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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

Flea Market

Flea Market for 12 days, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 26-Sept. 7. Vintage, Crocks, Fishing, Jewelry, Cream Cans, Marbles, Buttons, Lanterns, Oil Lamps, Yard Ornaments, Bookcases, Antiques, and Much More. 201 Hwy 25, across from Community Oil Co., Roslyn. New items added daily. 5 (10'x20') Canopys full!

Bus Driver Wanted

The Groton Area School District has openings for a part time (morning) bus route and for a full-time bus route driver. Assistance in obtaining the proper licensure is available. Please contact Transportation Supervisor, Loren Bahr, at 397-8117 for more details.

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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Tuesday, Aug. 30

Pool Hours:

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Open Swim

Frankenstein Day

Toasted Marshmallow Day

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, broccoli and dip, tater tots, fruit.

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice or milk.

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, tomato spoon salad, pears, cornmeal muffin.

Birthdays: Nathan Atherton • Rachel Zaudtke • Ashley Gibbs • Troy Zoellner • Emma Jo Schinkel

10:00am: Boys golf at Aberdeen Central (Lee Park)

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

6:00pm: Volleyball hosts Ipswich (C/JV matches start at 6 pm)

Wednesday, Aug. 31

National Trail Mix Day

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower/pea salad, pudding, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice or milk.

School Menu: Hot dog, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Birthdays: Allison Sippel • Katelyn Hawkins • Bruce Merkel • Virginia Meister • Jeff Hendrickson • McKensy Sheridan • Tena Lund

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

1:30pm: St. John's Ladies Aid LWML

**Paul's
Lawn
Care**



Paul, Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel

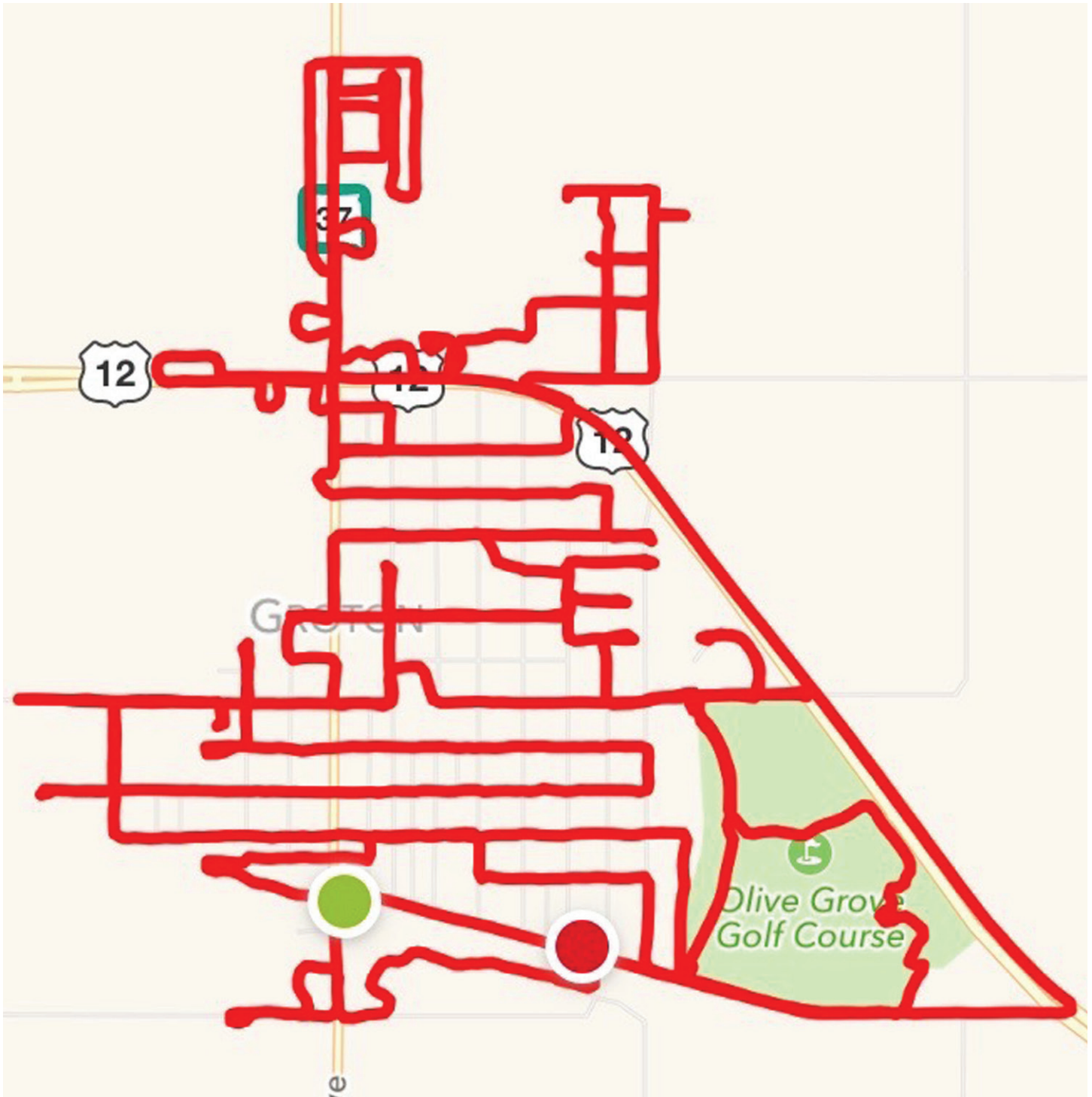
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Mosquito Control in Groton Monday night

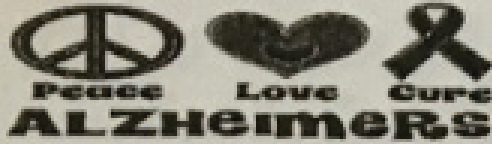
7 gallons of Evolver 4x4 was used.

Wind was northerly at 5-7 mph. Temperature was 71 degrees. 24.3 miles traveled



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Indian Taco Fundraiser



Wednesday, Aug. 31

Starting at 11:30 a.m.

at the Golden Living Center

Fundraiser for the

Alzheimer's Association

1 taco is \$7

1 taco with a pop and a bar is \$10

Coke, Dt. Coke, Orange and Mt. Dew

Choice of toppings: Meat, Pinto

beans, onions, cheese, lettuce,

tomato, salas and sour cream.

Thanks for your support!



1106 N 2nd St., Groton

605/397-2365

Soup, Sandwich and Pie Luncheon

\$2 Each

Thursday, Sept. 8

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Groton

Craft and Bake Sale

Supplemental funds have been

applied for from

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

DVDs of the Football Games are Available

They are \$25 per game. Or if you subscribe to the season, it would be \$20 per game and you would receive them in the mail each week. Call or Text Paul at 605/397-7460 for details.

Land-Use Change Rapidly Reducing Critical Honey Bee Habitat in Dakotas

The Northern Great Plains of North and South Dakota, which support over 40 percent of United States commercial honey bee colonies, are quickly becoming less conducive to commercial beekeeping as a result of land-use changes, according to a U.S. Geological Survey study available today.

The USGS scientists found that landscape features favored by beekeepers for honey bee colony, or apiary, locations are decreasing in the region, and crops actively avoided by beekeepers, such as corn and soybeans, are becoming more common in areas with higher apiary density. Areas that showed high levels of grassland loss and high apiary density were mostly in central and southern North Dakota and the eastern half of South Dakota.



The study is published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

"Insect pollinators are critically important for maintaining global food production and ecosystem health, and U.S. insect pollination services have an estimated annual value of \$15 billion," said Clint Otto, a scientist at the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center and the lead author of the report.

The scientists investigated changes in biofuel crop production, including corn and soybeans, and grassland cover surrounding approximately 18,000 registered commercial apiaries in the Dakotas from 2006-2014. Results show a continual increase in biofuel crops totaling 1.2 million hectares, or almost 3 million acres, around apiaries mainly located in the Prairie Pothole Region of the Dakotas. These crops were avoided by commercial beekeepers when selecting apiary sites in the region.

The authors explained that conversion of pasture, conservation grasslands and bee-friendly cultivated crops to biofuel crops likely impact both managed and wild pollinators because it reduces forage availability and increases the use of chemicals that negatively affect pollinators and their ecosystem services.

"Our study identifies areas within the Northern Great Plains that managers can target for honey bee habitat conservation," Otto said.

This research is important because one of the key goals of the Pollinator Health Task Force strategy is to establish 7 million acres of pollinator habitat by 2020.

Most of the commercial honey bee colonies that spend the summer in the Dakotas provide pollination services for crops such as almonds, melons, apples and cherries elsewhere in the U.S. According to the report, the Northern Great Plains have served as an unofficial refuge for commercial beekeepers because of their abundance of uncultivated pasture and rangelands, and cultivated agricultural crops such as alfalfa, sunflower and canola that provided forage for bees.

For more information about USGS pollinator research in the Northern Great Plains, please visit the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center or the USGS Native Bee Inventory and Monitoring Lab websites.

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HIGH SCHOOL BIG IDEA COMPETITION LAUNCHES STATEWIDE

Youth! Cash! Scholarships! Entrepreneurship Education! Community Support!

These are the key ingredients in the BIG Idea Competition which is launching its 10th year of competition this fall. High school students across South Dakota are invited to compete in this business idea competition where winners will receive nearly \$5,000 in cash awards and scholarships.

Students may work individually or as a team and will be able to submit their business idea applications online from September 1 until October 31, 2016. The online application as well as various resources and examples can be accessed at the BIG Idea website: www.BIGIdeaSD.com. For the optional marketing design competition, students will create an ad to support their business idea. New this year is an optional Wellness Category sponsored by Sanford Health. This category offers an additional cash prize to the best business idea addressing Wellness.

Coordinator Kelly Weaver of the Small Business Development Center said, "The 2016 BIG Idea Competition is a great experience for students interested in learning about business. For students already seriously pursuing a business, we can connect them with resources and mentors to help further their entrepreneurial growth and business success. We are excited for the new prize added this year for Wellness with the support of Sanford Health."

All applications submitted by the October 31, 2016 deadline will be reviewed and ranked by several judges across the state. The eight (8) top scoring entries will be invited to the final competition and will make a presentation for the final judging component. The top three applications will receive cash awards of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, respectively. College scholarships to both Northern State University and Presentation College will be awarded as well. One winner will be chosen from among all the marketing design entries and be awarded \$500. One winner will be chosen for the Wellness Category and will be awarded \$500.

The final competition and awards event will be held on Thursday, December 8th at Northern State University in Aberdeen. Students will participate in a panel discussion with several successful entrepreneurs. Students will hear the journey that these entrepreneurs have traveled and be able to ask questions of them. Prior to the awards presentation, all finalists will give an elevator pitch of their business idea.

Since inception in 2007, the BIG Idea Competition has received 1,578 entries involving nearly 2,186 students representing 77 schools. The competition is open to any high school student in the state. The winning entry in 2015 was Bent Perspective presented by Hailey Ketteler of Pierre T. F. Riggs High School. A complete listing of the 2015 finalists can be found on the BIG Idea website along with a video of their elevator pitches.

Homegrown businesses are essential to the success of our rural communities, and a major goal of the BIG Idea competition is to increase the spirit of entrepreneurship. By exposing our youth to new ideas and innovation, they can consider entrepreneurship as an option for their future. Rather than leaving the region to look for a job, they can have the confidence to create their own opportunities close to home and know that there is support for them should they choose to do so.

The competition is organized by a broad based committee of economic development organizations, educational institutions, and private businesses and coordinated by the Small Business Development Center. Supporters include Sanford Health, East River Electric, REED Fund, Dacotah Bank, Student Loan Finance Corporation, Northwestern Energy, Northern State University, Presentation College, McQuillen Creative Group, Aberdeen Development Corporation, Midcontinent Communications, and the Tom and Danielle Aman Foundation. Other collaborating organizations include: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen Downtown Association, Aberdeen Catholic School System – Roncalli High School, and Aberdeen School District – Central High School. Questions regarding the competition can be directed to Kelly Weaver of the Small Business Development Center at (605) 626-2565 or info@bigideasd.com.

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Gas Prices Rising to Closeout Summer Driving Season

August 29, 2016 – South Dakota's statewide pump price average for self-serve regular gasoline stands at \$2.311 today, according to GasPrices.AAA.com, up over a nickel in the past week. The state average is poised to close out August over 10 cents higher than it began the month.

"A number of factors have been driving prices higher for motorists including: higher crude oil prices, refinery issues in the Gulf Coast, and the threat of a tropical weather system moving into the Gulf of Mexico," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "The rising crude oil prices can be attributed, in part, to talks of an agreement to limit production amongst OPEC countries and news from the U.S. Federal Reserve that the U.S. may raise interest rates in the next couple of months."

	Today	Last Week	Change	25-Jul	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.288	\$2.158	\$0.130	\$2.26	\$0.029	\$2.410
Brookings	\$2.318	\$2.279	\$0.039	\$2.19	\$0.126	\$2.599
Huron	\$2.366	\$2.283	\$0.083	\$2.52	-\$0.150	\$2.642
Mitchell	\$2.227	\$2.201	\$0.026	\$2.31	-\$0.081	\$2.590
Pierre	\$2.450	\$2.410	\$0.040	\$2.41	\$0.040	\$2.888
Rapid City	\$2.369	\$2.363	\$0.006	\$2.40	-\$0.029	\$2.780
Sioux Falls	\$2.212	\$2.092	\$0.120	\$1.99	\$0.220	\$2.498
Vermillion	\$2.124	\$2.165	-\$0.041	\$2.16	-\$0.038	\$2.564
Watertown	\$2.332	\$2.214	\$0.118	\$2.31	\$0.023	\$2.415
Yankton	\$2.380	\$2.253	\$0.127	\$2.19	\$0.188	\$2.483
South Dakota	\$2.310	\$2.257	\$0.053	\$2.25	\$0.059	\$2.638

After dropping for two months, including a streak of 53 of 54 days, the national pump price is again on the rise heading into Labor Day weekend. The national average price for regular gasoline has increased for 14 consecutive days. Today's average price of \$2.22 per gallon marks an increase of six cents per gallon compared to one week ago and eight cents per gallon compared to one month ago. Despite the increase, drivers are paying 27 cents less than they did at this same time last year and are on track to pay the lowest Labor Day gas prices since 2004.

According to a AAA survey, 55 percent of Americans say they are more likely to take a road trip this year due to lower gas prices. The Oil Price Information Service projects that Americans will purchase about 400 million gallons of gasoline each day over Labor Day weekend, at an aggregate cost of about \$880 million per day. While the national year-over-year discount remains, it has closed substantially from more than fifty cents just ten days ago.

While Midwest prices have often been the most volatile in the nation in recent years, prices in Southern and East Coast states over the last week have headlined the list of biggest movers. This has been largely tied to refinery issues in the Gulf Coast including flooding at the Baton Rouge Exxon Mobil and Covent facilities and a refinery outage in Baytown, Texas, which have pressured prices higher in areas supplied by these facilities. Meanwhile, the first major tropical depression moved through the Straits of Florida, the area between Cuba and the Florida Keys, Sunday evening. While the storm's direction and strength are still uncertain, many meteorologists are tracking the storm's path into the Gulf of Mexico with a northern bend into Florida later in the week. The storm's projected move away from the concentration of refineries

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and petroleum infrastructure in the Gulf Coast is easing worries about available supply.

Quick Stats

Gas prices in three states are below \$2.00 per gallon today, six fewer than one week ago: South Carolina (\$1.95), Alabama (\$1.98) and Mississippi (\$1.996).

States around the country have seen volatility in gas prices including drivers in the Great Lakes region, the Rockies, central and southern states. The biggest weekly increases in price are seen in Florida (+13 cents), Tennessee (+9 cents), Georgia (+9 cents), Missouri (+8 cents), Kansas (+8 cents), North Carolina (+8 cents), South Carolina (+8 cents), Colorado (+8 cents), Michigan (+7 cents) and Illinois (+7 cents).

Great Lakes and Central States

Volatility remains the norm in the Great Lakes and the top five monthly price increases in the nation are all in this area, tied in large part to a refinery issue at the largest refinery in the region, the 430,000 barrel per day BP facility in Whiting, Indiana. These top monthly increases are Michigan (+22 cents), Illinois (+19 cents), Minnesota (+19 cents), Missouri (+17 cents) and Oklahoma (+17 cents). While prices jumped as a result of the issue at the Whiting refinery, reports are that the issue has been resolved and that the refinery is back to normal production as of last week. While lower than their Great Lakes neighbors, no state in the Central region currently boasts an average that is less than \$2.00 per gallon. As of one month ago, four Central states were below the \$2 threshold: Kentucky (\$1.99), Oklahoma (\$1.95), Missouri (\$1.93) and Tennessee (\$1.90).

South and Southeast

States in the Gulf Coast and Southeast regions are seeing some of the biggest increases in the nation over the past week as market watchers tracked a slow-moving tropical wave with some concern that it could materialize into a storm with potential to impact production at refineries on the Gulf of Mexico and demand by drivers in the region. The current forecast predicts the storm surge will potentially reach the Florida coast north of Tampa on Thursday. The Gulf Coast is home to the largest concentration of refineries in the nation and storms that hit these facilities can disrupt operations and send prices higher for states east of the Rockies.

Oil Market Dynamics

West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices briefly fell below \$40 per barrel in July, but have turned higher in August. Prices retreated slightly last week from their recent high of \$48.52 set on August 19, but remain more than 10% higher than one month ago. Market watchers will continue to monitor possible interest rate increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve and any signs that OPEC may consider an agreement that would limit production in an effort to influence prices higher. Members of OPEC are due to meet informally in Algeria on Sept. 26-28 on the sidelines of the International Energy Forum. There are few expectations of any real meaningful agreement and the market may not see any changes impacting the cost of crude oil until the meeting has commenced. At Friday's close of formal trading on the NYMEX, WTI was up 31 cents to settle at \$47.64 per barrel.

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

AAA is North America's largest motoring, leisure travel and safety advocacy organization with more than 56 million members. A not-for-profit, fully tax-paying auto club, AAA South Dakota serves its 93,900 South Dakota members with emergency roadside assistance, auto travel counseling and a wide range of personal insurance, worldwide travel and financial services at branch offices across South Dakota and online at AAA.com.

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Groton Senior Citizens News

Groton Senior Citizens met August 8 for a regular meeting. Twenty one members were present. President Ella Johnson opened the meeting with Allegiance to the flag. Lee Schinkel played "America the Beautiful." Lee read the minutes, treasurers report was read. Both were accepted. Betty Schnieder and Orvilla McIntosh joined as new members. No old business. Meeting was adjourned. Cards were played and the winners . Pinochle-Don Darwin, whist- Elda Stange, Ruth Pray, Marian Raines; Canasta- Hazel Mckittrick and Beulah Hoops; Door prizes- Ivan Morehouse, Dick Donovan and David Kleinsasser; Lunch was served by Beverly Sombke and Lee Schinkel.

August 15 had the pot luck dinner with 28 members attended. Five seniors went to the Brown Co. Four with the bees. Bingo was played. Bob Pray won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes went to Hazel Mckittrick, Pat Larson, and Bob Pray. Serving Committee were Ivan Morehouse, and Don Dauwin. Tony Goldade and Marian Raines volunteer to serve for Ivan and Carolyn Morehouse.

The August 22 regular meeting had 26 members attending. President opened with flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played "Faith of our Fathers". Minutes and treasurers report were read and accepted. No business. Meeting was adjourned. Cards were played. The winners Canasta- Pat Larson and Mary Walker; Bridge- DeLoris Knoll; Whist- Grace Albrecht, Ella Johnson and Marian Raines. Penochle- Don Dauwin. Door prizes- Ruby Donavon, Carolyn Morehouse and Lois Pasch. Lunch was served by Beulah Hoops, Ella Johnson and Lorraine Sippel.

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Today in Weather History

August 30, 1979: A thunderstorm rolled over Ellsworth Air Force Base bringing almost 60 mph winds to the area.

1838: A major tornado, possibly the worst in Rhode Island history, passed south of Providence. It uprooted and stripped trees of their branches, unroofed or destroyed many houses, and sucked water out of ponds. The tornado barely missed a local railroad depot, where many people were waiting for a train. Five people were injured by the tornado.

1915 - The temperature at Bartlesville, OK, dipped to 38 degrees to establish a state record for the month of August. (The Weather Channel)

1954 - Hurricane Carol swept across eastern New England killing sixty persons and causing 450 million dollars damage. It was the first of three hurricanes to affect New England that year. (David Ludlum)

1971 - The low of 84 degrees and high of 108 degrees at Death Valley, CA, were the coolest of the month. The average daily high was 115.7 degrees that August, and the average daily low was 93.4 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1984 - Lightning ignited several forest fires in Montana, one of which burned through 100,000 acres of timber and grassland. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Eight cities in Washington and Oregon reported record high temperatures for the date, including Eugene OR and Portland OR with afternoon highs of 102 degrees. The high of 102 degrees at Portland smashed their previous record for the date by twelve degrees. Frost was reported in South Dakota. Aberdeen SD established a record for the month of August with a morning low of 32 degrees, and Britton SD dipped to 31 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - August ended on a relatively mild and tranquil note for most of the nation. Forest fires in the northwestern U.S. scorched 180,000 acres of land during the last week of August. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front spread severe weather from Minnesota to Indiana through the course of the day and night. Thunderstorms in Minnesota produced baseball size hail near Saint Michael and Hutchinson, and drenched Moose Lake with nine inches of rain in six hours. Tucson AZ hit 100 degrees for a record 79th time in the year, surpassing a record established the previous year. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy
High: 81 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 81 °F

Dry and Less Humid Today
Highs: Mid 70s to the Mid 80s



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 8/30/2016 5:28 AM Central

Published on: 08/30/2016 at 5:29AM

High pressure will bring dry and less humid conditions to the region today. High temperatures will range from the mid-70s, in western Minnesota, to the mid-80s, west of the James River Valley.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 85.0 F at 4:31 PM

Heat Index: 92 at 3:26 PM

Low Outside Temp: 67.7 F at 7:09 AM

High Gust: 17.0 Mph at 1:35 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1898

Record Low: 37° in 2003

Average High: 79°F

Average Low: 53°F

Average Precip in Aug: 2.35

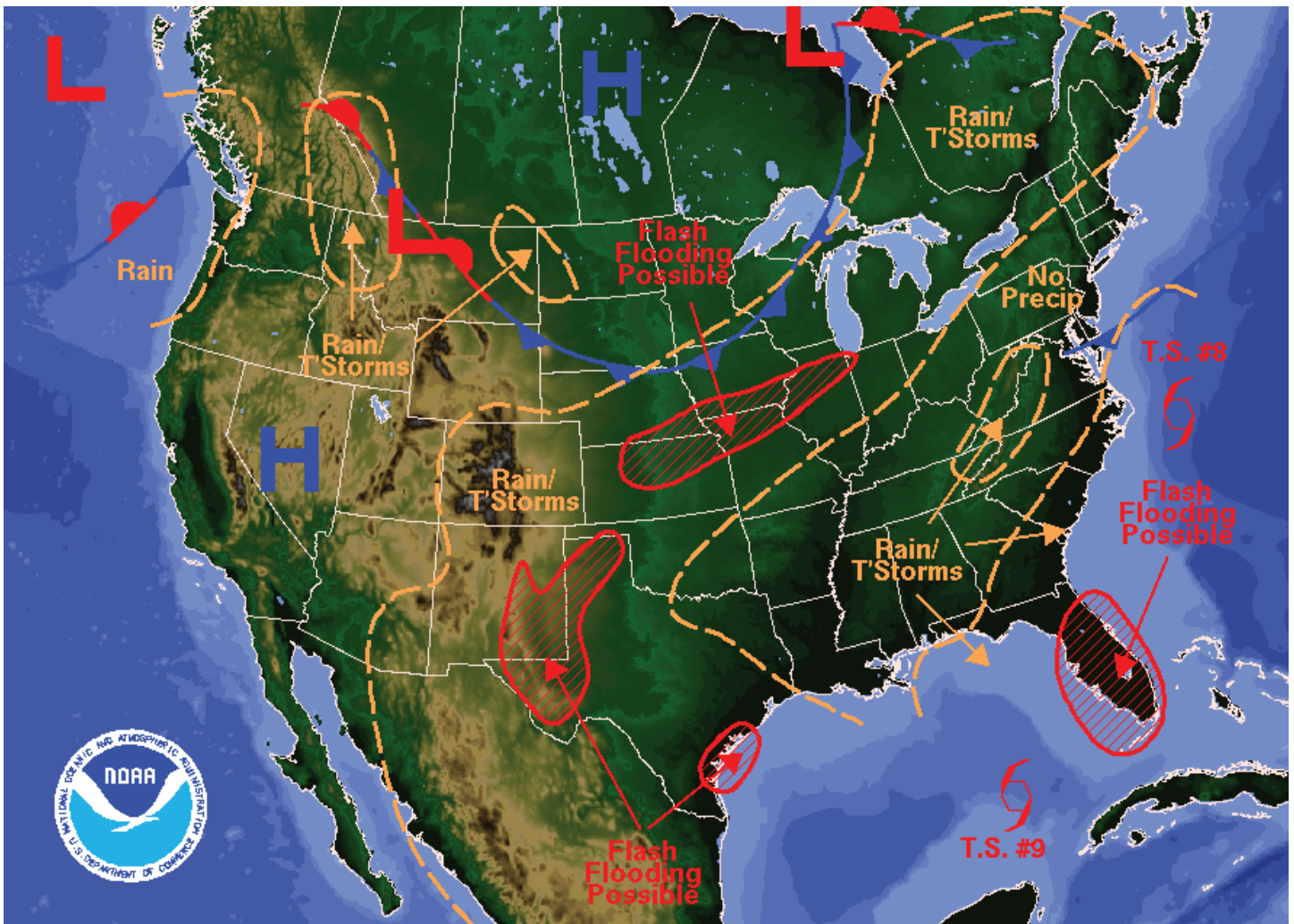
Precip to date in Aug: 1.93

Average Precip to date: 16.21

Precip Year to Date: 12.66

Sunset Tonight: 8:13 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:54 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Aug 30, 2016, issued 4:36 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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SOMEONE IS ALWAYS LISTENING

It was a luncheon designed to impress her friends from the neighborhood. Wanting to impress them she asked her five year old son, Jamie, to return thanks.

"Jamie," she said politely, "will you please say grace?"

"Mommy, please, I don't really know what to say," he replied cautiously.

"Well, dear," she said encouragingly, "just say what you heard Mommy say this morning."

Bowing his head and folding his hands he began, "Good Lord, why did I invite all these dumb people to lunch today."

Words can be a sword or a solace or even a weapon that leaves a wound. Words once spoken can never be retrieved or marked "Void." Words take on a life of their own and will leave another person better or bruised, helped or hurt, encouraged or emptied.

King David wrote, "May the words of my mouth...be pleasing to you, O Lord..." Pleasing words have their source in another part of that verse that states: "may...the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you." David is asking God to approve his words and thoughts as though they were offerings brought to God's very own altar and came from the depths of his soul.

What a great prayer for us to offer to God each day!

Prayer: Father, "may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be pleasing to you, O lord, our rock and our redeemer." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.



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News from the Associated Press

Occupied home struck by bullets in Sioux Falls shooting

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say an occupied home was struck by at least two bullets during a neighborhood shooting that apparently stemmed from a fight, but no one was hurt.

Authorities say the people inside the home were not involved in the Monday afternoon incident that involved multiple gunshots.

Police say the incident involved people in a vehicle and a male in a different home than the one that was hit by bullets. They say the male had minor scrapes and cuts and confirmed he had just been in a fight and had been shot at, but he wouldn't identify the other people involved.

The investigation is continuing.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Waverly-South Shore def. Langford, 25-14, 27-25, 25-14

Transportation Department: Interstate 29 repairs beginning

NORTH SIOUX CITY, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Transportation says repair work is beginning on Interstate 29 near North Sioux City.

The agency says work repairing concrete pavement and resealing joints is beginning this week. The repairs will run from the Iowa state line to north of Exit 4 for the north and southbound lanes.

In the work zone, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Drivers should pay attention to traffic and watch for construction workers and equipment.

Minnesota-based Interstate Improvements is the prime contractor for the project that's expected to be completed in November.

Lawrence County residents to vote on controversial quarry

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Lawrence County residents are set to vote on whether a proposed rock quarry can proceed in scenic Centennial Valley.

Tuesday's election will decide whether Rapid City-based Mountain View Ranches LLC can develop a 192-acre sand, gravel and rock quarry off Crook City Road.

The County Commission in June narrowly approved the project. Area residents who oppose it then gathered enough petition signatures to force the public vote.

Mountain View Ranches sued to block the election, saying the county's approval was an administrative decision that can't be referred. But a judge earlier this month ruled that the issue is a legislative matter that can be subject to a public vote.

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South Dakota Prep Polls

The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The inaugural 2016 South Dakota Sportswriters Association high school football poll is below. Teams are listed with first-place votes in parentheses, vote points previous ranking.

Class 11AAA

Rank-School	FPV	Record	TP	Pvs
1. Sioux Falls Washington	(5)	1-0	40	1
2. Sioux Falls Roosevelt	(3)	1-0	38	2
3. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	-	1-0	19	4
4. Brandon Valley	-	0-1	18	3
5. Sioux Falls Lincoln	(1)	1-0	17	5

Others receiving votes: Watertown 3.

Class 11AA

Rank-School	FPV	Record	TP	Pvs
1. Yankton	(6)	1-0	41	1
2. Harrisburg	(1)	1-0	39	3
3. Mitchell	(2)	0-1	24	2
4. Brookings	-	0-1	21	5
5. Pierre	-	0-1	9	4

Others receiving votes: Spearfish 1.

Class 11A

Rank-School	FPV	Record	TP	Pvs
1. Madison	(8)	1-0	42	T1
2. St. Thomas More	(1)	1-0	31	4
3. SF Christian	-	1-0	29	3
4. Tea Area	-	1-0	16	5
5. Dakota Valley	-	1-0	12	NR

Others receiving votes: West Central 4, Milbank Area 1.

Class 11B

Rank-School	FPV	Record	TP	Pvs
1. Winner	(9)	1-0	45	1
2. Tri-Valley	-	1-0	31	2
3. Aberdeen Roncalli	-	1-0	22	3
T4.Groton Area	-	1-0	13	4
T4.Bridgewater-EmeryTETHan	-	1-0	13	RV

Others receiving votes: Sioux Valley 6, Parkston 4.

Class 9AA

Rank-School	FPV	Record	TP	Pvs
1. Wolsey-Wessington	(7)	1-0	42	1
2. Canistota	(1)	1-0	27	2
3. Webster Area	(1)	1-0	25	3
4. Chester Area	-	1-0	13	5
5. Bon Homme	-	1-0	12	RV

Others receiving votes: Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 9, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 4, Britton-Hecla 2, Gregory 1.

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Class 9A

Rank-School	FPV	Record	TP	Pvs
1. Sully Buttes	(7)	1-0	40	1
2. Scotland	(1)	1-0	34	2
3. Warner	(1)	1-0	22	T3
4. Potter County	-	1-0	19	5
5. Philip	-	1-0	9	RV

Others receiving votes: Castlewood/Estelline 4, Lemmon/McIntosh 3, Waverly-South Shore 3, Parker 1.

Class 9B

Rank-School	FPV	Record	TP	Pvs
1. Langford Area	(9)	1-0	45	1
2. Harding County	-	1-0	28	2
3. Corsica-Stickney	-	1-0	22	3
4. Hamlin	-	1-0	19	5
5. Colome	-	0-1	11	4

Others receiving votes: Alcester-Hudson 6, De Smet 4.

South Dakota Volleyball Polls

The Associated Press \

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Here is the South Dakota Sportswriters Association volleyball poll for the week of August 29, 2016. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, points and previous ranking:

Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Harrisburg	(9)	3-0	45	2
2. Brandon Valley	-	2-0	35	3
3. Roosevelt	-	2-0	25	5
4. O'Gorman	-	0-1	12	4
5. Aberdeen	-	1-2	8	1

Others receiving votes: Stevens 2-0, Huron 1-1.

Class A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. S.F. Christian	(9)	1-0	45	1
2. Dakota Valley	-	2-0	36	2
3. Mount Vernon-Plank	-	0-0	17	4
4. Spearfish	-	0-1	14	3
5. Bon Homme	-	2-0	8	RV

Others receiving votes: McCook Central-Montrose 4-1, Sioux Valley 1-1, Milbank 1-0, Custer 6-0, Webster 2-0, Lennox 3-0.

Class B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Chester Area	(8)	2-0	40	1
2. Warner	(1)	1-0	37	2
3. Parker	-	1-0	25	3

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4. Sully Buttes	-	6-0	17	4
5. Northwestern	-	3-0	15	5

Others receiving votes: Hanson 2-0.

Dry weather impacting pasture, range conditions

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says dry weather is impacting pasture and range conditions as drought conditions remain in western South Dakota.

The Agriculture Department says in its latest crop progress report that topsoil moisture totals were rated 10 percent very short, 28 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 10 percent very short, 34 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Pasture and range conditions were rated 8 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 36 percent good and 1 percent excellent. Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 26 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

The report says there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

Yankton County resident dies from West Nile-related causes

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Health says a Yankton County resident has died from causes associated with the West Nile virus.

The agency said Monday that it's South Dakota's first death related to the virus this season. The department says the person who died was between 80 and 89.

South Dakota has reported 74 cases of West Nile in humans so far this season.

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

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

USD holding open house for \$66 million sports center

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota is holding a public open house on Tuesday for its new Sanford Coyote Sports Center.

The event coincides with the first athletic event at the new basketball and volleyball arena. Doors open at 6 p.m. with \$1 tickets and free T-shirts, and the Coyotes volleyball team will play the University of North Dakota starting at 7 p.m.

The \$66 million addition to the DakotaDome has seating for 6,000 fans. It also has a training facility and a laboratory.

Good boy! Dogs know what you're saying, study suggests

FRANK JORDANS, Associated Press

ALICIA CHANG, Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Scientists have found evidence to support what many dog owners have long believed: man's best friend really does understand some of what we're saying.

Researchers in Hungary scanned the brains of dogs as they were listening to their trainer speaking to determine which parts of the brain they were using.

They found that dogs processed words with the left hemisphere, while intonation was processed with the right hemisphere — just like humans.

What's more, the dogs only registered that they were being praised if the words and intonation were

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positive; meaningless words spoken in an encouraging voice, or meaningful words in a neutral tone, didn't have the same effect.

"Dog brains care about both what we say and how we say it," said lead researcher Attila Andics, a neuroscientist at Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest. "Praise can work as a reward only if both word meaning and intonation match."

Andics said the findings suggest that the mental ability to process language evolved earlier than previously believed and that what sets humans apart from other species is the invention of words.

"The neural capacities to process words that were thought by many to be uniquely human are actually shared with other species," he said. "This suggests that the big change that made humans able to start using words was not a big change in neural capacity."

While other species probably also have the mental ability to understand language like dogs do, their lack of interest in human speech makes it difficult to test, said Andics.

Dogs, on the other hand, have socialized with humans for thousands of years, meaning they are more attentive to what people say to them and how.

The study was published in the journal *Science*.

Andics also noted that all of the dogs were awake, unrestrained and happy during the tests. "They participated voluntarily," he said.

North Carolina warily watching 2 tropical weather systems

BEN FINLEY, Associated Press

JONATHAN DREW, Associated Press

BUXTON, N.C. (AP) — A tropical weather system off the coast of North Carolina's Outer Banks is expected to strengthen in the next day, bringing winds up to 45 mph and heavy rains that could flood low-lying areas, officials said.

Early Tuesday, the tropical depression with winds of 35 mph was about 95 miles (150 kilometers) south-southeast of Cape Hatteras and was expected to become a tropical storm Tuesday afternoon but not grow any stronger. A hurricane hunter aircraft was sent in to investigate the depression, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said early Tuesday.

A tropical storm warning has been issued for areas of the coast from Cape Lookout to the Oregon Inlet along North Carolina's Outer Banks.

National Weather Service meteorologist Shane Kearns in eastern North Carolina said in an interview that "anything is possible, but we're not really seeing any kind of significant strengthening for the storm."

At the same time, forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said that another tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico could hit northern Florida as a tropical storm later in the week and possibly head toward the Atlantic coast. They cautioned that the storm's exact path remained uncertain days in advance, but the storm was becoming better organized Monday night.

Beachgoers, boat captains and business owners waited warily for the storm to wash out one of the summer's last busy weeks.

Tourists in North Carolina sought to take the approaching storm in stride.

Visitor Katherine Vega, 45, of Springhill, Tennessee, said she could handle a day indoors during her vacation. By Monday afternoon, she had already fled the Atlantic's swelling waves and strengthening currents off Hatteras Island in Buxton.

"We were just knee-deep, and there were a few times where we had to run out because it kept sucking us in," she said, adding she'd watch movies with her husband until the storm blows through.

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"We came from Tennessee," she said with a shrug. "There are tornado threats over there."

"I would advise everybody to take a look at the weather," Dare County emergency management director Drew Pearson said when asked whether visitors should keep their travel plans. "They need to make those decisions based on what they see in the weather forecast."

The second depression was about 305 miles (495 kilometers) west of Key West, Florida, with maximum winds of 35 mph (55 kph). It was moving west, but forecasters expect it could curve back to the northeast in the coming days. Authorities at some locations in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area of Florida were hauling out sandbags Monday to offer residents amid predictions of heavy rains.

On North Carolina's Outer Banks, business owner Jennifer Scarborough said her biggest concern was that the first storm could saturate the area before another blow by the second storm.

"The second storm is the one I'm more worried about," she said. "I'm definitely keeping an eye on it and planning accordingly. ... If we have a lot of rain in a short amount of time that could be a problem."

Roads along the thin barrier islands are prone to flooding and damage from erosion, including the two-lane N.C. Highway 12 that is the area's main north-south artery.

"N.C. 12, our lifeline on Hatteras Island, even in a winter storm has some challenges," Pearson said.

Scarborough, who manages Hatteras Harbor Marina and owns the Harbor Deli next door, said she's receiving concerned calls from customers and that some captains are canceling fishing trips for Tuesday and Wednesday. With Labor Day approaching, the week represents one of the last busy stretches of summer for the area.

"It's definitely making people think twice about coming here," she said.

In the central Pacific, Hurricane Madeline strengthened Monday into a Category 4 storm about 515 miles (830 kilometers) east of Hilo, Hawaii. Top sustained winds reached 130 mph (215 kph) as Madeline moved west at 9 mph (15 kph). A hurricane watch was posted for Hawaii County and those in the main Hawaiian Islands were urged to monitor the storm's progress.

Elsewhere in the Pacific, Hurricane Lester weakened to a Category 3 storm with maximum sustained winds of 125 mph (205 kph) while churning west near 14 mph (22 kph) about 1,435 miles (2,305 kilometers) east of the Hilo, Hawaii. It posed no immediate threat to land.

Longtime aide Huma Abedin like 'second daughter' to Clinton

KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Longtime Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin has won plaudits for her campaign instincts, her deep-rooted loyalty and her glamorous personal style. But she has been thrust into the spotlight for another attribute — as a wronged political wife.

Abedin, who is expected to play a major behind-the-scenes role if her boss is elected president, announced Monday she was separating from her husband, Anthony Weiner, after the former New York congressman was accused of sending lewd photographs and messages to yet another woman.

It wasn't the first time Abedin was confronted with her husband's raunchy recklessness.

Weiner, a Democrat, resigned his seat amid a 2011 media firestorm that erupted after he texted suggestive photos of himself to several women. When he ran for mayor of New York City two years later, his campaign stumbled when it was revealed he was still sexting women who were not his wife.

Declaring the marriage over, Abedin said in a statement that she had decided to separate from Weiner "after long and painful consideration and work on my marriage." The couple has a young son, Jordan.

Weiner didn't return a call, text or email from The Associated Press. He deleted his Twitter account Monday.

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The 41-year-old Abedin, now vice chairwoman of Clinton's campaign, began working for the former first lady while a student at George Washington University in 1996. Her role deepened as Clinton won a New York Senate seat in 2000, ran for president in 2008 and later served as President Barack Obama's secretary of state.

"With Huma, her grace, her intellect and her humility have been unmatched as I've watched her go from an aide to an adviser to one of the people at the top of my campaign," Clinton said in a recent profile of Abedin in *Vogue*.

With roughly two months to Election Day, Abedin is Clinton's near-constant travel companion and has long exerted great influence within Clinton's inner circle — a role in which she is expected to continue should Clinton win the White House. Few major decisions in the campaign are made without Abedin's input, and she remains an important back-channel in the Clinton orbit of friends, political allies and donors.

Stylish and poised, Abedin carries enough clout within Clinton circles to headline high-profile fundraisers, as she did in 2015 alongside *Vogue* editor-in-chief Anna Wintour in Paris, raising money from Americans living abroad. She's close enough to the Clintons that former President Bill Clinton officiated when Abedin and Weiner married in 2010.

Before *The New York Post* published photos late Sunday that it said Weiner sent last year to a woman identified as a "40-something divorcee," Abedin was spotted outside a Clinton fundraiser at the Southampton home of philanthropist Marcia Riklis.

A friend of Abedin, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the breakup, said she was with her young son, Jordan, and her family members in the Hamptons during the weekend. Abedin's friend said the separation from Weiner had been brewing for some time.

At the State Department, Abedin served as a jack-of-all-trades to Clinton, helping her with everything from scheduling meetings and arranging phone calls around the globe to offering fashion advice. In an early morning email to Clinton in August 2009, Abedin advised her to "wear a dark color today. Maybe the new dark green suit. Or blue."

Abedin's behind-the-scenes role has often drawn unwanted attention. Her email exchanges with Clinton were closely scrutinized during the Justice Department's investigation into Clinton's use of a private email server. Federal prosecutors ultimately declined to issue charges in the cases.

Congressional Republicans have raised questions about whether Abedin skirted ethics guidelines during her 2012 work as an adviser to Clinton while she also worked for Teneo Holdings, a consulting firm co-founded by Doug Band, a former aide to former President Bill Clinton.

Republicans have also alleged that donors to the Clinton Foundation got preferential treatment while Clinton was secretary of state. Last week, the group Judicial Watch released several previously undisclosed exchanges turned over by Abedin that included a 2009 message she received from Band — a foundation official at the time — seeking a meeting with Hillary Clinton for the crown prince of Bahrain.

Crown Prince Salman had made a \$32 million commitment to the Clinton Global Initiative, a program run by the foundation. Copies of Clinton's calendar obtained by AP confirm the meeting occurred in her State Department office on June 26, 2009. The State Department has said there was nothing improper or unusual about the messages with Clinton Foundation staff.

Abedin's marriage has also come under fire from Clinton's Republican opponent Donald Trump, who immediately seized on the aide's marital split to accuse Clinton of "bad judgment." He suggested that Weiner might have compromised national security, but offered no evidence to support the allegation.

"I only worry for the country in that Hillary Clinton was careless and negligent in allowing Weiner to have such close proximity to highly classified information," Trump said in a statement. "Who knows what he learned and who he told?"

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10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. AP: ISLAMIC STATE GROUP BURIED THOUSANDS IN 72 MASS GRAVES

The known victims buried are staggering — 5,200 at the very low end to more than 15,000 — in territory that has been held by IS in Syria and Iraq.

2. TRUMP'S DEPORTATION INDECISION HIGHLIGHTS CAMPAIGN WEAKNESSES

The Republican presidential candidate and his aides used to say that voters didn't care about the nitty-gritty of policy details — but now those details are tripping up his campaign.

3. HOW AMERICANS KNOW HUMA ABEDIN

The longtime Hillary Clinton aide has won plaudits for her campaign instincts, her loyalty and her personal style, but most know her as a wronged political wife.

4. BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT MOUNTS FORCEFUL DEFENSE

On what could prove to be her last day as president, Dilma Rousseff warns senators that ousting her would hurt a young democracy.

5. SEATTLE PROPOSES NEW RULES FOR RETAIL, FOOD-SERVICE INDUSTRIES

Proposals would require the businesses to schedule shifts two weeks in advance and compensate employees for last-minute changes.

6. GENE WILDER KEPT HIS SERIOUS SIDE OFF CAMERA

The "Young Frankenstein" star was a humble man who downplayed his comic gifts, was a serious director and remained deferential to Mel Brooks.

7. CAROLINAS BRACE FOR STORMS

A tropical weather system off the coast of North Carolina's Outer Banks is expected to strengthen in the next day, bringing winds up to 45 mph and heavy rains that could flood low-lying areas.

8. WHO VEGAS IS NOW TARGETING

Sin City is eyeing the burgeoning Chinese tourist market with themed hotel-casinos and non-stop flights from mainland China for the first time. CHINESE TOURISM-VEGAS

9. DOGS USE SAME PARTS OF BRAIN AS HUMANS TO PROCESS LANGUAGE

Canines register that they are being praised only if the words and intonation match, lighting up both hemispheres of the brain, a study in the journal Science finds.

10. DJOKOVIC'S RIGHT ARM GIVES HIM TROUBLE DURING US OPEN

The defending champion needed treatment from a trainer but emerged with a 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Jerzy Janowicz of Poland.

Kerry in India for strategic, commercial talks

MATTHEW LEE, AP Diplomatic Writer

NEW DELHI (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is in India for strategic and commercial talks being held against the backdrop of rising tensions in the disputed region of Kashmir, long a flashpoint between India and rival Pakistan.

Kerry is leading the American delegation to Tuesday's seventh meeting of the U.S.-India strategic dialogue, which seeks to improve security and economic development ties between the nations.

The talks come amid some of the largest protests in Kashmir against Indian rule in recent years. At least 67 civilians have been killed and thousands injured, mostly by government forces firing bullets and shotguns at rock-throwing protesters. Two policemen have been killed and hundreds of government

forces have been injured in the clashes.

The U.S. has consistently urged dialogue between India and Pakistan on the dispute.

Seattle weighs new rules for businesses with hourly workers

PHUONG LE, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle leaders have proposed new rules for retail and food-service businesses with hourly employees, including requiring them to schedule shifts two weeks in advance and compensate workers for some last-minute changes — the latest push by a city that has led the nation in mandating worker benefits.

Seattle was among the first to phase in a \$15 hourly minimum wage, mandate sick leave for many companies and offer paid parental leave for city workers.

Now, the mayor, city officials and labor-backed groups are targeting erratic schedules and fluctuating hours they say make it difficult for people to juggle child care, school or other jobs, to count on stable income or to plan for the future.

Seattle's "secure scheduling" proposal also would require retail and fast-food companies with 500 employees globally to compensate workers with "predictability pay" when they're scheduled but don't get called into work or are sent home early; provide a minimum 10 hours rest between open and closing shifts; and offer hours to existing employees before hiring new staff.

"Creating equity in Seattle means providing workers with access to a reliable schedule that meets their life and financial needs, while balancing the daily realities facing large employers," Mayor Ed Murray said earlier this month.

In 2014, San Francisco became the first major U.S. city to pass similar legislation. A District of Columbia bill requiring 14-day scheduling notice advanced out of a council committee in June but has yet to be taken up by the full council. A November ballot measure before San Jose, California, voters would require businesses to offer additional hours to existing part-time employees before hiring new staff.

The Washington Retail Association and other businesses have criticized the Seattle proposal, saying many employers already provide advance scheduling notice. They say the measure is too restrictive and will create more problems for workers.

"It will wipe out the scheduling flexibility that benefits both employees and employers," said Jan Teague, association president. If store managers can't add to labor costs to cover the predictability pay, they'll operate with fewer employees or fewer hours when someone can't make it into work, she said.

Others say they want to see changes to some provisions, such as ensuring employers aren't penalized for offering shifts directly to workers who want them.

Across the country, companies have faced increasing pressure to make schedules more predictable. Last month, Wal-Mart launched a new scheduling system to give thousands of hourly employees more certainty about their hours.

The sponsors of Seattle's ordinance say it's as much about closing the city's income gap as giving entry-level workers, many of whom are women and minorities, more control over schedules. Median household income, housing prices and rents have soared in booming Seattle as the city has grown to about 687,000 and added about 50,000 tech and other jobs in five years.

"We want this to be a city where our workforce, the people who are keeping this place running, can afford to live here," said Councilwoman Lisa Herbold, a bill sponsor. "When people have more secure hours, they can do things that make the city more affordable, such as holding down a second job or going to school so they can get a better job."

Crystal Thompson, who works at Domino's Pizza, often scrambles to find child care when she gets her schedule one day before the work week begins. The short notice makes it difficult to plan her life. "This will be good for a lot of people," she said.

Oliver Savage, 22, a Starbucks barista, said he has asked to work 30 hours but currently gets 20. For a period this summer, a previous store manager scheduled him for only eight hours, reducing his one source of income. He said the store hired a new barista during that time, so he supports the provision requiring current workers be offered hours before additional staff is hired.

Jennifer England, who owns a Subway franchise, said she works with her three employees to accommodate their scheduling needs. She said she won't be able to pay extra for last-minute shift changes if a worker wants time off or calls in sick.

"They're making it harder for us to schedule and if anything comes up, we're going to be penalized and we can't afford that," England said.

The bill exempts companies whose employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with similar scheduling provisions.

Vegas, Asian investors betting on Sin City's Chinese tourism

SALLY HO, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Sin City and Asian investors are going all in on Chinese tourism, as some of Las Vegas' latest developments on and off the Strip target Chinese nationals and Chinese-Americans.

The Chinese have been regulars along the resort corridor for decades. Now officials and developers, intent on capitalizing on burgeoning Chinese wealth and Asian-American population growth, are courting them in a major way.

Nonstop flights from mainland China are planned for the first time, and two Asian-themed casinos will be among the first post-recession additions to Sin City's glittering skyline.

The new hotel-casinos boast of plans to feature what some other resorts such as the MGM Grand, Wynn and Venetian have quietly offered for years. Guests will be treated to familiar foods, Chinese-speaking service employees and the table game of choice, baccarat.

"The Chinese do quite enjoy a very Chinese experience. They do gravitate toward Asian amenities. At Wynn Macau, it's mostly Chinese restaurants and menus in Chinese," said Alex Bumazhny, gambling analyst with Fitch Ratings.

The Lucky Dragon Hotel and Casino is expected to open this fall, and Resorts World Las Vegas is set to begin construction in earnest by the end of the year.

By Las Vegas' standards, Lucky Dragon is a modestly sized property set on 3 acres just off the Strip. It will have 200 hotel rooms and a casino floor spanning 27,000 square feet.

Lucky Dragon executives said the new casino will focus on domestic Chinese gamblers, calling them an underserved niche market made up of Chinese-Americans and Chinese people who live in America's ethnic enclaves, including local Las Vegas, the reliable weekend hordes from California, and tourists from the Pacific Northwest and East Coast.

The mega resorts catering to Chinese gamblers target "ultra-high-end players," while the more casual Chinese bettors are left with more generic amenities designed for "American white people," said Dave Jacoby, Lucky Dragon's chief operating officer.

"We're playing on the existing market that isn't served well," Jacoby said.

The developer is a privately held entity known as the Las Vegas Economic Impact Regional Center. The casino is financed with money from Chinese investors through the EB-5 visa program, which grants

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green cards to foreigners in return for investments of at least \$500,000 on job-creating projects. Jacoby said Lucky Dragon was an easy sell given Las Vegas' appeal in China.

For the years-delayed Resorts World on the Strip's northern end, the blossoming Chinese tourism business will be a bonus by the time it opens, now projected for March 2019.

The \$4 billion casino resort property has been in the works since 2013, with an original opening date of 2016. It is planned to have 3,100 rooms and 100,000 square feet of gambling space, along with restaurants and shops spread across its 88-acre site. Plans for a convention center, panda habitat and 4,000-seat theater are on hold for the initial construction phase.

Resorts World marks the latest entry into the U.S. market for the Malaysia-based Genting Group, which owns resort and casino properties around the world.

Gerald Gardner, the casino's general counsel and senior vice president of government affairs, said Resorts World expects to build its Las Vegas business through its existing branding among Chinese already familiar with its Asian properties. In Sin City, the primary target will be domestic visitors because no other Asian-themed properties exist on the Strip. On the radar, though, is a plan to capture Chinese tourists as they begin to visit in greater numbers.

"The real spikes in Las Vegas revenue occur when several things happen in a short period of time," Gardner said.

China's Hainan Airlines announced Aug. 4 that it was seeking final U.S. approval to start nonstop flights between Las Vegas and Beijing. The service is expected to begin in December with flights three days a week at McCarran International Airport. The only other direct flights to or from Asia are offered on a Korean Air route out of Seoul.

Just 16 percent of Las Vegas' record 42 million tourists in 2015 came from other countries, according to the city's tourism board. The most recent figures from 2014 also show that while the Chinese account for a large share, travelers from Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom make up the bulk of international visitors.

Officials said Chinese tourists largely have been undercounted because of the lack of nonstop flight service. Those travelers come to Las Vegas after entering the U.S. through other hubs, such as Los Angeles, Seattle or Chicago, according to Joel Chusid, Hainan Airlines' executive director in the U.S.

"The market is there," Chusid said. "It just hasn't fully been touched."

Tourism officials and experts said that although Macau's casino empire remains a competitor for Las Vegas' gambling revenue, the new nonstop flight will be a catalyst for the Chinese to see — and spend their money on — other parts of the state and region, such as the Grand Canyon, Lake Tahoe and Death Valley.

"The growth opportunity is just so huge," said Bethany Drysdale, spokeswoman for the state tourism board, which has deployed marketing efforts in China for more than a decade. "It's huge for Las Vegas, and since Las Vegas is a gateway to the rest of the state, it's huge for Nevada."

Prosecutor to mull death penalty opposition in nuns' slaying

EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS, Associated Press

DURANT, Miss. (AP) — A Mississippi prosecutor said she hasn't decided whether to seek the death penalty for a man charged with killing two nuns who dedicated their lives to helping people in one of the poorest counties in the nation.

Relatives and colleagues of Sisters Margaret Held and Paula Merrill have publicly expressed their opposition to execution. A judge denied bond Monday to Rodney Earl Sanders, 46, of Kosciusko, Missis-

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Mississippi, who is charged with two counts of capital murder, one count of burglary and one count of grand larceny.

Capital murder under Mississippi law is a killing committed along with another felony. It is punishable by execution by lethal injection or by life in prison.

Held and Merrill, both 68, were found stabbed to death in their home in Durant after they failed to show up to work last Thursday at a medical clinic in nearby Lexington, where they were nurse practitioners.

"We are going to consider the heinous nature of the crime and their wishes," District Attorney Akillie Malone-Oliver said Monday, referring to the death penalty opposition by families of the sisters and their religious orders.

Sanders has been held in an undisclosed jail since his arrest late Friday. Accompanied by at least seven law-enforcement officers, he made a brief court appearance Monday before Durant City Judge Jim Arnold, who denied bond and said the state will appoint an attorney after Sanders indicated he could not afford one.

Sanders — who had been living about 15 miles east of the sisters' Durant home — confessed to the killings but gave no reason, said Holmes County Sheriff Willie March, who was briefed by Durant police and Mississippi Bureau of Investigation officials who took part in Sanders' interrogation.

Warren Strain, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, which includes the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, said the organization would neither confirm nor deny that Sanders confessed.

Sanders' wife attended the hearing and broke down afterward when addressing the family and friends of the nuns.

"I'm sorry. I don't know what to say to y'all. I'm so sorry. ... I'm so sorry. I can't take this. Oh, my God," Marie Sanders said, sobbing.

At Lexington Medical Clinic, about 10 miles west of Durant, Held and Merrill often treated poor and uninsured patients with diabetes and other chronic conditions. The clinic and the nuns' home in Durant are in Holmes County, population 18,000. With 44 percent of its residents living in poverty, Holmes is the seventh-poorest county in America, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Hours before Sanders' court appearance, Bishop Joseph Kopacz and more than 20 priests from the Diocese of Jackson celebrated a memorial Mass at the small but ornate Cathedral of St. Peter in downtown Jackson, about an hour's drive south of Durant. Hundreds of people attended, and the front pews were filled by family members and sisters from Held's and Merrill's religious orders, the Kentucky-based Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and the School Sisters of St. Francis of Milwaukee.

The Rev. Greg Plata, who ministers at the church in Lexington, Mississippi, where Held and Merrill led Bible study, praised them for their lives of service. Plata also noted the joint statement against the death penalty released Sunday by the sisters' orders.

"Justice for a heinous crime demands punishment, but it does not demand revenge," Plata said.

Records from the Iowa Department of Corrections show Sanders was in prison from June 2004 to February 2011 on a conviction of second-degree robbery. Records show he also was in prison in Iowa from August 1999 to August 2002 on a conviction of theft, and from April to October 1996 for two counts of third-offense drunken driving.

Sanders was on probation after a prison term for a felony drunken-driving conviction in Mississippi last year, said Grace Simmons Fisher, a spokeswoman for the Mississippi Department of Corrections. He was also convicted of armed robbery in Holmes County, sentenced in 1986 and served six years.

Trump's deportation waffle highlights campaign weaknesses

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Donald Trump and his aides used to say that voters didn't care about the nitty-gritty of policy details. But now those details are tripping up his campaign.

For more than a week now, as he's tried to shine the spotlight on his rival, Trump has appeared to wrestle with one of his signature proposals: A pledge to expel everyone living in the U.S. illegally with the help of a "deportation force."

At a Fox News town hall taping last week, in the face of pressing questions, the GOP nominee proceeded to poll the audience at length on the fate of an estimated 11 million people. It was a stunning display of indecision from a candidate who has asked voters to put enormous faith in his gut instincts.

Trump is now planning a major speech Wednesday, during which he's expected to finally clarify his stance. Supporters are hoping for a strong, decisive showing. But the episode underscores how little time his campaign has invested in outlining how he would accomplish his goals as president, especially when compared with the detailed plans of his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton. And for critics, many already disposed to vote against him, his wavering on what has been his signature issue seems like a warning that he's unable to handle a central element of any president's job — making decisions.

"It's just puzzling," said Lanhee Chen, who has served as a policy adviser to several Republican presidential candidates. "This is the issue on which he rose to prominence in the primary and the issue on which he continues to stake much of his campaign."

From the start, Trump has never been the kind of candidate to pore over thick policy books.

Indeed, he has mocked Clinton on the subject.

"She's got people that sit in cubicles writing policy all day. Nothing's ever going to happen. It's just a waste of paper," he told Time Magazine in June. "My voters don't care and the public doesn't care. They know you're going to do a good job once you're there."

To date, Trump's campaign has posted just seven policy proposals on his website, totaling just over 9,000 words. There are 38 on Clinton's "issues" page, ranging from efforts to cure Alzheimer's disease to Wall Street and criminal justice reform, and her campaign boasts that it has now released 65 policy fact sheets, totaling 112,735 words.

"I've laid out the best I could, the specific plans and ideas that I want to pursue as your president because I have this old-fashioned idea," Clinton said during a recent speech in Colorado. "When you run for president, you ought to tell people what you want to do as their president."

Trump's new campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, has said she's pushing her boss to get more specific. Yet his positions on a host of issues remain vague at best.

For example, while Trump has slammed the Common Core education standards and touts the benefits of local control of education, he has no formal, detailed plans for improving public schools. He talks about student loan debt and the increasing costs of higher education, but has yet to propose solutions. He has teased plans to make childcare more affordable, but has missed his own deadline for unveiling them.

Trump's supporters say questions about his recent waffling on the deportation question are overblown. His running mate, Mike Pence, describes him as "a CEO at work" as he consults with various stakeholders.

"You see someone who is engaging the American people, listening to the American people," Pence told CNN on Sunday. "He is hearing from all sides."

But Chen, the Republican policy adviser, said a President Trump arriving at the White House without detailed plans could be limited in how much he might achieve, since a new president's power is at its apex early on.

"If you're not able to hit the ground running, chances are you're going to run into serious resistance if you sit there studying something for the first 100 days," he said.

Kasich back in New Hampshire with nostalgia, eye on future

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE, Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Ohio Gov. John Kasich is campaigning again in New Hampshire.

The former presidential candidate and chief Donald Trump critic is the first of 2016's failed GOP hopefuls to return to the state since the February primary.

Kasich is in New Hampshire this time on behalf of Republican gubernatorial candidate Chris Sununu. But on a two-day trip through the state, he also is unabashedly visiting for himself.

"I intend to keep speaking, and you all in New Hampshire gave me the chance to do it," Kasich declared to supporters at a Sunday gathering laced with nostalgia that at times felt like a campaign stump. "I don't want to blow it."

Kasich credits New Hampshire, home of the first primary, with keeping his presidential hopes alive after he took second in February's contest. His trip, which ended Monday, marked his first return since.

Kasich is ribbing reporters for speculating about a 2020 candidacy — but he's hinting at interest.

"You know anything's possible," he told The Associated Press on Sunday. "But if I said too much my wife not might let me move back in when I get home from New Hampshire."

Since exiting the race in May, Kasich has refused to back Trump, saying the Republican nominee is too divisive. But he's on a cross-country tour campaigning with down-ballot Republicans. He's stumped with Sens. Mark Kirk of Illinois, Rob Portman of Ohio and one-time primary rival Rand Paul of Kentucky. His calendar includes events in Nevada, Georgia, Arizona, Florida and Massachusetts.

These trips offer Kasich an opportunity to stay visible on a national scale even as he effectively sits out the presidential election. Kasich said the Republican party is stuck in the 1980s and needs a "whole new agenda" — one that he'd like a hand in building. He envisions a party focused more on treating drug addiction and mental illness, student debt and the high costs of prescription drugs, ideas that sound more out of a Hillary Clinton speech than one from Trump.

"If you're singing a song that was written 30 years ago, unless you're Frank Sinatra, people lose interest," Kasich said of the party's agenda.

But Kasich's visit to New Hampshire notably packs more weight than his other campaign stops. Sununu is the only non-incumbent whom Kasich is endorsing in a contested primary, and though Sununu is part of a well-known New Hampshire political family, he does not have a lock on winning the Sept. 13 primary — a four-way contest. Sununu's brother, former U.S. Sen. John E. Sununu, was one of Kasich's strongest backers in the primary. The two-day stop didn't include events with Sen. Kelly Ayotte, who is choreographing a difficult dance around Trump in her highly competitive re-election bid.

The list of attendees at Kasich's Sunday gathering, billed as a thank you to his supporters, included long-time backers and a who's who of New Hampshire Republicans. He's not hiding his joy at being back in front of a state that has treated him well before, and may again.

"Do you understand how much I love you all?" he asked. "I don't think you understand this."

Jim Merrill, a Republican operative who ran Mitt Romney's New Hampshire campaigns, said Kasich's return is outside the norm. Past White House hopefuls have returned to New Hampshire during the general election before, but typically to campaign with the winning nominee.

"It's certainly uncommon for a candidate who ran during this cycle to come back to New Hampshire to rally his former supporters rather than come up and support the ticket," Merrill said.

Still, Kasich and other Republicans must navigate the waters of 2016 before 2020 is in play.

Although he made himself one of Trump's most high-profile critics, Kasich becomes visibly annoyed when asked to comment on several of the businessman's recent remarks, including his shifting stance on immigration. Kasich was one of the GOP candidates to embrace a path to legalization for people living in the country illegally. It's a position that hurt him in the primary but might have helped him appeal to more moderate general election voters.

Trump now finds himself wrestling with the same issue, and gave a series of mixed signals last week on whether he still supports using a deportation force to remove people who are in the United States illegally. He is set to deliver a speech on Wednesday clarifying his stance.

"Everything that I mean to say, I've said with my actions louder than my words," Kasich said. "I really don't have anything more to add about Donald Trump."

Kasich declares he will not vote for Clinton either. But he's offering no clarity for voters who face the same dilemma. Asked if he'd definitely vote for a candidate for president in November, Kasich simply said: "We'll see."

Penn State tries to move forward without abandoning Paterno

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Legends tend to linger in college football even after they are gone. At Penn State, getting out from under Joe Paterno's shadow is more complicated than the typical transition from a coaching giant.

After being the most stable — in many ways stagnant — football program in the country for nearly five decades, Penn State has been awash in change in the five years since Jerry Sandusky became infamous and dragged down Paterno with him.

Moving forward has required Penn State's new leaders to perform a most difficult maneuver: Distancing the school from a child sexual-abuse scandal that drew worldwide attention and shook Happy Valley, while not appearing to abandon the memory of the coach who many Penn Staters believe gave the university an identity for which they can still be proud.

"I think that is the ultimate challenge here," Penn State coach James Franklin told The Associated Press. "How do you balance the history, the traditions, all the wonderful things that are deep rooted here and have been here forever, (while) also making moves that you need to be progressive and to be moving towards a healthy present and a healthy future."

Franklin is entering his third season at Penn State. For the first time this season, Franklin will have the full allotment of 85 scholarships available when the Nittany Lions open at home against Kent State on Saturday. Penn State has gone 7-6 each of Franklin's first two years.

Moving forward at Penn State, though, is not just about getting past NCAA scholarship sanctions and bowl bans.

For Franklin, the 44-year-old first African-American football coach in Penn State history, one challenge is trying to get former players to actively support a program that no longer feels like home.

"The ones that have come back and been around us and spent time with us and come to practice have been really good," the former Vanderbilt coach said. "But there's been a group of guys that haven't been back because once again there's a fracture. There's still hurt feelings. It's not as just simple as the new coach."

Paterno coached at Penn State for 46 seasons. He was fired by the school's board of trustees days after Sandusky, his longtime defensive coordinator, was arrested in November 2011 for molesting and raping boys. Paterno died two and a half months later of lung cancer.

The statue of Paterno was removed from outside Beaver Stadium on July 22, 2012. Paterno's name

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is still on the campus library built in part by his donations, but highly visible and university sponsored signs of him are hard to find.

"I think Penn State needs to embrace Joe Paterno for who he was, for what he did at Penn State, unequivocally and without hesitation," said Anthony Lubrano, a Penn State alum and elected member of the board of trustees.

Lubrano said the university at minimum needs to apologize to Paterno's wife, Sue, display the statue again and rename the stadium Paterno Field at Beaver Stadium.

While juggling wishes of ardent supporters like Lubrano, university leadership is also trying to convey to those for whom Paterno will never be completely redeemed that Penn State's values were not tied directly to one man.

Splits in the relationship between Penn State and its supporters can take a practical toll on the university and athletic department's ability to compete with Michigan and Ohio State in the Big Ten. According to a university report, private support and donations to Penn State have seesawed widely since the scandal, from a high of \$274.8 million in 2011 to \$226 million in 2015.

Penn State's average attendance the last four seasons is 98,685, among the best in the country. But Beaver Stadium seats 107,000-plus and 9,000 empty seats per game costs the athletic department millions.

Athletic director Sandy Barbour and her team are considering a massive facilities upgrade, including either a renovation or a rebuild of the 56-year-old stadium. Donors will be needed, but the mere suggestion of taking down the stadium was not well received by some fans, Barbour said.

Barbour and Franklin try to stress that they will protect the things Paterno left behind that Penn Staters value most: Continuing Paterno's so-called Grand Experiment of prioritizing academics and character and winning the right way.

"Depending on their position people may look at him differently, but it doesn't change that he created that here. Or helped to create that here," said Barbour, the former California AD.

As outsiders trying to lead an athletic department that had the same face for nearly 50 years, Barbour and Franklin understand full support and acceptance will take time. Winning more football games would help, but there's a chicken-and-egg relationship between support and winning.

"I think we are still going through a healing process. I think what made Penn State successful for so long, and I think if you look at the programs across the country that were having success at the highest levels, everybody's aligned," Franklin said. "The head football coach, the athletic director, the president, the board and the alumni. That's what Penn State was for a long time. We need to get back to that to be the program that everybody wants us to be."

Many in the Penn State community are not yet ready to let go of how the school and Paterno were blamed and punished for the crimes of Sandusky, who is serving a 60-year prison sentence.

"And what many Penn Staters believe that the entirety of the Penn State community was accused of is really difficult for them to process," Barbour said. "That as a Penn State alum, as a Penn State employee, they're being painted with that brush."

The Paterno family and their staunchest supporters, including some of Penn State's most famous football alumni such as Hall of Fame running back Franco Harris, have dug in on redeeming the coach.

"Since Joe Paterno died, a lot of people suddenly got brave and said a lot of things about him that weren't true because he couldn't defend himself," Jay Paterno, Joe's son and a former Penn State assistant coach, said in a recent speech to the Lake Erie Alumni Association.

The latest round of allegations came in May from unsealed court documents, with an alleged Sandusky victim saying he complained to Paterno about Sandusky in 1976 and was rebuffed. University

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President Eric Barron responded with a carefully worded defense of the school and Paterno.

"None of these allegations about the supposed knowledge of university employees has been substantiated in a court of law or in any other process to test their veracity," Barron said.

But Barron, Barbour and Franklin can only go so far in their recognition of Paterno.

The 50th anniversary of Paterno's first game as Penn State coach is Sept. 17, when the Nittany Lions host Temple. There is a celebration in the works and a dinner being planned for family members, friends and former players in the State College area the night before the game. No event is scheduled yet to acknowledge the anniversary at Beaver Stadium.

"No matter what position as leadership you take on the continuum, there are others that are going to criticize," Barbour said. "Those that think that Penn State's not been stood up for enough. There are those that think Coach Paterno has not been stood up for enough. There are those that think Coach Paterno has been stood up for too much. It's all along the continuum. For leadership, really for anybody, that's a challenge."

Penn State football will never be the same, but there is hope for those who believe some things should never change.

"Have these times been difficult?" senior offensive lineman Andrew Nelson said. "Yeah, sure. But Penn State is defined by the tradition, you know? It's defined by the academics. It's defined by the type of guys that come play here. It doesn't matter exactly who's sitting in that head coaching position, we have special things here. After a while, Coach Franklin really helped us buy into that. And he bought into that, too. What makes Penn State special will always be here."

IS buried thousands in 72 mass graves, AP finds

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HARDAN, Iraq (AP) — Surrounded by smoke and flames, the sound of gunshots echoing around him, the young man crouched in the creek for hours, listening to the men in his family die.

On the other side of the mountain, another survivor peered through binoculars as the handcuffed men of neighboring villages were shot and then buried by a waiting bulldozer. For six days he watched as the extremists filled one grave after another with his friends and relatives.

Between them, the two scenes of horror on Sinjar mountain contain six burial sites and the bodies of more than 100 people, just a small fraction of the mass graves Islamic State extremists have scattered across Iraq and Syria.

In exclusive interviews, photos and research, The Associated Press has documented and mapped 72 of the mass graves, the most comprehensive survey so far, with many more expected to be uncovered as the Islamic State group's territory shrinks. In Syria, AP has obtained locations for 17 mass graves, including one with the bodies of hundreds of members of a single tribe all but exterminated when IS extremists took over their region. For at least 16 of the Iraqi graves, most in territory too dangerous to excavate, officials do not even guess the number of dead. In others, the estimates are based on memories of traumatized survivors, Islamic State propaganda and what can be gleaned from a cursory look at the earth. Still, even the known victims buried are staggering — from 5,200 to more than 15,000.

Sinjar mountain is dotted with mass graves, some in territory clawed back from IS after the group's onslaught against the Yazidi minority in August 2014; others in the deadly no man's land that has yet to be secured.

The bodies of Talal Murat's father, uncles and cousins lie beneath the rubble of the family farm, awaiting a time when it is safe for surviving relatives to return to the place where the men were gunned

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down. On Sinjar's other flank, Rasho Qassim drives daily past the graves holding the bodies of his two sons. The road is in territory long since seized back, but the five sites are untouched, roped off and awaiting the money or the political will for excavation, as the evidence they contain is scoured away by the wind and baked by the sun.

"We want to take them out of here. There are only bones left. But they said 'No, they have to stay there, a committee will come and exhume them later,'" said Qassim, standing at the edge of the flimsy fence surrounding one site, where his two sons are buried. "It has been two years but nobody has come."

IS made no attempt to hide its atrocities. In fact it boasted of them. But proving what United Nations officials and others have described as an ongoing genocide — and prosecuting those behind it — will be complicated as the graves deteriorate.

"We see clear evidence of the intent to destroy the Yazidi people," said Naomi Kikoler, who recently visited the region for the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. "There's been virtually no effort to systematically document the crimes perpetrated, to preserve the evidence, and to ensure that mass graves are identified and protected."

Then there are the graves still out of reach. The Islamic State group's atrocities extend well outside the Yazidi region in northern Iraq.

Satellites offer the clearest look at massacres such as the one at Badoush Prison in June 2014 that left 600 male inmates dead. A patch of scraped earth and tire tracks show the likely killing site, according to exclusive photos obtained by the imagery intelligence firm AllSource Analysis.

Of the 72 mass graves documented by AP, the smallest contains three bodies; the largest is believed to hold thousands, but no one knows for sure.

ALL THEY COULD DO WAS WATCH THE SLAUGHTER

On the northern flank of Sinjar mountain, five grave sites ring a desert crossroads. It is here that the young men of Hardan village are buried, under thistles and piles of cracked earth. They were killed in the bloody IS offensive of August 2014.

Through his binoculars, Arkan Qassem watched it all. His village, Gurmiz, is just up the slope from Hardan, giving a clear view over the plain below. When the jihadis swept over the area, everyone in Gurmiz fled up the mountaintop for refuge. Then Arkan and nine other men returned to their village with light weapons to try to defend their homes.

Instead, all they could do was watch the slaughter below. Arkan witnessed the militants set up checkpoints, preventing residents from leaving. Women and children were taken away.

Then the killings began. The first night, Arkan saw the militants line up a group of handcuffed men in the headlights of a bulldozer at an intersection, less than a kilometer (half mile) down the slope from Gurmiz. They gunned the men down, then the bulldozer plowed the earth over their bodies.

Over six days, Arkan and his comrades watched helplessly as the fighters brought out three more groups of men — several dozen each, usually with hands bound — to the crossroads and killed them. He didn't always see what they did with the bodies. One time, he saw them lighting a bonfire, but he couldn't see why.

Finally, the jihadis brought in artillery and prepared to make an assault on Gurmiz. Arkan and his comrades fled up the mountain to where their families had taken refuge.

Now, since IS fighters were driven out of the area, the 32-year-old has returned to his home. But he's haunted by the site. As documented by the aid group Yazda, which has mapped the Sinjar sites, the graves are in a rough pentagon flanking the crossroads, largely unprotected. Around one of them is a mesh fence and a wind-battered sign. As Arkan spoke at the site, a shepherd herded his flock nearby.

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"I have lots of people I know there. Mostly friends and neighbors," he said. "It's very difficult to look at them every day."

"THIS BODY IS WEARING MY FATHER'S CLOTHES"

As IS fighters swarmed into the Sinjar area in early August 2014, Talal fled his town along with his father, mother, four sisters and younger brother. They and dozens of other men, women and children from his extended clan converged on an uncle's farm outside the town of Tel Azer. They prayed it was remote enough to escape the killings that were already engulfing so many Yazidis.

It wasn't.

The jihadis fired at the house from a distance. Then they rolled up in their vehicles and shot one man in the head as they stood in the yard. They surrounded the farmhouse, ordered everyone outside and demanded the impossible: Convert.

The Yazidi faith, one of the region's oldest, has elements of Christianity and Islam but is distinct. Yazidis worship the Peacock Angel, fallen and forgiven by God under their tradition, and their shrines feature carved images of the birds and references to the sun. Muslim extremists condemned them as "devil worshippers" and over the centuries have subjected them to multiple massacres — 72, by the Yazidis' count.

In its own propaganda, the Islamic State group made clear its intention to wipe out the Yazidi community. In an issue of its online English-language magazine Dabiq, it scolded Muslims for allowing the Yazidis to continue existing, calling their ancient religion a form of paganism. It quoted Quranic verses to justify killing the Yazidis unless they become Muslim.

Thwarted in their halfhearted attempt at conversions, the fighters separated about 35 teenage girls and young women from the rest, crammed them into a few cars and drove away. The militants herded the older women and young children into the farmhouse and locked the door.

Then they lined the men and teenaged boys against the wall of the stables — around 40 in all, including Talal.

There were too many of them, too bunched up, to efficiently mow down, so the fighters then ordered them to lie on the ground in a row, Talal said. That was when his uncle told him to make a run for it. Talal bolted into his uncle's hayfield, as did several other men. The militants fired at them, and the bullets ignited the hay, dry from the summer sun. The fire covered Talal's escape, and he took shelter in a nearby creek.

There he hid, listening as the gunmen shot his family to death. He eventually fled toward the mountain, joined by three others who had survived the massacre. Four out of 40.

Back at the farm, the gunmen eventually left and the women and children emerged, looking around with growing horror.

Nouri Murat, Talal's mother, found her husband. His body was untouched, but his head was shattered. Her daughters, she said, were confused at first. "This is strange, this body is wearing my father's clothes," one of them said. As Nouri frantically searched around the property for any surviving menfolk, her 9-year-old daughter Rukhan lay down beside her father's corpse.

Finally, other women persuaded the family to head to the mountain before the Islamic State fighters returned.

As they began the long walk north, Nouri noticed Rukhan's bloody fist. Fearing her daughter was wounded, she pried open the girl's clenched fingers. Inside were a handful of her father's teeth.

"THEY DON'T EVEN TRY TO HIDE THEIR CRIMES"

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Nearly every area freed from IS control has unmasked new mass graves, like one found by the sports stadium in the Iraqi city of Ramadi. Many of the graves themselves are easy enough to find, most covered with just a thin coating of earth.

"They don't even try to hide their crimes," said Sirwan Jalal, the director of Iraqi Kurdistan's agency in charge of mass graves. "They are beheading them, shooting them, running them over in cars, all kinds of killing techniques, and they don't even try to hide it."

No one outside IS has seen the Iraqi ravine where hundreds of Shiite prison inmates were killed point blank and then torched. Satellite images of scraped dirt along the river point to its location, according to Steve Wood of AllSource. His analysts triangulated survivors' accounts and began to systematically search the desert according to their descriptions of that day, June 10, 2014.

The inmates were separated out by religion, and Shiites were loaded onto trucks, driven for a few kilometers (miles) and forced to line up and count off, according to accounts by 15 survivors gathered by Human Rights Watch. Then they knelt along the edge of the crescent-shaped ravine, according to a report cited by AllSource.

"I was number 43. I heard them say '615,' and then one ISIS guy said, 'We're going to eat well tonight.' A man behind us asked, 'Are you ready?' Another person answered 'Yes,' and began shooting at us with a machine-gun. Then they all started to shoot us from behind, going down the row," according to the Human Rights Watch account of a survivor identified only as A.S.

The men survived by pretending to be dead.

Using their accounts and others, AllSource examined an image from July 17, 2014, that appeared to show the location as described, between a main road and the railway outside Mosul. The bodies are believed to be packed tightly together, side by side in a space approximately the length of two football fields end to end, in what the AllSource analysis described as a "sardine trench." Tire tracks lead to and from the site.

"There's actually earth that has been pushed over and actually moved to cover parts of the ravine. As we look across the entire ravine we only see that in this one location," said Wood. "Ultimately there are many, many more sites across Iraq and Syria that have yet to be either forensically exhumed or be able to be detailed and there's quite a bit more research that needs to take place."

The key, Wood said, is having photos to indicate a grave's location taken soon after its creation.

Justice has been done in at least one IS mass killing — that of about 1,700 Iraqi soldiers who were forced to lie face-down in a ditch and then machine-gunned at Camp Speicher. On Aug. 21, 36 men convicted in those killings were hanged at Iraq's Nasiriyah prison.

But justice is likely to be elusive in areas still firmly under IS control, even though the extremists have filmed themselves committing the atrocities. That's the case for a deep natural sinkhole outside Mosul that is now a pit of corpses. In Syria's Raqqa province, thousands of bodies are believed to have been thrown into the giant al-Houta crevasse.

Conditions in much of Syria remain a mystery. Activists believe there are hundreds of mass graves in IS-controlled areas that can only be explored when fighting stops. By that time, they fear any effort to document the massacres, exhume and identify the remains will become infinitely more complicated.

Working behind IS lines, local residents have informally documented some mass graves, even partially digging some up. Some of the worst have been found in the eastern province of Deir el-Zour. There, 400 members of the Shueitat tribe were found in one grave, just some of the up to 1,000 members of the tribe believed to have been massacred by IS when the militants took over the area, said Ziad Awad, the editor of an online publication on Deir el-Zour called The Eye of the City who is trying to document

the graves.

In Raqqa province, the bodies of 160 Syrian soldiers, killed when IS overran their base, were found in seven large pits.

So far, at least 17 mass graves are known, though largely unreachable, in a list put together from AP interviews with activists from Syrian provinces still under IS rule as well as fighters and residents in former IS strongholds.

"This is a drop in an ocean of mass graves expected to be discovered in the future in Syria," said Awad.

Comic performer Gene Wilder kept his serious side off camera

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Revered as a comedic and storytelling genius by Hollywood's top entertainers, Gene Wilder was a humble man who downplayed his comic gifts, was a serious director and remained deferential to his longtime collaborator, Mel Brooks.

"I am him in fantasy," Wilder once said of playing the lead in Brooks' films.

After Wilder's death was announced Monday, Brooks called his colleague "one of the truly great talents of our time."

"He blessed every film we did together with his special magic and he blessed my life with his friendship," Brooks said in a statement. "He will be so missed."

Wilder died Sunday night of complications from Alzheimer's disease at age 83. His nephew, Jordan Walker-Pearlman, said Wilder was diagnosed with the disease three years ago, but kept the condition private so as not to disappoint fans.

Though Wilder started his acting career on the stage, millions knew him from his work in the movies, especially the ones he made with Brooks, such as "The Producers," "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein." The last film — with Wilder playing a California-born descendant of the mad scientist, insisting that his name is pronounced "Frah-ken-SHTEEN" — was co-written by Brooks and Wilder and earned the pair an Oscar nod for adapted screenplay.

With his unkempt hair and big, buggy eyes, Wilder was a master at playing panicked characters caught up in schemes that only a madman such as Brooks could devise, whether reviving a monster in "Young Frankenstein" or bilking Broadway in "The Producers." Brooks would call him "God's perfect prey, the victim in all of us."

But he also knew how to keep it cool as the boozing gunslinger in "Blazing Saddles" or the charming candy man in "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." His craziest role: the therapist having an affair with a sheep in Woody Allen's "Everything You Wanted to Know About Sex."

Wilder was close friends with Richard Pryor and their contrasting personas — Wilder uptight, Pryor loose — were ideal for comedy. They co-starred in four films: "Silver Streak," "Stir Crazy," "See No Evil, Hear No Evil" and "Another You."

But Wilder insisted he was not a comedian. He told Robert Osborne in 2013 it was the biggest misconception about him.

"What a comic, what a funny guy, all that stuff! And I'm not. I'm really not. Except in a comedy in films," Wilder said. "But I make my wife laugh once or twice in the house, but nothing special. But when people see me in a movie and it's funny then they stop and say things to me about 'how funny you were.' But I don't think I'm that funny. I think I can be in the movies."

He could be quite serious, said actress Carol Kane, his co-star in 1977's "The World's Greatest Lover."

"I don't think Gene was depressed, but he was very serious and very sensitive and not afraid to expose what many people would call a feminine side, an emotional side," she said Monday.

A Milwaukee native, Wilder was born Jerome Silberman on June 11, 1933. When he was 6, his mother

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suffered a heart attack that left her a semi-invalid. He soon began improvising comedy skits to entertain her, the first indication of his future career.

He started taking acting classes at age 12 and continued studying through college. In 1961, Wilder became a member of Lee Strasberg's prestigious Actor's Studio in Manhattan.

That same year, he adopted the stage name Gene Wilder and made both his off-Broadway and Broadway debuts. He won the Clarence Derwent Award, given to promising newcomers, for the Broadway work in Graham Greene's comedy "The Complaisant Lover." A key break came when he co-starred with Anne Bancroft in Bertolt Brecht's "Mother Courage" in 1963.

A few years later, Brooks cast Wilder in "The Producers," for which Wilder was nominated for a supporting actor Academy Award. Brooks also encouraged Wilder to become a director himself.

"He gave me the chutzpah to stand up on a chair and shout out: 'I don't know what the answer is! Somebody help me,'" Wilder told The Associated Press in a 1977 interview. "And when you can do that, people usually love you for it and rush in to help."

He went on to write several screenplays and direct five films. He married "Saturday Night Live" headliner Gilda Radner in 1984 and they costarred in two of his films: "The Woman in Red" and "Haunted Honeymoon."

"He was compassionate and inspirational and poetic as a director," Kane recalled. "And clearly one of the great clowns — the Chaplin of talkies in some way, I would say."

Wilder's desire to tell his stories well led him to pay special attention to directing himself.

"The tendency for most directors who direct themselves is to spend too little time on themselves, oddly enough. When you can finally say, 'Me, me,' you want to say, 'Oh, that's enough of me,' because it's more fun to direct the other actors than it is to direct yourself," he said in the 1977 AP interview. "When I look at the film with an audience, and I look up at the screen, I say, 'This is what I intended.'"

Djokovic's right arm troubles him at US Open; Keys wins

HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Novak Djokovic double-faulted, then shook his right arm and grimaced.

Seconds later Monday night, a weak serve produced a wince from the U.S. Open's defending champion, then was followed by a missed forehand that gave away a set — the first set dropped by Djokovic in the first round of any Grand Slam tournament since 2010.

While he managed to emerge with a 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Jerzy Janowicz of Poland, there were plenty of signs of trouble, starting with a visit from a trainer who massaged Djokovic's bothersome arm after only five games.

Asked about his health during an on-court interview, Djokovic deflected the question, saying, "I don't think it's necessary to talk about this now. I'm through. I'm taking it day by day."

When the subject arose at his news conference, Djokovic again avoided addressing the topic, saying the trainer's visit "was just prevention; it's all good."

During the match, Djokovic hit first serves around 100 mph, sometimes slower — 25 mph or so below what's normal for him. He hit second serves in the low 80s mph. He flexed that right arm, the one he has used to wield a racket on the way to 12 Grand Slam titles, and appeared generally unhappy, covering his head with a white towel at changeovers.

Djokovic's coach, Boris Becker, gnawed on his fingernails, looking nervous as can be.

All in all, Djokovic's issues figure to loom large as the tournament progresses, and therefore amounted to the most noteworthy development at Flushing Meadows, even if there were results of interest elsewhere.

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Those included No. 8-seeded Madison Keys' 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2 comeback victory over 60th-ranked Alison Riske in the last match of the night. It finished at 1:48 a.m., well after Keys took a medical timeout while a trainer worked on her right shoulder in the second set, and extended Riske's Grand Slam losing streak to 10 matches.

That was one of three intriguing all-American contests Monday. The others were 20th-seeded John Isner's comeback from two sets down to edge 18-year-old Frances Tiafoe before a rowdy, standing-room-only crowd at the new Grandstand, and 26th-seeded Jack Sock's five-set victory over another 18-year-old, Taylor Fritz.

More drama, too: A first-round loss by Rio Olympics gold medalist Monica Puig, and French Open champion Garbine Muguruza's complaints about having trouble breathing after dropping the first set of a match she would go on to win in three.

This was the No. 1-ranked Djokovic's first match at a major since losing to Sam Querrey in the third round of Wimbledon, which ended the Serb's bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam after titles at the Australian Open and French Open. He exited the Rio Olympics in the first round this month, then sat out the Cincinnati Masters because of a sore left wrist.

"After all I've been through in last couple of weeks, it's pleasing, of course, to finish the match and win it," said Djokovic, who lost to his next opponent, Jiri Vesely, at Monte Carlo in April. "Look, each day presents us some kind of challenges that we need to overcome, accept and overcome."

The wrist appeared to be just fine against Janowicz, a former top-20 player who reached the semifinals at Wimbledon in 2013 and is now ranked 247th after his own series of injuries.

Earlier in Arthur Ashe Stadium, Rafael Nadal stood near the net after winning his first Grand Slam match in three months — 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 against Denis Istomin — and unraveled the thick wrap of white tape protecting his all-important left wrist. He said he's still not back to hitting his forehand the way he does when he's at his best.

Nadal's afternoon match was played with the new \$150 million retractable roof open under a blue sky, while offering some extra shade on a day when the temperature reached 90 degrees.

The good news for Nadal, he said afterward, is that the pain is gone from his wrist, which whips those violent, topspin-heavy forehands that are the key to his success — 14 of his 21 winners came off that wing.

The bad news for Nadal?

He still is working on feeling comfortable hitting down-the-line forehands, in particular, after sitting out — not just zero real matches, but barely any practice, either — from his withdrawal at the French Open in late May to the Olympics.

"Not easy to go 2½ months out of competition, in the middle of the season, without hitting a forehand," Nadal said. "I need to have the confidence again with my wrist."

Both Nadal and his coach, Uncle Toni, described the way Rafael changed the way he hits a forehand during the Rio Games to try to avoid pain.

Both said things are improving.

But as Toni noted: "We need a little time."

Istomin, ranked 107th, was not likely to give Nadal much of a test. So what did he think of Nadal's play Monday?

"For the first set, I was feeling that he was not hitting hard," Istomin said. "A lot of short balls."

Nadal's summation of his day: "Not very good; not very bad."

Brazil's Rousseff defends self ahead of Senate's ouster vote

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BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — On what could prove to be her last day as Brazil's president, Dilma Rousseff mounted a forceful defense of her time leading Latin America's most populous nation, warning senators that ousting her would hurt a young democracy while defiantly promising to go down fighting in what many see as a losing battle.

Rousseff, who has been suspended since May, delivered a 30-minute address Monday at her impeachment trial in the Senate, then sat for questioning by senators that ran for more than 14 hours, until just before midnight. The Senate was scheduled to begin proceedings for a final vote on whether to remove her permanently Tuesday.

Some exchanges were heated, but most were civil and traversed themes that the country has been wrestling with since an impeachment measure was introduced in the lower House of Deputies late last year, polarizing the nation.

Opposition senators accused Rousseff of breaking fiscal responsibility laws to hide holes in the federal budget, saying that exacerbated a recession that has led to 10 percent inflation and daily announcements of layoffs.

She called that nonsense, contending she broke no laws and noting previous presidents used similar accounting measures. She said she was forced to make tough choices on the budget in the face of declining revenues and a refusal by opponents in Congress to work with her.

If anything, she said, the impeachment process had hurt the economy, placing the blame on the opposition, which has argued that she has to be removed for the financial climate to improve.

"I know I will be judged, but my conscience is clear. I did not commit a crime," Rousseff told senators, who listened intently in contrast to the chamber's usual raucousness.

Watching the proceedings, Rousseff's mentor and predecessor as president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who is himself under investigation, said: "She said what she had to say."

Yet many top leaders, including Silva, have acknowledged that Rousseff's chances of surviving the Senate's final vote are slim.

For Rousseff to be removed, at least 54 of the 81 senators need to vote in favor. Counts by local media say 52 senators have said they plan on voting for removal, while 18 are opposed and 11 have not said one way or another. In May, the same body voted 55-22 to impeach and suspend her.

"I need all of you, regardless of political parties," Rousseff said in her closing remarks to senators, urging them to keep her on the job. Their response was tepid.

Earlier, Rousseff had sharp words for her vice president, Michel Temer, who took over when she was impeached and suspended and will finish her term if the Senate permanently removes her.

She called him a "usurper," and argued Brazilians would never have elected a man who named a Cabinet of all white men in a country that is more than 50 percent non-white. The Cabinet that Temer put in place in May has been roundly criticized for its lack of diversity, and three of his ministers were forced to step down within a month of taking office because of corruption allegations.

"I'm not sure when, but at some point he began to change," said Rousseff, who has repeatedly accused Temer of being the ringleader pushing for her ouster.

Temer, who stayed out of sight Monday, issued a statement calling "lies" many of the claims made about him over the last several months. The statement said Temer would not raise the retirement age to 70 or 75, eliminate sick pay or roll back labor laws.

"These and other lies were attributed in an irresponsible and frivolous way to the interim government,"

it said.

Temer's finance minister, Henrique Meirelles, has said his priority is to curb government spending and pass a pension reform.

But Monday was about Rousseff, who often appeared to be holding court, dominating the conversation as she contended that Brazil's democracy was at stake.

Brazil's first female president is a former guerrilla fighter who was jailed and tortured during the country's dictatorship, and she drew a connection between her past and the current situation.

"I can't help but taste the bitterness of injustice," Rousseff said of the impeachment effort.

She reminded those in attendance that she was re-elected in 2014, garnering more than 54 million votes, which she says should be not silenced.

Rousseff asserted that impeachment was the price she paid for refusing to quash a wide-ranging police investigation into the state oil company Petrobras, saying that corrupt lawmakers conspired to oust her to derail the investigation into billions in kickbacks at the oil giant.

The investigation has led to the jailing of top businessmen and politicians, including in her Workers' Party. But they have plenty of company: Watchdog groups estimate 60 percent of the 594 lawmakers in both chambers are being investigated for wrongdoing, many for corruption related to the Petrobras probe.

Rousseff said it was "an irony of history" that she would be judged for crimes she did not commit, by people who were accused of serious crimes.

"I ask that you be just with an honest president," she said during her initial address, her voice cracking with emotion.

Justice Dept. focuses on police treatment of mentally ill

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department lawyers investigating police agencies for claims of racial discrimination and excessive force are increasingly turning up a different problem: officers' interactions with the mentally ill.

The latest example came in Baltimore, where a critical report on that department's policies found that officers end up in unnecessarily violent confrontations with mentally disabled people who in many instances haven't even committed crimes.

The report cited instances of officers using a stun gun to subdue an agitated man who refused to leave a vacant building and of spraying mace to force a troubled person — said by his father to be unarmed and off his medications — out of an apartment.

Though past federal investigations have addressed the problem, the Baltimore report went a step further: It was the first time the Justice Department has explicitly found that a police department's policies violated the Americans with Disabilities Act. The finding is intended to chart a path to what federal officials hope will be far-reaching improvements, including better training for dispatchers and officers, diversion of more people to treatment rather than jail and stronger relationships with mental health specialists.

"Through the course of our work in the last several years on this bucket of issues, we've seen how important it is to get at the mental health issues as early in the system as possible," Vanita Gupta, head of the department's Civil Rights Division, said in an interview.

Civil rights officials say the Baltimore report builds on work they've done in investigating the treatment of the mentally ill in various settings. In Mississippi, the Hinds County jail in June agreed to better

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screening for mental illness as part of a settlement, and the Justice Department sued the state as a whole this month, saying it was illegally making mentally ill people go into state-run psychiatric hospitals.

But it's the work with police departments that often attracts the most attention. Even as police forces improve training and develop intervention teams to respond to individuals in the throes of a crisis, concerns remain that officers aren't adequately equipped for the situations and are being forced to fill the void of a resource-starved mental health infrastructure.

More than 14 percent of male jail inmates and 31 percent of female inmates are affected by serious mental illness, according to a July speech by Justice Department official Eve Hill, who said society has for too long relied on arrests and jail rather than treatment for the mentally ill.

"From the standpoint of police, they are somewhat frustrated because many of the people who are walking the streets and who are in need of help are not getting it," said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum. "They have been out on the streets, they can't afford medication, and so the police wind up being the only one they come in contact with."

The Justice Department has incorporated treatment of the mentally ill into several of its wide-ranging civil rights investigations of troubled police departments.

"I think some police departments have really made it a priority and are doing quite a bit. I don't know that that's consistent across all the departments," said Amy Watson, a mental health policy professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

A 2011 Justice Department report on Seattle criticized officers for too quickly resorting to force when encountering people with mental illness or under the influence of drugs.

In Cleveland, officers were found to use stun guns against people with limited cognitive abilities, and in one case used one on a suicidal deaf man who may not have understood their commands, according to a 2014 report.

Albuquerque, New Mexico officers responding to a domestic violence complaint used the same tactic on a man who had doused himself with gasoline, the Justice Department said.

Those cities have since reached court-enforceable consent decrees aimed at overhauling practices.

The Portland police department, which also came under investigation, agreed to new training and accountability measures under a settlement. A federal monitor in February found the Seattle police department was sending trained crisis intervention officers to "crisis events in the great majority of instances" and had given some level of training to all officers in the last two years.

Federal officials hope for a similar resolution in Baltimore, where the Justice Department says police have provided minimal training on responding to mental health crises. Under an agreement in principle, Baltimore has pledged to work more closely with disability organizations and mental health providers.

But, Gupta said, improvements can occur only if there's a system with resources in place to help the police.

"It's not about casting blame on specific actors. It's about making sure that there is adequate support for community-based mental health services in compliance with federal law," she said.

Ray Kelly, a leader of the No Boundaries Coalition, a Baltimore advocacy group, said he didn't believe Baltimore police have succeeded in separating law-abiding citizens from criminal suspects, "so they definitely don't take the time to separate the mentally ill from the criminal element or the average Joe buying drugs on one of our corners."

He said he hoped the report would foster better collaboration between police and mental health experts, so that if there's a possibility that officers are dealing with someone who's disabled, they "would call a professional that's prepared to work with this instead of using aggressive manhandling tactics like they've used in the past."

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Asian stocks mostly rise on hopes for higher US rates

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TOKYO (AP) — Asian shares were mostly higher Tuesday as hopes continued for a U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate hike later this year.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 was virtually unchanged at 16,739.49 in morning trading, losing earlier gains as the dollar weakened again. A strong dollar is a boon for Japanese exporters. South Korea's Kospi added 0.8 percent to 2,047.93 in early trading. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.7 percent to 22,989.13, while the Shanghai Composite inched up nearly 0.1 percent to 3,072.23.

WALL STREET: The Dow Jones industrial average rose 107.59 points, or 0.6 percent, to 18,502.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 11.34 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,180.38. The Nasdaq composite edged up 13.41 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,232.33.

FED FACTOR: Major U.S. banks posted solid gains on Wall Street as traders bet that the Fed was likely to nudge interest rates higher in December or even at its next policy meeting in September. Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen told a conference last week that the case for raising rates was strengthening given improvements in the economy.

THE QUOTE: "The Federal Reserve's rate-hike decision is largely based on three main indicators: the performance of the labor market, economic activity and inflation. In light of strong jobs reports over the last two months, the likelihood of an impending rate hike has substantially increased," said Margaret Yang Yan, market analyst at CMC Markets Singapore.

JOBS DATA: Global markets are awaiting the U.S. Labor Department monthly jobs data, being released Friday, for signs on whether a U.S. recovery is on solid footing. Data on Japan released Tuesday showed an improvement in unemployment, but worries about growth momentum remain.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 13 cents to \$47.11. It had fallen 66 cents to \$46.98 a barrel Monday. Brent crude, used to price oil internationally, added 6 cents to \$49.51 a barrel.

CURRENCIES: The dollar stood unchanged from late Monday at 102.21. The euro was also unchanged at \$ 1.1177.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 30, the 243rd day of 2016. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 30, 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's emancipation order was countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln).

On this date:

In 1862, Confederate forces won victories against the Union at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia, and the Battle of Richmond in Kentucky.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1935, the film "Anna Karenina," MGM's version of the Tolstoy novel starring Greta Garbo, opened in New York.

In 1945, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

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In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, which was intended to promote private development of nuclear energy.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space as he blasted off aboard the Challenger.

In 1984, the space shuttle Discovery was launched on its inaugural flight.

In 1986, Soviet authorities arrested Nicholas Daniloff, a correspondent for U.S. News and World Report, as a spy a week after American officials arrested Gennadiy Zakharov, a Soviet employee of the United Nations, on espionage charges in New York. (Both men were later released.)

In 1989, a federal jury in New York found "hotel queen" Leona Helmsley guilty of income tax evasion, but acquitted her of extortion. (Helmsley ended up serving 18 months behind bars, a month at a half-way house and two months under house arrest.)

In 1991, Azerbaijan (ah-zur-by-JAHN') declared its independence, joining the stampede of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: Hurricane John lashed tourist resorts with heavy winds and rain as the dangerous Category 4 storm marched up Mexico's Pacific coast. Actor Glenn Ford died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 90. Naguib Mahfouz (nuh-GEEB' mah-FOOS'), the first Arab writer to win the Nobel Prize in literature, died in Cairo, Egypt, at age 94.

Five years ago: National Guard helicopters rushed food and water to a dozen cut-off Vermont towns after the rainy remnants of Hurricane Irene washed out roads and bridges in a deluge that had taken many people in the landlocked New England state by surprise. Libyan rebels said they were closing in on Moammar Gadhafi and issued an ultimatum to loyalists in his hometown of Sirte (surt), his main remaining bastion: Surrender, or face attack.

One year ago: The White House announced that President Barack Obama would change the name of North America's tallest mountain peak from Mount McKinley to Denali, bestowing the traditional Alaska Native name on the eve of a historic presidential visit to Alaska. Jake Arrieta pitched the sixth no-hitter of the season and second against the Los Angeles Dodgers in 10 days, leading the Chicago Cubs to a 2-0 victory. Tokyo won the Little League World Series, defeating Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, 18-11. Neurologist Dr. Oliver Sacks, 82, author of "The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat," died in New York. Movie writer-director Wes Craven, 76, who startled audiences with suburban slashers like "Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Scream," died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Daily is 89. Actress Elizabeth Ashley is 77. Actor Ben Jones is 75. Cartoonist R. Crumb is 73. Olympic gold medal skier Jean-Claude Killy is 73. Actress Peggy Lipton is 70. Comedian Lewis Black is 68. Actor Timothy Bottoms is 65. Actor David Paymer is 62. Jazz musician Gerald Albright is 59. Actor Michael Chiklis is 53. Music producer Robert Clivilles is 52. Actress Michael Michele is 50. Country musician Geoff Firebaugh is 48. Country singer Sherrie Austin is 45. Rock singer-musician Lars Frederiksen (Rancid) is 45. Actress Cameron Diaz is 44. Rock musician Leon Caffrey (Space) is 43. TV personality Lisa Ling is 43. Rock singer-musician Aaron Barrett (Reel Big Fish) is 42. Actor Raul Castillo (TV: "Looking") is 39. Actor Michael Gladis is 39. Rock musician Matt Taul (Tantric; Days of the New) is 38. Tennis player Andy Roddick is 34. Singer Rachael Price (Lake Street Dive) is 31. Rock musician Ryan Ross is 30. Actress Johanna Braddy (TV: "Quantico") is 29. Actor Cameron Finley is 29.

Thought for Today: "If you board the wrong train, it is no use running along the corridor in the other direction." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German theologian (1906-1945).