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**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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Presidential Joke Day

Son and Daughter Day

**Senior Menu:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Joshua Clocksene • Carol Dix • Jeff Stolle • Renee Tastad Mc Donald • Samantha Jondahl • Tylan Glover • Christina Kramp

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Middle Child's Day

**Senior Menu:** Spanish rice/hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

**Anniv:** Shawn & Michelle Kelly

**Birthdays:** Alexa Nilsson • Amber Wolken • Haida Boyd • Jadyne Geffre • James Westby • Fern McPartland

## Apts for Rent

1 bedroom and HUGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments available NOW! All utilities included except A/C, 1 bedroom \$504 and HUGE 2 bedroom 2 bath \$674 Please call or text 239-849-7674

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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## Fliehs' Family Reunion

The July 30-31 weekend provided beautiful weather for the Fliehs' family reunion held at the Lilja Fliehs Century Farm near Claremont. Sixty-five family members attended and enjoyed many activities and reminiscing. Pictured left to right are Larry, Lorin, Janice, Shirlee and Gary. Members of the late Jeanette Wegner family were also in attendance. All but four of the grandchildren were present.





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## Groton City August 1 Meeting

August 1, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, Flihs, McGannon, Peterson, Blackmun, and Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Paul Kosel, Clayton (Butch) Farmen, Stacy Mayou, and Chelsea Morrow.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye.

Butch Farmen came before the Council to discuss his plans to tear down his house at 205 N 4th St which he is currently using for storage. Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to give him an extension until May, 2017. All members present voted aye. Mr. Farmen leaves the meeting at this point.

Kim Yarborbough requested an extension of two weeks to get rid of her unlicensed vehicle so she could get a new title. Moved by Opp and seconded by Blackmun to allow this extension. All members present voted aye.

Officer Jerry Bjerke enters the meeting at this point. Chief Mayor and he discussed the repairs needed on the 2012 Tahoe and the need to get a more reliable vehicle. Mayou reported on the firearms training he attended. Pokemon Go has reached Groton and the curfew will be more strictly enforced. Mayou and Bjerke leave the meeting at this point.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

Dwight Zerr, Terry Heron, and Shawn Lambert enter the meeting at this point.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Opp and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye. Peterson and Flihs request more detail on the bill list.

Executive Payroll 404.03 salaries; Administrative Payroll 8,318.39 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 14,590.78 salaries; Public Works Payroll 30,529.14 salaries; Cultural & Recreational Payroll 33,010.91 salaries;



## Customer Appreciation and Check-R-Board Days

**Aug. 22 through Aug. 25**

**Different happenings everyday**

**Monday is cookies and coffee**

**On Tuesday all attendees receive a Purina cap**

**Wednesday is bring your pet in for a treat**

**Thursday is roast beef sandwiches, beans and drink  
served from noon to 7 pm.**

**Be sure to wear your checker board clothing  
to be eligible to win \$500.**

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First State Bank 11,249.82 ss & wh; City of Groton 557.04 postage, dep refund, util, emp sav; Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; US Postal Service 202.65 postage; Ardis Kuhlman 170.16 deposit refund; Greg & Deb Jensen 270.58 deposit refund; Kris Cutler 239.95 deposit refund; Brown County Treasurer 21.20 water trk; Paul Kosel 67.01 med flex; Stacy Mayou 317.34 mileage, meals; Allied Climate Professionals 494.70 switch; Kathy Bjerke 372.60 mileage; Chase Visa 1,194.95 tourn fee, postage, supplies; Chief Supply 29.18 pouches; Clark Engineering 710.94 engineering; Dakota Pump & Control 647.96 pump repair; Darrels 92.50 tire repair; Dawn Enterprises 99.35 lid; Farmers Union 213.59 gas; Nathan Fleming 100.00 deposit refund; Geffdog Designs 447.90 hats; Groton Independent 50.21 publishing; Joel Guthmiller 80.00 umpiring; Harry Implement 32.98 filters; Heartland Waste 6,767.80 garbage hauling; Irby 37.69 testing; J Gross Equip 87.01 shock; James Valley Tele 623.09 phone, internet; Drew Johnson 2,200.00 legal services; Dave Kampa Const 25,984.00 6th St repair; Lien Transportation 628.94 hot mix; Locke Electric 434.66 repairs; Matt Locke 264.60 mileage; Lyles Signs 38.24 signs; Menards 110.45 shade, erosion guard; Matt Menzia 200.00 repairs; NW Energy 820.10 nat gas; Runnings 513.88 saw, blades; S&S Lumber 624.57 supplies; SD Dept of Health 141.00 testing; SD Retirement 10,416.84 retirement; Share Corp 140.73 deodorizers; Verizon 41.81 comm; WEB Water 16,904.79 water; Dale Wolter 312.00 HWH sales inc

Department reports were given by Terry Herron, Public Works Supt., Dwight Zerr, Wastewater Supt., and Shawn Lambertz, Electric Supt. Herron discussed 6th St street repairs, boring 2 service lines through Hwy 37 to prepare for the states project, 4th St water main replacement in late August, and the work by Brown County on E Railroad Ave. Zerr reported the sewer pump bearing was going out and repairs could be about \$3,500, sweeper repairs, storm sewer cleaning costs, and upcoming ammonia regulations. Lambertz reported on street light change outs, transformer changes and other electric projects.

Peterson reported on cases of West Nile in Brown County again. Kosel reported on mosquito spraying each week and the routes taken.

Herron, Zerr, and Lambertz leave the meeting at this point.

Swimming pool managers presented hours of operation for the pool during the Brown County Fair and as school begins. These were reviewed and approved. Also available lifeguards were reviewed.

Council discussed what procedures and administrative rules they wish to adopt. All were tabled.

Blackmun requested names on the agenda to indicate who requests the item on the agenda.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to approve the following resolution for the Baseball Complex Playground. All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 16-81a

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of South Dakota have authorized the making of grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to public bodies to aid in financing the acquisition or construction of specific public outdoor recreation projects;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Groton with the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation, for an LWCF grant to aid in financing playground equipment replacement for the City of Groton South Dakota and its Environs.

2: That Scott Hanlon, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the above mentioned federal and state agencies may reasonably request in connection with the application which is hereby authorized to be filed.

3. That the City of Groton shall provide a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project; and will assume all responsibility in the operation and maintenance of the project upon completion of construction, for the reasonable life expectancy of the facility.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by McGannon to authorize Lowary to attend the SD Municipal League convention in Rapid City on October 4-7. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to approve the following resolution. All members present voted aye.

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-81b

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance has requested Anita Lowary be nominated to their Board to act as a representative on behalf of the Groton City Council;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Groton hereby nominates Anita Lowary to serve on the SD Public Assurance Alliance Board on behalf of the City of Groton.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to set a special meeting for 7pm on August 22, 2016 to discuss the 2017 budget.

A request for an addition week before shut off was denied for Justin Fischbach. Shut off is set for August 2. A request from Glen Damgaard due to medical reasons for a month off from his budget payment plan was denied.

Responsibility for listing mowing needs may be moved to the police department for more prompt letters.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to adjourn into executive session on legal matters at 8.25pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:45pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

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Please join us for an  
Open House Bridal Shower for

**Sydney Erickson**

Bride-to-be of  
Blake Wilkinson

Saturday, August 13  
9:30-11:30am  
United Methodist Church  
Groton

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**An earth mover arrived on the scene of the future site of the Dollar General Store in Groton. The paperwork for the property is expected to be done Thursday with construction to begin on Monday.**

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## Today in Weather History

August 10, 1886: An estimated F3 tornado moved southeast from 10 miles northwest of Aberdeen. This massive tornado destroyed four homes and a dozen barns. This is the earliest significant tornado on record for Brown County.

August 10, 2007: Several supercell thunderstorms developed along a surface frontal boundary during the evening bringing large hail, damaging winds, along with a couple tornadoes. An EF0 tornado touched down north of Timber Lake with no damage reported. Another EF0 tornado touched down briefly north of Trail City with no damage occurring. Wakpala, in Corson County, and Mobridge saw golf ball sized hail. The hail broke some windows and damaged the siding on several houses in the Mobridge area.

1884: An earthquake, centered near New York City and registering a magnitude 5.5, hit the region a little after 2 PM. The tremor made houses shake, chimneys fall, and residents wonder what the heck was going on, according to a New York Times article two days later.

1856: A hurricane destroyed Isle Dernieres or Last Island, a pleasure resort south-southwest of New Orleans on this day. The highest points of the island were under five feet of water. The resort hotel was destroyed, along with the island's gambling establishments. Over 200 people perished, and the island was left void of vegetation and split in half. Only one cow remained on the island after the catastrophe. Last Island is now only a haven for pelicans and other sea birds. The steamer Nautilus foundered during the storm. The lone survivor clung to a bale of cotton and washed ashore sometime later.

1882 - Sandusky OH noted a four minute snow squall during the morning, frost was reported in the suburbs of Chicago, and a killing frost was reported at Cresco IA. (The Weather Channel)

1898 - The temperature at Pendleton OR climbed all the way to 119 degrees at set a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1924 - Colorado's deadliest tornado killed a woman and nine children in one house along its twenty-mile path east southeast of Thurman. Mennonite men had left the farm to provide possible aid, as the 200-yard wide storm was first seen while far away.(The Weather Channel)

1936 - The temperature soared to 114 degrees at Plain Dealing, LA, and reached 120 degrees at Ozark AR, to establish record highs for those two states. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - Hurricane Allen came ashore above Brownsville, TX, dropping fifteen inches of rain near San Antonio, and up to 20 inches in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Tidal flooding occurred along the South Texas coast. Hurricane Allen packed winds to 150 mph, and also spawned twenty-nine tornadoes. Total damage from the storm was estimated at 750 million dollars. (David Ludlum)

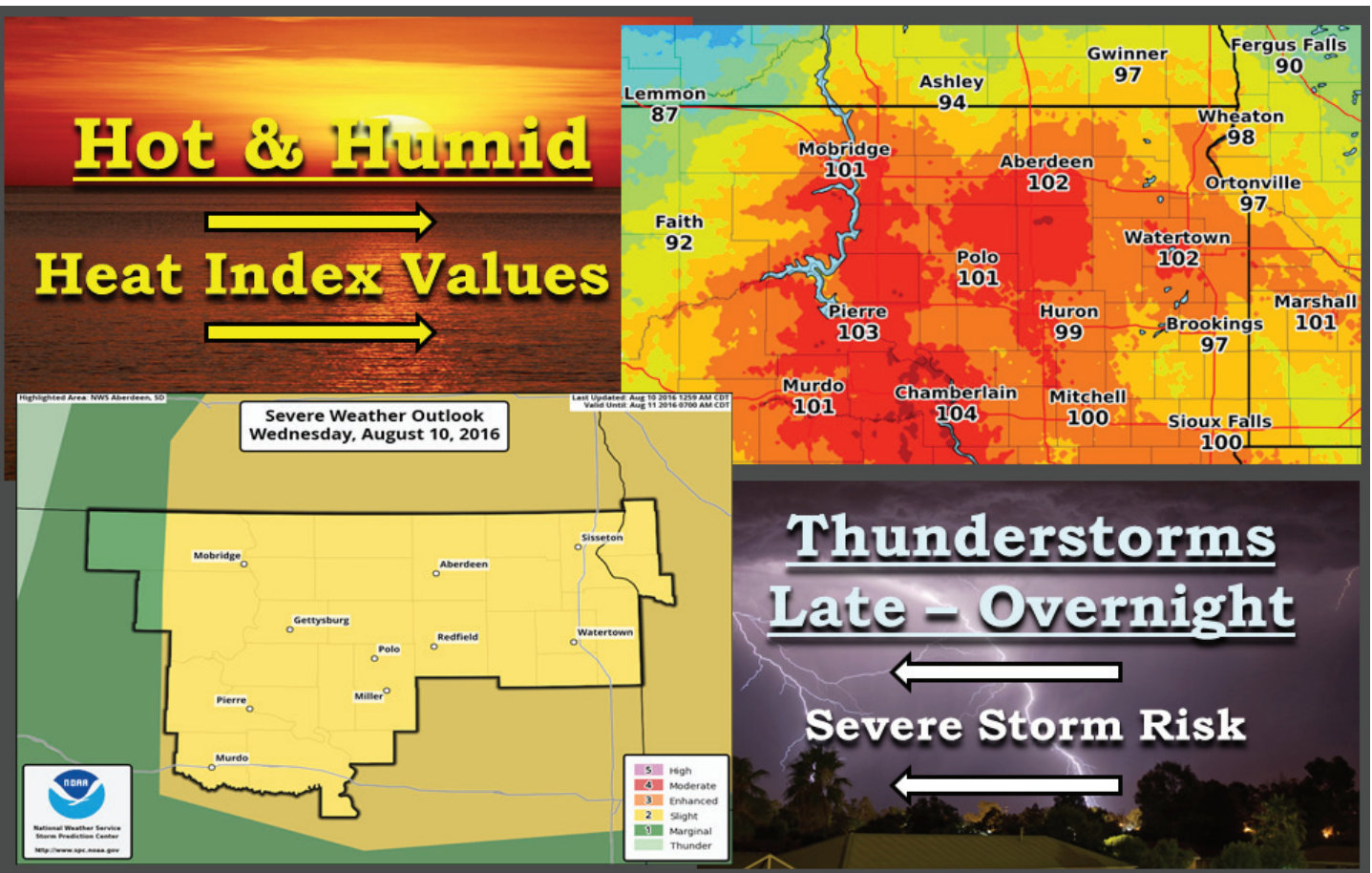
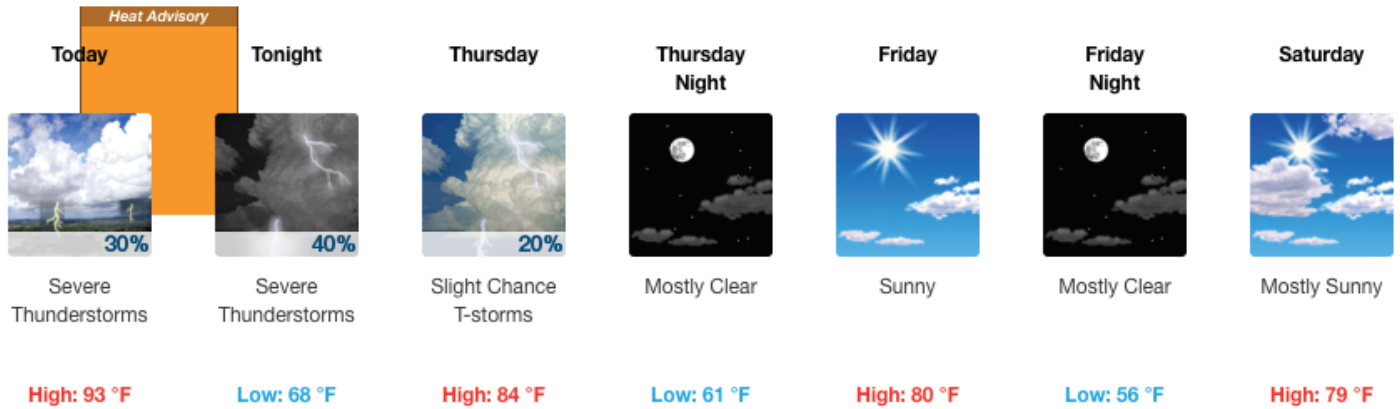
1987 - Unseasonably hot weather continued in the southeastern U.S. Ten cities in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina reported record high temperatures for the date. Macon GA hit 101 degrees. A tropical depression deluged southeastern Texas and southwestern Louisiana with torrential rains. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Citizens of Bluefield, WV, where the Chamber of Commerce provides free lemonade on days when the temperature warms into the 90s, were able to celebrate their record high of 90 degrees. Eight other cities also reported record high temperatures for the date, including Bismarck ND with a reading of 102 degrees.(The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thirty-eight cities in the south central and southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Asheville NC with a reading of 48 degrees, and Victoria TX with a low of 63 degrees. Oklahoma City OK reported a record cool afternoon high of 71 degrees, and the daily high of 64 degrees at Raleigh NC established a record for August. In Arizona, a record sixty-four day streak of 100 degree days at Phoenix came to an end.(The National Weather Summary)

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Another day of hot and humid conditions will result in another evening and overnight severe weather threat. Storms will develop in central South Dakota this afternoon and spread east with the risk for large hail, strong winds - and an isolated tornado or two. Temperatures will be milder with low humidity for the rest of the work week and into the weekend.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 91.9**

**Low Outside Temp: 64.9**

**High Gust: 22**

Precip: 0.52

## Today's Info

**Record High: 106° in 1947**

**Record Low: 42 in 1985**

**Average High: 83°F**

**Average Low: 58°F**

**Average Precip in Aug: 0.79**

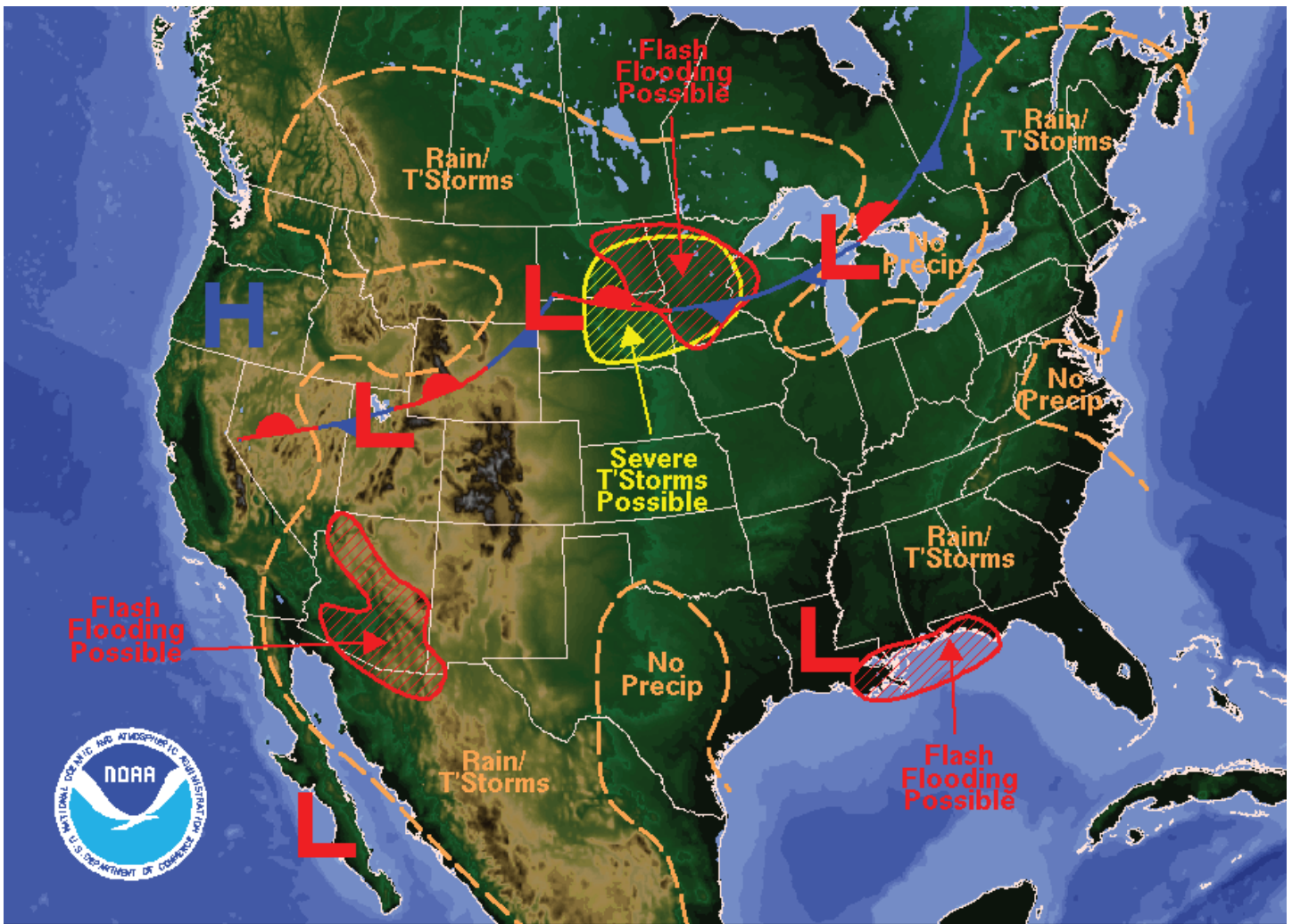
**Precip to date in Aug: 0.52**

**Average Precip to date: 14.65**

**Precip Year to Date: 11.10**

**Sunset Tonight: 8:47 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:30 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Wed, Aug 10, 2016, issued 4:52 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## FROM FARM TO FAME

Grover Cleveland Alexander is recognized as one of the greatest baseball pitchers of all time. His record of ninety shutouts still stands and his 373 recorded victories has been achieved by only one other pitcher. In 1938 he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

From his earliest days on the farm his only desire was to play baseball and be a pitcher. He actually began his career by throwing apples and stones at fence posts between chores to sharpen his throwing skills.

One day he bought a few baseballs and nailed an old catcher's mitt to the chicken coop. He would spend every available moment throwing baseballs at the mitt and finally became successful at hitting the mitt nine times out of ten.

During his pitching career reporters piled heaps of praise on him as his record grew and fame spread. But none of them were ever aware of the many hours he practiced with no one watching or helping him develop the skills that would eventually bring him world recognition.

Fame never comes unless one is willing to pay the price it requires. Hard work is God's plan for all of us. Those who work diligently are the recipients of many benefits in their own lives and the lives of others. God blesses those who develop the skills He gives them.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to take the gifts You give us with great humility and work with all of our might to develop them to bring honor and glory to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.



## Hughes County farm explosion and fire kills 1, injures 2

HARROLD, S.D. (AP) — One man was killed and two others injured in an explosion and fire at a shop building on a Hughes County farm.

Sheriff Mike Leidholt says 22-year-old Troy Hattum, of rural Harrold, was severely burned when a fuel tank he was welding exploded Monday morning. Hattum died of his injuries at a Pierre hospital.

Twenty-two-year-old Chalan Hedman and 52-year-old Jeff Holshauser also suffered burns. They also were taken to hospitals. Their conditions aren't known.

The building was destroyed, along with a mobile home.

## Police: Accused killer stole from girl, boy after slayings

ATLANTA (AP) — Police say the suspect accused of killing two teenagers near Atlanta stole the girl's wallet and the boy's car jumper cables after he killed both with gunshots to the head.

The details are contained in arrest warrants filed in the municipal court of Roswell, Georgia, an Atlanta suburb.

The warrants say 20-year-old Jeffrey Hazelwood followed 17-year-olds Natalie Henderson and Carter Davis into an alley behind a Publix grocery store before shooting each teenager once in the head Aug. 1.

Hazelwood is charged with murder and theft. Police have declined to discuss a possible motive for the slayings.

Hazelwood's attorney, Lawrence Zimmerman, has said he will provide a vigorous defense.

Henderson and Davis, who used to live in Rapid City, South Dakota, would have been high school seniors this year.

## 65-year-old man dies in motorcycle crash south of Sturgis

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says a 65-year-old man has died in a motorcycle crash near the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Authorities said Tuesday that the man was pronounced dead at the scene about 3 miles south of Sturgis. Officials say the man's motorcycle went into the ditch and hit several rocks after he failed to negotiate a turn.

The Highway Patrol says he was thrown from the motorcycle. Authorities say the victim wasn't wearing a helmet. Officials had reported nine fatal accidents during the same period of last year's rally.

## Officials ask landowners, hunters to report dead deer

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Wildlife officials in South Dakota are asking landowners and hunters to report to the state any sightings of sick or a cluster of dead deer.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department says it has documented the first deer mortality of the year caused by epizootic hemorrhagic disease, also known as EHD. The disease, which is spread by a biting midge, is common in white-tailed deer.

Officials say reports from landowners and hunters help wildlife managers monitor deer populations. EHD-caused losses have previously forced officials to reduce the number of deer hunting licenses in some units.

Many deer show no signs of the disease and appear perfectly healthy, while others may have symptoms such as respiratory distress, fever and swelling of the tongue.

EHD is not infectious to humans.

## **South Dakota argues EB-5 participation shouldn't be ended**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota is arguing to a federal immigration agency that the state can effectively manage its troubled program that recruits wealthy foreign investors for projects in exchange for green cards.

An attorney retained by the state argued in a Monday letter that the South Dakota Regional Center's participation in the federal EB-5 investment-for-visa program should not be terminated.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said in a July notice that participation should be terminated for reasons including the diversion of millions of investor dollars away from intended purposes.

The agency sent its decision to its own Administrative Appeals Office for review.

The attorney for the state says in the letter that past problems don't mean the Regional Center can't appropriately operate to encourage economic growth in the future. The state says termination would have a "horrific impact" on innocent investors.

## **Activists: Enforce law in Whiteclay or close beer stores**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Advocates who want to end beer sales in Whiteclay are calling on state officials to enforce liquor laws in the Nebraska town or revoke the licenses of its four beer stores.

The group said in a statement Tuesday that Nebraska needs to provide adequate law enforcement if the stores are allowed to remain open.

The stores sold the equivalent of 3.5 million beer cans last year despite having a dozen residents. It's located on the border of South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where alcohol is banned but alcohol-related problems run rampant.

A task force formed at Gov. Pete Ricketts' urging has suggested possible solutions, including more law enforcement.

Whiteclay activist John Maisch, who produced a documentary about the town, says closing the stores is the cheapest option for taxpayers.

## **19-year-old climber rescued from Granite Peak, hospitalized**

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A 19-year-old South Dakota man has been hospitalized in Billings after a 20- to 30-foot fall on Montana's highest peak.

The Park County sheriff's office says the man had been climbing Granite Peak with his father Monday when he fell near the summit of the 12,800-foot peak just north of Cooke City.

A Gallatin County rescue team located the man, who was flown by helicopter to a Billings hospital.

On Tuesday, Park County Undersheriff Clay Herbst told The Billings Gazette the injured man is Thomas Craig Pfeifle of Rapid City, South Dakota.

Co-owner of Rocky Mountain Rotors, Mark Taylor, says his company was involved in the rescue and that the man suffered a serious head injury.



## **Court denies bid to put medical marijuana measure on ballot**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A state court judge has denied a request from the sponsor of a medical marijuana ballot measure to put the proposal before voters in November.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said Tuesday that Circuit Court Judge Mark Barnett's decision was based on a lack of valid petition signatures.

Secretary of State Shantel Krebs had rejected a challenge from advocates over her evaluation that supporters didn't turn in enough signatures to get the measure on the ballot.

Sponsor Melissa Mentele's lawsuit argued that Krebs didn't send proper notice of the decision. It also says the secretary of state erroneously sampled petition signatures and then improperly performed a second sampling.

The court found that Mentele received proper notice and that she hadn't proven the petition had enough valid signatures.

Mentele's attorney didn't immediately respond to a telephone message for comment.

## **Imperiled Washington children recovered safe in South Dakota**

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

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

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

The Amber Alert was canceled after less than two hours when Brown was detained in Kimball. Attorney General Marty Jackley says he's charged with child abuse. It's not clear if he has an attorney.

## **Pine Ridge boy whose half-brother was killed also slain**

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

A woman from South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is accused of killing her 2-year-old son, a boy whose father is awaiting trial in last year's death of the child's half brother.

The son of Katrina Shangreaux, 28, had bruises, bite marks and other injuries, and investigators believe a potty-training issue triggered the killing on July 28, FBI Special Agent Mark Lucas said in an affidavit filed July 29 in U.S. District Court.

The boy was in his mother's custody and living at his grandmother's home in Porcupine. The grandmother "reported to agents that Katrina was 'arguing with' (the boy) regarding a potty-training issue," Lucas wrote, adding that her statement and the boy's injuries "are strong indicators of child physical abuse triggered by potty training."

Shangreaux, who also goes by Katrina White Whirlwind, is charged with first-degree murder and could face life in prison if convicted. Neil Fulton, head of the federal public defender's office for the Dakotas, said Tuesday that Shangreaux is presumed innocent.

"Particularly in a case alleging death of a child, there is often an improper impulse in society to rush to judgment when in reality these types of cases are often very complicated in many respects," he said.

The boy was the half brother of a 1-year-old who authorities allege was slain in April 2015 by the father of the two boys. James Shangreaux Sr. is accused of abusing the boy, causing head and brain injuries. He's scheduled for a federal trial in January in Rapid City on murder and child abuse counts to which he has pleaded not guilty. He also could face life in prison if convicted.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Daneta Wollmann granted Shangreaux a 12-hour furlough on Aug. 3 so he could attend the funeral of the son he had with Katrina Shangreaux, court documents show.

The mother of the other boy, Emmy Rouillard, pleaded guilty in federal court to felony child abuse or neglect and was sentenced in June to 2½ years in prison. Her boyfriend, Robert Red Shirt, also pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to four years in prison. Authorities say the two injured the boy during a fight in which Rouillard had used the child as a “human shield,” about three weeks before his death.

## **2 robbery suspects in custody; Authorities seek bystander**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Two Rapid City men accused of robbing a store in June are in custody, and police have requested an arrest warrant for a bystander who allegedly shot at the suspects as they fled.

Rapid City police identified 18-year-old Yuriah Anderson and 20-year-old Jamaul Shangreaux as suspects in the robbery.

Authorities have requested an arrest warrant for a 22-year-old Rapid City man for Reckless Discharge of a Firearm.

Rapid City police say the two robbery suspects left the store with an undisclosed amount of money. As they fled, the bystander allegedly fired a handgun at them.

Police weren't able to immediately find the two robbery suspects with a K-9 unit, but they did recover a plastic airsoft gun.

An attorney for Anderson declined to comment. Shangreaux's lawyer didn't immediately return a telephone message requesting comment.

## **10 Things to Know for Today, 1st Ld-Writethru the Associated Press**

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

### **1. WHOM TRUMP FAULTS FOR SECOND AMENDMENT FLAP**

The GOP presidential hopeful is blaming media bias for an uproar over his comments about the right to gun ownership, insisting he never advocated violence against Hillary Clinton.

### **2. TWO WORDS KEEP SICK SAMSUNG WORKERS FROM DATA: TRADE SECRETS**

An AP investigation finds South Korean authorities have, at the company's request, withheld data about chemicals its factory workers were exposed to, citing competitive reasons.

### **3. WHAT WILL LIKELY FUEL DEBATE ABOUT CLOSING GITMO**

A Pentagon report details the suspected militant backgrounds of more than 100 detainees at or recently released from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay.

### **4. TRAGEDY STRIKES MATERNITY WARD IN BAGHDAD HOSPITAL**

Iraq's Health Ministry says a fire likely caused by faulty electrical wiring killed 12 newborn babies.

### **5. WHY FEDS SLAM POLICING IN BALTIMORE**

City law enforcers routinely discriminate against black residents, repeatedly use excessive force and are not adequately held accountable for misconduct, the Justice Department says.

### **6. PHILLY AMTRAK DERAILEMENT SETTLEMENTS SILENCING CRASH VICTIMS**

Lawyers say the railroad is implementing a strict confidentiality provision that prevents them and their clients from talking about how they're doing or how much money they've received.

### **7. CITY OF GOD FAVELA IN RIO FEELS FAR FROM NEARBY OLYMPICS**

The slum made infamous in a film of the same name still struggles with the poverty and drug violence the world saw on the big screen.



## 8. ANOTHER GOLDEN NIGHT IN THE POOL FOR PHELPS

The most decorated athlete in Olympic history captures two more golds, the 20th and 21st of his record-breaking career — and 12 more than his closest competitor.

## 9. AVOCADO LOVE, AT A COST

American affinity for the highly exportable fruit is fueling the deforestation of central Mexico's pine forests as farmers rapidly expand their orchards to feed demand.

## 10. 'RACIALLY INSENSITIVE' BOBBLEHEAD OF BIG PAPI PULLED

The Boston Red Sox cancels the promotion honoring David Ortiz when the figurine doesn't much resemble the retiring slugger, team president Sam Kennedy says.

## Car hits protester in Ferguson, shots ring out

**JIM SALTER, Associated Press**

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Gunshots rang out but apparently hit no one after a car struck a protester during a peaceful demonstration in Ferguson, Missouri, on the second anniversary of Michael Brown's death.

Witnesses told The Associated Press that a car drove into a group of protesters who were blocking a street during the demonstration Tuesday night to mark two years since the unarmed black 18-year-old's fatal shooting by a white police officer. They said the car struck a young man so hard that he flew into the air.

"A lady came down and hit a protester — knocked the shoes off his feet," said Sharon Cowan, who was at the scene. "Hit him, and he rolled and he bounced."

Ferguson police said in a statement that several people chased the car and fired about two dozen shots at the vehicle. A city spokesman later said the vehicle was pockmarked with bullet holes. Police are asking for the public's help to identify the shooting suspects.

Graphic video provided to AP by Heather De Mian, who was at the scene and frequently livestreams protests in the St. Louis area, appeared to corroborate the witnesses' account, showing a man hit and thrown several feet as bystanders shriek.

The man seemed badly injured and was put into a private car to be taken to a hospital, Cowan said.

Shots can be heard on the video less than a minute after the collision.

Spokesman Jeff Small told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch police don't believe the driver intentionally struck the protester.

"By all accounts, her version of what happened seems to fit the version of what happened to a person driving down a busy West Florissant Avenue and not seeing a person standing there," Small said.

Small said no one inside the vehicle was injured.

By around 10 p.m., the protesters had disbanded. No arrests were made.

Earlier in the day, a few hundred people gathered for a memorial service and moment of silence along Canfield Drive at the spot where Brown was fatally shot by officer Darren Wilson after a confrontation on Aug. 9, 2014.

A state grand jury declined to press charges against Wilson, and the U.S. Justice Department later cleared him, concluding that he had acted in self-defense. He resigned in November 2014.

Brown's death led to months of sometimes-violent protests in Ferguson. It was also was a catalyst for the Black Lives Matter movement, which rebukes police treatment of minorities and has grown following several other killings of black men and boys by police, such as Tamir Rice in Cleveland and Philando Castile in Minnesota.

The 2014 shooting also led to a Justice Department investigation that found patterns of racial bias in

Ferguson's police and municipal court system. The federal agency and the city agreed this year to make sweeping changes.

Brown's father, also named Michael Brown, said in a brief speech during the memorial service that the anniversary was a sad day for him and his family, and for the world, too.

"My son built families up, opened the eyes of the world and let them know this ain't right," he said. "This color is not a disease. This color is beautiful. Black is beautiful."

## **Trump, on defense, blames media for Second Amendment flap**

**JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press**

BRISTOL, Va. (AP) — On the defensive once again, Donald Trump is blaming faulty interpretations and media bias for an uproar over his comments about the Second Amendment. He's insisting he never advocated violence against Hillary Clinton, even as undeterred Democrats pile on.

The latest controversy to strike Trump's campaign arose, as they often do, out of an offhand quip at a boisterous campaign rally. Claiming falsely that Clinton wants to revoke the right to gun ownership guaranteed in the Constitution's Second Amendment, Trump said there would be "nothing you can do," if she's elected, to stop her from stacking the Supreme Court with anti-gun justices.

Then he added ambiguously: "Although the Second Amendment people, maybe there is — I don't know. But I'll tell you what: that will be a horrible day."

Was Trump suggesting gun owners take matters into their own hands if Clinton wins the White House? Or was he merely musing about the indisputably powerful influence of the gun lobby?

Like so many times before, Trump's supporters and opponents construed his comments in entirely different ways.

"Give me a break," Trump said hours later, insisting was referring to the power that voters hold. He told Fox News that "there can be no other interpretation."

But Democrats saw — and seized — an opportunity to reinforce the perception that Trump can't moderate the things that come out of his mouth, much less the decisions he'd make as president.

"I really, frankly couldn't believe he said it," said Tim Kaine, the Democratic vice presidential nominee. "Nobody who is seeking a leadership position, especially the presidency, the leadership of the country, should do anything to countenance violence, and that's what he was saying."

By Tuesday evening, Clinton's campaign was fundraising off the firestorm, asking supporters by email to chip in \$1 to "show that we don't tolerate this kind of politics in America." Trump's team, too, was using the controversy to reinforce a theme it's been pitching to voters: that an underdog Trump is being unfairly treated by the media.

"They will buy any line, any distortion, and spin that the Clintons put out," said former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, an ardent Trump supporter.

But House Speaker Paul Ryan, who was celebrating a primary victory in Wisconsin Tuesday night, said: "It sounds like just a joke gone bad. I hope they clear this up very quickly. You never joke about something like that."

The controversy immediately overwhelmed Trump's intended campaign-trail focus: the economic plan he unveiled just a day earlier and was promoting during rallies in the most competitive election states. It also underscored the concern, voiced by many worried Republicans, that he cannot stay disciplined and avoid inflammatory remarks that imperil not only his White House prospects but the re-election chances of many Republican lawmakers.

For Trump, the next opportunity to shift themes was to come Wednesday when he holds a pair of rallies in Abington, Virginia, and in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Clinton, fresh off her own campaign swing in

Florida, planned to spend the day in the battleground state of Iowa, where she will tour a Des Moines T-shirt shop and hold a rally.

It wasn't immediately clear whether Trump's latest stumble would continue to dog him or whether, like many in the past, it would quickly fade away. In Ohio, a competitive state coveted by both candidates, Trump's comments struck some of those questioned in a focus group of voters the wrong way.

"Maybe I'm hearing it wrong, but sounds like he's basically saying take her out," said Julie B, an office administrator and married mother of two who was identified only by her first name and last initial.

Trump's perceived violation of political norms — candidates don't typically call for physically hurting opponents — was all the more striking because the position he was criticizing isn't one that Clinton holds. Contrary to Trump's remarks, Clinton has made support for the Second Amendment a key piece of her usual campaign speech, though she supports stricter gun control measures.

"I'm not here to take away your guns," she said in her Democratic National Convention speech. "I just don't want you to be shot by someone who shouldn't have a gun in the first place."

Trump did try to put one other simmering dispute to rest — at least temporarily. A day after Clinton committed to participating in all three scheduled debates, Trump said he, too, would do three debates, though he seemed to leave himself an out. Trump has complained previously that two debates are scheduled during NFL football games.

"I will absolutely do three debates," Trump told Time magazine. But, he added, "I have to see the conditions."

## **Father of Orlando shooter sighted at Hillary Clinton event**

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The father of the Orlando gay nightclub shooter was spotted at a campaign event for Hillary Clinton in central Florida.

Seddique Mateen was standing in a crowd behind Clinton during the Monday night event in Kissimmee, south of Orlando. A campaign official told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he wasn't invited to attend the 3,000-person, open-door public event and that the campaign wasn't aware he was there until it ended.

Mateen told news outlets after the rally that he loves "the United States."

Omar Mateen fatally shot 49 people and injured another 53 at Pulse nightclub on June 12. He was killed by law enforcement officers following a three-hour standoff.

The father says his family has been cooperating with investigators.

During her speech, Clinton expressed support for the survivors of the attack and the loved ones of those killed.

The Clinton campaign said the rally was a 3,000-person, open-door event for the public and that Mateen wasn't invited as a guest and that the campaign was unaware of his presence until after the event.

"She disagrees with his views and disavows his support," spokesman Nick Merrill said.

## **Gambian authorities arrest prominent opposition member**

**ABDOULIE JOHN, Associated Press**

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — A prominent member of a newly-formed Gambian opposition party has been arrested for the second time in just over a month, her lawyer said Tuesday.

Tina Faal was arrested at her home Monday and taken to the Mile 2 prison on the outskirts of the capital, Banjul, where other opposition activists have been held for months, said her lawyer Kombeh Gaye-Coker.



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Faal was a former National Assembly member of the ruling Alliance for Patriotic Reorientation and Construction party. She left to join the Gambia Democratic Congress, which was launched this spring by another former ruling party member.

Faal was previously arrested in July and pleaded innocent to charges of conspiracy and theft for selling parts of an aircraft. She was later released on bail.

Gaye-Coker said the reason for Monday's arrest was not clear.

Rights groups accuse Gambian President Yahya Jammeh of human rights abuses, including a clamp-down on political opponents.

In June, Gambian activists and politicians called on West Africa's economic body to take actions against Gambia for its brutal crackdown on rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Demonstrators and bystanders were beaten and arrested during peaceful demonstrations in April and May, according to Amnesty International. The court convicted 19 people in July, including the leader of the opposition United Democratic Party, sentencing them to three years' imprisonment on charges related to unauthorized protests, the human rights group said, calling again for their unconditional release. More than 25 others remain in detention awaiting trial for the protests, Amnesty said.

United Democratic Party Secretary Solo Sandeng died in custody after undergoing torture, Amnesty said, demanding accountability for Jammeh, who has been in power since 1994. Gambia is scheduled to hold presidential elections in December.

## **Dan Rather: 'History is watching' those who support Trump** **The Associated Press**

Dan Rather is slamming Donald Trump's comment Tuesday suggesting that "Second Amendment people" may be able to find a way to stop Democrat Hillary Clinton from rolling back gun rights if she's elected.

In a Tuesday Facebook post, the former CBS News anchor says the GOP presidential nominee "crossed a line with dangerous potential" by launching "a direct threat of violence against a political rival."

Rather also says "history is watching" those who denounce Trump's comments, but continue to support the candidate.

Trump told Fox News on Tuesday night that he was simply referring to the power that voters hold.

Rather left CBS News in 2006 on bitter terms following criticism over a report on former President George W. Bush's military service record that was based on questionable documents.

## **Cupping and coining: I did it long before Phelps** **SOPHENG CHEANG, Associated Press**

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — I sported those purple round welts on my body long before Michael Phelps was born. OK, so Phelps made the world aware of cupping by showing his marked muscular shoulders before diving into the pool at the Rio games.

But cupping, and a similar treatment known as coining, has been practiced in East Asia for centuries. I grew up with them. My mother made sure of that.

Phelps, the 31-year-old U.S. swimming star, was seen with purple circles dotting his shoulder and back before his first race at the Olympics. The circles were caused by the ancient Chinese treatment, in which he is a great believer.

It involves pressing glass or plastic cups to the area of discomfort and either applying heat or suction to create a vacuum. The suction causes the large hickey-like marks.

Another similar treatment is coining. The principle is the same: press a large metal disc with an attached handle on the area of discomfort. While cupping is virtually unknown in the rest of the world — and dismissed by doctors educated in Western medicine as hocus pocus — it is commonplace in China, Cambodia, Vietnam and Myanmar as a cure for ailments as varied as fever, tuberculosis, rheumatism and muscular pain.

## **Police: Woman killed by Florida officer in academy exercise**

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (AP) — A woman was fatally shot by an officer while participating in a “shoot-don’t shoot” exercise during a two-hour citizens academy hosted by the Punta Gorda Police Department in southwest Florida.

Police Chief Tom Lewis said the shooting happened Tuesday night as two of the 35 participants were randomly selected to take part in a live roleplaying scenario “in which they make decisions on using simulated lethal force.”

Lewis said Mary Knowlton, a librarian, was “mistakenly struck with a live round.”

“I am devastated for everyone involved in this unimaginable event,” Lewis told reporters during a late-night news conference at the police department. “If you pray, please pray for Mary’s family, and for the officers who were involved. Everyone involved in this accident is in a state of overwhelming shock and grief.”

Knowlton was taken to a hospital in nearby Fort Myers, where she was pronounced dead.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating, Lewis said. He declined to identify the officer involved in the shooting, but said he’s been placed on administrative leave.

## **Pop stars, diplomacy victims of cooling China-S. Korea ties**

**CHRISTOPHER BODEEN, Associated Press**

**YOUKYUNG LEE, Associated Press**

BEIJING (AP) — Growing Chinese anger at South Korea over a U.S. anti-missile defense system bodes ill for everything from pop star appearances to United Nations action against North Korea’s nuclear and missile threats.

South Korea’s mighty entertainment sector has been on edge since Beijing criticized Seoul’s decision last month to proceed with the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, system, with reports of event cancellations and possible bans on South Korean TV series, amid scattered calls for a total boycott of imports from the South.

In the latest cancellation, Youku, China’s biggest streaming site, deep-sixed a meet-and-greet for fans with South Korean stars Kim Woo-Bin and Bae Suzy to promote the hugely popular TV drama “Uncontrollably Fond.” A company statement gave the reason simply as “forces beyond our control.”

A chill has already descended over the political relationship, with Chinese state media employing their trademark searing rhetoric in daily screeds against South Korea and the U.S. over the THAAD plans.

State outlets have even hinted that Beijing will stop future cooperation with the U.S. against North Korea at the United Nations Security Council. THAAD “has declared the death of that short-lived United Front,” the China Daily said in a recent editorial. The Foreign Ministry did not respond directly to a faxed question about future U.N. sanctions cooperation, but said the Security Council’s resolutions on North Korean missile tests contained “clear rules.”

South Korean media, citing diplomatic sources, have reported that China may have already blocked the Security Council from issuing a statement denouncing the North’s recent missile launches.

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On Sunday, Kim Sung-woo, spokesman for South Korean President Park Geun-hye, urged China to take issue with North Korea's nuclear and missile threats instead of criticizing THAAD, calling the Chinese media's criticism "unreasonable."

China had warned for months that a decision to deploy THAAD would deal a major blow to relations with South Korea. Beijing sees itself as the system's true target, dismissing its ability to defend against North Korean short-range missiles while complaining that it would allow the U.S. to peer up to 1,400 kilometers (870 miles) into China.

"If South Korea willfully deploys the system, there will be a larger impact on relations and in trade. Economic ties will inevitably get hurt because China considers the deployment as a hostile act, so how could it be possible to develop relations under these circumstances?" said Lu Chao, a Korea expert at the Liaoning Academy of Social Sciences in northeast China.

The U.S., which has 28,500 troops in South Korea, says THAAD is a defensive system focused only on destroying any North Korean missiles targeting the South.

The rapid deterioration of relations is even more stunning given how cozy they were barely a year ago, when Park paid her Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping an enormous compliment by attending a September military parade in Beijing, the only head of state from a U.S. ally to do so. That underscored a long-term effort by South Korea to walk a fine line of seeking both deeper trade and cultural ties with Beijing and a strengthened alliance with the U.S.

Cultural exports are a big deal to South Korea, and a prolonged downturn in the China market could have effects on other products.

According to the state-owned Korea Creative Content Agency, China including Hong Kong was the second-biggest importer of South Korean books, comics, music, video games, movies, animation and other content, accounting for 24 percent of those types of exports at \$189.9 million in 2014, the last year for which figures were available. North America was the biggest market, absorbing 29 percent of South Korea's cultural exports that year.

While that's a fraction of South Korea's total exports to China, which totaled \$145.3 billion in 2014, with South Korea enjoying a hefty surplus, the entertainment sector can have a heavy knock-on impact on the popularity of other South Korean goods, especially cosmetics, fashion, food, consumer electronics, smartphones and cars, as well as tourism.

What K-Pop stars wear, eat and use can exert a strong effect on Chinese consumers. Chinese tourists spend their time in South Korea visiting spots where popular K-drama series were filmed and buying Korean cosmetics that K-Pop stars use and eating local food that K-Pop stars enjoyed on screens.

President Park clearly knows the entertainment sector's value to South Korea's exports and tourism, as well as the broader economy.

"We live in an era when one drama can stimulate many industries and K-Pop could be an important trigger of our products," Park said in April as the South Korean blockbuster TV series "Descendants of the Sun" was enjoying huge popularity in China.

Chinese consumer boycotts can be both spontaneous and directed from the top, with the government setting the tone and passing on suggestions or orders, usually verbally so as not to be traced. An editorial in the nationalistic tabloid Global Times, published by the Communist Party's flagship People's Daily, suggested both factors were in play.

The impact on cultural exports will only worsen if South Korea moves ahead with THAAD, the newspaper said. "By then, there will be no need for any official order, as TV stations broadcasting South Korean dramas will be resisted by Chinese netizens."

South Korean officials are clearly worried about any economic retaliation, and last month the govern-



ment designated one official from each economic affairs-related ministry to monitor any developments related to non-tariff barriers, such as official or unofficial bans.

Beijing's approach could backfire if it ends up driving South Korean into a stronger alliance with the U.S. and China's old nemesis Japan, but it is a risk China seems willing to take.

"Ultimately, South Korea will face China's military counter-measures, since the Chinese military will definitely not let the situation develop without exerting control," said the Liaoning Academy's Lu.

## **Sailboat with 67 migrants found by Greece's Cyclades islands**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's coast guard picked up 67 migrants found hiding in a sailboat crossing the Aegean Sea, authorities said Wednesday, at a point further west than that usually preferred by those crossing from the nearby Turkish coast.

The 60 men, five women and two children were picked up eight nautical miles (14 kilometers; nine miles) northeast of the island of Amorgos, which is in the Cyclades. The coast guard transported them to the small Aegean island of Leros, where a migrant processing center has been set up.

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## **Delta says 90 more flight cancellations; others predict more**

LONDON (AP) — Delta Air Lines expects some 90 more flight cancellations globally before operations return to normal later in the day.

The airline has had to cancel over 1,700 flights since Monday, when a power outage at its base in Atlanta affected its global computer systems.

Dave Holtz, senior vice president for operations and customer center, says in a statement late Tuesday: "We will have a small number of cancellations in the morning as our operation restarts, so we continue to ask our customers to check their travel plans and flight status."

The company is predicting 90 flight cancellations for Wednesday, although tracking service FlightStats indicates there are about 150.

Delta canceled 775 flights Tuesday and 1,000 on Monday. Thousands more flights were delayed and passengers were stranded for hours, some overnight.

## **Australia recognizes 10 soldiers' courage in Vietnam War**

**ROD McGUIRK, Associated Press**

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — A retired Australian army officer on Wednesday won a 50-year struggle to gain official recognition for the bravery of 10 soldiers who fought under his command during Australia's most costly battle of the Vietnam War.

Harry Smith, 83, was presented at Parliament House with a recommendation by a review tribunal for nine soldiers to be decorated for the first time and a 10th soldier to have his medal upgraded for courage shown during the Battle of Long Tan in a Vietnamese rubber plantation on Aug. 18, 1966.

Smith, a retired lieutenant colonel, led a company of 105 Australian soldiers plus three New Zealanders supported by artillery that won a rain-drenched, three-hour battle against more than 2,000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops, the Australian government said. Eighteen Australians were killed and 24 wounded, while the Vietnamese were estimated to have lost hundreds of troops.

Within hours of the battle ending, Smith said he recommended to his commanding officer that 20 soldiers under his command be decorated.

Initially, only eight battle veterans were honored, including Smith. He was awarded the Star of Gallantry, the highest honor after the Victoria Cross.

He has since campaigned relentlessly to have others recognized. Wednesday's verdict of the Defense Honors and Awards Appeal Tribunal — an independent court established five years ago to investigate such cases — brings the number to 16, Smith said. The government accepted the recommendation.

Smith said he was happy with the decision despite the tribunal dismissing his application for another soldier to be awarded his first decoration and another two decorated soldiers to have their honors upgraded.

"Justice has been done," Smith said. "I learnt from my years in the army that you have to keep on fighting and you eventually win."

Three of the 10 veterans to receive new honors have died since the war.

Australia deployed more than 60,000 military personnel to Vietnam between 1962 and 1973, of whom 521 were killed. The Battle of Long Tan anniversary next week has become Australia's official Vietnam Veterans Day.

## 2 words keep sick Samsung workers from data: trade secrets

YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Technology Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — As a high school senior, Hwang Yu-mi went to work bathing silicon wafers in chemicals at a Samsung factory that makes computer chips for laptops and other devices. Four years later, she died of leukemia. She was 22.

After Yu-mi's death in 2007, her father, Hwang Sang-gi, learned a 30-year-old worker at the same semiconductor line also had died of leukemia. Convinced they died because of their work, the taxi driver launched a movement demanding the government investigate health risks at Samsung Electronics Co. factories.

When Hwang sued after his first claim for government compensation was denied, he struggled to get details about the factory environment. A government document he received about his daughter's workplace had a section for listing the chemicals used there, but that space was left blank because Samsung did not release that information to worker-safety officials.

An Associated Press investigation has found South Korean authorities have, at Samsung's request, repeatedly withheld from workers and their bereaved families crucial information about chemicals they were exposed to at its computer chip and liquid crystal display factories. Sick workers are supposed to have access to such data through the government or the courts so they can apply for workers' compensation from the state. Without it, government officials commonly reject their cases.

The justification for withholding the information? In at least six cases involving 10 workers, it was trade secrets. Court documents and interviews with government officials, workers' lawyers and their families show Samsung often cites the need to protect trade secrets when it asks government officials not to release such data.

"Our fight is often against trade secrets. Any contents that may not work in Samsung's favor were deleted as trade secrets," said Lim Ja-woon, a lawyer who has represented 15 sick Samsung workers.

Lim's clients have been unable to get access to full reports on facility inspections, which are produced by third parties to comply with South Korean law, but remain the property of Samsung. Only excerpts of some independent inspections can be found in some court rulings, he said.

South Korea law bars governments and public agencies from withholding corporate information needed "to protect the lives, physical safety, and health" of individuals on trade-secrets grounds, but there are no penalties for violations. Lim said the law on occupational disease compensation also obligates Samsung to give workers the data they need to make claims.

Government officials openly say corporate interests take priority, that evaluating trade-secrets claims is difficult, and that they fear being sued for sharing data against a company's will.

"We have to keep secrets that belong to our clients," said Yang Won-baek, of the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency, or KOSHA. "It's about trust."

Asked why he used the word "clients" to describe companies his government agency helps regulate, Yang said it's probably because he treats those companies "as I treat clients." He said the companies KOSHA evaluates also review the agency, and the finance ministry considers those reviews when it sets agency budgets.

When asked for comment, Samsung emailed a statement saying it never "intentionally" blocked workers from accessing information and that it is transparent about all chemicals it is required to disclose. It also said there was no case where information disclosure was "illegally prevented."

However, documents from courts and the labor ministry show that as recently as last year, Samsung asked the government not to disclose details of chemical exposure levels and other inspections — even at judges' request for use in workers' compensation lawsuits.

In a letter to regulators signed by the company's CEO, Samsung said that if factory details including



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"types and volumes of substances" were released for a workers' compensation case, "it is feared that the technology gap with rivals at home and overseas would be reduced and our company's competitiveness would be lowered. For that reason they are trade secrets that we treat strictly as secrets, we request not to disclose."

Although the company no longer omits lists of chemicals as it did in Hwang Yu-mi's case, it has recently withheld details about exposure levels and how its chemicals are managed.

Samsung is South Korea's biggest company by far, with about 100,000 workers. Its market capitalization is more than five times greater than the No. 2 company in this country of 50 million. It employs about 45,000 people in its South Korean semiconductor and LCD departments, though not all of them are factory workers.

The worker safety group Banolim, known as SHARPS in English, has documented more than 200 cases of serious illnesses including leukemia, lupus, lymphoma and multiple sclerosis among former Samsung semiconductor and LCD workers. Seventy-six have died, most in their 20s and 30s.

Since 2008, 56 workers have applied for occupational safety compensation from the government. Only 10 have won compensation, most after years of court battles. Half of the other 46 claims were rejected and half remain under review.

People who have claimed they got sick because of work they did for other major South Korean manufacturers, including Hyundai Motor, have received help from their unions in advancing their claims. Hyundai Motor now must get union approval before introducing new chemicals into its manufacturing processes. Samsung's workforce is not unionized.

Families of the victims, mostly working-class youths from the countryside, often use up their life savings and sell their homes to pay hospital bills, ending up in subsidized housing. Some of the workers ended up incapacitated and unable to work.

Left with few options, more than 100 families accepted a compensation plan Samsung proposed last year, which covered some medical fees and some income for workers with any of 26 diseases. Some families rejected the deal.

Government policies have generally been friendly toward Samsung and other "chaebols," corporate conglomerates that helped drive South Korea's rapid industrialization under dictatorships after the 1950-53 Korean War.

Samsung overtook Japanese memory-chip makers in the early 1990s and through aggressive cost-cutting, bold investment and rapid construction of new factories has dominated the market for two decades.

But that success involves use of toxic and often carcinogenic chemicals such as arsenic, acetone, methane, sulfuric acid and heavy metals such as lead, well-known risks in the production of semiconductors, mobile phones and LCDs.

Kong Jeong-ok, an occupational health physician who works with Banolim, said new chemicals often are used before the risks from them, and from the toxic byproducts created by mixing them, are fully investigated.

Korean companies using such chemicals are required to strictly manage them, submit biannual reports showing exposure levels and give employees that information.

Samsung states on its website that its chemical management system is "rigorous" and "state-of-the-art." It has had "real-time 24/7 chemical monitoring" in all facilities since 2007, the year the government began inquiries into Yu-mi's death.

Yet Samsung began monitoring some toxic byproducts in the air only after a 2012 inspection detected benzene and formaldehyde — both known carcinogens — at its chip factories.

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Baik Soo-ha, a Samsung Electronics vice president, told the AP that Samsung has redacted trade secrets in documents given to individuals only when their requests appeared not “purely” meant to determine occupational diseases.

“We have a right to protect our information from going to a third party,” he said. Baik did not elaborate on what sort of ulterior motives Samsung believes might be behind some requests.

Samsung said it sometimes lacks information about chemicals because its own suppliers, also citing trade secrets, refuse to disclose details. It said suppliers must certify any such materials are non-toxic.

The entire semiconductor industry has longstanding health concerns: The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration is reviewing its own standards to better control exposure to chemicals in computer chip production. The OSHA website notes that U.S. laws control maximum allowable exposure on fewer than 500 of the thousands of chemicals used in manufacturing.

Worker safety advocates want South Korea’s courts and government to more flexibly interpret links between workplace conditions and diseases, since the exact causes of many ailments suffered by the factory workers are unknown even to the medical community. They also want thorough disclosure of workplace hazards.

Hwang Sang-gi said Samsung offered him 1 billion won (\$864,000) in 2007 to not pursue a case over his daughter’s death. He said no, founded Banolim and joined four former Samsung semiconductor workers suffering from various blood cancers in filing for workers’ compensation.

In 2014, seven years after Yu-mi’s death, an appeals court affirmed a lower court’s finding of “a significant causal relationship” between Yu-mi’s leukemia and her likely exposure to benzene, other chemicals and ionized radiation at work. Hwang Sang-gi received nearly \$175,000 from the government.

Also in 2014, Samsung’s CEO issued a statement expressing regret that “a solution to this delicate matter (of sick workers) has not been found in a timely manner.” It said the company “could have been more diligent” in addressing their “hardship and sorrow.” Two years later, the company promised to provide necessary documents to workers seeking government compensation. Earlier this year an ombudsman committee was set up to oversee independent inspections of some Samsung factories.

But some sickened workers and their relatives want a more complete apology and changes to how compensation is awarded. Hwang and other campaigners regularly camp outside Samsung’s complex in Gangnam to protest. They view suing Samsung as a poor option; the standard of proof would be higher than in workers’ compensation cases, and they could not seek punitive damages under South Korean law.

Workers and their bereaved families say it remains difficult to obtain details about their working conditions:

— When asked for records from Samsung’s LCD factory in Cheonan, where 32-year-old Lee Hee-jin worked from 2002 to 2006 before falling ill with multiple sclerosis, the labor ministry sent a report in 2014, but from a different factory, in Asan. Even that report could have shed light on the case of Lee and other display workers because it was a rare record of display factory working conditions. But it was heavily redacted by Samsung on grounds of protecting trade secrets. When asked about the heavy redaction, Samsung told the AP that the report was not related to her case because it was not from the place Lee was employed. The Supreme Court is considering Lee’s appeal after lower courts rejected her compensation claim.

— Citing “business confidentiality,” the labor ministry refused to give chemical-exposure data for Lee Beom-woo, an engineer who died of leukemia after working from 1986 to 2014 at Samsung’s Onyang semiconductor plant. Lee’s case is under review. About 50 of the plant’s workers have contracted serious environment-related diseases, according to Banolim.

— Cho Eun-joo, a Samsung display plant worker, died last year at age 22 of blood cancer. Her mother,

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Kim Kyung-hee, and her lawyer, Lee Eun-jeong, said Samsung officials denied the possibility that Cho was sickened by the workplace conditions, so they pieced together information from Cho and her friends to make their case, which is under government review.

— Sohn Kyung-joo, a former manager at a semiconductor contractor to Samsung, died of leukemia at age 53 after working in chemicals-intensive cleanrooms for about six years. Cleanroom entrance logs, the sole way to prove his exposure to toxins at work, were destroyed after only three months because they are kept only for security purposes. Sohn's family has filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn the government's refusal of compensation.

Hwang Kyu-seok, a deputy director at the labor ministry's industrial health department, said disclosures of data on chemical exposure are made on a case-by-case basis.

The government "usually accept companies' requests to withhold details on trade-secrets grounds," said Goo Ja-hwan, head of a regional labor ministry team in charge of occupational disaster prevention.

"We generally accept (their requests) because it is difficult to evaluate whether their arguments are wrong," said Goo, who is based in Cheonan, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Seoul. "We cannot evaluate whether things that companies have hidden as secrets are real trade secrets or not."

Baskut Tuncak, the U.N. special rapporteur on hazardous substances and waste, said in a phone interview that no government should say it's unable to determine what corporate information should be kept confidential.

"That simply allows their abuse of the system where information about hazardous substances is hidden from the public from victims under claims of confidentiality," he said.

Recently, there has been some movement toward greater transparency.

In June, for the first time, the government's worker safety agency formally designated a case of malignant lymphoma as an occupational disease at a Samsung semiconductor factory, despite Samsung's refusal to hand over exposure data and other information. Samsung cited trade secrets, but also said it lacked some data.

Banolim praised the ruling as a step forward, because the agencies did not hold the absence of data against the workers.

"It didn't rely on the company and made an independent evaluation," said Lee Jong-ran, a labor lawyer with Banolim. "But it took three years and eight months. It took too long."

## **A look at Guantanamo's dwindling population**

**The Associated Press**

Here is a breakdown of the 76 detainees still held at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

—34 are cleared to be transferred to other countries.

—32 are eligible for Periodic Review Board hearings to assess whether they are a threat to U.S. national security.

—7 face trial by military commission, including five charged with planning and supporting the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

—3 have been convicted.

— At its peak, roughly 770 detainees were held at Guantanamo Bay.

President George W. Bush transferred 532 detainees to other countries.

President Barack Obama has transferred 162 detainees.

## A look at Guantanamo detainees transferred, or cleared to go

The Associated Press

A new Pentagon report to Congress details some Guantanamo Bay detainees awaiting transfer or recently transferred.

Mohammed Rajab Sadiq Abu Ghanim, 41, of Yemen (awaiting transfer)

An experienced militant believed to have acted as a guard for al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan. He arrived in Afghanistan in late 2000, fought for the Taliban against the U.S.-backed Northern Alliance and worked for a charity linked to al-Qaida. He associated with several individuals responsible for the attack on the USS Cole, which killed 17 American sailors in Yemen, but there is no evidence that he had a role in the October 2000 attack. He was arrested in Pakistan in late 2001. In approving his transfer, a detainee review board noted that his behavior had improved since mid-2013 and he tried to educate himself while at Guantanamo and immerse himself in American culture.

Mahamedou Ould Slahi, 46, of Mauritania (awaiting transfer)

A militant who trained at an al-Qaida camp. While living in Germany, Canada and Mauritania, he recruited other militants, primarily to fight in Bosnia or Chechnya. The report said he facilitated the travel of future 9/11 operational coordinator Ramzi bin al-Shibh and two future 9/11 hijackers to Chechnya via Afghanistan in 1999. Slahi was skilled with electronics and computers. He was arrested in Senegal in January 2000 and moved to Mauritania where he was arrested again in November 2001, arriving at Guantanamo in August 2002. In approving his transfer, the board noted his compliant behavior in detention, his recognition of his past activities and change of mindset.

Karim Bostan, 48, of Afghanistan (awaiting transfer)

The suspected leader of an improvised explosive device cell affiliated with al-Qaida that is thought to have targeted U.S.-led coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan. "In this role, he probably planned, directed or conducted multiple attacks against coalition forces," the report said. He is believed to have taken orders from a senior al-Qaida paramilitary commander in Pakistan. He has consistently denied any involvement in militant activities. Since arriving at Guantanamo in March 2003, he has learned to read and write and has stayed fit. His lawyer, Paul Rashkind, says the detainee is a "loving father and grandfather, a shopkeeper and deeply reverent man," who dreams of returning to his village to help run the family flower shop. In approving his release, the board said that while he presents some level of threat, he has offered "credible statements regarding his commitment to live a peaceful life."

Obaidullah, 36, of Afghanistan (awaiting transfer)

Obaidullah has admitted to acquiring and planting anti-tank mines to target U.S. and other coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan. He was captured by U.S. special forces in July 2002. Twenty-three anti-tank land mines and a notebook containing schematics for detonators were recovered during his capture. He arrived at Guantanamo in October 2002. In clearing him for transfer, the review board said he has not expressed anti-U.S. sentiment or any intent to re-engage in militant activities.

Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmed, 36, of Yemen (awaiting transfer)

Ahmed was recruited in his late teens in Yemen to fight for the Taliban. He trained with al-Qaida in Afghanistan. He fought on the front lines, became a bodyguard for bin Laden and was captured by Pakistani authorities with 30 other al-Qaida affiliated individuals. His detainee profile in November 2015 said Ahmed had been largely uncooperative with interrogators, "still harbors anti-U.S. sentiments and holds conservative Islamic views." In clearing him for transfer, the review board noted his candor in talking about his time in Afghanistan, his acceptance of mistakes he has made and mentioned the young age at which he was recruited.

Muhammad Abd al-Rahman al-Shumrani, 41, of Saudi Arabia (transferred)



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A Saudi recruiter and fighter for al-Qaida, detained since January 2002, who “almost certainly remains committed to supporting extremist causes and has continued to incite other detainees against the detention staff at Guantanamo,” the report said. Since February 2014, he has indicated possible plans to re-engage in terrorist activity and has followed the activities of Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq. He told the review board that he is happy to return to Saudi Arabia and attend a government rehabilitation center. The board determined that any risk to his release could be adequately mitigated by Saudi Arabia. He was transferred there in January.

Omar Khalif Mohammed Abu Bakr Mahjour Umar, 44, of Libya (transferred)

He underwent extremist training in Libya, Sudan and Afghanistan and was a trainer in military skills, including explosives, at al-Qaida camps. Pakistani forces detained him in 2002 at a safe house run by senior al-Qaida figure Abu Zubaydah. There are no indications that he is in direct contact with militants outside Guantanamo, but he has tried to relay greetings to several Libyan former detainees, including one who has emerged as an extremist leader and could be in a position to help him re-engage. In approving his transfer, the review board noted his “significantly compromised health condition” and his recent contact with his family, indicating his intent to move forward in a positive manner. He arrived at Guantanamo in 2002 and was transferred to Senegal in April.

Abdel Malik Ahmed Abdel Wahab al Rahabi, 37, of Yemen (transferred)

A member of al-Qaida and former body guard for bin Laden, he also might have been selected by al-Qaida at one point to participate in a hijacking plot. Since mid-2013, he has complied with guards. He has made statements suggesting he continues to harbor animosity toward the U.S. and possibly sympathizes with extremist causes. His brother-in-law in Yemen is in contact with extremists in Syria. He was transferred to Montenegro in June. He told the board that he wants to forget the past and embark on a peaceful future with his wife and daughter. In approving his transfer, the board noted his changed mindset, desire to reintegrate into society and his acknowledgement of past mistakes.

## WHY IT MATTERS: Voting rights

HOPE YEN, Associated Press

EDITOR’S NOTE \_ One in an AP series examining issues at stake in the presidential election and how they affect people

WASHINGTON (AP) — THE ISSUE:

Who should be able to vote and how easy should it be? It’s a question that goes to the core of democracy.

Voting rights are in flux in the final months of Barack Obama’s two terms as the first black president. Citing a need to combat fraud, Republican-controlled legislatures are tightening voter laws by limiting early voting and same-day registration, by requiring IDs at polling places, and more. In 2013, declaring “our country has changed,” the Supreme Court invalidated a key provision of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which required mostly Southern states with a history of discrimination to get advance federal approval to change election laws. The court decision made it easier for states to impose new restrictions.

This year, 17 states were set to have restrictions involving voter ID or other requirements for the first time in a presidential election. Among them: the battlegrounds of North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Arizona and Georgia.

The Obama Justice Department has challenged voter ID and other laws, saying they could restrict access for minorities and young people. In recent weeks, lower courts temporarily staved off some of the toughest requirements in North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin after judges found no evidence of rampant voter fraud.

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With the November election looming, litigation remains knotted up with Supreme Court appeals likely. Bills in the GOP-led Congress to restore the voting act are stalled.

## WHERE THEY STAND:

Without offering specifics, Republican Donald Trump has emphasized the dangers of voter fraud, calling America's electoral system "out of control" with people who are "voting many, many times." He has said — without evidence — that dead voters helped elect Obama. Trump opposes same-day voter registration, saying it could allow people to "sneak in through the cracks."

Democrat Hillary Clinton is urging Congress to restore the Voting Rights Act. She seeks a national standard of at least 20 days of early in-person voting and urges automatic voter registration for eligible 18-year-olds. Clinton backs voting rights for ex-felons. Her campaign has joined lawsuits to stop policies that may burden minorities, including in Arizona, where voters had to wait hours in March after cuts in polling locations.

## WHY IT MATTERS:

Who gets to vote, and how easily, matters because it can determine who wins elections.

The issue is particularly salient for black Americans, who for much of U.S. history were disenfranchised and then effectively barred from voting until passage of the 1965 law. It's also become more partisan with the rapid growth of minorities such as Latino and Asian immigrants, who tilt Democratic.

In 2008, Obama was elected with the help of a record black turnout rate that rose even higher in 2012, surpassing the white turnout rate.

That was noted by Chief Justice John Roberts, who led the 5-4 ruling that the Voting Rights Act was outdated. In dissent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg argued the law is needed to stop new forms of discrimination — redrawing districts to reduce Hispanic voting, for instance, or restricting early voting near a historically black university.

It's unclear how much voting restrictions may suppress turnout. The Government Accountability Office in 2014 found voter ID laws could reduce voting by 2 to 3 percent, particularly among young people, blacks and newly registered voters. That can tip a race in close contests. Still, voter enthusiasm for a candidate and mobilization can offset that.

GOP legislatures cite voter fraud, including those who impersonate dead people on voter registration lists. Studies found the number of actual cases was minuscule.

States and the lower courts largely shape who can vote. But the next president will set the tone on federal oversight — through legislation in Congress, the prosecutorial stance of the Justice Department and nominations to the Supreme Court, which is certain to revisit Voting Rights Act powers.

If minorities continue to back mostly Democrats, the issue could decide which party gets the upper hand in elections.

## **Waterslide complaints surface after Kansas boy dies on ride**

**MARIA SUDEKUM, Associated Press**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — At least two people who rode in the last year on the same Kansas waterslide where a 10-year-old boy was killed say nylon shoulder straps came loose during the raft ride featuring a 17-story drop.

It's unclear whether the straps on "Verruckt" — German for "insane" — played any role in Sunday's death of Caleb Schwab, a Kansas lawmaker's son. Police and Schlitterbahn Waterpark have yet to ex-

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plain how Caleb sustained a fatal neck injury on the 168-foot-tall ride, which the park said Tuesday would be closed for the remainder of the season.

On the 2-year-old waterslide certified by Guinness World Records as the world's tallest, riders sit in multi-person rafts that begin with the steep drop, followed by a surge up a second hill before a 50-foot descent to a finishing pool. Along the way, riders clutch ropes along the inside of the raft.

Riders are harnessed in with two nylon seatbelt-like straps — one that crosses the rider's lap, the other stretching diagonally like a car shoulder seatbelt. Each strap is held in place by long Velcro-style straps, not by buckles.

Ken Martin, a Richmond, Virginia-based amusement park safety consultant, questioned whether the straps were appropriate for what he called "nothing more than a roller coaster with water."

In early tests, rafts carrying sandbags flew off the slide, prompting engineers to tear down half of the ride and reconfigure some angles. 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.

"I think they designed this ride, and they figured since stuff was flying out, we better do something to keep people from flying out," he said. "I think we have a serious issue with the restraint system. Period."

Although he has not seen or ridden Verruckt, Martin said a more solid restraint system that fits over the body — similar to those used in roller coasters — may have been better.

Jon Rust, a professor of textile engineering at North Carolina State University, said the material used on the straps, commonly called hook and loop, isn't designed to keep a person in the seat. It also can get old and degrade with use.

"It's got to be used in a safe manner, and that doesn't include stopping someone's fall or preventing someone's ejection," Rust said.

Paul Oberhauser told local television station KCTV his shoulder restraint "busted loose" on his Verruckt raft July 26. The Nebraska man said he "just held on," and a video shot by his wife shows the strap loose at the ride's end. Oberhauser said he reported the matter to park workers.

Kenneth Conrad told WDAF-TV that during his trip down the waterslide last year with a friend, the friend's shoulder strap came "completely off." Conrad's wife snapped a photo at the end of the ride showing the strap missing, and Conrad didn't file a complaint with the park.

The park's spokeswoman didn't return messages Tuesday from The Associated Press seeking comment on the claims. In a statement, she said "a limited portion" of the park will reopen at midday Wednesday.

Each rider on the Verruckt must be at least 54 inches tall, and the group's weight is limited to a total of 400 to 550 pounds. Caleb was seated with two women unrelated to him and who sustained minor facial injuries.

Police were investigating the death as a criminal case although police spokesman Cameron Morgan said Tuesday that designation did not mean they suspect foul play.

Caleb's parents — Republican state Rep. Scott Schwab and his wife, Michele — have requested privacy and have not spoken publicly since the death of Caleb, whose funeral is Friday.

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.

Kansas statutes governing amusement rides don't specifically mention waterslides. 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 at least once a year by "a qualified inspector."

Regulations require only that owners of permanent amusement rides retain records for a year and rides are randomly selected quarterly for a records audit.

Documents released Tuesday by the state department showed that in June 2012, a records audit found that the park was not maintaining records of testing for current and previous years. The report said that instead of such testing, "visual inspections are conducted annually and daily." There was no record of a state response, and the audit was marked "pass."

There were no indications of further records audits, and department officials did not immediately answer questions about why that was so.

The state requested documentation from Schlitterbahn "to ensure all safety requirements have been followed." Department officials didn't immediately provide additional details.

## 2 early US 1-cent coins expected to sell for total of \$1M

**DELARA SHAKIB, Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If you see these pennies, pick them up. You'll have a whole lot more than good luck.

Two rare American one-cent coins dating back to 1792 are anticipated to sell for nearly a million dollars at a public auction in Southern California starting Wednesday.

The copper coins, known as the "Silver Center Cent" and the "Birch Cent," are expected to sell for about a half-million dollars each and were made during the early days of the U.S. Mint.

"They're classic American rarities," said Eric Bradley, spokesman for Heritage Auction, the auction house holding the five-day sale in Anaheim, California.

And they have historical significance that goes beyond their collectible value, representing "the transition in American history from the colonies to a new republic," Bradley said.

"These are coins that were developed and thought up by the Founding Fathers who were trying to differentiate themselves from British coinage and British rule," he said.

The words "Liberty Parent of Science & Industry," which are engraved on both coins, also show how the United States was trying to distance itself from the religious persecution and monarchy it associated with Britain, Bradley said.

The origin of the Silver Center Cent was also referenced in a letter from Thomas Jefferson to George Washington, and it is among the very first coins ever struck by the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, Bradley added.

According to the auction house, the coin went missing before eventually being discovered in an English pub in the 1960s. The man who discovered it, Nigel Willmott, kept hold of it until 1997, when he eventually auctioned it off for 28,750 British pounds, Bradley said.

The penny's name derives from the fact that it was produced with a small insertion of silver at its center, a feature which made its intrinsic value equal to its face value. It is one of about a dozen surviving coins known to exist with this insertion, Bradley said.

Wednesday's sale is part of a five-day public auction of ancient world coins, U.S. coins and paper currency expected to bring \$30 million, Bradley said. It is also part of The World's Fair of Money, a numismatic convention in Anaheim that runs from Aug. 9-13. The event is expected to draw the interest of collectors globally.



## House Speaker Paul Ryan wins GOP nomination to run again

SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — House Speaker Paul Ryan rejected the idea that his easy win Tuesday over a longshot Republican primary challenger praised by Donald Trump spells danger for Trump's presidential prospects in the swing state of Wisconsin.

All the huge primary win means, Ryan insisted, is that he's really well-liked in the congressional district where he was born and raised and that he has represented since 1998.

Businessman Paul Nehlen had been courting Trump supporters and won praise from the Republican presidential nominee last week. But despite their strained relationship, Trump endorsed Ryan days later.

"I don't think it means he's doomed in November," Ryan said of Trump. "I think it means right here in Wisconsin, people know me very, very well."

Ryan had largely ignored Nehlen in what had been a sleepy primary before Trump thanked Nehlen on Twitter for his comments defending Trump. Nehlen won the backing of some prominent conservative figures, including former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, but it wasn't enough to overcome Ryan's popularity in his southeastern Wisconsin district.

Ryan won by about 70 percentage points, based on unofficial results.

"We knew we were going to do well," Ryan said. "We got the votes we were hoping and expecting to get all along. The outcome is exactly what we were hoping for."

This is Ryan's first re-election win since becoming speaker last fall.

He went into the primary with massive advantages in name recognition and money. Ryan had out-raised the unknown Nehlen by a 17 to 1 ratio through the latest reporting period, and was largely ignoring his opponent and was expected to win easily.

Trump changed all that the week before the primary, when he tweeted thanks to Nehlen for support while Trump was being vilified for remarks about the Muslim American parents of a U.S. soldier slain in Iraq. Trump also said he wasn't ready to endorse Ryan, who had joined in that criticism.

Trump shifted course a few days later under heavy pressure from Republican leadership, but by then Nehlen had gotten a burst of national publicity.

Ryan responded with a blitz of radio appearances and added a pair of campaign stops the day before the election, determined to avoid the fate that befell House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, when the Virginia Republican lost a primary to a little-known tea party challenger.

Ryan had other advantages, including widespread popularity in the district. Ryan had also worked hard to maintain those home ties, traveling back to Janesville as much as possible to be with his wife and three children.

Nehlen, an executive at a water filtration company, first made a splash with a web video of him riding a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, showing his tattooed arms. He challenged Ryan to an arm-wrestling match if he wouldn't debate him.

He ran well to Ryan's right, accusing Ryan of betraying Trump and favoring a "globalist agenda" of disastrous trade deals and porous borders. Nehlen attracted support from Palin and conservative provocateur Ann Coulter, with the latter appearing alongside Nehlen in the district the weekend before the election.

Nehlen said in a message on Twitter after the crushing defeat that his candidacy "damaged Paul Ryan's ability to continue growing government. That's the beginning of a fight we're ready to get started."

## Phelps wins Olympic gold medals No. 20 and 21 in Rio

PAUL NEWBERRY, AP National Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Michael Phelps sat alone, thoroughly exhausted. He put his head in his hands and then motioned at his neck as though he had nothing left to give.

No need.

His work was done.

He had his 20th and 21st gold medals.

Phelps made up for one of the rare losses in his brilliant career by winning the 200-meter butterfly Tuesday night, a victory that sent him climbing into the stands to kiss his 3-month-old son Boomer. An hour later, he returned to take what amounted to nothing more than a triumphant victory lap in anchoring the 4x200 freestyle relay, the crowd's deafening roar growing louder with every stroke.

"That was probably one of my most challenging doubles," the 31-year-old Phelps said. "Doing a double like that is a lot harder than it once was."

It was another performance for the ages, but Phelps has done it so many times that nothing else would have been fitting. It came on a night that American teammate Katie Ledecky picked up her second gold of the Rio Olympics on the way to what could be a historic run of her own in the pool.

Phelps now has 25 medals in all, and three more races in Rio to add to his almost unimaginable total.

No other Olympian has more than nine golds.

"That's a lot of medals," Phelps said, shaking his head. "It's just insane."

The 200 fly was the one he really wanted, and it showed.

With challengers all around, Phelps simply wouldn't be denied. With his head nearly at the wall, he took one more stroke to make sure he got there first, his arms slamming against the timing pad.

"Going into the finish I said, 'If I have to take a half-stroke, I'm going to take a half stroke,'" Phelps said.

That split-second decision got him to the wall ahead of everyone else, by a mere four-hundredths of a second.

When Phelps saw the "1" by his name, he held up one finger. Then he sat on a lane rope, egging on the roaring crowd at the Olympic Aquatics Center with both hands, before emphatically pumping his fist.

Tears welled in his eyes as he listened to the national anthem — until one of his buddies from Baltimore cracked him up that shouting out "O" like they do at Camden Yards before Orioles' games. Then, during the customary stroll around the pool to pose for photographers, Phelps broke ranks and bounded into the stands to plant a kiss on Boomer, the son who symbolizes just how much Phelps' life has changed since a second drunken-driving arrest two years ago.

"I wanted to hold him longer," Phelps said. "It's good to see he's awake. He usually sleeps all the time."

Phelps held off Japan's Masato Sakai with a time of 1 minute, 53.36 seconds, but that number was of little concern.

The only thing that mattered was beating everyone else.

"The last 10 meters were not fun," Phelps said. "My gosh, I thought I was standing still."

Four years ago, Phelps mistimed his finish in the wind-milling stroke he does better than anyone, gliding to the wall a little too long after his final whirl of the arms. That allowed Chad le Clos of South Africa to stunningly win gold in an event that Phelps had dominated for the better part of a decade.

Phelps retired after the London Games, so it looked like he wouldn't get a chance to make up for his defeat. But when he decided about a year later to start competing again, the 200 fly was clearly the

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title he sought more than any other.

"This is the race I really wanted back," he said.

Le Clos was in the final again, thoroughly inspired himself by his mother and father, both battling cancer and in the stands cheering him on.

But the South African could only manage fourth this time, also finishing behind bronze medalist Tamas Kenderesi of Hungary.

The relay was much less dramatic.

Conor Dwyer, Townley Haas and Ryan Lochte went out ahead of Phelps, handing off a commanding lead to the most decorated athlete in Olympic history.

Phelps essentially spent the next 100 seconds or so soaking up the cheers. He was only the third-fastest swimmer on his team, but he was a full body length ahead of Britain's James Guy when he touched in 7:00.66.

The British claimed silver in 7:03.13, while Japan took the bronze in 7:03.50.

Sure, Phelps hogged the spotlight on this night, but let's not forget two other very impressive swimmers.

Ledecky took the most challenging step toward a feat that's only been done one other time, holding off Sweden's Sarah Sjöström to win the 200 freestyle and give the American star her second gold of the games.

Debbie Meyer is the only female swimmer to capture the three longest freestyle events at a single Olympics, winning the 200, 400 and 800 at the 1968 Mexico City Games. Ledecky looks like a lock to match Meyer, having already won the 200 and 400 titles and an overwhelming favorite in the 800, where she's the world-record holder and far faster than anyone else in the world.

Katinka Hosszu is having quite an Olympics, too.

The Hungarian known as the "Iron Lady" earned her third gold medal of the Rio Games with a victory in the 200 individual medley.

This has been an Olympics of redemption for Hosszu, a long-time star at the world championships who always seemed to come up short on the biggest stage.

Not anymore.

Hosszu added to her wins in the 400 IM and 100 backstroke with a time of 2:06.58. Siobhan-Marie O'Connor of Britain challenged Hosszu all the way but had to settle for silver. Maya DiRado of the United States held on for the bronze.

For Phelps, another retirement looms.

This time, he can fade away with the gold he really wanted in the 200 fly.

"That event was kind of like my bread and butter," Phelps said. "That was the last time I'll ever swim it."

## Notorious 'pillowcase rapist' back in state mental hospital

**BRIAN MELLEY, Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A notorious rapist who muffled victim's screams with a pillowcase was back in a state mental hospital Tuesday, two years after he was released over the protests of prosecutors and women who feared he would attack again.

Christopher Hubbart, 65, is not accused of a new crime, but was picked up by the Department of State Hospitals, said District Attorney Jackie Lacey, who is under a gag order and could not discuss further details.

"The good news is tonight ... he's back in a state hospital," Lacey told KFI-AM . "That's probably the

safest place.”

Hubbart violated terms of his release and the company supervising his program returned him to Coalinga State Hospital, Santa Clara County Superior Court spokesman Joseph Macaluso.

Macaluso didn't provide details.

Lacey had fought Hubbart's release and angry residents of the Antelope Valley, where he was relocated about 40 miles north of Los Angeles, had demonstrated regularly outside his remote house where he lived under 24-hour guard and strict conditions.

Women shouted through bullhorns that he didn't belong there and should be locked up. Some burned effigies and carried signs saying "burn in hell."

A woman who spent 18 months protesting his release and traveled 350 miles to implore the Santa Clara County judge to keep him out of her community said she was ecstatic to hear he was gone.

"I feel like I won the lottery," Cheryl Holbrook said. "We're praying real hard that they keep him locked up. He's exactly where he needs to be."

Hubbart, dubbed the "pillowcase rapist," has acknowledged raping at least 40 women, several following stints behind bars. He has been in and out of prisons and state psychiatric hospitals since his first rape conviction in 1972.

After reoffending and serving more time, Hubbart was declared a sexually violent predator in 2000 and committed to a state-run psychiatric hospital.

A Northern California judge in 2013 ordered Hubbart released after doctors said he had completed treatment and was fit to live in the community. The judge ordered that he live in Southern California near where he grew up, though his notoriety made it difficult to find housing.

When he was released in 2014, he moved into a small house in the desert on the outskirts of Palm-dale.

Hubbart had to comply with conditions that included wearing a monitoring device around his ankle, attending therapy and undergoing lie detector tests and random searches of his home. He was also ordered not to view movies or online material that would arouse him.

Prosecutors tried to have him returned to custody last year after the batteries in his ankle monitor twice ran too low. A judge denied the request.

Lacey said she wasn't told why he was picked up, but expects to find out at a court hearing in 15 days in Santa Clara County.

An email sent to Hubbart's defense lawyer for comment was not returned.

## **APNewsBreak: Amtrak settlements silencing crash victims**

**MICHAEL R. SISAK, Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Amtrak has started settling lawsuits with victims of last year's deadly derailment in Philadelphia, and lawyers involved in the process say a strict confidentiality provision prevents them and their clients from talking about how they're doing or how much money they've received.

The railroad reached the first settlements last week, quietly resolving cases brought by two women who suffered head and other injuries in the May 2015 wreck, court records show.

Dozens of other lawsuits are still pending.

Eight people were killed and more than 200 people were hurt when the Washington-to-New York train sped into a sharp curve and tumbled from the tracks.

Federal investigators say the engineer was distracted by word that a nearby train had been hit by a rock and lost track of where he was. They say he accelerated full-throttle to 106 mph instead of slowing down for the curve's 50 mph speed limit.



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One of the women receiving a settlement said in her lawsuit that she learned she was pregnant while in the hospital with broken bones and a concussion.

Jessica Baen, of Brooklyn, New York, said she'd been thrown across one of the most badly damaged cars and feared injury to her unborn child.

How are Baen and her child doing now?

Her lawyer, Adam Barrist, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he wasn't allowed to say.

"The confidentiality provision of the settlement agreement is very strict," Barrist said. "I would risk subjecting my client and myself to liability if were to provide answers to the questions."

Amtrak's lawyer didn't respond to a message.

Amtrak has taken responsibility for the crash and says it won't oppose claims for compensatory damages like medical expenses, but the pool for potential payouts is capped under federal law at \$295 million. Lawyers say that could easily be exhausted, given the number of deaths and serious injuries.

A lawyer for the other woman receiving a settlement said the confidentiality clause prevented him from disclosing how much Amtrak was paying, but that it was enough to cover all of her out-of-pocket medical costs.

Adriana Passamano, of Lyndhurst, New Jersey, suffered injuries to her neck, back and hip, tooth and jaw damage and permanent disability, according to her lawsuit.

"She's always going to keep with her the memory, the thought of it and the trauma," lawyer Thomas Kenny said. "It's with her all the time."

## Asian stocks mixed amid post-earnings season lull

**YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Asian markets meandered on Wednesday in a post-earnings season lull, as investors awaited U.S. retail sales later in the week.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 added 0.1 percent to 16,786.03 and South Korea's Kospi added 0.2 percent to 2,046.57. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 0.4 percent to 22,548.55 while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 dropped 0.5 percent to 5,525.20. Stocks in Taiwan and Singapore were higher but markets in China, Indonesia and New Zealand declined.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "It's a slow grind in markets at present, which will please many in the investment community but frustrate the day traders out there," Chris Weston, chief market strategist at IG in Melbourne, Australia, said in a daily commentary. Weston said while traders are watching the moves of the dollar, oil and interest rates, they "are not at levels likely to cause any real anxiety in broader risk sentiment."

DATA: The Japan's government said earlier in the day that the country's core private-sector machinery orders grew a seasonally adjusted 8.3 percent in June from May, a rebound from two straight months of decline, Kyodo reported. The report gives an assessment of the health of business investment, Japan's pillar of economic growth.

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks eked out small gains on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average added 0.02 percent to 18,533.05. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.04 percent to 2,181.74. The Nasdaq composite index gained 0.2 percent to 5,225.48. T

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 9 cents to \$42.68 per barrel in New York. The contract fell 25 cents, or 0.6 percent, to close at \$42.77 per barrel on Tuesday, ending a rally after the U.S. government raised the forecast on domestic crude production. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost 3 cents at \$44.95 per barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar fell to 101.44 yen from 101.94 yen while the euro strengthened to \$1.1147

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from \$1.1113.

## California wildfire surges, thousands of homes threatened

LAKE ARROWHEAD, Calif. (AP) — A wildfire threatening homes in Southern California's rugged San Bernardino Mountains grew to over 12 square miles Tuesday while authorities reopened Highway 1 on the state's central coast after parts were closed due to the huge wildfire just north of Big Sur.

Mandatory and voluntary evacuations covered 5,300 homes in the Southern California fire area between mountain communities around Lake Arrowhead and the high desert city of Hesperia to the north, said Lyn Sieliet, a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman. The number of people who left was not known.

Southwest winds pushed the fire northward through the mountains toward the desert.

Schools in Hesperia were closed as a precaution because of the fire's movement and two neighboring districts also shut down for the day due to poor air quality caused by smoke.

More than 900 firefighters aided by retardant-dropping air tankers and water-dropping helicopters had just 6 percent of the fire contained, but no structures had been lost since it erupted at 12:10 p.m. Sunday. The cause remained under investigation.

Overnight prospects looked good for firefighters, with temperatures dipping into the low 60s and humidity rising.

Meanwhile, California's biggest wildfire expanded to more than 104 square miles north of scenic Big Sur.

An army of more than 5,000 firefighters and a fleet of air tankers and helicopters made progress, however, surrounding 50 percent of the nearly 3-week-old fire.

Due to increased wind and flames from the spreading fire, Highway 1 was closed Monday night but reopened early Tuesday. More temporary closures could follow.

Some residents have been allowed to return to their homes, but some evacuation orders remained in place, while others were reduced to warnings.

Five state parks on Highway 1 between San Francisco and Los Angeles remained closed.

The fire, which has destroyed 57 homes, damaged three others and led to the death of a bulldozer operator in an accident, was caused by an illegal campfire.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 10, the 223rd day of 2016. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 10, 1846, President James K. Polk signed a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution.

On this date:

In 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries (TWEE'-luh-reez) Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.)

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1814, Henri Nestle, founder of the food and beverage company bearing his name, was born in Frankfurt, Germany.

In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of

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Campobello.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people had been slain.

In 1975, television personality David Frost announced he had purchased the exclusive rights to interview former President Richard Nixon.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to still-living Japanese-Americans who'd been interned by their government during World War II.

In 1991, nine Buddhists were found slain at their temple outside Phoenix, Arizona. (Two teen-agers were later arrested; Alessandro Garcia was sentenced to life in prison, while Jonathan Doody received 281 years.)

In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1995, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with 11 counts in the Oklahoma City bombing (McVeigh was convicted of murder and executed; Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to life in prison). Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe" of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, announced she had joined the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

Ten years ago: British authorities announced they had thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in hand luggage. A suicide bomber blew himself up among pilgrims outside Iraq's holiest Shiite shrine in Najaf, killing 35 people. Saomai (sowmy), the most powerful typhoon to hit China in five decades, slammed into the country's southeastern coast; it ultimately killed more than 440 people.

Five years ago: Marine Corps Gen. John Allen, the top American commander in Afghanistan, said international forces had slain the Taliban insurgents responsible for shooting down a U.S. helicopter, killing 30 Americans and seven Afghan commandos. Country singer-musician Billy Grammer, 85, died in Benton, Illinois.

One year ago: A draft of a secret study obtained by The Associated Press found that air traffic controllers' work schedules often led to chronic fatigue, making them less alert and endangering the safety of the country's air traffic system. A power plant operator in southern Japan restarted a nuclear reactor, the first to begin operating under new safety requirements following the Fukushima disaster.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rhonda Fleming is 93. Singer Ronnie Spector is 73. Actor James Reynolds is 70. Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 69. Country musician Gene Johnson (Diamond Rio) is 67. Singer Patti Austin is 66. Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 64. Folk singer-songwriter Sam Baker is 62. Actress Rosanna Arquette is 57. Actor Antonio Banderas is 56. Rock musician Jon Farriss (INXS) is 55. Singer Julia Fordham is 54. Journalist-blogger Andrew Sullivan is 53. Actor Chris Caldovino is 53. Singer Neneh Cherry is 52. Singer Aaron Hall is 52. Boxer Riddick Bowe is 49. Actor Sean Blakemore is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lorraine Pearson (Five Star) is 49. Singer-producer Michael Bivins is 48. Actor-writer Justin Theroux is 45. Actress Angie Harmon is 44. Country singer Jennifer Hanson is 43. Actor-turned-lawyer Craig Kirkwood is 42. Actress JoAnna Garcia Swisher is 37. Singer Cary Ann Hearst (Shovels & Rope) is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nikki Bratcher (Divine) is 36. Actor Aaron Staton is 36. Actor Ryan Eggold is 32. Actor Charley Koontz is 29. Actor Lucas Till is 26. Reality TV star Kylie Jenner is 19.

Thought for Today: "About the time we can make the ends meet, somebody moves the ends." — President Herbert Hoover (1874-1964).