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Book Lover's Day

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Loel Schott • Bradley Clocksene • Kim Yarborough • Lee Thompson • Laurie LaMee • Teresa Lutz

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

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Lazy Day
National S'mores Day

Senior Menu: BBQ Chicken, rosemary red potatoes, old fashioned slaw, strawberry Jell-O dessert, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Drew Hjermstad • Peyton Jondahl • Ron Westby • Jess Bunn

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

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Build new or remodel the elementary school

That is the \$4 million question that the Groton Area School Board is grappling with. Throughout the community engagement meetings, it was reported that there was a hint that the school board should raze the elementary school and build new. The current \$7 million proposal would add on to the elementary school and remodel it. A new \$11 million school would be the same size as it is now, square feet to square feet.

Then the next question is - Does the school tackles both an elementary and middle/high school project at the same time or split them up? The district would have to vote on a 30 year bond issue if the district was to do both projects at the same time. "I think we should do them both at the same time," said board member Marty Weismantel. Business Manager Mike Weber said the interest rates will probably be not as good as they are now and the overall cost will also be higher. For example, waiting until 2022, the elementary school remodel project would jump from \$7 million to \$8.9 million and the mil levy would go from .38 to .48. The combined projection of \$20.2 million now would rise to \$23.8 million in 2022 and the mil levy would go from 1.11 now to 1.29 in 2022.

The factor is the heating system in the middle/high school building. It is not expected to last another six years. Then there will be the cost of repair and/or replacement that will need to be done.

The next move is to renegotiate the contract with its architect and then proceed from there. Funeral

Pay it Forward at the SD State Fair

HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair is partnering with businesses and organizations to provide free admission to the fair for those in need or to random people on Monday, Sept. 5. Any fairgoer could be the lucky recipient of a Pay it Forward pass as they enter the gates.

The Pay it Forward idea started when a Huron businessman came into the fair office and said he wasn't able to do a big sponsorship for the fair, but what he could do is sponsor daily gate passes to distribute to those in need. He was certain that other businesses would be willing to do the same and either choose to distribute the passes to those in need or randomly at the State Fair admission gates.

"We are strong supporters of the SD State Fair," said Robin Olson of R & L Sanitary. "We are not necessarily in a position to do a big sponsorship but still wanted to participate at some level. I approached the fair and asked how we could go about purchasing some tickets to distribute to the less fortunate and they were very receptive. While it may seem like a little thing, it has the potential to have a large impact."

Other Pay it Forward activities include:

- Pay it forward to the food pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item for the "Drive to End Hunger" between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. and receive \$2 off gate admission.
- Monster truck fans, pay it forward and have a 'souper' good time by bringing a can of soup to the grandstand between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and receive a free ride on the "Twisted Steel" monster truck.

If you are interested in participating in Pay it Forward Day or would like more information, please contact the fair office at 605-353-7340. Fair officials are working with United Way Heartland Region to distribute the tickets to those in need.

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

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The Life of Henry Jondahl



Funeral services for Henry Conrad Jondahl, 76, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 11, at Falnes Lutheran Church in Langford, SD. Diane Hoines will officiate. Burial will follow at Falnes Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness funeral chapel from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, August 10 with a Masonic service at 7:00 p.m.

Henry fell asleep on August 5, 2016, at Rapid City Regional Hospital in South Dakota, after 12 years of battling multiple myeloma.

Henry Conrad ("Hank") Jondahl was born on May 3, 1940, in Langford to Henry and Alice (Holland) Flagvedt. After losing her husband, Alice married Olger Jondahl, who adopted Henry and raised him as his son. Henry attended school in Langford and graduated from Langford High School. He joined the United States Air Force as a base Policeman and was stationed in Detroit and at Zweibrucken AFB, Germany.

Following his military service, Henry married Ilene Fischer and together they had two children. Henry later married Nancy Haan. Henry worked for the telephone company for 29 years and spent the next few years as an independent contractor providing corporate training to telephone company workers.

Henry enjoyed hard work, and was always ready to help his family and friends with whatever they needed. As a younger man, he enjoyed hunting and fishing spending many a weekend at local lakes and on the Missouri River. He loved to "putz" around outdoors with his tractors, four wheelers, jetski's and all kinds of other outdoor equipment. He also had a great appreciation for the art of the deal and was always looking for a bargain, buying or selling some doodad or whatchamacallit. Mostly though, Henry cherished his beloved grandchildren and reveled in his role as "Grampa Hank". He could most times be found with them building things, playing games, watching movies and occasionally napping. And Grampa was always up for a game of hide-and-seek. He was certainly guilty of spoiling them with little things that he knew they would enjoy, but his greatest gift to them was the time, attention and energy that he lavished on them. They all were well loved by Grampa Hank.

Celebrating Henry's life are his wife Nancy, children, Chan (Shelli) Jondahl of Tucson, Arizona; Traci (David) Tobias of Lakeville, Minnesota; his five grandchildren David ("Alex"), Logan, Anna, Maggie; Nancy's sons, Rob Haan, Mat (Jade) Haan and Dan Haan; his brothers, Richard (Miriam) Jondahl of Waite Park, Minnesota; Rodney (Leone) Jondahl of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Don Jondahl of Aberdeen, South Dakota; and sister-in-laws, Marilyn Jondahl of Groton, South Dakota; and Lois (Jondahl) Dow of Arlington, Texas.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and brothers Jim Jondahl and Loren Jondahl.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Avera McKennan Foundation (PO Box 5045, Sioux Falls, SD 57117). All contributions made in Henry's name will be used to help support families living with multiple myeloma.

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Today in Weather History

August 9, 1918: An estimated F2 tornado touched down east of Bristol, in Day County, and moved NNE. The tornado was quoted as looking like a long snake like spiral, smashing barns into kindling.

August 9, 1992: A tornado packing winds estimated between 113 and 157 mph caused major damage to the town of Chester, in Lake County. Shortly after 7 pm CDT a tornado tore right through the heart of Chester causing considerable damage. Four businesses were destroyed, three others had major damage, and five had minor damage. An elevator and new grain bin were leveled and another bin was heavily damaged. Most of the building housing the fire department was demolished. Also many houses and vehicles sustained damage and large trees were uprooted or broken off. In one instance a steel beam was thrust through a garage and into the car inside. One mile north of Chester, an entire house was moved off the foundation. The town had to be evacuated for 19 hours after the tornado because the tornado damaged a 12,000 gallon ammonia tank releasing 4,000 gallons of the liquid gas into the air. The ammonia was a health hazard forcing residents out. To the south of Chester the storm destroyed a new convenience store and blew two fuel tanks over 100 yards.

1878: The second most deadliest tornado in New England history struck Wallingford, Connecticut, killing 34 persons, injuring 100 others, and completely destroying thirty homes. The tornado started as a waterspout over a dam on the Quinnipiac River. It was 400 to 600 feet wide, and had a short path length of two miles. The deadliest New England tornado occurred in 1953 when an F4 killed 90 people in Worcester, Massachusetts.








1969: An F3 tornado hit Cincinnati, Ohio, killing four persons and causing fifteen million dollars property damage. The tornado moved in a southeasterly direction at 40 to 50 mph. 1987 - Florida baked in the summer heat. Nine cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Jacksonville with a reading of 101 degrees. Miami FL reported a record high of 98 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Tropical Storm Beryl deluged Biloxi with 6.32 inches of rain in 24 hours, and in three days drenched Pascagoula MS with 15.85 inches of rain. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Southern Plains Region and over the Central High Plains Region. Thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced wind gusts to 92 mph at Harrah. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Evening thunderstorms in Arizona deluged Yuma with record torrential rains for the second time in two weeks. The rainfall total of 5.25 inches at the Yuma Quartermaster Depot established a state 24 hour record, and was nearly double the normal annual rainfall. Some of the homes were left with four feet of water in them. Seventy-six cities in the south central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Lake Charles LA equalled their record for August with a low of 61 degrees. Canaan Valley WV was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 32 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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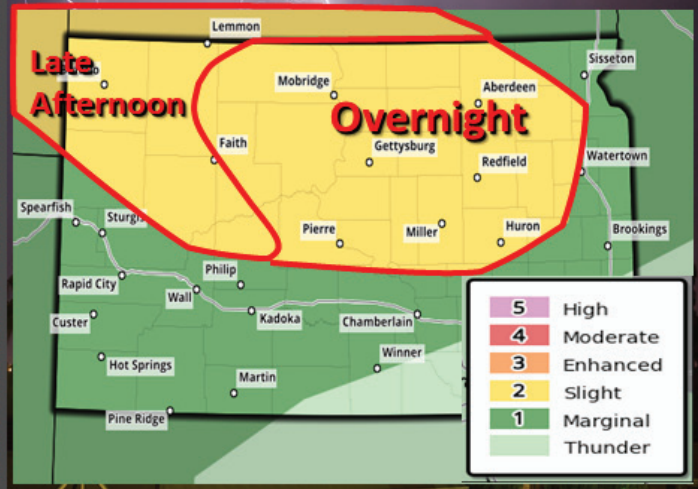
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Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	T-storms Likely	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 87 °F	Low: 67 °F	High: 95 °F	Low: 69 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 79 °F

Hot & Humid Today

- Upper 80s to Upper 90s
- Heat Index:
Low 90s to around 100

Thunderstorms Late - Overnight

- Large Hail & Strong Winds



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 8/9/2016 5:09 AM Central

Published on: 08/09/2016 at 5:16AM

A hot and humid airmass will set up across the Dakotas today. Temperatures will top out in the upper 80s to upper 90s with heat index values topping 100 degrees in central South Dakota. Storms will develop out west today, and proceed to the northeast through the evening hours. Storms will move into the forecast area likely after sundown - but severe weather will still be a threat with the risk for large hail and strong winds. The heat and humidity persists into Wednesday, with another round of nocturnal thunderstorms Wednesday night - this time the focus area will shift to northeast South Dakota, eastern North Dakota, and western Minnesota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 83.2 F at 4:49 PM

Low Outside Temp: 59.8 F at 7:47 AM

High Gust: 18.0 Mph at 2:19 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 105° in 1947

Record Low: 41 in 1927

Average High: 83°F

Average Low: 58°F

Average Precip in Aug: 0.71

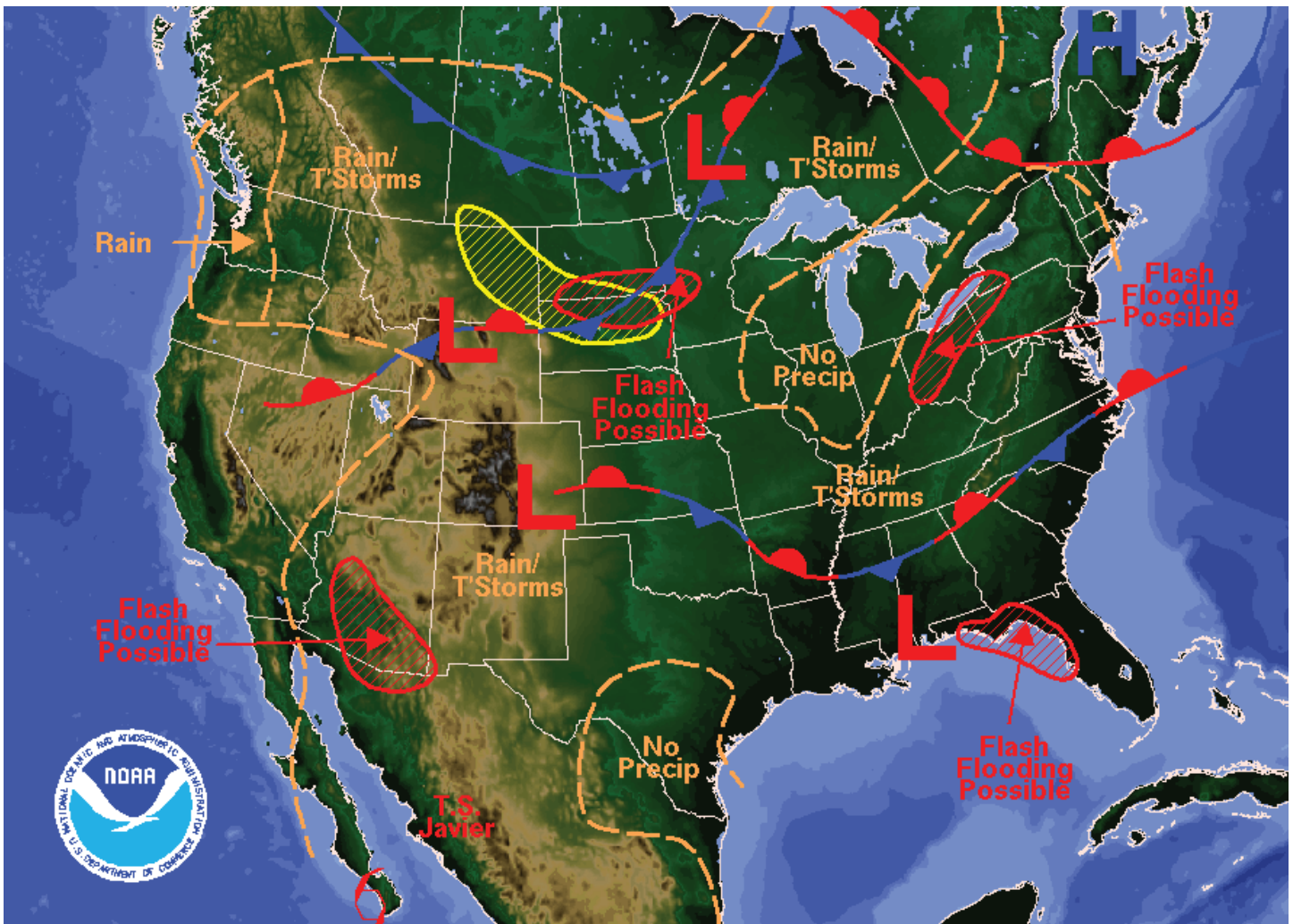
Precip to date in Aug: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 14.57

Precip Year to Date: 10.58

Sunset Tonight: 8:49 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:29 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Aug 09, 2016, issued 5:00 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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ACTIVE OR EFFECTIVE

To be active for God is one thing but to be effective for God is quite another thing. Anyone can be active but not everyone will be effective.

Being "active" can be compared to "riding" a stationary bicycle: there is a lot of motion but no movement. Or spending an hour in a rocking chair going back and forth: you end up in the same place having gone nowhere.

For the Christian to be effective means making a positive impact on the world with our lives. It means that we have lived lives that made a difference in the lives of others – a difference that can be seen, a difference that can be felt, and a difference that will bring others to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

We begin this life of effectiveness by giving our life to God through the work of Christ. When we give our lives to Him, He will accept us as we are and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And when He cleanses us, He will fill us with power that comes from His Holy Spirit dwelling with us. When he fills us with His Spirit He can use us effectively.

There are many things we can do but only one thing we must do. Paul said, "Present your bodies to God!" God has pleasing and perfect plans for all of us to do His work effectively. But we must first present ourselves to Him.

Prayer: Lord of our lives, help us to understand how much You want us to work with You in reclaiming Your world. May we present all that we are to You, now! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.

Please join us for an
Open House Bridal Shower for

Sydney Erickson

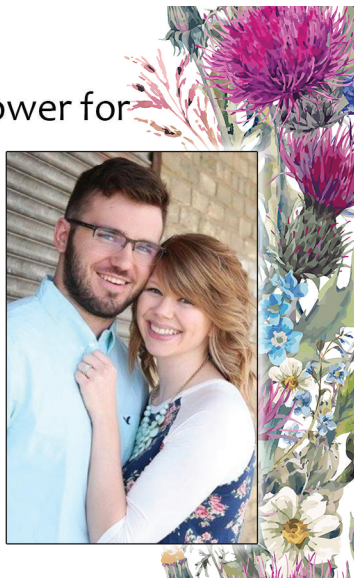
Bride-to-be of
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Saturday, August 13

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News from the Associated Press

Husband and wife married 63 years die 20 minutes apart

PLATTE, S.D. (AP) — A husband and wife died within 20 minutes of one another side-by-side in a South Dakota nursing home after 63 years of marriage.

KSFY-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/2aFZeSc>) Henry and Jeanette De Lange died July 31 at Platte Care Center.

The couple's son, Lee De Lange, says his 87-year-old mother suffered from Alzheimer's and had been in a nursing home since 2011. He says his 86-year-old father visited her daily before recently entering the same nursing home.

Lee De Lange says after his mother died peacefully, he told his father, "mom's gone to heaven. You don't have to fight anymore, you can go too if you want." He says his father looked at his wife, closed his eyes and died minutes after.

The couple's joint funeral was to be held Monday.

Imperiled Washington children recovered safe in South Dakota

KIMBALL, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in South Dakota say two children taken from their home in Washington state by their father are safe, and the father has been detained.

South Dakota's Department of Public Safety issued an Amber Alert late Monday for the children from Maple Valley, Washington. Authorities say the 38-year-old father had left with the 1- and 3-year-old children on Friday, and that the 3-year-old has complicated and life-threatening medical conditions.

Authorities did not release details of the circumstances of the departure except to say that the father had left home with only a diaper bag, and that the 3-year-old's health was believed to be in jeopardy.

The Amber Alert was canceled after less than two hours when the father was detained in Kimball. Details of his status weren't immediately released.

Jewel Cave to host education workshop for teachers

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — Jewel Cave National Monument in western South Dakota is hosting a workshop geared toward teachers interested in learning more about caves.

Park Superintendent Bonnie Schwartz says the weekend-long workshop is scheduled to begin Sept. 9. Participating teachers will learn about bats, belly-crawl mapping and other topics that they can take back to their classrooms meant to complement the state's general science and math standards. Interested teachers may also receive academic credit for attending.

Park officials say the planned activities are meant to raise awareness of cave and karst areas, as well as a better understanding of the impact that humans have on natural resources.

Space is limited to 15 educators.

Winter wheat harvest close to completion in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Winter wheat harvest in South Dakota is nearing completion after several days of dry weather.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that winter wheat is 92 percent harvested, ahead of last year's 87 percent pace and the five-year average of 81 percent.

Spring wheat was 73 percent harvested, well ahead of last year's 45 percent clip and the average of

40 percent.

Farmers in some areas have received welcome rains in recent days, although soil moisture ratings continue to decline for a majority of the state. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 52 percent short to very short, and subsoil moisture totals were rated 52 percent short to very short.

Pasture and range conditions were rated 25 percent poor to very poor and 39 percent good to excellent.

Courthouse evacuated after report of suspicious envelope

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The federal courthouse in downtown Sioux Falls was evacuated for more than an hour while fire department personnel investigated a report of a suspicious envelope.

Authorities say the envelope was opened by a clerk on Monday and it contained white powder. Officials have not determined the makeup of the substance, but say it is not dangerous.

Police did not disclose the content of a note that was in the envelope or say who it was from.

4 hurt when motorcycle goes off stage, into crowd

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

Four people suffered injuries that were not life threatening during a motorcycle stunt gone wrong Sunday night at a campground that hosts hordes of visitors during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in western South Dakota.

Buffalo Chip Campground spokeswoman Nyla Griffith on Monday said "one maybe two" of the four victims spent the night at a hospital, but have since been released. They were injured when showman Roland Sands drove into a crowd around 9:45 p.m. Sunday between musical performances by Lita Ford and Kid Rock.

"He was going to do a demonstration on the stage, there was a malfunction, and the bike went over the stage," Griffith said. "It was moving, but it wasn't definitely anything near a full throttle or rocking, and drove off the stage into the VIP pit."

Griffith said she's not aware of what exactly malfunctioned during the show. Sands did not immediately return a voicemail and email directed to his California-based company inquiring about the cause of the incident and his current medical condition.

Griffith said the spectators' injuries included a broken nose and a wounded leg. She said at least one victim was back at the campground by the time Kid Rock took the stage around midnight.

"Of course, it was a horrible accident, we feel terrible, but you know, it could have been much, much worse," Griffith said. "We are just really happy that everyone is going to be OK."

Meade County Sheriff Ron Merwin said his department responded to the incident to assist the ambulance, but it is not investigating the accident. He said the incident is not considered a "reportable" accident because it did not occur on a roadway.

This year's Sturgis rally in the Black Hills kicks off Monday. A record 739,000 people attended last year.

Purple Heart Memorial in Pierre rededicated in new spot

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Military veterans and others rededicated the Purple Heart Memorial in Pierre over the weekend.

The memorial last November was moved from in front of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial across from the Capitol to a more visible spot near the World War II monument on Capitol Lake.

It was rededicated on Sunday, the 234th anniversary of the creation of the Purple Heart medal given

to soldiers wounded or killed in battle.

There are an estimated 250 living Purple Heart recipients in South Dakota.

Trump suggests Clinton emails linked to Iranian's execution

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Republican Donald Trump is suggesting that rival Hillary Clinton's emails may be responsible for the death of an Iranian nuclear scientist who was executed for spying for the United States.

Hours after an unusually disciplined speech on his economic plan for the country, Trump, using the "people are saying" sentence structure he often favors to make accusations, tweeted Monday night:

"Many people are saying that the Iranians killed the scientist who helped the U.S. because of Hillary Clinton's hacked emails."

He didn't say which people he meant. The FBI has said there is no evidence that Clinton's emails were hacked due to her use of a private account and server during her tenure as secretary of state. Also, the emails released by the State Department provide information similar to what U.S. officials had already discussed publicly at the time.

Tweeted back Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill:

"Many people are saying 'I made this up.'"

Merrill added that after Trump's morning speech to the Detroit Economic Club — and sticking closely to his script — "the muzzle was bound to come off."

Trump's speech was designed in part to reassure Republicans unnerved by a disastrous week of self-inflicted feuds with an assortment of people, from grieving Muslim American parents to the leaders of Trump's own party. Clinton's campaign cast his tweet Monday night as evidence that, in the words of spokesman Josh Schwerin, "There's just no resetting Donald Trump."

Trump isn't the first to suggest there could be a link between Clinton's emails on her private server and the execution of Shahram Amiri.

Arkansas Republican Sen. Tom Cotton said on CBS's "Face the Nation" Sunday that there "were on Hillary Clinton's private server, there were conversations among her senior advisers about this gentleman."

"That goes to show just how reckless and careless her decision was to put that kind of highly classified information on a private server," he said.

Amiri, an Iranian scientist, defected to the U.S. at the height of Western efforts to thwart Iran's nuclear program. When he returned to Iran in 2010, he was given a hero's welcome and greeted with flowers by government leaders. Then he mysteriously disappeared.

Amiri's case indirectly found its way into the spotlight last year with the release of State Department emails sent and received by Clinton. U.S. officials already had discussed his case publicly in 2010, including a \$5 million payment offered to him if he stayed in the U.S. The State Department emails released to the public are mostly noteworthy because they provide an insider account of deliberations at the time.

One email forwarded to Clinton by senior adviser Jake Sullivan on July 5, 2010 — just 10 days before Amiri returned to Tehran — appears to reference the scientist.

"We have a diplomatic, 'psychological' issue, not a legal one. Our friend has to be given a way out," the email by Richard Morningstar, a former State Department special envoy for Eurasian energy, read. "Our person won't be able to do anything anyway. If he has to leave, so be it."

Another email, sent by Sullivan on July 12, 2010, appears to obliquely refer to the scientist just hours before his appearance at the Iranian-interests section at the Pakistani Embassy in Washington became widely known.

"The gentleman ... has apparently gone to his country's interests section because he is unhappy with how much time it has taken to facilitate his departure," Sullivan wrote.

Clinton's decision to store her emails on a private server in her New York home sparked an FBI investigation and has become a dominant issue in the presidential campaign.

Delta cancelling nearly 250 flights Tuesday morning

DAVID KOENIG, AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Delta's travails, and those of its customers, move into day two with the airline cancelling nearly 250 flights.

The cancellations Tuesday follow about 1,000 cancelled flights Monday and almost 3,000 delayed flights after an outage at its Atlanta headquarters initiated a global meltdown of its booking and communications systems.

The airline was back online after a number of hours Monday, but the outages were so widespread that it is still dealing with the ripple effects a day later.

The airline posted a video apology by CEO Ed Bastian. And it offered refunds and \$200 in travel vouchers to people whose flights were canceled or delayed at least three hours.

Delta's challenge on Tuesday will be to find enough seats on planes during the busy summer vacation season to accommodate the tens of thousands of passengers whose flights were scrubbed. Last month, the average Delta flight was 87 percent full.

For passengers, hardship from the early Monday morning meltdown was compounded by the fact that Delta's flight-status updates weren't working either. Instead of being able to stay home, many passengers only learned about the flight problems when they arrived at the airport.

"By the time I showed up at the gate the employees were already disgruntled, and it was really difficult to get anybody to speak to me or get any information," said Ashley Roache, whose flight from Lexington, Kentucky, to New York's LaGuardia Airport was delayed. "The company could have done a better job of explaining ... what was happening."

Delta spokesman Trebor Banstetter said that after a power outage at the company's Atlanta headquarters, some key systems and network equipment did not switch over to backup systems. He said the airline's investigation into the cause of the outage was continuing but said there were no indications of hacking.

A spokesman for Georgia Power said that the company believes a failure of Delta equipment caused the airline's power outage. He said no other customers lost power. Delta declined to comment on the power company's report.

Flights that were already in the air when the outage occurred continued to their destinations, but flights on the ground remained there.

Delta Air Lines Inc. ranks as the third-largest in the world by number of passengers carried, with 138.8 million travelers last year, according to industry group IATA. It was narrowly beaten only by American Airlines and Southwest Airlines, with all of them flying mostly within the United States.

Airlines depend on huge, overlapping and complicated systems to operate flights, schedule crews and run ticketing, boarding, airport kiosks, websites and mobile phone apps. Even brief outages can snarl traffic and cause long delays.

That has afflicted airlines in the U.S. and abroad.

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Last month, Southwest Airlines canceled more than 2,000 flights over four days after an outage that it blamed on a faulty network router.

United Airlines suffered a series of massive IT meltdowns after combining its technology systems with those of merger partner Continental Airlines.

Lines for British Airways at some airports have grown longer as the carrier updates its systems.

On Monday in Richmond, Virginia, Delta gate agents were writing out boarding passes by hand. In Tokyo, a dot-matrix printer was resurrected to keep track of passengers on a flight to Shanghai.

Some passengers said they were shocked that computer glitches could cause such turmoil. Others took it in stride.

Ryan Shannon, another passenger on the Lexington-to-New York flight, said passengers boarded, were asked to exit, waited about 90 minutes and then got back on the plane.

Once Delta cleared flights to take off, "we boarded and didn't have any problems. There is always a delay, or weather, or something. I travel weekly, so I'm used to it," Shannon said with a laugh.

Clinton's spending big on Olympics TV ads, Trump airs none

JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rio Olympics are in full swing: Michael Phelps is back to winning races in the pool, Simone Biles is running up the score in the gym and Hillary Clinton is advertising with eyes on doing just as well on Election Day.

Donald Trump isn't even competing.

The Democratic presidential nominee is airing \$13.6 million in campaign commercials during the Summer Games, seeking to reach the millions of television viewers who can't skip past the commercials as they watch live coverage of the Olympics.

She has the audience to herself, as Trump has yet to air his first paid TV ad of the general election campaign.

It's a striking change from four years ago, when then-cash-strapped Mitt Romney and his allies scrounged up the estimated \$18 million needed to match what President Barack Obama was spending to advertise during the three weeks of the London Games, according to Kantar Media's political advertising tracker.

While Trump's campaign has requested advertising rates from stations in key states, including Florida, the Olympics are quickly slipping beyond his reach. The opening ceremony was Friday and this week features some of the most popular sports, including swimming and women's gymnastics.

"I'd love to know what they're waiting for," said Will Ritter, a Republican ad maker and veteran of Romney's presidential bids. Trump's eschewal of political norms such as advertising "cannot survive the professionalized deconstruction that Hillary is doing every day," he said.

As anyone watching the games can attest, Clinton's advertising is as omnipresent as NBC's commercial breaks. Her spots appear alongside those of corporate behemoths such as McDonald's and Chevrolet.

Over the first three weeks of August, Clinton is spending \$8 million on the national NBC network, which carries the games, and at least another \$4.5 million on local NBC affiliates, an Associated Press analysis of Kantar Media data found. The campaign is also spending another \$1.1 million on NBC's cable channels Bravo, USA and MSNBC.

One Clinton ad in heavy rotation is an awkward clip from David Letterman's late-night talk show. In it, the host holds up Trump shirts and ties and points out that they were made in Bangladesh and China, not America. To that, Trump smiles sheepishly.

The commercial ends with the text: "He's outsourced jobs to 12 countries." And it digs at his campaign

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slogan: "Make America great again."

Clinton is following Obama's Olympics playbook. The president debuted several commercials during the games in 2012, including one during the ratings-heavy — and expensive — opening ceremony. His spots were a mix of positive messages about his presidency and his contrasts with Romney.

Romney and his allies also took advantage of the games. But the GOP nominating convention was still weeks away when the London Games began, putting money he raised for his general election campaign out of reach.

The pro-Romney super political action committee Restore Our Future aired an ad featuring Olympic athletes talking about Romney's business sense. He was tapped to run the 2002 Salt Lake City winter games, the first after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We made the determination the Olympics offered a large, captive audience who weren't channel surfing," former Restore Our Future leader Carl Forti said. "And in the case of Mitt Romney, we had a candidate who turned around the Salt Lake Olympics and had a unique story to tell."

Although neither Trump nor Clinton has as personal a connection to the Olympics, presidential candidates usually cannot resist the ratings bonanza, even if the ads come at a higher cost. Trump isn't short on funds, having announced recently that he and his Republican allies raised more than \$80 million last month.

Asked about Trump's decision to stay off the air, Trump's spokeswoman Hope Hicks said the campaign was not yet ready to provide details about its TV advertising strategy.

There are a few pro-Trump groups doing a relatively minor amount of advertising.

Rebuilding America Now is spending about \$2 million in the first three weeks of this month, but has nothing on the national NBC network. Its spending is concentrated on national cable and in four states: Florida, Ohio, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, Kantar Media shows.

The NRA's political arm also has \$1.3 million in anti-Clinton spots up during the same time period — but again, not on the national NBC network.

Steve Duprey, a Republican national committeeman from New Hampshire, conceded that Trump is missing a chance to connect with millions of voters. He suggested it may not matter.

"While the decision not to have big ad buy during Olympics is unconventional," he said, "I'm not sure conventional rules apply."

Turkey's Erdogan arrives in Russia for talks with Putin

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has arrived in Russia for talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin aimed at repairing ties shattered by Turkey's downing of a Russian warplane along the Syrian border last year.

With Tuesday's visit, Erdogan may also be hoping to play the Russian card to strengthen his hand in disputes with the United States and European Union.

For his part, Putin is interested in mending the rift with Turkey in the hopes of reviving key economic projects, including a much-touted pipeline to carry natural gas to Turkey, and expanding Russia's clout in Syria.

The downing of the Russian jet in November, which Putin described as a "treacherous stab in the back," came amid boiling tensions over Syria, where Moscow and Ankara back opposing sides in the war.

Turkey: US shouldn't 'sacrifice' alliance over Muslim cleric

SUZAN FRASER, Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's justice minister said Tuesday the United States would be sacrificing its alliance with Turkey to "a terrorist" if it were to refuse to extradite a U.S.-based Muslim cleric who the government says is behind the July 15 failed coup.

Bekir Bozdag also told the state-run Anadolu Agency that anti-American sentiment in Turkey is reaching "its peak" over the issue of cleric Fethullah Gulen's return, and risks turning into hatred.

Turkey has branded Gulen's movement a terror organization and wants him returned to Turkey to face trial. Washington has said it would need evidence of the cleric's involvement, and says the regular extradition process must be allowed to take its course.

Gulen, who lives in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania, has denied involvement in the violent coup attempt that left more than 270 people dead.

"If (the United States) does not return him, it will have sacrificed Turkey to a terrorist," Bozdag said. "The United States is a great state and I believe will do what is expected from a great state."

Bozdag said Turkish authorities were still investigating who, after Gulen, was the number 2 suspect in the coup plot.

"There is no firm information on who the head of state would have been, who the prime minister would have been, if this coup had been successful," Bozdag said.

In his weekly address to legislators of his ruling party, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim on Tuesday vowed to bring Gulen to justice.

"That terrorist head will come to Turkey and be brought to account. That man who ordered the bombing of Turkey and the parliament, who pointed Turkey's armaments toward the Turkish people will get the punishment he deserves," Yildirim said.

The government has launched a sweeping crackdown targeting Gulen's followers in the aftermath of the coup.

Bozdag said Turkey has formally arrested 16,000 suspects pending trial over the attempted coup, with 6,000 others still being questioned. At least 7,668 other people are under investigation but not detained, he said.

In addition, tens of thousands of people with suspected links to Gulen have been suspended or dismissed from their jobs in the judiciary, media, education, health care, military and local government.

European nations and human rights groups have expressed alarm over the scope of Turkey's crackdown, triggering anger from Turkish officials who have complained of a lack of support for Turkey over the failed coup.

Yildirim said Turkey will employ 15,000 new teachers and recruit 10,000 new police officers to replace teachers and police who have been purged over their suspected ties to the movement.

In Miami, Clinton to call on Congress to act on Zika virus

LISA LERER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton will call on Congress to return to Washington and pass emergency funding for the Zika response during a visit to a Miami neighborhood dealing with the first U.S. outbreak of the disease.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Democratic presidential candidate plans to tour the Borinquen Medical Center, a health clinic close to the Wynwood area where 16 non-travel related cases have been diagnosed. She will demand Republican leaders bring Congress back in session to either pass stalled legis-

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lation or craft a new bipartisan compromise bill to provide funding for testing, treatment and research on the disease, according to aides briefed on her plans.

Clinton's running mate, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, has already said he'd return to Washington for a vote on a Zika bill.

Until this month, the only known Zika cases in the United States were in people who had recently traveled to Latin America and the Caribbean. Federal officials last week warned pregnant women to avoid the Miami neighborhood and a 1-square-mile area around it.

Public health experts worry about the disease spreading: Florida health officials said on Monday they're investigating a case of Zika virus infection in Palm Beach County that was likely contracted in the United States.

Lawmakers left Washington in mid-July for a seven-week recess without approving any of the \$1.9 billion that President Barack Obama requested in February to develop a vaccine and control the mosquitoes that carry the virus.

Both sides have been pointing fingers since. Obama, Clinton and Democrats blame Republicans for politicizing the legislation by adding a provision to a \$1.1 billion take-it-or-leave-it measure that would have blocked Planned Parenthood clinics in Puerto Rico from receiving money. Republicans say the administration has not spent money that has already been provided and is trying to play politics in an election year.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has signaled he is in no rush to return. Writing in the Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader last week, he criticized Democrats for balking at passing the bill. He said they'll get another chance after Labor Day when Congress is back in session.

Clinton supported the bill, which her policy aide Ann O'Leary called "a critical first step to protect public health and ultimately save lives" in a post on the website Medium.

She laid out a plan to combat the virus last March, which included allocating \$1.8 billion in emergency funds. A month later, she dispatched two of her aides to Puerto Rico, where hundreds of cases have been detected, to meet with medical professionals.

"Zika is real. It's dangerous. And if we're serious about stopping this epidemic in its tracks, then there's no time to waste," Clinton wrote in a June op-ed in the Sun Sentinel.

10 Things to Know for Today The Associated Press

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

1. TRUMP FACES FRESH GOP PUSHBACK

The party's nominee seeks to quell concerns he lacks the discipline or policy know-how to make a competent president, even as the list of fellow Republicans deeming him unfit for the Oval Office grows.

2. WHAT DELTA IS DOING TO PLACATE FLIERS

The world's third-largest airline will be handing out refunds and travel vouchers as penance for the latest computer outage to knock a major carrier off stride.

3. PAKISTANI LAWYERS MOURN COLLEAGUES SLAIN IN QUETTA

The Pakistani bar association calls for attorneys to boycott courts in an unusual strike after a suicide bombing that killed 70 people, mostly lawyers.

4. HOW YOUTH FEELS ABOUT LGBT RIGHTS

Young adults in America are overwhelmingly supportive of their rights on issues related to employment, health care and adoption, a GenForward poll finds.

5. PARKS PROMISED TO POOR CALIFORNIA AREAS UNBUILT DECADE LATER

An AP review finds that fewer than half of the 126 proposed parks that some \$400 million was allocated for have been built.

6. US DESTROYER VISIT LATEST TWIST IN CHINA-US MILITARY TIES

The long-term efforts of China and the U.S. to build trust between their militaries endure amid tensions and a rivalry for dominance in Asia.

7. WHO IS DOMINATING POLITICAL AD TIME DURING RIO

Hillary Clinton has the airwaves all to herself during the Olympics in Brazil, with more than \$13.6 million of TV commercials during the games, while Trump hasn't put up a single ad.

8. BLAGOJEVICH'S PRISON TERM MAY BE CUT

A federal judge will decide whether to cut the ex-Illinois governor's 14-year prison sentence on more than a dozen convictions upheld by an appellate court.

9. JAY PHAROAH, TARAN KILLAM EXITING 'SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE'

Both are known for their celebrity impressions on "SNL," including Pharoah's Barack Obama and Kanye West and Killam's Brad Pitt and Donald Trump.

10. REMATCH HEIGHTENS DRAMA IN RIO

Michael Phelps goes for gold medal No. 20 against his biggest rival, Chad le Clos. The South African pulled off a stunning upset of Phelps at the 2012 London Games.

Pakistani lawyers mourn colleagues slain in Quetta attack

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QUETTA, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani lawyers on Tuesday mourned colleagues slain in a shocking suicide bombing the previous day at a hospital in the southwestern city of Quetta that killed 70 people, mostly lawyers.

The attack, which stunned the judicial community, also underscored concerns that militants in Pakistan are still capable of striking in the heart of the country's cities and towns — despite government claims of dismantling various terror networks.

The Pakistani bar association called for lawyers to boycott courts in an unusual strike against the attack. Schools and markets were closed in Quetta, also in protest over the attack, which was claimed by a breakaway faction of the Pakistani Taliban, the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar militant group. Pakistan deployed extra police units outside court building. In Islamabad, lawyers lined up outside the Supreme Court under tight security to offer funeral prayers for those killed in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province.

In Quetta, senior attorney Mohammad Ashraf stood with colleagues in an open area outside a court building where they had often gathered for breaks with many of the lawyers who were killed Monday.

"Those who even did not spare the hospital and carried out the suicide attack cannot be called humans," Ashraf said. "We request that the government tracks down and punishes all those who killed innocent lawyers and other people."

Another lawyer, Rehmatullah Khan, said he was missing his friends and colleagues. "We used to sit with them here ... now they are gone."

At a Quetta market, Mohammad Saleem, a resident of the city, said everyone was still in a state of shock. "People are scared and they ask for how long the violence will continue," he said.

Monday's attack came as lawyers converged at a Quetta hospital after the body of a prominent colleague — Bilal Kasi, the president of the Baluchistan Bar Association — was brought there after he was shot and killed by gunmen just hours earlier.

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A suicide bomber detonated his explosives' vest amid the gathering, and survivors later described scenes of panic as the blast ripped through the emergency room.

In a statement, Ahsanullah Ahsan, spokesman for the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar militant group, said its fighters killed Kasi and also dozens of lawyers gathered at the government-run Civil Hospital to mourn for their colleague.

The group has been behind several attacks in Pakistan in recent years, including a deadly March bombing on Easter Sunday in a park in the eastern city of Lahore that killed at least 70 people.

But in what was likely an opportunistic statement, the Islamic State group also claimed responsibility for the Quetta attack later on Monday, though there have been instances of competing claims in previous attacks in Pakistan. IS's media arm, the Amaq News Agency, posted on its Twitter account that a "martyrdom-seeking soldier from the Islamic State" detonated his explosives amid a lawyers' gathering in Quetta. The IS statement did not mention the killing of Kasi.

The Sunni militant group, which is fighting in Iraq and Syria, has also garnered some support and wanna-be affiliates surface in Pakistan. Some members of the Pakistani Taliban last year announced they were joining the Islamic State, but so far the group has not had any visible presence anywhere in the country.

A look at chronic absenteeism across America

An AP analysis of government data shows the problem of students habitually missing school varies widely from state to state, with about one-third of students in the nation's capital absent 15 days or more in a single school year

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The problem of students habitually missing school varies widely from state to state, with about one-third of students in the nation's capital absent 15 days or more in a single school year, according to an Associated Press analysis of government statistics.

Overall, the national average of chronic absenteeism was 13 percent, or about 6.5 million students, the Education Department said.

"Chronic absenteeism is a national problem," Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. said in a statement Wednesday. "Frequent absences from school can be devastating to a child's education."

Bob Balfanz, a research professor at Johns Hopkins University and director of the Everyone Graduates Center, called the numbers disturbing.

"If you're not there, you don't learn, and then you fall behind. You don't pass your classes. You don't get the credits in high school and that's what leads to dropping out," Balfanz said in an interview.

The report was the first release of chronic absentee figures from the department.

The Obama administration began a program last fall that now works with states and local groups in 30 communities to identify mentors to help habitually absent kids get back on track. As part of the effort, the White House said Wednesday that a New York-based company, STATE Bags, was donating 30,000 backpacks to children being mentored in the program.

NBA star Kevin Durant is working with the administration on the initiative. "Sometimes the reasons come down to not having what you need to be present and ready ... like a book bag, school supplies or the support of a caring adult," Durant said in a statement.

Detroit is among the new communities to sign up for the My Brother's Keeper Success Mentors Initiative.

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Of the 100 largest school districts by enrollment, Detroit had the highest rate of chronic absenteeism. Nearly 58 percent of students were chronically absent in the 2013-2014 school year.

Alycia Meriweather, interim superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, said Wednesday: "This is a serious problem, which I would term a leading indicator, that impacts everything else we are trying to accomplish at the District. DPS must address this issue in order to see greater results in our classrooms and schools."

Meriweather said Detroit was working with absenteeism and behavior experts to address the problem, and hoping to gain "some new perspectives and ideas" from the My Brother's Keeper Summit this week in Washington.

In Washington, Michelle Lerner, press secretary for the District of Columbia Schools, said the district is taking an "all-hands-on-deck approach" to try to ensure that students attend school.

She said the school system last year met its "in-seat attendance goal — a measure that shows how many students are actually present on any given day — of 89.5 percent," which she said was an improvement over the previous two school years.

"But we still have more work to do to ensure more students continue to be in school every day," Lerner said.

Elsewhere around the country, Washington state and Alaska had chronic absentee rates hovering around one-quarter of students with that level of absences.

According to AP's analysis, girls were just as likely as boys to habitually miss school. Nearly 22 percent of all American Indian students were reported as regularly absent, followed by Native Hawaiians at 21 percent and black students at 17 percent. Hispanic and white students were close to the national average of 13 percent.

Students are regularly missing school for lots of reasons, Balfanz says. Many are poor and could be staying home to care for a sibling or helping with elder care. Others are avoiding school because they're being bullied or they worry it's not safe. And then, there are some students who simply skip school.

Schools should be creating welcoming environments to make students feel wanted each day, Balfanz says. They also need to build relationships with the kids who are regularly absent to figure out what's keeping them away, he said.

As part of its Civil Rights Data Collection, the department surveyed all public schools in the country, covering over 95,000 schools and 50 million students. Roughly one in seven of all K-12 public schools nationwide reported having not a single chronically absent student that year.

Chronic absenteeism is one of several topics covered in the data collection. It also looked at school discipline and high-rigor course offerings.

Other figures from the report:

—Black preschool children are 3.6 times as likely to get one or more out-of-school suspensions as their white counterparts.

—Black children represent 19 percent of preschoolers, yet they account for 47 percent of preschool kids getting suspended.

—White students make up 41 percent of preschoolers, and 28 percent of preschool kids with suspensions.

—Nationwide, almost half of high schools offered classes in calculus, and more than three-quarters offered Algebra II.

—33 percent of high schools with substantial black and Latino enrollment offered calculus. That compares to 56 percent of high schools with low numbers of black and Latino children that offered calculus. Similar gaps were seen for physics, chemistry and Algebra II.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump shapes facts to fit economic agenda

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EDITOR'S NOTE _ A look at the veracity of claims by political figures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump changed some of his facts to fit his agenda Monday, pitching shades of truth and misconceptions in what was billed as a major economic policy speech.

He wrongly accused Hillary Clinton of proposing to increase middle-class taxes and blamed crumbling roads and bridges on money spent on refugees, a minuscule expense in comparison with infrastructure. He overstated the corporate tax burden and declared the jobless rate — the prime statistic for holding leaders accountable for the state of the economy — a hoax.

A look at some of his claims and how they compare with the facts:

TRUMP: "She said she wanted to raise taxes on the middle class."

THE FACTS: If Clinton said that — and it's debatable — it's clear she didn't mean to. Her economic agenda calls for middle-class tax cuts (which are not specified) and she has repeatedly said she would not raise taxes on middle incomes. In a speech in Omaha, Nebraska, last week, she talked about "fairer rules for the middle class" and delivered a line that was difficult to understand, either "we are going to raise taxes on the middle class" or "we aren't."

If she said the former, it was obviously a flub. Her policy on middle-class taxes has been consistent — no increases.

TRUMP: "You cannot ever start a small business under the tremendous regulatory burden that you have today in our country."

THE FACTS: Trump is exaggerating. There are clear signs that new business formation has slowed, but it hasn't ground to the halt that he suggests.

Between 2011 and 2013, the most recent years available, the Census Bureau found that the number of companies that employ fewer than four people has increased by 43,232 to 3.58 million.

Nor should anyone assume that regulation alone explains the decline in small business starts. Most entrepreneurs relied on personal savings, home equity and credit cards to finance new companies before the housing bust hurt their ability to access credit, according to a speech by Dennis Lockhart, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Other studies say student loans are inhibiting entrepreneurship among younger Americans.

TRUMP: "Our roads and bridges fell into disrepair, yet we found the money to resettle millions of refugees at taxpayer expense."

THE FACT: You have to go a long way back to get to "millions" of refugees.

Over the last eight years, the period Trump addresses when pointing to failures of President Barack Obama, the U.S. resettled 530,830 refugees. That includes many from the final year of the Bush administration. So far in the budget year that ends Sept. 30, the U.S. has resettled 59,099 refugees. Last year, 69,933. Over the last 15 years: about 850,000.

The State Department puts the cost of the resettlement program to taxpayers at less than \$1.2 billion a year. That's roughly 0.03 percent of the federal budget, a rounding error according to most experts. That sum would hardly make up for the infrastructure shortfall. The American Society of Civil Engineers said in a report that the government needs to spend \$1.4 trillion through 2025 to close the infrastruc-

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ture funding gap.

TRUMP: "According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, before NAFTA went into effect, there were 285,000 auto workers in Michigan. Today, that number is only 160,000."

THE FACTS: Trump is playing fast and loose with the stats. The numbers cited in his speech don't even line up with the footnotes provided by his campaign.

Michigan actually added jobs after the North American Free Trade Agreement began in 1994, when auto plants employed roughly 200,000 workers. Over the next six years, their ranks increased to 231,000. The decline only occurred after the tech bubble burst and U.S. automakers lost market share among U.S. consumers, a decline that prompted a government bailout that caused Michigan auto jobs to start rising again in late 2009.

Many U.S. auto jobs also relocated to other states. Foreign automakers such as Toyota, Honda and Nissan built plants in other states, including Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

TRUMP on the unemployment rate: "This 5 percent figure is one of the biggest hoaxes in modern American politics."

THE FACTS: The unemployment rate has its shortcomings but it is not a hoax.

The unemployment rate has become controversial since the recession ended because many people have stopped looking for work, and the government doesn't count those out of work unless they are actively searching for jobs. If an unemployed person gives up on a job hunt, that reduces the unemployment rate without anyone being hired, so it has overstated the improvement in the job market.

Still, a broader measure of unemployment that includes people who have recently stopped looking for jobs has also fallen — from a peak of 17.4 percent in 2010 to 9.7 percent now.

The proportion of Americans working or looking for work is now 62.8 percent, near the lowest level since the 1970s. That's down from 66 percent before the recession. At least half that decline in the workforce stems from greater retirements, as baby boomers age.

Many of the figures Trump cited in his speech are compiled by the same monthly survey that produces the unemployment figure he considers a hoax.

TRUMP: "The United States also has the highest business tax rate among the major industrialized nations of the world, at 35 percent. It's almost 40 percent when you add in taxes at the state level."

THE FACTS: The stated corporate tax rate looks high, but most U.S. businesses don't pay it. The tax code is full of deductions, credits and loopholes that limit the tax burden for many companies. The effective corporate income tax rate is around 27 percent, roughly in line with global averages, according to government estimates.

Another way to look at it is examining federal corporate taxes as a share of the U.S. economy. Corporate taxes made up just 1.9 percent last year, according to the government. That is well below the historic average of 2.7 percent, but slightly above the Reagan-era levels during the 1980s. In some years, the majority of all large U.S.-controlled corporations reported no federal tax liability, according to the Government Accountability Office.

TRUMP, on what would happen if he became president: "The auto industry will come roaring back."

THE FACTS: The industry has already roared back from the financial crisis. Total U.S. auto sales reached a record level of 17.5 million last year, and are on track to top that figure this year. Overseas automakers are benefiting from those sales, but many foreign car makers such as Toyota, Honda and Volkswagen have factories in the United States. Ford Motor Co., meanwhile, says its sales are at the

highest level in a decade.

TRUMP: Repealing and replacing Obama's health care law would mean "saving another 2 million American jobs."

THE FACTS: Since Obama's health care law came into effect, the economy has added more than 14.6 million jobs and the jobless rate has fallen to 4.9 percent from 9.9 percent. So how can it be that repealing the law would mean 2 million more jobs?

Trump's charge has its origins in an estimate by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office that the labor force would be smaller by about 2 million workers in 2025 under the health care law than without it. But that's not because the law is a job-killer. The agency explained that the main impact of subsidized coverage under the law is on the supply of labor. Translation: It gives many people the opportunity to retire, stay at home with family or switch to part-time work, because they can get health insurance more easily outside of their jobs.

That voluntary retreat from the workforce, made possible by the law's benefits, is not the same as employers slashing jobs because of the law's costs.

Overall, the health care law seems to have had limited impact on jobs.

TRUMP: "Nearly 12 million people have been added to the food stamp rolls and ... it's growing so rapidly since President Obama took office."

THE FACTS: He's right that the number of food stamp recipients has grown substantially since Obama took office. More than 28 million people received food stamps in 2008, before Obama was inaugurated. As of May, the most recent data available, 43.5 million people were receiving them.

If anything, Trump understated the rise of food-stamp recipients when he put the increase at nearly 12 million. His figure appears to be from 2009, when Obama already was in office.

The number grew rapidly in the aftermath of the recession, peaking at 47.8 million in 2012. It's fallen 9 percent since. That's because of an improving economy and the return of a three-month time limit on benefits for unemployed, childless adults that was suspended in many states when unemployment rates spiked. Even so, it remains far higher than before Obama became president.

Poll: Young Americans favor LGBT rights on adoption, more

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Young people in America overwhelmingly support LGBT rights when it comes to policies on employment, health care and adoption, according to a new survey.

The GenForward survey of Americans ages 18-30 found that support for those policies has increased over the past two years, especially among young whites. But relatively few of these young adults consider rights for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender to be among the top issues facing the country.

According to the findings, 92 percent of young adults support HIV and AIDs prevention, 90 percent support equal employment, and 80 percent support LGBT adoption. Across racial and ethnic groups, broad majorities support training police on transgender issues, government support for organizations for LGBT youth and insurance coverage for transgender health issues.

GenForward is a survey by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago with The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The first-of-its-kind poll pays special attention to the

voices of young adults of color, highlighting how race and ethnicity shape the opinions of the country's most diverse generation.

In the past two years, support has increased from 69 percent to 84 percent among young whites for policies such as allowing gays and lesbians to legally adopt children. Support among this group for employment equality for LGBT individuals rose from 84 percent to 92 percent. The poll also suggests support for allowing adoption by gays and lesbians has increased among Hispanics over the past two years, from 65 percent to 75 percent.

Christie Cocklin, 27, a self-identified multiracial American from Providence, Rhode Island, says that LGBT rights are just common sense.

"People who don't identify as heterosexual are human like we are, and should be entitled to the same kind of rights," she said. "I have friends who are LGBT and I feel that it's discrimination to not allow them adoption or employment or whatever."

Young Asian-Americans, African-Americans and Latinos are more likely to support insurance coverage for transgender health issues in general than when certain specifics are mentioned.

Eighty-three percent of Asian-Americans support insurance coverage for transgender health issues, but only 63 percent say so when gender reassignment surgery and hormone treatments are specifically mentioned. Similarly, support for insurance coverage drops from 69 percent to 57 percent among African-Americans, and from 74 percent to 57 percent among Latinos. Sixty-two percent of young whites favored insurance coverage of transgender health issues regardless of whether that specifically included gender reassignment surgery and hormone treatments.

While young Americans favored LGBT rights on every issue in the poll, only 6 percent, including fewer than 1 in 10 across racial and ethnic backgrounds, consider the LGBT rights one of the top issues facing the country. Among those who self-identified as LGBT, 17 percent said it is one of the country's top issues.

The poll of 1,940 adults age 18-30 was conducted July 9-20 using a sample drawn from the probability-based GenForward panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. young adult population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points.

The survey was paid for by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago using grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online or by phone.

Trump faces fresh GOP pushback despite bid to reset campaign

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WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Donald Trump is seeking to quell concerns he lacks the discipline or policy know-how to make a competent president, even as the list of fellow Republicans deeming him unfit for the Oval Office grows.

Maine Sen. Susan Collins, a moderate long wary of Trump, became the latest Republican to announce her intent not to vote for her party's nominee. Days after rebuking Trump for insinuating Somali refugees in Maine were dangerous, Collins said late Monday she'd thought "long and hard" about whether she was obligated to support the GOP nominee and decided she could not.

"With the passage of time, I have become increasingly dismayed by his constant stream of cruel comments and his inability to admit error or apologize," Collins wrote in a Washington Post op-ed.

Collins wrote that she supports neither party's nominee, though previously she's said she's open to

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voting for Hillary Clinton.

The defection from a respected senator added to a chorus of GOP voices insisting they can't back Trump. Some 50 Republican former national security officials signed an open letter calling Trump the most reckless candidate in history, prompting a counterattack from Trump, who said the signers share blame with Clinton for making the world "a mess" and fueling the Islamic State group's formation.

"We thank them for coming forward so everyone in the country knows who deserves the blame for making the world such a dangerous place," Trump said in a statement.

The renewed focus on GOP discord was not the theme Trump hoped to emphasize. The GOP nominee had tried in a major policy speech at the Detroit Economic Club to turn the page on a dreadful stretch in his campaign by unveiling a revamped economic plan centered on far-reaching tax cuts.

Clinton quickly dismissed Trump's proposal, which would reduce to three the number of income tax brackets and cut corporate taxes to 15 percent. She accused Trump of offering "super big tax breaks" to huge companies and rich people and disputed his claim that she wanted the middle class to pay more.

"I have said throughout this campaign I am not going to raise the taxes on the middle class, but with your help we are going to raise it on the wealthy," Clinton said at a Monday rally in the battleground state of Florida.

The two candidates were headed toward a trio of televised showdowns. Late Monday, Clinton's campaign chairman announced she would take part in all three debates that the Commission on Presidential Debates is organizing. Trump has said he wants to debate Clinton but has complained that two of the debates are scheduled during NFL football games, claiming Democrats "rigged" the schedule.

Clinton, working to shore up a path to victory in the Electoral College, was focusing intently on Florida. She planned to tour a Miami health clinic Tuesday to discuss the Zika virus before holding fundraisers in the evening.

Trump, too, had his eye on the most competitive states. A day after campaigning in Michigan, the real estate mogul planned a pair of rallies in North Carolina.

Debates and tax policy were just a few areas where the White House hopefuls were trading accusations. On Monday evening, Trump wrote on Twitter that "many people are saying that the Iranians killed the scientist who helped the U.S. because of Hillary Clinton's hacked emails," referring to an Iranian nuclear scientist executed for spying for the U.S. Clinton's spokesman tweeted back that Trump was making it up.

In his economic speech, Trump revised his previous tax plan increasing the rate he said the highest-earning Americans should pay. He also unveiled a new proposal to allow parents to fully deduct the average cost of child care from their taxable income, while insisting that when he's president, "Americanism, not globalism, will be our new credo."

Though Trump argues his "America First" policies will return the economy to the boom era of a half-century ago, his vision sidesteps massive changes that have since occurred in the global economy. The United States faces far more overseas competition now than after World War II, and manufacturing expenses for many goods are higher in the U.S. than in Asia, where wages are generally lower.

Characteristically short on details, Trump said little about how he would equip American workers to succeed, nor about how returning manufacturing to the U.S. could prove costly for American consumers.

US destroyer visit latest twist in China-US military ties

QINGDAO, China (AP) — The visit of the U.S. Navy guided missile destroyer USS Benfold to the northern Chinese port of Qingdao this week is the latest development in a long-term effort to build trust

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between the countries' militaries amid tensions and a rivalry for dominance in Asia.

Though China resents the highly visible presence of the U.S. armed forces in Asia, especially the South China Sea, it has gradually overcome its reluctance and shown a willingness to engage that the sides hope will help avoid conflicts. Below is a look at the Benfold's visit and some of the steps the sides have taken to build their relationship:

WHAT'S THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT?

The Benfold's visit is the first to China by an American warship since Beijing responded furiously to a Hague-based international arbitration tribunal's ruling that its expansive South China Sea maritime claims had no basis in law. The fact the visit went ahead appears to show that Beijing now values the military-to-military relationship too much to allow it to be derailed by other events as was once the case. Qingdao is the base of China's northern fleet and is thus less sensitive than ports to the south closer to hotspots, such as Taiwan and the South China Sea.

HOW HAVE THE SIDES RESPONDED TO THE ARBITRATION RULING?

China was incensed by the ruling and declared it null and void. It renewed its commitment to defend its sovereignty claims and continue work on man-made islands in the Spratly island group that have been heavily criticized by the U.S. and others as adding to regional tensions. Beijing has also launched what it says will be regular aerial patrols over the South China Sea and says it will consider whether to declare an air defense identification zone over all or part of the water body. The U.S. has called on China to respect the ruling, but has not staged another freedom of navigation mission in which its ships sail near China's artificial islands, which draw warnings and rebukes from Beijing.

WHAT HAVE THE SIDES DONE TO BUILD TRUST?

Apart from exchanging visits, China and the U.S. have sought to reach agreements on the rules of the road and work with each other on non-combat oriented training missions. At a multilateral forum in Qingdao in 2014, the two navies agreed to a Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea that seems to have allowed them to avoid confrontations. Last year, they added a similar agreement on aerial encounters between their military pilots that calls for, among other things, maintaining a secure distance, communicating clearly and avoiding rude body language. This year, China also took part in the world's largest maritime drills, known as RimPac, hosted by the U.S. every two years near Hawaii.

WHAT'S THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE?

China says it wants to turn a page on the arbitration ruling through bilateral talks with other claimants, although the U.S., Philippines and others resist that. The man-made islands will continue to be a source of tension, while the U.S. presence in the region will continue to grow. At the same time, China is narrowing the still-considerable gap with the U.S. Navy, adding to its fleet of high-tech destroyers similar to the Benfold and building homemade aircraft carriers to join the single, heavily refurbished Ukrainian one it has now. That will make it even more crucial that the sides build trust and relationships to help overcome future problems.

Police: Kansas boy suffered fatal neck injury on waterslide

JIM SUHR, Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Kansas waterslide billed as the world's tallest remained off-limits as authorities pressed to figure out how a state lawmaker's 10-year-old son died of a neck injury while riding

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Details remained murky about what happened Sunday to Caleb Thomas Schwab on the 168-foot-tall "Verruckt" — German for "insane" — that since its debut two years ago has been the top draw at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Kansas City, Kansas.

Kansas City, Kansas, police issued a statement late Monday afternoon saying that Caleb suffered a fatal neck injury around 2:30 p.m. while he was riding the slide with two women, neither of whom was related to him. They suffered minor facial injuries and were treated at an area hospital, police said.

Emergency responders arrived to find the boy dead in a pool at the end of the ride, according to the statement, which offered no further details.

In a statement Monday afternoon, Schlitterbahn said it was "deeply and intensely saddened for the Schwab family and all who were impacted by the tragic accident." The park was tentatively scheduled to reopen Wednesday, but "Verruckt is closed," according to the statement.

Officer Cameron Morgan, a police spokesman, said no police report about the incident was available. He said investigators were treating Caleb's death as a "civil matter" rather than a criminal one and referred additional questions to the park.

Schlitterbahn spokeswoman Winter Prosapio declined interview requests Monday but told reporters a day earlier that Caleb had been at the park with family members, adding that "we honestly don't know what's happened."

It wasn't immediately clear whether results of an autopsy Monday on Caleb would be publicly released or, if so, how soon, said Margaret Studyvin with the Wyandotte County coroner's office.

Leslie Castaneda, who was at Schlitterbahn on Sunday, told The Kansas City Star that she saw Caleb's crumpled shorts or bathing suit at the bottom of the ride, along with blood on the slide's white descending flume.

"I'm really having a tough time with it. I really am," said Castaneda, of Kansas City, Kansas. "I saw his (Caleb's) brother. He was screaming."

On the waterslide certified by Guinness World Records as the world's tallest, riders sit in multi-person rafts during "the ultimate in water slide thrills," subjecting "adventure seekers" to a "jaw dropping" 17-story drop, the park's website says. Passengers then are "blasted back up a second massive hill and then sent down yet another gut wrenching 50 foot drop," the website adds.

Each rider must be at least 54 inches tall, and the group's weight is limited to a total of 400 to 550 pounds. Authorities didn't release information about Caleb's height or the combined weight of his group of riders.

According to rules sent to the media in 2014, riders had to be at least 14 years old, but that requirement is no longer listed on the park's website.

Caleb's parents — Republican state Rep. Scott Schwab and his wife, Michele — have requested privacy as the family grieves, saying in a statement Sunday that "since the day he was born, (Caleb) brought abundant joy to our family and all those he came in contact with."

"As we try to mend our home with him no longer with us, we are comforted knowing he believed in our Savior Jesus, and they are forever together now. We will see him another day," the statement added.

The tragedy happened on a day the park offered lawmakers and other elected officials a buffet lunch, hot dogs and hamburgers.

Verruckt's 2014 opening repeatedly was delayed, though the operators didn't explain why. Two media sneak preview days in 2014 were canceled because of problems with a conveyor system that hauls 100-pound rafts to the top of the slide.

In a news article linked to the news release announcing a 2014 delay, Schlitterbahn co-owner Jeff Henry told USA Today that he and senior designer John Schooley had based their calculations when

designing the slide on roller coasters, but that didn't translate well to a waterslide like Verruckt.

In early tests, rafts carrying sandbags flew off the slide, prompting engineers to tear down half of the ride and reconfigure some angles at a cost of \$1 million, Henry said.

A promotional video about building the slide includes footage of two men riding a raft down a half-size test model and going slightly airborne as it crests the top of the first big hill.

The Unified Government of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte County said it does not inspect the operations of such rides and is responsible only for ensuring they've adhered to local building codes.

Without specifically mentioning waterslides, Kansas statutes define an "amusement ride" as any mechanical or electrical conveyance "for the purpose of giving its passengers amusement, pleasure, thrills or excitement." Such rides, by statute, commonly are Ferris wheels, carousels, parachute towers, bungee jumps and roller coasters.

State law leaves it to the Kansas Department of Labor to adopt rules and regulations relating to certification and inspection of rides, adding that a permanent amusement ride must be scrutinized by "a qualified inspector" at least every 12 months. Kansas' Labor Department didn't return messages Monday.

Prosapio said Sunday the park's rides are inspected daily and by an "outside party" before the start of each season.

Kansas state Sen. Greg Smith, an Overland Park Republican, said that although state law doesn't specifically address waterslides, it's clear they "would fall into that category." He called any potential legislative response to Sunday's tragedy premature, saying the investigation should be given time to play out.

Pork pie problem: UK food traditions to lose EU support

JOSH BOAK, AP Business Writer

BUILTH WELLS, Wales (AP) — Welsh farmers like Rees Roberts, who has 1,000 acres with sheep, cattle and crops, can expect to earn a premium on their meats thanks to a certificate of regional authenticity.

But that marker of distinction — the same kind that ensures Champagne can only come from the French region of the same name — is granted by the European Union and is now at risk after Britain voted to leave the 28-country bloc.

The certificates, of which there are 73 across Britain for goods like Stilton cheese and Melton Mowbray pork pies, not only help farmers earn more but also shape rural communities' identities. Add to that the loss of \$3.97 billion in EU subsidies for U.K. farmers, potential new tariffs and fears that agriculture will not be prioritized in trade talks with the EU, and the decision to leave the 28-nation bloc promises to be painful.

"The voters weren't thinking it through," said Roberts, 65, as he discussed the uncertainty with fellow farmers at a fair in the village of Builth Wells.

For Welsh farmers, EU membership cushioned against tough times. Sheep flocks have fallen in size by 20 percent since a 1999 peak, while farmers' real annual average incomes have tumbled nearly a third since 2003 to 22,500 pounds, or \$29,250, according to government figures. The potential loss of preferential trade with Europe has left Wales rushing to export its lamb and beef to the United States, with the government submitting a 1,000-page proposal to the U.S. Agriculture Department last month ahead of upcoming trade talks in April.

The move was driven in part by concerns that negotiations over the next two years on Britain departing the EU will prioritize London banking jobs, while downplaying the needs of those in the hinterlands

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without the posh salaries.

"There are many concerns of how influential agriculture will be in these negotiations, both in terms of trade and direct financial support when compared to the powerful sectors such as financial services," said Dai Davies, chairman of the Welsh meat promoter Hybu Cig Cymru.

Davies was at the Royal Welsh Show in Builth Wells— among the largest agricultural fairs in Europe — to listen to farmers' concerns and answer their questions. A sense of seriousness and urgency dominated the mood, despite the sheep shearing contests, food stalls and a folk rendition of Beyonce's "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)."

Even though Wales is a net beneficiary of EU support, it voted to leave the EU by 53 percent to 47 percent, a fact that reflects the complexities of global trade.

Many people in rural Britain, including Wales, are against the EU because the open borders required by membership challenges their sense of national identity. In some voters' minds, globalization is synonymous with regulations, immigrants and the loss of jobs to low-cost countries in Eastern Europe or China. Those emotions come even though the union also has carved out markets for goods linked to Britain's heritage.

Listening to Davies was Roberts, who said he worries that the terms of foreign trade will change, causing him to lose some access to the EU's 508 million residents.

He hopes that the U.K. will settle on a new trade agreement with the EU similar to Norway's. That would give them access to the EU's single market but require the U.K. to keep receiving EU migrants, something many of those voting to leave are against. Some U.K. farmers do depend on migrant labor to pick their produce.

"Accepting the migrants wouldn't be a problem for me," said Roberts.

Next to him was John Foulkes, who has a flock of 3,000 and estimates that the protected geographical indicator for Welsh meat adds a 2.6 percent premium to the 80-pound (\$104) price he charges for a typical lamb.

The protected status for "West Country Beef and Lamb" is a standard of quality and authenticity — for example, sheep have to get at least 70 percent of their food by foraging the hills of this corner of Britain. Many such markers could no longer be valid internationally, depending on how Britain leaves the EU, since it is the bloc that has enshrined them in international trade deals. To regain them, Britain might need to introduce its own protections and likely has to renegotiate trade deals, not just with the remaining EU countries but also other nations that Britain had deals with through the EU.

Most purveyors of products with EU protected status described the post-Brexit environment as hazy. Some have safety in trademarks that are internationally recognized regardless of EU membership, while others worry about the damage to Britain's brand on the continent and the complex network of trade deals that extend from the EU to Asia and South America.

Stilton cheese enjoys trademark protections dating back as far as 1966 that should ensure its gourmet status, said Billy Kevan, dairy manager at the cheese maker Colston Bassett. He expects cheesemakers to be fine, but said a major unknown is whether European public opinion turns against Stilton as a means of protesting the Brexit vote.

Some British cheesemakers cannot easily sever ties with the continent. One of the leading exporters of the protected Stilton cheese is Tuxford & Tebbutt, which is owned by Arla Foods, a company based in Denmark.

Stilton cheese can only hail from three counties in England, making it a vital industry in those communities. Tuxford & Tebbutt employs 100 people in Melton Mowbray, a town of 25,000 where the local

pork pies also enjoy protected status.

Stilton generates \$78 million a year for the community, the pork pies another \$78 million and an additional \$91 million comes to the community through food tourism, said Matthew O'Callaghan, chairman of the United Kingdom Protected Food Names Association.

The Melton Mowbray pork pies could lose their EU protections, O'Callaghan warned, which could expose many of the bakers to cheaper copy-cat competition.

"It means that anybody could make a Melton Mowbray Pork Pie, for example in Poland — not use the proper recipe, so make it in hoops, not using cured pork, use less than 30 percent pork, make a cheaper imitation," he said. "Now that's going to cost us jobs."

For Scotch distillers, the big risk is not so much in the trademark but losing trade deals with countries like Colombia, South Africa and South Korea that had been agreed on as part of the EU.

David Frost, the president of the Scotch Whisky Association, is a former government official responsible for trade policy and EU issues. He says the British government lacks enough negotiators to swiftly set up new trade deals if Brexit leads to the end of trade agreements with these emerging economies.

And that could hurt one of the few British industries that by its name can't possibly be outsourced overseas, says Frost. "We're rooted in Scotland — and we always will be."

Rematch in Rio: Phelps, Le Clos face off in 200 fly

PAUL NEWBERRY, AP National Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — When Michael Phelps decided to come out of retirement, he circled one race in particular on the Olympic schedule.

The 200-meter butterfly.

At the London Games, in what was supposed to be his Olympic farewell, Phelps was leading as he came to the wall in the stroke he does better than anyone.

But he mistimed the finish, glided a little too long, and was edged by Chad le Clos.

That result has irked Phelps ever since.

On Tuesday night, he'll get a chance to make amends against the South African.

Call it the Rematch in Rio.

"Should be a fun race," Phelps said.

Le Clos knows he'll be facing the most decorated athlete in Olympic history, a highly motivated rival still at the top of his game as he showed in leading the United States to a stirring victory in the 4x100 freestyle relay.

But Le Clos isn't backing down.

"May the best man win," he said. "I'll race my heart out."

A pair of Hungarians could also be part of the mix. Tamas Kenderesi posted the fastest time in the semifinals, edging out Phelps, and five-time Olympic medalist Laszlo Cseh put up the third-fastest time. Le Clos was fourth, not bad considering it was the back end of a grueling double, coming less than an hour after he claimed silver in the 200 freestyle.

"Of course there's a huge rivalry between Michael and myself," Le Clos said. "I race to win and I want to beat Michael."

Phelps will be going for the 20th gold medal of his career, but the South African has plenty of motivation, too. His parents, both battling cancer, are cheering him on in Rio.

"It's been very difficult, to say the least, the last few months," Le Clos said. "When you swim for something greater than yourself, it can help you to achieve great things."

Phelps will actually have two chances for gold on Tuesday. He will also be part of the 4x200 freestyle relay, a race the Americans have won at the last three Olympics.

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The U.S. will have a good shot at another gold in the women's 200 free, with Katie Ledecky looking to make it 2-for-2 in the longer freestyle events. She already crushed the world record in the 400 free, in addition to anchoring the Americans to a silver medal in the 4x100 free relay.

Ledecky was second in the semifinals behind Sweden's Sarah Sjöström, gold medalist in the 100 butterfly.

"It's only a semi," Ledecky said. "It's the third round that counts."

Ledecky and Sjöström aren't the only women dominating at the pool.

Hungary's Katinka Hosszu became the first two-time swimming gold medalist at the Rio Games with a victory in the 100 backstroke.

She'll be favored for a third gold in the 200 individual medley, having obliterated the world record in the 400 IM. American Maya DiRado and Britain's Siobhan-Marie O'Connor, who was fastest in the semifinals, appear to be the most serious challengers to the "Iron Lady."

Phelps also took aim at swimmers linked to doping, an issue that has been at the forefront on the heels of the Russian doping scandal. Harsh words have been directed at athletes such as Yulina Efimova and Sun Yang, who previously served doping suspensions.

Phelps joined the chorus of those demanding a clean competition.

"You're probably going to see a lot of people speaking up more. I think something needs to be done," he said. "It's sad that today in sports in general, not just only swimming, there are people who are testing positive who are allowed back in the sport — and multiple times.

"It breaks my heart and I wish somebody would do something about it."

Parks promised to poor California areas unbuilt years later

ALISON NOON, Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A decade after California voters were promised \$400 million worth of parks in some of the state's poorest neighborhoods, fewer than half of the 126 parks that received the money have been built.

As lawmakers push to add another \$1 billion to the program, an Associated Press review of state data finds people are still waiting for 68 of the original parks.

Fifty-four percent of California voters in 2006 approved a \$5.4 billion bond that, among other projects, funded new or improved local parks.

Based on guidelines that prioritized the neediest communities, the state parks department chose 126 parks and recreation center projects and awarded them \$396 million.

Officials say spending that money has stalled amid bureaucratic hoops and generous completion deadlines — a slow procedure intended to facilitate oversight.

2 years of anti-IS airstrikes have redrawn the Iraqi map

SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press

MAKHMOUR, Iraq (AP) — Two years ago, the U.S.-led coalition dropped the first airstrikes on the Islamic State group, ushering in a deeper phase of intervention that dramatically changed the fight against the militant group in Iraq. Since then, more than 9,400 coalition airstrikes have allowed Iraqi forces to slowly claw back cities, towns, supply lines and infrastructure.

But the fight — which continues to be largely waged from the air — has also leveled entire neighborhoods, displaced millions and redrawn the Iraqi map.

The U.S.-led coalition estimates that since the airstrikes began on Aug 8, 2014, IS has lost more than

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40 percent of the territory it once held in Iraq. But while coalition airstrikes paved the way for Kurdish and Iraqi ground forces to retake territory, in many cases the result is a ruined prize.

The first coalition strikes were spurred by an IS push from Mosul a few weeks after the group's initial rampage across Iraq.

Makhmour base was just one of a number of front-line positions overrun in early August 2014, bringing IS fighters within just 30 kilometers (19 miles) of Irbil, the capital of Iraq's Kurdish region.

"Daesh was moving into this town and we were withdrawing up into the mountains," said Ayoub Khaylani, a Peshmerga soldier who was at Makhmour base with his unit just before the initial IS attack on Makhmour. Daesh is an Arabic acronym for IS.

After three days of airstrikes, the IS advance on Irbil was slowed and Kurdish forces retook the base. Two years later, the fight against IS has moved west across the Tigris River into Nineveh province and Makhmour has transitioned from an active front line to a sleepy support position.

"If it weren't for the strikes and the heavy artillery (given to the Iraqi army by the coalition), we would still be up in the mountains," Khaylani said, sitting in a small air conditioned room hunched over his mobile phone on an overstuffed sofa.

"I will not allow the United States to be dragged into fighting another war in Iraq," said President Barack Obama when he announced the authorization for airstrikes in Iraq in 2014. "American combat troops will not be returning to fight in Iraq."

On Friday, the Pentagon announced about 400 U.S. soldiers will deploy south of Mosul to Qayarah airbase to aid in the operation to retake Iraq's second-largest city. They are among the 560 additional troops that President Obama approved for the Iraq mission last month. The Pentagon says there are about 3,800 U.S. forces currently in Iraq, not including hundreds who are on temporary duty and not included in the official count.

As the push to retake Mosul ramps up, the scars from two years of costly victories remain vivid.

Sinjar, the small mostly Yazidi town north of Mosul, was retaken by Kurdish forces nine months ago, but it still lies in ruins. While Sinjar is technically "liberated" the vast majority of its residents still live in tented camps for the displaced scattered throughout Iraq's north.

The Pentagon claims 55 civilians have been killed in Iraq and Syria since the air war against IS was launched. However, human rights and humanitarian aid groups insist that number is vastly underestimated. Airwars, a project tracking airstrikes targeting IS, estimates that at least 1,568 civilians have likely died in coalition actions.

For Iraq's Kurdish peshmerga forces, pushing back IS has also meant strengthening their hold on disputed territory. Closely supported with coalition training, intelligence sharing and airstrikes, Kurdish forces have taken hundreds of towns and villages from IS that were previously claimed by both the Kurdish regional government and Iraq's central government in Baghdad.

Amnesty International accused peshmerga forces of deliberately destroying thousands of homes in Arab villages taken back from IS in an effort to prevent Arab residents from returning to the territory, according to a report earlier this year.

Mosul residents who fled to Irbil in the summer of 2014 celebrated the first coalition airstrikes on extremist militants, hoping the stepped-up intervention would quickly repel the militants and allow civilians to return home.

Now, makeshift tents in church gardens and half-finished buildings have been replaced with neat rows of caravans on the outskirts of town that resemble fledgling neighborhoods more than temporary shelters.

Across Iraq, more than 3.2 million Iraqis remain displaced from their homes, according to information

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gathered by the International Organization for Migration.

Kindi Hameed Majid, 30, fled Mosul with his wife in the summer of 2014. The young couple thought they would only be gone a few days. Now more than two years later, he is still in Irbil and says he doubts he will ever return.

Even if Mosul is retaken by Iraqi forces, he said he worries the city will never be secure enough to be inhabitable again. "We see the future as dark and unknown."

Asia stocks flat, oil retreats

YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Asian stock markets were little changed Tuesday after Wall Street closed nearly flat amid little market-moving news. Prices of oil retreated slightly after reports of a new OPEC meeting sparked a rally.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 added 0.1 percent to 16,669.12 and South Korea's Kospi edged up 0.2 percent to 2,035.97. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 0.3 percent to 22,416.01 while China's Shanghai Composite Index stayed flat at 3,004.48. Stocks in Australia, Indonesia and Taiwan remained nearly unchanged.

CHINA DATA: China's consumer price index gained 1.8 percent last month over a year earlier, slower than June's 1.9 percent, Xinhua said citing the National Bureau of Statistics. The July figure is the third monthly drop in a row since April when the consumer price index reached its highest level since July 2014. The news came a day after China reported another fall in exports for the month of July as weak global demand hampered efforts to shore up Chinese trade.

OPEC MEETS: Amid little market-moving news, oil was in focus after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries announced Monday that oil ministers of the 14-nation organization will meet next month, well ahead of their previously scheduled November meeting. It is unusual for the OPEC to come together outside of their regularly set gatherings and the report pushed up the price of crude oil overnight.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "News that OPEC would be having a September meeting with certain members keen to push for supply cuts again served as the impetus for oil prices to rally. While a deal is highly unlikely to eventuate, the fact that it is even being mentioned shows how much difficulty the past month's renewed sell-off was causing many struggling OPEC members," Angus Nicholson, a market analyst at IG in Melbourne, Australia, said in a daily commentary.

WALL STREET: U.S. stock markets finished nearly unchanged on Monday, hovering just below the record highs they set late last week. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 14.24 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,529.29. The S&P 500 index dipped 1.98 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,180.89. The Nasdaq shed 7.98 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,213.14.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 22 cents at \$42.80 per barrel in New York. The contract rose \$1.22, or 2.9 percent, to close at \$43.02 per barrel on Monday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost 28 cents at \$45.11 per barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar weakened to 102.33 yen from 102.36 yen while the euro fell to \$1.108 from \$1.109.

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, August 9, the 222nd day of 2016. There are 144 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 9, 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, a U.S. B-29 Superfortress code-named Bockscar dropped a nuclear device ("Fat Man") over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

On this date:

In 1842, the United States and Canada resolved a border dispute by signing the Webster-Ashburton Treaty.

In 1854, Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," which described Thoreau's experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts, was first published.

In 1902, Edward VII was crowned king of Britain following the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order nationalizing silver.

In 1936, Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the United States took first place in the 400-meter relay.

In 1944, 258 African-American sailors based at Port Chicago, California, refused to load a munitions ship following a cargo vessel explosion that killed 320 men, many of them black. (Fifty of the sailors were convicted of mutiny, fined and imprisoned.)

In 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally slain at Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crime.

In 1974, Vice President Gerald R. Ford became the nation's 38th chief executive as President Richard Nixon's resignation took effect.

In 1982, a federal judge in Washington ordered John W. Hinckley Jr., who'd been acquitted of shooting President Ronald Reagan and three others by reason of insanity, committed to a mental hospital.

In 1995, Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grateful Dead, died in Forest Knolls, California, of a heart attack eight days after turning 53.

In 2010, former Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens, 86, the longest serving Republican in the U.S. Senate, was killed in a plane crash in the southwestern part of his state while on his way to a fishing trip (four others also died in the crash outside Dillingham).

In 2014, Michael Brown Jr., an unarmed 18-year-old black man, was shot to death by a police officer following an altercation in Ferguson, Missouri; Brown's death led to sometimes-violent protests in Ferguson and other U.S. cities.

Ten years ago: The White House said neither Israel nor Hezbollah should escalate their month-old war, as Israel decided to widen its ground invasion in southern Lebanon. Physicist James A. Van Allen, discoverer of the radiation belts surrounding the Earth that bear his name, died in Iowa City, Iowa, at age 91.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama announced new fuel efficiency standards for work trucks, buses and other heavy duty vehicles. In a surprise announcement, the Federal Reserve said it would likely keep its Fed funds rate at near zero through 2013 to help the ailing U.S. economy. Polygamist leader Warren Jeffs was sentenced in San Angelo, Texas, to life in prison for sexually assaulting one of his child brides, and received the maximum 20-year punishment for a separate child sex conviction.

One year ago: A year after the shooting that cast greater scrutiny on how police interacted with black communities, the father of slain 18-year-old Michael Brown led a march in Ferguson, Missouri, after a crowd of hundreds observed 4½ minutes of silence. Frank Gifford, the Pro Football Hall of Famer who led the New York Giants to the 1956 NFL title and later teamed with Howard Cosell and Don Meredith

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in the "Monday Night Football" booth, died in Greenwich, Connecticut, at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Cousy is 88. Actress Cynthia Harris is 82. Tennis Hall of Famer Rod Laver is 78. Jazz musician Jack DeJohnette is 74. Comedian-director David Steinberg is 74. Actor Sam Elliott is 72. Singer Barbara Mason is 69. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Bill Campbell is 68. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player John Cappelletti is 64. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Doug Williams is 61. Actress Melanie Griffith is 59. Actress Amanda Bearnse is 58. Rapper Kurtis Blow is 57. Hockey Hall of Famer Brett Hull is 52. TV host Hoda Kotb (HOH'-duh KAHT'-bee) is 52. Actor Pat Petersen is 50. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders is 49. Actress Gillian Anderson is 48. Actor Eric Bana is 48. Producer-director McG (aka Joseph McGinty Nichol) is 48. NHL player-turned-assistant coach Rod Brind'Amour is 46. TV anchor Chris Cuomo is 46. Actor Thomas Lennon is 46. Rock musician Arion Salazar is 46. Rapper Mack 10 is 45. Actress Nikki Schieler Ziering is 45. Latin rock singer Juanes is 44. Actress Liz Vassey is 44. Actor Kevin McKidd is 43. Actress Rhona Mitra (ROH'-nuh MEE'-truh) is 41. Actor Texas Battle is 40. Actress Jessica Capshaw is 40. Actress Ashley Johnson is 33. Actress Anna Kendrick is 31.

Thought for Today: "The truth is lived, not taught." — Hermann Hesse, German-born Swiss poet and author (born 1877, died this date in 1962).