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Bus Drivers Wanted

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

Bates Township Mowing Notice

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2016 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
Betty Geist
Township Clerk

Bates Township Right-Of-Way Notice

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner, effective with the 2017 growing season.

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GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

October 3, 2016 - 7pm
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) Department Reports – Herron, Zerr, Lambertz
- 5) Plow available - Herron
- 6) Heartland CCC Meeting report- Lowary
- 7) Load Management Settings- Kosel
- 8) Heartland Budget Meeting-Langford- Wed, Oct 19
- 9) 2nd Reading Ordinance 707 – Making FO as employee rather than official
- 10) Pumpkin Fest Plans – Oct 8 & Band Festival Oct 14
- 11) Emergency Management ICS Class 300- Expanding Incidents–Aberdeen–Nov 18-19
ICS Classes 100, 200 & 700 Prerequisites
- 12) Exe Session – Legal 1-25-2 (3)

Avera Announces Plans to Terminate Participation in Sanford Health Plan Network

SIOUX FALLS (Sept. 30, 2016) – Avera Health has announced plans to terminate participation in the Sanford Health Plan provider network as of Jan. 1, 2017.

“This is a long-term decision to make our system stronger. Avera will gain opportunities to differentiate our provider network and grow our business with individuals and employers. By focusing innovative care delivery through Avera Health Plans, Avera Medical Group and our Avera hospitals, we will find new ways to impact the cost curve for patients while focusing on quality,” said Tad Jacobs, DO, Chief Medical Officer for Avera Medical Group.

Sanford’s recent termination of participation in the Avera Health Plans network was the catalyst for Avera to reconsider the same for participation in their network.

This decision was made aWe value our relationships with patients and take seriously their trust in our care.

Avera is especially cognizant of the impact of this change on those individuals insured by Sanford and being treated by Avera providers. “There are provisions for those patients who have an active treatment plan in place, and we will work with patients to help make any needed transitions as smooth as possible,” Jacobs added. Patients who are individually insured and want to keep their Avera provider should review their health insurance options during open enrollment, and talk with their agent. This year’s open enrollment period begins Nov. 1.

Avera will remove all South Dakota hospitals, facilities and physicians from the Sanford Health Plan. This does not include Avera physicians and facilities in Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska. Avera Behavioral Health Center and Avera-employed Behavioral Health physicians will also stay in network.

What can patients do?

Patients have 90 days to make decisions about their care providers.

There are circumstances in which patients can continue their care, for example, complex care plans like those for cancer treatment, as well as women who are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy.

Patients who are getting care from an Avera physician in a medical specialty that is not available through the Sanford network can ask permission from Sanford Health Plan to continue care with their Avera provider on an in-network basis.

Patients who are individually insured and want to keep their Avera provider should review their health insurance options during open enrollment. People who purchase individual policies, on or off the federal insurance marketplace, will have the ability to select an insurance product, such as Avera Health Plans, which includes all Avera providers. This year’s open enrollment period begins November 1.

Patients who are insured through their employer’s insurance will need to talk with their employer about insurance options.

The Life of Clarice E. Larson



Memorial services for Clarice E. Larson, 85, of Britton and formerly of Amherst will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the United Methodist Church, Claremont. Rev. Bill Duncan will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton at a later date.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services at the church.

Clarice passed away Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Wheatcrest Hills, Britton with family by her side.

Clarice Elaine Brant was born on August 28, 1931 in Aberdeen to Desmond and Ruth (Ferguson) Brant. At age 11, she lost her father to TB and the family moved to Oregon for a few years, while her mother worked in the ship yards. They later returned to Groton where she gained a wonderful step-father, William Klaus. Clarice graduated from Groton High School in 1949 and continued her education at Northern State College. She met the love of her life, Bobbie "Bob" Larson while attending Methodist Church camp at Lake Poinsett in the summer of 1948 when they were juniors in High School. They dated after that and were married June 4, 1950 at the Methodist Church in Groton. They lived and farmed

in the Claremont and Amherst areas for 30 years. Aside from helping on the farm, she was known for her hard work in raising their family, large vegetable gardens with lots of canning, freezing and pickling and beautiful flower gardens. Clarice also loved to entertain and was an outstanding cook, who always had plenty of wonderful baked goodies. Her homemade bread and caramel rolls were the absolute best and often requested for church and local events.

While downsizing their farming operation they lived 3 years in Groton prior to moving to Willcox, Arizona area, where they farmed in an irrigated valley from June 1981 to the fall of 2005. After 4 ½ more years of the southwest, they returned to South Dakota in the spring of 2010. She and Bob entered Aberdeen Health and Rehab in May of 2010, later moving to Wheatcrest Hills at Britton in February of 2012. Both were so loved and treated like family while at Wheatcrest and the family thanks the staff for the awesome care. Bob passed away May 1, 2014.

Clarice was active in the Claremont United Methodist Church and Willcox Methodist Church, UMW, local extension clubs and 4-H. After moving to Wheatcrest, they both enjoyed being close to family and friends, who stopped by to visit.

Celebrating her life are her children, Alan Larson (Deb Thorsness) of Gwinner, ND; Kathy (Marty) Binger of Willcox, AZ; Larry Larson of Phoenix, AZ; Karen Larson of Aberdeen; Robert "Rob" Larson of Pearce, AZ; Nancy Gaethje of Page, AZ, 12 grandchildren: Toscha (Ben) Larson, Tiffany (Ryan) Hamrick, Tahra (Bill) Doll, Katy Beth Larson, Miranda Larson, Waylon (Melissa) Binger, Lucas (Shari) Binger, Jeff (Ali Gould) Larson, Daphnie (Shawn) Lidgard, Jennifer Larson, Robbie Larson, Hannah Gaethje, 6 step-grandchildren: Aimee (Dan) Sarbaum, Josh Haring, Danielle (Doug) Stahl, Dawn Thorsness, John George, Melissa Duran, 11 great-grandchildren: Chance Unterseher, Jacob & Ava Larson, Dietrich & Colton Hamrick, Pierce Doll, Brylee and Tatum Binger, Ethan, Gage & Madison Lidgard, 8 step-great-grandchildren: Jaylyn & Rylan Sarbaum, Kyrie Haring, Kyle and Kade Stahl, Shawn, Shane and Shay Duran, 2 step-great-great grandchildren, Kevin Duran and Dante Duran, her brother-in-law, Dean (Dorothy) Larson of Pierpont, three sisters-in-law, Janet Drewitz of Faribault, MN; Lylia (Don) Miller of Aberdeen; Diane (Stuart) Eberhart of Britton and several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her step-father, her in-laws, Florence and Emil Larson, Bobbie, her husband of 64 years, an infant son, Craig Alan Larson in 1959, her son, Doug Larson in 2014, sister and brother-in-law, Donna Jean (Andrew) Nikolas, a brother-in-law, Jim Drewitz and three daughters-in-law: Becky Larson, Bonnie Larson and Victoria Larson

Honorary Urn bearers will be all of Clarice's grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Karen Larson 2714 1st Ave SE #201, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Groton earns fifth NEC Title

The 2016 Groton Area Tigers have earned their fifth Northeast Conference Title posting a 41-6 win over Sisseton Friday night in Groton. The Tigers win the conference title with a 4-0 record.

Groton's touchdowns came on runs of four, 14 and 25 yards by Trevon Tuggles; and Bennett Shabazz passed to Trevor Pray for touchdowns of 25 yards and 36 yards, and to Seric Shabazz for 14 yards. Peyton Johnson kicked three PATs and Brandon Keith had one PAT on a pass from Bennett Shabazz.

Sisseton would score with 59 seconds left in the game on a 10 yard run by Hunter Medenwald. The PAT run was no good.

Groton Area had 13 first downs and Sisseton had six. The Tigers had 27 carries for 150 yards. Rushers were Trevon Tuggles with 10 carries for 85 yards, Bennett Shabazz with eight carries for 29 yards, Seric Shabazz with six carries for 21 yards, Brandon Keith with two carries for 11 yards and Trevor Pray with one carry for four yards. Sisseton had 36 carries for 86 yards. Justin Brockel had 17 carries for 54 yards.

Bennett Shabazz completed seven of nine passes for 163 yards for three touchdowns and one interception. Receivers were Trevor Pray with four catches for 115 yards, Seric Shabazz had one catch for 36 yards and Lucas Hinman had two catches for 12 yards.

Hunter Medenwald completed four of seven passes for Sisseton for 29 yards. Colbey Lehrke had one catch for 23 yards.

Groton lost one fumble and Sisseton recovered both of its fumbles. Groton had eight penalties for 65 yards. One of those penalties included recalling a touchdown by Trevor Pray. Sisseton had three penalties for 30 yards.

Leading tacklers for Groton Area were Brandon Keith with 10 tackles and Seric Shabazz and Lucas Hinman with eight each. Josh Currence had nine tackles for Sisseton and Justin Brockel had six.

Groton Area is now 6-0 on the season and 4-0 in the Northeast Conference. Sisseton is 1-4 overall with an 0-2 NEC record.

Groton Area travels to Wagner on Friday and Sisseton hosts Aberdeen Roncalli.

2016 NEC Champions Coach Shaun Wanner

2011 NEC Champions Coach Shaun Wanner

1972 NEC Champions Coach Bobby Dubbs

Left NEC in 1959 and rejoined in 1970

1938 NEC Champions Coach Perry Doney (The football field is named after Doney)

1939 NEC Champions Coach Perry Doney

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Today in Weather History

October 1, 1971: A rare October tornado touched down in Sully County. This short lived tornado damaged a ranch home and large barn, 6 miles WSW of Onida.

October 1, 2012: A drought continued to intensify and expand across parts of central and northeast South Dakota through October, resulting in severe to exceptional drought conditions. Many locations continued the trend of recording well below normal precipitation totals for the month. Exceptional drought conditions expanded into Stanley, Jones and southern Lyman counties. Extreme drought conditions spread into southern Dewey, Sully, Hughes, Lyman, Jones, southwest Hyde, Hamlin, Codington, Grant and Deuel counties. Severe drought conditions spread into Corson, Dewey, northwest Hyde, Hand, Faulk, Edmunds, McPherson, Brown, eastern Clark and southern Roberts Counties.

1752 - The second severe hurricane in two weeks hit the Carolinas. The Onslow County Courthouse was destroyed along with all its records, and Beacon Island disappeared. (David Ludlum)

1890: The weather service is first identified as a civilian agency when Congress, at the request of President Benjamin Harrison, passes an act transferring the meteorological responsibilities of the Signal Service to the newly-created U.S. Weather Bureau in the Department of Agriculture.

1893 - The second great hurricane of the 1893 season hit the Mississippi Delta Region drowning more than 1000 persons. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A blast of cold arctic air hit the north central U.S. An afternoon thunderstorm slickened the streets of Duluth MN with hail and snow, and later in the afternoon, strong northerly winds reached 70 mph. Unseasonably warm weather continued in the Pacific northwest. Afternoon highs of 90 degrees at Olympia WA, 92 degrees at Portland OR, and 89 degrees at Seattle WA, were records for the month of October. For Seattle WA it marked the twenty- first daily record high for the year, a record total in itself. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather across central Oklahoma and the eastern half of Texas. Thunderstorms in Texas produced softball size hail northwest of Nocona, and baseball size hail at Troy and Park Springs. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the southeastern U.S. through the daytime and evening hours. Severe thunderstorms spawned eleven tornadoes, with seven of those tornadoes in Georgia. A tornado southwest of Moultrie, GA, killed two persons and injured a dozen others. Tornadoes also injured one person north of Graceville, FL, and two persons at Bartow, GA. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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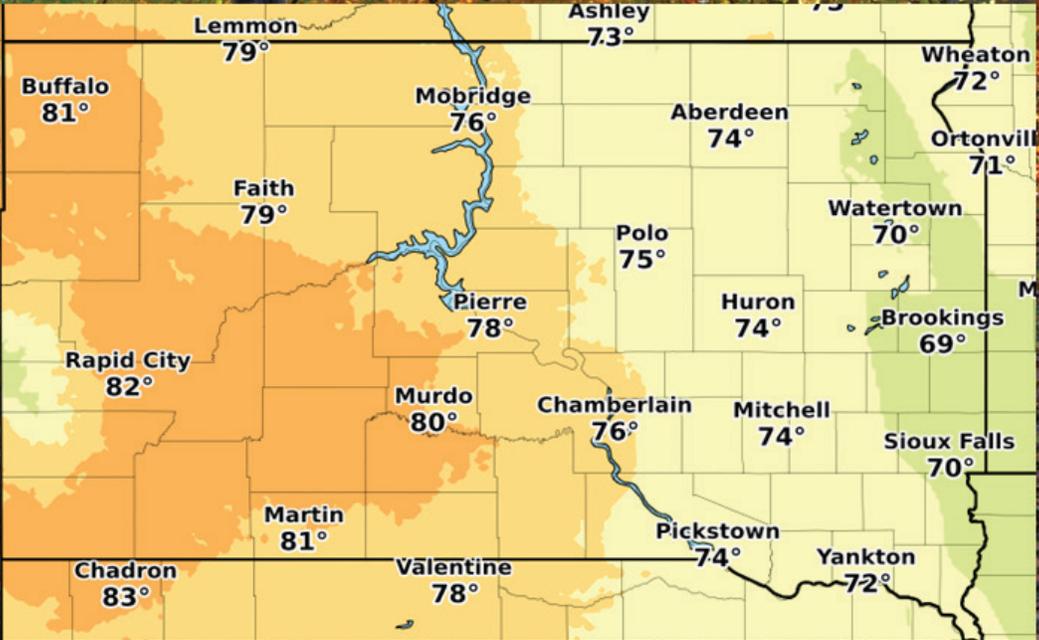
Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night
						
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Sunny then Partly Sunny and Breezy	Chance T-storms and Breezy	Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy
Low: 54 °F	High: 78 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 71 °F	Low: 43 °F



Hello October



High Temperatures Today



City	Temperature (°F)
Buffalo	81°
Lemmon	79°
Ashley	73°
Wheaton	72°
Möbriidge	76°
Aberdeen	74°
Ortonvill	71°
Faith	79°
Polo	75°
Watertown	70°
Pierre	78°
Huron	74°
Brookings	69°
Rapid City	82°
Murdo	80°
Chamberlain	76°
Mitchell	74°
Sioux Falls	70°
Martin	81°
Pickstown	74°
Yankton	72°
Chadron	83°
Valentine	78°

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Dry and warm conditions will usher in the month of October. The next chance for precipitation will come Monday afternoon and Monday night.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 73.3 F at 4:52 PM

Low Outside Temp: 47.3 F at 6:52 AM

High Gust: 28.0 Mph at 3:49 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 92° in 1922

Record Low: 21° in 1974

Average High: 66°F

Average Low: 40°F

Average Precip in Oct.: 0.08

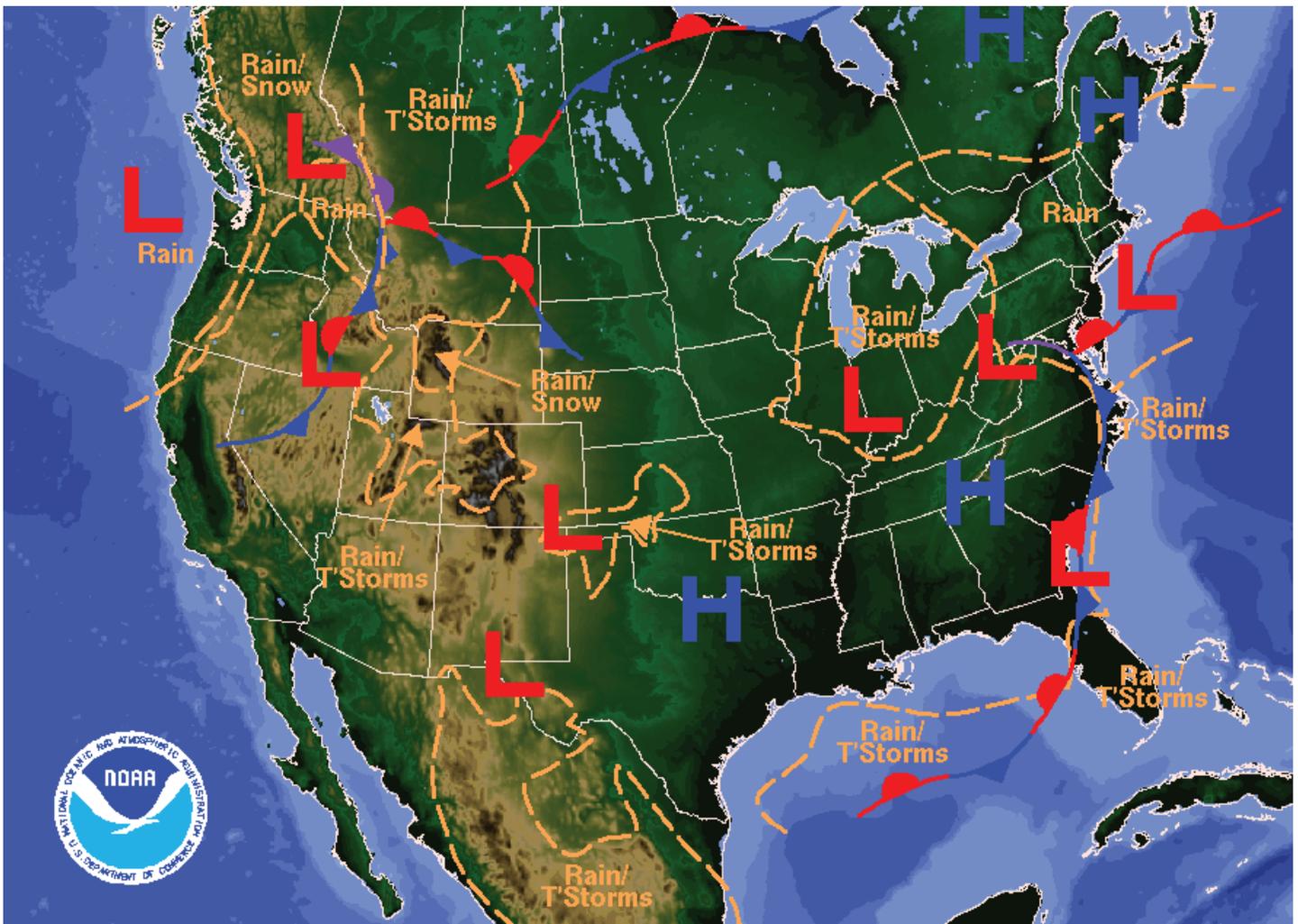
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 18.56

Precip Year to Date: 13.20

Sunset Tonight: 7:12 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:33 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Oct 01, 2016, issued 5:05 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WILLING AND ABLE

Little Anne was anxious for her birthday to arrive. It was a day of celebration filled with presents and a party with her best friends.

One morning before school she asked, "Mom, when's my birthday? How long before it's here? You know, how much time do I have to start being good 'cause you know it's hard for me to be good."

How true of all of us!

If we truly want to be good and do good, however, we need to listen to the advice of Paul: "For God is working in you, giving you the power to do what pleases Him."

To do good we must first be willing to do good. For the Christian doing good is being Christ-like. For some of us it takes a while. We know that our goal is to have an attitude like Christ and act as He did. But what do we do until that happens? Many of us have had that as a goal for years and still have not achieved the results we want: to think and act like Jesus.

Look at it this way: If we are willing, God will enable us to do what He would have us to do. We can read the Gospel message and see what Jesus did and then go into His world and do whatever He did to honor His Father. Willingness always precedes ability. And ability comes from imitation, practice and application.

Prayer: Lord, sometimes we really try to complicate things to get out of doing them. Truth is, if we want to do good we can do good for You promised to help us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 2:13 For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.



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News from the Associated Press

Watertown woman faces burglary, drug possession charges

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — A Watertown optometrist is accused of burglary and faces a drug charge after she allegedly unlawfully entered someone's home.

Authorities say Melanie Weiss has been charged with burglary and possession of a controlled substance.

She was arrested after allegedly being found with prescription medication and a garage door opener belonging to the homeowner. Watertown police say the arrest is part of an investigation into similar activity.

It wasn't immediately clear if Weiss has an attorney.

Feds say they won't evict sprawling pipeline protest camp

By **JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The sprawling encampment that's a living protest against the four-state Dakota Access pipeline has most everything it needs to be self-sustaining — food, firewood, fresh water and shelter. Everything, that is, except permission to be on the federal land in North Dakota.

Federal officials say they won't evict the Oceti Sakowin, or Seven Council Fires camp, due to free speech reasons, even though it's on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land near the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball rivers that many Native Americans believe is still rightfully owned by the Standing Rock Sioux under a nearly 150-year-old treaty.

"We're not leaving until we defeat this big black snake," camp spokesman Cody Hall said of the pipeline.

But residents in the area have expressed feeling unsafe and frustrated with how the protest has swelled to scores of self-described "water protectors" who have joined the tribe's fight, and Republican U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer — North Dakota's lone voice in the House — says the camp is illegal. He blames the agency for looking the other way.

"If that camp was full of people advocating for fossil fuels, they would have been removed by now," Cramer said. "There is some discretionary enforcement going on."

The camp is the overflow from smaller private and permitted protest sites nearby and began growing in August. The gathering has been called the largest gathering of Native American tribes in a century, all there to protest Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners' \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline, which tribal officials believe threatens sacred sites and a river that's a source of water for millions.

Corps spokeswoman Eileen Williamson said the agency is "encouraging" people to relocate to areas where there is a permit, such as a nearby smaller camp where demonstrators have been allowed to legally protest on federal lands managed by the agency.

"We don't have the physical ability to go out and evict people — it gives the appearance of not protecting free speech," she said. "Our hands are really tied."

Cramer believes the "bigger problem" of the camp is "the illegal activity that may be orchestrated from there" — meaning a base to launch interference with pipeline construction miles away. About 95 people have been arrested in several pipeline protests — some as far as 70 miles away from the camp — since early August, but none at the camp itself. Protesters deny state officials' charge, with Hall saying the camp promotes "peaceful" protest.

"People don't leave from the camp with malicious intent to do harm," Hall said. "There are always go-

ing to be a few bad eggs in any group you can't the message to."

Ranchers and farmers in the area are wary of the growing number of protesters and are fearful of damage to their fields and pastures, Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said.

"We've had several reports of people down there getting stopped on the road and being intimidated to hay that has been stolen to grazing animals without permission," he said.

Matthew Rebenitsch, who has a ranch just a few miles from the encampment, said he and his neighbors worry about talking publicly about the situation.

"To be honest, no one around here wants to say anything because we're afraid they will come and threaten us," he said. "I'll say this, every rancher around here is packing and people are locking their doors — and no one has ever locked a door in their entire life."

Republican state Rep. James Schmidt, who also farms and ranches nearby, said he and his neighbors are more cautious.

"I'm starting to see a lot more guns in the back of pickup trucks. All it is going to take is one incident and emotions are going to overtake the situation," he said.

Complicating the issue is a grazing lease on that land. The renter, David Meyer, is responsible for the condition of the land. He could enforce his lease and have people removed, Williamson said, but hasn't requested any intervention. Meyer recently sold part of his historic Cannonball Ranch to Energy Transfer Partners for an undisclosed price; he hasn't returned telephone calls from The Associated Press seeking comment.

The Standing Rock Sioux has challenged the Army Corps of Engineers' decision to grant permits for the pipeline that is intended to carry North Dakota oil to Illinois. Due to a federal court decision, construction has stopped within 20 miles on either side of Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir that is near the encampment. The Departments of Justice, Army and Interior also has said it will "reconsider any of its previous decisions" on land that borders or is under the lake.

Hall, a member of South Dakota's Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, said the Sioux "never ceded" the land on which they're camping. He said they are preparing to stay through the winter by stockpiling firewood, heating stoves and warmer clothes. But there'll be no permanent structures built, Hall said.

"We will leave this camp as we found it," he said.

Former employee: Wild horses dying on South Dakota ranch

LANTRY, S.D. (AP) — A former employee says wild horses on a South Dakota ranch are dying of starvation and other causes.

The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2cJh3Ra>) reports that the Dewey County sheriff is investigating the situation. Former International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros employee Colleen Burns estimates over 30 horses have died since June.

Burns says she was fired Thursday after publicizing her allegations about conditions at the north-central South Dakota ranch. Karen Sussman, president and longtime leader of the society, says Burns is a "disgruntled employee."

Burns says insufficient grass and financial troubles making the society unable to buy enough hay have led to the deaths. Dewey County Sheriff Les Mayer says he ordered Sussman to feed the horses each day or risk citation or arrest.

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USDA: South Dakota's hog and pig numbers up 5 percent

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says the number of hogs and pigs in the state is up 5 percent from the same time last year.

The latest report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service says there were 1.41 million head Sept. 1, a 5 percent increase over the same time last year, and up 1 percent from June 1.

The breeding hog inventory of 195,000 is a 15 percent increase over the year, while the 1.22 million market hogs are a 4 percent jump.

The June-August 2016 pig crop of 1.04 million head was up 6 percent from 2015. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 97,000 head, up 7 percent from last year.

South Dakota hog producers intend to farrow 97,000 sows during the September-November 2016 quarter.

Sioux Falls authorities arrest 2 men after concert lets out

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have arrested two men for disorderly conduct after a concert let out in Sioux Falls.

The Sioux Falls Police Department says police responding Friday to a disturbance found groups of people fighting. Authorities say gunshots were reported, and officers located shell casings in the area. Officials say a juvenile was treated at a local hospital after an assault. An investigation is ongoing.

Friday's Scores

By The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 46, Wagner 0

Arlington/Lake Preston 58, Deubrook 30

Baltic 48, Alcester-Hudson 0

Belle Fourche 35, St. Francis Indian 8

Bennett County 12, Custer 8

Bon Homme 41, Colman-Egan 40

Brandon Valley 41, Rapid City Central 10

Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 16, McCook Central/Montrose 14

Burke/South Central 22, Avon 20

Canistota 34, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 14

Chamberlain 51, Todd County 0

Chester 54, Viborg-Hurley 14

Colome 60, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 6

Corsica/Stickney 51, Irene-Wakonda 0

Dakota Hills 36, Waverly-South Shore 12

Dakota Valley 33, Elk Point-Jefferson 7

Dell Rapids 28, Canton 0

Dell Rapids St. Mary 42, Elkton-Lake Benton 26

DeSmet 44, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 28

Deuel 34, Clark/Willow Lake 28

Gayville-Volin 54, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 0

Great Plains Lutheran 27, Tri-State 18

Gregory 32, Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 6

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Hanson 36, Menno/Marion 6
Harding County 42, Bison 14
Harrisburg 35, Aberdeen Central 7
Hill City 58, Edgemont 22
Hot Springs 38, Sturgis 0
Huron 26, Spearfish 20
Kimball/White Lake 46, Miller 14
Lemmon/McIntosh 46, Grant County-Flasher, N.D. 36
Leola/Frederick 48, Ipswich/Edmunds Central 6
Madison 34, Sioux Falls Christian 6
McLaughlin 58, Crazy Horse 8
Milbank Area 35, Redfield/Doland 3
Mitchell 28, Sioux Falls Lincoln 7
Mobridge-Pollock 42, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 14
Newell 41, Timber Lake 14
Northwestern 51, Lower Brule 14
Parker 30, Garretson 29
Parkston 50, Jones County/White River 0
Philip 54, Lyman 0
Rapid City Stevens 24, Watertown 3
Red Cloud 41, Little Wound 40
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 35, Yankton 14
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 58, Brookings 14
Sioux Falls Washington 57, Pierre 41
Sioux Valley 41, Flandreau 15
St. Thomas More 28, Douglas 7
Stanley County 40, Kadoka Area 0
Tea Area 39, Vermillion 6
Tri-Valley 52, Beresford 14
Wall 47, Faith 6
Warner 50, Hitchcock-Tulare 8
Webster 46, Florence/Henry 8
West Central 41, Lennox 13
Wolsey-Wessington 58, Sunshine Bible Academy 7

South Dakota annual park entrance license going on sale

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The 2017 annual park entrance license for South Dakota's state parks and recreation areas is going on sale.

The license, which features a monarch butterfly, is available for purchase Saturday. It is valid through May 18, 2018.

Licenses can be purchased online, at a state park office or by calling 605-773-3391. They're \$30 each or two for \$45.

The license is required for entrance into designated state parks, recreation areas and lakeside use areas. It does not cover camping costs or additional fees.

Deadwood mystery man laid to rest after 160 years

By TOM GRIFFITH, Rapid City Journal

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — On Thursday morning, as a gentle breeze combed the pine boughs towering above the silent gravesites of countless miners, muleskinners, merchants and madams in this fabled town's Mt. Moriah Cemetery, 160-year-old "Jackson," one of Deadwood's original pioneers, was laid to rest.

Jackson's story is one of history and mystery — a man in his mid-20s who joined a flood of fortune-seekers in Deadwood's earliest muddy and bloody years, when some historians say the fledgling gold camp yielded a death a day, most from unnatural causes.

While the cause of Jackson's demise may never be known, much has been learned since his skeletal remains were unearthed by a construction crew working on a retaining wall project near the intersection of Taylor and Jackson streets in the spring of 2012. The man had been buried in Ingleside Cemetery sometime between Deadwood's earliest origins in 1876 and the latter part of 1878, according to city historic preservation officials.

State archaeologists and city personnel, assisted by a local archaeologist, sifted through the site, collecting bone fragments and the remnants of a cranium. They found 99 percent of his skeleton, save for one tooth and a few small finger and toe bones, the Rapid City Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/2dx1OMS>).

The gruesome discovery set off a flurry of investigative activities worthy of a TV crime show, with the city's Historic Preservation Office enlisting the assistance of scientists and researchers using modern forensic techniques from Georgia to Texas and Colorado to California.

Tests by Dr. Angie Ambers, a DNA analyst and forensic geneticist with the Institute of Applied Genetics in Fort Worth, Texas, found that the man, who probably died in his late teens or early 20s, likely had light red hair, light brown eyes and came from Western Europe.

"Dead men do tell tales," Ambers told a small crowd assembled for the re-interment Thursday. "In this case, this young pioneer told us part of his story through his DNA and his skeletal remains. DNA is in a sense stardust, from a time that has passed."

She said no one can ever know the full story, except that the man's journey ended in Deadwood.

"The long forgotten dead are longing for home," she added.

A molecular analysis of the silver and gold extracted from the teeth, conducted by the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in an attempt to trace their origins, was inconclusive, according to Deadwood Historic Preservation Officer Kevin Kuchenbecker.

Examination of the teeth and jaw bones of "Jackson," conducted by forensic dentist Thomas David of Atlanta, postulated that he likely came from a family of some means and that he apparently chewed tobacco on the right side of his mouth. The man had nine fillings, six with silver tint amalgam and three that were gold, a rarity in the late 1800s, city archivist Mike Runge explained.

The results of the testing and analysis were provided to Karen T. Taylor, a forensic artist in Fort Worth, who will provide Deadwood with a two-dimensional drawing of the individual based on the studies, Runge said. That two-year project should be completed in the next two months, he said.

"With the DNA testing, looking at Y chromosomes, and a variety of other factors, we've been able to gain a sense of this individual," Kuchenbecker said. "At this point, Jackson has probably traveled as much as anyone in this office. As a preservationist and an historian, it's been somewhat surprising that we can take a skeleton of a man who died about 140 years ago and learn so much about him."

On Thursday morning, Jackson found his final resting place in Deadwood's own Boot Hill, just below the gravesite of Seth Bullock, the town's first marshal. Wild West re-enactors looking the part in black

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frock coats, cowboy boots and period dress, carried Jackson to his new home in a small redwood box built by local craftsman Keith Umenthum. A small marble marker denoted an "Unknown Pioneer" discovered in 2012 at the site of the city's first cemetery.

Katie Lamie, an archaeologist with the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center, said she first met the deceased in March 2012, while she was monitoring the retaining wall project near the site of Wild Bill Hickok's original grave. She said Jackson had been "missed" several times before when previous construction projects had come just inches from his remains.

"None of the 100 or so other burials recovered from Deadwood's first cemetery between the years of 1878 and 2007, have been the subject of such archaeological and scientific scrutiny," Lamie noted. "Through the final episode of his life, this individual was apparently revered by a close group of friends or family."

She noted that at burial he was well dressed in a coat and possibly a vest and shirt.

"These individuals paid for his coffin burial," she explained. "Most notably, they fired a three-round salute at his first funeral, consisting of the three spent .50-.70 center-fire cartridge cases that we later found in his coat pockets. We stand here today in place of these also departed friends and family."

According to the priest who officiated at Thursday's services, Jackson was placed in an honored spot reserved for a young man who traveled West to find his personal El Dorado and who typified the pursuits of thousands of faceless pioneers, some of whom got rich while others died.

"This is actual history, not the Hollywood version," said the Rev. Michael Johnson of Deadwood's St. John's Episcopal Church, the oldest church in the Black Hills. The priest, who wore vestments appropriate to an Episcopal priest of 1879, and recited from a 1789 book of common prayers, said the young man he helped bury was symbolic of the spirit of the American West.

"Jackson represents all of those long-forgotten people, a past that's still speaking to us," he said. "They came West to make it rich, but for some, that was the end of their story."

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

Rapid City children's nonprofit seeks funding for expansion

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A nonprofit agency in western South Dakota is eyeing its first major building expansion project in more than a decade.

Rapid City-based Youth & Family Services needs nearly \$14 million for the project, and it wants the city to provide more than one-fourth of the amount, The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2dpWX2O>) reported

YFS Foundation board member Gary Brown said the facility was built 15 years ago, but the nonprofit has served the community for 51 years. The agency served 8,500 children annually after it first opened, and now it serves about 14,000 each year, Brown said.

"We still have the same size, same facility and staff," Brown said earlier this week. "There's a need that is just overwhelming us."

The project will add roughly 100,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor program space to the nonprofit's existing facility. Renovations will include an expansion of classroom space and additional area for family counseling, as well as health and nutrition programs.

Susan Fedell, YFS chief executive officer, said the estimated cost for the project will be \$13.8 million which they hope will be partially covered by about \$7 million in grants, federal new market tax credits, and Vision Fund request. The agency also said the remaining \$6.8 million will hopefully be covered by pledges and donations.

According to YFS Board President John Way, the expansion would also create 70 new jobs. Brown said he hopes the project can start in spring and be completed in 12 to 15 months.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

Marsy's Law: Dakotas voters to decide on victim rights plan

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Voters in both North Dakota and South Dakota are being asked this November whether they want to change their state constitutions to incorporate rights for crime victims. It's a move already made in other states with legislation commonly known as "Marsy's Law."

Here's a look at the amendments:

WHAT THEY WOULD DO

Marsy's Law would establish constitutional rights for crime victims including privacy, protection from harassment or abuse and timely notice of trial, sentencing and post-judgment proceedings. Victims would have the right to be notified of the escape or release of the accused.

The proposal would require that victims are notified of their rights, which would also include the opportunity to offer input during the case. The amendment defines a victim as someone who suffers physical, psychological or financial harm from a crime or attempted crime. A victim's spouse and family members would also be covered.

WHAT SUPPORTERS SAY

The plan would make sure victims have the same protections as criminal defendants, said Kathleen Wrigley, wife of North Dakota Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley and the chairwoman of the effort to pass Marsy's Law in the state. Too many victims aren't notified of upcoming criminal proceedings, said Wrigley, whose brother was killed in 1991.

Supporters say crime victims should be given information about their rights and services available; should be notified of proceedings and major developments in their case; and be allowed to give input on plea agreements, among other things.

The goal is to make it a priority for victims to be heard and protected, Marsy's Law for South Dakota Outreach Director Tami Haug-Davis said. "It's time," she said. "It's past due."

POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES

Foes argue Marsy's Law would bog down the system for victims while increasing court-related costs. They say many of the rights included in the amendment are already in state law.

Pennington County State's Attorney Mark Vargo said he doesn't think that less serious cases such as criminal trespass and disorderly conduct deserve the same level of attention as homicide or aggravated assault.

"We're going to be trading off the most serious victims for what I have called a California solution looking for a South Dakota problem," Vargo said.

Other states that have approved Marsy's Law don't have South Dakota's tax system, and counties don't have the money to take on another state mandate, said opponent Ryan Kolbeck, president of the South Dakota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

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The law is named after California college student Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, who was stalked and killed in 1983 by an ex-boyfriend. A week after she was killed, her mother and brother were confronted by the suspect at a store. They did not know the man had been released on bail.

If approved by voters, the Dakotas would join California and Illinois in adopting Marsy's Law. Her brother, billionaire Henry Nicholas, is bankrolling the national effort to expand the law into more states, including Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Montana and Nevada.

ELSEWHERE

Concerns raised during the 2008 Marsy's Law campaign in California haven't materialized in San Luis Obispo County, said District Attorney Dan Dow, who has served since 2014. A longtime prosecutor, Dow said Marsy's Law hasn't caused funding difficulties for his office largely because victims' assistance has been a priority for decades.

He said that when a case is filed, an advocate notifies the victim of their rights and tallies the rights the victim wants to assert so the prosecutor has that information starting at the initial hearing in the case. The measure gave prosecutors a mandate to make sure victims are always considered throughout the criminal justice process, said Dow, who isn't involved in the campaign.

"I think Marsy's rights are at the core of what a prosecutor is doing every day," Dow said. "It helps us to serve victims fully and completely in every case."

WHERE THE MONEY IS

Pro-amendment groups in the Dakotas have received from Nicholas at least \$1.9 million — roughly \$800,000 in South Dakota and about \$1.1 million North Dakota — according to the latest state finance records. A spokeswoman for national group Marsy's Law for All declined to disclose additional financial information.

The Dakotas campaigns have launched television and radio advertisements.

Opponents will likely bring in far less than the backers of the Marsy's Law amendments. In North Dakota, opponents are focusing on a grassroots campaign without a set fundraising goal, No On 3 Treasurer Erica Shively said. South Dakota opposition group No on S hasn't yet filed a campaign finance report.

"We certainly can't compete with the \$800,000 that the billionaire from California is chucking into this thing," group Chairman Jason Adams said.

Editors:

South Dakota's amendment is Constitutional Amendment S and North Dakota's is Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 3.

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Congress OKs commission to study Native children's programs

By REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A commission would identify the complex challenges facing Native American children across the country and recommend improvements to programs serving that population under legislation approved by Congress and sent to the president.

The U.S. Senate gave final approval Thursday to a bill that would establish an 11-member Commission on Native Children. The group would analyze several issues, including child abuse, domestic violence,

poverty and crime, and would offer changes to streamline existing federal, state, local and tribal programs in an effort to bolster the chances that Native youth have to succeed.

U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, a Democrat from North Dakota who sponsored the legislation, said some of the programs serving Native American children do not coordinate with one another, hampering their ability to improve the well-being of children.

"We are missing the cohesive thing that we need, which is just taking a look at one child's life, and what is it in that one child's life that would make a difference in outcomes," Heitkamp said.

Challenges facing Native youth abound, especially for those living on reservations, where federal experts say some children experience post-traumatic stress disorder comparable to that of military veterans returning from war zones. More than 1 in 3 American Indian and Alaska Native children live in poverty, and they have the lowest graduation rate of any racial group, with less than 70 percent finishing high school.

The members of the proposed commission, who would be appointed by the president as well as House and Senate leadership, are expected to be experts in areas of juvenile justice, social work, education, and mental and physical health.

The legislation also includes a provision that would bring together an advisory group for the commission made up of Native American children who have experience in serving on the council of a tribal, regional or national youth organization.

"They are the ones that we should be listening to the most," said Erik Stegman, executive director of the Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute. "What is it like to be in their shoes in their communities? What is bringing healing to their community? We need to have those experts in dialogue with those youth."

Heitkamp's office expects President Barack Obama to sign the measure in October.

Police: Airport worker arrested after threatening shooting

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Police say a man who works at the city's airport is in custody after he told a fellow employee that he wanted to shoot people at the airport.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says 22-year-old Connor Raysby Park was arrested Thursday on a felony charge of making a terrorist threat.

Clemens says Park is an employee of a security company under contract with the Transportation Security Administration.

Police say Park earlier this week told a co-worker that he wanted to "shoot up" people, specifically his superiors, at the airport. The employee reported the comment to management.

Clemens says authorities deemed the threat "credible" after officers found firearms at Park's home.

Park is at the Minnehaha County Jail. It wasn't immediately clear Friday if he has an attorney.

Avera Health providers to pull out of Sanford insurance

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Avera Health facilities and physicians in South Dakota won't accept insurance plans offered by Sanford Health starting Jan. 1.

Avera announced the decision Friday.

Aside from medical services, both health systems offer insurance plans. Avera's move comes after Sanford announced this summer that its physicians and facilities would stop accepting Avera's insurance plans.

Some exceptions will apply to Avera's change, including situations when women are in their second or

third trimester of pregnancy, or people who are under complex care plans like those for cancer treatment.

Avera on Friday acknowledged that Sanford's decision was the "catalyst for Avera to reconsider the same for participation in their network."

Dr. Tad Jacobs is the chief medical officer for Avera Medical Group. He says the decision will make Avera's system "stronger."

Pine Ridge woman pleads not guilty in child death case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Pine Ridge woman accused of causing the death of a child through abuse and neglect has pleaded not guilty.

Thirty-one-year-old Mona Goggeye is charged in federal court with child abuse and neglect and involuntary manslaughter. She faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Goggeye is scheduled for trial beginning Nov. 29.

Woman accused with father of child sex crimes sentenced

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. (AP) — A Belle Fourche woman accused of encouraging a 15-year-old girl to send nude photos to the woman's father and engage in sexual activity with him has been sentenced to 20 days in jail and four years of probation.

Nineteen-year-old Caitlin Rosales earlier reached a plea agreement with prosecutors and was sentenced Wednesday for contributing to the abuse or neglect of a minor and witness tampering, for threatening the girl.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports (<http://bit.ly/2dcoLX0>) that Rosales also was ordered to pay more than \$2,300 in fines and fees, complete a moral recognition therapy program and have no contact with the girl or her family.

If Rosales violates terms of her sentence she could be ordered to prison for 11 years.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

Hundreds march in memory of man shot by police in California

By JULIE WATSON and ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — Alfred Olango, the unarmed black man shot and killed by police in a suburb of San Diego, was remembered in a demonstration Saturday organized by clergy members and supporters of Olango's family.

Several hundred people gathered peacefully at a park in downtown El Cajon to hear speeches by religious leaders and then marched through the streets to police headquarters, where Olango's family members joined them.

"Mourning is a public sharing of grief and his unnecessary killing has rent the fabric of our human community yet once again and we are feeling it deeply in our hearts," said Rev. Frank Placone-Willey of Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in nearby Santee, California.

Olango's father, Richard Olango Abuka, called for the resignation of the police chief and said his son's death is a turning point in a peaceful struggle to change police practices. Other speakers demanded changes in how police respond to calls about people in mental distress.

There was a modest police presence to direct traffic.

The event came a day after two videos of the shooting were released by authorities, something the

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family and community leaders had urged.

The videos show the officer fired four times at close range almost immediately after Olango, 38, suddenly raised both hands to chest level and took what was described as a shooting stance. In addition to the videos, police showed the 4-inch electronic cigarette device Olango had in his hands when he was shot.

The shots came less than a minute after police arrived at the scene in response to Olango's sister calling 911 and reporting he was acting erratically.

The videos were released after nights of unruly and, at times, violent protests in El Cajon. On Thursday night, an officer was struck in the head by a brick hurled by a protester.

"Our only concern at this point was community safety," police Chief Jeff Davis said. "We felt that the aggression of some — some — of the protesters was escalating to the point where it was necessary to release some information and truly, it was my hope to relieve some of that concern."

A fourth night of protests on Friday remained peaceful, with about 200 people blocking intersections and at one point attempting to walk on to a freeway before police stopped them.

A lawyer for the family said they welcomed the release of the videos, but he questioned the tactics used by Officer Richard Gonsalves. Olango had been reported to be mentally disturbed and unarmed and yet Gonsalves approached with his weapon out, Dan Gilleon said.

"It shows a cowboy with his gun drawn provoking a mentally disturbed person," Gilleon said.

The incident is the latest in a series of fatal shootings of black men that have roiled communities across the U.S. It came weeks after fatal shootings by police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Olango, a Ugandan refugee who arrived in the U.S. as a boy, had a criminal record that included drug and weapon charges but no violence. His family described him as a loving father and a joyful, happy person.

His mother said he suffered a mental breakdown recently after the death of his best friend. On Tuesday, his sister called 911 and reported he was acting strangely and walking into traffic by a strip mall.

The longer of the two videos released by police came from a surveillance camera in the drive-thru of a restaurant. It is roughly a minute, has no sound and police blurred out the heads of everyone in it.

Olango is seen walking through the parking lot and then stopping suddenly as Gonsalves approached, his weapon drawn at his side.

Olango, his right hand in his pants pocket, moved side to side and backed up toward a white pickup truck.

As Gonsalves moved in from the front, a second officer got out of a cruiser and approached from the side.

In the second video, taken on a cellphone by a witness in the drive-thru, Olango's sister is seen approaching Gonsalves from behind and a woman can be heard screaming at Olango to put up his hands and telling police not to shoot.

Olango then bent over and assumed the shooting stance and Gonsalves quickly fired four shots at close-range.

That night, as an angry crowd protested outside police headquarters, Davis released a single image from the video showing Olango with his hands clasped in front and in the shooting stance. Police said he had ignored repeated orders to show his hands.

Davis defended the release and said it was intended to de-escalate tensions and correct what he felt was a "false narrative" that was developing. Some witnesses said Olango had his hands in the air and

was begging not to be shot.

Associated Press writers Christopher Weber and Brian Melley contributed to this report from Los Angeles.

Powerful Hurricane Matthew soaks Colombia, heads for Jamaica

By HOWARD CAMPBELL, Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — One of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes in recent history weakened a little on Saturday as it drenched coastal Colombia and roared across the Caribbean on a course that threatened Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba.

Matthew briefly reached the top hurricane classification, Category 5, and was the strongest Atlantic hurricane since Felix in 2007.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Matthew's winds had slipped from a peak of 160 mph (260 kph) to a still-potentially devastating 140 mph (220 kph) and it was expected to near Jamaica and southwestern Haiti early Monday.

The forecast track would carry it across Cuba and into the Bahamas, with an outside chance of a brush with Florida, though that would be several days away.

"It's too early to rule out what impacts, if any, would occur in the United States and Florida," said Dennis Feltgen, a spokesman at the Hurricane Center.

As Matthew skimmed past the northern tip of South America there were reports of heavy flooding and at least one death — the second attributed to the storm.

Authorities said at least 18 houses were damaged along the La Guajira peninsula of Colombia, which has been suffering from a multi-year drought. They said a 67-year-old man was swept to his death by a flash flood in an area where it hadn't rained for four years.

Local TV broadcast images of cars and tree trunks surging through flooded streets in coastal areas.

Colombian authorities closed access to beaches and urged residents living near the ocean to move inland in preparation for storm surges that they said would be most intense on Saturday.

There was also concern that heavy rain across much of the country could dampen turnout for Sunday's nationwide referendum on a historic peace accord between the government and leftist rebels.

In Jamaica, high surf began pounding the coast and flooding temporarily closed the road linking the capital to its airport. Carl Ferguson, head of the marine police, said people were starting to heed calls to relocate from small islands and areas near rural waterways.

Residents of the capital, Kingston, crowded supermarkets to buy bottled water, canned food and batteries, and there was already flooding in the coastal town of Port Royal, where officials are urging residents to seek refuge in government shelters once they open up on Sunday.

Many Jamaicans also began stocking up for the emergency.

"I left work to pick up a few items, candles, tin stuff, bread," 41-year-old Angella Wage said at a crowded store in the Half Way Tree area of the capital, Kingston. "We can never be too careful."

Feltgen said storm force winds and rain will arrive well before the center of the storm. Jamaicans "basically have daylight today, they have tonight and they have daylight tomorrow to take care of what needs to be done," he said.

Jamaicans are accustomed to intense storms, but Hurricane Matthew looked particularly threatening. At its peak, it was more powerful than Hurricane Gilbert, which made landfall on the island in September 1988 and was the most destructive storm in the country's modern history.

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The U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is also potentially in the path of the storm. A mandatory evacuation of non-essential personnel, including family members of military personnel was underway and everyone remaining behind was being told to take shelter, said Julie Ann Ripley, a spokeswoman. There are about 5,500 people living on the base, including 61 men held at the detention center.

Forecasters said rainfall totals could reach 10 to 15 inches (25 to 38 centimeters) with isolated maximum amounts of 25 inches (63 centimeters) in Jamaica and southwestern Haiti.

In Haiti, civil protection officials broadcast warnings of a coming storm surge and big waves, saying the country would be "highly threatened" from the approaching system over the next 72 hours. They urged families to prepare emergency food and water kits.

Emergency management authorities banned boating starting Saturday, particularly along the impoverished country's southern coastline, but numerous fishing skiffs could still be seen off the south coast.

As of 2 p.m. EDT (1800 GMT), the storm was centered about 380 miles (615 kilometers) southeast of Kingston. It was meandering, moving south at 2 mph (4 kph), but expected to veer north soon.

Matthew caused at least one death when it entered the Caribbean on Wednesday. Officials in St. Vincent reported a 16-year-old boy was crushed by a boulder as he tried to clear a blocked drain.

Associated Press writers Ben Fox in Miami, Joshua Goodman in Bogota, Colombia, and David McFadden in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, contributed to this report.

Boy, 6, dies days after South Carolina school shooting

By MEG KINNARD, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A 6-year-old boy who was critically wounded in a school shooting died Saturday, days after a 14-year-old boy opened fire on a school playground, authorities said.

Jacob Hall had been fighting for his life at a hospital after a bullet struck him in a main artery in his leg, causing him a major brain injury due to the loss of blood. Jacob died about 1 p.m. Saturday, and an autopsy will be done Sunday, Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore said. The hospital will release more details about his death, the coroner said.

Authorities say Jacob, another student and a first-grade teacher at Townville Elementary were wounded by the teenager, who had just killed his father at their home. After the slaying, the teen — who is not old enough to have a driver's license — drove a pickup truck about 3 miles down a country road, crashed at the school and started firing with a handgun, authorities said.

The wounded were struck as a door opened for recess. Another teacher who heard the first gunshot was able to get other students safely inside, Anderson 4 Superintendent Joanne Avery has said.

The teacher and the other wounded student were treated and released from a hospital.

Jacob has been surrounded by his family at Greenville Memorial Hospital since he was wounded. He has seven brothers and sisters, relatives have said.

"Jacob was going to do great things, and because of a senseless crime that nobody will probably ever really know why, that little life is cut short," his great-aunt Rebecca Hunnicutt told WYFF before his death. "Jacob is one of these kids that you'd swear was carved out of cream cheese. He is as beautiful on the inside as he is on the out."

Authorities have not released a motive for either shooting.

The teenager was charged as a juvenile Friday with murder and three counts of attempted murder. The Associated Press typically does not identify juveniles charged with crimes.

Missouri woman accuses fellow Legislature candidate of rape

By JIM SALTER, Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A Ferguson lawyer who is running for a seat in the Missouri House has accused another Democratic candidate of raping her during an August meeting to discuss how they could work together in the upcoming legislative session.

Cora Faith Walker, 31, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, which broke the story Saturday, that she was sexually assaulted by Steven Roberts Jr., a former assistant prosecutor, after going to meet him at a St. Louis apartment on the night of Aug. 26. Both candidates are black Democrats who are running unopposed for seats in a Legislature that is predominantly white and Republican.

Walker said she had two glasses of wine and doesn't remember anything else that happened that night, and that she woke up the next morning in a bed in the home. She said she told her husband what had happened the next day, but that they waited several weeks before going to the police.

The Post-Dispatch reported that two "highly placed law enforcement sources" confirmed that there is an active investigation into Walker's allegations against Roberts. It didn't name the sources.

The Associated Press typically doesn't identify the alleged victims of sexual assault, but Walker asked the Post-Dispatch to name her, saying she hoped that doing so might give courage to women who are victims of rape and encourage a change in culture at the state capital, Jefferson City, which she said "perpetuates gender violence and rape culture."

Neither Walker nor a police spokeswoman responded to several messages seeking further information Saturday, and Roberts didn't reply to emails or voicemails seeking comment.

Roberts' lawyer, Scott Rosenblum, confirmed that the allegations are being investigated and said he has been in contact with the police. Roberts has not been arrested or charged.

Rosenblum said Walker's allegations are "unfounded."

"I think that we will be able to basically undermine those allegations pretty quickly," Rosenblum said. "Whatever happened between these individuals was absolutely consensual and I think we have what I would call objective evidence to support that." He declined to elaborate.

In addition to contacting police, Walker has also reached out to the Missouri House leadership. In a letter to House Speaker Todd Richardson, a Republican, she asked that Roberts be prohibited from taking his seat in the Legislature until the criminal investigation is complete.

Richardson, in a statement, called the allegations "extremely serious and disturbing."

"The kind of conduct alleged cannot be tolerated in our state and will not be tolerated in the House of Representatives," Richardson said. He noted that while the House has no jurisdiction because Roberts is not yet a legislator, "we will monitor the criminal investigation closely and continue to have a zero tolerance policy for sexual assault, misconduct and harassment."

The Missouri House's minority leader, Jake Hummel of St. Louis, and assistant minority leader, Gail McCann Beatty of Kansas City, issued a joint statement expressing support for Walker.

"Cora Faith Walker has shown great courage in publicly seeking justice for the assault against her," they wrote. "It is vitally important for the legal system to diligently pursue this matter to an appropriate resolution."

The Legislature has dealt with several sexually-themed scandals over the past year and a half.

Richardson became speaker after the former speaker, John Diehl, a Republican from suburban St. Louis, resigned in May 2015 after acknowledging that he exchanged sexually suggestive text messages with a college intern. State Sen. Paul LeVota, a Democrat from Independence, stepped down in 2015 after interns accused him of sexual harassment, which he denied. And earlier this year, state Rep. Don Gosen, a Republican from suburban St. Louis, resigned after admitting to an extramarital affair.

Walker won the Democratic nomination to represent Missouri's 74th state House District. Among the St. Louis suburbs that seat represents is Ferguson, which became a focal point of the Black Lives Matter movement after the 2014 fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager, Michael Brown, by a white police officer. Roberts won the Democratic nomination for the 77th state House District, which represents part of St. Louis.

This story has been corrected to reflect that the House minority leader and assistant minority leader issued a joint statement of support for Walker, not separate ones.

NTSB probe of deadly crash focuses on engineer, black box

By MICHAEL BALSAMO and MICHAEL R. SISK, Associated Press

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP) — Here's what is known about the investigation into a commuter train crash that killed one person and injured more than 100 others Thursday in Hoboken, New Jersey.

THE INVESTIGATION

The National Transportation Safety Board planned to release more information Saturday about what caused the train to barrel through a station and crash into a barrier. The agency is seeking information from the train's engineer, the black boxes that record train data and other crew members.

Authorities would not estimate how fast the train was going before it hit a bumper at the end of its track. But the speed limit into the station is 10 mph.

An NTSB spokesman said the agency did not plan to hold a news conference on Saturday.

THE ENGINEER

Authorities want to know why the commuter train with engineer Thomas Gallagher at the controls smashed through a steel-and-concrete bumper and hurtled into the station's waiting area. But NTSB investigators held off questioning Gallagher on Friday because of his injuries. NTSB vice chair T. Bella Dinh-Zarr said the board has been "in touch" with Gallagher and is scheduling an interview with him.

A government official said that investigators from one of the other agencies taking part in the probe interviewed Gallagher, a NJ Transit engineer for about 18 years, three times Friday. The official, who was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke on condition of anonymity, would not disclose what Gallagher said but described him as cooperative.

THE BLACK BOX

The NTSB retrieved the event recorder that was in the locomotive at the rear of the train but hasn't been able to download its data and has gone to the manufacturer for help, Dinh-Zarr said. The event recorder contains speed and braking information.

The NTSB also hasn't been able to extract a recorder from the forward-facing video camera in the train's mangled first car, Dinh-Zarr said. She said the wreckage cannot be safely entered yet because it is under a collapsed section of the station's roof.

THE VICTIM

Fabiola Bittar de Kroon, the crash's sole fatality, was a young mother, talented lawyer and dedicated wife with a penchant for travel.

Thursday, the 34-year-old de Kroon was headed to the station during the morning commute. First she dropped off her toddler and had a good, but fleeting, conversation with a day care worker. A short time later, the train barreled down the tracks with such speed that it plowed into a barrier and went

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airborne into the station. De Kroon was buried by debris. She died as a crash bystander comforted her.

De Kroon, a 2011 master's degree graduate from Florida International University's College of Business, had previously lived in Florida, but was a Brazil native. She'd temporarily paused her legal career, leaving the software company SAP in Brazil after her husband got a job with an international liquor company.

A friend of Bittar de Kroon's family told the Bergen Record (<http://bit.ly/2cJAjhH>) that her husband would accompany his wife's body back to Brazil for burial. However, it wasn't clear Saturday when or where the service will be held.

TRAIN CREW MEMBERS

Investigators are gathering records on the crew members' training, scheduling and health, Dinh-Zarr said. The engineer, conductor and brakeman "have been very cooperative," she said.

Associated Press writer Bruce Shipkowski in Trenton contributed to this report.

Unscripted Trump overshadows his own economic message

By STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

NOVI, Mich. (AP) — Thousands of Michigan voters roared with approval as Donald Trump lashed out at an economic system he said was rigged against everyday Americans. They cheered louder when he declared that Hillary Clinton was to blame.

"I am going to fight so hard for all of you," the Republican presidential nominee boomed as he read from a teleprompter, "and I am going to bring back the jobs that have been stripped away from you and your country."

Friends and foes agree he is at his best in those scripted moments. But Trump's frequent unscripted moments are often drowning them out — diverting attention from his economic message and alienating women and minorities with early voting already underway in some states.

The Friday night speech was the latest example of Trump's sharpened focus on the economy — and his Democratic opponent's shortcomings — as he treks across the Midwestern battlegrounds he needs to become the 45th president of the United States.

But on Twitter and in interviews, the former reality television star this week fueled a self-inflicted political firestorm after an underwhelming debate performance by attacking a former Miss Universe, first seizing on her weight and then calling on the world to view her "sex tape."

"He's not going to change. This is who he really is," said former Minnesota Congressman Vin Weber, a Republican. "It's ridiculous to even argue this, but if he could stay on message, which is to say if he could be somebody else, he could win."

Lifelong Republican loyalists across the country are beyond frustrated that Trump's dueling personas appear to be jeopardizing the GOP's chance to take back the White House. Despite Trump's faults, Clinton remains deeply unpopular and untrusted by a large segment of the electorate.

Yet there is little room in the national conversation for Clinton's faults when Trump tweets about sex tapes.

Ohio GOP Chairman Matt Borges calls Clinton a "liar" and says she deserves to lose. "And just when it's looking like it's a good bet that she will lose, we're talking about things that I believe don't help us win," he says.

There is little sign that Trump's approach will help him expand his support beyond the white working-class voters who cram into his rallies. During Monday's opening debate, the New York billionaire said

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African American voters are "living in hell." And his four-day feud with former Miss Universe Alicia Machado, a Venezuelan who is now an American citizen, threatens to push his already-low standing among women and Hispanics even lower.

Trump is also gambling he can help himself by highlighting Clinton's role in her husband's infidelities. "Hillary was an enabler," Trump told the New York Times on Friday. "And she attacked the women who Bill Clinton mistreated afterward. I think it's a serious problem for them, and it's something that I'm considering talking about more in the near future."

That's even as Trump's acknowledged his own marital infidelities, although he tried to draw a distinction with Bill Clinton. "I wasn't president of the United States," he told the Times when asked about his affair with Marla Maples when he was married to Ivana Trump. "I don't talk about it."

Machado took to Facebook to say Trump's tweets were part of a pattern of "demoralizing women," calling them "cheap lies with bad intentions." Planned Parenthood said it showed that Trump's "misogyny knows no bounds." And Clinton said they showed anew why someone with Trump's temperament "should not be anywhere near the nuclear codes."

Even Trump's most vocal allies seemed at a loss for words.

"He's being Trump. I don't have any comment beyond that," said former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a top supporter. Generally chatty and occasionally critical of Trump, Gingrich said tersely that Trump sometimes does "strange things," but that Clinton lies. "I'll let you decide which is worse for America."

Back at the Michigan rally, 74-year-old Beverly Scharf, of Shelby Township, said she was voting for Trump despite the self-created distractions. She wants him to focus on the economy instead of sex tapes.

"I don't think he can help himself," Scharf said. "It doesn't bother me. It's in his character. That's just Trump."

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Supreme Court in holding pattern, awaiting ninth justice

By MARK SHERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is set to begin its new term as it ended the last one, down one justice and ideologically deadlocked on a range of issues.

The absence of a ninth justice since Antonin Scalia's death in February has hamstrung the court in several cases and forced the justices to look for less contentious issues on which they are less likely to divide by 4-4 votes.

It could be several months, at least, before the nation's highest court is again operating at full strength.

"It's a very interesting time at the court. That doesn't necessarily translate into interesting cases. In fact, it may translate into the opposite," said Paul Clement, the Bush administration's top Supreme Court lawyer and a frequent advocate in front of the court.

By law, the court convenes on the first Monday in October. But the key date this year is the second Tuesday in November, Election Day on Nov. 8.

How the presidential election turns out will go a long way toward determining the judicial outlook of the ninth justice, the direction of the court and the outcome of several cases already being heard and others that probably will be at the court soon.

A victory by Republican Donald Trump means the seat of Justice Antonin Scalia, who died in February, would almost certainly be filled with a like-minded conservative. And if any of three justices in their late 70s or early 80s were to leave the court during a Trump presidency, conservative control could be

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cemented for a generation.

A win by Democrat Hillary Clinton probably would result in the confirmation of Judge Merrick Garland, whose nomination by President Barack Obama has been blocked by Senate Republicans, or perhaps a more liberal choice. In either case, Democratic appointees would constitute a majority of the Supreme Court for the first time since the early months of the Nixon administration in 1969.

More significantly, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg would lead a liberal majority that no longer would be dependent on the support of a more conservative justice. That fifth vote has typically come from Justice Anthony Kennedy and, less often, Chief Justice John Roberts.

Such a shift could affect the court in profound ways, perhaps causing Roberts to moderate his views on some issues in order to retain the power to shape decisions, said George Terwilliger, a lawyer who has served in Republican administrations and worked with Roberts. The senior justice in the majority assigns the opinion-writer in a case.

Roberts "will be seeking in as many cases as possible perhaps a middle ground that takes him and perhaps one of his conservative colleagues to a position where they may not want to be," Terwilliger said. "I think that's John's personality."

If the election itself doesn't yield a clear winner, the court could be asked to get involved, as it did 16 years ago in *Bush v. Gore*, the case about Florida's disputed voting outcome. The big difference is the court in 2000 was fully staffed and able to deliver a final ruling, even if half the country didn't like it.

The court is starting off a term with eight justices for the first time in 25 years. Clarence Thomas was confirmed in October 1991, a couple of weeks after that term began.

The court's calendar so far is lacking in the kinds of blockbuster cases seen in recent years dealing with health care, gay marriage and abortion rights. It includes a church's challenge to its exclusion from a Missouri state program to provide rubberized surfaces in playgrounds, a dispute over whether disparaging names can receive trademark protection from the government, two redistricting cases involving the rights of minority voters and two appeals from death row inmates in Texas.

The Missouri case about the separation of church and state was granted while Scalia was still alive and has yet to be scheduled for argument, possibly because the justices think they may divide 4-4. Tie votes leave the lower court decision in place, but set no national legal rule and essentially waste the justices' time.

"The justices are showing obvious caution. They are not eager to resolve big-ticket questions with eight justices," said Georgetown University law professor Martin Lederman, a former Justice Department official in the Obama administration.

Waiting in the wings are cases involving the rights of transgender people, immigration, climate change, voter identification and religious freedom. These are the sorts of issues that have split the court along ideological lines before. Some of those cases could be heard and decided in the spring.

The other big issue looming over the marble courthouse is when one or more of the older justices might retire. Ginsburg is 83 and has said she will take it a year at a time. She could find herself in a newly powerful role if Clinton is elected, making her less likely to step down, said Thomas Goldstein, who argues regularly at the court.

The two other older justices are Stephen Breyer, 78, and Kennedy, who turned 80 this summer. He might see his influence diminish on a more liberal court.

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A look at the Supreme Court's work since the death of Justice Antonin Scalia: <http://interactives>.

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Spanish rally brings Europe closer in Ryder Cup

By DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — A sprint to the finish by Sergio Garcia and Rafa Cabrera Bello enabled Europe to creep a little closer Saturday morning in the Ryder Cup.

The Spaniards looked to have no chance in the final foursomes match against Jordan Spieth and Patrick Reed, who made six birdies in 12 holes to build a 4-up lead. It looked for the longest time as though the morning session would be split, and the Americans would keep a two-point lead.

And then it changed without notice, as it so often does in this event.

Garcia and Cabrera Bello won four of the next five holes to square the match, and Reed had to make a 5-foot par putt on the 18th hole to escape with a halve.

Going into the Saturday noon session of fourballs, the Americans clung to a 6 1/2 to 5 1/2 lead. The Ryder Cup concludes with 12 singles matches Sunday. Europe is going for its fourth straight victory.

"Big putt by Patrick to salvage half a point, although still disappointing for us," Spieth said.

That's the way it has gone for the Americans ever since they began the Ryder Cup with a sweep of the opening session.

They still had the lead. It just didn't feel that way.

Rory McIlroy, who ended the first day by making an eagle and bowing to the raucous American crowd, teams with Thomas Pieters in the first match Saturday morning and they rolled to a 4-and-2 victory over Phil Mickelson and Rickie Fowler.

Justin Rose and Chris Wood never trailed in a 1-up victory over Jimmy Walker and Zach Johnson, a match that became tighter than it needed to be when Rose when for the green on the par-5 16th with a 2-up lead and put it in the water.

Brandt Snedeker and Brooks Koepka, who won the only American point in fourballs Friday afternoon, were back at it in foursomes. Snedeker holed big putts, his whole body shaking as he pumped his fist, and they dispatched of Henrik Stenson and Matt Fitzpatrick.

But the Americans gave away a victory at the end. Reed hit a few errant shots, including one drive so far out of position that Spieth thought his only chance was to skip it across the pond guarding the left side of the 15th green. It skipped across the water, but rolled back down the bank.

The Spaniards played the last four holes in 2 under.

"It's the Ryder Cup. It's as simple as that," Garcia said. "It was tough out there. They played so good. We just kept telling each other, 'Keep at it, keep at it, keep at it, keep putting pressure and hopefully, at some point they will slow down a little bit. And we managed to do that.'"

For McIlroy, it was personal.

He had lost in all three previous matches involving Mickelson, and he was happy to see he and Pieters get Lefty and Fowler in the opening session. Fowler made a 25-foot birdie putt on the first hole, and the Americans stood to the side as thousands cheered for the longest time. Pieters had to wait for the cheers to subside before he sank a 20-foot putt to match the birdie.

Europe was on its way. McIlroy made a 12-foot birdie on the next hole, and Europe stretched the lead to 3 up when Fowler shanked a shot out of the bunker behind the green on the par-3 fourth, and then hit a drive so far to the right on the fifth hole that Mickelson had to play his second right-handed shot of the week.

Mickelson kept them in it. He holed a 60-foot par putt on No. 8 to halve the hole, and after McIlroy

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missed a short par putt on No. 9, Mickelson made a 20-foot putt on the 10th to cut the deficit to 1 down. Fowler, however, missed a par putt on the 14th, and Pieters birdied the next to regain control.

U.S. captain Davis Love III went against his model from Medinah four years ago, when every player sat out at least one match to keep them fresh. Spieth and Reed were sent out for the fourth straight match, making them the only Americans that will play all five matches.

European captain Darren Clarke sat rookie Andy Sullivan all of Saturday. He has five players that will go all five matches — McIlroy, Pieters, Garcia, Stenson and Rose.

McIlroy said the Mickelson match was especially personal because of his 0-3 record against him.

"When I saw the draw last night I was like, 'Yes, I get to have a go at him again.' I maybe wanted it a little bit more just for that reason," McIlroy said.

Pope presses Georgian Orthodox agenda despite Mass absence

By NICOLE WINFIELD and MISHA DZHINDZHIKHASHVILI, Associated Press

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Pope Francis' efforts to improve relations with the Georgian Orthodox Church suffered a setback Saturday after the patriarchate decided at the last minute not to send an official delegation to his Mass and reminded the Orthodox faithful they cannot participate in Catholic services.

Francis still pressed on with his agenda, insisting that Catholics must never try to convert Orthodox and bowing in prayer alongside the Orthodox patriarch after they both lit a candle in the Orthodox cathedral.

Francis called for the historical divisions that have "lacerated" Christianity to be healed through patience, trust and dialogue.

"We are called to be one in Jesus Christ and to avoid putting disharmony and divisions between the baptized first, because what unites us is much more than what divides us," he told Patriarch Ilia, amid the Aramaic chants and hypnotic bells tolling at the cathedral in the spiritual capital of the Georgian Orthodox Church.

Saturday's developments on the second and final day of Francis' visit to Georgia reflected the "one step forward, two steps back" progress that often accompanies the Vatican's outreach to the Orthodox Church, which split from the Catholic Church over 1,000 years ago over issues including the primacy of the pope.

On Sunday, Francis heads to largely Shiite Muslim Azerbaijan, where the Catholic Church enjoys good relations with the government despite allegations of human rights abuses and the suppression of dissent.

Before Francis' Caucasus visit, the Vatican spokesman had said the Georgian Orthodox Patriarchate would send a delegation to the Mass in a Tbilisi sports stadium "in a sign of the rapport" — suggesting that the chill which had clouded St. John Paul II's visit in 1999 had warmed. And Francis had received an unexpectedly warm welcome from the Orthodox leader upon his arrival Friday.

But Orthodox patriarchate spokeswoman Nato Asatiani said Saturday that the delegation had stayed away from the Mass "by mutual agreement." The patriarchate updated a statement on its website saying "as long as there are dogmatic differences between our churches, Orthodox believers will not participate in their prayers."

The decision apparently came after Francis' arrival in Tbilisi was met with protests by hard-line Orthodox opposed to ecumenical initiatives. On Saturday, about 100 members of the hard-line Union of Orthodox Parents demonstrated outside the stadium where Francis celebrated Mass. Other protesters greeted him at the Orthodox cathedral and outside a Catholic-run rehab center.

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"It's typical proselytizing," said protester Father David Klividze. "Can you imagine how it would be if a Sunni preacher came to Shiite Iran and conducted prayers in a stadium or somewhere else? Such a thing could not be."

Georgia is overwhelmingly Orthodox, with less than 3 percent of its population — or about 112,000 people — Catholic, according to Vatican statistics.

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said the Vatican accepted the Orthodox decision not to attend the Mass.

An Orthodox delegation at the Mass would have been an exception to the rule, and Francis had been scheduled to personally greet the delegation. In their absence, Francis instead thanked "those Orthodox faithful" who were present, including members of an Orthodox choir.

Organizers had expected the Meskhi sports stadium, capacity 27,000, to be full for the Mass, but it held a few thousand people when Francis began the celebration. There was no official explanation for the low turnout of Catholics.

Other than Georgian President Giorgi Margvelashvili, there were no prominent Georgian politicians at the Mass. With a parliamentary election next week, politicians might have been reluctant to alienate hard-line Orthodox voters.

Francis insisted that Catholics must never seek to convert Orthodox, saying they are Catholics' brothers and sisters, children of the same God.

"Proselytism is a grave sin against ecumenism," Francis told Catholic priests and seminarians after his Mass.

Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili and other cabinet ministers did show up for Francis' visit to the seat of the Orthodox church, where he pressed his call for improved Catholic-Orthodox ties.

The Orthodox cathedral is located in Mtskheta, the spiritual capital of Georgia and where Christianity took root in the 4th century. The 11th-century frescoed Svetitskhoveli cathedral, one of three Mtskheta monuments on the UNESCO World Heritage list, is said to have housed Christ's tunic.

Francis referred to the precious relic Saturday.

"The holy tunic, a mystery of unity, exhorts us to feel deep pain over the historical divisions which have arisen among Christians. These are the true and real lacerations that wound the Lord's flesh," he said. Christian hope, he added, "gives us the incentive to believe that differences can be healed and obstacles removed. It invites us never to miss opportunities for encounter and dialogue."

Ilia welcomed Francis warmly to his church, expressing his "profound esteem and brotherly love" and embracing him with three kisses on the cheek.

"May God's will unify Christians on the foundation of the true faith," he said.

While hard-liners opposed the pope's visit, other Orthodox welcomed it.

"The visit of the pope is very significant," said Amiran Tsiklauri, a resident of Tbilisi. "The pope is not only spiritual leader for Catholics but also the person who calls and urges for peace around the world."

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Russia warns against US attack on Syrian forces

By **BASSEM MROUE**, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Russia warned the United States Saturday against carrying out any attacks on Syrian government forces, saying it would have repercussions across the Middle East as government forces captured a hill on the edge of the northern city of Aleppo under the cover of airstrikes.

Russian news agencies quoted Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova as saying that a U.S. intervention against the Syrian army "will lead to terrible, tectonic consequences not only on the terri-

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tory of this country but also in the region on the whole.”

She said regime change in Syria would create a vacuum that would be “quickly filled” by “terrorists of all stripes.”

U.S.-Russian tensions over Syria have escalated since the breakdown of a cease-fire last month, with each side blaming the other for its failure. Syrian government forces backed by Russian warplanes have launched a major onslaught on rebel-held parts of the northern city of Aleppo.

Syrian troops pushed ahead in their offensive in Aleppo on Saturday capturing the strategic Um al-Shuqeef hill near the Palestinian refugee camp of Handarat that government forces captured from rebels earlier this week, according to state TV. The hill is on the northern edge of the Aleppo, Syria's largest city and former commercial center.

The powerful ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham militant group said rebels regained control Saturday of several positions they lost in Aleppo in the Bustan al-Basha neighborhood.

State media said 13 people were wounded when rebels shelled the central government-held neighborhood of Midan.

Airstrikes on Aleppo struck a hospital in the eastern rebel-held neighborhood of Sakhour putting it out of service, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees. They said one person was killed in the airstrike.

Opposition activist Ahmad Alkhatib described the hospital, known as M10, as one of the largest in Aleppo. He posted photographs on his Twitter account showing the damage including beds covered with dust, a hole in its roof and debris covering the street outside.

A doctor at the hospital told the Aleppo Media Center, an activist collective, that thousands of people were treated in the compound in the past adding that two people were killed in Saturday's airstrikes and several were wounded.

“A real catastrophe will hit medical institutions in Aleppo if the direct shelling continues to target hospitals and clinics,” said the doctor whose name was not given. He said the whole hospital is out of service.

Opposition activists have blamed the President Bashar Assad's forces and Russia for airstrikes that hit Civil Defense units and clinics in the city where eastern rebel-held neighborhoods are besieged by government forces and pro-government militiamen.

On Friday, the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders demanded that the Syrian government and its allies “halt the indiscriminate bombing that has killed and wounded hundreds of civilians_many of them children,” over the past week in Aleppo.

“Bombs are raining from Syria-led coalition planes and the whole of east Aleppo has become a giant kill box,” said Xisco Villalonga, director of operations for the group. “The Syrian government must stop the indiscriminate bombing, and Russia as an indispensable political and military ally of Syria has the responsibility to exert the pressure to stop this.”

It said from Sept. 21 to 26, hospitals still functioning in Aleppo reported receiving more than 822 wounded, including at least 221 children, and more than 278 dead bodies_including 96 children_according to the Directorate of Health in east Aleppo.

Sweden's Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom criticized attacks on civilian targets writing on her Twitter account: “Unacceptable to bomb civilians, children and hospitals in #Aleppo. No humanity. Assad & Russia moving further away from peace.”

In the eastern province of Deir el-Zour, warplanes of the U.S.-led coalition destroyed several bridges on the Euphrates river, according to Syrian state news agency SANA and Deir el-Zour 24, an activist media collective. The province is a stronghold of the Islamic State group.

SANA said that among the bridges destroyed was the Tarif Bridge that links the eastern city of Deir el-Zour with the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, the extremists' de-facto capital.

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Police killing shakes diverse San Diego suburb

By ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — The family of an unarmed black man fatally shot by police is like thousands who have transformed the suburban San Diego city of El Cajon: Refugees from a strife-torn country.

The family of 38-year-old Alfred Olango fled Uganda to a refugee camp and then came to the United States in 1991. On Tuesday, Olango, a father of two girls, was killed by an officer who responded to calls from Olango's sister saying her brother was acting erratically and wandering into traffic.

He was shot multiple times after police say he pulled something from his pocket that they thought could be a weapon and pointed it at the officer. The object turned out to be a 4-inch electronic cigarette device.

The killing and subsequent angry protests have brought attention to El Cajon, a diverse, largely blue-collar city of 104,000 people that over the past two decades has absorbed a surge of refugees, many from Iraq and more recently from Syria.

Some signs on Main Street — a vibrant mix of furniture stores, clothing shops and restaurants — are in Arabic. Spanish is the primary language for nearly one of every four students in the Cajon Valley Union School District, while Arabic and Chaldean — spoken by Iraqi Christians — is the main language for more than one in 10.

Rob Goss, part-owner of a boxing gym on Main Street and a city resident for more than 10 years, credits Chaldeans for opening markets, gas stations and other businesses that have fueled economic growth.

"We're still in a curve of trying to get people on their own feet but it's happening," said Goss, 47. "They're adapting."

The influx has bred some tension. Mayor Mark Lewis was forced to resign in 2013 for derogatory remarks about Chaldeans.

"First time they come over here, it doesn't take them too long to learn where all the freebies are at," he said and then later apologized.

David Carter, a 64-year-old former construction worker who moved from Northern California four years ago to join his sister, is bothered by the subsidies that refugees receive while he struggles with cuts to government-funded health benefits that cover prescription drug, dental and other services.

"I don't resent the people but I resent what the government has allowed them," Carter said while relaxing outside the public library. "Our ancestors had to bust their butts to get anything. That's the American dream."

Jaffar Rahem, a 27-year-old Iraqi who works at Wal-Mart, said he came to El Cajon last year with his wife and two children because the U.S. is safer for them. He stayed for about a year in Utah and liked the people but said he moved to El Cajon to follow his father.

El Cajon, which means "drawer" or "big box" in Spanish, was incorporated in 1912 and became the largest of a swath of San Diego suburbs known as East County. Located in a valley, the absence of ocean breezes brings sweltering summers but home prices are on the lower end of the San Diego mar-

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ket, making it a draw for many families. Annual per-capita income is \$20,430, well below San Diego County's \$31,043.

The city, with a downtown community center named for Ronald Reagan, has long been bedrock Republican but the party's edge over Democrats in voter registration has narrowed to 3 percentage points.

There is no precise count of Iraqis in El Cajon but they have made San Diego their second-most popular metropolitan destination in the U.S. after Detroit. Whites make up a shrinking majority, while about a quarter of the city's residents are Latino, 6 percent are black, and 4 percent are Asian.

Refugees take English classes at the Main Street office of the International Rescue Committee, one of nine resettlement organizations in the country.

David Murphy, the committee's executive director in San Diego, said recently that refugees are often assigned to cities where they have family and friends or where there is an established community of immigrants who share their culture.

Last month, the 10,000th Syrian to resettle across the U.S. under a year-old program arrived in El Cajon.

Al Espinosa, a retired carpenter of part-Mexican descent and a resident since 1980, was heartbroken by Olango's death and how it linked the city to other places such as Ferguson, Missouri, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that have seen unrest after police shot and killed black men.

"I thought this would never happen here," said Espinosa, 69. "Now we're on the world stage."

Breakdown of video in police killing of man in California

By The Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — A moment-by-moment breakdown of events shown in two videos released Friday showing an El Cajon, California, police officer shooting and killing Alfred Olango, an unarmed black man.

One is surveillance video from a restaurant next to the shooting scene; the other is cellphone video shot by a restaurant employee from virtually the same angle.

— As the video begins, it shows only Olango, who appears unsteady as he walks through a parking lot.

— He stops suddenly and quickly backpedals when he sees a police officer, Richard Gonsalves, who walks toward him with his gun at his side in his left hand.

— Fifteen seconds later, a police cruiser enters the frame and Olango moves toward a parked white pickup truck. The cruiser is on his left, the pickup is behind him, and Gonsalves is in front of him.

— Five seconds later, Olango makes a quick move to his right and Gonsalves raises his gun.

— Olango then makes quick left-and-right movements and so does Gonsalves, who is about 10 feet away.

— Olango's sister, who had called police, enters the frame behind Gonsalves. A woman, most likely the sister, is heard saying "officer don't shoot him!" and "take your hands out!" At about the same time, the second officer, Josh McDaniel, gets out of the cruiser and moves toward Olango, though he remains much farther away than Gonsalves.

— Olango bends over and then raises his hands in front of him to chest level. Gonsalves shoots him four times in quick succession and Olango collapses to the ground. A woman shrieks loudly. It's about 40 seconds after Olango first encounters Gonsalves.

Florida Senate: Underdog struggles against incumbent Rubio

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON, Associated Press**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A Democratic congressman with little name recognition is struggling to stop Florida's GOP Sen. Marco Rubio from being re-elected as Republicans pour millions into ads attacking the underdog — Patrick Murphy.

Lately, Rubio and outside Republican groups have outspent Murphy and Washington Democrats more than 3-to-1 with ads blasting Murphy for embellishing his resume, calling him "untrustworthy." So far the Democratic Party arm in Washington focused on overturning GOP control of the Senate on Election Day seems hesitant to fight back for Murphy, who's still introducing himself to voters statewide.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee is cutting back a planned advertising blitz in Florida, canceling ads into early October though it says it stands behind Murphy. It could be part of a strategy to switch to states where TV advertising costs far less and Democrats have better chances in November.

Murphy said he's not worried, confident of overcoming the ad onslaught though he trails in polls and many Florida voters have barely heard of him.

"The negative ads that Marco Rubio and his allies are running against me have been checked by fact checkers and have been deemed false, so not only are they negative, but Sen. Rubio and his allies are lying about me, trying to smear my record because they have to distract from his terrible record," Murphy said at a Tampa appearance.

Rubio, 45, toppled a sitting governor for the Senate seat in 2010 before running for president. But after Donald Trump soundly beat the junior senator in his home state, Rubio dropped out and also said he wouldn't seek another Senate term. In late June he changed his mind, pressed by Republicans anxious to retain a slim Senate majority. Instantly he became the front-runner against Murphy, a 33-year-old second-term congressman who has trailed Rubio by 7 percentage points in a recent Quinnipiac University poll.

Democrats need to pick up four seats for Senate control, five if Trump's elected. For Democrats, it's been a season of high hopes of taking the Senate seat in a presidential election year that saw some Republicans distancing themselves from Trump. Then entered Rubio.

Republicans for Rubio are hitting Murphy for overstating claims on his resume to be a certified public accountant, small business owner and a college graduate with two degrees. Murphy was a licensed CPA in Colorado but not Florida, where he worked for an accounting firm. He was part-owner of a business established by his wealthy father, and though a double major at the University of Miami, he earned just one degree.

Murphy casts Rubio as self-interested, saying he can't even commit to serving a six-year term and wants to use the office to mount another presidential run.

The question is whether that message is being heard over his opponent's ads.

Murphy has received help from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Senate Majority PAC, but those advertising buys have been dwarfed by outside Republican groups.

Susan McGrath, the Pinellas County Democratic chairwoman, says Tampa Bay television has been plastered with ads attacking Murphy. So far figures show Rubio and groups backing him have poured \$16 million into advertising, nearly triple the \$5.6 million spent by Murphy and his supporters.

"There's a tremendous amount of money being spent against Patrick Murphy and I haven't seen him respond in kind," said McGrath. "The Republican Party and the super PACs are going to dig in hard for Marco Rubio. They have a huge investment — a potential candidate for president and control of the Senate."

She and other Democrats acknowledge Rubio's advantage. But Democrats say Rubio's flip-flop on a Senate run, combined with Murphy's moderate politics, could yield a Democratic upset.

"Voters are going to have a lot of questions for Marco Rubio — the whole instance of him telling the people of Florida that he didn't want to be a senator," McGrath said. "I do think Murphy is a strong candidate. He's a moderate, and Florida is not a red state or a blue state."

Rubio expresses confidence even as many voters are still making up their minds.

"The reason why someone exaggerates their achievements is because they don't have any achievements. He's been in Congress for four years and no one's noticed because he hasn't done anything," Rubio said by phone.

Tiffany Smith, a public works employee in Ft. Lauderdale, said she generally votes along Democratic lines but is still deciding which one lines up with her on key issues of student loan debt, family leave policies and equality and pay for women.

Other voters see the race as more about Rubio than Murphy.

Kathy Traexler, a 49-year-old engineer from Orlando, recently switched parties after 31 years as a Republican because the GOP nominated Trump. While she doesn't know much about Murphy, she's still voting for him.

"I just know he's not Rubio and for me, that's enough," Traexler said.

AP reporters Mike Schneider in Orlando and Kelli Kennedy in Fort Lauderdale contributed to this report.

California police show videos of fatal shooting of black man

By JULIE WATSON and ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — Police released two videos Friday showing an officer fatally shooting an unarmed black man in a San Diego suburb and said they hoped showing the footage would ease escalating tensions.

The videos show the officer fired four times at close range almost immediately after Alfred Olango, 38, suddenly raised both hands to chest level and took what was described as a shooting stance.

The shots came less than a minute after police arrived at the scene in response to Olango's sister calling 911 and reporting he was acting erratically.

The videos were released after three nights of unruly and, at times, violent protests in El Cajon, and on the eve of a demonstration organized by clergy and supporters of Olango's family, who had pressured authorities to show the footage of the fatal encounter. On Thursday night, an officer was struck in the head by a brick hurled by a protester.

"Our only concern at this point was community safety," police Chief Jeff Davis said. "We felt that the aggression of some — some — of the protesters was escalating to the point where it was necessary to release some information and truly, it was my hope to relieve some of that concern."

A fourth night of protests on Friday remained peaceful at least for its first few hours, with 100 or more people blocking intersections and at one point attempting to walk on to a freeway before police stopped them.

The Rev. Shane Harris of the civil rights organization National Action Network said the low-quality videos, shot at a distance, didn't clarify what led to the shooting and said they're likely to make people angrier.

"What we saw today, that isn't enough," said Harris, who is assisting Olango's family.

In addition to the videos, police showed the 4-inch electronic cigarette device Olango had in his hands

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when he was shot.

A lawyer for the family said they welcomed the release of the videos, but he questioned the tactics used by Officer Richard Gonsalves. Olango had been reported to be mentally disturbed and unarmed and yet Gonsalves approached with his weapon out, Dan Gilleon said.

"It shows a cowboy with his gun drawn provoking a mentally disturbed person," Gilleon said.

The incident is the latest in a series of fatal shootings of black men that have roiled communities across the U.S. It came weeks after fatal shootings by police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Olango, a Ugandan refugee who arrived in the U.S. as a boy, had a criminal record that included drug and weapon charges but no violence. His family described him as a loving father and a joyful, happy person.

His mother said he suffered a mental breakdown recently after the death of his best friend. On Tuesday, his sister called 911 and reported he was acting strangely and walking into traffic by a strip mall.

The longer of the two videos released by police came from a surveillance camera in the drive-thru of a restaurant. It is roughly a minute, has no sound and police blurred out the heads of everyone in it.

Olango is seen walking through the parking lot and then stopping suddenly as Gonsalves approached, his weapon drawn at his side.

Olango, his right hand in his pants pocket, moved side to side and backed up toward a white pickup truck.

As Gonsalves moved in from the front, a second officer, Josh McDaniel, got out of a cruiser and approached from the side.

In the second video, taken on a cellphone by a witness in the drive-thru, Olango's sister is seen approaching Gonsalves from behind and a woman can be heard screaming at Olango to put up his hands and telling police not to shoot.

Olango then bent over and assumed the shooting stance and Gonsalves quickly fired four shots at close-range. A woman shrieked loudly as Olango fell forward.

That night, as an angry crowd protested outside police headquarters, Davis released a single image from the video showing Olango with his hands clasped in front and in the shooting stance. Police said he had ignored repeated orders to show his hands.

Davis defended the release and said it was intended to de-escalate tensions and correct what he felt was a "false narrative" that was developing. Some witnesses said Olango had his hands in the air and was begging not to be shot.

Olango's family and demonstrators demanded to see the full video, saying the single frame was selectively misleading to support the police version of events. They also questioned why it took them more than an hour to respond to three calls for help and then less than a minute to use deadly force.

Davis, who said the investigation was ongoing, did not address whether officers acted appropriately in how they responded to the incident.

Andre Branch, president of NAACP San Diego, commended the city for releasing video. "Full disclosure to the public builds trust, and it demonstrates respect," Branch said.

Associated Press writer Brian Melley contributed to this report.

Duterte 'happy to slaughter' drug suspects; mentions Hitler

By JIM GOMEZ, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte raised the rhetoric over his bloody anti-crime war to a new level Friday, comparing it to Hitler and the Holocaust and saying he would be "happy to slaughter" 3 million addicts.

Duterte issued his latest threat against drug dealers and users early Friday on returning to his hometown in southern Davao city after visiting Vietnam, where he discussed his anti-drug campaign with Vietnamese leaders and ways for their governments to fight transnational crimes, including illegal drugs.

Duterte has said his public death threats against drug suspects are designed to scare them to stop selling drugs and to discourage would-be users. But his latest remarks took that crime-busting approach to a different level.

He said he had been "portrayed or pictured to be a cousin of Hitler," without elaborating.

Moments later he said, "Hitler massacred 3 million Jews ... there's 3 million drug addicts. There are. I'd be happy to slaughter them."

He was referring to a Philippine government estimate of the number of drug addicts in the country. Historians say 6 million Jews were killed by the Nazis under Hitler before and during World War II.

During the presidential election campaign earlier this year and during the three months he has held office, the tough-talking Duterte has threatened to drown drug suspects to fatten the fish in Manila Bay. He also threatened to execute drug traffickers by hanging — because he didn't want to waste electricity on them — until their heads were severed from their bodies.

While Hitler's victims were innocent people, Duterte said his targets are "all criminals" and that getting rid of them would "finish the (drug) problem of my country and save the next generation from perdition."

Germany's government slammed Duterte's comments as unacceptable, and called in the Philippine ambassador to the Foreign Ministry over the matter.

"It is impossible to make any comparison to the unique atrocities of the Shoah and Holocaust," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Martin Schaefer in Berlin.

World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder said Duterte's remarks were "revolting" and demanded that he retract them and apologize.

"Drug abuse is a serious issue. But what President Duterte said is not only profoundly inhumane, but it demonstrates an appalling disrespect for human life that is truly heartbreaking for the democratically elected leader of a great country," Lauder said in a statement issued from Jerusalem, where he was attending the funeral of former Israeli leader Shimon Peres.

The U.S. State Department, which is looking to sustain its longstanding alliance with the Philippines, called the comments "troubling."

"Words matter, especially when they are from leaders of sovereign nations, especially sovereign nations with whom we have long and valued relations with," spokesman Mark Toner told reporters. He repeated U.S. calls for Philippine authorities to investigate any credible reports of extra-judicial killings.

U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin, top-ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was more blunt.

"It is reprehensible and frankly disgusting that a democratically-elected leader is talking about the mass murder of his own people, with Hitler's Holocaust as his inspiration no less," he said in a statement.

Philippine Rep. Teodoro Baguilat wondered if the president was suggesting that "it's open season

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now for all addicts, no more rehabilitation, just kill them systematically like what the Nazis did with the Jews." He expressed fears that Jewish businesspeople might boycott the Philippines.

Also critical was Phil Robertson, Asia deputy director for Human Rights Watch, who said it was baffling why anyone would want to compare themselves to "one of the largest mass murderers in human history."

Robertson said that in today's context, Hitler would be accused of crimes against humanity.

"Is that what Duterte wants? Does he want to be sent to the international criminal court? Because he's working his way there," Robertson said.

Amnesty International said Duterte "has sunk to new depths" and urged governments around the world to condemn his "extremely dangerous outburst."

A spokesman for Yad Vashem, the Jerusalem-based world center for Holocaust research and commemoration, declined to comment on Duterte's remarks.

Duterte's campaign promise to end corruption and crime, especially illegal drugs, within six months of taking office on June 30 carried him to an overwhelming victory in May's presidential election.

Since the vote, more than 3,000 suspected drug dealers and users have been killed and nearly 700,000 others have surrendered in his crackdown. Duterte has asked for a six-month extension to finish the job.

His supporters and many Filipinos exasperated with widespread crime have welcomed his tough approach, but a growing number of critics, including U.N. officials, the European Union and the United States, have voiced concerns over the widespread killings and human rights violations.

He reacted Friday by calling critics from the European Union a "group of idiots in the purest form."

Duterte lashed out at the U.S., his country's longtime treaty ally, and the E.U. for finding fault with his methods, saying European countries were hypocrites for not doing enough to help the large numbers of refugees fleeing from the violence in the Middle East.

"There are migrants escaping from the Middle East. You allow them to rot and then you're worried about the deaths of about 1,000, 2,000, 3,000 (people in the Philippines)," he said.

Associated Press writers Teresa Cerojano in Manila, David Rising in Berlin and Matthew Pennington in Washington contributed to this report.

Clinton in a landslide _ in endorsements: Do they matter?

BY DAVID BAUDER and HILLEL ITALIE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — "A clear and present danger to our country." "Xenophobia, racism and misogyny." "Beneath our national dignity."

Those aren't excerpts from attack ads by Hillary Clinton's campaign. Those are longtime Republican newspapers disavowing Donald Trump.

If newspaper endorsements equaled victory, Clinton would be in line for a historic landslide. She has been endorsed by dozens of papers ranging from such expected backers as The New York Times to such once-certain GOP advocates as The Dallas Morning News, the Arizona Republic and the Cincinnati Enquirer, which on Sept. 23 called for "a leader who will bring out the best in Americans, not the worst."

On Friday, USA Today ended its tradition of not taking sides and published an anti-endorsement, contending that Trump "lacks the temperament, knowledge, steadiness and honesty that America needs from its presidents." The paper didn't back Clinton but advised readers to "Stay true to your convictions." The same day, The San Diego Union-Tribune endorsed Clinton — the first Democrat it has

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endorsed in its history.

Trump, meanwhile, is supported by far fewer publications. They include a paper owned by son-in-law Jared Kushner (the New York Observer) and the National Enquirer, a tabloid whose parent company is run by Trump friend David Pecker and whose content usually focuses on celebrity scandal.

Trump scorned the negative editorials Friday, tweeting that "The people are really smart in cancelling subscriptions to the Dallas & Arizona papers & now USA Today will lose readers! The people get it!"

"I don't read USA Today," he said later to WZZM13 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, "It's not much of a newspaper as far as I'm concerned."

If Clinton's overwhelming advantage among editorial boards mirrors the revulsion Trump has inspired from officials in both parties, the endorsements may also illustrate the decline in newspapers' power to shape opinions and the strength of Trump's anti-establishment appeal. Polls show Clinton trailing in Texas, Arizona and Ohio despite the unexpected support of GOP papers. During the primaries, the venerable conservative paper the New Hampshire Union Leader endorsed Chris Christie, only to have the New Jersey governor lose the state decisively, drop out and back Trump. The Arizona Republic favored John Kasich in the state's GOP primary, but Trump won easily, and the Ohio governor finished fourth.

"Newspaper endorsements don't have nearly the impact they used to," says Mark McKinnon, co-host of Showtime's political show "The Circus" and a longtime adviser who has worked with former President George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the GOP's 2008 presidential candidate. "There are just way too many other sources of information for voters today."

"They are just part of the wave," says political historian Rick Perlstein, who is in the midst of a multivolume series on the rise of the conservative movement and has written in depth about elections of the 1960s, '70s and beyond. "They don't start anything, and probably didn't determine much — but betoken a widespread disgust in the air."

Readers may not let editorials tell them how to vote, but they care enough to respond. Dallas Morning News editor Mike Wilson recalls a group of about a dozen people demonstrated against the endorsement across the street from the paper. Wilson went down to talk with them. In a series of tweets, he described a discussion that began angrily but settled into a serious dialogue. "I got a few words in and persuaded zero people," he tweeted.

Wilson said he's received some messages from Clinton supporters thanking the newspaper for the editorial, but hasn't heard that it changed anyone's mind. "They're not really meant to end arguments, they're meant to start discussions, and this one certainly did that," he said.

"One of the reasons we exist is to take editorial positions on things that can improve lives in our community," he said. "That is one of the core functions of a newspaper."

Peter Bhatia, editor and vice president of audience engagement at the Cincinnati Enquirer, said he knows that the impact of editorial endorsements has lessened. "The days of people taking the endorsements of an editorial board and going into the polling place with them are pretty much long gone," he said. But he still considers it an important obligation. The newspaper's editorial board came to consensus pretty quickly so they decided to get it out.

As anticipated, some readers lashed out. Bhatia said he received some 150 angry emails and there were some canceled subscriptions. "I am impressed by how thoroughly rehearsed some of the attacks on Hillary Clinton are," he said. "They have a very familiar bent to them."

He also cites their incivility, but doesn't find that unusual in the internet age. He said there also have been a few dozen positive notes. He said he gave an interview to CBC radio in Canada and got a long email from someone who found his arguments convincing.

Just one problem: The person lives in Canada and can't vote.

American sweep and European rally at Ryder Cup

By DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — The United States had the lead. Rory McIlroy made sure that was all it had Friday in the Ryder Cup.

The American sweep of the opening session of matches at Hazeltine was all but forgotten when McIlroy rolled in a 20-foot eagle putt, took a bow on the 16th green and delivered a defiant message to the crowd and to the U.S. team desperate to win back the cup.

Europe isn't going anywhere.

"I'm not fazed by anything that is said by the crowd," McIlroy said. "And I'm not fazed by anything that the U.S. team throws at us."

The Americans threw a haymaker with the first opening-session sweep in four decades. Europe battled back from that 4-0 deficit behind its best tandem, Henrik Stenson and Justin Rose, and its best player. McIlroy buried the eagle putt, calmly bowed twice to the crowd and then punched the chilly Minnesota air with his fist.

U.S. captain Davis Love III at least could take consolation in a 5-3 lead, though the Americans wasted a chance to put Europe in a big hole.

"It's frustrating not to come out a little bit more ahead," Love said.

McIlroy had heard enough after some 10 hours before what he described as a hostile crowd. He and Thomas Pieters never trailed against the previously undefeated tandem of Dustin Johnson and Matt Kuchar. McIlroy finished it with his eagle putt, and he a chance to give something back to the fans.

"Even before I hit that putt, I wanted to put an exclamation point on that session for us," he said. "I actually thought about the celebration before I hit the putt. I knew it had a good chance of going in. ... I just wanted everyone that's watching out there to know how much this means to us, how much it means to me personally and obviously, us as a team. We've pulled it back a good bit. And we plan to pull it back even further going into tomorrow."

Love could not have scripted a better start — a symbolic one, too.

To honor Arnold Palmer, who died Sunday, Ryder Cup officials placed on the first tee Palmer's golf bag from when he was captain of the 1975 Ryder Cup team. Jordan Spieth and Patrick Reed then set the tone with a 3-and-2 foursomes victory over Stenson and Rose, and the Americans delivered the first sweep of the opening session since that 1975 team at Laurel Valley.

Phil Mickelson, feeling more pressure than usual because of his influence on changes and on this team, also produced big shots. His wedge into 5 feet that Rickie Fowler converted was key in the Americans winning three straight holes for a 1-up victory over McIlroy and Andy Sullivan.

It just didn't last.

The Americans still had the lead. Europe headed into the second day loaded with momentum.

"It would definitely say it's better to have a small deficit with some momentum," European captain Darren Clarke said. "Because we didn't have much at lunchtime."

Beaten for the first time, Rose and Stenson went right back out against Spieth and Reed and handed the American duo its first Ryder Cup loss. The Europeans made nine birdies in 13 holes for a 5-and-4 victory in an afternoon session in which the board was filled with European blue.

Sergio Garcia teamed with fellow Spaniard Rafa Cabrera Bello to dismantle J.B. Holmes and Ryan Moore. McIlroy and Pieters never trailed against Johnson and Kuchar, handing them their first loss in four Ryder Cup matches.

The lone American point in the afternoon came from Brandt Snedeker and Brooks Koepka, who had

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no trouble against Martin Kaymer and Danny Willett.

Willett had a little trouble with the crowd, especially when they lampooned him around Hazeltine with references to hot dogs and his brother, Pete, who had written a column in a British publication disparaging American galleries.

"It was anticipated," Willett said. "Coming to America is a tough one, just like when the Americans come to Europe. They gave me a little bit more. I think it was exactly what we thought it was going to be."

It wasn't just directed at Willett, however.

The crowd was loud and boisterous from the opening tee shot in misty conditions. There were a few rude comments, not unusual in America for a Ryder Cup. Most striking was how quickly the crowd cheered bad shots for Europe. Typically, there is the slightest delay. Not on Friday. Sullivan, one of six rookies for Europe, hit his tee shot into the water on the 17th that put Europe 1 down and effectively ended the match. The crowd cheered before there was a ripple.

That's what inspired McIlroy in the final match of the day.

The question for Saturday and another round of foursomes and fourballs matches is how the Americans respond.

"They had some fun this afternoon," Love said. "We had some fun this morning. And we have two more fun days coming up. I'm sure we'll see some more of that."

Volkswagen reaches \$1.2B settlement with dealers in scandal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Volkswagen has agreed to pay its U.S. dealers up to \$1.2 billion to compensate them for losses they said they suffered as a result of the company's emissions cheating scandal, according to a settlement agreement filed Friday in federal court in San Francisco.

Under the terms of the deal, dealers can choose to opt out and pursue their own lawsuits against Volkswagen. A judge still has to approve the settlement before it can go into effect.

Volkswagen previously reached an agreement with attorneys for car owners. That deal calls for it to spend up to \$10 billion buying back or repairing about 475,000 vehicles involved in its scandal and paying their owners an additional \$5,100 to \$10,000 each.

Details about the vehicle repairs have not been finalized.

Attorneys for vehicle owners said in a court filing on Friday that more than 311,000 people have registered for the deal and less than 3,300 people have opted out. "There is resounding support for this consumer class settlement and the substantial benefits it provides," Elizabeth Cabraser, lead attorney for Volkswagen owners, said in a statement.

The settlement also includes \$2.7 billion for unspecified environmental mitigation and an additional \$2 billion to promote zero-emissions vehicles.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer gave the deal preliminary approval in July, and he is expected to make a final decision on Oct. 18.

The deal does not cover about 85,000 more-powerful Volkswagens and Audis with 3-liter engines also caught up in the emissions scandal.

Twitter, 'lies' and videotape: Trump shames beauty queen

By JOSH LEDERMAN and STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Plunging deeper into campaign controversy, Donald Trump publicly shamed a former beauty queen on Friday for her "disgusting" sexual past and then — in one of presi-

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dential history's more bizarre moments — encouraged Americans to watch a "sex tape" he said would support his case.

The tweet-storm that Trump launched into at 3:20 a.m. started a day of did-that-just-happen moments that ended with Clinton's campaign calling Trump an adult film star. Even many of Trump's supporters shook their heads at their candidate's latest outburst, worried it could further hurt him among the nation's women, many of them already skeptical, whose votes he'll badly need to win election.

"Did Crooked Hillary help disgusting (check out sex tape and past) Alicia M become a U.S. citizen so she could use her in the debate?" read a missive from Trump posted on Twitter at 5:30 a.m. That referred to 1996 Miss Universe Alicia Machado, a Venezuela-born woman whose weight gain he has said created terrible problems for the pageant he formerly owned.

Unsurprisingly, Trump's pre-dawn Twitter tirade ricocheted across the campaign trail.

Trump's campaign accused the media and Hillary Clinton of colluding to set him up for fresh condemnation, to which Clinton retorted, "His latest twitter meltdown is unhinged, even for him."

Machado took to Facebook to say his tweets were part of a pattern of "demoralizing women," calling them "cheap lies with bad intentions." Planned Parenthood said it showed that Trump's "misogyny knows no bounds." And Clinton said they showed anew why someone with Trump's temperament "should not be anywhere near the nuclear codes."

With less than 40 days left in the election, Trump's broadside threw his campaign into a fresh round of second-guessing the candidate's instincts and confusion about what to do next. To believers in traditional political norms, it seemed like the opposite of what was needed to win over females, Hispanics and young Americans whose support could well determine the election.

Shaming Machado over intimate details from her past could be particularly risky as Trump tries to win over more female voters, many of whom are turned away by such personal attacks. It also risks calling further attention to the thrice-married Trump's own history with women.

What kind of a man, Clinton asked, "stays up all night to smear a woman with lies and conspiracy theories?"

Even Trump's most vocal allies seemed at a loss for words.

"He's being Trump. I don't have any comment beyond that," said former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a top supporter. Generally chatty and occasionally critical of Trump, Gingrich said tersely that Trump sometimes does "strange things," but that Clinton lies. "I'll let you decide which is worse for America."

But Trump's inner circle followed his lead by refusing to concede any missteps. Trump didn't mention the tweets Friday evening as he rallied supporters in Michigan. Instead, he returned to Twitter to invoke Clinton's famous ad from her 2008 campaign portraying her as the best candidate to pick up an urgent call at the White House at 3 a.m.

"For those few people knocking me for tweeting at three o'clock in the morning, at least you know I will be there, awake, to answer the call!" Trump wrote.

Machado has been thrust to center stage in the campaign since Clinton noted Monday in the first debate that Trump had mocked her publicly for gaining weight after she won Miss Universe. If that was a trap laid by Clinton, the irrepressible Trump dug himself deeper the next day by saying Machado's "massive" weight gain had been "a real problem."

That gave Clinton's campaign the opening it wanted. Her team circulated videos featuring Machado accusing Trump of destroying her self-confidence and arranged for reporters to interview her, just as many voters were starting to cast early ballots. Clinton's spokesman said she called Machado Friday to thank her for her courage.

Said Trump spokeswoman Jessica Ditto, "This is the single biggest coordinated media attack in his-

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tory.”

His Twitter taunts referred to footage from a Spanish reality show in 2005 in which Machado was a contestant and appeared on camera in bed with a male contestant. The images are grainy and do not include nudity, though Machado later acknowledged in the Hispanic media that she was having sex in the video.

Muddying the waters: an explicit 2000 Playboy video with a cameo by Trump. In a short clip posted on the website BuzzFeed, Trump pours a bottle of champagne on a Playboy-branded limo on a New York street, surrounded by a gaggle of women.

“There’s been a lot of talk about sex tapes today and in a strange turn of events only one adult film has emerged today, and its star is Donald Trump,” said Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill, adding he hadn’t seen the film.

Clinton’s campaign has highlighted Machado’s status as a new U.S. citizen and her plans to cast her first vote for the former secretary of state. But spokeswoman Jennifer Palmieri said Clinton did not help Machado become a citizen.

For Republicans, the outburst seemed to foreclose any possibility that Trump, in the campaign’s final weeks, might reinvent himself as someone with the discipline and restraint that many voters want in their commander in chief. Trump’s allies have implored him to stick to attacks on Clinton’s family foundation, her emails or her long history as a political insider, critiques that fall further out of view whenever he sparks a new controversy.

In another risky move, Trump warned voters this week that a Clinton victory would bring former President Bill Clinton’s sex scandal back to the White House. The fresh rehash of the 1990s Monica Lewinsky scandal came despite Trump’s insistence that he’s been courageously restrained in not bringing it up.

Lederman reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Jill Colvin in Jersey City, New Jersey, Catherine Lucey in Fort Pierce, Florida, and Sigal Ratner-Arias in New York contributed to this report.

The Latest: Ivanka Trump promotes dad’s childcare proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Latest on the U.S. presidential race (all times EDT):

8:30 p.m.

Donald Trump is out with a new ad starring his daughter, Ivanka, one of the GOP nominee’s most effective advocates.

The ad appears aimed at women and touts Trump’s recently announced proposals for childcare tax credits and paid maternity leave through unemployment insurance.

The mother of three and business executive says her father “understands the needs of a modern workforce” and supports policies that “allow women to support their families and further their careers.”

The ad comes as Trump risks damaging his already low standing with women following a week of sparring with a former Miss Universe winner who gained weight when Trump owned the pageant.

8 p.m.

The BuzzFeed website is reporting that Donald Trump made a cameo appearance in an explicit 2000 Playboy video.

In a short clip posted on the site, Trump is seen pouring a bottle of champagne on a Playboy-branded limo on a New York street, surrounded by a gaggle of women.

Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill said late Friday, “There’s been a lot of talk about sex tapes today and in a strange turn of events only one adult film has emerged today and its star is Donald Trump.” Merrill

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said he not seen the video.

Friday morning, Trump tweeted that former Miss Universe Alicia Machado, a Clinton supporter, was "disgusting." He urged followers to check out her "sex tape" — apparently referring to footage from a Spanish reality show in 2005.

7:40 p.m.

A former lawyer for one-time Miss Universe Alicia Machado says she still faces the possibility of arrest in her native Venezuela as a result of alleged threats she made to a judge.

Ricardo Koesling tells The Associated Press, "The case remains in limbo," though he considers the risk of arrest minimal.

Machado was accused in 1998 of driving the getaway car for her then-boyfriend after he shot at his brother-in-law in what prosecutors said was a failed murder attempt. Koesling said the case was dropped for lack of evidence. However, the judge in the case later accused Machado of making a death threat against him and his children.

The AP did not find any indication in court records that the judge filed a formal complaint against Machado.

7 p.m.

Donald Trump is once again questioning the integrity of the U.S. voting system, encouraging his supporters to visit polling locations on Election Day to make sure everything is "on the up and up."

Trump tells his supporters at a Michigan rally to "go to your place and vote" and then "go pick some other place and go sit there with your friends and make sure it's on the up and up."

He's claiming that voting fraud is "a big, big problem in this country" but "nobody has the guts to talk about it."

Voting fraud is, in fact, very rare. But a Homeland Security Department official said Friday that hackers have targeted the voter registration systems of more than 20 states in recent months.

Trump says voter fraud "would be one hell of a way to lose."

6:05 p.m.

Donald Trump is demanding President Barack Obama make a pledge not to pardon Hillary Clinton, who has not been charged with nor convicted of any kind of crime.

Speaking at a rally in Novi, Michigan, Trump says he is making "a demand" of Obama.

"Mr. President, will you pledge not to issue a pardon to Hillary Clinton and her co-conspirators for their many crimes against our country and against society itself?" he asks.

Neither Clinton nor her allies have been charged with any crime related to her use of a private email system as secretary of state.

The FBI decided after a lengthy investigation not to recommend charges against her or her aides pertaining to their handling of classified information.

6 p.m.

Donald Trump is raising questions about his microphone problems during Monday's debate with Hillary Clinton.

He notes that the Commission on Presidential Debates announced earlier Friday that there was an issue with Trump's microphone. His audio was quieter at times than Clinton's inside the debate hall.

He says, "Working that microphone was a hell of a lot more difficult than working Crooked Hillary

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Clinton.”

The Republican is also encouraging his supporters at a rally Friday evening in Michigan to ask why he had issues and Clinton did not.

He says: “I wonder why it was bad. Think of that.”

5:55 p.m.

Donald Trump says Hillary Clinton is lying about her support for an international trade deal.

Trump said during a Friday evening rally in Michigan that Clinton once described the so-called Trans-Pacific Partnership as “the gold standard” of trade deals when she was secretary of state. Clinton now says she opposes the deal.

Trump charges that countries that stand to benefit from the deal donated millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation.

The New York businessman says of Clinton, “If she gets the chance, she will put the Oval Office up for sale.”

Trump has faced questions about business practices at a foundation that bears his name.

5:45 p.m.

Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson’s doctor is calling the candidate “extremely physically fit.”

The former New Mexico governor is a triathlete and has climbed the highest peaks on all seven continents. He released a letter from his doctor Friday afternoon that says he has “extraordinarily good health” for a 63-year-old.

Health worries have dogged 68-year-old Hillary Clinton after she collapsed during a pneumonia spell earlier this month. Clinton supporters have also questioned the health of Donald Trump, who is 70.

4:45 p.m.

The nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates says there was indeed a problem with Donald Trump’s microphone during Monday night’s first general election debate.

The commission says on its website that “there were issues regarding Donald Trump’s audio that affected the sound level in the debate hall.”

There was no noticeable issue with the sound on television.

The GOP nominee complained about his mic the morning after the debate, even suggesting he may have been sabotaged.

Rival Hillary Clinton had mocked the complaint, saying anybody who complains about a microphone “is not having a good night.”

4:30 p.m.

Hillary Clinton says Donald Trump’s flurry of late-night tweets targeting former Miss Universe Alicia Machado was “unhinged, even for him.”

At a rally Friday in Coral Springs, Florida, Clinton questioned what kind of person gets up at 3 a.m. to send angry tweets.

Trump tweeted in the early morning hours that Machado was “disgusting” and “a con” and encouraged Americans to “check out” her non-existent sex tape.

Trump has been targeting Machado since Clinton, at Monday’s debate, cited derogatory comments Trump had made about Machado after she gained weight. Clinton cited it as an example of his disre-

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spect toward women.

Clinton says Trump's "latest twitter meltdown is unhinged, even for him." She says it underscores that Trump is "temperamentally unfit to be commander-in-chief."

3:25 p.m.

Donald Trump is defending his early-morning tweets attempting to shame a former Miss Universe, saying it shows he'd be awake for a 3 a.m. call.

Trump tweeted that, "For those few people knocking me for tweeting at three o'clock in the morning, at least you know I will be there, awake, to answer the call!"

A memorable Hillary Clinton ad in 2008 questioned whether then-rival Barack Obama was prepared to face emergencies. As a phone rang, the announcer said, "It's 3 a.m., and your children are safe and asleep. Who do you want answering the phone?"

Trump has tried to use the ad against Clinton, accusing her of being asleep when late-night calls came in during the attack on the U.S. compound in Benghazi. Clinton says she was awake all night after the attacks.

2:35 p.m.

Donald Trump says he has "big plans" for the final month of the campaign.

The Republican presidential nominee noted Friday that his campaign hasn't spent much yet on television ads. He said he plans to put to good use the approximately \$18 million he says he raised for his campaign and Republican partners on the day after Monday's debate.

He said, "We have some big plans for the final month."

Trump made the comments Friday during a brief appearance at the Kent County Republican headquarters.

He did not address his series of early-morning tweets in which he called a former Miss Universe "disgusting" and referred to her "sex tape."

2:25 p.m.

Donald Trump's campaign is defending his early-morning tweets shaming former Miss Universe Alicia Machado. It's denouncing what it calls "the single-biggest coordinated media attack in history."

Spokeswoman Jessica Ditto said via email that, "Of course Mr. Trump is going to defend himself" against what the campaign sees as a coordinated attack effort by the media and rival Hillary Clinton's campaign.

At Monday's presidential debate, Clinton cited disparaging remarks Trump had made about Machado as examples of the Republican nominee's disrespect for women.

Trump took to Twitter overnight to accuse Clinton's campaign of being "duped" by "a con" and encourage Americans to check out what he called Machado's "sex tape."

Ditto said she expects the campaign "to continue calling out examples of bias and defending ourselves as we deem necessary."

2:05 p.m.

Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill says that Hillary Clinton called Alicia Machado on Friday to express gratitude to the former Miss Universe who has become caught up in the maelstrom of the presidential campaign

The Democratic presidential candidate's call came after rival Donald Trump attacked Machado in early-

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morning tweets.

At Monday's presidential debate, Clinton mentioned disparaging remarks Trump had made about Machado as examples of the Republican nominee's disrespect for women. Trump has responded with attacks on Machado, including Friday's tweets.

Clinton says she appreciated Machado's courage through what she calls a "war of some pretty unpleasant words."

Merrill says Machado promised to continue supporting Clinton and said she would stand up to the attacks.

The two women spoke for about five minutes,

2 p.m.

If newspaper endorsements equaled victory, Hillary Clinton would be in line for a historic landslide.

The Democratic presidential nominee has been endorsed by dozens of papers ranging from such expected backers as The New York Times to such once-certain Republican advocates such as The Dallas Morning News, the Arizona Republic and the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Donald Trump, meanwhile, is supported by far fewer publications.

But the endorsements may highlight more than editorial boards' disdain for the Republican presidential nominee. They may also illustrate the decline in newspapers' power to shape opinions and the strength of Trump's anti-establishment appeal.

Readers may not let editorials tell them how to vote, but they care enough to respond. About a dozen people demonstrated outside the Dallas Morning News after it backed Clinton.

1:30 p.m.

Mike Pence says too much is made of Donald Trump's tweets.

The Republican vice presidential nominee was speaking Friday in Fort Wayne, Indiana, hours after Trump unleashed a flurry of tweets shaming former Miss Universe Alicia Machado.

The Indiana governor said Democrats and the media are to blame for focusing on "he said this, he tweeted that."

At Monday's presidential debate, Democrat Hillary Clinton mentioned disparaging remarks Trump had made about Machado as examples of his disrespect for women.

In one tweet Friday, Trump said: "Did Crooked Hillary help disgusting (check out sex tape and past) Alicia M become a U.S. citizen so she could use her in the debate?"

1 p.m.

A new ad from Donald Trump's presidential campaign is seizing on recent comments his rival made questioning why she isn't further ahead in the presidential race.

The ad uses footage of Hillary Clinton asking, "Why aren't I 50 points ahead, you might ask?"

The ad then references FBI criticism of Clinton's use of a private email system while she was secretary of state. It also mentions policies she supported that Trump argues allowed the Islamic State group's reach to spread.

The campaign says the ad will air nationally as part of its ramped-up spending on television advertising.

Trump's campaign has been dramatically outspent by Clinton's when it comes to ads.

12:50 p.m.

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Hillary Clinton is promoting her plans for enhancing public service opportunities.

In a speech in Fort Pierce, Florida Friday, Clinton laid out her proposals to increase national service. She wants to triple the size of the AmeriCorps program, grow the Peace Corps and create a new national service reserve program.

Clinton said she thinks America is strongest when people work together. She said Republican Donald Trump favors a "strongman approach."

Under the new program, people would enroll, receive training and then state and local leaders could call on their help during in natural disasters or emergency situations. Clinton wants to sign up 5 million people, focusing on people under 30.

The speech is one of several positive policy addresses from Clinton as she tries to draw a contrast with Trump.

12 p.m.

The city of Phoenix is demanding that Donald Trump's campaign stop using the image of Phoenix police officers in a campaign advertisement.

The city sent a cease-and-desist letter Thursday. It says the campaign violated federal and state law by using copyrighted material, including images of officers in uniform and at work.

The ad features images of uniformed officers greeting Trump and shaking his hand.

City Attorney Brad Holm said in the letter that the advertisement "unmistakably and wrongfully" suggests that Phoenix and its officers support Trump's campaign.

The state's campaign chairman, Phil Lovas, said he cannot comment on the letter because he has not seen it.

11:50 a.m.

The New York state attorney general is confirming that the Trump Foundation is not registered in New York as a charity to solicit donations.

But Attorney General Eric Schneiderman isn't saying if Donald Trump's foundation violated any laws.

The foundation is registered in the state as a charity. But state law requires a different registration for charities that solicit more than \$25,000 a year from the public.

The registration issue was first reported by The Washington Post. The newspaper has also detailed foundation spending that personally benefited Trump.

Schneiderman, a Democrat whose office oversees New York charities, has been investigating the Trump foundation.

The Trump campaign did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

11:40 a.m.

A spokeswoman for Hillary Clinton says neither the Democratic presidential nominee nor her campaign helped a former Miss Universe get U.S. citizenship.

Clinton communications director Jennifer Palmieri spoke to reporters Friday after Donald Trump unleashed a series of tweets criticizing Alicia Machado, the former beauty pageant winner. Trump also claimed Clinton had helped Machado get U.S. citizenship, but offered no proof.

Palmieri called on Trump to stop attacking Machado and apologize.

Machado has been in the spotlight since Monday night's debate, when Clinton cited derogatory comments Trump had made about her as examples of the Republican's disrespect for women.

Palmieri said Clinton will address Trump's comments at an event in Florida later Friday

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11:15 a.m.

Hillary Clinton is describing as "unhinged" a Donald Trump tweet attacking a former Miss Universe. She says his temperament is "dangerous for a president."

She says Trump's early-morning tweets accusing Alicia Machado of having a criminal record and a sex tape are "lies and conspiracy theories."

The Democratic presidential candidate's response to Trump came in her own series of tweets Friday.

She tweeted: "When something gets under Donald's thin skin, he lashes out and can't let go. This is dangerous for a president."

Clinton has not mentioned Machado since the Monday night debate. That's when she pointed to reports that Trump called the 1996 pageant winner "Miss Piggy" and "Miss Housekeeping" as examples of his disrespect for women.

8:05 a.m.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson says hackers are taking aim at state and local election officials, and that at least one recent attempt was successful.

Johnson tells MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Friday that "exactly who did it" remains under investigation. Last month, the FBI warned state elections officials to boost their election security after hackers targeted data systems in at least two states, Illinois and Arizona. Johnson did not identify a location in his remarks.

Johnson said local election officials should reach out to the federal government to learn how to protect computer systems. With thousands of vote counting systems, "there is no one single point of failure," he said. But to prevent problems, he said, local officials should be vigilant.

7:45 a.m.

Hillary Clinton plans to call on young people to participate in national service.

The campaign says the Democratic presidential candidate will announce plans Friday for a new national program designed to help people under 30 engage in public service.

She'll present her proposals in a speech Friday in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

It is the latest in a series of policy speeches designed to offer an affirmative message in the closing weeks of the presidential campaign. Clinton's campaign is seeking to contrast her approach with what they call Republican Donald Trump's "self-centered message."

7:25 a.m.

Donald Trump is doubling down on his attacks on a former Miss Universe.

Trump unleashed a series of tweets early Friday saying that rival Hillary Clinton had shown bad judgment in using Alicia Machado "as a paragon of virtue."

In one tweet, Trump said: "Did Crooked Hillary help disgusting (check out sex tape and past) Alicia M become a U.S. citizen so she could use her in the debate?"

He offered no proof that Clinton had a role in Machado's citizenship. The "sex tape" reference was apparently about risqué footage circulating online of Machado from when she appeared on a Spanish reality show.

At Monday's debate, Clinton cited Trump's past references to Machado as "Miss Piggy" and "Miss Housekeeping" as examples of Trump's disrespectful comments about women.

3:15 a.m.

Donald Trump is warning voters that a Hillary Clinton victory would bring her husband's sex scandal back to the White House.

Injecting Clinton's marital troubles into the 2016 campaign is Trump's latest effort to bounce back from Monday night's widely panned debate performance. In contrast, Clinton has delivered a mostly positive message in the days since her debate performance re-energized her candidacy.

Clinton is stressing that her plans will solve the kind of kitchen-sink problems facing American families — the high cost of childcare, mounting student debt and unpaid family leave.

Trump is promising lower taxes and "jobs, jobs, jobs," but he has also intensified the dire warnings and personal attacks that have defined his outsider presidential bid.

Children of Syria's Aleppo bear brunt of violent onslaught

By SARAH EL DEEB and PHILIP ISSA

BEIRUT (AP) — The 6-year-old girl was found trapped under the rubble of her home, destroyed by an airstrike in Syria's rebel-held city of Aleppo. "Dust!" she wailed as rescue workers pried away the stones and debris on top of her, finally freeing her and placing her on a stretcher as she screamed for her father.

"Forget the dust. I'll wash your face and give you water. Come on, sweetheart," one rescuer said.

Bruised and battered but alive, Ghazl Qassem was among the lucky survivors of the attack earlier this week. Four days later, rescue workers were still digging Friday through the rubble of the apartment building after pulling out the bodies of 20 people, including nine children, most from Ghazl's family. They were searching for at least three others believed inside.

At least 96 children are among the 320 people killed in Aleppo since a cease-fire collapsed on Sept. 19, according to UNICEF, as Syrian and Russian warplanes barrage the city's eastern opposition neighborhoods, trying to crush more than five years of resistance there. Almost a third of the 840 people wounded over the same period are children, according to the World Health Organization.

"Aleppo is one of the most dangerous places in the world, and in the last week it has become perhaps the most dangerous place in the world for children." Juliette Touma, regional chief of communications for the U.N children's agency told The Associated Press.

Nearly 300,000 people — including 100,000 children — are trapped in Aleppo's rebel-held eastern districts, a pocket of resistance some eight miles long and three miles wide that civil defense workers say has been hit by 1,900 bombs in the past week. The campaign has wreaked destruction on hospitals, clinics, residential buildings, water stations and electric generators.

Parents desperately struggling to keep their families safe fear the threat of an imminent ground offensive. They hold little hope for the future, with no regular schooling and little access to nutritious food. Images of wounded and screaming children, covered in dust or being pulled out of rubble, have become a daily reality in Aleppo.

"We are totally resigned to God's will," said Khaled Sakka, a father of 10 children, all under the age of 14. He, his three wives and the children all sleep in one room in the middle of the house, the only safety measure they have against the nightly airstrikes.

"The bombs are bringing down five-story buildings. They are even reaching bunkers," he said.

Wounded children are often left untreated, sometimes to die, in Aleppo's overwhelmed hospitals. Only 30 doctors remain in opposition-held neighborhoods: One physician for every 10,000 people, compared

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to a peacetime standard of one for every 1,000, Touma said.

"It is very difficult to know how many (children) are traumatized, but one would imagine every single one is impacted by the horrors, especially with the intensification of the violence in the past week," she said.

So-called bunker-busting bombs, designed to target underground structures, have been widely used, possibly to crush tunnels or bunkers used as refuge by the thousands of rebel fighters defending the districts.

But the powerful bombs also threaten the underground shelters where civilians take refuge and where children go to school. For the past several years, most classes have been held in basements because of the constant fighting and threat of airstrikes.

"The use of bunker-busting bombs means there is literally nowhere we can keep children safe," said Nick Finney of Save the Children, which runs 13 schools in eastern Aleppo, eight of them held underground. "We're now more likely to see children being pulled from the rubble or treated on the floor of a hospital than sitting at a school desk."

When schools opened across the country this month, they remained closed in eastern Aleppo because of the danger, said Brita Haj, the head of the local council in the rebel-held part of the city.

Medics say the death toll among children and other residents may be far higher than reported, since some families bury their dead without taking them to hospitals or morgues, and many victims remain buried in the rubble.

Dr. Hatem, a pediatrician, said women and children make up a large percentage of the victims because they are the ones who stay at home. As one of two pediatricians in besieged Aleppo, Hatem said he had an enormous load even before the last week's intensification of fighting, treating 80 to 120 children a day.

Now he's seeing a spike in wounded children in intensive care, from four or five a month to four or five a day. There is also a rise in aggressive behavior among children and various signs of trauma such as bed-wetting or losing the ability to walk or talk, said Hatem, who gave only his last name out of security fears.

Ghazl Qassem was at home with her four siblings, her pregnant mother, cousins and grandmother when the bomb struck Tuesday around midday. Their apartment building is adjacent to a hospital in a neighborhood with a number of specialized clinics; hospitals and clinics have been frequent targets in the recent campaign.

The children's father, Hussein, was not home at the time.

Since Tuesday's attack he has not moved from the rubble as the bodies of his family members have been pulled out one after the other, including his wife and three other children, said a neighbor, Tamim Selim.

Ghazl is staying with an aunt. "She is having nightmares. She is still in shock. She sleeps and wakes up, reaches for her mother's phone and watches photos there and cries," Selim said.

Abdul-Majid Malah, a father of three who lives nearby, rushed to the scene after the bomb.

"I only saw the dust. When it settled, the building was all on the ground. It was like dominos," he said. His children, ages 2, 3 and 4, rush into his arms every time they hear a bomb, he said. Then a minute later, they go back to playing.

There is no adequate underground shelter in his building for Malah, his pregnant wife and children to take refuge.

"We can only pray that the bombs don't hit us at home," he said, adding that he stays up all night tracking where the missiles are hitting. "I won't be able to change fate, but I am too stressed out to

fall asleep.”

The park next to their house was bombed last month, so the children have not been allowed to venture outside. On Friday, incendiary bombs hit outside their building, but no one was hurt.

“We only survive on hope,” he said.

‘Guac the Vote:’ Houston taco trucks seek to register voters

By JOHN L. MONE and WILL WEISSERT, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — At Tacos Tierra Caliente — a food truck parked in a section of Houston where Spanish is spoken as often as English — \$1.50 can buy such street taco staples as pollo (chicken), barbacoa (shredded beef) and lengua (tongue).

But next to the handwritten chalkboard menu and “cash only” sign is a new red, white and blue placard that commands: “Registrarse y Votar” (Register and Vote). A stack of bilingual voter registration forms and a pen are available nearby for anyone who wants to fill one out while scarfing down their orders.

The taco truck-based voter registration effort in the nation’s fourth-largest city, along with a larger “Guac the Vote” drive by the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, began a few weeks after a backer of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump suggested the country would be subsumed by Mexican culture if it doesn’t tighten its borders.

“You’re going to have taco trucks on every corner,” Marco Gutierrez, the founder of “Latinos for Trump,” told MSNBC on Sept. 1.

Aiming to poke fun at the comments and capitalize on them, Houston designer Thomas Hull created the food truck voter drive in partnership with Mi Familia Vota, a nonpartisan group specializing in Hispanic civil outreach. Eight trucks are now registering voters in Houston.

“It was offensive to some,” Hull said of Gutierrez’s warning. “At the same time, those of us who live here in Texas find it humorous because there are taco trucks on every corner and we love them.”

Gutierrez didn’t return phone messages seeking comment.

While waiting to order pork tacos al pastor at another participating truck, El Ultimo Taco, on Houston’s west side, Ippolito Garbino picked up a registration form. Later, as he drenched his order in salsa verde, he explained in Spanish that though he’s a noncitizen, he planned to pass the necessary paperwork on to his wife, who is eligible.

The trucks began registering customers Tuesday and will continue to do so until Texas’ registration ends Oct. 11.

Houston is not alone. Arizona Democratic Party officials have coordinated with 150 taco trucks state-wide. Executive Director Sheila Healy said Friday it’s been an effective method of reaching both Hispanic and non-Hispanic eligible voters because “everybody loves tacos.”

Elsewhere, Mi Familia Vota hopes to use taco trucks in heavily Hispanic parts of Las Vegas once early voting begins in the battleground state of Nevada. And the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is encouraging taco trucks around the country to register voters — and set up at polling stations on Election Day.

Carlos Duarte, Mi Familia Vota’s Texas director, said the group isn’t taking sides in the race — even though an ironic response to Gutierrez’s comment helped spawn the Houston taco truck initiative.

“We go where people go,” Duarte said. “Our feeling was, ‘It’s a great idea. Let’s do it.’”

The bitterly contested race between Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton has seen voter registration swell in many states. Texas already has set a state record by registering more than 14.8 million voters.

The New York Times reported Friday that Google searches for “register to vote” have surged in the

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past week, particularly in heavily Latino markets in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada and Texas.

Still, Texas had the lowest turnout of any state in 2014. Just 30.2 percent of the state's residents voted in those midterm elections, compared to an average national turnout of 38.5 percent of the total U.S. population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The problem is especially acute among Hispanics, 10.2 million of whom live in Texas, the nation's second-most behind California. Excluding noncitizens and those under 18, about 5 million Texas Hispanics will be eligible to vote in the 2016 presidential election.

In 2014, though, less than 2.3 million Texas Hispanics reported in U.S. Census surveys that they were registered to vote — about 46 percent of the nearly 4.9 million that were then eligible and about 300,000 fewer than reported being registered in 2012.

Hispanic turnout statewide in 2014, meanwhile, was worse than in 2012, when 22 percent of eligible Texas Hispanics reported voting in Census Bureau surveys compared to 39 percent two years prior. Nationwide, 48 percent of Hispanics reported voting in 2012, which declined to 27 percent in 2014.

Like Healy with the Arizona Democratic Party, Hull noted that taco trucks draw customers from all demographics. But he said Texans of any background can stand to see voter registration numbers improve.

"We have a targeted focus on the Latino community given that they historically haven't been as active in voting," Hull said. "But, given how low Texas voter turnout is, we've got work to do across everybody."

Eds: Associated Press Writer Terry Tang contributed to this report from Phoenix, Arizona.

US official: Hackers targeted election systems of 20 states

By TAMI ABDOLLAH, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hackers have targeted the voter registration systems of more than 20 states in recent months, a Homeland Security Department official said Friday.

The disclosure comes amid heightened concerns that foreign hackers might undermine voter confidence in the integrity of U.S. elections. Federal officials and many cybersecurity experts have said it would be nearly impossible for hackers to alter an election's outcome because election systems are very decentralized and generally not connected to the internet.

The official who described detecting the hacker activity was not authorized to speak publicly on the subject and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. It was unclear, the official said, whether the hackers were foreign or domestic, or what their motives might be. ABC News earlier reported that more than 20 states were targeted.

The FBI last month warned state officials of the need to improve their election security after hackers targeted systems in Illinois and Arizona. FBI Director James Comey told lawmakers this week that the agency is looking "very, very hard" at Russian hackers who may try to disrupt the U.S. election.

Last month, Donald Trump, the GOP nominee for president, suggested that he feared the general election "is going to be rigged."

The Homeland Security Department has stepped up its outreach to states and localities, but it is up to them to ask for help. So far, 21 states have expressed interest in a general "cyber hygiene" scan of key websites — akin to ensuring that windows in a home are properly closed, according to another Homeland Security official directly involved in securing local elections who also was not authorized to speak publicly about ongoing efforts.

The FBI has detected a variety of "scanning activities" that are early indications of hacking, Comey told the House Judiciary Committee this week.

The FBI held a conference call on Friday with the local officials who run elections in the battleground state of Florida. Meredith Beatrice, a spokeswoman for Secretary of State Ken Detzner, called it an "informational call related to elections security," but a person on the call who was not authorized to discuss it and requested anonymity said authorities had seen evidence of someone probing a local elections website.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson spoke to state election officials by phone last month, encouraging them to implement existing technical recommendations to secure their election systems and ensure that electronic voting machines are not connected to the internet.

DHS is offering states more comprehensive, on-site risk and vulnerability checks. Only four states have expressed interest in the assessment, and because the election is only weeks away, the department will likely only be able to conduct an assessment of one state before Election Day on Nov. 8, the official said.

Two of the attempted hacks involved efforts to mine data from the Arizona and Illinois voter registration systems, according to Kay Stimson, a spokeswoman for the National Association of Secretaries of State. She said in Arizona a hacker tried to probe voter registration data, but never infiltrated the system, while in Illinois hackers got into the system, but didn't manipulate any data.

These systems have "nothing to do with vote casting or counting," Stimson said in an email. "While it is theoretically possible to disrupt an election by infiltrating a voter registration system, their compromise would not affect election results" and there are system controls in place to catch any fraud.

Rep. Henry Johnson, D-Ga., introduced two bills earlier this month that would require voting systems be designated as critical infrastructure and limit purchases of new voting systems that don't provide paper ballots, among other measures. It's unlikely the bills will be passed before the election.

The Homeland Security Department is already considering designating voting systems as critical infrastructure in the future, though it is unlikely to happen before the election, the second official said.

A presidential directive released in 2013 details 16 sectors that are considered critical infrastructure, including energy, financial services, healthcare, transportation, food and agriculture, and communications. The designation places responsibilities on the Homeland Security secretary to identify and prioritize those sectors, considering physical and cyber threats. The secretary is also required to conduct security checks and provide information about emerging and imminent threats.

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14-year-old boy charged in father's killing, school shooting

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ANDERSON, S.C. (AP) — A 14-year-old South Carolina boy was charged as a juvenile Friday with murder and three counts of attempted murder after authorities say he killed his father and opened fire on students at a school playground, wounding three people.

The boy did not show any emotion as he walked into the courtroom wearing a yellow jumpsuit. He was unrestrained, not wearing handcuffs or leg shackles, as required by state law in most juvenile cases.

As the hearing unfolded, one of the wounded students, 6-year-old Jacob Hall, was on life support and fighting for his life at a hospital about 30 miles away. His family said they were praying for a miracle.

Inside the courtroom, the boy's lawyer, Frank Epps, noted that the teen has given a statement to law

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enforcement and asked that investigators not question him again without his lawyer present. The judge agreed to that, and ordered the teen to be held in jail.

The boy's mother sat on the front row during the brief hearing and left the courtroom sobbing and leaning on another woman.

The Associated Press typically does not identify juveniles charged with crimes.

Authorities say the teen shot his 47-year-old father Jeffrey Osborne at their home on Wednesday afternoon before driving a pickup truck 3 miles down a country road to Townville Elementary. The teen — who is not old enough to have a driver's license — had to make only two turns to arrive at the red brick school, where he crashed the truck, got out and started firing during recess.

Bullets struck two students and a first-grade teacher. The building was immediately placed on lock down.

Authorities have not released a motive for the killing or the school shooting. They have said the boy was being homeschooled, but have not explained why.

Prosecutors haven't given any indication about whether they will ask to try the teen as an adult. When juveniles accused of violent crimes are 14 or 15, a prosecutor has 30 days to ask a family court judge to try the teen as an adult. If denied, the prosecutor can appeal to the circuit court, which can order the transfer. Sixteen-year-olds accused of murder are automatically tried as an adult in South Carolina.

Anderson 4 Superintendent Joanne Avery said staff saved lives by flawlessly implementing active-shooter training drills conducted with students at Townville Elementary, most recently as last week.

A teacher, though shot in the shoulder, "was with-it enough" to close the door, lock it and barricade the students, Avery said.

"If he'd gotten in the school, it would've been a different scenario," she said.

The shooter then fired toward students on the playground but missed. A teacher who heard the first gunshot was able to get those students safely inside, Avery said.

The teacher who was shot and another student who was hit in the foot were treated and released from a hospital, officials said.

Relatives of Jacob issued a statement late Thursday saying the boy sustained a major brain injury due to the amount of blood he lost after being shot in the leg.

Jacob has been unconscious since arriving at the hospital, his great-aunt Rebecca Hunnicutt told WYFF.

"As long as his heart's beating, we've got hope," she said. "We are hoping for a miracle. We're praying for a miracle, and we're expecting a miracle."

Hunnicutt said Jacob has seven siblings, and his parents haven't left his hospital room.

She described Jacob as "one of these kids that you'd swear was carved out of cream cheese. He is as beautiful on the inside as he is on the out."

Classes are scheduled to resume at the school Monday.

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Van Gogh paintings stolen in 2002 found in Italian farmhouse

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ROME (AP) — Police investigating suspected Italian mobsters for cocaine trafficking discovered two Van Gogh paintings hidden in a farmhouse near Naples, masterpieces that had vanished in 2002 during

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a nighttime heist at Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum, authorities said Friday.

The two paintings were "considered among the artworks most searched for in the world, on the FBI's list of the Top 10 art crimes," Interior Minister Angelino Alfano said.

They were found in a farmhouse near Castellammare di Stabia as Italian police seized some 20 million euros (\$22 million) worth of assets, including farmland, villas and apartments and a small airplane. Investigators contend those assets are linked to two Camorra drug kingpins, Mario Cerrone and Raffaele Imperiale, according to a statement by prosecutors Giovanni Colangelo and Filippo Beatrice.

The recovered masterpieces, propped up on easels, were unveiled for reporters Friday at a news conference in Naples. Museum director Axel Rueger said Italian investigators contacted the museum earlier in the week and art experts determined the paintings were authentic.

"Needless to say, it's a great day for us today," Rueger told Sky TG24 TV. "We hope they are soon back where they belong."

With their frames removed and covered by cotton cloths, the paintings appeared to be in relatively good condition despite their long odyssey, the museum said.

One of the paintings, the 1882 "Seascape at Scheveningen," is one of Vincent Van Gogh's first major works. It depicts a boat setting off into a stormy sea, and the thick paint trapped grains of sand that blew up from the Dutch beach as Van Gogh worked on it over two days.

The other is a 1884-85 work, "Congregation leaving the Reformed Church in Nuenen," which depicts a church in the southern Netherlands where the artist's father was the pastor. Experts believe it was done for Van Gogh's mother.

Despite the wishes of the museum, the paintings are not leaving Italy anytime soon. They are evidence in an investigation of whether gangsters from the Camorra crime syndicate were behind the original theft or might have become involved with the artworks later.

The Camorra is one of Italy's three largest organized crime syndicates, with the Calabria-based 'ndrangheta by far the most powerful. The Camorra consists of many crime clans, based in Naples as well as many of the Campania region's small towns.

Financial Police. Col. Giovanni Salerno said investigators looking into the syndicate's cocaine trafficking operations got a tip that the Camorra might have the Van Gogh artworks.

"One of those being investigated made some significant comments about their illegal investments made with earnings from drug trafficking, and he indicated two paintings of great value that supposedly were purchased by Imperiale. They were the result of a theft carried out in the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam almost 14 years ago," Colangelo, the chief prosecutor in Naples, told reporters.

When renowned masterpieces are stolen, it's usually a theft commissioned by a private collector who has already agreed to buy them, since it's virtually impossible to sell them in the legitimate art market.

The Camorra and other Italian crime syndicates, awash in illegal revenues from drug trafficking, designer-goods counterfeiting and toxic waste dealings, are increasingly looking to launder their dirty profits and make even more money in the process.

Salerno said a person at the farmhouse when the paintings were found "didn't say a word" about how they wound up there. He declined to elaborate, saying the case is still under investigation.

The museum said the paintings, inspected by a curator, do show "some damage." Authorities don't know where the paintings were kept in the 14 years since they were stolen by thieves who broke into the museum overnight and made off with the works from the main exhibition hall, where dozens of Van Gogh paintings were on display.

The seascape painting had some paint in the bottom left corner broken away, while the other painting had "a few minor damages at the edges of the canvas," a museum statement said.

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Police who arrived at the Amsterdam museum on Dec. 7, 2002, discovered a 4.5-meter (15-foot) ladder leaning against the rear of the building.

The thieves had apparently climbed up to the second floor using a ladder and broke in through a window, according to Dutch police at the time. Within a year, Dutch authorities had arrested two suspects, but the paintings' whereabouts remained a mystery — until Italian authorities searched the farmhouse.

"After all these years, you no longer dare count on a possible return," Rueger said. "The paintings have been found! That I would be able to ever pronounce these words is something I had no longer dared to hope for."

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This story has been corrected to show that the museum director's first name is Axel, not Alex.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Oct. 1, the 275th day of 2016. There are 91 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 1, 1939, Winston Churchill described Russia as "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma" during a radio address on the invasion of Poland by Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union.

On this date:

In 1891, Stanford University in California held its opening day ceremony.

In 1908, Henry Ford introduced his Model T automobile to the market.

In 1932, Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees made his supposed called shot, hitting a home run against Chicago's Charlie Root in the fifth inning of Game 3 of the World Series, won by the New York Yankees 7-5 at Wrigley Field.

In 1936, Gen. Francisco Franco was proclaimed head of an insurgent Spanish state.

In 1940, the first section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike — described as America's first superhighway — opened to the public, stretching 160 miles from Carlisle to Irwin.

In 1957, the motto "In God We Trust" began appearing on U.S. paper currency.

In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit his 61st home run during a 162-game season, compared to Babe Ruth's 60 home runs during a 154-game season. (Tracy Stallard of the Boston Red Sox gave up the round-tripper; the Yankees won 1-0.)

In 1962, Johnny Carson debuted as host of NBC's "Tonight Show," beginning a nearly 30-year run.

In 1964, the Free Speech Movement began at the University of California, Berkeley. Japan's first high-speed "bullet train," the Tokaido Shinkansen, went into operation between Tokyo and Osaka.

In 1971, Walt Disney World opened near Orlando, Florida.

In 1986, former President Jimmy Carter's presidential library and museum were dedicated in Atlanta with help from President Ronald Reagan.

In 1994, National Hockey League team owners began a 103-day lockout of their players.

Ten years ago: The Israeli army completed its withdrawal from Lebanon, clearing the way for a U.N. peacekeeping force. Brazil's leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (loo-EEZ' ee-NAH'-see-oh LOO'-luh duh SEEL'-vuh) fell short of the votes he needed to win a second term outright and was forced into a runoff, which he won by a landslide. Tiger Woods won the American Express Championship in

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Chandler's Cross, England. (It was his eighth victory of the year, making Woods the first player in PGA Tour history to win at least eight times in three seasons.)

Five years ago: More than 700 Occupy Wall Street protesters were arrested after they swarmed the Brooklyn Bridge and shut down a lane of traffic for several hours in a tense confrontation with police. Campaigning began in Tunisia for the first elections born of the revolts that swept the Middle East.

One year ago: A gunman opened fire at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, killing nine people and then himself. A 49-year-old convicted murderer of three people in Virginia and California was executed by Virginia after a series of last-minute appeals failed. Officials in Michigan declared a public health emergency over the city of Flint's water in response to tests that showed children with elevated levels of lead. Oregon marijuana shops began selling for the first time to recreational users.

Today's Birthdays: Former President Jimmy Carter is 92. Actress-singer Julie Andrews is 81. Actress Stella Stevens is 78. Rock musician Jerry Martini (Sly and the Family Stone) is 73. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Rod Carew is 71. Jazz musician Dave Holland is 70. Actress Yvette Freeman is 66. Actor Randy Quaid is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Howard Hewett is 61. British Prime Minister Theresa May is 60. Alt-country-rock musician Tim O'Reagan (The Jayhawks) is 58. Singer Youssou N'Dour is 57. Actor Esai Morales is 54. Retired MLB All-Star Mark McGwire is 53. Actor Christopher Titus is 52. Actress-model Cindy Margolis is 51. Producer John Ridley (Film: "12 Years a Slave") is 51. Rock singer-musician Kevin Griffin (Better Than Ezra) is 48. Actor Zach Galifianakis (ga-lih-fih-NA'-kihs) is 47. Singer Keith Duffy is 42. Actress Sarah Drew is 36. Actor-comedian Beck Bennett is 32. Actress Jurnee Smollett is 30. Actress Brie Larson is 27.

Thought for Today: "Talent alone won't make you a success. Neither will being in the right place at the right time, unless you are ready. The most important question is: 'Are you ready?'" — Johnny Carson (1925-2005).