticket turns Virginia from a true, toss-up state to one that leans Democratic."

The vice presidential nomination hasn't made the difference in the election outcome in decades. But Virginia has become one of the most competitive states over the past four elections after 30 years as reliably Republican.

In Virginia, Clinton leads Trump in polls of likely voters, more narrowly than in polls that also ask about Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson and Green Party candidate Jill Stein. But Kaine provides the Democrats a familiar name and, to many, a familiar face with appeal in swing-voting and GOP-leaning regions.

Kaine's support for some abortion restrictions gave him the reputation as a moderate, which helped him outperform President Barack Obama in their respective races in swing-voting suburbs of northern Virginia in 2012. At the same time, leaders in both parties say Kaine's pursuit of gun restrictions after the April 2007 killings at Virginia Tech University helps him with the state's growing number of suburban parents.

Kaine signed an executive order requiring those involuntarily committed to mental health institutions be reported to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, action President George W. Bush required of all states later that year.

But Kaine's biggest potential benefit to the ticket is in central Virginia, in the counties surrounding his longtime home in Richmond.

Kaine has been a fixture in a metro area that accounts for 10 percent of Virginia's voting population, including heavily Democratic Richmond. He's lived in the same north Richmond neighborhood for more than 20 years, attends the same downtown church and is a regular for breakfast at City Diner just west of downtown.

"He's a regular guy. He lives in a regular neighborhood and relates to regular people," Sandra Hansboro, a Democrat from nearby Midlothian, said.

His regular guy image quickly picked up steam after his speech at last week's Democratic National Convention, when Twitter jokes depicting Kaine as an average American dad quickly went viral.

But it's this doughnut around Richmond — politically and culturally diverse Henrico County to the

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north, east and west, and whiter, GOP-leaning Chesterfield, to the south and west — where Kaine's potential impact on the presidential ticket can really be seen.

These renovated urban, neatly trimmed suburban and developing rural tracts of the Old South are now a cross section of emerging Virginia where Kaine's non-ideological approach has shadowed the state's Democratic migration.

"It's a microcosm of the state. And it's gone from a light shade of red, to a light shade of blue." McEachin said, characterizing the Richmond suburbs in color-coded partisan terms.

George W. Bush carried Virginia twice by less than 10 percentage points, while Obama has also carried it twice, though by smaller margins.

The proof of Kaine's help to Clinton will be in how he can narrow the Republican advantage in Chesterfield County, similar in population size to Henrico, but less urban and with a more Republican hue.

Golf courses, higher-end suburbs and retail developments now mark Chesterfield County, a landscape once known for the coal and tobacco it shipped out of the confluence of the James and Appomattox rivers.

Although Kaine has never carried the county, he has dramatically outperformed most Democrats. In 2012, he received 3,500 more votes there than Obama did. And he trimmed the GOP edge to a few percentage points in 2005 and 2012 in a county George W. Bush won twice by nearly two-to-one.

"Chesterfield is the county to watch," former longtime Republican state Sen. John Watkins. "If Kaine can help shave Trump's margin to less than 10 percentage points, Clinton will win Virginia."

Trump has said his appeal to white, working-class voters can put long-held Democratic states such as Michigan and Pennsylvania into contention this fall. But he also needs to win back territory gained by Democrats in recent elections, such as Virginia and North Carolina.

"There's no question Virginia will be motivated in a way they otherwise wouldn't be," Virginia Republican Party Chairman John Whitbeck said. "Tim Kaine will motivate Virginia Democrats more than Hillary Clinton would."

Even a small uptick in voter turnout, which Clinton's campaign aides say Kaine can provide, could make the difference in a close election, according to strategists on either side of the partisan divide.

If Kaine can spur turnout in metropolitan Richmond, "we could add a point or two," Clinton's Virginia director Brian Zuzenak said.

Kaine accepted the Democratic vice presidential nomination Tuesday at the party's national convention in Philadelphia. He is scheduled to headline a homecoming rally in Richmond Monday.

"He's a benefit to us on the ticket," Zuzenak said. "In a battleground state like Virginia, it's all about the margins."

English bar blocks cell phones, tries to get patrons talking

LONDON (AP) — A new English cocktail bar offers something truly old-fashioned on its menu: the chance to talk to real people instead of staring down your cell phone.

The Gin Tub in Brighton has won rave reviews in its first week of business by installing a cell signal blocker and placing throwback rotary phones at its tables. They can be used to dial patrons at neighboring tables or the bar for another round.

The Gin Tub is reckoned to be the only British pub blocking cell phones by using a Faraday shield built into its ceiling, an exception in Britain's 2006 Wireless Telegraphy Act that otherwise outlaws the use of signal blockers.

Proprietor Steve Tyler says: "Mobile phones have killed pubs. When you go out socially, you don't

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need social media.”

The Latest: Police: Security on top as pope visited Poland

BRZEGI, Poland (AP) — The Latest on the pope’s visit to Poland (all times local):

1:30 a.m.

Polish police say no major security incidents have been reported during Pope Francis’ five-day visit to the country, which has been protected by top-level security measures including sniffer dogs and anti-terrorism forces with machine guns.

As the pope’s visit was drawing to an end Sunday, police spokesman Mariusz Ciarka said unattended bags were biggest problem for security services as each such bag had to be checked.

On Saturday, police vans arrived in large numbers to guard a meadow where at least 1.6 million pilgrims were spending the night camping, ahead of a Sunday Mass with Francis

The slaying of an 85-year-old French priest by two extremists in Normandy on Tuesday had compounded security fears surrounding Francis’ trip, which were already high due to a string of violent attacks in France and Germany.

Officials said they deployed tens of thousands of security officials to cover the event.

Ciarka said that uniformed and plain-clothes security forces were deployed on boats on the Vistula River, in helicopters that flew around the crowds and on land.

Before departing Sunday, Francis was to meet the organizers of the event at a sports stadium in Krakow.

11:50 a.m.

Pope Francis has announced that the next World Youth Day will take place in Panama in 2019.

Francis made the announcement Sunday as he wrapped up this year’s global gathering of young Catholic faithful in Krakow, Poland.

He didn’t specify exactly where in Panama the event would be held.

Earlier Sunday, he encouraged hundreds of thousands of young people gathered in Krakow to “believe in a new humanity” which refuses to use borders as barriers and spurns hatred among peoples.

10:50 a.m.

Pope Francis has encouraged hundreds of thousands of young people gathered in a vast meadow to “believe in a new humanity” which refuses to use borders as barriers and spurns hatred among peoples.

Francis spoke Sunday as he wrapped up a pilgrimage to Poland that included meditation at the Auschwitz death camp and an unscheduled prayer stop for victims of terrorism.

For a second straight day, a huge crowd filled the meadow in the gentle countryside outside Krakow for Francis, whose five-day visit to southern Poland was the Argentine pontiff’s first-ever time in Eastern Europe.

In the final homily of the pilgrimage, Francis said God “demands of us real courage, the courage to be more powerful than evil, by loving everyone, even our enemies.”

09:30 a.m.

As Pope Francis headed to a large meadow in Poland to celebrate a Mass he made a quick ride by car to bless two buildings run by the Catholic charity Caritas.

One building was built as a day center for the elderly, while the other will be a storehouse for food for the needy and is called “The Bread of Mercy.”

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On the way out on Sunday morning, Francis nibbled on some dark bread from a big, round loaf offered by women in traditional Polish costumes. He nodded in approval as he chewed away.

09:10 a.m.

A journalist for Italy's state broadcaster, RAI, has died at the age of 58 during an assignment covering the visit by Pope Francis to Poland for World Youth Day, a global gathering for the Catholic church.

The Italian news agency ANSA said that Anna Maria Jacobini was discovered dead in the bed of her hotel room on Friday and is believed to have died the previous night. It said she had complained to colleagues Thursday night of feeling tired. Her death was not reported immediately because her 94-year-old mother had to be informed first.

Jacobini led a weekly Catholic affairs program on RAI and in the past had covered other papal trips, grueling affairs for reporters, who usually work from before dawn till late into the night.

08:35 a.m.

Young pilgrims have filled a massive meadow near Krakow in southern Poland for a Mass with Pope Francis, the last major event the pope will lead as he wraps up a five-day visit to Poland.

Some of the young people even camped out overnight in the field after an evening with the pope there that drew a massive crowd, estimated at 1.6 million by the World Youth Day organizers.

The Mass is taking place in the Campus Misericordiae in Brzegi, a village near Krakow.

The pope has had a busy schedule since he arrived in Poland on Wednesday on his first trip ever to Eastern Europe, visiting Auschwitz, leading Masses and holding many meetings with the eager young people who have traveled from around the world to be with him.

Officials: 1 dead, 3 hospitalized in Austin shooting

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A shooting in a crowded entertainment district of downtown Austin early Sunday set off a chaotic scene, leaving one woman dead and three others wounded and police searching for a suspect.

Austin Police Chief of Staff Brian Manley says police received reports of gunshots in the crowded entertainment area shortly after 2 a.m. Police arrived to find a chaotic scene and five people shot.

Manley says a suspect began firing into the crowd after an initial disturbance.

He said a woman was pronounced dead at the scene, and three other women were taken to University Medical Center Brackenridge with gunshot wounds. Officials described those transported to the hospital as serious, but said their wounds were not considered life-threatening.

Manley said another victim declined to be transported to the hospital.

"It was a very chaotic scene," Manley said. "A lot of people running in different directions with all the gunshots coming out."

He said officials are trying to determine who the suspects are, and he didn't rule out that a suspect might be one of the people transported to the hospital.

"We have multiple individuals, witnesses, that we are currently interviewing," Manley said. "We had one individual who was initially noted as a person of interest, however that person's status at this point is undetermined."

Manley said because of the large crowd presence, police were getting descriptions of a suspect from witnesses. However, he said the descriptions were consistent, to an extent, but not all the same.

Police originally reported an active shooter scene in the area, but Manley said two separate incidents

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caused the confusion. He said there was another confrontation in a nearby parking garage and that a shot was fired there. A man was transported to the hospital after that confrontation, but his condition was not immediately known.

Koch network refusing to help Trump

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — From a luxury hotel on the edge of the Rocky Mountains, some of the nation's most powerful Republican donors are rebelling against Donald Trump.

Billionaire industrialist Charles Koch, host of the exclusive weekend retreat, did not mention Trump by name as warned that political leaders are giving "frightening" answers to America's challenges. One of his chief lieutenants was more direct as he made clear that Koch's expansive political network would not use its tremendous resources to help Trump win this fall.

"We're focused on the Senate," said Mark Holden, general counsel and senior vice president of Koch Industries.

He noted that none of the presidential candidates are aligned with the Koch network "from a values, and beliefs and policy perspective." Trump's dire warnings of growing crime in America, Holden said, simply aren't accurate.

"We're much safer," Holden said. "That's what the data shows."

Koch described the 2016 "political situation" this way: "We don't really, in some cases, don't really have good options."

The comments came Saturday, the first of a three-day gathering for donors who promise to give at least \$100,000 each year to the various groups backed by the Koch brothers' Freedom Partners — a network of education, policy and political entities that aim to promote a smaller, less intrusive government.

The ambitious Koch network has invested hundreds of millions of dollars to influence politics and public policy over the last decade, but don't plan to spend anything to help Trump, even if some of the 400 or so deep-pocketed donors gathered in Colorado Springs this weekend think it should.

Trump thumbed his nose at the gathering from Twitter.

"I turned down a meeting with Charles and David Koch," the New York billionaire tweeted. "Much better for them to meet with the puppets of politics, they will do much better!"

The weekend's agenda for the estimated 400 donors gathered in Colorado Springs featured a series of policy discussions and appearances from at least three governors, four senators and four members of the House of Representatives, including House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin and Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey talked up policy successes in their states on Saturday night, avoiding discussion of the 2016 presidential contest altogether. When it was his turn, Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner touched on the race for the White House, although he did not mention Trump's name.

"Forty years worth of Supreme Court justices are going to be determined this November," Gardner told donors, a reference to the next president's ability to fill at least one existing vacancy on the high court.

Those yet to appear include Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Texas Sen. John Cornyn, South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, Utah Sen. Mike Lee, Rep. Mike Pompeo of Kansas. Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah and Rep. Mike Coffman of Colorado.

Koch later told his guests that America's frustrated electorate is looking at the wrong place — politicians — for answers.

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"And to me, the answers they're getting are frightening," he said without naming any politicians, "because by and large, these answers will make matters worse."

Charles and David Koch have hosted such gatherings of donors and politicians for years, but usually in private. The weekend's event includes a small number of reporters, including one from The Associated Press.

Koch has put the network's budget at roughly \$750 million through the end of 2016.

A significant portion was supposed to be directed at electing a Republican to the White House. It will instead go to helping Republican Senate candidates in at least five states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Wisconsin and Florida, Holden said, noting that the network has dedicated \$42 million so far to television and digital advertising to benefit Republican Senate candidates.

In some cases, the network may try to link Democratic Senate candidates to Clinton, he added, but there are no plans to go after her exclusively in paid advertising. The organization may invest in a handful of races for governor and House of Representatives as well.

And while the network will not be a Trump ally, it won't necessarily be a Trump adversary either.

"We have no intention to go after Donald Trump," Holden said.

Skydiver becomes first person to jump and land without chute

JOHN ROGERS, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 42-year-old skydiver with more than 18,000 jumps made history Saturday when he became the first person to leap without a parachute and land in a net instead.

After a two-minute freefall, Luke Aikins landed dead center in the 100-by-100-foot net at the Big Sky movie ranch on the outskirts of Simi Valley.

As cheers erupted, Aikins quickly climbed out, walked over and hugged his wife, Monica, who had been watching from the ground with their 4-year-old son, Logan, and other family members.

"I'm almost levitating, it's incredible," the jubilant skydiver said, raising his hands over his head as his wife held their son, who dozed in her arms.

"This thing just happened! I can't even get the words out of my mouth," he added as he thanked the dozens of crew members who spent two years helping him prepare for the jump, including those who assembled the fishing trawler-like net and made sure it really worked.

The stunt, broadcast live on the Fox network for the TV special "Stride Gum Presents Heaven Sent," nearly didn't come off as planned when Aikins revealed just before climbing into his plane that the Screen Actors Guild had ordered him to wear a parachute to ensure his safety.

Aikins didn't say what prompted the original restriction, and representatives for the show and the Screen Actors Guild did not immediately respond to phone and email messages.

Aikins said he considered pulling out at that point because having the parachute canister on his back would make his landing in the net far more dangerous. If he had to wear it he said he wouldn't bother to pull the ripcord anyway.

"I'm going all the way to the net, no question about it," he said from the plane. "I'll just have to deal with the consequences when I land of wearing the parachute on my back and what it's going to do to my body."

A few minutes before the jump one of the show's hosts said the requirement had been lifted. Aikins left the plane without the chute.

He jumped with three other skydivers, each wearing parachutes. One had a camera, another trailed smoke so people on the ground could follow his descent and the third took an oxygen canister he handed off after they got to an altitude where it was no longer needed.

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Then the others opened their parachutes and left him on his own.

Aikins admitted before the jump he was nervous and his mother said she was one family member who wouldn't watch.

When his friend Chris Talley came up with the idea two years ago, Aikins acknowledged he turned it down cold.

"I kind of laugh and I say, 'Ok, that's great. I'll help you find somebody to do it,'" he told The Associated Press as he trained for the jump last week.

A couple of weeks after Talley made his proposal Aikins called back and said he would do it. He'd been the backup jumper in 2012 when Felix Baumgartner became the first skydiver to break the speed of sound during a jump from 24 miles above Earth.

The 42-year-old daredevil made his first tandem jump when he was 12, following with his first solo leap four years later. He's been racking them up at several hundred a year ever since.

His father and grandfather were skydivers, and his wife has made 2,000 jumps. His family owns Skydive Kapowsin near Tacoma, Washington.

Aikins is also a safety and training adviser for the United States Parachute Association and is certified to teach both students and skydiving instructors. His business Para Tactics provides skydiving training to Navy Seals and other members of elite fighting forces.

China's nuclear power ambitions sailing into troubled waters

JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China's ambitions to become a pioneer in nuclear energy are sailing into troubled waters.

Two state-owned companies plan to develop floating nuclear reactors, a technology engineers have been considering since the 1970s for use by oil rigs or island communities. Beijing is racing Russia, which started developing its own in 2007, to get a unit into commercial operation.

In China's case, the achievement would be tempered by concern its reactors might be sent into harm's way to support oil exploration in the South China Sea, where Beijing faces conflicting territorial claims by neighbors including Vietnam and the Philippines. Chinese news reports say plans call for deploying 20 reactors there, though neither developer has mentioned the area.

Tensions ratcheted up after a U.N. arbitration panel ruled July 12 that Beijing's claim to most of the sea has no legal basis. Beijing rejected the decision in a case brought by the Philippines and announced it would hold war games in the area, where its military has built artificial islands.

The floating reactor plans reflect Beijing's determination to create profitable technologies in fields from energy to mobile phones and to curb growing reliance on imported oil and gas, which communist leaders see as a security risk.

China is the most active builder of nuclear power plants, with 32 reactors in operation, 22 under construction and more planned. It relies heavily on U.S., French and Russian technology but is developing its own.

The latest initiatives are led by China General Nuclear Power Group and China National Nuclear Corp. Both have research or consulting agreements with Westinghouse Electric Co. and France's EDF and Areva, but say their floating plants will use homegrown technology.

"They are keen to develop that because they have a lot of oil drilling everywhere in the South China Sea and overseas as well," said Luk Bing-lam, an engineering professor at the City University of Hong Kong who has worked with a CGN subsidiary on unrelated projects.

"The Chinese strategy is to ensure the energy supply for the country," said Luk. "Oil drilling needs

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energy, and with that supply, they could speed up operations.”

Russia’s first floating commercial reactor, the Academician Lomonosov, is due to be delivered in 2018, but the project has suffered repeated delays. The Russians have yet to announce a commercial customer.

Russia has been “aiming to launch this idea for over two decades by pitching the reactor as a plug-and-play option for fairly remote communities,” said Mark Hibbs, an expert on nuclear policy for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, in an email.

Russia’s target market was Indonesia and its far-flung islands, Hibbs said. That prompted concern about control over nuclear materials, leading to a recommendation Russia operate the reactor and take back used fuel.

The Chinese nuclear agency signed a deal with Moscow in 2014 to build floating power stations using Russian technology. It is unclear whether that will go ahead given the plans by CNG and CNNC to develop their own vessels.

Chinese developers can count on sales to the state-owned oil industry without going abroad.

CGN has signed a contract with China National Offshore Oil Corp. to support oil and gas exploration at sea. The company says it will launch its first vessel by 2020, with plans for 20 more. It declined an interview request and did not respond to written questions.

CNNC plans a demonstration unit by 2019.

A floating nuclear plant probably would be too costly just to supply power but could be useful in oil and gas exploration by also providing heat and fresh water, Luk said. He said CGN engineers told him their design is meant for islands or other remote sites.

Tensions with Vietnam have flared over Chinese oil and gas exploration near the Vietnamese coast. In January, Vietnam complained a Chinese oil company had towed a drilling rig into disputed waters. In 2014, the same rig was parked off Vietnam’s central coast for two months, leading to violent anti-Chinese demonstrations and confrontations at sea as Chinese vessels rammed Vietnamese boats to prevent them from approaching the rig.

Reactors have been used on warships since the 1950s. But those vessels regularly visit port for maintenance and face little security risk because they are heavily armed.

“The security concerns are clear: such reactors would be tempting targets for military or terrorist attacks,” Edwin Lyman, a nuclear specialist for the Union of Concerned Scientists in Washington, said in an email. “Maintaining the full contingent of security officers necessary to effectively deter attack would not be feasible.”

Other perils include stormy seas — the South China Sea is buffeted by powerful seasonal typhoons — and the need to exchange radioactive fuel at distant sites.

CGN says its seaborne unit will have “passive safety,” or features that function without moving parts or outside power, such as control rods that drop by gravity in an emergency. No commercial reactor operates with such features.

“There are questions about how reliable passive safety systems will be in extreme conditions,” Lyman said.

CGN wants to simplify operations by requiring refueling only once every three years instead of the industry standard of 18 months, Luk said. That would require more highly enriched fuel, with the amount of the U-235 isotope raised to as much as 10 percent from the typical 4.5 percent.

“If it were seized by terrorists or someone else, that would be a big problem,” he said.

China’s aggressive pursuit of nuclear technology has run afoul of U.S. law enforcement.

In April, a Chinese-born American engineer employed by CGN was charged with recruiting experts in

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the United States to help the company with reactor construction without applying for required government permission. Allen Ho, also known as Szuhsiung Ho, also was charged in federal court in Tennessee with acting illegally as an agent of a foreign government.

Under a 2007 agreement, Westinghouse transferred to another government company, the State Nuclear Power Technology Corp., technology for its latest model, the AP1000. It was to become the basis for future Chinese reactors that could be sold abroad, but CGN and CNNC pressed ahead with development of their own models.

CGN says its 60-megawatt floating reactor, the ACPR50, is a version of the land-based ACPR100 reactor. CNNC says its seaborne unit will be based on another reactor, the ACP100, but has released no other details.

Westinghouse has no role in the ACPR50's development, according to a company spokeswoman, Courtney Boone. EDF and Areva did not respond to requests for information about their possible role.

English bar blocks cell phones, tries to get patrons talking

LONDON (AP) — A new English cocktail bar offers something truly old-fashioned on its menu: the chance to talk to real people instead of staring down your cell phone.

The Gin Tub in Brighton has won rave reviews in its first week of business by installing a cell signal blocker and placing throwback rotary phones at its tables. They can be used to dial patrons at neighboring tables or the bar for another round.

The Gin Tub is reckoned to be the only British pub blocking cell phones by using a Faraday shield built into its ceiling, an exception in Britain's 2006 Wireless Telegraphy Act that otherwise outlaws the use of signal blockers.

Proprietor Steve Tyler says: "Mobile phones have killed pubs. When you go out socially, you don't need social media."

Storms interrupt PGA Championship at Baltusrol

DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Thunderstorms shut down the PGA Championship on Saturday before 10 players could even hit a shot, setting up what could be a long, wet and wild conclusion to the final major of the year — whenever it ends.

Jimmy Walker and Robert Streb made it as far as the practice range before clouds gathered, the sky rumbled and storms dumped more rain on an already saturated golf course at Baltusrol. Tied for the lead at 9-under par, they faced a 36-hole Sunday, provided the course could be ready by 7 a.m.

Otherwise, another Monday finish loomed, and that was only part of the unpredictable nature of this PGA Championship.

Kevin Kisner had seven birdies in his round of 5-under 65 and was at 5-under 205. He was one shot ahead of Padraig Harrington, who also had a 65. They were among only 37 players of the 86 who made the cut to complete the third round.

The plan was for the third-round pairings to go right back out Sunday morning, meaning they would finish before the last group even began the fourth round.

"That will be an interesting dynamic, for sure," said Kerry Haigh, the PGA of America's managing director of championships. "Add to the excitement, actually."

It was the second time the PGA rolled the dice at Baltusrol and failed.

In the 2005 PGA Championship, they chose not to move up the tee times on Sunday with a high possibility of storms in the forecast, and Phil Mickelson had to return to play five holes to secure a one-shot

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victory.

With storms in the forecast for Saturday afternoon, Haigh said the PGA did not “significantly” consider a two-tee start Saturday morning in threesomes.

“The forecast is similar to what it has been the previous two days, with a chance of rain in the afternoon, summer showers. And that’s exactly what we got,” Haigh said. “Unfortunately, today they hit us. And yesterday, they missed us.”

It was the third time in five years that weather messed with the PGA Championship. The final round was played in threesomes off both tees at Kiawah Island in 2012, and Valhalla was a quagmire in 2014, though the last two rounds were played in twosomes and barely finished. Rory McIlroy won both of them.

Haigh could not think of the last time the players were not paired according to their 54-hole score for the final round.

Russell Knox lagged a 65-foot birdie attempt on the 18th hole, tapped in for a par and a 67 to reach 3-under 207, and then heard the horn as Marc Leishman was getting ready for his 12-foot birdie attempt. Leishman has to return at 7 a.m. for that putt, and then wait two hours to start his final round.

Knox couldn’t resist a playful dig on Twitter in which he told Leishman that he had “grub, showered and feet up now.”

They could use plenty of rest, and a break in the weather.

Baltusrol already had about 3 inches of rain this week, and Haigh didn’t have a report on Saturday’s damage because it was still raining. There is no defense for soft greens, however, and it showed.

Streb posted the 30th round of 63 in a major on Friday. Kisner and Harrington took aim Saturday before the rain, each with 65s. Harrington didn’t even think he played that well and still shot a 65, his lowest ever in a PGA Championship.

“Hit the right shots at the right time and any of the shots that I didn’t hit well didn’t do me any harm,” Harrington said. “So it was one of those days. It’s nice when you score better than you play. It was just an average day, as I said. Thursday was the day I played well. It was amazing, the best I played Thursday, is the worst score I shot. That’s the nature of the game.”

Kisner was slowed by a pair of bogeys on the front nine, though he bounced back with two straight birdies and finished with three birdies in his last four holes.

“You keep it in the fairway, you can attack,” Kisner said. “The course is receptive enough. You can make a lot of birdies.”

Mickelson made the cut with one shot to spare on Friday, rallying from an opening tee shot that went out-of-bounds and onto a side street. He shot a 68 on Saturday and was at 1-under 209, and he predicted far lower scores to come.

“There is a low 60s round,” Mickelson said when he finished. “I think somebody is going to break that 63 record in these next two days. The greens are pristine. You can make a lot of putts. They are soft, so you can get the ball very close. I think that there’s that 61 or 62 out there that I was probably trying to chase a little too hard.”

Haigh was only hopeful for good weather, as soon as possible.

He said the course had so much water it was unplayable even if it stopped raining, and more rain overnight would make a 7 a.m. start unlikely. When it does get back into shape, the greens will be soft. Baltusrol’s strength is measuring the right bounce on the greens because of the contours. This might be more like lawn darts.

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Wizard magic: JK Rowling hopes Harry Potter play goes global

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LONDON (AP) — London is under Harry Potter's spell once more — and J.K. Rowling hopes the rest of the world will eventually follow.

The stage play "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" had its gala opening Saturday in London's West End and is already the theater event of the year.

Rowling joined director John Tiffany, playwright Jack Thorne and the cast onstage to receive a raucous standing ovation at the end of the two-part show at London's Palace Theatre, where it's scheduled to run at least until December 2017.

If the boy wizard's creator has her way, that will only be the beginning.

"I'd like as many Potter fans to see it as possible," Rowling said on the red carpet before the show, as fans cheered and poked camera phones over crowd barriers in hope of getting a picture.

There's already talk of a Broadway run, and Rowling said: "I'd like it to go wider than that."

Co-producer Sonia Friedman said she had big hopes for the show, which has been more than two years in the making.

"Hopefully many countries at some point will get to see it," Friedman said. "But it's a big piece of theater, it's a big endeavor. You can't just turn this around overnight."

The play has been in previews at the theater for almost eight weeks, but few details of the plot have leaked (though those seeking spoilers online will find them).

People leaving the show are handed buttons urging them to #keepthesecrets — and most have complied.

Tiffany said spilling the play's secrets was "like unwrapping children's Christmas presents for them in November, in front of their eyes. And why would anyone want to do that?"

Rowling said fans have "been amazing, they've been incredible."

"It is the most extraordinary fandom, so I'm kind of not surprised, because they didn't want to spoil it for each other," she said. "But I am so happy we got here without ruining everything."

The script of the play is being published Sunday, with a global print run in the millions, so future audiences will have more opportunities to know the plot in advance if they choose.

Without entering spoiler territory, it's safe to say that the play has much to make fans rejoice. This is both an eighth instalment in the Potter saga worthy of Rowling's seven novels, and a stage spectacle to delight even the uninitiated.

The script — written by Thorne from a story by Rowling, Thorne and Tiffany — picks up 19 years after the end of the final novel, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

Harry — the orphaned boy whose destiny was to save the wizarding world — is now an overworked civil servant at the Ministry of Magic, feeling the approach of middle age. His younger son, Albus Severus, is a reluctant pupil at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, struggling with the burden of his family's fame.

Fans who know the saga inside out are likely to appreciate the teeming detail of the play, which runs for five hours over two parts. It captures Rowling's richly textured magical world, with its byzantine mythology, complex history and array of fantastical creatures.

The plot is a rollicking adventure in which Albus' attempt to right a wrong goes awry. But it also has adult things to say about loss and grief, and about the complexities of friendship and family love.

The cast is anchored by the adult trio of Jamie Parker as Harry, Noma Dumezweni as Hermione Granger and Paul Thornley as Ron Weasley. There's also a touching performance from Sam Clemmett

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as Albus, and an engaging, career-making turn from Anthony Boyle as Scorpius Malfoy, the surprising son of Harry's childhood enemy Draco Malfoy.

The actors draw both laughter and tears from audience members. But it's the work of the production crew that elicits gasps, with illusions that appear simultaneously simple and inexplicable.

Characters levitate, transform and disappear, in magic that feels hand-crafted rather than high-tech, although a great deal of technical expertise has gone into it.

Buoyed by the work of movement director Steven Hoggett and composer Imogen Heap, the show captures the warm spirit of the world Rowling has created — one that has moved from page to screen to stage with its magic intact.

Rowling — who wore golden winged shoes, reminiscent of the golden snitch she created for the magical game quidditch — said she hoped the show would attract "people who have never been to the theater before."

"I would be so proud to think that kids from my kind of background, who didn't come from particularly theatergoing families, learn what theater is all about through this show," Rowling said. "That would be an incredible thing."

Pope to young: Try politics, activism; don't be couch potato

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BRZEGI, Poland (AP) — Pope Francis challenged hundreds of thousands of young people who gathered in a sprawling Polish meadow to reject being a "couch potato" who retreats into video games and computer screens and instead engage in social activism and politics to create a more just world.

Peppering his speech with contemporary lingo, the 79-year-old pope, despite a long day of public appearances, addressed his eager audience with enthusiasm Saturday on a warm summer night.

Francis spoke of a paralysis that comes from merely seeking convenience, from confusing happiness with a complacent way of life that could end up depriving people of the ability to determine their own fates.

"Dear young people, we didn't come into this world to 'vegetate,' to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: To leave a mark," Francis told a crowd that Polish media estimated at over 1 million in a huge field in Brzegi, a village outside the southern city of Krakow.

Organizers said 1.6 million people came to hear the pope Saturday night, but police did not give a crowd estimate.

Francis decried a modern escapism into consumerism and computers that isolates people. The same message ran through a ballet performance at the site before his speech: a lonely woman seeks human connections but is rebuffed by people on computer tablets and cellphones until one man emerges from behind a see-through barrier to connect.

For Francis, Jesus is the "Lord of risk ... not the Lord of comfort, security and ease."

"Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths," Francis said.

He challenged his sea of listeners, spread out on blankets, to make their mark on the world by becoming engaged as "politicians, thinkers, social activists" and to help build a world economy that is "inspired by solidarity."

"The times we live in do not call for young 'couch potatoes,'" he said to applause, "but for young

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people with shoes, or better, boots laced."

Like a politician working a crowd, Francis yelled out to his audience: "You want others to decide your future?" When he didn't get the rousing "No!" he was going for, he tried for a "Yes."

"You want to fight for your future?" he asked.

"Yes!" they roared.

"The pope does not order us to do things, he encourages us," Szymon Werner, a 32-year-old from Krakow who was at the meadow, told The Associated Press. "It's true, there are many temptations, weaknesses in life and we should try to do something about them."

"I will give more attention to my family," he vowed. "Last night, I gave a lift to some foreign pilgrims who missed their bus — so I think the pope's presence is working!"

Francis' evening appeal came hours after he celebrated a Mass with priests, nuns and young seminarians whom he also urged to leave their comfort zones and tend to the needy in the world. He said Jesus wants the church "to be a church on the move, a church that goes out into the world."

That homily came at a shrine dedicated to St. John Paul II, the Polish pontiff whose staunch defense of workers' rights in the 1970s and '80s challenged his nation's then-Communist rulers.

A year after John Paul II was elected pope in 1978, he returned to his homeland, urging millions of his beleaguered compatriots behind the Iron Curtain — in nuanced and coded words — to oppose communism and defend individual freedoms. That visit inspired the birth of Solidarity, a labor movement that eventually became a key factor in the collapse of communism in 1989 in Poland and throughout Eastern Europe.

Francis has carried a grueling schedule since arriving in Poland on Wednesday, making his first-ever visit to Eastern Europe. On Friday he visited the Nazi German death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he met with concentration camp survivors as well as aging saviors who helped Jews escape certain doom.

The pope ends his visit to Poland on Sunday after a Mass in the same meadow in Brzegi, the crowning event of this year's world jamboree for young Catholics.

Padres starters Cashner, Rea to Marlins in 7-player deal

STEVEN WINE, AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Buyers at the trade deadline for a change, the Miami Marlins believe they now have enough starting pitching to make a playoff push.

The Marlins acquired the rotation reinforcements they sought in a trade Friday that cost them four players. Right-handers Andrew Cashner and Colin Rea were sent to Miami by the San Diego Padres in the seven-player deal.

Miami also will receive pitching prospect Tayron Guerrero for right-handers Jarrod Cosart and Carter Capps and two minor leaguers, pitching prospect Luis Castillo and first baseman Josh Naylor. The Marlins will receive \$2,171,257 from the Padres to cover most of the \$2,539,617 remaining in Cashner's \$7.15 million salary this year.

The one message it does send is that we're trying to win," Miami manager Don Mattingly said. "We're not trying to go backward. We have an opportunity here."

The Marlins are in contention for their first playoff berth since 2003 despite a shaky rotation. Aside from ace Jose Fernandez, their starters are 23-24 with an ERA of 4.40.

Rea will start Saturday against the St. Louis Cardinals, and Cashner will start the series finale Sunday.

Cashner is 4-7 with a 4.76 ERA in 16 starts, including a 2.55 ERA in his past three outings while being showcased for a trade.

"We wanted to get someone that was hot and could bring an immediate impact," Marlins president of

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baseball operations Michael Hill said.

Cashner has a career record of 30-49 with a 3.73 ERA in seven seasons. Mattingly, former manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, faced the 6-foot-6 right-hander often in the NL West.

"I've seen him really good," Mattingly said. "He's got power stuff. I saw him when he was their No. 1, and he has that kind of stuff."

Rea, who is in his second major league season, is 5-5 with a 4.98 ERA in 19 games this year.

Cashner is eligible to become a free agent after this season. Rea, 26, has a salary of \$510,200 and is under team control through 2018.

The Padres are fourth in the NL West and looking to future seasons, and for them the prize in the deal might be Naylor, 19, a left-handed power hitter taken by the Marlins in the first round of the 2015 draft. He is batting .269 with nine home runs this year for Class A Greensboro.

Cosart went 13-11 in 2014 with Houston and Miami but has struggled since. This year he is 0-1 with a 5.95 ERA in four starts with the Marlins, and 3-4 with a 4.09 ERA in 10 starts for Triple-A New Orleans.

Capps, a reliever with a 100 mph fastball, underwent Tommy John surgery in March and is expected to be ready for opening day 2017.

"We traded away good players," Hill said. "To get quality, you have to give quality."

Miami's already thin rotation was further depleted last week when left-hander Wei-Yin Chen went on the disabled list because of a sprained elbow. Cashner and Rea will join Fernandez, Tom Koehler and Adam Conley.

Marlins players applauded the trade.

"Cashner has very good stuff," Fernandez said. "I've actually faced him hitting, and I don't like to hit against him. I think he's going to help us get to where we need to go."

Miami designated outfielder Cole Gillespie and infielder Cole Figueroa for assignment.

The trade is the second between the Marlins and Padres this summer. In June, Miami acquired All-Star reliever Fernando Rodney for a minor league pitcher.

On Tuesday, San Diego traded outfielder Melvin Upton Jr. to Toronto for minor league right-hander Hansel Rodriguez. The Padres agreed to pay the Blue Jays \$17,275,410, including \$1,825,410 this year and \$15.45 million next year — matching his entire 2017 salary.

Fighting between rival Tuareg groups kills 6 in NE Mali

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BAMAKO, Mali (AP) — Fighting broke out Saturday in northeastern Mali between a coalition of Tuareg rebels and a Tuareg group allied with the government of this West African country, killing at least six people.

The fighting took place in Edjerer, about 50 kilometers (31 miles) northeast of Kidal, between the government-allied group GATIA and the Coordination of Azawad Movements, a coalition of groups seeking autonomy in northern Mali that includes ethnic Arabs and Tuaregs.

Fahad Ag Almahmoud, secretary-general for GATIA, said they killed at least six of the coalition's fighters.

Almouzamile Ag Mohamed, spokesman for a group in the coalition, confirmed the fighting. The groups blamed each other for its start.

Residents said French forces were out on the streets in Kidal to protect civilians. Fighting last week between the groups in Kidal killed at least 16 people.

Also on Saturday, residents in a village west of Gossi said a Malian army vehicle hit an improvised

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explosive device, killing two soldiers and wounding three others. A Malian military official confirmed the deaths, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not permitted to speak to the press on the matter. No group claimed responsibility for the attack, but jihadist groups linked to al-Qaida are active in the region south of Timbuktu in Mali's north.

Mali's government also says it will again extend a state of emergency until March 2017.

A state of emergency allows police in Mali to search homes without a warrant, and it bans protests.

The state of emergency was originally put in place in November 2015 after extremists stormed a luxury hotel in the capital and killed 20. The state of emergency has since been extended several times because of violence.

Put public money into political campaigns? Foes say no way

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Foes of a November ballot measure that would let South Dakota voters earmark public money for political candidates are portraying what's billed as an anti-corruption package as a waste of taxpayer dollars for the benefit of politicians.

The proposal would allow voters to give two vouchers worth \$50 each to participating political candidates, with the money coming from a state fund. If approved, South Dakota would join the federal government and at least 13 states with some form of public campaign financing.

But an opposition group has launched radio ads and mailers attacking those provisions in Initiated Measure 22, arguing that residents don't want their taxes to pay for campaigns.

"Some laws are funny. You can't give a moose beer in Alaska. In Maine, you can't raffle off a chicken," a man's voice says in the July radio ad. The ballot measure "isn't funny," he continues, adding: "Instead of roads, bridges and schools, our tax dollars would pay to help get politicians elected."

Supporters say the overhaul is meant to improve transparency and help prevent corruption after two recent government-related scandals, which have included deaths, felony charges and allegations of misused funds.

The wide-ranging ballot proposal, which requires a simple majority to pass, would create an ethics commission, require additional campaign finance disclosure and bar lobbying by state officials and high-level employees for two years after exiting government.

Voters who want to use the program could give "democracy credits" to political candidates who agree to campaign contribution and spending limits. Each election year, participating legislative candidates could receive up to \$15,000 in democracy credit funds, while a gubernatorial candidate could collect up to \$700,000, with varying amounts for other offices.

The credits could be given directly to the candidate, to their representative or to the ethics commission. They could be delivered in person, by mail or electronically through a system to be developed by the commission.

Ben Lee, chairman of an opposition group whose partners include Americans For Prosperity-South Dakota, the state Retailers Association and the state Chamber of Commerce and Industry, calls much of the measure "a complicated monstrosity of a muddled mess."

"Everyone understands the idea of redirecting tax dollars to political campaigns, and they don't like it," said Lee, who is also state director for South Dakota's chapter of Americans for Prosperity, a conservative group backed by the billionaire philanthropist Koch brothers, David and Charles.

Lee also said he doesn't think the plan would effectively reduce corruption. It's not clear yet what opponents are spending against the measure, because they haven't had to report fundraising, and Lee

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declined to disclose those details.

Don Frankenfeld, a former GOP state senator who is co-chairman of a coalition supporting the measure, said opponents want to avoid losing the influence of "big money." Focusing on the campaign finance element is a "smoke screen" to distract voters, said measure supporter Rick Weiland, a former Democratic U.S. Senate candidate.

"It's not mandatory, but if they want to take a little bit of the money they send to Pierre and invest it in people who they think are going to do a good job for them, that are really going to represent their interests and not just the thousand-dollar check writers, what is so awful about that?" Weiland said.

Supporters had received about \$360,000 in cash and in-kind contributions by late July and spent roughly the same, Frankenfeld said. Their efforts are supported by Represent.Us, an organization working to reduce the influence of money in politics.

Supporters are pushing a similar anti-corruption plan in the state of Washington.

A Minnesota program has given voters a \$50 tax refund if they contribute to candidates or political parties that adhere to spending caps. The state also offers direct public payments to qualifying candidates.

That program provided more than \$500,000 in public subsidies for then-GOP governor candidate Tom Emmer in 2010. Emmer — now a congressman — narrowly lost that race to Democrat Mark Dayton, who relied heavily on his own fortune. But the subsidy was critical for Emmer's bid, former campaign manager Cullen Sheehan said.

"I think it is an added value for candidates, certainly, that don't have the personal resources to write their own checks," Sheehan said.

Health official: Use bug repellent for West Nile protection

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Health says South Dakota's peak transmission for the West Nile virus has started and will last through the end of August.

State epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger says the state is seeing a higher number of mosquitoes than normal test positive for the virus. Kightlinger says the number of human cases so far is above the 10-year average.

The state had reported 19 human cases of the virus as of Thursday.

People can reduce their risk by using insect repellent, limiting time outdoors, covering up with long pants and shirts and getting rid of standing water where mosquitoes can breed.

Symptoms of West Nile include fever, headache, body aches and rash.

Sioux Falls firefighters getting false emergency calls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Fire Rescue says it has received several false emergency reports as a result of prank phone calls to businesses. Fire Chief Jim Sideras says false alarms impact the safety of the community by using "resources ineffectively." Authorities say the fire department does not contact citizens or businesses by phone to initiate building evacuations. Fire alarm companies also do not contact businesses and instruct them to initiate a fire alarm.

Reporting a false alarm is a misdemeanor with a penalty of one year in jail. Reporting a false alarm that results in a serious injury or death is a felony resulting in five years of imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Man killed in motorcycle crash near Newell

NEWELL, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says a 65-year-old man died in a motorcycle crash near Newell.

Troopers say the crash happened Friday night, after the motorcycle went into a ditch and hit an embankment on U.S. Highway 212.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene. His name has not been released pending notification of family members.

Buffer strip boosters plan another go during 2017 session

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Seeking improved water quality in South Dakota, advocates of a bill vetoed this year to encourage buffer strips between farmland and waterways plan to try again in 2017.

They may get a boost from the source of their discontent: Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who rejected the plan to offer tax breaks for buffers in March. Daugaard cited constitutional and property tax concerns over the bill, which overwhelmingly passed the Legislature.

Daugaard supports the concept and will offer a buffer strip proposal later this year to the Legislature's Ag Land Assessment Task Force, spokeswoman Kelsey Pritchard said in an email, declining to offer additional details.

Buffers help trap fertilizer, pesticide and sediment before they reach water.

"We're firm believers that riparian buffers are one of the best things that we can possibly do to protect our rivers and streams and lakes" in South Dakota, said Jay Gilbertson, manager of the East Dakota Water Development District, which backed the 2016 legislation.

Supportive legislators didn't muster the support necessary to override Daugaard's veto of the bill, which would have allowed farmland along a lake, river or stream that was turned into a 50-foot buffer strip of vegetation to be classified as non-cropland for property tax purposes. That would have meant a lower tax burden for those landowners.

There were questions about the impacts of the measure this year that need to be answered, including which waterways would be subject to the policy, Gilbertson said.

The governor had also offered concerns that the bill would shift the property tax burden onto other property owners.

The South Dakota Corn Growers Association opposed the measure as messing with the tax structure without effectively inducing farmers to install buffer strips. The group instead wants to see more education efforts so farmers can learn about available programs, executive director Lisa Richardson said.

"We are 110 percent behind buffer strips," she said. "This bill did not address the issue. It's not going to get more farmers to participate — that's what we're trying to do."

Democratic House leader Spencer Hawley, a main sponsor of the 2016 bill, said he hopes to offer a plan next session that addresses the governor's concerns and maintains lawmakers' support.