

Dems: Bernie Sanders will address convention Monday night

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Wasserman Schultz's resignation, Sanders made clear he wants to see Clinton in the White House.

"I'm going to do everything I can to defeat him, to elect Hillary Clinton and to keep focusing, keep focusing on the real issues facing the American people," Sanders said on CNN.

Clinton and President Barack Obama both quickly praised the departed party chief, hoping to move past the ugliness and onto Monday's launch of an optimistic celebration featuring high-powered elected officials and celebrities who will try to re-introduce Clinton to a general election audience.

Never one to miss an opportunity to poke at his rivals, Trump appeared to relish the Democratic chaos Sunday, writing on

Twitter: "The Dems Convention is cracking up." His campaign chief, Paul Manafort, went further and called on Clinton to drop out of the race altogether.

At the Republican convention, Trump cast himself as the law-and-order candidate in a nation suffering under crime and hobbled by immigration, sticking to the gloom-and-doom theme. As he accepted the Republican nomination, Trump said: "The legacy of Hillary Clinton is death, destruction, terrorism and weakness."

In return, Clinton seized upon what she called the "fear and the anger and the resentment" from Trump and Republicans, dismissing Trump's declaration that only he could fix the



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problems that afflict the nation.

"Donald Trump may think America's in decline, but he's wrong. America's best days are still ahead of us, my friends," Clinton said during a campaign event Saturday in Miami.

Sanders will address the convention Monday night, and Obama will speak on Wednesday night. Other high-profile speakers include first lady Michelle Obama, former President Bill Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden.

They will try to overcome party disunity that seems certain to also be a factor in Philadelphia, given Wasserman Schultz's departure and the general unhappiness among many Sanders supporters intensified by both the emails and

by Clinton's pick of Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia to be her running mate.

"If they think they can win without half the party, let them lose," said Andrew Fader, 27, of New York, who was wearing a "Bernie" T-shirt on Sunday near the Liberty Bell. "And I'll move to Canada."

Norman Solomon, a delegate who supports Sanders, said Wasserman Schultz's removal was unlikely to soothe those who back the Vermont senator. He said there is talk among Sanders' delegates of walking out during Kaine's acceptance speech or turning their backs as a show of protest. Sanders' supporters believe Kaine is not liberal enough.

Sanders endorsed Clinton two weeks ago after pressing for the party platform to include a \$15-an-hour minimum wage, debt-free

college and an expansion of access to health care.

Liberal Sanders supporters pushed for changes to the party nominating process at a meeting of the convention rules committee Saturday. They did not succeed in passing an amendment abolishing superdelegates, but they did win a compromise deal with the Clinton camp — a "unity commission" that will review the overall procedures and will seek to limit the role of superdelegates in future elections.

Away from the convention proceedings, thousands of demonstrators walked Philadelphia's sweltering streets on Sunday, marching down the city's famed Broad Street, cheering, chanting and beating drums — and chanting, "Hell no, DNC, we won't vote for Hillary"

"Debbie Wasserman

Schultz and Hillary's orchestrated collusion cheated thousands of honest Americans, who have invested enormous amounts of money and personal time for real change," said one of the marchers, Dan Haggerty, 54, an electrician from California.

Clinton's campaign manager, Robby Mook, tried to shift blame for the email hack away from DNC officials and onto "Russian state actors" who, he said, may have breached DNC computers "for the purpose of helping Donald Trump," the Republican presidential nominee.

How the emails were stolen hasn't been confirmed.

"It was concerning last week that Donald Trump changed the Republican platform to become what some experts would regard as pro-Russian," Mook said.

Crime logs

FAIRFIELD

SATURDAY, JULY 23

- 1:03 a.m.** — Vehicle burglary, 4400 block of CENTRAL WAY
- 2:22 a.m.** — Reckless driver, sub-100 block of ALASKA AVENUE
- 7:07 a.m.** — Vehicle burglary, 100 block of GROBRIC COURT
- 8:43 a.m.** — Indecent exposure, 1900 block of NORTH TEXAS STREET
- 9:17 a.m.** — Vehicle burglary, 4900 block of RIDGECREST COURT
- 11:52 a.m.** — Trespassing, 600 block of KENNEDY COURT
- 12:13 p.m.** — Hit-and run property damage, 900 block of DANIEL STREET
- 12:23 p.m.** — Trespassing, 2200 block of NORTH TEXAS STREET
- 12:27 p.m.** — Reckless driver, 5200 block of WATT COURT
- 1 p.m.** — Drunk and disorderly, 3300 block of NORTH TEXAS STREET
- 1:34 p.m.** — Drunken driving, 2100 block of NORTH TEXAS STREET
- 3:18 p.m.** — Shots fired, 0 block of DOVER AVENUE
- 3:49 p.m.** — Residential burglary, 100 block of SUN-STREAM COURT
- 6:31 p.m.** — Trespassing, 1500 block of

WEST TEXAS STREET

- 6:59 p.m.** — Brandishing a weapon, 2700 block of PEPPERTREE DRIVE
- 7:09 p.m.** — Battery, sub-100 block of CIRCLE DRIVE
- 8:10 p.m.** — Trespassing, 1200 block of ILLINOIS STREET
- 8:33 p.m.** — Hit-and run property damage, 2500 block of ORCHID STREET
- 9:27 p.m.** — Hit-and run property damage, 100 block of EL VERANO COURT
- 9:44 p.m.** — Prowler, 700 block of TRAVIS BOULEVARD
- 10:02 p.m.** — Residential burglary, 1600 block of PARK LANE
- 10:35 p.m.** — Forgery, 1000 block of WEBSTER STREET

SUISUN CITY

SATURDAY, JULY 23

- 2:45 a.m.** — Vehicle burglary, sub-100 block of SOLANO STREET
- 1:44 p.m.** — Reckless driver, HIGHWAY 12 / WALTERS ROAD
- 3:59 p.m.** — Trespassing, 600 block of PLACER LANE
- 6:22 p.m.** — Reckless driver, FULLMAR DRIVE / KLAMATH DRIVE
- 8:31 p.m.** — Reckless driver, 200 block of SACRAMENTO STREET

Fishing: Two days

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up for the finale lunch of the event.

Johns cut the fish the children caught into small pieces for frying to serve with the veggies. They also served hot dogs for those who didn't want fish.

Hindes became the unofficial cook in 2009. She puts on the meals for about 50 people, including the parents and volunteers.

"It seems I have a knack for it," Hindes said. Lourdes Hernandez of Fairfield has been helping with the event for the past 10 years, doing a variety of jobs.

"It feels good to help special needs kids and we have been able to help disadvantaged kids also," she said.

Ron Goodwin is an eight-year participant and has become the nature guide. He took the children and teens on a nature hike trail, introducing them to native California plants and some of the natural-growing foods in the area.

"This is a fun program that is also educational," Goodwin said.

Goodwin's grandchildren also came out for the day and helped with the camp.

Goodwin said that Boy Scouts came out and earned a fishing badge for participating and a service badge for serving dinner.

It was the first time many of these children had been fishing.

It wasn't a new experience for Eliza Mah, 11, who came out to fish with her grandparents and her aunt Ana, but it was the first time at the Kids Day of Fishing at Lake Solano.

"I really liked the arts and the crafts," she said.

The younger Mah said fishing, crafts and hiking made for a great weekend she and the rest of her family will never forget.

For more information, go to www.kidsdayof-fishing.org/upcoming-events.

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California Lottery

Fantasy 5/Sunday

Numbers picked 5, 20, 27, 28, 37

Match all five for top prize. Match at least three for other prizes.

Daily 4/Sunday

Numbers picked 9, 6, 4, 0

Match four in order for top prize; combinations for other prizes.

Daily 3/Sunday

Afternoon numbers picked 8, 5, 2

Night numbers picked 3, 3, 5

Match three in order for top prize; combinations for other prizes.

Daily Derby/Sunday

1st place 3, Hot Shot

2nd place 2, Lucky Star

3rd place 12, Lucky Charms

Race time 1:42.13

Match winners and time for top prize. Match either for other prizes.

On the web: www.calottery.com

Dementia: Apathy, anxiety can be signs

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ravaging the brain a decade or two before the first symptoms become noticeable. Early memory problems called "mild cognitive impairment," or MCI, can raise the risk of later developing dementia, and worsening memory often is the trigger for potential patients or their loved ones to seek medical help.

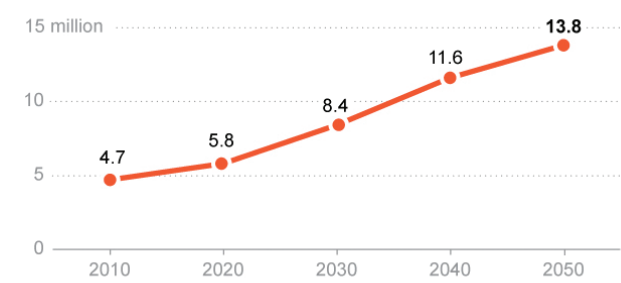
It's not uncommon for people with dementia to experience neuropsychiatric symptoms, too — problems such as depression or "sundowning," agitation that occurs at the end of the day — as the degeneration spreads into brain regions responsible for more than memory. And previous studies have found that people with mild cognitive impairment are at greater risk of decline if they also suffer more subtle behavioral symptoms.

What's new: The concept of pre-dementia "mild behavioral impairment," or MBI, a term that describes specific changes in someone's prior behavior that might signal degeneration, is starting in brain regions not as crucial for memory, he said.

Ismail is part of an Alzheimer's Association committee tapped to draft a checklist of the symptoms that qualify — new problems that linger at least six months, not temporary symptoms or ones explained by a clear mental health diagnosis or other issues such as bereave-

Alzheimer's cases

The number of elderly people in the U.S. with Alzheimer's disease is projected to nearly triple by 2050:



SOURCES: Alzheimer's Association; Neurology AP

ment, he stressed. They include apathy, anxiety about once routine events, loss of impulse control, flaunting social norms, loss of interest in food. He even cites extreme cases, like a 68-year-old who started using cocaine before anyone noticed her memory trouble.

If validated, the checklist could help doctors better identify people at risk of brewing Alzheimer's and study changes over time.

"It's important for us to recognize that not everything's forgetfulness," said Dr. Ron Petersen, the Mayo Clinic's Alzheimer's research chief. He wasn't involved in developing the behavior checklist but said it could raise awareness of the neuropsychiatric link with dementia.

Technology specialist Mike Belleville of Douglas, Massachusetts, thought stress was to blame when he found himself getting easily frustrated and angry. Normally patient, he began

snapping at co-workers and rolling down his window to yell at other drivers, "things I'd never done before," Belleville said.

The final red flag was a heated argument with his wife, Cheryl, who found herself wondering, "Who is this person?" When Mike Belleville didn't remember the strong words the next morning, the two headed straight for a doctor. Physicians tested for depression and a list of other suspects. Eventually Belleville, now 55, was diagnosed with an early-onset form of dementia — and with medication no longer gets angry so easily, allowing him to volunteer his computer expertise.

"If you see changes, don't take it lightly and assume it's stress," Cheryl Belleville advised.

Also at Sunday's meeting:

■ Complex jobs that require working with people may help the brain build resilience against dementia, what's called

"cognitive reserve," University of Wisconsin researchers reported.

The team tested 284 adults in late middle-age whose brain scans showed changes that have been linked to an increased risk of Alzheimer's. Comparing their cognitive ability and their careers, the researchers found those who worked primarily with people, rather than objects or data, functioned better even if brain scans showed more of that quiet damage.

■ Preliminary results from a study of "brain training" suggested one type might help delay cognitive impairment.

Researchers examined records from 2,785 older adults who'd participated in a previous trial that compared three cognitive training strategies — to improve memory, reasoning or reaction times — with no intervention. A decade later, that reaction-time training suggested benefit: 12 percent of people who'd completed up to 10 hours had evidence of cognitive decline or dementia compared with 14 percent in the control group, said Dr. Jerri Edwards of the University of South Florida. The figure was lower — 8 percent — for people who got some extra booster training.

"It's the first hint for a cognitive training intervention like this," but more research is needed, said Dr. Jonathan King of the National Institute on Aging, who wasn't involved in the new study.

Medicare: No one anticipated \$1,000 pills

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The numbers provided to The Associated Press reflect the total paid by taxpayers, insurers and beneficiaries. They offer a glimpse into the volatile and often mysterious world of high-cost drugs:

■ Catastrophic spending for Harvoni and Sovaldi — two hepatitis C pills from Gilead Sciences — more than doubled in two years, from about \$3.5 billion in 2014 to nearly \$7.5 billion in 2015. Harvoni topped the list of Medicare's high-cost drugs last year; Sovaldi was first in 2014.

The FDA approved Sovaldi in Dec., 2013, and its \$1,000-per-pill price quickly made headlines. A congressional investigation last year found that Gilead was focused on maximizing revenue, even as a company analysis showed that a lower price would allow more patients to be treated.

■ Revlimid, a cancer drug derived from 1950s thalidomide, surpassed \$1.7 billion in catastrophic costs in 2015, coming in second among high-cost drugs. Spending on the medication from biotech company Celgene increased by 50 percent in three years.

■ Gleevec, a breakthrough drug introduced in 2001 to treat leukemia, was encoined as 5th among the top ten pricey medications, with more than \$1 billion spent in 2015. That was a 54-percent increase from 2013. Drug-maker Novartis has been criticized for repeatedly hiking the price of Gleevec.

■ Catastrophic spending accounts for a fast-growing share of Medicare's drug costs, which totaled nearly \$137 billion in 2015. The catastrophic share was 37 percent, yet only about 9 percent of beneficiaries reached the threshold for such costs. For those patients, average spending jumped by 46 percent, from \$9,666 in 2013 to \$14,100 in 2015.

"If the numbers continue to increase like this each year, I worry about how much the taxpayers could afford," said Sen. Grassley, who plans to ask Medicare for explanations.

"It may be that some drug companies are taking advantage of government programs to maximize their market share, and we need to know whether that's the case," he added.

Catastrophic coverage will soon cost as much as the entire prescription

program did when it launched, said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. "Congress can't continue to stand idle."

Experts say the rapid rise in spending for pricey drugs threatens to make the popular prescription benefit financially unsustainable.

Nonpartisan congressional advisers at the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission have called for an overhaul. The presidential candidates, as well as the Obama administration, have proposed giving Medicare legal authority to negotiate prices.

The drug industry says Medicare patients are getting valuable, innovative medicines.

Lisa Joldersma, policy vice president for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, also questioned the cost numbers. "I would push back on the notion that taxpayers are bearing 80 percent of the risk here because the numbers do not reflect rebates," she said.

Rebates for individual drugs are not disclosed. They averaged nearly 13 percent across the entire program in 2013, according to government figures, and were estimated at about

17 percent for 2015.

Most beneficiaries haven't seen a drastic hit yet from rising drug costs, but that may be changing. This year, average premiums went up more than 15 percent in five of the top eight drug plans, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Concerns about catastrophic costs undercut the image of Medicare's prescription program as a competitive marketplace in which private insurers bargain with drugmakers to drive down prices.

"The incentive is to price it as high as they can," said Jim Yocum, senior vice president of Connecture, Inc., a company that tracks drug prices. Medicare is barred from negotiating prices, "so you max out your pricing and most of that risk is covered by the federal government."

An architect of the program says no one anticipated \$1,000 pills. Former Medicare administrator Tom Scully said catastrophic coverage was meant to protect patients taking many different medicines over months and years.

"The pricing is pretty wild," he said.