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VJ Day, WWII

School Breakfast: Cheese omelet, fruit, juice or milk.

School Lunch: Quesadilla, Romaine salad, mixed vegetable, fruit.

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Kylie Hawkins • Brad Larson • Austin Schuelke • Jackson Doeden • Katie Osterman • Lee Schinkel

7:00pm: FB hosts Mobridge-Pollock

Saturday, Sept. 3

Skyscraper Day

Birthdays: Amanda Sippel • Douglas Craig • Duane Flihs • Orv Schaller • Lars Tunby

1:00pm: Soccer hosts Tea Area (girls at 1 p.m., boys at 3 pm)

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

Sunday, Sept. 4

Birthday: Troy Carda

Newspaper Carrier Day

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

9:00am: First Presbyterian Bible Study

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion

10:00am: First Presbyterian Worship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:00am: St. John's Bible Study

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

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Netters beat Redfield/Doland, 3-0

Groton Area's volleyball team handed Redfield/Doland a 3-0 loss Thursday night in a match played at the Groton Area Arena.

Groton won the first game, 25-16 as the Tigers led for most of the match with only one lead change and the game was tied twice.

The second game was a little bit more intense with the game being tied seven times and there were six lead changes. Redfield-Doland led for most of the second game, holding a seven point lead at one time, 19-12. Groton rallied to tie the game at 21 and then took a 22-21 lead on an ace serve by Katie Koehler. Gia Gengerke and Taylor Holm controlled the net area and had several kills in the game. Groton won the second game, 25-23.

The third game went back and forth nine times and the game was tied 13 times before pulling out a 25-23 win.

In serving, Groton was 70 of 77 with 12 ace serves. Katie Koehler was 21 of 25 with five ace serves and Gia Gengerke was 13 of 14 with three ace serves. Redfield/Doland was 52 of 58 in serves with six ace serves. Kennedy Fast was 13 of 13 with two ace serves.

In attacks, Groton Area was 73 of 89 with 28 kills. Audrey Wanner was 24 of 29 with 14 kills and Gia

Gengerke was 18 of 20 with eight kills. The Pheasants were 75 of 87 with 19 kills. Rylie Gall was 18 of 19 with 10 kills.

Groton Area was 77 of 79 in sets with 20 assists. Katie Koehler was 68 of 70 with 17 assists and Paityn Bonn was nine of nine with three assists. Redfield/Doland was 79 of 83 with 17 assists. Kennedy Fast was 68 of 69 with 10 assists.

Groton Area had 41 digs with Audrey Wanner having 12 and Katie Koehler nine. Redfield/Doland had 39 with Rylie Gall having nine.

Gia Gengerke had two blocks and Audrey Wanner had one. Redfield/Doland had three blocks.

Redfield/Doland won the junior varsity match, 2-1, and the C team defeated Redfield/Doland, 25-7 and 25-11.

Groton's next action is Tuesday when the Tigers will be hosting Webster Area. Groton is now 3-0 on the season and Redfield/Doland goes to 1-2.

**Soup, Sandwich
and Pie Luncheon**

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Thursday, Sept. 8

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Groton**

Craft and Bake Sale

Supplemental funds have been

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Top Left: Gia Gengerke with a block.
Top Right: Jessica Bjerke serving.
Bottom Left: Katie Koehler setting the ball.
Bottom Right: Payton Maine serving.
(Photos by Julianna Kosel)



Today's Livestream Sponsors of the football game are

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Today in Weather History

September 2, 1962: From 315 to 445 pm, hail fell in and around the Mobridge area. The hail ranged from 1 1/2 to 4 inches in diameter. The ground was covered up to 3 inches deep with drifts of 2-3 feet. At this time, the storm was one of the worst in recent history for damage.

September 2, 1983: A tornado touched down in the late afternoon 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Polo in Hand County damaging buildings, machinery, and trees. The roof of a hog house was torn off, and the north side of the building was destroyed. A barn was pulled several inches off of its foundation, and numerous trees were destroyed. At a nearby farm, two outbuildings were destroyed, with two cows injured along with two calves killed.

September 2, 1985: Intense thunderstorms moved from south central South Dakota to northeast South Dakota during the evening. Winds gusted to 60 to 70 mph over the area. Southwest of Presho, three small buildings were destroyed, and barns were damaged. Power lines and other property were damaged near Vayland, Miller, Wessington, Wolsey, Kimball, White Lake, Armour, and Castlewood. Large hail caused considerable damage to crops.

1775: The 1775 Newfoundland hurricane, also known as the Independence Hurricane, was a storm that hit the Colony of Newfoundland in September 1775. It is believed to have killed at least 4,000 people, making it one of the deadliest Atlantic hurricanes of all time. The death toll in Virginia and North Carolina was 163 lives.

1935: The 1935 Labor Day Hurricane was the strongest and most intense hurricane to make landfall in the United States and the Atlantic Basin in recorded history. A central pressure of 892 mb (26.35 inHg) suggests winds between 188.7 mph – 186.4 mph. The death toll from this hurricane is between 408 to 600 individuals.

1950 - The temperature at Mecca, CA, soared to 126 degrees to establish a U.S. record for the month of September. The low that morning was 89 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - After teasing residents along the Gulf of Mexico for two days, Hurricane Elena finally came ashore at Biloxi MS. The hurricane, packing winds of 127 mph, caused more than a billion dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Late evening thunderstorms in the Northern Plains Region produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Jordan MT, and a ""hot flash"" at Redig SD. The temperature at Redig rose from 66 degrees at 10 PM to 86 degrees at 11 PM as thunderstorm winds gusted to 36 mph. Nine cities in the Upper Ohio Valley, the Tennessee Valley and the Central Gulf Coast States reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins WV with a reading of 38 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in the northwestern U.S. Afternoon highs of 98 degrees at Olympia WA, 98 degrees at Seattle WA, 105 degrees at Portland OR, and 110 degrees at Medford OR, established records for the month of September. Quillayute WA equalled their September record with an afternoon high of 97 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Eight cities in the Gulf Coast Region reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the upper 90s. Houston TX and Port Arthur TX hit 99 degrees. Late evening thunderstorms, developing ahead of a cold front, produced wind gusts to 63 mph at Dickinson ND, and golf ball size hail in North Dakota and Nebraska. Winds along the cold front itself gusted to 62 mph at Buffalo SD. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2002: An F3 tornado destroyed much of the downtown area of Ladysmith, Wisconsin. Overall damage was estimated at \$20 million, but there were no fatalities.

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Labor Day
						
Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy and Breezy	Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	T-storms	Chance T-storms
High: 81 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 65 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 79 °F

Holiday Weekend Forecast

Friday - Saturday

Mostly dry and *Windy* Temperatures in the 80s

Sunday

Stormy with **SEVERE** possible!

Monday

Much cooler with a chance of

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Updated: 9/2/2016 5:35 AM Central

Published on: 09/02/2016 at 5:37AM

Above normal temperatures will continue through a better portion of the holiday weekend thanks to gusty southerly winds. The strongest winds will occur today, especially for counties along the Missouri River Valley. A stormy pattern will develop on Sunday with drastically cooler temperatures on Monday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 83.2

Low Outside Temp: 61.5

High Gust: 20

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1983

Record Low: 35° in 1896

Average High: 78°F

Average Low: 52°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.16

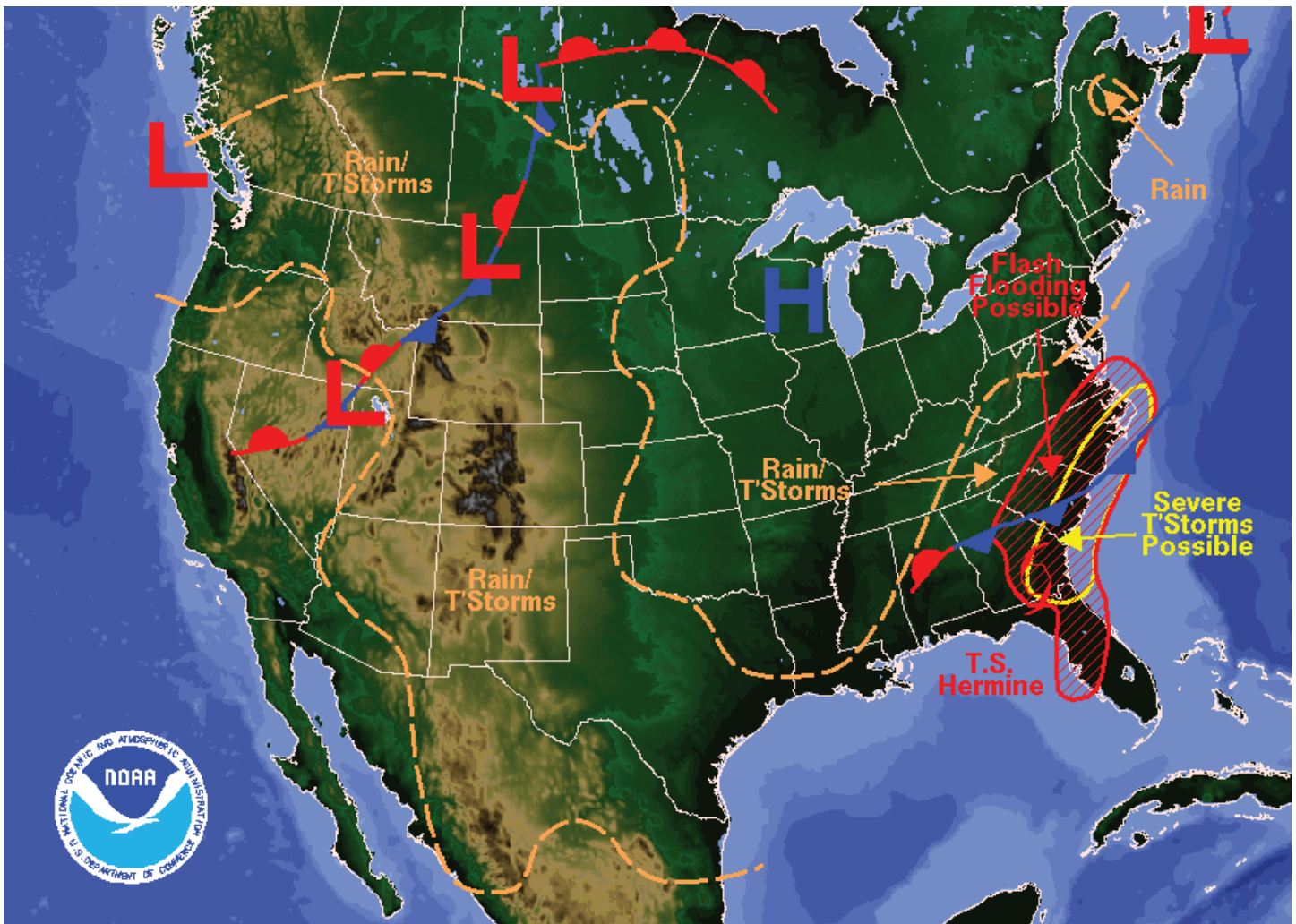
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 16.45

Precip Year to Date: 12.66

Sunset Tonight: 8:08 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:58 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Sep 02, 2016, issued 4:50 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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ALL TOGETHER – NOW, SMILE

It was her first day at work and the manager was carefully going over the responsibilities of his new secretary. After carefully explaining her tasks, he said, "Now I'd like to tell you a few things about myself so you will know what kind of person I am."

He then began telling her about his college career – how he excelled in academics and athletics. He then started to talk about his accomplishments with the company, how he received one promotion after another and was rewarded with raises and bonuses. He spent a great amount of time bragging about himself.

Finally, in her frustration she asked, "Tell me sir, have you ever had a group photo taken of yourself?"

Many worry about being properly recognized for their position and status. We want others to know what we can do and how well we can do it – whether they are interested or not. We want others to look us to us and stand in awe of our accomplishments.

However, Peter warns us to remember that it is God's recognition that matters most. Human praise is one thing but God's approval is all that counts. In His own time, God will bless our efforts and honor our work. We must also remember that the recognition may not come in this lifetime. But, if we are faithful to Him and give Him the glory, He will surely reward us in heaven.

Prayer: Lord, whatever we do in life is because of Your grace. The talents and skills, the abilities and strength come to us to give back to You in loving service. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's almighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.



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News from the Associated Press

New Mexico cruises past South Dakota 48-21

GLEN ROSALES, Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Teriyon Gipson scored on the first play from scrimmage and New Mexico continued to pile up yards and points against South Dakota in a 48-21 victory on Thursday night.

Gipson finished with 181 yards on 10 carries and had touchdown runs of 84 and 75 yards on his first two touches. The second TD tied it at 14-all and started the Lobos (1-0) on a 31-point scoring binge over the next two quarters.

South Dakota quarterback Chris Streveler finished with 131 rushing yards including scoring runs of 55 and 42 yards.

New Mexico benefited from three takeaways, which led to 17 points.

The Lobos, however, had issues controlling the line of scrimmage defensively allowing South Dakota (0-1) to find running room and extend drives — including a fourth-down conversion deep in its own end.

That was particularly evident in the first quarter when the Coyotes scored two touchdowns, including a 10-play, 90-yard drive to go up 14-7.

THE TAKEAWAY

New Mexico: Entering the game, Lobos coach Bob Davie insisted quarterbacks Austin Apodaca and Lamar Jordan would both see time, but Apodaca may have cemented his position with a performance that included career highs in yardage (172), completions (12) and touchdowns (2). Jordan did not play.

South Dakota: The Coyotes has a reputation as a defensive unit, but it gave up 615 yards of total yardage. Offensively, however, South Dakota displayed a penchant for the big play, scoring three touchdowns of more than 40 yards.

UP NEXT

New Mexico plays at New Mexico State on September 10.

South Dakota hosts Weber State on September 10.

Thursday's Scores

The Associated Press

Volleyball

Alcester-Hudson def. Gayville-Volin, 25-17, 25-16, 27-25

Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Avon, 21-25, 25-17, 21-25, 25-18, 17-15

Arlington def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-10, 25-16, 25-16

Baltic def. Garretson, 25-10, 25-19, 25-8

Belle Fourche def. Hot Springs, 25-8, 25-20, 25-19

Beresford def. Canton, 25-16, 25-17, 25-20

Bison def. Timber Lake, 25-23, 25-15, 23-25, 25-13

Bridgewater-Emery def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-17, 25-16, 25-18

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Standing Rock, N.D., 25-11, 25-21, 25-18

Clark/Willow Lake def. Sioux Valley, 25-22, 25-16, 25-21

Colman-Egan def. Estelline, 25-13, 25-13, 25-15

Custer def. Red Cloud, 25-12, 25-7, 25-8

Dakota Valley def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-10, 25-15, 25-21

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Deubrook def. DeSmet, 25-17, 17-25, 25-13, 25-13
Douglas def. Sturgis Brown, 25-6, 25-14, 25-19
Edgemont def. Newell, 24-26, 25-22, 25-17, 25-12
Faith def. McIntosh, 25-18, 25-17, 25-19
Faulkton def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-20, 25-20, 25-6
Florence/Henry def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-15, 25-27, 25-21, 22-25, 15-6
Freeman Academy def. Menno, 25-14, 25-15, 25-17
Groton Area def. Redfield/Doland, 25-16, 25-23, 25-23
Hamlin def. Flandreau, 25-15, 25-22, 25-14
Hanson def. Parkston, 20-25, 25-19, 25-13, 25-23
Harding County def. Lemmon, 25-12, 25-23, 25-16
Harrisburg def. Brandon Valley, 25-19, 25-22, 21-25, 25-23
Herreid/Selby Area def. McLaughlin, 25-16, 25-11, 25-17
Highmore-Harrold def. Lower Brule, 25-11, 25-14, 25-12
Howard def. Freeman, 25-19, 19-25, 25-15, 25-17
Kimball/White Lake def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-9, 25-5, 25-13
Lennox def. Tri-Valley, 26-24, 25-20, 25-19
Leola/Frederick def. Edmunds Central, 25-8, 25-11, 25-8
Lyman def. Gregory, 25-15, 25-7, 25-15
Milbank Area def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-13, 16-25, 25-21, 25-20
Mitchell def. Aberdeen Central, 21-25, 25-21, 25-22, 22-25, 15-7
Mitchell Christian def. Iroquois, 25-13, 25-19, 25-18
Mobridge-Pollock def. Ipswich, 25-15, 25-15, 16-25, 18-25, 15-13
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-12, 25-12, 25-16
Northwestern def. Langford, 25-11, 25-8, 25-8
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Canistota, 27-25, 25-12, 25-19
Parker def. McCook Central/Montrose, 17-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-17
Potter County def. Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D., 25-18, 25-15, 25-10
Rapid City Christian def. Wall, 19-25, 25-17, 27-25, 25-16
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Ethan, 19-25, 27-25, 25-16, 22-25, 15-12
Scotland def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-18, 25-18, 26-24
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-20, 25-18, 15-25, 25-16
Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-11, 25-17, 16-26, 26-24
Sisseton def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 19-25, 25-16, 25-15, 25-17
South Sioux City, Neb. def. Vermillion, 18-25, 25-16, 25-18, 25-17
St. Thomas More def. Lead-Deadwood, 25-23, 28-26, 25-16
Sully Buttes def. Miller, 25-14, 25-22, 25-18
Wagner def. Chamberlain, 25-16, 25-21, 25-15
West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa def. Tea Area, 25-19, 21-25, 21-25, 25-22, 15-11
White River def. New Underwood, 25-20, 23-25, 24-26, 25-23, 15-7
Wilmot def. Waubay/Summit, 25-12, 25-19, 21-25, 25-16
Yankton def. Brookings, 15-25, 25-20, 21-25, 25-23, 15-8
Winner Triangular
Ainsworth, Neb. def. Winner, 25-13, 23-25, 25-17, 22-25, 15-13
Winner def. Valentine, Neb., 25-14, 25-13, 26-24
PREP FOOTBALL

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Dupree 66, Crazy Horse 28

Yankton to serve as South Dakota's capital for a day

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Yankton has been chosen to serve as the honorary South Dakota capital for a day later this month.

The event is set for Sept. 21. Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office says activities will include a Main Street walk and business tours around town.

Daugaard says "the locals will essentially be welcoming the capital back" as Yankton was the first capital of the Dakota Territory.

Activities also include a community social and coffee hour. Community leaders are expected to discuss the needs of the city with Daugaard.

Daugaard says the event will be a great opportunity for him to learn more about the area and become better acquainted with the issues residents care about.

Yankton Mayor Charlie Gross says the city is excited to welcome Daugaard and his staff.

Judge won't immediately stop pipeline construction

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — An oil-rich American Indian tribe in North Dakota was handed a setback Thursday in its fight against a Texas company building oil and natural gas pipelines beneath a lake on its reservation.

The Three Affiliated Tribes ordered the project halted last month, saying Sacagawea Pipeline developer Paradigm Energy Partners needed tribal permission to place the pipelines beneath Lake Sakakawea, and that it made no assurances that water supplies wouldn't be harmed.

U.S. District Court Judge Daniel Hovland temporarily allowed construction to continue last week. On Thursday, the judge again refused to stop construction. He's expected to rule within the next two weeks on whether the company should've gotten tribal permission and the project can move forward.

Hovland said the case revolves around a "multitude of complex issues," and that there appears to be no existing precedence.

"It sounds like I'm going to be left to interpret this with no guidance from anybody," Hovland said during daylong hearing.

The company said it has federal permission from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to run the pipelines beneath the lake along the Missouri River. The tribes argue that they own mineral interests beneath the river bed and their permission is needed to place a pipeline there, under a 1984 accord with the federal government.

North Dakota's Public Service Commission approved construction of the \$125 million, 70-mile-long oil pipeline project in January and it's now complete, though it's not moving crude at present. The company said the \$16.6 million gas pipeline is about 45 days from completion.

Chris Doss, the Paradigm's chief operating officer, said the company faces a Nov. 1 deadline to complete the gas pipeline due to an agreement with another landowner. He said delaying the project jeopardizes the project and the future of the company.

"We can't afford any delays at all," he said.

About 20 percent of the more than 1 million barrels of oil produced daily comes from the Fort Berthold Reservation, occupied by the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes. The tribes have a 12 percent stake in the oil pipeline but do not have a working interest in the gas pipeline.

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Three Affiliated Tribes Chairman Mark Fox said the company was told several times "that they need to have full council approval or they will not be able to cross the lake."

Tribal officials said the company offered the tribe up to \$2 million in June to resolve certain issues, and while drilling already had started beneath the lake.

"They tried to get our consent, they didn't get it and the bored anyway," said John Fredericks, an attorney for the tribes. "As far as we're concerned, they're trespassing."

Fox said it wanted the company to, among other things, assure to the more than 12,500 tribal members on the reservation that the pipelines are safe.

Paradigm Chief Executive Officer Troy Andrews said the money was offered to resolve right-of-way and other issues, even though the company believes it already has the necessary permits for the project.

"We still would like to get a deal done," Andrews said.

It's the second pipeline project being challenged by American Indians in North Dakota. About 150 miles downstream on the Missouri River, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is protesting against the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline that they say could disturb sacred sites and impact drinking water for 8,000 tribal members and millions further downstream.

A federal judge will rule before Sept. 9 on whether construction can be halted on the pipeline, which will pass through both Dakotas, Iowa and Illinois.

Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Dave Archambault II attended the hearing in Bismarck.

"I'm here supporting the Three Affiliated Tribes and their water rights," Archambault told The Associated Press. "It's the right thing to do."

Woman arrested after dropping baby head-first onto concrete

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman is in custody after she reportedly dropped her 11-month-old daughter on her head while walking down a street.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens says 24-year-old Jena Ashley Red Feather was arrested on child abuse charges Thursday. Clemens says neighbors called authorities to report that they saw Red Feather holding the girl by her feet and dropping her head-first onto the concrete.

Clemens says neighbors also reported seeing the woman's 4-year-old son carrying his 1-month-old brother and dropping him on his head.

Clemens says Red Feather's blood alcohol level was 0.21, which is more than twice the legal limit. It wasn't immediately clear whether she has an attorney who could comment on her case.

Clemens says the children who were dropped didn't appear to have injuries that threatened their lives.

Bond set at \$350,000 for Woonsocket man accused in killing

WOONSOCKET, S.D. (AP) — Bond has been set at \$350,000 for a Woonsocket man accused of killing a woman.

Thirty-three-year-old Matthew Novak is charged with second-degree murder in the Wednesday death of 25-year-old Jennifer Gibson. KOKK radio reports that he appeared in court on Thursday and requested a court-appointed attorney to represent him.

Authorities arrested Novak at a home on Wednesday after the incident that prompted authorities to lock down a nearby school.

Few details of the killing have been released as the investigation continues.

The Daily Republic reports that Novak is due back in court Sept. 13.

General counsel departing Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A key adviser to Gov. Dennis Daugaard who serves as his general counsel is leaving his position for the private sector.

The governor's office said Thursday that Jim Seward will depart in the fall. He has served as general counsel since Daugaard took office in 2011.

Seward helped lead the state's ambitious criminal justice system overhaul, which is aimed at boosting rehabilitation rates and reducing corrections spending, with an increased focus on violent and career criminals.

Daugaard says Seward has been a valued member of his executive committee, a trusted adviser and a good friend.

Before joining the governor's office, Seward was an attorney in Spearfish and served as the Butte County state's attorney.

His last day will be Oct. 31. Seward is joining Rapid City-based Black Hills Corp.

Oacoma woman sentenced for being accessory in killing

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An Oacoma woman has been sentenced to serve two years in prison for being an accessory in the stabbing death of a man in the city a year ago.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says 28-year-old Dayna Wells was sentenced Thursday to five years with three years suspended.

Wells in June pleaded guilty in the stabbing death of Calvin Shields in September 2015.

Twenty-seven-year-old Whitney Turney, of Oacoma, pleaded guilty in January to manslaughter and was sentenced in March to 25 years in prison.

Western South Dakota authorities search for chase suspect

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Authorities are still searching for a suspect who led officers in western South Dakota on a lengthy car chase.

The chase that began with a traffic stop in Deadwood shortly after 2 a.m. last Friday went through the Sturgis and Spearfish areas and on to the Wyoming state line, a distance of more than 30 miles.

It reached speeds up to 70 mph, and officers eventually decided to stop the pursuit. A Sturgis Police Department vehicle struck a deer at one point, but the officer wasn't seriously injured.

Authorities know who the suspect is but haven't released his name.

No one injured in late-night Aberdeen drive-by shooting

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Aberdeen police are investigating a drive-by shooting during which 11 rounds were fired from a vehicle into an apartment complex.

No injuries were reported in the incident shortly after 11 p.m. Wednesday. Officers recovered shells that will be submitted for forensic analysis.

Police are continuing to investigate. Authorities are offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever is responsible.

Midwest economic survey figures show slight improvement

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Figures from a survey of supply managers in nine Midwest and Plains states have risen slightly but still suggest slow or no economic growth ahead, according to a monthly report issued Thursday.

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The Mid-American Business Conditions index inched up to 47.8 in August from 47.6 in July, the report said.

"Weakness among manufacturers linked to agriculture and energy continue to weigh on regional economic conditions," said Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey. "Due to the heavy dependence of the region on these two sectors, I will expect to see the regional economy to continue to underperform the national economy."

The survey results are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth. A score below that suggests decline. The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

The regional employment gauge showed the region's manufacturing sector continued to lose jobs. The index dropped to 44.0 from July's 46.9.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data indicate the region's manufacturing sector has lost more than 22,000 jobs for a loss of 1.6 percent of total manufacturing jobs over the past year, Goss said. By comparison, the region gained 102,000 jobs for all sectors for an increase of 0.8 percent, he said.

Economic optimism, as captured by the August business confidence index, sank to 45.4 last month from July's 47.0. Goss cited global economic uncertainty and the region's weaknesses in the agricultural and energy sectors for the supply managers' dour outlook.

The wholesale inflation gauge remained in a range indicating modest inflationary pressures at the wholesale level, Goss said, though the prices-paid index declined to 56.5 from July's 60.8. On average, he said, supply managers expect prices for their companies' products to rise by 1.6 percent in the second half of 2016.

South Dakota State-TCU Preview Capsule

The Associated Press

South Dakota State (8-4 last season) at No. 13 TCU (11-2), 8 p.m. (Fox Sports)

Line: No line.

Series record: First meeting.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

TCU has won its last 14 home openers, the fifth-longest streak among FBS teams. The last time the Horned Frogs lost a home opener was in 2001, Gary Patterson's first as their head coach, when they lost 27-24 to Northwestern State, another FCS team. While not to be confused with unprecedented five-time defending FCS champion North Dakota State, the Jackrabbits have been to the lower-division playoffs the last four seasons.

KEY MATCHUP

South Dakota State rushers vs. TCU defense. The Jackrabbits have three returning players — running backs Brady Mengarelli and Kyle Paris, and quarterback Taryn Christian — who each ran for at least 480 yards and five touchdowns last season. TCU's defense returns seven defensive starters from last season, along with four others who had season-ending injuries last year.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

South Dakota State: Senior WR Jake Wieneke set a Missouri Valley Conference record last season with 1,472 yards receiving. He also had 11 TD catches.

TCU: Defensive ends Josh Carraway and James McFarland. Carraway had a team-leading nine sacks last season when right end McFarland missed the entire season because of a broken toe after leading the team with seven sacks in 2014. Now they will both be on the field together, coming from opposite

sides.

FACTS & FIGURES

South Dakota State coach John Stiegelmeier is going into his 20th season with the Jackrabbits. ... TCU's new starting QB Kenny Hill, the former Texas A&M transfer, threw for an Aggies-record 511 yards with three touchdowns in his starting debut for A&M in a lopsided season-opening win at South Carolina two years ago. He eventually lost the start job that season. ... TCU has a 13-game home winning streak, more than double the next-closest in the Big 12 (Oklahoma's six in a row).

Fewer South Dakota pheasants, but hunting prospects good

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — An annual survey shows a 20 percent drop in the number of pheasants in South Dakota, but the state's top wildlife official says hunting should still be good in the fall.

Pheasants are big business in South Dakota, with tens of thousands of out-of-state hunters spending tens of millions of dollars every year.

The statewide survey conducted by the Game, Fish and Parks Department includes 110 30-mile routes. It's intended to measure trends rather than the numerical pheasant population. The survey's pheasants-per-mile count dropped from 3.83 last year to 3.05 this year.

However, the drop follows two years of substantial increases. This year's count also is substantially higher than the 2.7 pheasants per mile observed in 2014, when hunters still harvested 1.2 million roosters, according to department Secretary Kelly Hepler.

"Each year, the results of this survey are highly anticipated by those with a strong interest in South Dakota's hunting heritage," Hepler said in a statement. "The availability of pheasants and pheasant-hunting opportunities across the state this fall should serve to enhance that tradition."

Notable decreases in the index were documented this year in the Chamberlain, Winner, Aberdeen, Huron, Mitchell, Yankton and Sioux Falls areas. However, officials said poor weather during the survey might have influenced results, and they encouraged hunters to check with people in their traditional hunting areas about pheasant abundance.

"This will be especially important in northeastern South Dakota, where survey results were lower but weather conditions were favorable for pheasant survival and reproduction during the past year," the report said.

The pheasant-per-mile index is down only slightly in western South Dakota despite widespread drought, and Bennett and Perkins counties will again be primary destinations for hunters, the report said.

This year's pheasant count is down about 41 percent from the 10-year average and reflects a steady drop over the past decade in the amount of land enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program.

"Bird numbers are higher in parts of the state where quality habitat conditions still exist, primarily on grasslands ... as well as fields of cereal crops such as winter wheat," Hepler said.

South Dakota has more than 1 million acres of land open to public hunting and draws hunters from around the country. Some cities including Sioux Falls in past years have added airline flights for the pheasant season and held welcoming ceremonies for incoming hunters.

Last year, nearly 85,000 nonresident hunters spent an estimated \$140 million in South Dakota, and the state's 65,000 resident hunters added another \$30 million.

This year's statewide pheasant season opens Oct. 15 and runs through next Jan. 1.

"Good pheasant hunting opportunities will exist in 2016," Hepler said.

Clinton offers plan to prevent 'excessive' drug price hikes

CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Following the public outcry over steep increases in price for an emergency allergy treatment, Hillary Clinton is pledging to better protect patients from such costs.

Clinton is rolling out a plan Friday designed to give the federal government more power to push back against what she calls "excessive unjustified costs" for medications that have long been on the market.

In a statement, Clinton said that "all Americans deserve full access to the medications they need," adding that she is "ready to hold drug companies accountable when they try to put profits ahead of patients, instead of back into research and innovation."

Clinton plans to create a drug-pricing oversight group that will monitor price increases. If this group of federal officials decides that an increase is excessive, it could take a number of enforcement actions, including making emergency purchases of an alternate version of the drug, allowing emergency imports of a similar product from other developed countries, and imposing penalties on the companies, such as fines.

The announcement comes amid criticism for pharmaceutical company Mylan N.V. over the list price of the EpiPen, which has grown to \$608 for a two-pack, an increase of more than 500 percent since 2007. Facing questions about the pricing decisions, the drugmaker has said it will launch a generic version, but that will still cost \$300.

EpiPens are used in emergencies to treat severe allergies to insect bites and foods like nuts and eggs that can lead to anaphylactic shock. Clinton has called on Mylan to reduce the cost of the drug.

Hermine hits Florida coast as 1st hurricane in a decade

JOSH REPLOGLE, Associated Press

BRENDAN FARRINGTON, Associated Press

CARRABELLE, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Hermine made landfall in Florida's Big Bend area early Friday as the first hurricane to hit the state in more than a decade, bringing soaking rain, high winds and thousands of power outages.

The Category 1 storm hit just east of St. Marks around 1:30 a.m. EDT with winds around 80 mph, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center. Hermine later weakened to a tropical storm as it moved farther inland.

Projected storm surges of up to 12 feet menaced a wide swath of the coast and an expected drenching of up to 10 inches of rain carried the danger of flooding along the storm's path over land, including the state capital Tallahassee, which hadn't been hit by a hurricane since Kate in 1985.

As of 5 a.m. EDT Friday, Hermine was weakening as it moved into southern Georgia, the Hurricane Center said. It was centered about 20 miles west of Valdosta, Georgia, and was moving north-northeast near 14 mph.

After pushing through Georgia, Hermine was expected to move into the Carolinas and up the East Coast with the potential for drenching rain and deadly flooding.

In Florida's Pasco County, north of Tampa, authorities said flooding forced 18 people from their homes in Green Key and Hudson Beach. Pasco County Fire Rescue and sheriff's deputies used high-water vehicles early Friday to rescue people from rising water. They were taken to a nearby shelter.

In Wakulla County, south of Tallahassee, a couple suffered minor injuries during the storm when they drove into a tree that had fallen in the road, County Administrator Dustin Hinkel said early Friday. He said storm surge of 8 to 10 feet damaged docks and flooded coastal roads.

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As Hermine moved north, Georgia Power estimated about 19,000 homes and businesses were without power statewide early Friday. Many of those were in Valdosta and surrounding Lowndes County, about 15 miles north of the Georgia-Florida line. The storm's center was passing 20 miles to the west of Valdosta at 5 a.m. Lowndes County spokeswoman Paige Dukes said crews were dealing with fallen trees and snapped power lines, but no injuries had been reported. Winds exceeding 55 mph had been recorded in the county, with 4 to 5 inches of rainfall, she said.

The last hurricane to strike Florida was Wilma, a powerful Category 3 storm that arrived on Oct. 24, 2005. It swept across the Everglades and struck heavily populated south Florida, causing five deaths in the state and an estimated \$23 billion in damage.

Residents on some islands and other low-lying, flood-prone areas in Florida had been urged to clear out Thursday. Flooding was expected across a wide swath of the marshy coastline of the Big Bend — the mostly rural and lightly populated corner where the Florida peninsula meets the Panhandle.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott warned of the danger of strong storm surges, high winds, downed trees and power outages, and urged people to move to inland shelters if necessary and make sure they have enough food, water and medicine.

"You can rebuild a home, you can rebuild property, you cannot rebuild a life," Scott said at a news conference Thursday afternoon, adding that "we are going to see a lot of flooding."

Scott, who declared an emergency in 51 counties, said 6,000 National Guardsmen were poised to mobilize for the storm's aftermath. The governors of Georgia and North Carolina also declared states of emergency.

Across the Florida line in south Georgia, about a dozen people had already showed up by Thursday evening at a Red Cross shelter that opened at a city auditorium in Valdosta that's normally used for banquets and gospel concerts.

Cynthia Arnold left her mobile home for the shelter with her brother and her 5-year-old grandson, adding "I'm not just going to sit there and be ignorant."

300 Syrians leave besieged suburb of Damascus after deal

ALBERT AJI, Associated Press

MOADAMIYEH, Syria (AP) — Buses carrying about 300 Syrians living in a besieged rebel-held suburb of the capital, Damascus, began leaving the area Friday following a deal struck with the government that grants amnesty to gunmen and restores state control.

An Associated Press reporter in Moadamiyeh saw security forces searching the luggage of dozens of men, women, and children before they boarded buses Friday, heading out of the suburb to shelters in a government-controlled neighborhood nearby.

Moadamiyeh, which a U.N. report said was gassed with toxic sarin in 2013, has suffered a three-year government siege, leaving its estimated 28,000 residents with dwindling food and medical supplies.

The first part of the deal's implementation evacuates about 300 people, including 62 gunmen who agreed to lay down their arms after taking advantage of a presidential amnesty, said the governor of rural Damascus province, Alaa Munir Ibrahim.

The Moadamiyeh deal came a week after the full evacuation of the nearby rebel-held suburb Daraya, which was widely criticized as a forced displacement.

The 300 people leaving Moadamiyeh are originally from Daraya, a number of whom had fled to or were stuck in Moadamiyeh after an extensive military offensive against the neighboring suburb that

began earlier this year. On Syrian state TV, Ahmed Mounir, a government adviser, described the Friday evacuation as a completion of the Daraya deal.

The Daraya offensive cut the suburb off from other rebel-held areas in the western suburbs of Damascus. It accelerated the surrender of the gunmen in Daraya, forcing them to reach a deal with the government which fully evacuated the nearly 4,000 people still living in a neighborhood that was once home to more than 200,000.

"The heroic acts of the Syrian army in Daraya led to the achievement in Moadamiyeh," Ibrahim, the provincial governor, told Syrian state TV. He said other "settlement" deals with rebel-held Damascus suburbs were currently under discussion, and urged other gunmen to lay down their arms.

At a press conference in Geneva on Thursday, U.N. Syria envoy Staffan de Mistura warned that the government's siege tactics were forcing evacuations, saying that "after Daraya, we may have other Darayas."

De Mistura's humanitarian adviser, Jan Egeland, echoed his sentiment, saying the U.N. humanitarian task force for Syria had "failed the people of Daraya." The U.N. underlined that it had not been consulted on the Daraya deal, which it described as forced displacement.

Once the 300 evacuees have been moved to government-controlled areas, under the second part of the Moadamiyeh deal gunmen who refuse to hand over their weapons will be forced to leave, likely to rebel-held parts of northern Syria.

It was not clear when government security forces would take over control of the suburb.

Moadamiyeh's buildings and infrastructure appeared largely intact. Local rebels had negotiated several local truces with the government starting 2012, and the suburb was spared much of the destruction and bombing that beset Daraya, a mile away.

"I am very happy to get out," said 25-year old Samira Khadra, a resident of Daraya who had moved to Moadamiyeh, as she boarded one of eight waiting green buses with her mother and children.

Rajab Taysir al-Sheikh, a 55-year old resident of Daraya, said his former home was totally destroyed. He was now joining his family, evacuated last week from Daraya, in a shelter in a Damascus suburb. "Nothing remains from my house except what I am carrying: two pants and some shirts," he said, before criticizing the rebels for provoking the government's violence.

Hassan Ghandour, a former resident of Moadamiyeh and a lead negotiator on the deal, said most gunmen from Moadamiyeh are expected to stay and lay down their weapons. The deal also includes the release of detainees from Moadamiyeh currently held in government prisons.

UN chief says Sri Lanka killings prompted self-scrutiny

KRISHAN FRANCIS, Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Friday that the world body has failed to protect civilians in conflicts despite repeated commitments, and the killings at the end of Sri Lanka's civil war seven years ago prompted him to launch an initiative to focus early attention on human rights violations.

While Sri Lankans are engaging in a process of reckoning and reconciliation, the U.N. has engaged in "self-scrutiny," Ban said during a three-day visit to Sri Lanka.

He said had the U.N been more active during Sri Lanka's civil war, many lives could have been saved.

"Sri Lanka has taught us many important lessons . (and) you have also made serious problems among your people," he said in a speech, adding that the U.N. made "big mistakes" during the critical last

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several months of the civil war.

An experts' panel appointed by Ban had reported that up to 40,000 ethnic Tamil civilians may have been killed largely due to shelling by government troops in the final months of the fighting, which ended in May 2009 with the defeat of the rebel Tamil Tigers.

The rebels had been fighting for an independent state for ethnic Tamil minority complaining of systematic marginalization by successive governments controlled by majority Sinhalese.

Both sides were accused of serious human rights violations in the absence of independent witnesses after the government had evicted aid workers and the U.N.

"On the part of the United Nations, I established internal investigations into what had happened, what our people in the United Nations mission here had been doing at that time. We found serious mistakes, inactivities. Had we been more actively engaged, we could have saved many more human lives," he said.

Ban said Sri Lanka was only the latest of a series of U.N. failures, mentioning the 1994 genocide in Rwanda for which the U.N. "felt responsible."

"We committed that should never occur; never again we said repeatedly, never again, never again," said Ban.

"It happened just one year after in Srebrenica, again many people were massacred when they were not fully protected by U.N peacekeeping operations. We repeated again, never again; how many times we should repeat never, never again. We did it again in Sri Lanka," he said.

Ban said his 2013 initiative Human Rightst Upfront followed an introspection of the events in Sri Lanka. The program aims to focus early attention on human rights before they escalate.

"Peace and security, development human rights, they are all interlinked, nothing is more important than the other," Ban said. "But I decided that in all our operations, thinking and planning the human rights aspect should be upfront."

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. HERMINE WEAKENS TO TROPICAL STORM

After pushing into Georgia, it is expected to move into the Carolinas and up the East Coast with the potential for drenching rain and deadly flooding.

2. WHAT PLAYS KEY ROLE IN TRUMP-CLINTON MATCHUP

The GOP nominee will visit a predominantly black church in Detroit this weekend in a bid to shore up support of black communities that will help determine whether he or his Democrat rival is elected the 45th president.

3. WHO REPORTS SUCCESS IN CONTAINING ZIKA

Six months after President Raul Castro declared war on the virus in Cuba, a militarized nationwide campaign of intensive mosquito spraying, monitoring and quarantine appears to be working.

4. WHERE SCHOOLS TO OPEN DOORS TO ALL SYRIA'S CHILDREN

Jordan will add more shifts and hire more teachers to accommodate Syrian refugees as part of a deal with donor countries to discourage them from migrating onward.

5. MYANMAR STRUGGLING TO STOP ILLEGAL LOGGING

The country's teak, rosewood and other rare hardwoods continue to be cut down, despite a government ban, The AP finds.

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6. HOW CHINA HOPES TO BENEFIT FROM HOSTING G-20 SUMMIT

Beijing pins its hopes on the event to burnish its image as a responsible major nation whose support is essential to solving the world's ills.

7. KAEPERNICK, 49ERS TEAMMATE KNEEL DURING NATIONAL ANTHEM

The move continues the quarterback's preseason protest of American racial injustice and minority oppression.

8. POLICE LOSING BATTLE TO GET DRIVERS TO PUT DOWN THEIR PHONES

Enforcement is difficult, in part because it's hard to prove texting violations in states that allow drivers to talk on hand-held cellphones.

9. AUGUST HIRING TO HAVE OUTSIZE IMPACT ON FED'S NEXT MOVE

Most analysts and investors predict the Federal Reserve will stand pat at its meeting later this month and postpone any rate hike until December.

10. CORNELL UNIVERSITY WELCOMES 12-YEAR-OLD COLLEGE FRESHMAN

Jeremy Shuler, a son of two aerospace engineers, is studying mathematics and engineering with an eye toward a career in academia.

Hanjin bankruptcy causes global shipping chaos, retail fears

ROBERT JABLON, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The bankruptcy of the Hanjin shipping line has thrown ports and retailers around the world into confusion, with giant container ships marooned and merchants worrying whether tons of goods will reach their shelves.

The South Korean giant filed for bankruptcy protection on Wednesday and stopped accepting new cargo. With its assets being frozen, ships from China to Canada found themselves refused permission to offload or take aboard containers because there were no guarantees that tugboat pilots or stevedores would be paid.

"Hanjin called us and said: 'We're going bankrupt and we can't pay any bills — so don't bother asking,'" said J. Kip Louttit, executive director of the Marine Exchange of Southern California, which provides traffic control for the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the nation's busiest port complex.

Three Hanjin container ships, ranging from about 700 feet to 1,100 feet (213 meters to 304 meters) long, were either drifting offshore or anchored away from terminals on Thursday. A fourth vessel that was supposed to leave Long Beach on Thursday morning remained anchored inside the breakwater.

The Seoul-based company said Friday that one ship in Singapore had been seized by the ship's owner. Hanjin Shipping spokesman Park Min did not confirm any other seizures.

As of Friday, 27 ships had been refused entry to ports or terminals, she said.

That left cargo headed to and from Asia in limbo, much to the distress of merchants looking to stock shelves with fall fashions or Christmas toys. "Someone from the garment industry called earlier today asking: 'How long is this going to go on, because I've got clothing out there,'" Louttit said.

The Korea International Trade Association said about 10 Hanjin vessels in China were seized or likely to be seized by charterers, port authorities or other parties.

Kim Byung-hoon, a director at the KITA, said the association had confirmed that about 10 Hanjin vessels also had been turned away from Chinese ports or were waiting offshore.

South Korea's maritime ministry said in a statement that Hanjin's troubles would affect cargo exports for two to three months, given that August-October is a high-demand season for deep-sea routes. It said 540,000 TEU of cargo already loaded on Hanjin vessels would face delays.

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Hanjin, the world's seventh-largest container shipper, represents nearly 8 percent of the trans-Pacific trade volume for the U.S. market.

The National Retail Federation, the world's largest retail trade association, wrote to U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker and Federal Maritime Commission Chairman Mario Cordero on Thursday, urging them to work with the South Korean government, ports and others to prevent disruptions.

The bankruptcy is having "a ripple effect throughout the global supply chain" that could cause significant harm to both consumers and the U.S. economy, the association wrote.

"Retailers' main concern is that there (are) millions of dollars' worth of merchandise that needs to be on store shelves that could be impacted by this," said Jonathan Gold, the group's vice president for supply chain and customs policy. "Some of it is sitting in Asia waiting to be loaded on ships, some is already aboard ships out on the ocean and some is sitting on U.S. docks waiting to be picked up. It is understandable that port terminal operators, railroads, trucking companies and others don't want to do work for Hanjin if they are concerned they won't get paid."

The confusion might sink some trucking firms that contract with Hanjin to deliver cargo containers carrying everything from electronics to car parts from ports to company loading bays.

"They've got bills to pay — they could literally close their doors over this," said Peter Schneider, Fresno-based vice president of T.G.S. Transportation Inc.

Hanjin has been losing money for years. It filed for bankruptcy protection a day after its creditors, led by a state-run bank, refused to prop it up.

Other shipping lines may take on some of Hanjin's traffic but at a price. Since vessels already are operating at high capacity, shippers may wind up paying a premium to squeeze their cargo containers on board, said Jock O'Connell, international trade adviser to Los Angeles-based Beacon Economics.

The price of shipping a 40-foot container from China to the U.S. jumped up to 50 percent in a single day, said Nerijus Poskus, director of pricing and procurement for Flexport, a licensed freight forwarder and customs broker based in San Francisco.

The price from China to West Coast ports rose from \$1,100 per container to as much as \$1,700 on Thursday, while the cost from China to the East Coast jumped from \$1,700 to \$2,400, he said.

Hanjin's bankruptcy was a major factor, he said, although rates also were affected by the upcoming Chinese National day holiday, which will close factories, and by shipping lines sidelining vessels to reduce overcapacity.

Global demand and trade have suffered since the 2008 recession, while steamship lines continued to build more and larger vessels — immense ships that were conceived as cost-effective when freight costs were higher several years ago.

But weaker trade and overcapacity have sent ocean shipping rates plunging in recent years. A few months ago, Poskus said, prices hit historic lows globally — down to as much as \$600 per container from Shanghai to Los Angeles.

That wouldn't even cover fuel costs for the huge ships, he said.

Poskus expects the current spike in prices to last only a month or two. With about 5 percent of ships in the global trading fleet sitting idle, there is plenty of room to take over Hanjin's capacity and carriers already are discussing the possibility of adding ships, he said.

However, prices will have to rise somewhat in order to be sustainable, he said — perhaps to about \$1,000 per container.

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Black vote concentrated, but key in Trump-Clinton matchup

BILL BARROW, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Donald Trump will visit a predominantly black church in Detroit this weekend and, his campaign says, “outline policies that will impact minorities and the disenfranchised in our country.” It’s the latest move in the Republican presidential nominee’s outreach to non-whites.

The trip comes in response to sharp criticism from many African-Americans incensed by Trump’s sweeping generalizations about black life in America. “You live in your poverty, your schools are no good, you have no jobs,” he has argued to black voters. While he usually speaks to mainly white crowds, Detroit itself is 83 percent black.

A look at how African-Americans will help determine whether Trump or Democrat Hillary Clinton is elected the 45th president:

DEMOCRATIC BLOC

In the decades since the Voting Rights Act of 1965 widely enfranchised African-Americans, they have become a reliable Democratic bloc. President Barack Obama, the nation’s first black president, won at least 95 percent and 93 percent of the black vote in his two victories, sending Republicans to historical lows among African-Americans, according to exit polls.

In Detroit, Republican candidate Mitt Romney won barely more than 6,000 votes out of more than 288,000 cast in 2012. Ronald Reagan notched 14 percent of the black vote in 1980, then slipped to 9 percent in 1984. The high mark for GOP nominees since was Bob Dole’s 12 percent in 1996. Polls this year suggest Trump could fare worse than Obama’s opponents.

STEADY, CONCENTRATED

Blacks comprise between 12 and 13 percent of eligible voters (about 226 million), a relatively constant share in recent decades. (Hispanics and Asian-Americans have driven overall non-white population increases.)

Until Obama’s historic run, blacks hadn’t matched their population strength at the polls, usually casting 10 or 11 percent of presidential ballots. For Obama’s victories, the African-American share hit 13 percent.

Black voters are relatively concentrated in Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern states, but they also represent a significant portion of the populations in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Philadelphia.

WHY SUCH LOYALTY?

Jaime Harrison, South Carolina’s first black Democratic Party chairman, says the party attracted African-Americans when President Lyndon Johnson signed the 1964 Civil Rights Act, 1965 Voting Rights Act and Great Society programs — then cemented long-term loyalty by defending that legacy he says offers blacks “an opportunity for a life closer to the promise of ‘all men are created equal.’”

Too many Republicans, Harrison says, answered with “so many dog whistles” intended “to exploit racial divides.” He pointed specifically to Reagan’s quips about “welfare queens” and George H.W. Bush’s “Willie Horton ad” in the 1988 presidential campaign, which featured a black prisoner released on furlough by Bush’s Democratic opponent, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

TRUMP’S BLACK AMERICA

Trump says Clinton is “a bigot who sees people of color only as votes, not as people worthy of a better future.” Democratic politicians have ruined inner cities, he says. The Rev. Mark Burns, one of Trump’s

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top African-American backers, recently distributed a cartoon depicting Clinton in blackface. Burns later apologized.

“What the hell do you have to lose?” Trump has asked — delivering his pitch to an overwhelmingly white audience.

Michael Barnett, an African-American, and chair of Florida’s Palm Beach County GOP, praises Trump for raising uncomfortable questions. “What has Barack Obama really done for black people?” Barnett asks. “At least Donald Trump is addressing these issues.”

Still, Trump’s abysmal description of life in black communities falls short. African-Americans as a whole lag other race and ethnicity groups in many economic indicators. Yet, the latest Census Bureau analysis puts median household income for blacks at \$35,398; that’s less than the national median (\$53,657) and white median (\$56,866), but well above the poverty level for a family of four (\$24,300).

Also, while murder rates have risen in certain U.S. cities, violent crime levels are not at record highs, as Trump has claimed, and FBI statistics show violent crime nationally remains on a two decade decline.

That leaves many black leaders and voters accusing Trump of peddling stereotypes. “You don’t go to a 99 percent white audience and talk about us and call that an invitation to us,” Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, a Congressional Black Caucus leader, said this week.

CLINTON’S COUNTER

Clinton has been forceful in pegging Trump as the bigot in the race, saying in a nationally televised speech that Trump will “make America hate again” and pushing an online ad linking Trump to white supremacists and neo-Nazis.

Throughout her bid, Clinton has directed specific appeals to African-Americans. She backs stricter gun regulations, emphasizes the need for improving relations between police and the black community and campaigns alongside mothers whose black sons lost their lives in police encounters. Black Democratic primary voters opted nearly 4-to-1 for Clinton over Bernie Sanders in states where exit polling was conducted. (White Democrats narrowly preferred Sanders.)

WHERE IT MATTERS MOST

Six battleground states — Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia — have black population shares ranging from about 12 percent to about 22 percent. Obama won each of those states twice, with the exception of North Carolina, which he split. Georgia, a GOP-leaning state that could be competitive, is more than 30 percent African-American.

Ohio is a wild card: Obama drove up African-Americans’ share of the electorate there from 11 percent in 2008 to 15 percent in 2012, with the increase accounting for more than his eventual margin of victory over Romney.

Generally speaking, if Clinton is successful in replicating the Obama coalition — her advisers’ clearly-stated priority — it would put tremendous pressure on Trump to run up his numbers among whites to levels no candidate has reached since Reagan’s 1984 landslide. And every additional black vote Clinton picks up pushes Trump’s white-voter mountain even higher.

Obama warns against global warming’s impact on Pacific atoll

JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

MIDWAY ATOLL, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (AP) — President Barack Obama plunked down on a speck of coral reef in the middle of the Pacific Ocean on Thursday and gazed out at the turquoise waters of the marine monument he’s widened to become the largest in the world.

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Hundreds of rare birds fluttered in the skies halfway between Asia and North America as the president paid an unusual visit to Midway Atoll, one of the most remote areas of the ocean. Driving on a golf cart past dilapidated buildings left over from World War II, Obama said protecting the atoll and its surroundings was critical to ensuring that delicate ecosystems survive the throes of global warming.

"I look forward to knowing that 20 years from now, 40 years from now, 100 years from now, this is a place where people can still come to and see what a place like this looks like when it's not overcrowded and destroyed by human populations," Obama said, his shirt partially unbuttoned in the punishing island sun.

Few Americans have ever visited Midway, with its black-footed albatrosses and spinner dolphins — and that's exactly Obama's point. His visit to the atoll — home to fewer than 50 people — was carefully orchestrated to showcase natural beauty mostly untouched by humans, part of the president's bid to instill his calls for conservation with a sense of real-life urgency.

Squinting in the sunlight, Obama described Midway Atoll as "hallowed ground," a nod to the place it occupies in Native Hawaiian tradition. Yet Obama had a policy argument to make, too: It was critically important to examine what damage climate change is inflicting on communities in the Pacific Ocean.

"There are countries that now are at risk, and they have to move as a consequence of climate change," Obama said.

The president, who was born a short hop away in Honolulu, appeared particularly enthralled by a cluster of threatened green sea turtles — each the size of a tire — enjoying a bit of beach repose. "Unbelievable," he called them, peering out through sunglasses.

"When I grew up, you'd see these turtles all the time," Obama said. "But you'd never see them beaching like this, basking in the sun."

In a prelude to his visit, Obama last week expanded four-fold the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument that surrounds Midway. Of the 7,000 species that live in the waters, 1 in 4 is found nowhere else in the world, the White House said.

Yet for all the pristine splendor, there were poignant reminders that even this dot of far-flung land hasn't been immune to human contamination. Along the muddy pathways the president traveled, brightly colored bits of plastic lined the ground — all remnants of albatrosses that had ingested waste washed ashore and then died with the bottle cap-shaped pieces in their guts.

Still, the wealth of biological diversity here is nearly unparalleled: millions of birds, hundreds of species of fish and marine invertebrates, green sea turtles and Hawaiian monk seals. More albatrosses live on Midway than anywhere else in the world.

The visit came as Obama uses his final months in office to try to lock in an aggressive legacy on climate change and environmental protection. After Midway, Obama planned to open his final trip to Asia on Saturday with a visit to China, a chance to showcase his unlikely partnership with President Xi Jinping on global warming.

The marine monument, created in 2006 by President George W. Bush, grows to 582,578 square miles under Obama's expansion, an area more than twice the size of Texas. Enlarging the monument reflects Obama's strategy of using his executive powers to put lands and waters off-limits to development, despite concerns from critics who oppose what they call his heavy-handed approach.

Obama's decision to expand the monument was the subject of fierce debate within Hawaii, with both sides invoking Native Hawaiian culture to argue why it should or shouldn't be expanded.

Supporters said the larger monument was needed to protect a place considered sacred by Native Hawaiians by making it off-limits to commercial fishing and recreational activities. But opponents argued the region is heavily dependent on fishing and can't afford the hit, adding that a federal ban would

infringe on the traditions that ancient Hawaiians used to protect natural resources.

The White House estimated that the region's longline fishing industry would suffer about a 6 percent loss as a result of making the expanded area off-limits to commercial fishing. But Obama's aides argued fishermen could make up that deficit by increasing production elsewhere.

Getting Obama to Midway required an unusual degree of logistical gymnastics, considering that the atoll lacks cell service and other modern amenities and only a few dozen people live there. He hopped to Midway from Honolulu on a smaller version of Air Force One, landing on an airstrip that gained prominence when the Battle of Midway became a turning point in World War II.

2 well-known Utah climbers missing near Pakistan glacier

BRADY McCOMBS, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two well-known Utah climbers are missing in Pakistan where they were attempting to make a treacherous ascent up an icy mountain.

Alpinists Kyle Dempster and Scott Adamson were due back at base camp on Aug. 26 after they left five days earlier to begin an ascent up the north face of a place called "Ogre II" off the Choktoi Glacier in northern Pakistan, said Jonathan Thesenga of Black Diamond Equipment. The Utah-based outdoor company sponsors Dempster.

Snowy and cloudy conditions are hindering rescue efforts that began Sunday, he said. Four guides -- known as porters -- have climbed up the mountain and are hoping to look for Dempster and Adamson with binoculars. They also have extra food, sleeping bags and tents if they find them.

The Pakistani government has offered to send military helicopters if weather permits, Thesenga said. Dempster, 33, and Adamson, 34, are two of the most accomplished alpinists of their generation, he said.

They nearly died making the same attempt last year in this spot, Thesenga said. Dempster broke his leg after a 100-foot fall and the two fell again 400 feet while trying to get down the mountain. He said the duo hoped they had learned from their mistakes during the near-death experience to make it this time.

Six other climbers, including two from the United States, who were on the mountain are at base camp and ready to ascend if they can help, he said.

The climbers' girlfriends and family are quite worried, but everyone is holding out hope that their years of experience on mountains will help them survive.

"They have built their careers on cutting-edge Alpine ascents from Pakistan to Alaska," Thesenga said. "We remain optimistic that they are going to get out of the mountains and have this amazing story of survival to share."

'Can't hear anything': As rain pelts Open roof, Murray wins

HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When heavy rain began pelting the closed roof at Arthur Ashe Stadium, Andy Murray couldn't pick up the usual sounds of a tennis match.

Most importantly, he said, the thwack of a ball coming off his opponent's racket strings — or his own, for that matter — was completely indiscernible during a 6-4, 6-1, 6-4 second-round victory over Marcel Granollers at the U.S. Open on Thursday.

As it is, the new \$150 million retractable cover makes the tournament's main stadium louder because the structure, even when open, traps the sounds of spectators chatting in the stands.

When it's shut, as was the case Wednesday because of showers that delayed play on all other courts

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for hours at a time, the roof amplifies all of that ambient noise.

And when the drops came down early in Murray's second set, well, it was loud as can be.

"You can't hear anything, really," 2012 U.S. Open champion Murray said. "I mean, you could hear the line calls."

But that was about it.

As Murray and Granollers played, there was a constant din during points, an amalgam of the down-pour bouncing off the outside of the roof and the murmur of the crowd bouncing off the inside. From a seat in the 10th row parallel to a baseline, the racket-ball impact was rendered silent by a louder version of what you hear when you hold a seashell to your ear.

It's not simply that it's an unfamiliar soundtrack for a Grand Slam match. It affects the competition.

"We use our ears when we play. It's not just the eyes. (The sound) helps us pick up the speed of the ball, the spin that's on the ball, how hard someone's hitting it. If we played with our ears covered or with headphones on, it would be a big advantage if your opponent wasn't wearing them," explained Murray, whose next opponent is 40th-ranked Paolo Lorenzi. "It's tricky. You can still do it, but it's harder, for sure."

Granollers offered a similar take.

"We're not used to playing with that noise. ... I was not feeling like I was hitting the ball right. It was difficult also to concentrate. Tough to play," Granollers said. "There is more noise with the roof, but, I mean, if it's not raining, it's OK. With the rain, it was too much."

Like Murray, he acknowledged players will need to learn to adjust.

"When it rains, you're going to get noise," U.S. Tennis Association Executive Director Gordon Smith said, when asked about the players' comments about the ruckus.

"We will look at potential ways to attenuate some of the noise going forward. It's going to be louder than it was. We knew that. And it's something the players will deal with and the fans will deal with."

The good news: At least Murray, Granollers and others were able to play. Rain has often been a schedule-wrecker at the U.S. Open, where the men's final was postponed five consecutive years from 2008-12.

Because of Thursday's wet weather, action around the grounds was limited until the early evening — but matches kept coming under the roof in Ashe, including Serena Williams' 6-3, 6-3 victory over American wild-card entry Vania King at night. That pulled Williams even with Martina Navratilova's Open-era record of 306 Grand Slam match wins; only Roger Federer, with 307, owns more.

"It was definitely a little different playing with Ashe closed," said Williams, who produced 13 aces yet clearly was displeased with winning only 13 of 40 points on King's first serves. "But it still feels great."

Chair umpire Alison Hughes repeatedly asked spectators to keep it down.

"Your voices are carrying to the court," she said. And: "Ladies and gentlemen, respect the players. Please remain quiet."

Men advancing included 2009 champion Juan Martin del Potro, No. 3 Stan Wawrinka, No. 6 Kei Nishikori, No. 8 Dominic Thiem, No. 14 Nick Kyrgios and No. 22 Grigor Dimitrov, but No. 16 Feliciano Lopez lost to Joao Sousa 6-2, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5. Olympic silver medalist Del Potro, an Argentine who needed a wild-card entry to get into the main draw at Flushing Meadows after three left wrist operations dropped his ranking outside the top 100, won one point by hitting a between-the-legs, back-to-the-net lob while eliminating 19th-seeded Steve Johnson of the U.S. 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-2.

Williams' older sister, seven-time major champion Venus, beat Julia Goerges 6-2, 6-3, 2011 U.S. Open winner Sam Stosur lost 6-3, 6-3 to Zhang Shuai of China, and No. 5 Simona Halep eliminated Lucie Safarova 6-3, 6-4 in a meeting between past French Open finalists that was the first contest played entirely with the roof closed (it was shut for the first time during a match midway through Rafael Nadal's

victory Wednesday).

The del Potro vs. Johnson match was played with the roof open and was delayed for less than 10 minutes in the first set by a brief rain delay. After del Potro won, there was no more play in the main stadium, which usually is the site of each day's final encounter. This time, because of earlier weather suspensions, there was still action on other courts as midnight approached. Play finally wrapped up shortly before 1 a.m., when 2013 French Open runner-up David Ferrer closed a 6-0, 4-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 comeback victory at Court 13 against Fabio Fognini, the husband of last year's women's champion in New York, Flavia Pennetta.

Pena Nieto: Trump proposals 'a threat' to Mexico's future

PETER ORSI, Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's president said that Donald Trump's proposals represent a threat to the future of his country and that he agreed to a widely criticized meeting with the Republican candidate to open a space for dialogue.

President Enrique Pena Nieto has been ridiculed in his country for inviting Trump, as well as for not confronting him more directly about comments calling migrants from Mexico criminals, drug-runners and "rapists," and Trump's vows to build a border wall and force Mexico to pay for it.

Speaking at a town hall late Thursday where he fielded questions from young people, Pena Nieto sought to defend his decision. He said the easier path would have been to "cross my arms" and do nothing in response to Trump's "affronts, insults and humiliations," but he believed it necessary to open a "space for dialogue" to stress the importance of the U.S.-Mexico relationship.

"What is a fact is that in the face of candidate Trump's postures and positions, which clearly represent a threat to the future of Mexico, it was necessary to talk," Pena Nieto said hours after his annual state-of-the-nation report was delivered to congress. "It was necessary to make him feel and know why Mexico does not accept his positions."

He acknowledged Mexicans' "enormous indignation" over Trump's presence in the country and repeated that he told him in person Mexico would in no way pay for the proposed border wall.

The president came under fire for not responding to Trump's mention of the wall during a joint news conference Wednesday, something he has since sought to correct. Earlier Thursday, after Trump tweeted that Mexico would pay for the wall, Pena Nieto fired back his own tweet saying that would "never" happen.

Pena Nieto also rejected a recent investigative report that found large portions of his law thesis 25 years ago were copied from other sources, although he allowed that some authors were "probably" not cited properly.

"I remember very clearly the studies I carried out, what I researched and what I formulated in my thesis. Nobody can tell me I plagiarized my thesis," the president said. "I may have committed some methodological error, but not with the aim of wanting to make someone else's ideas mine."

Aristegui Noticias' report about the thesis last month was the latest bad news in what analysts say has been a very tough year for Pena Nieto. An Aug. 11 poll by Reforma put his approval rating at about 23 percent, lower than for any Mexican president since the newspaper began conducting the survey 21 years ago.

Homicides are on the rise after falling early in his term. The economy has been struggling due to low oil prices and other factors. The Treasury Department recently lowered Mexico's GDP growth forecast yet again to between 2 percent and 2.6 percent.

There have also been allegations of torture and human rights abuses by police and troops prosecuting Mexico's offensive against the drug cartels, and earlier this year a group of independent experts issued a scathing report discrediting government investigators' account of what happened to 43 students who disappeared in 2014 after being taken by state police.

In his annual state-of-the-nation report, and in a video broadcast before he took questions, Pena Nieto mostly tried to put forth a rosier vision for Mexico.

He praised things such as the use of technology to fight organized crime, several transportation projects, growth in auto manufacturing and a new national anti-corruption system. Officials have now proctored 700,000 evaluation exams for active and aspiring teachers under an education reform that he passed and which continues to inspire unruly protests by dissident teachers.

Pena Nieto also highlighted five areas Mexico needs to prioritize going forward: education, poverty, security, corruption and helping families.

"In various regions crime continues to be a threat. Corruption and impunity hurt the life of the country, and economic growth is still insufficient," the president continued. "This is what afflicts and affects Mexicans."

Cuba reports remarkable success in containing Zika virus

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HAVANA (AP) — Six months after President Raul Castro declared war on the Zika virus in Cuba, a militarized nationwide campaign of intensive mosquito spraying, monitoring and quarantine appears to be working.

Cuba is among the few countries in the Western Hemisphere that have so far prevented significant spread of the disease blamed for birth defects in thousands of children. Only three people have caught Zika in Cuba. Thirty have been diagnosed with cases of the virus they got outside the island, according to Cuban officials.

Many are now watching to see whether Cuba is able to maintain control of Zika or will drop its guard and see widening infection like so many of its neighbors. The battle against Zika is testing what Cuba calls a signal accomplishment of its single-party socialist revolution — a free health-care system that assigns a family doctor to every neighborhood, with a focus on preventive care and maternal and pediatric health. That system has come under strain in recent years as thousands of specialists emigrate to the U.S., Europe and South America for higher pay and the allied government of Venezuela reduces the flow of subsidized oil that has been keeping Cuba solvent.

U.S. government scientists fly to Havana in November for a two-day meeting on animal-borne viruses such as Zika, the first conference of its kind since the re-establishment of diplomatic relations a year ago. American researchers say they are eager to learn more and help incorporate Cuba into U.S.-backed international health programs after a half-century without significant professional interaction.

"Probably in the last decade we've had two people that have gone down there for anything," said F. Gray Handley, associate director for international research affairs at the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "It has been pretty much of a black box."

So far, there have been about 40 cases of Zika caused by mosquito bites in Florida. Health officials don't expect widespread outbreaks in the mainland U.S. but there are thousands of cases in Puerto Rico and countries such as Brazil and Venezuela are struggling with large-scale infection.

International medical experts familiar with Cuba say other countries can learn from Cuba's intense

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focus on preventing disease, which led the government to decimate the mosquito population by spraying virtually every neighborhood in Cuba this spring.

"Cuba's response has been strong and effective," said Dr. Cristian Morales, the World Health Organization's representative in Cuba. "It has to do with the capacity to organize the population. Applying it to other countries, other contexts, would be extremely difficult."

Other elements of Cuba's success so far against Zika may simply not apply to other nations because they are inextricably tied to a form of government unique in the Western hemisphere.

Most aspects of life in Cuba are controlled by a single-party state that rigorously monitors citizens' activities. From neighborhood doctors to reporters to block watch captains, most people in Cuba work for a massive government apparatus whose components all ultimately answer to a single unelected leader, Raul Castro, who heads the military, the state and the Communist Party.

In February, as Zika spread through South America, Castro announced that he would be deploying the army to spray homes and workplaces because of the failings of civilian government fumigators, whom Cubans frequently brushed off to avoid the smelly, noisy filling of their homes with insecticidal fog.

"Our people will be able to demonstrate their ability to organize to maintain the levels of health achieved by the revolution and avoid our families suffering," he wrote. "As never before in similar efforts, we must be ever-more disciplined and demanding."

In the following weeks, Cubans cities, towns and villages filled with olive-clad soldiers moving door-to-door with handheld foggers, and using sprayer trucks to blanket entire streets with clouds of insecticide.

Cuba's approach compares favorably to the effort in Florida, where officials are spraying areas where Zika cases have already started cropping up, said Carlos Espinal, director of the Global Health Consortium at Florida International University in Miami.

"They started very early in advance of the Zika virus," he said. "Once you start going behind the cases then it's complicated, you're just detecting once the transmission is already in place."

The Cuban state has officials from immigration agents to neighborhood doctors watching for Zika, especially in the thousands of doctors, nurses and support staff who work overseas in programs that earn the Cuban government billions of dollars a year in badly needed hard currency.

"The neighborhood family doctor is told, 'In your community there are 10 people who've gone to Jamaica. Two are doctors, three are nurses and the other six or five are business people, tourists, whatever.' And he has to keep an eye on them, go to their homes, call them," said Professor Jorge Perez, director of the Pedro Kouri Tropical Medicine Institute in Havana.

Perez said 1,700 people with fever or other symptoms had been quarantined for 24-48 hours while being tested for Zika. All pregnant women are tested for Zika in their first trimester, he said. Every worker sent overseas on a government "mission" is quarantined and tested before returning to the island.

"We're surrounded by Zika, everywhere," he said. "We've learned that it's better to prevent than to treat."

The Cuban government holds regular video conferences among top health officials, military officers, Communist Party officials and sanitation and water experts in the capital and in Cuba's 14 provinces. Even elementary- and middle-school students had been drawn into the campaign, with teams of children as young as 10 sent door-to-door to check for standing water where mosquitoes breed and distribute information about Zika. Those who defy orders to eliminate standing water or trash or allow inspections or fumigation are fined.

"In our neighborhood people watch out for surges of mosquitoes, keep things clean and work with the neighborhood to raise their awareness," said Gerardo Olvera, 51, a self-employed vendor of phone

cards in Havana. "Meanwhile the authorities are visiting, fumigating. It's all designed to get everyone involved."

Tarantulas looking for love in California; hikers warned

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tarantulas are out looking for love, and hikers in Southern California's Santa Monica Mountains are warned to watch out for the hairy spiders.

Tarantula mating season has begun, and it will last through the end of October, the National Park Service said Thursday.

That means the giant arachnids will spend the next two months weaving webs just above ground, outside the female's burrow, the Los Angeles Times reported (<http://lat.ms/2bWXjyq>).

Because females typically stay inside, if a hiker comes across a tarantula on a footpath, it's probably a male on the lookout for a mate, experts say. Males have been known to search for up to four miles to find a female.

Though they have fangs and carry poison, tarantulas are not considered a serious threat to humans.

The spiders move slowly so hikers can take pictures, but humans shouldn't touch or otherwise harass the creatures, said Kate Kuykendall, a spokeswoman for the Santa Monica Mountains.

While female tarantulas can live for up to 25 years, the average lifespan of the male is only seven or eight years, so their annual chances to spread their genes is limited. To make matters worse, female tarantulas have been known to eat the males if they linger too long after copulation, the Times said.

According to the park service, mating occurs when the male approaches the female's burrow and taps on the web strands outside the entrance. If the female is willing, she'll come outside and receive his sperm, which he deposits on a web that she then receives and uses to fertilize her eggs.

Asian stock markets muted ahead of key US job report

KELVIN CHAN, AP Markets Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Most Asian markets were listless Friday as investors awaited key U.S. job data that could influence the Fed's interest rate policy.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index dipped 0.4 percent to 16,853.57 while South Korea's Kospi edged up 0.2 percent to 2,036.82. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.4 percent to 23,254.69 and the Shanghai Composite Index in mainland China crept 0.1 percent higher to 3,065.52. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 0.9 percent to 5,366.10. Benchmarks in Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand and New Zealand fell while indexes in the Philippines and Indonesia rose.

U.S. ECONOMY: A report on U.S. jobs due out later Friday is likely to be the big market moving event of the day, though Asian investors won't get a chance to react until next week. Economists forecast that the nonfarm payroll report will show employers added 180,000 jobs in August, according to a survey by data provider FactSet. That would be under July's 255,000 extra jobs and 292,000 in June, which was an eight-month high.

GLOBAL OUTLOOK: Investors are cautious after a round of manufacturing surveys Thursday sent mixed signals. A Chinese survey of purchasing managers found factory activity expanded at its fastest pace in 22 months, though it was barely above the no-change mark. The U.S. purchasing managers' index, meanwhile, contracted for the first time since February but British manufacturing rebounded on the pound's slump in the aftermath of the shock vote to leave the European Union.

QUOTEWORTHY: "Payrolls. Payrolls. Paaaayroooollls. Did I mention payrolls? It's blindingly obvious what market attention will be focused on today," Michael Ivery, head of Asia-Pacific research at Rabo-

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bank, wrote in a note to clients. "The importance of that U.S. employment print today can't be overstated," he added, noting that the poor U.S. factory reading sent the dollar lower.

G-20 WORLD LEADERS: Leaders of the U.S., China and other big Group of 20 economies are attending a two-day meeting this weekend, with the global economy expected to be one of the main discussion topics. China, the G-20 meeting's host, has made trade a major theme of the meeting while other governments also want to tackle climate change, cutting excess capacity in in steel and limits on use of tax havens.

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks ended little changed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.1 percent to 18,419.30 and the Standard & Poor's 500 index was practically unchanged at 2,170.86. The Nasdaq composite gained 0.3 percent to 5,227.21.

ENERGY: U.S. benchmark crude oil futures rose 23 cents to \$43.39 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gave up \$1.54, or 3.4 percent, to settle at \$43.16 a barrel on Thursday. Brent crude, the benchmark for international oil prices, added 24 cents to \$45.69 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar strengthened to 103.31 yen from 103.26 yen in late trading Thursday. The euro rose to \$1.1202 from \$1.1195.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, Sept. 2, the 246th day of 2016. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out.

In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1924, the Rudolf Friml operetta "Rose Marie" opened on Broadway.

In 1935, a Labor Day hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming more than 400 lives.

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic. (Ho died on this date in 1969.)

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers. "The CBS Evening News" with Walter Cronkite was lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes, becoming network television's first half-hour nightly newscast.

In 1969, in what some regard as the birth of the Internet, two connected computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, passed test data through a 15-foot cable.

In 1972, Dave Wottle of the United States won the men's 800-meter race at the Munich Summer Olympics.

In 1986, a judge in Los Angeles sentenced Cathy Evelyn Smith to three years in prison for involuntary manslaughter for her role in the 1982 drug overdose death of comedian John Belushi. (Smith served 18 months.)

In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard.

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Ten years ago: Afghan and NATO forces launched Operation Medusa, aimed at flushing out Taliban fighters in southern Afghanistan; 14 British servicemen were killed when their patrol plane crashed. Two-time Olympic decathlon champion and four-term California congressman Bob Mathias died in Fresno, California, at age 75.

Five years ago: In a dramatic reversal, President Barack Obama scrubbed a proposed clean-air regulation aimed at reducing smog, yielding to bitterly protesting businesses and congressional Republicans who complained the rule would kill jobs in America's ailing economy. Turkey expelled Israel's ambassador and cut military ties over Israel's refusal to apologize for a deadly 2010 raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla.

One year ago: Overcoming ferocious opposition, President Barack Obama secured a legacy-defining foreign policy victory as Senate Democrats clinched the necessary votes to ensure the Iran nuclear agreement survived in Congress. President Obama crossed the Arctic Circle in a first by a sitting U.S. president, telling residents in the far-flung Alaska village of Kotzebue (KAHT'-zih-byoo) that their plight resulting from climate change should be the world's wake-up call on global warming. In one of the most haunting images from the Syrian migrant crisis, the lifeless body of 3-year-old Alan Kurdi was photographed lying on a Turkish beach after he, his 5-year-old brother and their mother died when their rubber boat capsized as it headed for Greece.

Today's Birthdays: Dancer-actress Marge Champion is 97. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 85. Actor-comedian Chuck McCann is 82. Former United States Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth is 79. Actor Derek Fowlds (TV: "Yes, Minister"; "Yes, Prime Minister") is 79. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 73. Singer Joe Simon is 73. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 68. Basketball Hall of Famer Nate Archibald is 68. Actor Mark Harmon is 65. Former Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., is 65. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jimmy Connors is 64. Actress Linda Purl is 61. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 58. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 57. Pro Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson is 56. Actor Keanu Reeves is 52. International Boxing Hall of Famer Lennox Lewis is 51. Actress Salma Hayek is 50. Actor Tuc Watkins is 50. Actress Kristen Cloke is 48. Actress Cynthia Watros is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci is 47. Actor-comedian Katt Williams is 43. Actor Michael Lombardi is 42. Actress Tiffany Hines is 39. Rock musician Sam Rivers (Limp Bizkit) is 39. Actor Jonathan Kite is 37. Actress Allison Miller is 31. Rock musician Spencer Smith is 29. Electronic music DJ/producer Zedd is 27.

Thought for Today: "You can't, in sound morals, condemn a man for taking care of his own integrity. It is his clear duty." — Joseph Conrad, Polish-born writer (1857-1924).