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

The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Senior Menu: Hamburger 3-bean casserole, mixed salad greens with dressing, applesauce cake, whole wheat bread.

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Pool Hours: Open Swim 1-4:50; Lap Swim 5-5:45; Aerobics 5:45-6:30; Open Swim 6:40-8:00.

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Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, buttermilk biscuit, banana pudding with bananas.

Olive Grove: Men's League at 6 p.m.

United Methodist: Wednesday Coffee, 9 a.m.

Pool Hours: Open Swim 1-4:50; Lap Swim 5-5:45; Aerobics 5:45-6:30; Open Swim 6:40-8:00.

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Senior Menu: Hot pork sandwich, cucumber salad, baked beans, ice cream.

10 a.m.: Boys golf at Redfield

6 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Deuel with C/JV matches at 6 p.m.

Pool Hours: Open Swim 1-4:50; Lap Swim 5-5:45; Aerobics 5:45-6:30; Open Swim 6:40-8:00.

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TO DO GOOD; TRY
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SITUATIONS."**

**-Jean Paul
Richter**

Chicken Soup
for the *Soul*

West Nile in South Dakota: Expect Cases into the Early Fall

BROOKINGS, S.D. - As a mosquito-transmitted virus, West Nile Virus is usually thought of as a summertime problem. However, data shows that a significant number of human cases occur after August 31.

"This fall, South Dakotans should not relax their protection efforts," said Russ Daly, Professor, SDSU Extension Veterinarian, State Public Health Veterinarian. "While it's true that in South Dakota, most West Nile Virus cases occur during August, in most years, new human infections are detected well into September," Daly said.

Daly quotes a retrospective of South Dakota West Nile Virus epidemiology which revealed 17 percent of cases from 2001-2011 occurred after August 31. In recent years, cases have even been observed in October.

"West Nile Virus is a fact of life during South Dakota summers. However, realizing the threat also persists into the early fall will mean people can take steps to prevent these later infections," Daly said.

Human cases of West Nile Virus have been detected in all 66 counties in South Dakota, over all age groups and ethnicities.

Seasonal Pattern

The seasonal pattern of West Nile Virus infection in South Dakota reflects the presence and activity of its carrier, the *Culex tarsalis* mosquito species.

This mosquito species, Daly explained, is prevalent throughout South Dakota, preferring to feed on birds and people.

"As the summer progresses, their feeding preference shifts more towards people, making late-summer barbecues and football games a prime focus for them," Daly said.

Symptoms

Most people exposed to West Nile Virus show no signs of illness, as evidenced by serologic studies that find people have developed antibody responses in the absence of sickness.

However, one in five people infected develop West Nile Fever, and one in 100 go on to a more severe neuroinvasive disease - of those cases 10 percent are fatal.

Symptoms of illness occur two to 15 days after a bite from an infected mosquito.

"This makes it possible for people to develop symptoms even after mosquito activity has stopped in the fall," Daly said.

West Nile Fever is characterized by fever, body aches, headache, rashes and swollen glands - symptoms that could be caused by a number of illnesses.

People with those symptoms should see their healthcare provider.

While there are no specific cures for West Nile Virus infections, supportive care may be necessary in some cases.

Prevention

More importantly, people should still be vigilant against mosquitoes right up until the first killing frost.

Perhaps the best line of prevention is to use insect repellents when it's necessary to be out at night, in addition to wearing long pants and long sleeved-shirts.

While many communities have mosquito-spraying programs in place through the summer and early fall, property owners can do their part to reduce mosquito habitat by getting rid of sources of standing water.

Help Wanted

Full- or part-time for the following positions: Healthcare workers for Nurse's-RN or LPN, and Nursing Assistants, Dietary Cook and assistant, and Housekeeper. (12 hour shifts/rotating weekends for nurses and C.N.A.s)

Contact Jessica Lindskov or Nellie Peterson at 605-397-2365 or apply in person.

EOE/AA/M/F/V/D-Drug Free Workplace



1106 N. 2nd Street, Groton
605-397-2365

Council gives first reading to \$4.5 million budget

The Groton City Council trimmed \$771,000 out of the budget with another \$229,000 yet to be trimmed. The council gave first reading to the 2018 budget, which right now is \$4.5 million. The council did a bunch of small cuts, but also knocked some big ticket items out of the budget. The street budget was trimmed by \$255,000. Curb and gutter repairs were trimmed by \$90,000. Swimming pool equipment was trimmed by \$38,000. Baseball was cut by \$15,000. The electric budget was cut by \$300,000. Doing sewer relining was trimmed by \$20,000.

First reading was given on the utility ordinance. There are two main changes that were approved with the first reading. The first is switching to reading the meters on the first of the month instead of the 15th. There will be normal billing for August and September, then there will be a short month as the meters will be read on the first of October with the due date of the October bill being the 25th of October. The other change will be reflected on commercial accounts. Any commercial account that reaches 25KW on their peak demand or more will pay for the peak only for that month. They will not be paying for a demand charge for the upcoming year as it has been done in the past. It will be calculated out each month. If a demand customer drops below 25KW, they will not pay the demand charge for that month.

In other action:

- The rubber tire packer was declared as surplus as the engine has blown up on it.
- The date for the first meeting in September will be September 5th at City Hall since Monday falls on Labor Day.
- The ball field lockers were declared as surplus at a value of \$5 each.
- Liability insurance for the Pumpkin Fest to be held October 7th at the City Park was approved.
- Two people will attend load management and electric meeting seminar in Bloomington, Minn., October 9-12.
- Two people will attend the 83rd Annual SD Water and Waste Water Association Conference Sept. 13-15 in Huron.
- David Hunter was approved to attend the S.D. Peace Officer's Seminar September 18 in Huron.
- The Police Department Body Camera Policy was presented with modifications to be made and represented at the next council meeting.



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***Farmers Union's
PSA: Courtesy Merle
Anderson (Merle is 94
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and legendary ethanol
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the right thing to do")**

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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Question: How can I check the status of a pending application for retirement benefits?

Answer: If you applied for retirement or disability benefits online, you can check the status of your application at www.socialsecurity.gov by selecting "Benefits" and "Check Application Status" under "Apply." You will need to enter your Social Security number and the confirmation code you received when you filed online.

Your application status will show:

- The date we received your application;
- Any requests for additional documents;
- The address of the office processing your application; and
- If a decision has been made.

Question: I'm not sure when I'm going to retire so I want to estimate my retirement benefit at several different ages. What's the easiest way to do that?

Answer: Using our Retirement Estimator is easy at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator, and it's the best way for you to get a good idea of what your monthly benefit payment may be after you retire. The Estimator gives estimates based on your actual Social Security earnings record. Keep in mind, these are estimates and we can't provide your actual benefit amount until you apply for benefits. You can use the Estimator if you have enough work to qualify for benefits and aren't currently receiving benefits. If you are currently receiving only Medicare benefits, you can still get an estimate. You can learn about this subject by reading our publication, Retirement Information For Medicare Beneficiaries, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Question: My husband has been in poor health for some time, and doctors have recently diagnosed him with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) – commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease. I've heard Social Security has a "fast track" for some people who are disabled. Can you tell me about it?

Answer: We have two processes to "fast track" applications for disability benefits. Our Compassionate Allowances initiative allows us to fast track certain cases of individuals with very severe disabilities. There are dozens of different types of disabilities that qualify for this expedited decision, including ALS, and that list continues to expand. Learn more about Compassionate Allowances and see the full list of conditions at www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

Another way we speed up decisions is with our Quick Disability Determinations initiative, which uses technology to identify applicants who have the most severe disabilities and allows us to expedite our decisions on those cases. Read more about Quick Disability Determinations at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/qdd.htm.

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Ways to Save Money at the State Fair

HURON, S.D.- The South Dakota State Fair offers several ways to save money during the fair.

Save on gate admission by purchasing your grandstand tickets on or before Wednesday, Aug. 30. Tickets purchased by then include gate admission. Grandstand tickets can be purchased by calling (866) 605-3247, online at www.sdstatefair.com or at the grandstand ticket office.

On Thursday, Aug. 31, all veterans and active military members receive free gate admission. 4-H youth also receive free gate admission by showing their 4-H card. 4-H cards can be obtained from county 4-H offices.

Coupons for \$1 off gate admission on Friday, Sept., 1 are available at Prostrollo Motors on east Highway 14 in Huron. The Prostrollo's Rockin' Rollback coupons are valid on Friday, Sept. 1, only.

Monday, Sept. 4, is Pay it Forward Day. The fair is teaming up with businesses and organizations that are generously sponsoring gate admission passes for those in need. Passes will also be randomly handed out at the gate entrances. Fairgoers can pay it forward to the food pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item for the 'Drive to End Hunger' between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. and receive \$2 off gate admission.

There are also plenty of ways to save money at the carnival throughout the week. All rides on Wednesday, Aug. 30, are only a dollar. The Weekly Passport to Fun pass offers a carnival ride pass for all five days of the fair. Advanced passes can be purchased at Prostrollo Motors through Sept. 2 for \$52. Additionally, Big Jim 93.3, Iverson's and Make It Mine Design/Dakota Detail in Huron are offering a \$3 off coupon for weekday ride wristbands. Coupons can be picked up at Iverson's and Make It Mine Design/Dakota Detail in Huron through Saturday, Sept. 2. They will be available at the Iverson's State Fair location Sunday, Sept. 3, and Monday, Sept. 4.

The 2017 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 31, through Monday, Sept. 4. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 30. This year's theme is "Seriously Twisted Fun." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

Agriculture is a major contributor to South Dakota's economy, generating \$25.6 billion in annual economic activity and employing over 115,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect and preserve South Dakota agriculture for today and tomorrow. Visit the SDDA online at www.sdda.sd.gov or find us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.



Managing Through the Drought

Column by Adele Harty, SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialist

As drought conditions continue to expand and worsen through the Dakotas and Montana, ranchers are faced with the stress and challenges of making the best decisions for their operations.

There are multiple factors that play into the decision-making process, with some being more challenging than others.

One of the factors that makes this process more difficult at times, is being able to separate the emotion from the business.

Oftentimes we see the ranch as more than a business but focusing on the basics of making decisions on what is best for the business will help persevere through tough times.

Tools & Resources

To make the best management decisions, it is important to utilize your resources and contacts to gather information and make the most informed decisions.

There are multiple people who can help provide information, including fellow ranchers, ag lenders, veterinarians, and extension professionals, to name a few.

SDSU Extension offers multiple tools and resources to provide information. Below is a listing of just a few that can be used in making the best drought management decisions for your operation.

Drought Management Publication

Drought Management Tips for Ranchers is an SDSU Extension publication that compiles multiple resources on management decisions focusing on supply management, including: feed resources, rotational grazing, water quantity and quality.

This publication also addresses demand management and decisions that can affect or decrease the demand for feed resources, such as early weaning, shortening the breeding season to only keep the most fertile females, and culling practices.

Be willing to think outside the box to determine what will work best for your ranch and have a plan in place before drought happens again, so that you are ready and prepared to make those hard decisions.

Find this publication at www.iGrow.org/resources and search by title name.

Decision-Making Tools

On the SDSU Economics website, www.sdstate.edu/economics/extension-and-outreach, there are multiple spreadsheets available for download that can assist in decision making.

These include a Haul the Cattle Worksheet that allows livestock producers to compare hauling the cattle to feed versus hauling the feed to the cattle.

Additionally, there is a Feed Nutrient Comparison Calculator that allows users to put the price, distance for trucking and feed analysis information in for various feeds and determine which is the cheapest option while meeting nutrient needs.

There are also Livestock Budget templates to assist in determining what you can afford to pay for the other items in the spreadsheets.

Feed Testing Laboratories

During drought years, it is vitally important to send forage samples to a lab for analysis.

Many livestock producers may be using different feeds than normal and being able to determine what additional feed or supplement needs to be added to the mix will be key for meeting nutrient requirements as well as making the smartest economic decisions.

The iGrow publication, Feed Testing Laboratories contains information about where samples can be sent for analysis. Visit iGrow.org/resources and search by title.

SDSU Extension Experts

As you are working through these decisions, don't hesitate to contact one of the SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialists, State Beef Specialists, Livestock Business Management Field Specialists or Beef Feedlot Management Associate.

Our professionals would be happy to visit about your situation and help work through any problems you are having.

Find an SDSU Extension staff person near you by visiting iGrow.org and click on the Field Staff icon.

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Coming up this week on

GDILIVE.COM

(Click on images below)

**Webster Scale Weekly Meeting
with the S.D. D.O.T.**

**Thurs., Aug. 24, 2017, 1 p.m.
Groton Community Center**

It's Volleyball Action on GDILIVE.COM



Groton Area Tigers

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Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, 7 p.m.
Groton Area High School Arena

It's Football Action on GDILIVE.COM



Groton Area Tigers

VS



Ellendale/Edgley/Kulm

Friday, Aug. 25, 2017, 7 p.m.
Kulm, N.D.



Customer Appreciation Days

Aug. 22 through Aug. 24

Specials All Week! Daily Drawings!

Tuesday is Coffee, cookies and cheese samples

Wednesday is bring your pet in for a treat

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

Ritchie Waterer rep Curt Weyh available
to speak with on Thursday

Come let us show you **OUR**
appreciation for your business

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Today in Weather History

August 22, 1985: Intense thunderstorms moved from near Shadehill Reservoir in northwest South Dakota late in the evening of the 21st, to northern Brown County after sunrise on the 22nd. These thunderstorms produced high winds, large hail, rain, and lightning. Considerable crop and property damage were caused mainly by the strong winds and hail. Winds gusts ranged from 55 mph at Mobridge to 60 mph in and around Akaska. Winds of 70 mph were reported at Onaka and Faulkton. The strongest wind gust was reported in Hoven with a peak gust of 72 mph. Widespread damage was reported throughout the area. Many mobile homes, storage sheds, silos, and roofs were damaged or destroyed. Nine miles south and four miles west of Keldron, over two inches in diameter hail fell for 40 minutes, breaking windows and piling in ditches to a depth of four feet. These intense thunderstorms also produced brief heavy rainfall ranging from three-quarters of an inch to over four inches.

August 21, 2011: The Missouri River at Pierre, Fort Pierre, and Chamberlain/Oacoma fell throughout August as releases on the Oahe Dam were slowly decreased. The Missouri River at Chamberlain/Oacoma fell below flood stage on August 22nd. The extensive damage to homes and roads began to surface as the water receded. The river continued to fall into September.

1816 - The growing season for corn was cut short as damaging frosts were reported from North Carolina to interior New England. (David Ludlum)

1893: Four hurricanes are observed in the Atlantic Ocean at the same time. Over a century would pass, 1998 before four hurricanes would again rage together in the Atlantic.

1923 - The temperature at Anchorage, AK, reached 82 degrees, a record for August for the location which was later tied on the 2nd in 1978. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A cold front lowered temperatures 20 to 40 degrees across the north central U.S., and produced severe thunderstorms in Ohio and Lower Michigan. An early morning thunderstorm near Sydney MI produced high winds which spun a car around 180 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Afternoon highs of 88 degrees at Astoria, OR, and 104 degrees at Medford, OR, were records for the date, and the number of daily record highs across the nation since the first of June topped the 2000 mark. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Evening thunderstorms in the central U.S. produced golf ball size hail at May City IA, and wind gusts to 66 mph at Balltown IA. Lightning struck a barn in Fayette County IA killing 750 hogs. Evening thunderstorms in Montana produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Havre. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1992 - Hurricane Andrew makes landfall in Southern Florida as a Category 5 storm with wind gusts estimated in excess of 175 m.p.h. Estimated damages exceeded \$20 billion, more than 60 people were killed and approximately 2 million people were evacuated from their homes. (University of Illinois WW2010)

1994: Hurricane John, about 345 miles south of Hilo, Hawaii had winds of 175 mph and pressure at 920 millibars or 27.17 inches of mercury, making it one of the strongest hurricanes ever in the Central Pacific. The 31-day existence made John the longest-lasting tropical cyclone recorded in both the Pacific Ocean and worldwide, surpassing both Hurricane Tina's previous record in the Pacific of 24 days in the 1992 season and the 1899 San Ciriaco hurricane's previous world record of 28 days in the 1899 Atlantic season. John was also the farthest-traveling tropical cyclone in both Pacific Ocean and worldwide, with distance traveled of 7,165 miles, out-distancing previous record holders Hurricane Fico in the Pacific of 4,700 miles in the 1978 season and Hurricane Faith worldwide of 6,850 miles in the 1966 Atlantic season.

2003: The Okanogan Mountain fire reaches its destructive peak, destroying 250 homes. Nearly 40,000 residents have been evacuated or are on evacuation alert. The Okanogan Mountain Park Fire is estimated to be 17,000 hectares and continues to grow.

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny then Chance Showers
High: 77 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 76 °F



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD
Updated: 8/22/2017 4:41 AM Central

Highs in the 70s and 80s
Dry through Thursday
weather.gov/abr



Published on: 08/22/2017 at 4:45AM

Dry high pressure will linger across the Central and Northern Plains through tonight, before shifting east on Wednesday. Expect dry weather to linger through Thursday, with temperatures topping out in the 70s and 80s.

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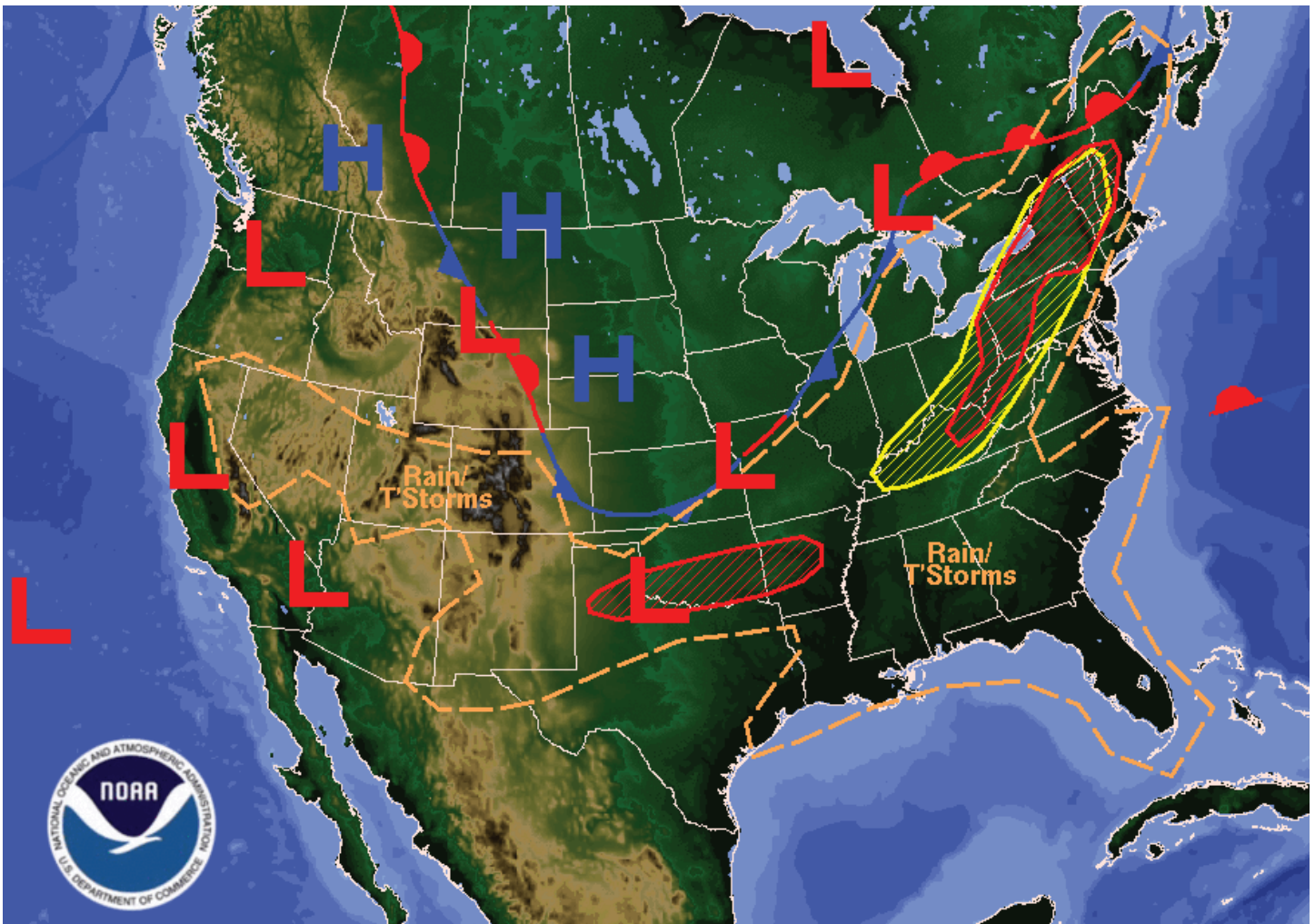
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 76.9 at 5:41 PM
Low Outside Temp: 54.9 F at 3:49 AM
High Gust: 24 mph at 9:21 AM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 105° in 1971
Record Low: 36° in 1904
Average High: 81°F
Average Low: 55°F
Average Precip in Aug: 1.72
Precip to date in Aug: 1.80
Average Precip to date: 15.58
Precip Year to Date: 9.15
Sunset Tonight: 8:28 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:44 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Aug 22, 2017, issued 4:12 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Scripture contains many words to describe God. They occur throughout the Bible. In Psalm 36 there are four short sentences that contain four words to describe God's greatness: Love, faithfulness, righteousness and justice. Then, there is one short phrase that tells us how He applies those characteristics: He preserves all He has created. Because of His character, God holds all of His creation together. Creation is because of Him.

What is so interesting here is that within a few verses David moves from the darkness that possesses the human heart to the light that comes from God. It all starts with His love – a love that will never fail and will never end. God's love is revealed in His faithfulness.

If we were not able to depend on God being faithful at all times and in all situations, His love would be worthless. Imagine how tragic life would be, if when we needed God's grace or mercy, He was "unavailable" for three weeks. Love and faithfulness belong together!

Yet there is more! God is also righteous and just which affects our salvation. It is His righteousness that allows us to "become righteous" – to move from darkness to light – and have fellowship with Him. But if He were not just, some of us might not qualify for His salvation. What if we had to meet certain financial requirements that were beyond us? What if we were disqualified if we could not pass a test that was designed for those with a high IQ? What if we were unattractive or shy?

But, "What if's" do not count. "Whosoever" does!

Prayer: Thank you, Heavenly Father, for Your grace that is well beyond our imaginations but not our needs. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 36:7 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

News from the Associated Press

South Dakota teenage driver rescued after truck-train crash

BLUNT, S.D. (AP) — A teenage boy from central South Dakota who was trapped after the truck he was driving crashed into a train is alive thanks to four men.

The 16-year-old was driving a truck hauling two semitrailers full of wheat Thursday near Blunt when he slammed into the side of a Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern Railroad train, the Pierre Capital Journal reported.

The teenager was rescued by Chris Schafer, a former firefighter and nearby driver; two railroad engineers who were on the train; and a Blunt firefighter, who wished to remain anonymous.

Blunt Rural Fire Department received a call about the crash, but the two locomotives on the north side of the highway blocked the town from the crash scene. Firefighters were forced to find an improvised route by using a farmer's driveway and driving across a field to get to the scene.

Until then, Schafer and the two railroad engineers tried to put out the fire and pull the teenager out. The engineers had fire extinguishers that Schafer says didn't put out the fire entirely but made a big difference.

"It was just, I had to get there," Schafer said. "For one thing, to put the fire out. And the second priority was to get the kid out."

A firefighter managed to get to the scene by going between train cars to help the other three get the teen out of the car. The wheat that filled the cab nearly had buried the boy.

"The door miraculously opened up and grain poured out and we could pull him right out of there," Schafer said. "Everything, the timing, was perfect. If we had been (driving) a minute ahead or a minute behind, that window of opportunity would have been gone."

Schafer said the cab was engulfed in fire within minutes of pulling the teenager out.

Now a tax equalization director for Hamlin County, Schafer was a firefighter for 25 years and an emergency medical technician for 12 years.

The teenager is recovering from critical injuries in a Sioux Falls hospital.

Highway Patrol officials said charges are pending against the teenager.

Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

Anthrax causes cattle deaths in Pennington County

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Anthrax is blamed for recent deaths in a cattle herd in southeastern Pennington County.

South Dakota state veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven says at least nine adult cattle died suddenly last week in the herd. The herd had not been vaccinated against anthrax.

Anthrax spores survive indefinitely in contaminated alkaline soils. Nearly all parts of South Dakota have the potential of an anthrax outbreak under ideal climatic conditions. Drought, floods and wind can expose anthrax spores to grazing livestock.

Livestock producers are advised that anthrax should be suspected in cases of sudden death. Suspected cases should be reported immediately to a local veterinarian or to the state veterinarian at the South Dakota Animal Industry Board.

Anthrax can be transmitted to people and other animals.

Standing Rock tribe completes rural water supply pipeline

FORT YATES, N.D. (AP) — The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has completed a pipeline connecting the North Dakota and South Dakota portions of a rural water delivery system.

The tribe completed the pipeline with help from the Bureau of Reclamation. The pipeline is part of the Standing Rock Rural Water Supply System.

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Standing Rock Chairman Dave Archambault says construction of the water treatment plant, the new water intake and miles of pipe ensures "safe, clean and reliable drinking water" for tribal members.

Bureau of Reclamation area manager Arden Freitag says the project will stabilize the water supply for communities on the northern part of the reservation. The project replaces an intake that failed in 2003 and an aging water treatment plant.

A public valve-turning to celebrate the pipeline's completion is scheduled Thursday in Fort Yates.

Rain floods streets in Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Heavy rain flooded streets and a city park and caused some road closures in Sioux Falls.

The National Weather Service says up to 6 inches of rain fell on the south side of Sioux Falls before ending Monday afternoon. The north side of Sioux Falls saw a couple of inches of rain.

The rain caused several intersections in Sioux Falls to close because of flooding. Spencer Park on the city's south side also was flooded.

While the rain has ended, city officials cautioned drivers that missing manhole covers and debris may still be on roadways.

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South Dakota Prep Polls
By The Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) - The South Dakota Prep Media football poll for the week of Aug. 21 is listed below, ranking the top-five teams and listing the team's record, points received and ranking in the previous poll. First-place votes received are indicated in parentheses. (The poll in the 11AAA, 11AA and 11A classes was unchanged from the preseason edition.):<

Class 11AAA

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. Sioux Falls Washington;(26);0-0;130;1
2. Sioux Falls Roosevelt;-;0-0;90;2
3. Sioux Falls O'Gorman;-;0-0;74;3
4. Brandon Valley;-;0-0;63;4
5. Aberdeen Central;-;0-0;13;5

Others receiving votes: SF Lincoln 11, RC Stevens 6, Watertown 3.<

Class 11AA

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. Harrisburg;(21);0-0;125;1
2. Mitchell;(5);0-0;89;2
3. Huron;-;0-0;70;3
4. Yankton;-;0-0;60;4
5. Pierre;-;0-0;19;5

Others receiving votes: Spearfish 13, Huron 10, Brookings 2, Sturgis 2.<

Class 11A

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. Madison;(20);0-0;117;1
2. West Central;(4);0-0;84;2
3. Tea Area;(1);0-0;69;4

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4. Dell Rapids;-;0-0;39;3
5. St. Thomas More;(1);0-0;38;5

Others receiving votes: Tri-Valley 27, Milbank 10, Dakota Valley 6.<
Class 11B

- Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs
1. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan;(30);1-0;163;2
 2. Aberdeen Roncalli;(1);1-0;111;4
 3. SF Christian;(2);1-0;108;RV
 4. Sioux Valley;-;1-0;57;RV
 5. Chamberlain;(1);0-0;27;5

Others receiving votes: Winner 25, Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 12, Groton Area 6.<
Class 9AA

- Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs
1. Gregory;(33);1-0;169;1
 2. Bon Homme;(1);1-0;123;3
 3. Webster Area;-;1-0;84;RV
 4. Miller-Highmore4Harrold;-;1-0;55;RV
 5. Hamlin;-;1-0;41;RV

Others receiving votes: Baltic 17, North Border 11, Wolsey-Wessington 6, Parkston 4.<
Class 9A

- Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs
1. Canistota1Freeman;(19);1-0;150;T1
 2. Warner;(14);1-0;138;T1
 3. Corsica-Stickney;-;1-0;98;3
 4. Alcester-Hudson;-;1-0;41;T4
 5. Howard;-;1-0;40;T4

Others receiving votes: Chester Area (1) 20, Clark/Willow Lake 13, Britton-Hecla 5, Hanson 3, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 2.<

- Class 9B
- Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs
1. Colman-Egan;(28);1-0;163;1
 2. Colome;(6);1-0;135;2
 3. Sully Buttes;-;1-0;87;4
 4. Castlewood;-;1-0;45;5
 5. Harding County;-;1-0;37;RV

Others receiving votes: Faulkton Area 18, Wall 6, Langford Area 4, Gayville-Volin 3.<

Most American Indian tribes opt out of federal death penalty

By FELICIA FONSECA and RUSSELL CONTRERAS, Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — In a heinous case on the Navajo Nation, an 11-year-old girl was lured into a van, sexually assaulted and killed. The man who has admitted responsibility is not facing the death penalty — and the tribe isn't seeking it.

American Indian tribes for decades have been able to tell federal prosecutors if they want a death sentence considered for certain crimes on their land. Nearly all have rejected that option.

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Tribes and legal experts say the decision goes back to culture and tradition, past treatment of American Indians and fairness in the justice system.

"Most Indian tribes were mistreated by the United States under past federal policies, and there can be historical trauma in cases associated with the execution of Native people," said Robert Anderson, a University of Washington law professor and a member of the Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. "This allows tribes to at least decide in those narrow circumstances when there should be a federal death penalty or not."

In the Navajo case, Ashlynn Mike's body wasn't found until the next day. Her May 2016 death led to renewed discussions about capital punishment.

Ashlynn's mother has urged the tribe to opt into the death penalty, particularly for crimes against children. The tribe long has objected to putting people to death, saying the culture teaches against taking a human life for vengeance.

For years, Theda New Breast has seen the effects of domestic violence, drug addiction and poverty on her Blackfeet Reservation in Montana. The healer helps those who suffer from the associated trauma. But regardless of the crime, the 61-year-old is staunchly against capital punishment.

"Our beliefs, that I was raised with, say that no one has a right to take away a life except the Creator. Period," New Breast said. "End of story."

Congress expanded the list of death-penalty eligible crimes in the mid-1990s, allowing tribes to decide if they wanted their citizens subject to the death penalty. Legal experts say they are aware of only one tribe, the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, that has opted in.

Tribal leaders there hoped the decision would deter serious, violent crimes on the reservation in Oklahoma, said Truman Carter, a Sac and Fox member, attorney and tribal prosecutor. "The tribal leaders have said yes over the years, and they left it alone," he said.

No American Indian has been executed in any case from the Sac and Fox reservation.

Still, the ability of tribes to decide on the death penalty doesn't completely exempt Native Americans from federal death row. According to the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., 16 Native Americans have been executed since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976. The executions were for crimes occurring off tribal land or in the handful of states where the federal government does not have jurisdiction over major crimes on reservations.

That was the case earlier this year when a California jury imposed the death penalty for Cherie Rhoades. The former leader of the Cedarville Rancheria Tribe was convicted of fatally shooting four people and trying to kill two others.

Modac County District Attorney Jordan Funk said he didn't consult with the tribe and wasn't required to before deciding to pursue the death penalty. He said Rhoades expressed no remorse for the killings at a tribal meeting where officials were considering her eviction from the tribe.

"If they would have told me they don't want us to execute her, I would have done it anyway," Funk said.

Tribes also don't have a say over the death penalty when certain federal crimes like carjacking or kidnapping resulting in death, or killing a federal officer occurs on reservation land. Those carry a possible death sentence no matter where they happen.

That's how Lezmond Mitchell, a Navajo man, became the only American Indian now on federal death row. He was convicted in a 2001 case of killing a fellow tribal member and her 9-year-old granddaughter. Their beheaded, mutilated bodies were found in a shallow grave on the reservation. Mitchell stole the woman's car and later robbed a trading post in Red Valley, Arizona.

The Navajo Nation government objected to the death penalty on the murder charges. It had no choice on the charge of carjacking resulting in death.

Tamera Begay, a Navajo woman, has studied the Mitchell case and agrees the tribe should steer clear of the death penalty. "There's so much federal jurisdiction, that's worrisome," she said.

Laura Harris, executive director of Americans for Indian Opportunity and member of the Comanche Nation, said her tribe sees banishment as a far worse punishment than death because it cuts off a person's ability to be part of the community.

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She said tribes also recall how the death penalty has been used against them. In December 1862, for example, 38 Dakota men who were at war with settlers in Minnesota were hanged in the largest mass execution in U.S. history. An annual horseback ride to remember the men ends at the site of the hangings in what's now Reconciliation Park.

Today, the death penalty is more likely to be carried out in cases involving a white victim, than one of color. Native Americans make up less than one-quarter of 1 percent of victims in cases that result in executions, according to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. For whites, it's 75 percent, for blacks 15 percent and nearly 7 percent for Latinos.

"It's not surprising you'd see a distrust of the judicial process similar to the distrust you see in the African-American community," said Robert Dunham, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center.

Melissa Tatum, a research professor at the University of Arizona in Tucson, said most tribes believe the criminal justice system in Indian Country doesn't work, "not in a sufficient way that they would opt into the death penalty, and the statistics bear that out."

Pursuing the death penalty in a federal case isn't taken lightly, said Kevin Washburn, a University of New Mexico law professor and member of the Chickasaw Nation. And tribes can't decide on a case-by-case basis, he said.

"You can't have a murder that happens today and have the Navajo Nation authorize the death penalty tomorrow and have it apply to the murder that happened today," he said.

After Ashlynne's death, Navajo leaders met with medicine people and talked for at least two hours, ultimately deciding to maintain the tribe's position against the death penalty, Tribal Council Speaker LoRenzo Bates said.

"Navajos see life as precious, good or bad, and so we don't pick and choose," he said. "All life is precious."

Under a plea agreement, Tom Begaye Jr., the Navajo man who admitted to killing Ashlynne, faces life in prison without the possibility of release.

Ashlynne's mother, Pamela Foster, has been gathering signatures online to convince the tribe to change its position.

"If traditional teachings are squarely against the taking of human life, WHY are we allowing it to happen?" Foster wrote in an online post.

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South Dakota Volleyball Polls

By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Here is the inaugural South Dakota Media preseason volleyball poll, as selected by media members from across the state of South Dakota.

Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, 2016 final record, points and ranking in the final 2016 South Dakota Sportswriters volleyball poll.:<

Class AA

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. Harrisburg;(13);24-2;85;1

2. S.F. Roosevelt;(3);23-10;67;2

3. Mitchell;(1);17-8;52;4

4. Aberdeen Central;(1);16-10;42;NR

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5. Washington;-;20-18;17;NR

Others receiving votes: R.C. Stevens (1) 28-9, Huron 19-9, S.F. Lincoln 17-20, S.F. O'Gorman 18-15.<

Class A

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. Dakota Valley;(12);31-2;81;1

2. S.F. Christian;(5);27-6;75;2

3. Madison;(1);24-9;62;NR

T4.Miller;-;22-9;19;4

T4.Parker;-;28-6;19;5;-ParkerwasClassBin2016

Others receiving votes: Sioux Valley 19-14, Bon Homme (1) 29-6, Custer 33-1, West Central 24-8, Mo-bridge-Pollock 21-8.<

Class B

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. Northwestern;(18);36-1;93;1

2. Chester Area;(1);26-7;66;3

3. Warner;-;26-5;59;2

4. Arlington;-;24-8;34;NR

5. Ethan;-;21-5;19;NR

Others receiving votes: Harding County 31-5, Sully Buttes 30-3, Lyman 24-11, Hanson 24-5.<

Senate subcommittee field hearing scheduled in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds is hosting a Senate subcommittee field hearing in Pierre on Missouri River management.

The South Dakota Republican is chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management and Regulatory Oversight.

Tuesday's field hearing will deal with oversight of the Army Corps of Engineers' management of the river. The hearing begins at 10 a.m. Central time in Room 413 at the South Dakota Capitol.

Statue of rodeo legend Tibbs being returned to Fort Pierre

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A statue of rodeo legend Casey Tibbs is expected to be returned to its place in Fort Pierre this week.

KCCR radio reports that the statue has been getting needed repairs over the past year.

The statue was originally placed on top of a restaurant in Kirkland, Washington. It was owned at the time by Tibbs' sister Dolly Muir. After her death, the family brought the statue to Tibbs' hometown of Fort Pierre.

Tibbs won a record six Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association saddle bronc-riding championships between 1949 and 1955. He also won two all-around cowboy championships and one bareback-riding title.

Tibbs died in 1990. Many consider him the Babe Ruth of rodeo.

Information from: KCCR-AM, <http://www.todayskccr.com/>

Officials seek trucking help for donated drought-relief hay

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Officials in North Dakota have arranged for tons of donated hay for drought-impacted ranchers in the Dakotas and Montana. Now they need truckers to haul it.

North Dakota's Agriculture Department, North Dakota State University and the Michigan-based nonprofit Ag Community Relief earlier this month announced a program to accept hay donations at a site near the

Fargo campus. The hay will be distributed through a lottery drawing next month.

North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring says about 30 semitrailer loads of hay have been donated. His agency is looking for help hauling it to the Fargo site.

There is heavy interest in the hay lottery. The department has received more than 800 applications from ranchers in the three states.

US says some remains of sailors found on USS John McCain

By ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — The commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet said some remains of Navy sailors were found in a compartment of the USS John McCain on Tuesday, a day after the warship's collision with an oil tanker in Southeast Asian waters left 10 sailors missing.

Adm. Scott Swift also said at a news conference in Singapore that Malaysian officials had found one body, which they were in the process of identifying.

The focus of the search for the missing sailors shifted Tuesday to the damaged destroyer's flooded compartments. The collision on Monday tore a gaping hole in the McCain's left rear hull and flooded adjacent compartments including crew berths and machinery and communication rooms. Five sailors were injured.

"The divers were able to locate some remains in those sealed compartments during their search today," Swift said.

"We will continue the search and rescue operations until the probability of discovering sailors is exhausted," he said.

It was the second major collision in two months involving the Pacific-based 7th Fleet and the Navy has ordered a broad investigation into its performance and readiness. Seven sailors died in June when the USS Fitzgerald and a container ship collided in waters off Japan. There were two lesser-known incidents in the first half of the year. In January, the USS Antietam guided missile cruiser ran aground near Yokosuka base, the home port of the 7th Fleet, and in May another cruiser, the USS Lake Champlain from the Navy's 3rd Fleet, had a minor collision with a South Korean fishing boat.

"While each of these four incidents is unique, they cannot be viewed in isolation," Swift said.

He said the Navy would conduct an investigation "to find out if there is a common cause ... and if so, how do we solve that."

Earlier Tuesday, the 7th Fleet said the sea search by aircraft and ships from the U.S., Singapore and Malaysian navies would continue east of Singapore where the McCain and the tanker collided at daybreak Monday, but the deployment of divers to search inside the warship, now docked at Singapore's naval base, was a blow to families still hoping for a miracle.

Megan Partlow of Ohio, who said her fiance was on board the McCain, told The Associated Press in a Facebook message that they last communicated on Sunday and she was losing hope of seeing him again.

"My last text to him was 'be safe,' which is the same way we end every conversation. I'm just ready for answers," she said. The identities of the missing have not been disclosed but Partlow said her fiance's parents were in touch with the Navy's family assistance center.

Navy Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, on Monday ordered a pause in 7th Fleet operations for the next few days to allow commanders to get together with leaders, sailors and command officials and identify any immediate steps that need to be taken to ensure safety.

A broader U.S. Navy review will look at the 7th Fleet's performance, including personnel, navigation capabilities, maintenance, equipment, surface warfare training, munitions, certifications and how sailors move through their careers. Richardson said the review will be conducted with the help of the Navy's office of the inspector general, the safety center and private companies that make equipment used by sailors.

The McCain had been heading to Singapore on a routine port visit after conducting a sensitive freedom-of-navigation operation last week by sailing near one of China's man-made islands in the South China Sea.

China, Washington's main rival for influence in the Asia-Pacific, seized on the McCain collision to accuse the Navy of endangering maritime navigation in the region. This year's string of accidents shows the U.S.

Navy "is becoming a dangerous obstacle in Asian waters," the official China Daily newspaper said in its online edition.

The McCain and the Alnic MC oil tanker collided about 4.5 nautical miles (8.3 kilometers) from Malaysia's coast at the start of a designated sea lane for ships sailing into the busy Singapore Strait.

There was no immediate explanation for the collision. Singapore, at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, is one of the world's busiest ports and a U.S. ally, with its naval base regularly visited by American warships.

The Singapore government said no crew were injured on the Liberian-flagged Alnic, which sustained damage to a compartment at the starboard, or right, side at the front of the ship some 7 meters (23 feet) above its waterline. The ship had a partial load of fuel oil, according to the Greek owner of the tanker, Stealth Maritime Corp. S.A., but no apparent spill.

Several safety violations were recorded for the oil tanker at its last port inspection in July, one fire safety deficiency and two safety-of-navigation problems. The official database for ports in Asia doesn't go into details and the problems apparently were not serious enough for the tanker to be detained.

AP writers Lolita C. Baldor in Muscat, Oman, Stephen Wright in Bangkok, Deb Riechmann in Washington, Christopher Bodeen in Beijing and Ken Moritsugu in Tokyo contributed to this report.

2 children pulled from rubble on quake-hit Italian island

By COLLEEN BARRY, Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — Firefighters in Italy freed a 7-month-old baby and his older brother from rubble early Tuesday following a 4.0-magnitude quake on the resort island of Ischia off Naples, and rescuers were working on helping a third brother who remained trapped.

At least two people were killed in the quake that struck just before 9 p.m. (1900 GMT) Monday, while another 39 were injured and some 2,600 were left homeless. The victims were an elderly woman who was in a church that crumbled in the quake, and a second person who has been located in the rubble but not yet extracted.

Video released from the firefighting service showed rescuers passing the baby, who was wearing a white onesie and appearing alert, out of the collapsed structure in hardest-hit Casamicciola at around 4 a.m. The news agency ANSA said cries of joy went up in the crowd and the boys' mother ran to take him.

One of the baby's brothers was rescued some seven hours later, and quickly loaded onto a stretcher and into an ambulance.

A firefighter photo showed the boy, identified as Mattias, being pulled out of the rubble in just his underwear covered with cement dust. Firefighters said on Twitter that they had reached the other boy, named Ciro, and were working on extracting him.

The children's father told RAI state television that boys were in a bedroom when the quake struck, while he and his wife were elsewhere in the house. The mother, who Italian media say is heavily pregnant, managed to escape through a window while rescuers helped the father.

Firefighter spokesman Luca Cari said they maintained voice contact with the two boys during the complex rescue operation to create an opening through the collapsed ceiling. The boys had been given bottles of water and a flashlight.

"We are in touch with both of the boys. We hear their voices and we are making ours heard to keep them calm," Cari was quoted by ANSA as saying.

The quake hit during the height of the tourist season, and Italian television showed many visitors taking refuge in parks following the quake. Authorities began organizing ferries to bring tourists back to the mainland early Tuesday.

Together with the nearby island of Capri, Ischia is a favorite island getaway for the European jet set, famed in particular for its thermal waters. Casamicciola was the epicenter of an 1883 earthquake that killed more than 2,000 people.

Images from the quake zone show many buildings collapsed into rubble, while others showed signs of structural damage with deep cracks in exterior walls. Cars were overturned.

The extent of the damage for a relatively light quake raised questions about the quality of construction on the island in the seismically active area off Naples and the active volcano, and the prevalence of illegally built structures.

Fabrizio Pistolesi, the head of Italy's national architecture advisory board, told SKY that many buildings on the island were built before seismic codes were adopted. He also cited the high incidence of illegal construction on Ischia and generally in the Campagna region that includes both the resort island and Naples.

"We know well that in Campagna, more than 200,000 homes were illegally constructed, we are talking about homes constructed in absolute scorn of seismic norms," he told Sky TG24.

Former Naples prosecutor Aldo De Chiara told Corriere della Sera that most of the recently constructed buildings on Ischia were built without necessary permits, and many with poor quality cement. "We warned about the risk of collapses also in the case of not particularly serious temblors," De Chiara said. "Unfortunately, what we had denounced, happened last night."

The head of Italy's Civil Protection Agency, Angelo Borrelli, told reporters that 2,000 people had been left homeless in Casamicciola and another 600 in Lacco Ameno. He said authorities were checking the stability of hotels to see if they could be used as temporary housing.

The quake came just two days shy of the one-year anniversary of a powerful 6.2-magnitude earthquake that devastated several towns in central Italy. The quake on Aug. 24, 2016 killed more than 250 people in Amatrice and beyond and set off a months-long series of powerful aftershocks that emptied many towns and hamlets of their people.

Afghan reaction mixed on Trump's tough-talking speech

By RAHIM FAIEZ and KATHY GANNON, Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghans on Tuesday welcomed U.S. President Donald Trump's harsh words for Pakistan in a speech outlining his strategy for the war-torn country that critics said offered little in the way of details and ruled out nation-building.

Abdullah Abdullah, Afghanistan's second most powerful official behind the president, said in a news conference that the U.S. strategy marks a unique opportunity to ultimately achieve peaceful objectives in the region.

"The regional aspect of this strategy is very clear," he said. "It shows that the problem was very well identified."

Meanwhile, Trump said U.S. troops had a single-point agenda and that was to eliminate extremist fighters. "We are not nation-building again," he said Monday night. "We are killing terrorists."

Trump accused Pakistan of giving extremists a safe haven, while next door in Afghanistan they kill U.S. troops. He said he wanted "immediate" results without saying what actions the United States might take against Pakistan if it ignored his warning.

But analysts in Pakistan warned that isolating Islamabad as the only culprit could increase the influence of regional players like Russia, China and even Iran.

Imtiaz Gul, executive director of the Islamabad-based Center for Research and Security Studies, said of Trump's accusations: "This has been the same narrative for the last 15 years. He just upped the ante by being more belligerent or hostile." Gul warned that the president's words could drive a wedge deeper into a region that needs cooperation if it is to find a peaceful end to Afghanistan's protracted conflict.

The U.S. and Afghanistan have routinely accused Pakistan — and particularly its powerful intelligence agency the ISI — of harboring insurgents and of waging a selective war, attacking those insurgents it considers its enemy and allowing those it has been known to use as proxies, either against hostile neighbors India or Afghanistan, to flourish.

Prior to Trump's speech Monday, Pakistan's military spokesman Maj. Gen. Asif Ghafoor refused to specu-

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late on what the U.S. president might say, but said it was clear he anticipated criticism, saying: "There is no organized network of terrorists in Pakistan and actions have been taken without any discrimination against all terrorist organizations."

A Kabul university professor and analyst Ahmad Zia Rafhat praised Trump's harsh words directed at neighbor Pakistan.

"For the first time the Afghan people hear a clear comment from the U.S. president about Pakistan, especially that Trump mentioned very clearly that Pakistan is supporting and providing safe havens for terrorists," he said.

Other Afghans interviewed by The AP in the capital Kabul expressed fears of a worsening situation in the country, bemoaning runaway corruption, high unemployment and increasingly deadly attacks. Several said Trump made it clear that he wasn't about solving those problems.

Aziz Rahman, who works at a bank in Kabul, said Trump's speech will make little difference to Afghans. After 16 years and tens of thousands of U.S. and NATO troops in his homeland, Rahman said the situation has only deteriorated with thousands of people fleeing.

"Trump's speech is good for Americans, not for the poor people of Afghanistan," Rahman said.

Waheed Muzhda, a political analyst in Kabul, expressed fear that Trump's emphasis on a military victory seemed guaranteed to prolong the war and increase casualties.

"In the future we will witness a worsening of the war, more killing and more problems for the Afghan nation," said Muzhda. "Mr. Trump only emphasized winning the war militarily, but if a military solution to the war could have been possible, this should have been achieved with presence of 150,000 troops."

Meanwhile, the top U.S. diplomat in Kabul said President Trump made it clear that the U.S. "is not going anywhere," but at the same time warning the Afghan government that it, too, has much to do if stability is to come to the country.

Special Charge d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy Ambassador Hugo Llorens in a statement Tuesday urged the Afghan government to deal with widespread corruption, make good on a promise to hold parliamentary polls next year and enact tough economic reforms.

He also called on Afghanistan's leadership to shed their ethnic differences and embrace each other.

Trump has not yet appointed a new ambassador to Kabul.

Gannon reported from Islamabad. Associated Press writers Amir Shah in Kabul and Munir Ahmed in Islamabad contributed to this report

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. 'FIGHT TO WIN'

Reversing his past calls for a speedy exit, Trump recommitments the U.S. to the 16-year-old war in Afghanistan, but declined to disclose how many more troops will be dispatched to wage America's longest war.

2. TRUMP HEADS TO ARIZONA FOR ANOTHER CAMPAIGN-STYLE RALLY

But the president is likely to hear some protests over his immigration policies and his comments about a white supremacist rally.

3. WHERE DIVERS ARE NOW SEARCHING FOR 10 MISSING SAILORS

They are being deployed to the damaged USS John S. McCain's flooded compartments, a blow to families still hoping for a miracle.

4. WHAT MATTIS IS SAYING ABOUT ISLAMIC STATE MILITANTS

The U.S. defense secretary says the extremists are now trapped in a military vise that will squeeze them on both sides of the Syria-Iraq border.

5. NORTH KOREA VOWS RESPONSE TO MILITARY DRILLS

Senior U.S. military commanders dismiss calls to pause or downsize exercises with South Korea they call

crucial to countering a clear threat from Pyongyang.

6. TRUMP REBUFFS COAL INDUSTRY; CEO CLAIMS PROMISE BROKEN

The White House rejects a coal industry push to issue a rarely used emergency order protecting coal-fired power plants.

7. PHILLY AREA TRAIN CRASH INJURES DOZENS

A regional train crashes into an unoccupied, parked train in Upper Darby, injuring 42 people — but none of the injuries are life-threatening, a SEPTA spokeswoman says.

8. HOW CIVIL WAR LESSONS VARY

American schools presenting accounts of the 1860s conflict vary from state to state and even district to district.

9. DENVER SOON TO LICENSE POT CLUBS

But the elaborate hurdles for potential weed-friendly coffee shops and gathering places may mean Colorado's largest city gets few takers.

10. MAYWEATHER-McGREGOR A HIT IN VEGAS

Sin City's nightclubs have booked a long list of celebrities, and high-rolling gamblers and VIPs have snagged some of the most luxurious accommodations in town.

Mattis: IS militants caught in Iraq-Syria military vise

By ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — Expelled from their main stronghold in northern Iraq, Islamic State militants are now trapped in a military vise that will squeeze them on both sides of the Syria-Iraq border, U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said.

Mattis arrived in the Iraqi capital on an unannounced visit Tuesday just hours after President Donald Trump outlined a fresh approach to the stalemated war in Afghanistan. Trump also has vowed to take a more aggressive, effective approach against IS in Iraq and Syria, but he has yet to unveil a strategy for that conflict that differs greatly from his predecessor's.

In Baghdad, Mattis was meeting with senior Iraqi government leaders and with U.S. commanders. He also planned to meet in Irbil with Massoud Barzani, leader of the semi-autonomous Kurdish region that has helped fight IS. Mattis told reporters before departing from neighboring Jordan that the so-called Middle Euphrates River Valley -- roughly from the western Iraqi city of al-Qaim to the eastern Syrian city of Der el-Zour — will be liberated in time, as IS gets hit from both ends of the valley that bisects Iraq and Syria.

"You see, ISIS is now caught in-between converging forces," he said, using an alternative acronym for the militant group that burst into western and northern Iraq in 2014 from Syria and held sway for more than two years. "So ISIS's days are certainly numbered, but it's not over yet and it's not going to be over any time soon."

Mattis referred to this area as "ISIS's last stand."

Unlike the war in Afghanistan, Iraq offers a more positive narrative for the White House, at least for now. Having enabled Iraqi government forces to reclaim the Islamic State's prized possession of Mosul in July, the U.S. military effort is showing tangible progress and the Pentagon can credibly assert that momentum is on Iraq's side.

The ranking U.S. Air Force officer in Iraq, Brig. Gen. Andrew A. Croft, said that over the past couple of months IS has lost much of its ability to command and control its forces.

"It's less coordinated than it was before," he said. "It appears more fractured -- flimsy is the word I would use."

Brett McGurk, the administration's special envoy to the counter-IS coalition, credits the Trump administration for having accelerated gains against the militants. He said Monday that about one-third of all territory regained in Iraq and Syria since 2014 has been retaken in the last six or seven months.

"I think that's quite significant and partially due to the fact we're moving faster, more effectively," as a result of Trump's delegation of battlefield authorities to commanders in the field, McGurk said. He said this

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"has really made a difference on the ground. I have seen that with my own eyes."

It seems likely that in coming months Trump may be in position to declare a victory of sorts in Iraq as IS fighters are marginalized and they lose their claim to be running a "caliphate" inside Iraq's borders. Syria, on the other hand, is a murkier problem, even as IS loses ground there against U.S.-supported local fighters and Russian-backed Syrian government forces.

The U.S. role in Iraq parallels Afghanistan in some ways, starting with the basic tenet of enabling local government forces to fight rather than having U.S. troops do the fighting for them. That is unlikely to change in either country. Also, although the Taliban is the main opposition force in Afghanistan, an Islamic State affiliate has emerged there, too. In both countries, U.S. airpower is playing an important role in support of local forces, and in both countries the Pentagon is trying to facilitate the development of potent local air forces.

In Iraq, the political outlook is clouded by the same sectarian and ethnic division between Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish factions that have repeatedly undercut, and in some cases reversed, security gains following the toppling of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003.

An immediate worry is a Kurdish independence referendum to be held Sept. 25, which, if successful, could upset a delicate political balance in Iraq and enflame tensions with Turkey, whose own Kurdish population has fought an insurgency against the central government for decades. McGurk reiterated U.S. opposition to holding the Iraqi Kurdish referendum.

"We believe these issues should be resolved through dialogue under the constitutional framework, and that a referendum at this time would be really potentially catastrophic to the counter-ISIS campaign," McGurk told reporters in a joint appearance with Mattis before they flew to Iraq.

With the Iraqi military's campaign to retake the northern city of Tal Afar now under way, Mattis has refused to predict victory. He says generals and senior officials should "just go silent" when troops are entering battle.

"I'd prefer just to let the reality come home. There's nothing to be gained by forecasting something that's fundamentally unpredictable," he told reporters traveling with him over the weekend.

Trump vows continued fight in Afghanistan; reversing stance

By JOSH LEDERMAN and ROBERT BURNS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing his past calls for a speedy exit, President Donald Trump recommitted the United States to the 16-year-old war in Afghanistan, declaring U.S. troops must "fight to win." He pointedly declined to disclose how many more troops will be dispatched to wage America's longest war.

In a prime-time address to unveil his new Afghanistan strategy, Trump said Monday the U.S. would shift away from a "time-based" approach, instead linking its assistance to results and to cooperation from the beleaguered Afghan government, Pakistan and others. He insisted it would be a "regional" strategy that addressed the roles played by other South Asian nations — especially Pakistan's harboring of elements of the Taliban.

"America will work with the Afghan government as long as we see determination and progress," Trump said. "However, our commitment is not unlimited, and our support is not a blank check."

Still, Trump offered few details about how progress would be measured. Nor did he explain how his approach would differ substantively from what two presidents before him tried unsuccessfully over the past 16 years.

Although Trump insisted he would "not talk about numbers of troops" or telegraph military moves in advance, he hinted that he'd embraced the Pentagon's proposal to boost troop numbers by nearly 4,000, augmenting the roughly 8,400 Americans there now.

Before becoming a candidate, Trump had ardently argued for a quick withdrawal from Afghanistan, calling the war a massive waste of U.S. "blood and treasure" and declaring on Twitter, "Let's get out!" Seven months into his presidency, he said Monday night that though his "original instinct was to pull out," he'd

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since determined that approach could create a vacuum that terrorists including al-Qaida and the Islamic State would “instantly fill.”

“We will ask our NATO allies and global partners to support our new strategy, with additional troop and funding increases in line with our own. We are confident they will,” Trump said in comments echoed by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis.

Earlier this year, Trump announced he was entrusting Mattis and the military with the decision about how many troops would be needed. In talking points sent Monday to congressional Republicans and supportive groups, the White House affirmed that the troop numbers were up to Mattis and added that the administration wasn’t seeking more money from Congress for the strategy in the current fiscal year, which concludes at the end of next month.

While Trump stressed his strategy was about more than just the military, he was vague on other “instruments of American power” he said would be deployed in full force to lead Afghanistan toward peace, such as economic development or new engagement with Pakistan and India. Absent military specifics, it was difficult to assess how his plan might dissolve the stalemate between the Taliban and the Afghan government.

On one point — the definition of victory — Trump was unequivocal. He said American troops would “fight to win” by attacking enemies, “crushing” al-Qaida, preventing terror attacks against Americans and “obliterating” the Islamic State group, whose affiliate has gained a foothold in Afghanistan as the U.S. squeezes the extremists in Syria and Iraq.

Trump’s definition of a win notably did not include defeating the Taliban, the group whose harboring of al-Qaida led the U.S. to war in Afghanistan in the days after the 9/11 attacks. Like President Barack Obama before him, Trump conceded that any solution that brings peace to Afghanistan may well involve the Taliban’s participation.

“Someday, after an effective military effort, perhaps it will be possible to have a political settlement that includes elements of the Taliban in Afghanistan,” Trump said. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, in a statement after the speech, said the U.S. was ready to support peace talks with the Taliban “without preconditions.”

Talk of future Taliban reconciliation was one of several echoes of Obama woven into Trump’s plan. Like Trump, Obama insisted near the start of his presidency that the “days of providing a blank check are over,” urged a regional approach and said U.S. assistance would be based on performance.

Still, Trump was intent on differentiating his approach from his predecessors — at least in rhetoric. He emphasized there would be no timelines, no hamstringing of the military and no divorcing of Afghanistan from the region’s broader problems.

One step being considered to further squeeze Pakistan is to cut foreign aid programs unless Islamabad clamps down on the Taliban and an associated group known as the Haqqani network, senior administration officials told reporters ahead of Trump’s speech. Using civilian and military aid as a pressure lever with the Pakistanis has been tried for years.

Trump’s speech concluded a months-long internal debate within his administration over whether to pull back from the Afghanistan conflict, as he and a few advisers were inclined to do, or to embroil the U.S. further in a war that has eluded American solutions for the past 16 years. Several times, officials predicted he was nearing a decision to adopt his commanders’ recommendations, only to see the final judgment delayed.

And while Trump has pledged to put “America First,” keeping U.S. interests above any others, his national security advisers have warned that the Afghan forces are still far too weak to succeed without help. Even now, Afghan’s government controls just half the country.

In Kabul, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid dismissed Trump’s speech as “old” and his policy as “unclear.” But the plan was cheered by Afghanistan’s government. Ambassador Hamdullah Mohib, the Afghan envoy to Washington, called it a “10 out of 10.”

“We heard exactly what we needed to,” Mohib said in a phone interview. “The focus on the numbers has taken away the real focus on what should have been: what conditions are required and what kind of

support is necessary.”

Among U.S. elected officials, the reception was equally mixed, reflecting the deep divisions among Americans about whether to lean into the conflict or pull back.

John McCain, the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman who'd criticized Trump for delays in presenting a plan, said the president was "now moving us well beyond the prior administration's failed strategy of merely postponing defeat." House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said the speech was "low on details but raises serious questions."

"Tonight, the president said he knew what he was getting into and had a plan to go forward. Clearly, he did not," said Pelosi, D-Calif.

At its peak, the U.S. had roughly 100,000 in Afghanistan, under the Obama administration in 2010-2011. The residual forces have been focused on advising and training Afghan forces and on counterterror operations — missions that aren't expected to dramatically change under Trump's plan.

"I share the America people's frustration," Trump said. But he insisted, "In the end, we will win."

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Sold out or not, Vegas will party during Mayweather-McGregor

By REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The fight between Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Conor McGregor may not have sold out yet, but that won't stop Las Vegas from putting on its party hat.

Sin City's nightclubs have booked a long list of celebrities — including one of the fighters — and high-rolling gamblers and VIPs have snagged some of the most luxurious accommodations in town. Boxing-themed cocktails have even been concocted for the occasion.

The social media-fueled Saturday night fight at the T-Mobile Arena will be a weekend-long, city-wide affair, though in some respects it may not tip the scales as much as a previous Mayweather fight.

"It's going to be a crazy weekend," said Ryan Thompson, senior vice president and regional chief marketing officer for Caesars Entertainment, whose Planet Hollywood, The Cromwell and Caesars Palace casino-resorts on the Las Vegas Strip have a few rooms available. "The energy over that weekend is going to be on par with a New Year's Eve in the city."

Caesars and MGM Resorts International, which owns the fight's venue, expect their properties to sell out as the weekend approaches. But unlike the bullish market created by Mayweather's fight with Manny Pacquiao in May 2015 in Las Vegas, hotel rooms are still available.

The MGM Grand has cut its prices for the weekend three times, with a two-night stay now at \$329 a night. Rooms at several other hotels on the Strip can still be found for \$200 or less a night.

Many VIPs and high-rolling gamblers need not worry about prices, they will be "comped" with free hotel rooms and tickets, as it is customary. Others not so lucky — but certainly with deep pockets — have booked the most lavish accommodations on the Strip.

The villas at Caesars Palace (starting at \$25,000 a night) and Nobu Hotel at Caesars Palace (\$35,000 a night and previously used by the likes of Jennifer Lopez and Johnny Depp) have been claimed for the weekend.

"We get a ton of requests for tickets. We have plenty of our high-end players and guests who come in specifically for the event," Thompson said. "We put them up for the weekend and they will be attending the fight. We like to take care of our best guests."

McCarran International Airport spokeswoman Christine Crews said the number of private aircraft that flew in for the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight overwhelmed available apron parking and forced a taxiway to

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be closed and used as a jet parking lot. Crews said there is no plan to do that again this weekend but officials are requiring pilots to make parking reservations and encouraging the use of two nearby general aviation airports, in suburban Henderson and North Las Vegas.

UFC fighter McGregor will enter a boxing ring for the first time as a professional when he takes on the undefeated Mayweather, who is coming out of retirement for a fight that will make him tens of millions of dollars.

Just four days to fight night, there are plenty of tickets still available in the T-Mobile Arena, which seats 18,000 for boxing, and prices on the secondary market are starting to come down.

Ticketmaster has hundreds of non-VIP tickets ranging from roughly \$1,400 to \$17,000. Still available are VIP tickets that include hotel accommodations, roundtrip airport transportation, an official souvenir, food and drinks.

Those who can't afford what's supposed to be the year's hottest ticket can watch the fight inside six of the seven theaters that regularly host Cirque du Soleil shows, which are going dark for the night.

Restaurants, bars and strip clubs around town will also show the fight. Closed-circuit seats are available at various MGM properties, including hundreds for \$150 each at the Park Theater just a few steps from the T-Mobile arena itself. By comparison, Mayweather-Pacquiao closed-circuit tickets sold out the day they went on sale.

Pay-per-view sales at \$100 each are expected to be in the neighborhood of 5 million buys, topping the Mayweather-Pacquiao record of 4.6 million.

The city's sports books say this will be the most heavily bet fight ever. So far most of the tickets are on McGregor, who is about a 5-1 underdog, with the William Hill chain saying a McGregor win would cost them more than \$1 million.

R&B star Chris Brown and his crew of dancers will perform at Drai's Nightclub on Saturday. Other venues will see performances by Puff Daddy, Jamie Foxx, Travis Scott, Chase B and Kaskade. The night before the fight, 50 Cent, Trey Songz and Jeezy will have a combined performance.

Win or lose, McGregor will have to party after the fight. The Irish MMA champion is scheduled to be a host at Encore Beach Club that night as part of a two-year agreement to entertain partygoers at the Encore casino-resort.

The tallest observation wheel in the world, the High Roller at The Linq casino-resort promenade, will get in on the action by turning its lighting red, white and blue if Mayweather wins or green, orange and white if McGregor pulls off the upset.

For fans who want to toast the fighters with something other than a Guinness, mixologists have created special cocktail menus. At the bars and lounges of The Cosmopolitan, The Pretty Boy is a mix of Ciroc pineapple, lemon and tropical Red Bull, while the Bob and Weave gets you Patron Silver, lime, lemongrass, lychee and cucumber soda.

'A primal experience': Americans dazzled by solar eclipse

By **MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer**

The stars came out in the middle of the day, zoo animals ran in agitated circles, crickets chirped, birds fell silent and a chilly darkness settled upon the land Monday as the U.S. witnessed its first full-blown, coast-to-coast solar eclipse since World War I.

Millions of Americans gazed in wonder at the cosmic spectacle, with the best seats along the so-called path of totality that raced 2,600 miles (4,200 kilometers) across the continent from Oregon to South Carolina.

"It was a very primal experience," Julie Vigeland, of Portland, Oregon, said after she was moved to tears by the sight of the sun reduced to a silvery ring of light in Salem.

It took 90 minutes for the shadow of the moon to travel across the country. Along that path, the moon blotted out the midday sun for about two wondrous minutes at any one place, eliciting oohs, aahs, whoops and shouts from people gathered in stadiums, parks and backyards.

It was, by all accounts, the most-observed and most-photographed eclipse in history, documented by

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satellites and high-altitude balloons and watched on Earth through telescopes, cameras and cardboard-frame protective eyeglasses.

In Boise, Idaho, where the sun was more than 99 percent blocked, the street lights flicked on briefly, while in Nashville, Tennessee, people craned their necks at the sky and knocked back longneck beers at Nudie's Honky Tonk bar.

Passengers aboard a cruise ship in the Caribbean watched it unfold as Bonnie Tyler sang her 1983 hit "Total Eclipse of the Heart."

Several minor-league baseball teams — one of them, the Columbia Fireflies, outfitted for the day in glow-in-the-dark jerseys — briefly suspended play.

At the White House, despite all the warnings from experts about the risk of eye damage, President Donald Trump took off his eclipse glasses and looked directly at the sun.

The path of totality, where the sun was 100 percent obscured by the moon, was just 60 to 70 miles (96 to 113 kilometers) wide. But the rest of North America was treated to a partial eclipse, as were Central America and the upper reaches of South America.

Skies were clear along most of the route, to the relief of those who feared cloud cover would spoil the moment.

"Oh, God, oh, that was amazing," said Joe Dellinger, a Houston man who set up a telescope on the Capitol lawn in Jefferson City, Missouri. "That was better than any photo."

For the youngest observers, it seemed like magic.

"It's really, really, really, really awesome," said 9-year-old Cami Smith as she gazed at the fully eclipsed sun in Beverly Beach, Oregon.

NASA reported 4.4 million people were watching its TV coverage midway through the eclipse, the biggest livestream event in the space agency's history.

"It can be religious. It makes you feel insignificant, like you're just a speck in the whole scheme of things," said veteran eclipse-watcher Mike O'Leary of San Diego, who set up his camera along with among hundreds of other amateur astronomers in Casper, Wyoming.

John Hays drove up from Bishop, California, for the total eclipse in Salem, Oregon, and said the experience will stay with him forever.

"That silvery ring is so hypnotic and mesmerizing, it does remind you of wizardry or like magic," he said.

More than one parent was amazed to see teenagers actually look up from their cellphones.

Patrick Schueck, a construction company president from Little Rock, Arkansas, brought his 10-year-old twin daughters Ava and Hayden to Bald Knob Cross of Peace in Alto Pass, Illinois, a more than 100-foot cross atop a mountain. Schueck said at first his girls weren't very interested in the eclipse. One sat looking at her iPhone.

"Quickly that changed," he said. "It went from them being aloof to being in total amazement." Schueck called it a chance to "do something with my daughters that they'll remember for the rest of their lives."

Astronomers, too, were giddy with excitement.

NASA solar physicist Alex Young said the last time earthlings had a connection like this to the heavens was during man's first flight to the moon, on Apollo 8 in 1968. The first, famous Earthrise photo came from that mission and, like this eclipse, showed us "we are part of something bigger."

NASA's acting administrator, Robert Lightfoot, watched with delight from a plane flying over the Oregon coast and joked about the space-agency official next to him, "I'm about to fight this man for a window seat."

Hoping to learn more about the sun's composition and the mysterious solar wind, NASA and other scientists watched and analyzed it all from the ground and the sky, including aboard the International Space Station.

Citizen scientists monitored animal and plant behavior as day turned into twilight. About 7,000 people streamed into the Nashville Zoo just to see the animals' reaction and noticed how they got noisier as it got darker.

The giraffes started running around crazily in circles when darkness fell, and the flamingos huddled together, though zookeepers aid it wasn't clear whether it was the eclipse or the noisy, cheering crowd that spooked them.

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"I didn't expect to get so emotionally caught up with it. I literally had chill bumps," said zoo volunteer Stephan Foust.

In Charleston, South Carolina, the eclipse's last stop in the U.S., college junior Allie Stern, 20, said: "It was amazing. It looked like a banana peel, like a glowing banana peel which is kind of hard to describe and imagine but it was super cool."

After the celestial spectacle, eclipse-watchers heading home in Tennessee and Wyoming spent hours stuck in traffic jams. In Kentucky, two women watching the eclipse while standing on a sidewalk were struck by a car, and one has died, authorities said.

The Earth, moon and sun line up perfectly every one to three years, briefly turning day into night for a sliver of the planet. But these sights normally are in no man's land, like the vast Pacific or Earth's poles. This is the first eclipse of the social media era to pass through such a heavily populated area.

The last coast-to-coast total eclipse in the U.S. was in 1918, when Woodrow Wilson was president. The last total solar eclipse in the U.S. was in 1979, but only five states in the Northwest experienced total darkness.

The next total eclipse in the U.S. will be in 2024. The next coast-to-coast one will not be until 2045.

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Anger over rally violence boils over in Charlottesville

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Anger boiled over at the first Charlottesville City Council meeting since a white nationalist rally in the city descended into violent chaos, with some residents screaming and cursing at councilors Monday night and calling for their resignations.

Scores of people packed the council's chambers, and The Daily Progress reported Mayor Mike Signer was interrupted by shouting several times in the first few minutes of the meeting. As tensions escalated, the meeting was halted. Live video showed protesters standing on a dais with a sign that said, "Blood on your hands."

After talking with members of the crowd, Councilor Wes Bellamy said the council would drop its agenda and focus on the crowd's concerns, the newspaper reported.

Speakers, some yelling and hurling profanities, then took turns addressing the council, some expressing frustration that leaders had granted a permit for the Aug. 12 rally that had turned violent. Others criticized the police response to the event, which drew hundreds of white nationalists and other counter-protesters.

The two sides clashed violently in the street that day, largely uninterrupted by authorities, until the event was declared an unlawful assembly and the crowd was forced to disperse. Later, a car rammed into a crowd of counter-protesters, killing a woman and injuring 19 others. The death toll for the day climbed to three when a helicopter that had been monitoring the event and assisting with the governor's motorcade crashed, killing two state troopers.

The event dubbed "Unite the Right" was sparked by the city's decision to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Neither a city spokeswoman nor a Charlottesville police spokesman immediately responded to questions from The Associated Press about reports that three people were arrested Monday.

At one point, the crowd chanted, "Signer must go."

Elsewhere in Charlottesville, dozens of students rallied Monday night at the University of Virginia in rejection of the violence. Video of the event streamed by the newspaper on social media showed students marching on the stately grounds of Virginia's flagship public university.

The event was billed as a "reclaim our grounds" rally and organizers said it was held to highlight the advances made at the university to end racism and discrimination in recent decades. The organizers also

said via social media that they were seeking to send a message to the university leadership that more advances were still needed.

Earlier Monday, the man who authorities say drove his car into the crowd of counter-protesters Aug. 12 made a second court appearance. The Charlottesville Commonwealth's Attorney's Office said James Alex Fields Jr., 20, appeared by video Monday. It was his first hearing on a second set of charges filed against him last week.

Senior assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Nina Antony says a judge declined for now to set bond for Fields, who has another hearing Friday. The charges against Fields include second-degree murder. In addition to the death of 32-year-old Heather Heyer, police said, some of the 19 people injured when the crowd was rammed by the car suffered serious and permanent injuries.

Fields' attorney couldn't immediately be reached.

In developments elsewhere, U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan said Monday he would not support a resolution to censure President Donald Trump over his comments following the white supremacist march in Virginia.

Ryan was asked at a town hall organized in his Wisconsin congressional district whether he would back the resolution that comes following Trump's comments about the Virginia rally. The question came from Rabbi Dena Feingold, the sister of former Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, who grew up in the same city as Ryan.

Ryan said censuring Trump would be "counterproductive."

"If we descend this issue into some partisan hack-fest, bickering between one another ... what good does that do to unify this country?" Ryan said, adding that it would be the "worst thing we could do."

While Ryan said he wouldn't support censuring Trump, he gave his sharpest criticism to date of the president's comments in the wake of the Charlottesville rally. Ryan had previously spoken out against the violence, both on Twitter and in a statement earlier Monday, but he hadn't previously addressed Trump's comments directly.

"I do believe he messed up on his comments on Tuesday," Ryan said, referring to Trump asserting there were good people on "both sides" of the Charlottesville rally. But he added he believes Trump has clarified his remarks.

Record \$417M award in lawsuit linking baby powder to cancer

By MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles jury on Monday ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay a record \$417 million to a hospitalized woman who claimed in a lawsuit that the talc in the company's iconic baby powder causes ovarian cancer when applied regularly for feminine hygiene.

The verdict in the lawsuit brought by the California woman, Eva Echeverria, marks the largest sum awarded in a series of talcum powder lawsuit verdicts against Johnson & Johnson in courts around the U.S.

Echeverria alleged Johnson & Johnson failed to adequately warn consumers about talcum powder's potential cancer risks. She used the company's baby powder on a daily basis beginning in the 1950s until 2016 and was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2007, according to court papers.

Echeverria developed ovarian cancer as a "proximate result of the unreasonably dangerous and defective nature of talcum powder," she said in her lawsuit.

Echeverria's attorney, Mark Robinson, said his client is undergoing cancer treatment while hospitalized and told him she hoped the verdict would lead Johnson & Johnson to put additional warnings on its products.

"Mrs. Echeverria is dying from this ovarian cancer and she said to me all she wanted to do was to help the other women throughout the whole country who have ovarian cancer for using Johnson & Johnson for 20 and 30 years," Robinson said.

"She really didn't want sympathy," he added. "She just wanted to get a message out to help these other women."

The jury's award included \$68 million in compensatory damages and \$340 million in punitive damages, Robinson said. The evidence in the case included internal documents from several decades that "showed

the jury that Johnson & Johnson knew about the risks of talc and ovarian cancer," Robinson said.

"Johnson & Johnson had many warning bells over a 30 year period but failed to warn the women who were buying its product," he said.

Johnson & Johnson spokeswoman Carol Goodrich said in a statement that the company will appeal the jury's decision. She says while the company sympathizes with women suffering from ovarian cancer that scientific evidence supports the safety of Johnson's baby powder.

The verdict came after a St. Louis, Missouri jury in May awarded \$110.5 million to a Virginia woman who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2012.

She had blamed her illness on her use of the company's talcum powder-containing products for more than 40 years.

Besides that case, three other trials in St. Louis had similar outcomes last year — with juries awarding damages of \$72 million, \$70.1 million and \$55 million, for a combined total of \$307.6 million.

Another St. Louis jury in March rejected the claims of a Tennessee woman with ovarian and uterine cancer who blamed talcum powder for her cancers.

Two similar cases in New Jersey were thrown out by a judge who said the plaintiffs' lawyers did not presented reliable evidence linking talc to ovarian cancer.

More than 1,000 other people have filed similar lawsuits. Some who won their lawsuits won much lower amounts, illustrating how juries have wide latitude in awarding monetary damages.

Johnson & Johnson is preparing to defend itself and its baby powder at upcoming trials in the U.S., Goodrich said.

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Italy quake rocks resort island of Ischia, at least 1 dead

By NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

ROME (AP) — An earthquake rattled the Italian resort island of Ischia at the peak of tourist season Monday night, killing at least one person and trapping a half dozen others under collapsed homes.

Police said all but one of the people known to be trapped were responding to rescuers and were expected to be extracted alive, including three children. One person, however, wasn't responding, raising worries the death toll could increase, said Giovanni Salerno of the financial police.

Italy's national volcanology institute said the temblor struck a few minutes before 9 p.m., just as many people were having dinner. The hardest-hit area was Casamicciola, on the northern part of the island.

There was great discrepancy in the magnitude reported: Italy's national volcanology agency put the initial magnitude at 3.6, though it later revised it to a 4.0 sustained magnitude. It put the epicenter in the waters just off the island and a depth of 5 kilometers (3 miles). The U.S. Geological Survey and the European-Mediterranean Seismological Center gave it a 4.3 magnitude, with a depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles).

While such discrepancies and revisions are common, Italian officials complained that the Italian agency's initial low 3.6-magnitude greatly underestimated the power of the temblor.

At least one hotel and parts of a hospital were evacuated. A doctor at the Rizzoli hospital, Roberto Al-locca, told Sky TG24 that some 26 people were being treated for minor injuries at a makeshift emergency room set up on the hospital grounds. He said the situation was calm and under control.

Salerno confirmed one woman was killed by falling masonry from a church. At least three people were extracted from the rubble alive, the civil protection said, adding that the island had sustained at least 14 aftershocks.

Civil protection crews, already on the island in force to fight the forest fires that have been ravaging southern Italy, were checking the status of the buildings that suffered damage. Other rescue crews, as well as dogs trained to search for people under rubble, were arriving on ferries from the mainland.

Together with the nearby island of Capri, Ischia is a favorite island getaway for the European jet set, famed in particular for its thermal waters. Casamicciola was the epicenter of an 1883 earthquake that killed more than 2,000 people.

The quake came just two days shy of the one-year anniversary of a powerful 6.2-magnitude earthquake that devastated several towns in central Italy. That temblor last Aug. 24 killed more than 250 people in Amatrice and beyond and set off a months-long series of powerful aftershocks that emptied many towns and hamlets of their people.

This story has been corrected to show the doctor's name is Roberto Allocca, not Calloca.

Man who shot judge was father of player convicted of rape

By **ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS, Associated Press**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A man who shot and wounded a judge outside a county courthouse before being gunned down by a probation officer was the father of a high school football player who was convicted of rape in 2013, authorities said Monday.

Jefferson County Judge Joseph Bruzzese Jr. was shot Monday morning near the courthouse in Steubenville, across the Ohio River from West Virginia's northern panhandle and just west of Pittsburgh.

Authorities identified the gunman as Nathaniel "Nate" Richmond, the father of Ma'Lik Richmond. Ma'Lik, then 17, served about 10 months in a juvenile lockup after being convicted with another Steubenville High School football player of raping a 16-year-old girl during an alcohol-fueled party in 2012.

The case brought international attention to the eastern Ohio city of 18,000 residents and led to allegations of a cover-up to protect the football team.

Investigators are looking for a motive in the shooting and haven't found a connection to the rape case, prosecutor Jane Hanlin said.

A visiting judge from Hamilton County, where Cincinnati is located, handled the majority of the rape case.

Records show Bruzzese was overseeing a wrongful-death lawsuit that Nate Richmond filed in April against the Jefferson County Metropolitan Housing Authority. A hearing on a motion by the housing authority to dismiss punitive damages claims was set for Aug. 28. Messages were left for Richmond's attorneys.

Richmond had a few traffic violations in the past couple of years, and several years ago he was arrested on various domestic violence and assault charges, court records show.

The prosecutor said Bruzzese was shoved to the ground during Monday's attack. Courthouse video shows the judge and Richmond firing about five times each, Jefferson County Sheriff Fred Abdalla said.

Bruzzese was talking after being wounded, Steubenville City Manager James Mavromatis told WTOV-TV. The judge was flown to a Pittsburgh-area hospital. Republican Gov. John Kasich said he was told the judge would survive.

The attack had to be intentional because people know about the reserved spots where judges park, one of Bruzzese's judicial colleagues said.

Judge Joseph Corabi said he and the county's two other judges park in reserved spots next to the courthouse. Judges then walk a few feet down what's known as Courthouse Alley to a side entrance to the building, said Corabi, the Jefferson County juvenile and probate court judge.

"Everybody knows who parks there. That's why it's not an accident what happened. He was clearly an intended target," Corabi said.

Ma'Lik Richmond, now 21, is currently on the Youngstown State football team but isn't allowed to play in any games, the school said this month.

News of his participation drew a wave of criticism in the university community recently, and a petition was started to keep him from playing.

Corabi said Bruzzese is known as an avid hunter. He called him fair, hardworking, well-liked and "a tough son of a gun."

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"He is very intelligent, and he can cut to the chase," Corabi said. "He spots issues, and he resolves the issues."

Bruzzese hears general and domestic relations cases as one of two judges serving in Jefferson County Common Pleas Court.

Bruzzese has served on that court since 1997. He was most recently re-elected in 2014 for another six-year term.

He had likely arrived early to review his usual Monday morning batch of legal motions, Corabi said.

The shooting suspect's body could be seen lying next to a car at the drive-thru of a neighboring bank. Police said a man who was in the car with him was taken into custody.

The courthouse was closed for the day as local and state authorities helped secure the scene. Jefferson County Commissioner Thomas Graham told WTOV some courthouse workers witnessed the "tragic situation" and people would need time to process what happened.

The state crime lab will help investigate the shooting, Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine said.

The chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, Maureen O'Connor, called the attack a "cowardly ambush" and urged court personnel, especially judges, to take extra precautions.

"Violence against judges represents an attack on the Rule of Law, the foundation of our country," O'Connor said.

Danish police find torso of woman after submarine sinking

By MATTI HUUHTANEN, Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — The body of a woman has been found in the Baltic Sea near where a missing Swedish journalist is believed to have died on a privately built submarine, Danish police said late Monday.

A female torso without legs, arms or a head was found by a passer-by, said the head of the investigation, Jens Moller Jensen.

"We have recovered the body ... It is the torso of a woman," Jensen told reporters. "An inquest will be conducted."

He said it was "too early" to say if the body was that of 30-year-old Swedish reporter Kim Wall, who went missing more than a week ago after a trip on the submarine owned by 46-year-old Peter Madsen, a Danish inventor.

Jensen said the body was discovered hours after Madsen told authorities that Wall had died onboard in an accident and that he buried her at sea at an unspecified location.

Madsen was arrested in connection with Wall's disappearance after his submarine sank off Denmark's eastern coast, an event police said they suspected the inventor caused on purpose.

He denied any wrongdoing and initially told authorities he had dropped the reporter off on a redeveloped island in Copenhagen's harbor about 3½ hours into a nighttime trip Aug. 10.

Madsen will continue to be held on preliminary manslaughter charges, police said. They declined to provide further details about the new information he had provided.

Madsen was known for financing his submarine project through crowdfunding. The first launch of his 40-ton, nearly 18-meter-long (60-foot-long) UC3 Nautilus in 2008 made international headlines.

Wall's family earlier told The Associated Press that she had worked in many dangerous places as a journalist and it was unimaginable "something could happen ... just a few miles from the childhood home."

The International Women's Media Foundation said it was "deeply saddened" to receive confirmation that Wall had died.

"She was dogged in her pursuit of important and sometimes quirky stories. She was adored by those who knew her," the organization said in a statement.

Wall was last seen atop the Nautilus submarine on Aug. 10, about to embark on a brief ride in the vessel for a profile about its Danish inventor.

Before his arrest, Madsen appeared on Danish television to discuss the submarine's sinking and his rescue.

The journalist's boyfriend alerted authorities that the sub had not returned from a test run, police said.

Police: Fugitive's death 'breaks' cell behind Spain attacks

By JOSEPH WILSON, ARITZ PARRA and LORI HINNANT, Associated Press

SUBIRATS, Spain (AP) — The lone fugitive from the Spanish cell that killed 15 people in and near Barcelona was shot to death Monday after he flashed what turned out to be a fake suicide belt at two troopers who confronted him in a vineyard not far from the city he terrorized, authorities said.

Police said they had "scientific evidence" that Younes Abouyaaqoub, 22, drove the van that barreled through Barcelona's crowded Las Ramblas promenade, killing 13 people on Thursday, then hijacked a car and fatally stabbed its driver while making his getaway.

Abouyaaqoub's brother and friends made up the rest of the 12-man extremist cell, along with an imam who was one of two people killed in what police said was a botched bomb-making operation.

After four days on the run, Abouyaaqoub was spotted outside a train station west of Barcelona on Monday afternoon. A second witness told police she was certain she had seen the man whose photo has gone around the world as part of an international manhunt.

Two officers found him hiding in a nearby vineyard and asked for his identification, according to the head of the Catalan police. He was shot to death when he opened his shirt to reveal what looked to be explosives and cried out "Allah is great" in Arabic, regional police chief Josep Luis Trapero said.

A bomb disposal robot was dispatched to examine the downed suspect before police determined the bomb belt was not real, Trapero said. A bag full of knives was found with his body, police said.

A police photo of the body seen by The Associated Press showed his bloodied face, bearing several days' stubble on the chin.

With Abouyaaqoub's death, the group responsible for last week's fatal van attacks has now been broken, Trapero said.

"The arrest of this person was the priority for the police because it closed the detention and dismantling of the group that we had identified," he said.

Four are under arrest, and eight are dead: five shot by police in the seaside town of Cambrils, where a second van attack left one pedestrian dead early Friday; two others killed on the eve of the Barcelona attack in a botched bomb-making operation; and Abouyaaqoub.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for both the Cambrils and Barcelona attacks.

Roser Ventura, whose father owns a vineyard between the towns of Sadurn d'Anoia and Subirats, said she alerted the regional Catalan police when they spotted a car crossing their property at high speed.

"The police told us to leave the premises and go home. We heard a helicopter flying around and many police cars coming toward the gas station that is some 600 meters from the property," Ventura said.

The search for Abouyaaqoub ended on the same day that Catalan police confirmed that he was the last remaining cell member thought to still be at large and provided a timeline of his movements.

Authorities said earlier Monday they had evidence that pinpointed Abouyaaqoub as the driver of the van that plowed down the Las Ramblas promenade, killing 13 pedestrians and injuring more than 120 others.

Trapero said that after abandoning the vehicle, Abouyaaqoub walked through Barcelona for about 90 minutes, through the famed La Boqueria market and nearly to Barcelona University.

The Spanish newspaper El Pais published images Monday of what it said was Abouyaaqoub leaving the van attack site on foot. The three images show a slim man wearing sunglasses walking through La Boqueria.

In a parking lot often used by university students, he then hijacked a Ford Focus belonging to Pau Perez, stabbing Perez to death and taking the wheel with his final victim's body in the backseat. Minutes later, Abouyaaqoub plowed through a police checkpoint with the stolen car and abandoned the vehicle, disappearing into the night.

The manhunt for him reached well beyond Spain's borders, but in the end, Abouyaaqoub died about 30 kilometers (18 miles) from where he was last spotted.

After the carnage in Barcelona, authorities took a closer look at an explosion the night before in a house south of the city. Police initially had dismissed it as a household accident.

Along with two bodies, the more exhaustive search turned up remnants of over 100 butane gas tanks

and materials needed for the TATP explosive, which has been used previously by Islamic State militants for attacks in Paris and Brussels, among others.

The equipment, along with reports that Abouyaaqoub had rented three vans, suggested the militant cell was making plans for an even more massive attack on the city.

Family and friends of the young men, nearly all with roots in Morocco, described them as well-integrated members of the community in Ripoll, a quintessentially Catalan town nestled into the foothills of the Pyrenees.

"I knew everyone implicated in the attacks. These were people who avoided problems, kept their distance when they saw a fight," Saber Oukabir, a cousin of two of the attackers, said.

The group members started spending time with the imam who police think was their ideological leader about six months ago, Oukabir said. "I don't know what could have happened, if he manipulated them, if he drugged them or what."

Fernando Reinares, director of the program on global terrorism at Spain's Elcano Royal Institute, said imams such as Abdelbaki Es Satty have made strong inroads into the region's community of North African immigrants, often reaching their Spanish-born children.

"He successfully exploited the dense, overlapping, pre-existing kinship, friendship and neighborhood ties between these young Muslims," Reinares said in an email to The Associated Press. "One of the reasons why Catalonia is the main scenario for both jihadist radicalization and involvement in the whole of Spain is certainly related to the extraordinary, unparalleled concentration in the region of Salafist congregations and imams, such as Es Satty."

Regional authorities said Monday that 48 people were still hospitalized from the attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils, eight of them in critical condition.

Catalonia's regional president, meanwhile, said regional and local authorities had rejected the Spanish government's suggestion to place traffic barriers to protect the Las Ramblas promenade because they deemed them "inefficient."

Carles Puigdemont told La Sexta television the barriers wouldn't have prevented vehicles from entering the promenade at other points — and he said closing off Las Ramblas was impractical because emergency vehicles still needed access.

On Monday, crowds of people continued to lay flowers, candles and heart-shaped balloons at the top of the pedestrian promenade where the van struck and at other smaller tributes.

Las Ramblas also regained some normality, with throngs of people walking up and down, tourists arriving and residents going about their daily business.

"We have to stand strong in front of these betrayers, assassins, terrorists," said resident Monserrat Mora. "Because Barcelona is strong and they will not be able to prevail with us."

Parra contributed from Madrid along with Ciaran Giles. Hinnant contributed from Barcelona. Reda Zeireg in Rabat, Morocco contributed.

French police rule out terror in van's fatal bus stop hits

By MARGAID QUIOC, Associated Press

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — A van rammed into two bus stops in the French port city of Marseille on Monday, killing one person and injuring another, but investigators ruled out terrorism as a motive, police said.

The driver of the van, arrested in a third location, was a 35-year-old from the Grenoble region in eastern France who was being treated for psychological problems, a Marseille police official said.

"The terrorist motive is completely rejected," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with French law enforcement practice, said.

The collisions at the bus stops about 5 kilometers (3 miles) apart came days after back-to-back van attacks in Barcelona and Spanish resort town of Cambrils killed 15 people. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the double attacks.

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It was the second time in a week in which a driver in France with mental health problems allegedly killed a person with a vehicle and was thought by authorities to have acted deliberately, but without terrorist intent.

The Marseille driver, who has not been identified by name, was arrested in the scenic Old Port area of France's second-largest city and held for questioning. BFM-TV said a witness noted the van's license plate number and was able to give it to police, allowing them to make the arrest.

Nearly an hour passed between when the first bus stop was slammed into and the second, the police official said. She could not confirm reports in the regional newspaper La Provence that the white van had been stolen.

A man was injured at the first bus stop in a working class northern district filled with housing projects, David-Olivier Reverdy of the Alliance police union said.

The van later rammed into another bus stop in a second neighborhood, killing a woman. The driver steered onto the curb to crash into the glass-sided bus shelter then sped away, one witness said.

"We heard a loud noise, like a car accident, and we came to figure out what happened," Nicolas Negre, 32, an employee at a nearby fast food restaurant, said. "We saw ... a person lying inert, with blood on her, and the van leaving very quickly, moving fast, burning rubber."

Negre said the gruesome scene made clear that "he had to climb the pavement ... He hit and then left very quickly"

La Provence reported that the suspect came to Marseille specifically for psychiatric treatment in a specialized institution. The paper did not name its sources and the police official could not confirm the report.

On Aug. 14, a driver rammed his car into a crowded pizzeria east of Paris, killing an adolescent girl and injuring a dozen other people.

A prosecutor has described the driver, a 32-year-old security guard, as under the influence of drugs and showing signs of paranoia, but not motivated by extremist views. He is facing murder charges after a psychiatric exam determined his judgment was not impaired and he could be held legally responsible for his actions.

Elaine Ganley in Paris contributed to this report.

Attack victims came from around world to celebrate Barcelona

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — The victims of last week's attacks in Barcelona and a nearby resort town came from around the world and across generations, the latest a Spaniard who was stabbed to death by one of the attackers.

They are among 15 people killed and more than 120 others wounded in Barcelona and the nearby town of Cambrils on Thursday and Friday. The dead and injured represented nearly three dozen countries, places where loved ones are in mourning or experiencing a new kinship with the people of Spain.

Here are some details about the victims:

Pau Perez, 34, Spain.

Perez was parking his car in Barcelona when the alleged Barcelona van attack driver attacked and stabbed him while fleeing police after mowing down dozens of people on La Ramblas.

The attacker then dumped Perez' in the back seat and drove away, later crashing through a police barrier and injuring an officer before ditching the vehicle containing the body in a town outside the Catalan capital.

The confirmation Monday ended days of uncertainty over Perez's exact fate, although it seems police had already told his family and neighbors in hometown Vilafranca de Penedes he was dead, without giving the full details during investigations.

Spanish media said Perez was an NGO worker and keen football fan.

The town Twitter account announced it deeply lamented his death, declaring three days mourning.

Julian Cadman, 7, Australia and Britain

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The British and Australian governments and Catalan emergency services announced the death of 7-year-old Julian Cadman on Sunday. The boy, a dual citizen of Australia and Britain, had been missing since the attack that seriously injured his mother.

Julian and his mother, Jom Cadman, were in Barcelona for a family wedding and enjoying the sights when a van sped down the Las Ramblas promenade targeting pedestrians. His mother, a 43-year-old from the Philippines who had been living in Australia, was hospitalized.

"He was so energetic, funny and cheeky, always bringing a smile to our faces," the child's family said in a statement released by the Australian department for foreign affairs after his death was announced.

On Friday, Julian's grandfather posted an appeal on Facebook with Julian's photo asking for help finding him. The Australian prime minister asked people to pray for him, and the British prime minister said the government was urgently looking into his situation.

The family statement extended sympathy to others coping with losses and thanked all those who helped search for Julian, saying, "Your kindness was incredible during a difficult time."

"We are so blessed to have had him in our lives and will remember his smiles and hold his memory dear to our hearts.

Pepita Codina, 75, Spain

Pepita Codina is being honored with a makeshift memorial in Hipolit de Voldrega, her hometown of 3,000 people near Barcelona.

Mayor Xavier Vilamala said on Twitter he was "very sad and distressed" by the news of her death.

Local media reported that Codina's daughter, Elisabet, was injured in the attack, but is currently out of danger at Hospital del Marin Barcelona.

Neighbor Enriqueta Ordeig described Codina as a "very good woman" who moved to the town when her husband retired, according to the El Pais newspaper.

Granddaughter and grandmother, 20 and 74, Portugal

The two were in Barcelona to celebrate the grandmother's birthday when they were caught up in the horror on Las Ramblas, according to Portuguese media reports.

They had arrived in the city for a week's vacation just a few hours before they were killed, Jose Luis Carneiro, a Lisbon official, told reporters.

The older woman was reported dead Friday, while the younger woman was initially reported as missing before finally being identified Saturday. Those hours left her parents in a painful limbo, Carneiro said.

The parents are "broken-hearted," Carneiro said. "Firstly, because they were caught by surprise by the death of the man's mother and then spent hours not knowing what had happened to their daughter."

The victims' names were not released.

Bruno Gulotta, 35, Italy

A father from Legnano in northern Italy is being praised as a hero who protected his children during an attack in Barcelona.

One of his Gulotta's work colleagues, Pino Bruno, told the Italian news agency ANSA that he saved the life of his two young children — Alessandro, 6, and Aria, 7 months — by throwing himself between them and the van that mowed people down.

Bruno said he spoke to Gulotta's wife, Martina, and she told him her husband had been holding the 6-year-old's hand on the tourist-thronged avenue in Barcelona when "the van appeared suddenly."

"Everyone knelt down, instinctively, as if to protect themselves," Bruno said, adding that Gulotta put himself in front of his children and was fatally struck.

Gulotta was a sales manager for Tom's Hardware Italia, an online publication about technology. "Rest in peace, Bruno, and protect your loved ones from up high," read one tribute on the company's website.

Carmen Lopardo, 80, Italy

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Lopardo, apparently the oldest person to die in the attack, was among three Italians killed in Barcelona, according to Italy's foreign ministry.

In a statement, it said Lopardo was killed in the "vile terrorist attack in Barcelona," without providing details.

News reports said Lopardo was an Italian who had immigrated to Argentina in 1950 and was visiting Barcelona.

Silvina Alejandra Pereyra, 40, Argentina and Spain

Argentina's Foreign Ministry says Pereyra, an Argentine-Spanish dual citizen who resided in Barcelona for the last 10 years, is among those who died.

It says in a statement that her death was confirmed through family members living in Bolivia after a cousin identified her body at a morgue in Barcelona.

The Argentine government expressed its deep regret over the pain caused to Pereyra's family and friends and said its diplomatic missions in Barcelona and Madrid are working to assist.

Francisco Lopez Rodriguez, 57, and Javier Martinez, 3, Spain

Francisco Lopez Rodriguez was killed with his 3-year-old grand-nephew, Javier Martinez, while walking along Las Ramblas.

Lopez was accompanied by his wife, Roser — who is recovering from her wounds in a hospital — her niece and the niece's two children, one of them Javier.

"He was a lovely man, kind and charitable" and always telling jokes, said 81-year-old Natalia Moreno Perez from Lopez's native Lanteira, a town of 700 inhabitants outside Granada in southern Spain.

Lopez left the town with his family in the 1960s to seek work and was a metal worker living in Rubi, a migrant town of 75,000 people northwest of Barcelona.

"We are a broken family," niece Raquel Baron Lopez posted on Twitter.

Luca Russo, 25, Italy

One of Italy's three victims in the Barcelona van attack is being mourned as a brilliant young engineer dragged to his death before his girlfriend's eyes.

A determined Luca Russo, 25, already had a job in electronic engineering, no easy feat in Italy, where youth unemployment runs stubbornly high.

"We were investing in him. We wanted to make him grow professionally," the Italian news agency ANSA quoted Stefano Facchinello, one of the partners in the Padua-area company where Russo had worked for a year, as saying.

The girlfriend, Marta Scomazzon, who was hospitalized with a fractured foot and elbow, told an aunt that "we were walking together, then the van came on top of us."

Ana Maria Suarez, Spain

The Spanish royal family sent condolences to Ana Maria Suarez's family via Twitter after she died in the attack in the resort town of Cambrils.

According to local media, the 67-year-old woman was originally from the city of Zaragoza, and was on vacation with her family. Suarez's husband and one of her sisters were injured and being treated at a hospital.

They had just eaten dinner and were celebrating the husband's 69th birthday, walking in the crowded port area of Cambrils, when a van drove down a path hours after the Barcelona attack, according to El Mundo newspaper.

Suarez is the only civilian to have been killed in Cambrils, where five attackers wearing fake explosives belts were shot to death by police.

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Jared Tucker, 42, United States

California resident Jared Tucker, 42, and his wife were ending their European vacation in Barcelona after visiting Paris and Venice, and were on their way to a beach when they decided to stop at a cafe on Las Ramblas.

Shortly after her husband left to use the restroom, "all mayhem broke out," Heidi Nunes-Tucker told NBC News. Later, she learned that he was among those killed in the truck attack in Barcelona, the only known American fatality.

Nunes-Tucker, 40, called her husband "truly the love of my life" and says she's struggling to make sense of the violence.

Tucker's father, Daniel Tucker, said the couple had saved for the vacation to celebrate their one-year wedding anniversary.

Jared Tucker, who worked with his father in a family business remodeling swimming pools, had "a magnetic personality, and people loved him," his father told The Associated Press. He liked to fish, play golf and other sports, and leaves behind three daughters.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson expressed condolences to the victim's family.

Elke Vanbockrijck, Belgium

Vanbockrijck was at the KFC Heur Tongeren soccer club "nearly every day" ferrying her 10- and 14-year-old boys back and forth to training and matches, said team president Arnould Partoens.

The family was on vacation in Barcelona. The boys and their father, a policeman, were unhurt, he said.

Team vice president Herwig Dessers said coaches and players would stand in silence to remember her over the next few days "and talk to the children about what happened."

A picture of Vanbockrijck now rests on the bar inside the clubhouse.

Ian Moore Wilson, 53, Canada

Ian Moore Wilson's daughter Fiona described him as an adventurous traveler and "much-loved husband, father, brother and grandfather."

The Vancouver police department issued a statement from Fiona, a staff sergeant in the force, saying that Wilson had been killed and his wife, Valerie, had been injured in the attack.

Fiona Wilson and the Vancouver police thanked the emergency workers and others who helped her father in his final moments and got medical assistance for her mother.

"In the midst of this tragedy, my dad would want those around him to focus on the extraordinary acts of human kindness that our family has experienced over the past several days, and that is exactly what we intend to do," she wrote.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said four other Canadians were injured in the extremist attacks.

Ciaran Giles in Madrid, Danica Kirka in London; Barry Hatton and Helena Alves in Lisbon, Portugal; Jocelyn Gecker in Walnut Creek, California; Lorne Cook in Brussels, Nicole Winfield in Rome, Kristen Gelineau in Sydney, and Jennifer Peltz in New York contributed.

Pope: Rights of migrants trump national security concerns

By NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis on Monday urged countries to greatly improve their welcome to migrants and stop collective expulsions, saying migrants' dignity and right to protection trumps national security concerns.

Francis' politically pointed message was made in view of the Catholic Church's 2018 world refugee day, celebrated Jan. 14. It comes amid mounting anti-immigrant sentiment in Europe and beyond following waves of migrant arrivals and Islamic extremist attacks.

In the message, Francis demanded governments welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants,

saying Jesus' message of love is rooted in welcoming the "rejected strangers of every age."

He demanded a simplified process of granting humanitarian and temporary visas and rejected arbitrary and collective expulsions as "unsuitable." He said the principle of ensuring each person's dignity "obliges us to always prioritize personal safety over national security."

Francis has made refugees a priority of his pontificate, making his first trip outside Rome in 2013 to the island of Lampedusa, ground zero in Europe's migration crisis. He has repeatedly spoken out for migrants' rights, demanded countries build "bridges not walls," and personally brought a dozen Syrian refugees back to Rome with him when he visited a Greek refugee camp in 2016.

Ignoring critics who say his calls are unrealistic and naive, Francis insisted in the new message that border guards must be trained to protect migrants and that each new arrival, regardless of legal status, must be guaranteed access to basic services beyond health care.

That extends to guaranteeing access to consulates, the justice system and the ability to open a bank account and survive financially, he said.

Unaccompanied minors, he said, require even greater protection, including guaranteeing them citizenship and access to schooling, as well as foster programs rather than detention centers.

He called for policies that support family reunification, employment opportunities and accelerated citizenship procedures to improve migrants' abilities to integrate.

His call was immediately rejected by the leader of Italy's anti-immigrant Northern League party, which has opposed government proposals to change Italy's law to accelerate citizenship for children born in Italy to non-Italians.

"If you want to do it in the Vatican, go ahead," Matteo Salvini wrote on Facebook. "But as a Catholic, I don't think Italy can welcome and support the whole world."

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Big Ben bell falls silent in London for repairs until 2021

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — After more than 150 years as Britain's most famous timekeeper, London's Big Ben bell fell silent Monday for four years of repair work that will keep it quiet on all but a few special occasions.

The giant bell atop Parliament's clock tower sent a dozen deep bongs into a gray sky at noon, marking the hour as it has done almost continuously since 1859. It is not due to resume its regular duties until 2021.

Hundreds of parliamentary staff, journalists and lawmakers gathered in a courtyard under the Victorian clock tower to mark the moment, while hundreds more tourists and passers-by lined sidewalks and filled nearby Parliament Square, cellphones held aloft.

The mood was light-hearted — it is, after all, just a bell — but total silence fell as the first bong sounded. The crowd burst into cheers and applause as the last faded away, and bells at nearby Westminster Abbey pealed a noisy farewell to their neighbor.

The bell is being stilled to allow workers to carry out much-needed maintenance to the clock and clock tower without being deafened. But a handful of lawmakers have criticized the lengthy silence, calling Big Ben an important symbol of British democracy. Prime Minister Theresa May said last week that "it can't be right for Big Ben to be silent for four years."

In response to the criticism, House of Commons officials have said they will take another look at the repairs schedule once Parliament returns next month from its summer break.

Labour Party lawmaker Stephen Pound said it was sad to see the silencing of "the chimes of freedom."

"You don't know what you've got till it's gone," he said.

And Pound expressed skepticism that the repair work would be finished on schedule in 2021.

"Dream on," he said. "Have you known any government project ever come in on time and on budget?"

Big Ben has been silenced by malfunction and for repairs before, most recently in 2007, but this stretch

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is by far the longest. Parliamentary officials say it will still be heard on special occasions such as New Year's Eve.

The sound of the 13.5 U.K. ton (15.1 U.S. ton, 13.7 metric ton) bell became associated with Britain around the globe through World War II radio news broadcasts. The clock tower — also commonly called Big Ben, but formally named the Elizabeth Tower after Queen Elizabeth II — is one of London's most-photographed buildings.

"Parliament and the clock tower and Big Ben are just iconic parts of London and Great Britain and so it's very exciting to be out here and see it," said Mitchell Polay, visiting one day recently from Yonkers, New York. "In the States when you think of England, that's one of the first things that pop up into your mind."

He felt there must be a way to keep Big Ben bonging.

"We have an international space station," Polay said. "I'm sure they could figure out a way to make a bell ring and not damage the hearing of the workers."

During the repair work, scaffolding will obscure parts of the tower, and the clock faces will be covered at times — though at least one face will always be visible.

Adam Watrobski, principal architect at the Houses of Parliament, said authorities are well aware of how much interest the bell and the tower generate.

"But you know at the end of the day all buildings have to be serviced," he said.

Watrobski added that once this round of work is finished, "the building will be sound and secure for the next 60 years or so."

Kevin Scott and Caroline Spiezio contributed to this story.

US and S. Korean troops start drills amid N. Korea standoff

By HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — U.S. and South Korean troops kicked off their annual drills Monday that come after President Donald Trump and North Korea exchanged warlike rhetoric in the wake of the North's two intercontinental ballistic missile tests last month.

The Ulchi Freedom Guardian drills are largely computer-simulated war games held every summer and have drawn furious responses from North Korea, which views them as an invasion rehearsal. Pyongyang's state media on Sunday called this year's drills a "reckless" move that could trigger the "uncontrollable phase of a nuclear war."

Despite the threat, U.S. and South Korean militaries launched this year's 11-day training on Monday morning as scheduled. The exercise involves 17,500 American troops and 50,000 South Korean soldiers, according to the U.S. military command in South Korea and Seoul's Defense Ministry.

No field training like live-fire exercises or tank maneuvering is involved in the Ulchi drills, in which alliance officers sit at computers to practice how they engage in battles and hone their decision-making capabilities. The allies have said the drills are defensive in nature.

South Korea's President Moon Jae-in said Monday that North Korea must not use the drills as a pretext to launch fresh provocation, saying the training is held regularly because of repeated provocations by North Korea.

North Korea typically responds to South Korea-U.S. military exercises with weapons tests and a string of belligerent rhetoric. During last year's Ulchi drills, North Korea test-fired a submarine-launched ballistic missile that flew about 500 kilometers (310 miles) in the longest flight by that type of weapon. Days after the drills, the North carried out its fifth and biggest nuclear test to date.

Last month North Korea test-launched two ICBMs at highly lofted angles, and outside experts say those missiles can reach some U.S. parts like Alaska, Los Angeles or Chicago if fired at normal, flattened trajectories. Analysts say it would be only a matter of time for the North to achieve its long-stated goal of acquiring a nuclear missile that can strike anywhere in the United States.

Earlier this month, President Donald Trump pledged to answer North Korean aggression with "fire and

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fury." North Korea, for its part, threatened to launch missiles toward the American territory of Guam before its leader Kim Jong Un backed off saying he would first watch how Washington acts before going ahead with the missile launch plans.

Asian stocks mixed after Wall Street gains

By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets were mixed Tuesday after Wall Street gained as investors looked ahead to this week's gathering of central bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

KEEPING SCORE: Hong Kong's Hang Seng index gained 1 percent to 27,421.58 points and Seoul's Kospi added 0.3 percent to 2,362.40. The Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.1 percent to 3,283.27 and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 was unchanged at 19,402.21. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 advanced 0.2 percent to 5,738.70 and benchmarks in Taiwan, New Zealand and Singapore also rose. Malaysia and the Philippines declined.

WALL STREET: The Standard & Poor's 500 index steadied following losses. Companies are mostly finished reporting quarterly results and profits and revenue were stronger than expected. The S&P 500 rose 0.1 percent to 2,428.37 after it and other indexes flipped between small gains and losses throughout the day. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 0.1 percent to 21,703.75 and the Nasdaq composite slipped 0.1 percent to 6,213.13.

CENTRAL BANK WATCH: Investors looked ahead to this week's annual gathering of central bankers and economists in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen and European Central Bank head Mario Draghi are both expected to speak at the event that begins Thursday. Stimulus from central banks has been one of the main reasons for the stock market's surge since the Great Recession. But the Federal Reserve is raising interest rates and preparing to pare back the vast trove of bonds it bought following the 2008 financial crisis. Investors are wondering when the European Central Bank may follow suit.

KOREAS TENSIONS: U.S. and South Korean forces on Monday started annual joint military exercises. Tensions are higher than usual with North Korea, and Pyongyang in the past has responded to the drills with weapons tests and a string of belligerent rhetoric.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude gained 11 cents to \$47.64 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost \$1.13 on Monday to close at \$47.53. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 19 cents in London. It shed \$1.06 the previous session to \$51.66.

CURRENCY: The dollar gained to 109.21 yen from Monday's 108.97 yen. The euro declined to \$1.1808 from \$1.1815.

Today in History

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Today is Tuesday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2017. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 22, 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

On this date:

In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses.

In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.

In 1910, Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese control until the end of World War II.

In 1922, Irish revolutionary Michael Collins was shot to death, apparently by Irish Republican Army members opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty that Collins had co-signed.

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In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. conducted its first experimental television broadcast, using a 30-line mechanical system.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to South America.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was nominated for a second term of office by the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach. John Wojtowicz (WAHT'-uh-witz) and Salvatore Naturile took seven employees hostage at a Chase Manhattan Bank branch in Brooklyn, New York, during a botched robbery; the siege, which ended with Wojtowicz's arrest and Naturile's killing by the FBI, inspired the 1975 movie "Dog Day Afternoon."

In 1985, 55 people died when fire broke out aboard a British Airtours charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England.

In 1986, Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of the late Karen Silkwood \$1.38 million, settling a 10-year-old nuclear contamination lawsuit. The Rob Reiner coming-of-age film "Stand By Me" was put into wide release by Columbia Pictures.

In 1992, on the second day of the Ruby Ridge siege in Idaho, an FBI sharpshooter killed Vicki Weaver, the wife of white separatist Randy Weaver (the sharpshooter later said he was targeting the couple's friend Kevin Harris, and didn't see Vicki Weaver).

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, addressing a Veterans of Foreign Wars conference in Kansas City, Missouri, offered a fresh endorsement of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (NOO'-ree ahl-MAHL'-ih-kee), calling him "a good guy, good man with a difficult job." A Black Hawk helicopter crashed in Iraq, killing all 14 U.S. soldiers. Hurricane Dean slammed into Mexico for the second time in as many days. The Texas Rangers became the first team in 110 years to score 30 runs in a game, setting an American League record in a 30-3 rout of the Baltimore Orioles in the first game of a doubleheader. (Texas won the second game, 9-7.) Poet and short story writer Grace Paley died in Thetford Hill, Vermont, at age 84.

Five years ago: Ousted Penn State president Graham Spanier and his lawyers attacked a university-backed report on the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse scandal, calling it a "blundering and indefensible indictment." (Spanier was later convicted of child endangerment for failing to report a child sexual abuse allegation against Sandusky.) Nina Bawden, 87, a British author who wrote children's classics, including the World War II story "Carrie's War," died in London.

One year ago: Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, appearing on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," pushed back against charges that she was physically unfit for the White House, saying the accusations were part of a "wacky strategy" by GOP rival Donald Trump and an "alternative reality" that was not focused on the kinds of issues that were most important to voters.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Morton Dean is 82. Author Annie Proulx (proo) is 82. Baseball Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski is 78. Actress Valerie Harper is 78. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Bill Parcells is 76. Writer-producer David Chase is 72. CBS newsman Steve Kroft is 72. Actress Cindy Williams is 70. Pop musician David Marks is 69. International Swimming Hall of Famer Diana Nyad is 68. Baseball Hall of Famer Paul Molitor is 61. Rock musician Vernon Reid is 59. Country singer Ricky Lynn Gregg is 58. Country singer Collin Raye is 57. Actress Regina Taylor is 57. Rock singer Roland Orzabal (Tears For Fears) is 56. Rock musician Debbi Peterson (The Bangles) is 56. Rock musician Gary Lee Conner (Screaming Trees) is 55. Singer Tori Amos is 54. Country singer Mila Mason is 54. Rhythm-and-blues musician James DeBarge is 54. International Tennis Hall of Famer Mats Wilander is 53. Actress Brooke Dillman is 51. Rapper GZA (JIHZ'-ah)/The Genius is 51. Actor Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje (ah-day-WAH'-lay ah-kih-NOY'-yay ah-BAH'-jay) is 50. Actor Ty Burrell is 50. Celebrity chef Giada DeLaurentiis is 47. Actress Melinda Page Hamilton is 46. Actor Rick Yune is 46. Rock musician Paul Doucette (Matchbox Twenty) is 45. Rap-reggae singer Beenie Man is 44. Singer Howie Dorough (Backstreet Boys) is 44. Comedian-actress Kristen Wiig is 44. Actress Jenna Leigh Green is 43. Rock musician Bo Koster is 43. Rock musician Dean Back (Theory of a Deadman) is 42. Talk show host James Corden is 39. Rock musician Jeff Stinco (Simple Plan) is 39. Actor

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Brandon Adams is 38. Actress Aya Sumika is 37.

Thought for Today: "Works of art make rules; rules do not make works of art." — Claude Debussy, French composer (born this date in 1862, died 1918).