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Fr. Kelly celebrates 40 years

Celebrating 40 years of priesthood in honor of Fr. Mike Kelly at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 803 North 1st Street, Groton. Please join us for an Open House on June 12th from 2-4 pm with a short program at 3pm. Hors d'oeuvres and cupcakes will be served.

Thursday, May 26

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, fruit.

Birthdays: • Heather McDonald • Stephanie Vedvei • Beth Gustafson • Drake Peterson
10:00am: Girls Golf at Sisseton

Friday, May 27

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend veggies, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

State Track Meet at Madison

Birthdays: • Dean Kramer • Susan Knudsen • Shirley Meister

Saturday, May 28

State Track Meet in Sioux Falls

Birthdays: • Kim Zerr • Darliss Larson • Lora McMahon • Marty Sippel • Jim Stearns • Joyce Grenz • Steven Jones • Braeden Fliehs

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

Sunday, May 29

Birthdays: Clare Brotherton • DeLoris Knoll • Howard Gengerke • Jerry Ray Johnson • Jeff Ringgenberg • Michelle Osterman

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

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

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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Groton Pool Summer 2016

★ **Pool opens for the season: May 30** ★

Season Passes: Family Pass (must be immediate family only - max 10) = \$100.00 (Immediate Family = Mother, Father, Biological Children, Adopted Children, and Step Children living in one household)

Special Vacation Family Pass (up to 5 persons for 1 week) = \$30.00

Senior Pass (62 & Over) = \$30.00

Adult Pass (18-61yrs) = \$60.00

Youth Pass (6-17 yrs) = \$40.00

Youth Pass (0-5yrs) = \$20.00

Lap Swim Pass - \$4.00 per session or \$30.00 per summer

Aerobics Pass - \$4.00 per session or \$30.00 per summer

Lap AND Aerobic Pass - \$50.00 per summer

*Any child under 6yrs must have an adult (at least 18yrs of age) with them when they are in attendance. See Managers for more information.

***ALL PATRONS HAVE TO PAY TO GO INSIDE THE POOL AREA. THIS IS NO DIFFERENT THAN GOING TO ANY OTHER FACILITY OR EVENT TO WATCH THE ACTIVITY/EVENT.**

Daily Admission Per Session: Seniors (62 and Over) = \$3.00 Adults (18-61) = \$5.00

Youth (6-17 yrs) = \$3.00 Youth (0-5yrs) = \$1.00

HOURS

Open Swim Daily: 1:00 - 4:50pm & 6:40 - 8:50pm

Family Swim is every Saturday and Sunday from 5:45 - 6:30 (each child must have a family member/parent with them who is 18 yrs or older - This is a great family time!

FUN Night is every Friday from 6:40-8:50pm - ALL pool toys are allowed at this time!

Adult Water Aerobics: Monday thru Thursday - 8:00am - 8:45am AND 5:45pm - 6:30pm

Adult Lap Swim: Monday thru Thursday - 7am - 8am & 5pm - 5:45pm - Friday 7am-8am & 5pm-6:30pm Saturday and Sunday - 5pm - 5:45pm

*Hours are subject to change

Pool Rental for Private Parties: - \$150.00 - 2 hours which includes 2 lifeguards

Swimming Lessons: \$20.00 per two-week session - due on first day or prior to first day of lessons, payable at the pool

Mon - Thurs with Friday being a rain/make-up day

Session 1- June 6 - 16

Session 2 - June 20 - June 30

Session 3 - July 11 - July 21

Private Lessons - \$10.00 per 30 minutes with a minimum of 5 lessons and a maximum of 10 consecutive lessons during non-open swim times.

*All parents must provide an accurate phone number to call in case of inclement weather for possible cancellations



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Friendly Fellows/Daisies 4-H News

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H club met on April 3, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Claremont. The meeting was called to order by vice president Trey Wright. The American pledge was lead by Andrew Marzahn and the 4-H pledge by Mallory Miller. Roll call was answered by fourteen people which was "Name your favorite food". The Treasurer's and Secretaries reports were approved as given. Old Business was the summary of the 4-H club fundraisers was given. For New Business Leader Mike Frey discussed the Newshound. The meeting was adjourned by Braden Boe and 2nd by Ethan Clark. There were two demonstrations by Ethan Clark on his Baritone and Emily Clark talked about how to make a twine wrap jar. Also Pastor Lloyd and Rochelle Redhage gave a demonstration on spinning wool. Lunch was served by Kaitlin and Kennedy Anderson.

Submitted by Colin Frey, Club Reporter



Zonta Club Officers

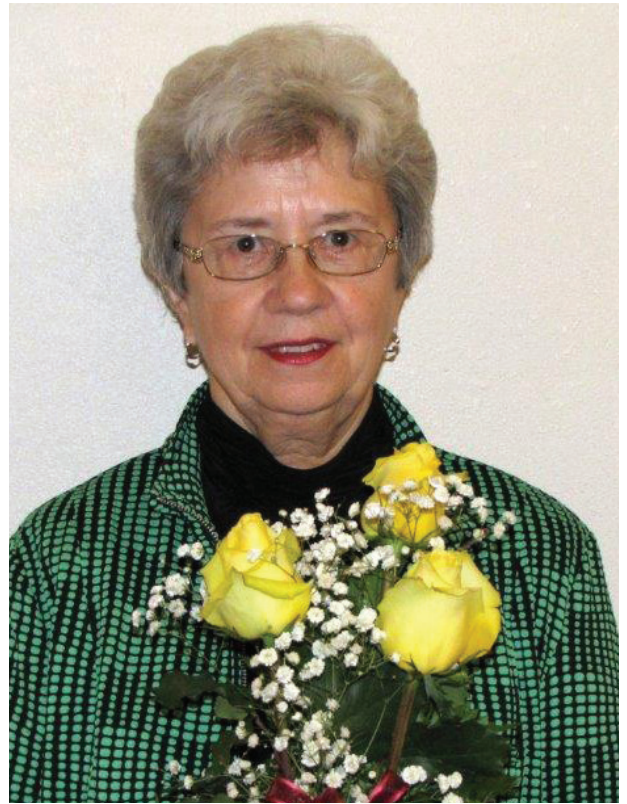
Officers for the Aberdeen Zonta Club were installed at the May 24th meeting.

In the back row are the members of the board of directors: Gloria Smith, Marilyn Kohles, and Kathy Knudsen. Absent is Lavonne Miller, a new member on the board of directors. In the front row are Colleen Callum, vice president; Joyce Beckler, president; and Dorene Nelson, secretary. Absent is the new treasurer Laura Mount.

Nelson named Zontian of the Year

Dorene Nelson was named the Aberdeen Zontian of the Year at the club's May meeting. This award is voted on by the club members. The selection process begins in March when the club members nominate their choices for the award.

In April the top nominees go through another voting process. The Zontian of the Year is then revealed at the May meeting when the new officers and members of the board of directors are installed. Dorene, who just completed her term as club president, is also the club's historian and handles the club's publicity. Dorene is very active in helping to plan the club's annual Rose Luncheon as well as all of the club's other events and activities.



Dental van coming to Aberdeen July 11-22, 2016

Dental care is available to children ages 0 to 21 when the CASSP (Children and Adolescent Service System Program) Dental Van comes to Aberdeen July 11-22, 2016.

Appointments can be made now by calling Vicki Holley, program coordinator, at (605) 622-5722. Dental care includes evaluation and treatment, which will be scheduled and done while the van is in Aberdeen.

The CASSP Dental Van will be located at Avera Dakota Medical Square 815 1st Ave, SE (east of the Family Y). No child is turned away for inability to pay.

Children can qualify if:

- They do not have a dental home
- They have not seen a dentist for two years or more in the Aberdeen area

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Fort Sisseton Annual Historical Festival Approaching

PIERRE, S.D. – On June 3-5, Fort Sisseton will host its historical festival. The annual event expects a large turnout; previous years have brought in more than 15,000 visitors.

The festival charges a \$5 admission fee or \$25 per night to camp onsite for the event. The historical festival allows visitors to relive history in a re-enactment of frontier life.

The three day event stages scenes of early settlement when muzzleloaders, riflemen and more participate in a rendezvous gathering. The rendezvous is complete with fur traders and both military and teepee encampment sites. Rendezvous traders and campers will compete in Tomahawk throws and black powder shoots.

The event features food and craft vendors throughout the weekend. The historical festival offers activities to showcase frontier life such as fiddle music, period oriented dance instruction classes, arts and craft shows and a costume ball.

Please note that the melodrama originally scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Saturday has been cancelled, and the 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Gatling gun demonstration has been replaced with a cannon demonstration.

For the full schedule and other information, visit:

<http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/fort-sisseton/festival-events/historical-festival.aspx>

For camping reservations: campsd.com or 1.800.710.2267.

LATI President's List

WATERTOWN, SD... Michael Cartney, Lake Area Technical Institute President, announces the current President's List. The President's List is a list of outstanding students who, through their initiative and ability, have indicated a seriousness of purpose in their educational program. The President's List is limited to full-time students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0. Students with a 4.0 have been noted by an *.

The entire President's List is available at <http://www.lakeareatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Presidents-List-Spring-2016.pdf>. Local and area students so honored include:

Name	Honor	Hometown
Samantha Jondahl	H	Groton SD
Spencer Knecht	H	Groton SD
Parker Kroll	H	Groton SD
*Braden Miller	D	Houghton SD
Tyler Wagner	H	Groton SD

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Today in Weather History

1926 - A hurricane came inland near Daytona Beach, FL. The hurricane caused 2.5 million dollars damage in eastern Florida, including the Jacksonville area. (David Ludlum)

1939 - The temperature at Lewiston, ID, hit 117 degrees to establish an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1943 - On a whim, and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. It started regular Air Force flights into hurricanes. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Minnesota spawned a tornado which moved in a southwesterly direction for a distance of thirty miles across Rice County and Goodhue County. Trees were uprooted and tossed about like toys, and a horse lifted by the tornado was observed sailing horizontally through the air. Thunderstorms drenched La Crosse, WI, with 5.26 inches of rain, their second highest 24 hour total of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Hot weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Williston, ND, reported a record high of 108 degrees. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the eastern U.S., and in southeastern Texas. Richland County, SC, was soaked with up to 5.5 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Yuma, AZ, experienced their most severe thunderstorm of record. Strong thunderstorm winds, with unofficial gusts as high as 95 mph, reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Yuma got nearly as much rain in one hour as is normally received in an entire year. The storm total of 2.55 inches of rain was a record 24 hour total for July. Property damage due to flash flooding and high winds was in the millions. (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Wisconsin and northern Illinois to New England, with 103 reports of large hail and damaging winds through the day. Thunderstorms in Wisconsin produced hail three inches in diameter near Oshkosh, and wind gusts to 65 mph at Germantown. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Sunny	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny
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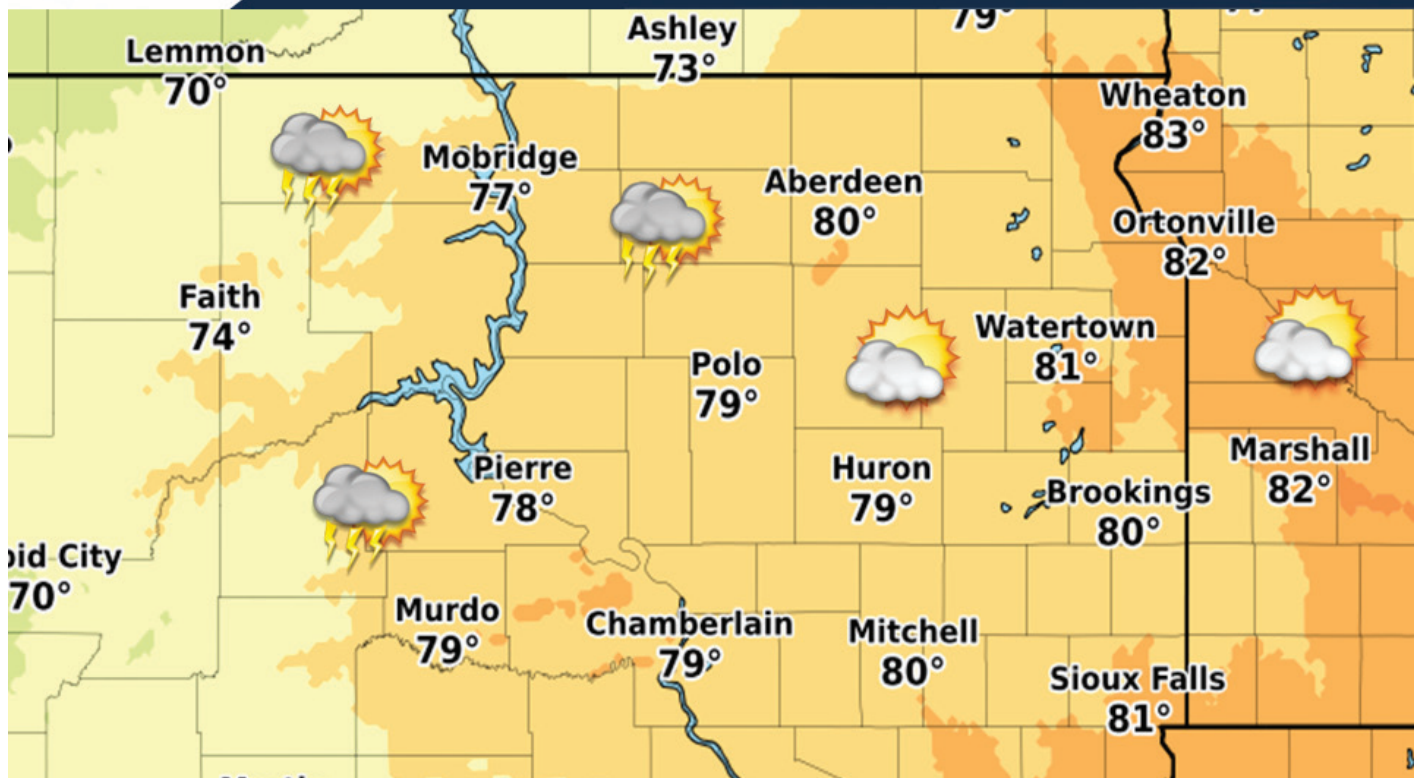
weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Upper level low pressure over Montana this morning will drift east into North Dakota later today and bring widely scattered showers and thunderstorms to the western and central Dakotas this afternoon. This activity will try to push eastward towards the James River valley by evening. The severe weather threat for today is very low, as most of the instability is well south of the region - more into the Central Plains.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 77.8 at 6:15 PM

Low: 57.0 at 11:59 PM

High Gust: 36 at 7:46 PM

Precip: 0.36

Today's Info

Record High: 94° in 1900

Record Low: 30 in 1992

Average High: 71°F

Average Low: 48°F

Average Precip in May: 2.62

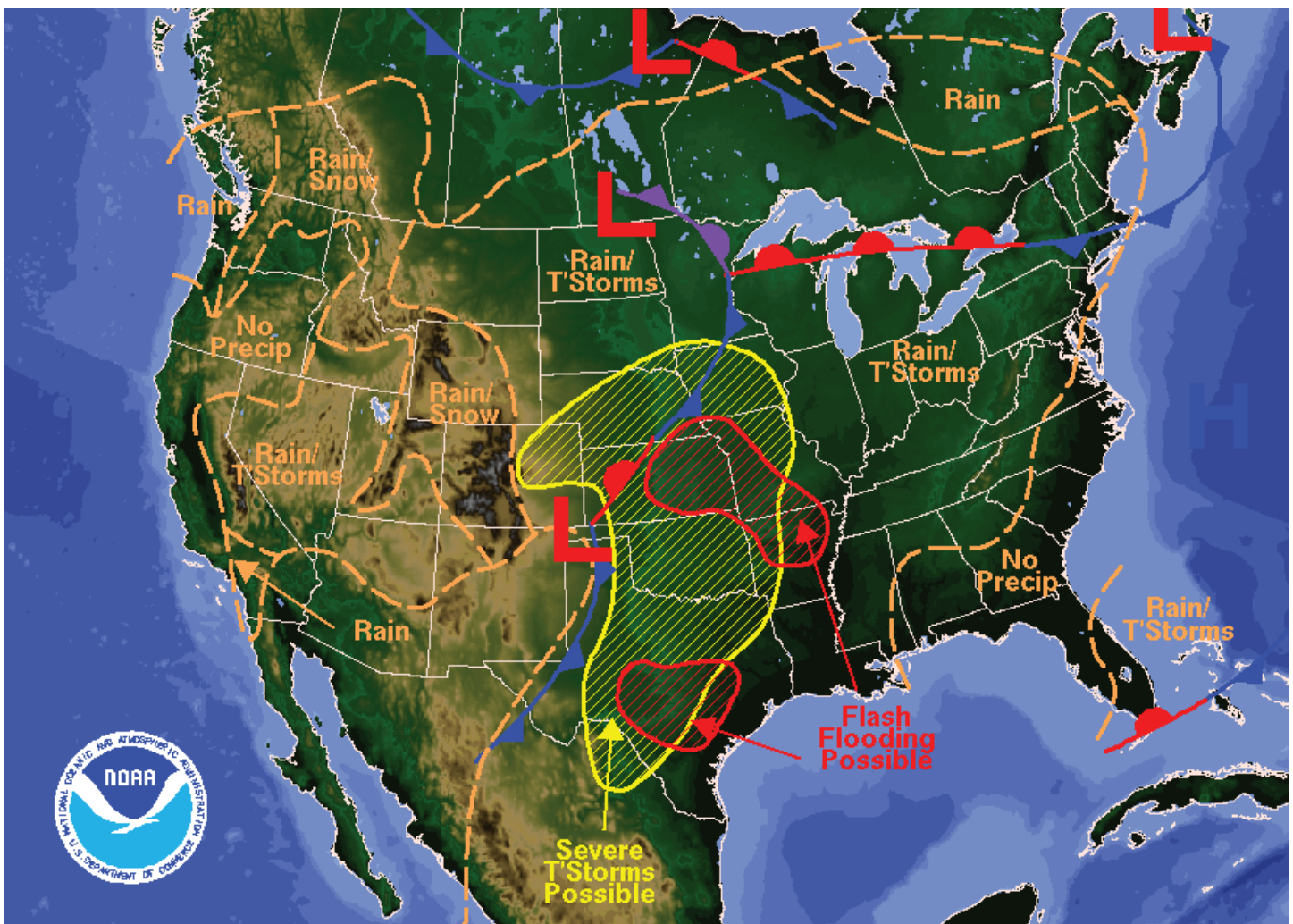
Precip to date in May: 0.75

Average Precip to date: 6.65

Precip Year to Date: 4.04

Sunset Tonight: 9:09 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:51 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, May 26, 2016, issued 4:43 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THANKS FOR WHAT?

It was a devastating shipwreck. Only one man survived by clinging to a piece of the ship that floated to the shore of a desolate island. In order to survive, he built a hut with the leaves of palm trees and wood he was able to find.

One morning he went out searching for food when he saw clouds of smoke arising from the location of his hut. Hurriedly he ran to his dwelling only to find that it had been consumed by fire.

That night he slept little. When he awakened the following morning, he was amazed to find a ship anchored off shore. As he stood looking in disbelief, he noticed that the ship was lowering a small life boat. As it came to shore one of the sailors said, "We saw your smoke signal and wondered if everything was OK." After he told them what happened, they took him back to the ship and eventually he returned to his family.

Scripture tells us to "Always be joyful. Never stop praying." Situations may change but our God does not. While it is normal and natural for our emotions to change when our circumstances change, we must always turn to the Lord, believing that He will rescue us from the difficulties and dangers of life.

Prayer: We know, Lord, that You will never leave us or forsake us no matter how desperate we may be. Give us the faith to trust You completely. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

News from the Associated Press

Fort Thompson man pleads not guilty to fed officer assault

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Fort Thompson man has pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court to assaulting a federal officer.

Thirty-two-year-old Stuart Dion is accused of assaulting a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer on April 16. He was indicted May 17 and pleaded not guilty two days later.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Dion faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted. A trial date was not immediately set.

Free meals available to youth in South Dakota this summer

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Organizations across South Dakota will serve free meals to children and adolescents this summer as part of a federal program.

Individuals age 18 and younger can get a free meal at participating locations, including nonprofits, schools, libraries and local government offices.

The Summer Food Service Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered in South Dakota by the state Department of Education.

Individuals can find facilities serving meals by using the online tool available at www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks. The state Education Department says people should periodically check for feeding sites as more will be added regularly to the Summer Meal Site Finder.

Information is also available by texting "food" to 877-877.

Hillary Clinton opening campaign office in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Former Texas state Sen. Wendy Davis is campaigning for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton at the opening of her first South Dakota office.

The office is set to open Thursday in Sioux Falls. Davis is scheduled to discuss Clinton's candidacy and urge voters to support her in South Dakota's June 7 primary.

Davis is known for a more than 12-hour filibuster to temporarily stall new abortion restrictions in Texas.

Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders formally opened a field office in Sioux Falls last week.

Sanders is competing with Clinton for the Democratic nomination. Whoever gets it likely will run against presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump in the general election.

New Northern State president to be announced Thursday

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents plans to meet in Aberdeen Thursday to appoint a new president of Northern State University.

The school named three finalists last week.

They are Jacksonville University College of Business Dean Don Capener, Niagara University Provost Timothy Downs and University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Chancellor Joe Gow. They've been on campus this week for meetings with regents and others.

Whoever gets the job will succeed James Smith, who is leaving after seven years to become president of Eastern Michigan University.

The announcement is planned for 3:30 p.m. CDT in the Centennial Rooms of the NSU Student Center.

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Man pleads not guilty to shooting tribal officer

ROSEBUD, S.D. (AP) — A man indicted on charges of shooting and wounding a tribal officer on the Rosebud Indian Reservation pleaded not guilty on Wednesday.

Linn Cross Dog III faces nine felony counts stemming from two incidents, including the May 11 shooting of Officer Patrick Iyotte. Cross Dog was arrested May 13, the same day a reward in the case was increased to \$10,000.

Prosecutors say Iyotte pulled over a van in which Cross Dog was riding as part of a routine traffic stop. They say Cross Dog took control of the vehicle at gunpoint and drove away, and after a short pursuit he exited the vehicle and shot the officer.

Cross Dog was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service pending trial.

Pheasant hunters spend in South Dakota spend \$170M in 2015

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department says pheasant hunters spent more than \$170 million dollars in the state last year.

Nearly 85,000 nonresident hunters spent \$140.3 million. The state's 65,000 or so resident hunters spent about \$29.8 million.

GF&P Secretary Kelly Hepler says pheasant hunting continues to be an economic driver for businesses across the state.

Spending levels peaked in Tripp, Brule, Brown, Lyman, Spink and Beadle counties. Hepler says it's no accident that the places where the most money is spent are places with large tracts of quality habitat.

County-specific spending estimates are generated by applying per-hunter spending estimates to the number and distribution of pheasant hunters from 2015 GF&P upland game harvest surveys.

6 road-trip apps to make the miles fly by

ANICK JESDANUN, AP Technology Writer

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — Hitting the road this summer? Forget Yelp and those hotel booking apps — they're useful, but boring. Instead, pack along these apps to liven things up along the way. You might even learn something.

DISCOVER THE QUIRKY

Consult Roadside America's database of offbeat tourist attractions, and you could marvel at a giant map of Chicago painted on a skyscraper or visit the post office that straddles Texarkana, Arkansas, and Texarkana, Texas.

The iPhone app costs \$3 and lets you unlock one geographic "region" out of seven across the U.S. and Canada. Pay \$2 apiece for more, or an additional \$6 for all of them — a better deal if you travel a lot.

A companion iPhone app, Roadside Presidents, focuses on birthplaces, graves and other sites related to the nation's commanders-in-chief. There's Mount Rushmore, of course, but the \$3 app can also lead you to the New York site where George Washington took the presidential oath or an eatery Barack Obama visited in Boulder, Colorado.

LEARN SOMETHING

As you make your way across the U.S., History Here, produced by the History Channel, will alert you about nearby places where interesting things happened.

That can be serious, such as the Rodney King trial in Simi Valley, California, which led to rioting in Los Angeles after the acquittal of four white police officers charged with beating a black motorist. For

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something lighter, how about the New York apartment where baseball legend Mickey Mantle lived?

The free app sends location-based notifications to iPhones and Apple Watch. There's an app for Android, but you must open it to see what's nearby.

ARE THEY HERE YET? ARE THEY HERE YET?

Folks you're visiting can track you with Glympse for iPhones, Android and Windows phones. The free app sends your friend or relative a Web link to track your whereabouts. That person doesn't need the app. By default, your location is shared for a half hour, but you can make that longer or shorter.

The iPhone's Find My Friends feature does something similar, but sharing is continuous. Glympse lets you choose with whom and when to share, and for how long.

THE SLOWER WAY THERE

The best route isn't always the quickest, something mapping apps don't understand. For scenic drives, visit <http://myscenicdrives.com> . There's no app, so you can use this free service on Windows and BlackBerry phones as well as more common iPhones and Androids.

Enter your city or ZIP code to see what's nearby, or just search by state for gems such as California's Big Sur coast and Kansas' Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway .

DISTRACTING THE KIDS

Search the app store, and you'll find lots of apps devoted to classic road-trip games, such as who can find the most out-of-state license plates. The \$2 Family Car Games app for iPhones gives you more than a hundred options searchable by difficulty level and categories, such as singing.

Most of the games aren't directly related to travel, but will help pass the time until your next rest stop. The travel-related ones include spotting those license plates and trying to find words on billboards starting with each letter of the alphabet.

The nice thing is these games aren't meant to be played on your phone. Once you look up a game, you can put the phone away and just hang with your travel companions.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE WE?

The GeoGuesser app isn't so helpful while traveling, but it's great for seeing what you've observed and discovered along the way. It shows you a Google Street View image of some location in the world. You then navigate for clues from road signs or vegetation, then guess where you are. Play alone or challenge friends.

The iPhone app is free, but make sure you don't spell it "GeoGuesser," or you'll get a similar game that costs \$2. You can pay to focus the game on specific countries or cities. To avoid paying or to use other phones, visit <http://geoguessr.com> .

Warning: GeoGuesser is addictive, especially on a lazy Sunday afternoon at the bar.

Public can vote on national park site preservation funds

The Associated Press

Twenty historic sites in national parks are vying for \$2 million in preservation grants, and the public is invited to vote for their favorite places.

The sites are listed at <http://VoteYourPark.org> . You can vote once a day for up to five parks of your choice through July 5.

Grant requests range from \$97,000 to restore a historic lodge at Yosemite National Park to \$250,000

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for stabilizing the mooring quays at Pearl Harbor.

Park sites with the most votes will get their requests fully funded. The top seven vote-getters are guaranteed full funding. Other sites will share the balance of the \$2 million depending on how many votes they get. Every one of the 20 contenders will also get a \$10,000 participation grant.

Voters can also enter a sweepstakes for a chance to win a trip to Yellowstone National Park.

The program, called the Partners in Preservation Campaign, is funded by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, with National Geographic hosting the VoteYourPark website and promoting the effort on social media. Voters are encouraged to celebrate their favorite sites using #VoteYourPark and @savingplaces on Instagram and Twitter.

The sites and their preservation funding requests for various projects are:

- Clingmans Dome Observation Tower, on the North Carolina-Tennessee line in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, \$250,000
- Parsons Memorial Lodge, Yosemite National Park, California, \$97,000
- Longmire Historic District Search and Rescue House, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington, \$218,000
- Desert View Watchtower, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, \$250,000
- San Felipe Del Morro Garitas, San Juan National Historic Site, Puerto Rico, \$250,000
- Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, Atlanta, \$227,000
- North and South Overlooks, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, St. Louis, \$250,000
- Mission Concepcion Convento and Father President's Office, San Antonio Missions National Historic Park, Texas, \$236,000
- Hargrove Barn and Parker's Revenge Battlefield, Minute Man National Historical Park, Massachusetts, \$250,000
- Pullman Administration Building, Pullman National Monument, Chicago, \$250,000
- Superintendent's Office, Denali National Park, Alaska, \$220,000
- Borglum View Terrace, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota, \$250,000
- Flamingo Visitor Center, Everglades National Park, Florida, \$250,000
- Columbus Fountain, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Washington, D.C., \$249,000
- Fort Jay Trophee d'Armes, Governors Island National Monument, New York City, \$245,000
- Keys Ranch, Joshua Tree National Park, California, \$248,000
- Brink of Upper Falls Overlook, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, \$250,000
- Battleship Row Mooring Quay, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Hawaii, \$250,000
- Alcatraz Guardhouse and Sally Port, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco, \$250,000
- Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel and Highway, Zion National Park, Utah, \$191,000

Madison man accused of killing fiancée pleads not guilty

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — A Madison man accused of killing his fiancée has pleaded not guilty to murder. Forty-six-year-old Joseph Schmitz is accused of fatally shooting 46-year-old Corina Booth the night of April 27 at a home at Lake Madison.

The Daily Leader and KJAM radio report that he appeared in court on Tuesday and entered his plea. Judge Patrick Pardy also refused a defense request to reduce Schmitz's \$1 million bond.

An arrest affidavit shows Schmitz told dispatchers he acted in self-defense when Booth tried to stab him with a knife. The document also states Booth was found with three gunshot wounds in her chest and two in her back.

A trial date was not immediately set.

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3 of 4 suspects plead guilty in beating of highway patrolman

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Three Washington state residents accused in the beating of a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper have pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against a fourth suspect.

Desiree Sukert, 26, and sibling Chase Sukert, 24, both of Renton, Washington, and Jonathan Melen-dez, 22, of Kent, Washington, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a drug charge and to being accessories in the Oct. 24, 2015, assault of Trooper Zachary Bader during an Interstate 90 traffic stop east of Rapid City. They each face up to 20 years in prison and \$40,000 in fines.

Pennington County prosecutors agreed to drop illegal use of a firearm and other drug charges in a deal that calls for the three suspects to testify against co-defendant Donald Willingham, 34, also of Renton. He faces the most serious charges in the case including attempted murder. He has pleaded not guilty and remains jailed on \$5 million bond.

In April, a judge granted a request by Willingham's defense for a separate trial. His attorneys maintained that the three co-defendants made incriminating statements about Willingham. Defense lawyers also want to cross-examine the co-defendants at trial, but that wouldn't be possible in a joint trial.

Authorities say the traffic stop led to the recovery of more than 50 pounds of marijuana, \$33,000 in cash and a handgun. Bader spent two weeks at a Rapid City hospital being treated for injuries that included skull and facial fractures.

Japan urges G-7 to avert another economic crisis

ELAINE KURTENBACH, Associated Press

MARI YAMAGUCHI, Associated Press

ISE, Japan (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is urging fellow leaders of the Group of Seven advanced economies to avert another global crisis by acting to rescue the faltering global recovery.

Abe and his counterparts got down to business Thursday after strolling through the grounds of Ise (Ee-say) Shrine, a tranquil, densely forested landmark that is considered the holiest site in Japan's indigenous Shinto religion, and then joining a group of children in a tree planting ceremony.

After the first few sessions of summit meetings, U.S. President Barack Obama backed Abe's call.

"We've all got a lot of work to do and we agreed to continue to focus on making sure that each country, based on its particular needs and capacities, is taking steps to accelerate growth," Obama said.

He said it was crucial not just to put people back to work but also raise wages and maintain the momentum of the recovery.

During the talks, Abe compared the current global economic situation to conditions just before the 2008 financial crisis.

A G-7 summit held in northern Japan paid little attention to the trouble that was brewing, Abe said.

Reporters were shown charts Abe had on hand to illustrate the severity of the recent slump in commodity prices and the economic slowdown in China.

"We learned a lesson that we failed to respond properly because we did not have a firm recognition of the risks," Abe told reporters. "This time, we had a thorough discussion and recognized the major risks facing the global economy."

The G-7 gathering dovetails in many ways with Abe's long-term diplomatic, political and economic agenda. A dramatic statement about global economic risks and a strong show of support for public spending to help spur growth could help Abe justify extra stimulus and possibly provide political cover for postponing an unpopular but badly needed increase in Japan's sales tax next April.

The leaders were expected to turn their attention to trade, politics and diplomacy, and to climate

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change and energy during talks later Thursday.

The annual summit brings together the leaders of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States. It is taking place amid extraordinarily tight security around the remote summit venue, with uniformed police standing guard at close intervals on both sides of roads and randomly in forests, rice fields, soccer fields and other locations.

Protesters were kept far away. A group of several dozen gathered in a nearby city where they were far outnumbered by police and journalists.

Many of the issues to be discussed during the two days of talks are linked to other Abe policy priorities. They include maritime security, code for concerns over China's expanding presence in disputed areas of the South China Sea; initiatives on global health, including funding for fighting terrorism and pandemics; and a focus on women's empowerment, which Abe has promoted as "womenomics."

Japanese officials have also highlighted joint efforts on corruption, terrorism, global health and migration — which has become a huge headache especially for European nations — as other top priorities.

"Those who criticize us should rather think how to increase their assistance because what Europe provides is already massive," said Donald Tusk, president of the European Council, calling for G-7 support and leadership. "And honestly speaking, if they (the G-7) don't take the lead in managing this crisis, nobody else will. I will appeal to G-7 leaders to take up this challenge."

Tusk said the EU is seeking more support for refugees and creation of resettlement schemes and other forms of legal migration around the world.

A possible exit from the European Union by Britain, depending on a June 23 vote, is also hanging over the talks.

Obama arrived in Japan on Wednesday and had an evening meeting with Abe. After the summit ends on Friday, he plans to visit the peace park in Hiroshima, becoming the first sitting U.S. president to visit the city on which the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb in 1945 in the closing days of World War II.

Obama: World leaders rightfully 'rattled' by Trump

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SHIMA, Japan (AP) — President Barack Obama asserted Thursday that foreign leaders are "rattled" by Donald Trump and have good reason to feel that way, as he accused the presumptive Republican presidential nominee of ignorance about world affairs.

Weighing in on the Democratic race to replace him, Obama also downplayed concerns that the protracted fight between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders is hurting his party's chances, brushing off their escalating attacks as the inevitable "grumpiness" of a primary campaign.

Obama's assessment of the presidential campaign came on the sidelines of a Group of Seven advanced economies summit in Japan, the latest world gathering to be colored by global concerns about Trump. Obama said foreign leaders at the conference are "surprised by the Republican nominee" and unsure how seriously to take his pronouncements.

"They are rattled by it — and for good reason," Obama said. "Because a lot of the proposals he has made display either ignorance of world affairs, or a cavalier attitude, or an interest in getting tweets and headlines."

He contrasted that to proposals that thoughtfully address what's required to keep the U.S. safe and prosperous and "to keep the world on an even keel."

In a news conference, Obama brushed off calls for Sanders and Clinton to move hurriedly to resolve the primary so that Democrats can unite behind one candidate, arguing that unlike the Republicans, this year's Democratic candidates aren't that ideologically divided. He likened the hard-fought cam-

paign between Clinton and Sanders to the one he waged with Clinton in 2008.

"During primaries, people get a little grumpy with each other. Somebody's supporter pops off and there's a certain buildup of aggravation," Obama said. "Every little speed bump, conflict trash-talking that takes place is elevated."

He urged both Democratic candidates to "try to stick to the issues," adding that the grumpiness often stems from voters' frustration when the campaign instead becomes dominated by talk about "personalities and character."

WHO: Nearly 960 killed in attacks on hospitals in 2 years

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 960 people have been killed worldwide in attacks on medical facilities in conflicts over the past two years, the World Health Organization said in a report Thursday that highlighted an alarming disrespect for the protection of health care in war by both governments and armed groups.

The study by the U.N. health agency detailed 594 attacks on hospitals and clinics in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere in 2014 and 2015 that killed 959 medics, support staff, patients and visitors and left over 1,500 injured.

Most disturbingly, the report says over 60 percent of the attacks deliberately targeted the medical facilities, while 20 percent were accidental and the rest were undetermined. Over 50 percent of the attacks were perpetrated by governments, one-third by armed groups and the rest were unknown.

War-racked Syria tallied the largest number of attacks on health care — 228 in the two-year span — accounting for nearly 40 percent of the agency's global tally.

"This is a huge problem. Attacks on health workers are not isolated, they are not accidental and they are not stopping," said Dr. Bruce Aylward, the head of emergency response at WHO.

He told reporters in Geneva that often governments or combatants pay lip service to trying to end attacks on health facilities, with no follow-through.

"We hear everywhere, 'this is unacceptable, attacks on health workers.' When things are unacceptable, you see a movement on the part of states, on the part of governments, on the part of parties involved to stop these, to hold people accountable. We have not seen that the way we need it if this is to be addressed," he said.

Dr. Rick Brennan, director of WHO's emergency risk management, agreed that those attacking medical facilities must be named and held accountable.

"We want to hold all parties to conflict — whether they be governments or non-state armed groups — to account ... Why do they continue? It's a lack of respect, or ignorance, or dismissal of international humanitarian law," he said.

Brennan says WHO is also trying to better document the after-effects from attacks on access to health care. Following attacks on vaccinators in Pakistan, he said "kids' can't get vaccinated, pregnant women can't deliver at health care facilities, (mothers) can't take their kids to a health facility for basic antibiotics or rehydration when the kids get sick."

Targeting hospitals, doctors and patients constitutes a war crime, according to the Geneva Conventions. The U.N. Security Council has denounced the attacks and demanded that all parties in conflicts protect medical facilities, but some of the Council's most powerful members have been associated with these crimes.

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U.S. forces struck a clinic in Afghanistan last year, killing 42 people, in what the Pentagon said was a mistake caused by human error. Medical facilities have also been hit by the U.S.-backed Saudi-led coalition in Yemen. Syrian President Bashar Assad and the Russian forces that back him have been accused of deliberately striking hospitals to make life in opposition-held areas unlivable.

"It's an absolutely devastating breakdown of this long-held norm — protection and respect of health care," said Susannah Sirkin, a director at the New York-based Physician for Human Rights.

Nuclear-free aspirations of Obama, Abe conflict with reality

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TOBA, Japan (AP) — There is the soaring rhetoric. And then there's the messy reality.

When U.S. President Barack Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe make a historic visit to Hiroshima on Friday — the first time a sitting U.S. president has visited the site of the first atomic bomb attack — their words advocating nuclear disarmament will clash with real-world security necessities.

Far from backing up the vision of a world without nuclear bombs that Obama laid out in a 2009 speech that helped secure a Nobel Peace Prize, his near-finished presidency has seen a multibillion-dollar modernization of the U.S. nuclear force.

Japan's long postwar commitment to disarmament, meanwhile, is only possible because of its reliance on the so-called American "nuclear umbrella" that protects it from antagonistic North Korea and China. Tokyo, should it choose, could probably easily convert its advanced civilian nuclear program into a weapons program, and some conservatives in Abe's ruling party have argued that the country's pacifist constitution technically allows nuclear weapons.

In advance of flying to Hiroshima, Obama said Thursday that the dropping of the atomic bomb was an inflection point in modern history and something everybody must deal with.

"I do think that part of the reason I'm going is because I want to once again underscore the very real risks that are out there, and the sense of urgency that we all should have," Obama told reporters in Shima, Japan, after meeting with leaders of major advanced economies. "It's not only a reminder of the terrible toll of World War II and the death of innocents across continents, but it's also to remind ourselves that the job's not done."

Despite his own mixed record on nukes, Obama likely sees his Hiroshima visit as a worthwhile expenditure of political capital in order to shore up a global nonproliferation effort that seems at times to be crumbling.

Before the most recent of a series of nuclear security summits meant to reduce and protect nuclear material, Obama wrote in March that eliminating all nuclear weapons may not happen in his lifetime. "But we have begun. As the only nation ever to use nuclear weapons, the United States has a moral obligation to continue to lead the way in eliminating them. Still, no one nation can realize this vision alone. It must be the work of the world."

Obama's vision of a world without nuclear weapons was challenged almost immediately.

His April 2009 speech in Prague happened within hours of North Korea's launch of a long-range rocket that outsiders, including the United Nations, called a cover for a test of banned missile technology. Pyongyang is still barreling ahead in its push for nuclear-armed missiles that could reach the U.S. mainland.

Obama secured a deal meant to limit Iran's nuclear program, if it can be implemented amid mistrust on both sides. But Pakistan and India are still locked in a nuclear standoff. The United States and Russia, which have most of the world's nuclear weapons, often see their geopolitical jockeying for position interfere with disarmament efforts. And there are growing worries about the security of nuclear fuel

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sites around the world.

Obama's trip to Hiroshima also comes amid anxiety that North Korea's growing nuclear and missile capabilities could lead to the top U.S. allies in Asia, Japan and South Korea, starting their own nuclear weapons programs.

It is highly unlikely either country will go nuclear. It could cause huge political and economic damage — crippling sanctions, global condemnation — and jeopardize their alliances with the United States.

But a small group in South Korea, including some conservative members of the ruling party, and some in Japan see the North Korean danger as too grave to rely only on the protection of another country. They also question whether, despite rhetoric from U.S. officials about an "ironclad" alliance, Washington would really use nuclear weapons and risk the lives of thousands of American troops should a beligerent North Korea attack.

The Chosun Ilbo, South Korea's top newspaper by circulation, said in an editorial weeks after North Korea's nuclear test in January that discussions in Seoul on acquiring nuclear weapons were inevitable.

Judging by the level of American involvement in crises in Ukraine and Syria, for example, the newspaper said any U.S. help would come only after Seoul is turned into a "pile of ashes" by a North Korean nuclear attack.

This fear has been highlighted by Donald Trump, the presumptive presidential nominee for the Republican party in the United States. He has questioned the amount of money the U.S. military is forced to spend to protect its allies, and has suggested that Japan and South Korea should be allowed to develop their own nuclear weapons.

Japan prides itself on its pacifism and disarmament, but it is only through U.S. nuclear deterrence that the country can live alongside nuclear-armed North Korea, China and Russia, without going nuclear itself.

"Some say this is hypocritical," said Ralph Cossa, president of the Pacific Forum CSIS think tank, "but I think it is just common sense and good national security policy. The Japanese would certainly be happier if no one had nuclear weapons, but as long as several of its neighbors have them, they welcome being under America's nuclear umbrella."

Yukio Okamoto, a former Japanese diplomat, said Tokyo "is in the most difficult position" because it is a nuclear bomb victim, surrounded by potentially hostile nuclear-armed states and dependent for its survival on U.S. nuclear deterrence.

"We have to walk through a very narrow passage of trying our sincere efforts toward total elimination in the long term, but at the same time trying to preserve the alliance with the United States and not to tarnish the security relationship, especially the nuclear deterrence," Okamoto said.

Obama finds himself divided between his anti-nuclear vision and the realities of leading a global power.

Worries about Japan and South Korea producing nuclear weapons mean the United States must offer them nuclear protection, thereby "going against Obama's own call for global denuclearization," Charles Armstrong, an Asia expert at Columbia University, said. "At the same time, the U.S. is modernizing its own nuclear arsenal. Thus, U.S. actions and goals are not entirely consistent."

Obama's trip to Hiroshima will be filled with images of the horrors of nuclear war, and lofty statements about the need to eliminate those weapons. But some argue that for the visit to be successful, it must highlight Asia's real nuclear dangers.

Michael Auslin, an analyst with the American Enterprise Institute think tank in Washington, told The Japan Times: "Asia is concerned about how Washington will deal with a more assertive China and a nuclear North Korea, not with an unrealistic aspiration to rid the world of nuclear weapons."

Obama may not be able to escape criticism from all sides.

Many conservatives in the United States believe a Hiroshima visit will be a failure because it will be seen as an apology. Nonproliferation activists believe he has not gone far enough in efforts to "earn" his Nobel Prize.

"I did think Obama was serious about his nuclear-free world, but that was six or seven years ago. We are no closer today than we were when he took office to achieving that end," said Bruce Cumings, an Asia expert at the University of Chicago. "I'm sure he will bring up getting rid of nukes in his speech, but he's in a much weaker position today, because of the ongoing upgrading of American nuclear weapons."

Dierks Bentley goes dark on his new relationship record

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country star Dierks Bentley may be known for his boozy party songs like "Drunk On a Plane" or "5-1-5-0," but as a singer, he loves going dark.

He's even named his new album "Black."

"Sad country music is way better than happy country music," the Grammy-nominated Bentley said. "Happy country music is good for the live show. It's good for driving your car to work. The greatest country music is the sad stuff. That's where you learn stuff. That's how you get through stuff."

The 40-year-old singer named the album, out on Friday, after his wife Cassidy's maiden name, which he loved so much he tried to convince her to keep it.

"When we got married, I was like, 'You should just keep the name Cassidy Black, it's so cool,'" said Bentley, who often takes the stage in a plain black T-shirt. "I'll change my name to Dierks Black. I just like the color black."

The title track is one of Bentley's sexiest songs of his career, a sultry bedroom ballad that allowed him to frame the entire album around the story lines of love, loss and heartache. He explores the self-doubt that comes while watching someone slip out of a relationship on "Why Do I Feel" and cheating lovers meeting in secret on a duet with Maren Morris on "I'll Be the Moon."

But Bentley also has learned from previous albums that fans, and radio stations, still want the fun Dierks, too. His first single, the summery "Somewhere on a Beach," hit No. 1 on Billboard's Hot country chart, and his next single, "Different for Girls," features pop-rocker Elle King.

"I just hit it off with her right away," Bentley said of the "Ex's and Oh's" singer. "She's just really self-deprecating and funny, but a great singer."

More than a decade into his career, Bentley, who recently hosted the Academy of Country Music Awards with Luke Bryan, is adept at finding the balance on albums now. He is the country joker, the bluegrass picker, the love song singer and the stadium rocker all packaged together.

"If people want to go buy a single and go party to it, that's great," Bentley said. "I am trying to make a record for me as much as I am trying to make a record for my fans."

So he has no regrets about ending the album on a sad note, an acoustic guitar ballad called "Can't Be Replaced," in which he sings about his aging 15-year-old dog Jake, who has been with him since before he had a wife and kids and became a star.

"The very first song I ever put out to country radio, 'What Was I Thinking,' had a picture of Jake on the cover and had a big dobro solo in that song," Bentley said. "So it's kinda like the perfect bookend to the last eight records and really to his life."

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Thai man bloodied but unbowed after intimate attack by snake

BANGKOK (AP) — A Thai man is recovering from a bloody encounter with a 3-meter (10-foot) python that slithered through the plumbing of his home and latched its jaws onto his penis as he was using a squat toilet.

Attaporn Boonmakchuay was smiling as Thai television stations interviewed him in his hospital bed about the intimate intrusion, and doctors said he would recover. But photos of his blood-splattered bathroom in Chachoengsao province, east of Bangkok, were testimony to his ordeal.

The 38-year-old told Thai TV Channel 7 that he struggled to remove the snake for 30 minutes Wednesday before he managed to free himself with help from his wife and a neighbor. After his wife tied a rope around the snake, Attaporn pried open its jaws before passing out.

Emergency workers dismantled the Asian-style squat toilet, with the python still twined through it. The snake was taken away to be released back into the wild, according to an emergency responder cited by the newspaper Thai Rath.

Doctors said Attaporn, bloodied but unbowed, will recover.

"He has a really good attitude... even though his own wife and children were in shock. He's been smiling and giving interviews all day from his bed," hospital director Dr. Chutima Pincharoen said.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. NUCLEAR REALITIES HOVER OVER OBAMA'S TRIP TO HIROSHIMA

The visit, coinciding with the G-7 summit in Japan, comes amid concern over North Korea's growing nuclear and missile capabilities.

2. WHO'S LENDING UNLIKELY SUPPORT TO TRUMP

An increasingly vocal Hispanic minority is speaking out in favor of the billionaire businessman, even in the face of resentment and suspicion from friends and family.

3. DISCONNECT NAGS HILLARY CLINTON

The Democratic front-runner is telling voters not to trust Trump, but a new government report about her usage of a private server as secretary of state is complicating that message.

4. CRACKDOWN FOLLOWS AP REVELATIONS ABOUT SECURITY BREACHES AT US AIRPORTS

But authorities aren't targeting the intruders. Instead, they're blocking the release of information about the frequent breaches of perimeter gates and fences.

5. HINT OF RESOLUTION TO UNREST IN FRANCE

The prime minister opens the door to possible changes in a labor bill that has sparked intensifying strikes and protests.

6. GUNFIRE ERUPTS AT CONCERT IN NEW YORK CITY

The violence at the venue where hip-hop artist T.I. was getting ready to perform leaves one person dead and three wounded.

7. STATES SUE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION OVER TRANSGENDER DECREE

Texas and 10 other states are challenging the directive to U.S. public schools to let transgender students use the bathrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity.

8. WHICH SEAFARERS' TOOL IS GROWING IN POPULARITY

Nearly 40,000 people are making use of a mobile app that helps mariners avoid striking endangered

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The police force in the desert metropolis has built up a high-horsepower arsenal of luxury sports cars and SUVs over the years to complement its fleet of patrol cruisers.

10. JOHNNY DEPP'S WIFE FILES FOR DIVORCE

Amber Heard cites irreconcilable differences. The two have been married 15 months and have no children together.

Groups say GOP convention protest area could foster clashes

MARK GILLISPIE, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Organizers for two groups on opposite ends of the political spectrum are unhappy with a protest route designated for the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, arguing it restricts their free-speech rights and creates the possibility of clashes.

One group is a coalition of more than two dozen left-leaning organizations planning to protest social and economic inequality. The other is an amalgam of groups hoping to celebrate the nomination of Donald Trump as the GOP candidate for president on the last day of the convention. Organizers of both events expect to draw thousands of people from across the country.

The groups, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, say the city-designated route announced Wednesday is far from where they had hoped to hold rallies and marches, infringing on their right to free speech.

The use of a designated protest route is a "recipe for disaster" because it could put groups hostile to each other in close proximity, said Ralph King, the local organizer for a coalition of groups called Citizens for Trump. He said Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson and Police Chief Calvin Williams will be to blame if anyone is hurt during the convention.

A city spokesman declined to provide a response to King's comment.

The city's route starts on the western end of a long bridge crossing the Cuyahoga River valley into downtown Cleveland, passes at a distance by the convention site.

Williams said police will try to accommodate those wanting to protest outside the designated space surrounding the arena as the city did during anti-police protests in downtown Cleveland during the past 18 months.

"If we can direct traffic around them, we will do that," Williams said. "It will depend on the situation."

Larry Bresler of Organize! Ohio, the local group planning the inequality march, said the city's plan is unacceptable and "nebulous." He said he is conferring with the ACLU about what action can be taken.

"The restrictions in terms of where the routes will be are problematic," Bresler said.

Citizens for Trump had asked for a permit to use Voinovich Park, next to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. City officials said the park has been reserved by a Republican Party committee. King said his group might try to hold a rally there anyway and dare police to make them leave.

City officials said the route will be available to groups for two hours on July 18, the first official day of the four-day convention, and for four hours on each of the next three days. Marches must be completed within 50 minutes along a route approximately 1½ miles long.

Assistant City Law Director Rick Horvath said permits would be issued in the order applications are received. The two groups submitted theirs weeks ago. Other groups, both for and against Trump, also have applied for parade permits.

Report traces arc of Hillary Clinton server, agency failures

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight days before Hillary Clinton took office as secretary of state in January 2009, an aide to former President Bill Clinton quietly registered a new internet address for the couple. That trivial but deliberate online purchase is the earliest known hint of the private email system that now plagues the presumptive Democratic nominee's presidential campaign.

Buried in a footnote in a government watchdog's report released Wednesday, the reference to the registration of clintonemail.com was an early step toward building what became the private homebrew email system that has attracted an FBI investigation and raised questions about Clinton's judgment while serving as the nation's top diplomat.

The State Department inspector general's release of the 83-page report provides new insights into the server: Who knew about it, its vulnerabilities and the bureaucratic mismanagement that allowed the secret system to operate outside normal channels throughout Clinton's tenure.

The findings — more than a year in the making — also show how the use of private emails by Clinton and other top aides caused internal headaches for the few State Department officials who knew of its existence and for an agency that has long struggled to comply with federal cybersecurity and record-keeping requirements.

It would take six years after that simple domain registration in 2009 for Clinton to publicly acknowledge the existence of her private homebrew server, which The Associated Press first traced back to her home in Chappaqua, New York, in March 2015. Much of what is known about the system and why she used it remains clouded by the lack of documentary evidence and Clinton's own reluctance to discuss the sensitive topic.

Over time, through media accounts and now details in the inspector general's report, a clearer picture has emerged of Clinton's email system and its use: A basement computer, running Microsoft server software, directly connected to the internet to handle communications between Clinton and her aides. But it is still not clear how well her system was secured at the time, especially in light of new hacking attempts disclosed by the inspector general's report.

In the first months of Clinton's tenure, only her most trusted political-appointee aides used or were clued into the existence of her server, according to the report. Outside that privileged circle, other senior officials scattered across the department had "some awareness" of her use of private emails to communicate internally — often because her emails to them originated from a rotating cluster of private clintonemail.com addresses. Some State Department officials learned as early as March 2009 that Clinton was using a private server in the basement of her family's home.

Clinton declined to be interviewed for the inspector general report — despite Clinton saying as recently as this month that she was happy to "talk to anybody, anytime" about the matter and would encourage her staff to do the same. Three former senior aides, Huma Abedin, Cheryl Mills and Jake Sullivan, also declined. A fourth former top aide, Thomas Nides, did not reply to the inspector general's requests. Abedin and Sullivan are now Clinton campaign aides and Nides, currently vice chairman of the Morgan Stanley financial services firm, is a major Clinton fundraiser.

In late 2010, two State Department staff members raised concerns about Clinton's private email account in meetings with John A. Bentel, then director of the Office of Information Resources Management, the agency's computer services unit. Bentel, who is identified only by title in the report, also declined to be interviewed during the inspector general's review.

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In one meeting with Bentel, a staff member worried that messages sent or received using the private server could contain documents that needed to be preserved under federal regulations.

Bentel told the staff member that State Department legal staff had "reviewed and approved" the server— though the inspector general's review found no evidence such a review had ever occurred. In that meeting and another that Bentel had with a different staff member who raised concerns, Bentel directed the staff members to "never to speak of the secretary's personal email system again."

Clinton's campaign has long insisted her system was well-protected. The AP reported last year that the server's security configuration could have allowed users to control it remotely, a practice that computer security experts widely say is vulnerable to hackers. And in January 2011, according to the inspector general report, a Bill Clinton aide wrote to Abedin that he had to shut down the system because Clinton's server had been targeted by outsiders.

"Someone was trying to hack us," the aide told Abedin. Later the same day, it happened again. "We were attacked again so I shut (the server) down for a few min," he said. The next day, Abedin warned Mills and Sullivan not to send Clinton "anything sensitive" in their emails.

Clinton told another aide in May of that year that she was worried about a suspicious link she found in her email. And that August, Clinton's email account was targeted at least five times one morning by infected emails known as "phishing" that originated in Russia and were disguised as New York state speeding ticket notices.

But in a March 2015 memo to reporters, shortly after the existence of Clinton's homebrew server was made public, her office said there was "no evidence there was ever a breach" of her system.

When Clinton acknowledged the existence of her extensive use of private emails last year she said she had "opted for convenience to use my personal email account."

But when Abedin told Clinton in November 2010 that her emails to the entire State Department were not being received because the agency system rejected her messages as spam, Clinton waved off suggestions to deal with the matter.

Abedin said "we should talk about putting you on State email or releasing your email address to the department." But Clinton rejected either idea, bluntly saying outsiders' access to her emails was her main worry — a statement at odds with her earlier explanation.

"I don't want any risk of the personal being accessible," Clinton said.

Pro-Trump Hispanics face ridicule from friends and family

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JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Hispanic voters in Florida, New Mexico and California have waved Mexican flags and bashed Donald Trump piñatas — clashing with police, at times — to protest the Republican presidential contender's hard line approach to immigration.

Yet far from the protests, an increasingly vocal Hispanic minority is speaking out in favor of the brash billionaire. They are backing Trump even in the face of resentment and suspicion from friends and family, who are among the overwhelming majority of non-white voters opposed to the New York businessman's candidacy.

"I'm not ashamed to vote for Trump. I'd just rather not have the conversation with my family," said Natalie Lally, a 22-year-old college student from New York City whose large extended family has Colombian roots.

She says silence fell over her grandmother's living room when she admitted her support for Trump during a recent family gathering that included more than 30 relatives.

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"They just kind of seemed uneasy," she recalled. "And my uncle just said, 'Why?' "

In the border towns of Texas, the working-class neighborhoods of New York, and even inside Trump's overwhelmingly white rallies, the pro-Trump Hispanic minority is willing to risk public and private ridicule to defend the GOP's presumptive presidential nominee. So far, however, they're not getting much help from Trump's campaign, which has yet to launch an outreach effort to improve his standing with the growing voting bloc.

Approximately 23 percent of Hispanics said they'd vote for Trump in a May poll conducted by Fox News. Other recent polling places Trump far lower. The GOP's last presidential nominee, Mitt Romney, has cited his poor standing with Hispanic voters as one of his biggest regrets from the last election, when he earned 27 percent of the Hispanic vote.

Trump's team acknowledges the importance of the voting bloc, but says there has been little organized outreach so far.

"Any demographic that is growing at the rate of the Latino voters obviously will be of the utmost importance to a presidential campaign," Trump aide Ed Brookover said when asked about Hispanic outreach. "I know it's been talked about, but I think it's a touch early. I don't know of anything organized."

Trump's team expects to work closely with the Republican National Committee, however, which has had paid Hispanic outreach staff on the ground in nine states.

Trump supporters are eager to help.

Carlos Guerra, a 24-year-old son of Mexican immigrants who lives along the border in Laredo, Texas, says he wants to do more than wear Trump's "Make American Great Again" hat around town.

"Our town is sick of the violence from Mexico," he said, applauding Trump's plan to build a massive wall on the border. "People are dying every day."

Some of his family members also support Trump, but "they're not as loud about it," he said.

"I have talked to a lot of people and of course they criticize me," Guerra added. "They ask, 'Do you hate your race?' I feel discriminated against, honestly."

Trump's policies and tone on immigration have sparked passionate — and sometimes violent — reactions from minority voters.

His vow to complete a massive wall along the Mexican border is a pillar of his agenda. He has also promised to impose a temporary ban on Muslims entering the U.S., embraced plans to deport more than 11 million immigrants in the country illegally and described Mexican immigrants as rapists and criminals in his announcement speech.

He lashed out at protesters who clashed with police outside his Tuesday rally in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The protesters, including many Hispanics, waved Mexican flags while others hurled rocks at police.

"The protesters in New Mexico were thugs who were flying the Mexican flag," Trump wrote on Twitter. "The rally inside was big and beautiful, but outside, criminals!"

During a Wednesday appearance in Anaheim, he claimed "a great relationship with the Hispanics."

"The Mexican people are great. They're going to vote for me like crazy," he said.

Outside the Anaheim event, a small group of protesters pummeled and decapitated a Trump piñata as police arrested more protesters.

Heated protests have followed the Republican leader across the country, particularly in urban centers and states, like New Mexico and California, with large Hispanic populations.

Yet there are often a handful of Hispanic supporters inside his rallies. Before Trump took the stage in Albuquerque, Mary Jo Andrade, 37, a licensed mental health counselor, said her 17-year-old daughter is often teased in school for backing him.

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"She hears, 'Oh, you're not real Mexican. You're not true Mexican,'" Andrade said and added, "A lot of the time I tell her, 'Keep your silence because of that.'"

State Department email report complicates Clinton's message

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SALINAS, Calif. (AP) — Hillary Clinton is telling voters not to trust Donald Trump. But a new government report about her usage of a private email server as secretary of state is complicating that message.

The sharp rebuke from the State Department's inspector general, which found Clinton did not seek legal approval for her homebrew email server, guarantees that the issue will remain alive and well for the likely Democratic presidential nominee for a second summer.

The new report comes at a particularly challenging time for the Clinton campaign, as she faces a two-front war against presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump and primary rival Bernie Sanders.

Already, Clinton faces questions about her trustworthiness, with months of polling showing voters give her low marks for integrity.

It's a narrative that Trump has been eager to encourage. In the early weeks of his general election campaign he's dubbed Clinton "Crooked Hillary" — a moniker intended to underscore questions about integrity.

And he's focused on the scandals of her husband's administration, insinuating that questions still remain about those controversies.

"She had a little bad news today, as you know. Some reports came down, weren't so good," Trump told thousands of supporters packed into the Anaheim Convention Center. "Not so good. The inspector general's report - not good."

Sanders made no mention of the inspector general report during a rally in Cathedral City, near Palm Springs, choosing instead to point to polls that show him faring better against Trump than Clinton in hypothetical matchups.

"The inspector general's report speaks for itself. We have no additional comment," said campaign spokesman Michael Briggs.

Though he's declined to turn the email inquiries into a pivotal issue during the primaries, Sanders has spent months questioning Clinton's record on economics, foreign policy and even social issues including same-sex marriage.

While she's a mere 78 delegates from capturing her party's nomination, Clinton been unable to edge her primary rival out of the race — or win over his most passionate backers.

Protesters backing Sanders greeted Clinton at a rally in Salinas, Calif., on Wednesday with signs reading "Hillary 4 Jail." Former President Bill Clinton, campaigning separately in New Mexico, ended up in a 30-minute debate with a 24-year-old Bernie Sanders supporter, who asked a question about the president's record on welfare.

Clinton avoided questions about the report at her campaign events on Wednesday, ignoring reporters who tried to press her on the issue.

Her campaign cast the report as little more than a rehash of existing information about her email set-up, saying the finding showed that problems with record retention dated back years at the department.

They eagerly highlighted that other officials failed to follow department policy by using a personal account to conduct government business — specifically Republican Colin Powell, who used a personal email account, but left them in a government server at the end of his tenure.

"As this report makes clear, Hillary Clinton's use of personal email was not unique, and she took steps

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that went much further than others to appropriately preserve and release her records," spokesman Brian Fallon said in a statement.

But the new information released by the State Department does call into question some claims made by Clinton herself, most notably her argument that she appropriately preserved her correspondence and that she was happy to "talk to anybody, anytime" about the matter.

Clinton and her aides declined to be interviewed for the investigation by the State Department. She's said she made a mistake by setting up server in her New York home and that she never sent or received anything marked classified at the time.

Republicans seized upon those inconsistencies on Wednesday.

"This report underscores what we already know about Hillary Clinton: she simply cannot be trusted," said House Majority Leader Paul Ryan, in a statement.

What worries Democrats more is what may be coming. The FBI investigation into whether Clinton's use of a private server caused her to mishandle classified information is still ongoing. Officials recently interviewed Clinton's top aides, including former chief of staff Cheryl Mills and deputy chief of staff Huma Abedin.

Clinton aides say she has not yet been interviewed by the agency, though she's repeatedly promised to cooperate with the investigation.

A federal indictment would cause serious damage to her campaign.

At least a few Democrats hope that voter's uneasiness with Clinton will be outweighed by their dislike of Trump. Polling shows him performing little better than Clinton. In a Washington Post-ABC News poll conducted earlier this month, 42 percent of Americans rated Clinton more trustworthy, while 40 percent said Trump.

"Hillary has said it was a mistake to use private email, and has apologized for it," said longtime Clinton aide Paul Begala. "Meanwhile Donald Trump is promoting wild, cynical, noxious conspiracy theories about Vince Foster's suicide. Has anyone asked him to apologize for that?"

Shots ring out at T.I. concert in NYC, 1 dead, 3 wounded

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NEW YORK (AP) — Shots rang out inside a concert venue in New York City where hip-hop artist T.I. was getting ready to perform, leaving one person dead, three others wounded and concertgoers scrambling for the nearest exits, police said.

The shooting happened around 10:15 p.m. Wednesday in a third-floor green room area at Irving Plaza, near Manhattan's Union Square. It was not immediately known who had access to that area.

Witnesses described a frantic, frightening scene.

Live Hoffman, 19, was in the balcony VIP area to the left of the stage when the shooting happened. She said there had been some kind of argument between two groups of people before the shooting. A girl she had been talking to was one of the victims.

"The girl next to me was shot point blank, and men picked her up and carried her out," Hoffman told The Associated Press, still shaken by the events that unfolded right in front of her. "For two to three minutes we still heard firing, still heard shots, we were clutching each other making sure no one was getting hit."

Video shot inside the venue showed concertgoers rushing to the sides trying to leave the area as a group of people tended to a person on the floor.

"I ran out, just trying to look for my friends, just trying to see if everyone was OK. Everyone was

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hysterical," Hoffman said.

Manhattan Chief of Detectives William Aubry said a 33-year-old man was shot in the stomach. He was taken to a hospital, where he died a short time later. A 34-year-old man was shot in the chest. He was listed in critical condition. A 26-year-old woman and a 30-year-old man were both shot in the leg. They were expected to survive.

Elijah Rodriguez was in the VIP area by the stage and said that T.I. was supposed to go on at 9 or 9:30 p.m., but "he never showed up."

Aubry said T.I. was in the building, but performers Maino and Uncle Murda were on stage at the time of the shooting.

"It was scary to deal with. When I got outside, like literally across the street, there were a few girls having, like, panic attacks. One girl thought she saw someone get shot in front of her," Rodriguez said.

Police said metal detectors were set up at Irving Plaza, a 1,025-person ballroom-style music venue, but witnesses said security getting into the concert was lax.

Representatives for T.I., whose real name is Clifford Joseph Harris Jr., said they were referring all questions about the shooting to police.

No arrests have been made.

Clinton email use broke federal rules: inspector's report

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BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton and her team ignored clear guidance from the State Department that her email setup broke federal standards and could leave sensitive material vulnerable to hackers, a department audit has found. Her aides twice brushed aside concerns, in one case telling technical staff "the matter was not to be discussed further."

The inspector general's review on Wednesday also revealed that hacking attempts forced then-Secretary of State Clinton off email at one point in 2011, though she insists the personal server she used was never breached. Clinton and several of her senior staff declined to be interviewed for the investigation.

Earlier this month, Clinton declared that she was happy to "talk to anybody, anytime" about the matter and would encourage her staff to do the same.

Opponents of her Democratic presidential campaign pointed to the audit as proof that Clinton has not been truthful about her private email use, citing it as fresh evidence she is not trustworthy or qualified to be commander in chief.

Campaigning in California, presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump noted solemnly that Clinton had received "a little bad news" and then railed against her "horribly bad judgment."

Clinton, also campaigning in California, didn't mention the controversy and ignored reporters' shouted questions. A spokesman for Clinton, who served as the nation's top diplomat from 2009 to 2013, declared the audit showed her email use was consistent with what others at the department have done.

The 78-page analysis, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, says Clinton ignored clear directives. She never sought approval to conduct government business over private email, and never demonstrated the server or the Blackberry she used while in office "met minimum information security requirements."

Twice in 2010, information management staff at the State Department raised concerns that Clinton's email practices failed to meet federal records-keeping requirements. The staff's director responded that Clinton's personal email system had been reviewed and approved by legal staff, "and that the matter

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was not to be discussed any further.”

The audit found no evidence of a legal staff review or approval. It said any such request would have been denied by senior information officers because of security risks.

The inspector general’s inquiry was prompted by revelations of Clinton’s email use, a subject that has dogged her presidential campaign.

The review encompassed the email and information practices of the past five secretaries of state, finding them “slow to recognize and to manage effectively the legal requirements and cybersecurity risks associated with electronic data communications, particularly as those risks pertain to its most senior leadership.”

Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon underscored that point Wednesday.

“The inspector general documents just how consistent her email practices were with those of other secretaries and senior officials at the State Department who also used personal email,” Fallon said.

The audit did note that former Secretary of State Colin Powell had also exclusively used a private email account, though it did not name any other prior secretaries who had done so. But the failings of Clinton were singled out in the audit as being more serious than her predecessor.

“By Secretary Clinton’s tenure, the department’s guidance was considerably more detailed and more sophisticated,” the report concluded. “Secretary Clinton’s cybersecurity practices accordingly must be evaluated in light of these more comprehensive directives.”

Republicans said Wednesday the audit showed Clinton was in clear violation of the Federal Records Act and endangered national security.

The State Department has released more than 52,000 pages of Clinton’s work-related emails, including some that have since been classified. Clinton has withheld thousands of additional emails, saying they were personal.

Critics have questioned whether her server might have made a tempting target for hackers, especially those working with or for foreign intelligence services.

Separately from the State Department audit, the FBI has been investigating whether Clinton’s use of the private email server imperiled government secrets. It has recently interviewed Clinton’s top aides, including former chief of staff Cheryl Mills and deputy chief of staff Huma Abedin. Clinton is expected to be interviewed.

Clinton has acknowledged in the campaign that the homebrew email setup in her New York home was a mistake. She said she never sent or received anything marked classified at the time, and says hackers never breached the server.

The audit said a Clinton aide had to shut down the server on Jan. 9, 2011, because he believed “someone was trying to hack us.” Later that day, he said: “We were attacked again so I shut (the server) down for a few min.”

The next day, a senior official told two of Clinton’s top aides not to email their boss “anything sensitive,” saying she could “explain more in person.”

On CBS’ “Face the Nation” this month, Clinton said, “I’ve made it clear that I’m more than ready to talk to anybody, anytime. And I’ve encouraged all of (my staff) to be very forthcoming.”

The audit said four of her closest State Department aides — Mills, Abedin, policy chief Jake Sullivan and strategy aide Philippe Reines — all declined interview requests.

Sharks head to 1st Cup final after 5-2 win over Blues

JOSH DUBOW, AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Two years after their most devastating playoff loss, the San Jose Sharks held their most meaningful celebration.

The franchise notorious for falling short each postseason will finally get the chance to play for the Stanley Cup.

Captain Joe Pavelski scored an early goal, Joel Ward added two more and the Sharks advanced to their first Stanley Cup final in franchise history by beating the St. Louis Blues 5-2 on Wednesday night in Game 6 of the Western Conference final.

"You try to learn from experiences," Pavelski said. "You like to not have to. But that's the course we've taken. Now that we're here, again, this was a great step for us. It was another step. ... But we realize there's more out there. That's what we're going to turn our attention to."

Few outside San Jose thought this day would come so soon after the team blew the 3-0 series lead in a soul-crushing playoff defeat to rival Los Angeles in 2014 and then missed the playoffs entirely last season.

But on the same ice surface where they watched the Kings celebrate on the way to their second championship, the Sharks posted the biggest win in their 25-year history.

"That was as low as you can get as a professional athlete, individually and team wise," center Logan Couture said. "Then last year obviously tough time missing the playoffs and going through some stuff as a team. I really think everything we've gone through has made us a lot stronger as a group."

The players who endured those disappointments played a big role in getting past them. Joe Thornton set up Pavelski for the first goal, Patrick Marleau had two assists in the third and Couture had a goal and two assists to give him a league-best 24 points this postseason.

But unlike past years, San Jose's stars got plenty of help. Martin Jones made 24 saves, Ward posted his second straight two-goal game and rookie Joonas Donskoi also scored as the Sharks got lots of contributions from some of the newcomers general manager Doug Wilson brought in over the past year.

"It's huge just for the people who have been here so long," Ward said. "I think this was an unbelievable accomplishment for sure."

Despite making the playoffs 16 times in 18 seasons and winning the second-most games in the NHL since the start of the 2003-04 season, the Sharks have lacked postseason success.

They won just three games in three previous trips to the conference final, were knocked out twice in four seasons by a No. 8 seed and then had the collapse against Los Angeles in 2014.

The impact of that loss lasted for a while as San Jose missed the playoffs entirely last season. But led by first-year coach Peter DeBoer, a familiar core and added depth, the Sharks recovered this year and are now only four wins from a championship.

"It's a pretty cool feeling," Thornton said. "Obviously it's our first time. It was pretty neat to get this done at home. The fans here have waited so long, 25 years. We've waited 18 years or so. So it's a great feeling."

This was the first time in San Jose's history that the team played with a trip to the Stanley Cup final on the line. The atmosphere in the Shark Tank reflected the high stakes with the fans at a frenzy during pregame introductions. The "Let's Go Sharks!" chants started soon after the puck dropped, and those chants turned to "We Want The Cup! We Want The Cup!" in the third period after San Jose took a 4-0 lead.

Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final will be Monday night. The Sharks will either host Tampa Bay or visit Pittsburgh, depending on which team wins Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final Thursday night.

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"It's a great moment for those guys who have put in a lot of work, but we still have another series to go," Couture said. "We still have four more wins to try to get. It's another step. This is the third one now. We're ready for that next challenge."

With the loss, the Blues' postseason woes continue as the franchise still seeks its first championship and first trip to the Cup final since 1970. Coach Ken Hitchcock's second goalie change of the series did not work as Brian Elliott allowed four goals on 26 shots in his return to the net.

Vladimir Tarasenko, a 40-goal scorer in the regular season, got his first points of the series when he scored twice in the third period, but it was too late for the Blues.

"It stings right now," captain David Backes said. "Six more wins and we're having parades on Market Street. Right now ... not enough."

Indy 500 champions choose the most important non-driver

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It was 1945 and the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway was in disrepair. Already in desperate need of improvements, a third of Gasoline Alley had burned four years earlier. Then came World War II and a four-year hiatus for the Indianapolis 500.

The track had been virtually abandoned during the war and many believed it would be sold to make way for a housing development.

Enter Anton "Tony" Hulman.

A businessman from Terre Haute, Hulman was recruited by three-time Indy 500 winner Wilbur Shaw to purchase the track. For a purchase price reported to be \$750,000, Hulman took over the speedway and began major renovations and repairs that allowed the Indy 500 to resume just six months after Hulman acquired the property.

When it comes to the most important non-driver in the history of the Indy 500, Hulman edged team owner Roger Penske, according to a survey by The Associated Press of the 27 race winners still alive today.

"Tony Hulman, without him it's unlikely there would have been, or currently is, an Indy 500," said Bobby Rahal, the 1986 winner.

Lauded as "a phenomenal man" by Mario Andretti, Hulman is widely considered to be the sole reason the speedway and the race have made it to its 100th running this Sunday.

Hulman initially stayed behind the scenes and allowed Shaw to be the face of the speedway. After Shaw's death in a 1954 plane crash, Hulman then moved into a more prolific role. He took over the tradition of giving the command, "Gentlemen, start your engines!" and always practiced it extensively beforehand. He would pull a card from his suit pocket that contained the famous words as he stepped to the microphone on race days.

All the while, Hulman continued to pour money into the facility. He increased the prize money, built a Hall of Fame museum and ensured his event became one of the most prestigious in the world.

"Tony Hulman saved the speedway from probably terminal decline and was a dynamic leader for the track and the event," said Dario Franchitti, a three-time 500 winner.

Penske, a 16-time winning team owner, received plenty of recognition for the standard of excellence he brought to the speedway. Sam Hornish Jr., who won the 500 driving for Penske, made a case for both men before giving his vote to Hulman.

"It was basically destitute, it was shortly after WWII, so the argument is obviously Roger is tremendous to the speedway, but would it have been there if it wasn't for Anton?" asked Hornish.

Others felt strongly that Penske is the class of the speedway.

"Roger Penske has brought so much to the sport and I know how much the speedway means to him," said Rick Mears, one of the four-time winners. "He loves that place and I think he's helped raise the bar, not just at Indy but motorsports in general. There's nobody more passionate than he is about racing."

The speedway is still owned by the Hulman/George family, and Hulman's daughter, Mari, now gives the command. His grandson, Tony George, ran the speedway for many years and created the IndyCar Series, but he's now just part of an overall family connection to the storied property.

For that, Hulman is credited for his commitment.

"If the place was never built, we'd have never gotten to where we're at," said Buddy Rice, the 2004 victor. "His vision and what he wanted it to be and what it became — it's the biggest sporting event in the world, the biggest motor race in America. A lot of people talk about it. A lot of people mimic different traditions, but nothing has stood the test of time."

Michelle Obama set to speak at Native American commencement

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SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Michelle Obama plans to address 105 Native American high school graduates Thursday during a commencement speech that comes as she tries to spotlight the plight of tribal youth in the final months of her husband's presidency.

The first lady's commencement address at Santa Fe Indian School is being delivered as part of an Obama initiative that aims to remove "barriers to success" for Native American youth — a group the White House says make up the nation's "most vulnerable population."

High poverty rates, aging school buildings, and health and housing disparities within tribal communities have been blamed for Native American graduation rates that fall just below 70 percent and are the lowest of any group in the country.

Against this backdrop, the Santa Fe Indian School — owned and operated by the 19 pueblo tribes of New Mexico — has emerged as a bright spot, with a graduation rate on par with the national average of 82 percent and nearly every member of the 2016 class college-bound in the fall.

The graduating seniors — who played a part in inviting Obama to their school — said they expected uplifting, empowering remarks from the first lady on their big day.

"I hope that she gives us encouraging words because — I don't know — sometimes Native Americans are skeptical in believing in ourselves as a people, and I think words of encouragement would be really helpful," said Chyanne Quintana, who plans to attend the University of New Mexico in the fall.

She said she eventually would like to become a doctor and work in rural communities.

Coming a month after a speech to Jackson State University graduates in Mississippi, the first lady's Santa Fe Indian School appearance will be the second of three commencement addresses she gives this spring. Next week, she is scheduled to speak to graduates at the City College of New York campus in Harlem.

The commencement address comes nearly a year after she spoke to nearly 1,000 Native American youth for a first-of-its-kind summit held by the White House under its Generation Indigenous initiative — which emerged from a 2014 visit by the Obamas to North Dakota where they visited the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

In Santa Fe, Obama plans to share her personal story and speak about the values she learned from her family, said Lauren Vrazilek, a spokeswoman for the first lady.

"She will talk about the power of those values; honor the students' many accomplishments; and urge

them to continue achieving, embracing their culture, and staying true to who they are,” Vrazilek said in a statement.

In image-conscious Dubai, even police patrol in luxury cars

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Image is everything in Dubai — even when fighting crime.

Police in this desert metropolis have built up a high-horsepower arsenal of luxury sports cars and SUVs over the years to complement their fleet of green-and-white patrol cruisers.

The high-end squad cars fit into the greater gearhead ethos of Dubai, where fire-engine red Ferraris growl at stoplights and convertible Rolls Royces prowl the boulevard ringing the world’s tallest building.

Lamborghinis also glisten through the glass of a massive new showroom on Sheikh Zayed Road, the country’s longest thoroughfare that is a dozen lanes at its widest when cutting through Dubai.

But don’t expect their Lamborghini Aventador to show up if you rear-end someone.

These police cars don’t see duty at traffic accidents or engage in high-speed pursuits, said Dubai police Lt. Saif Sultan Rashed al-Shamsi, who oversees the tourist police’s patrol section.

Instead, al-Shamsi said the cars appear for special events across Dubai — or cruise areas frequented by tourists, offering visitors a glamorous image of the Dubai police.

That also is a way for the city-state’s police force to be more accessible and welcomed by the public in a country home to a huge foreign workforce, al-Shamsi said.

“One of the funny stories we have is that a lot of tourists and people here call the Dubai police ... on (the emergency number) 999 to ask about these cars,” al-Shamsi said. “They want to know which location they will be in and how they can find them and take pictures with them.”

Their photogenic qualities came out in force on a recent day as officers parked several outside the Armani Hotel in the 828-meter (2,717-foot) Burj Khalifa.

The twin scissor doors of the police’s BMW i8 swung open like wings on the \$140,000 car, which flies to 60 mph in 4.2 seconds. The car’s license plate read 2020, a nod to Dubai hosting 2020 World Expo, a world’s fair held every five years.

Along for the ride were a two-door Bentley Continental and a Nissan GTR, its license plate the same as Dubai’s police emergency number and the plastic wrap still around its backseat.

Tim Dean, a 24-year-old tourist from St. Petersburg, Florida, used to the Ford Crown Victoria police cars on the streets of the United States, stopped to snap a quick photograph of the assembled exotic vehicles.

“You don’t see many cop cars like this,” Dean said.

That’s true, especially as the force’s vehicles also include brands like Aston Martin, Lamborghini and Ferrari.

However, one place you do see these cars is online. Videos of vehicles have millions of views and the cars themselves serve as characters in advertisements for Dubai events and in stunt clips.

In the United States, many police departments use sports cars captured in drug seizures for anti-narcotic efforts in schools. Al-Shamsi declined to discuss whether the Dubai police cars were purchases or donations.

There’s been little academic study on what effect such cars have on actual policing and Dubai’s effort may be more about projecting an image, said Dennis Kenney, a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

“I know that the police in Dubai also like to tout their high-end sports cars as traffic vehicles which

beyond going really fast aren't too functional for any other aspects of policing," Kenney said.

That could be seen on a recent morning when Cpl. Mohammed Ali piloted the force's Brabus Mercedes-Benz G63 AMG, an SUV that retails for over \$200,000. He eased it over a speed bump, slipped the transmission into neutral and tapped the accelerator, drawing a throaty roar from its V8 engine.

"It's very strong," the corporal said, a smile on his lips as he revved the engine again.

11 states sue over Obama's school transgender directive

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas and 10 other states are suing the Obama administration over its directive to U.S. public schools to let transgender students use the bathrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity.

The lawsuit announced Wednesday includes Oklahoma, Alabama, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Tennessee, Maine, Arizona, Louisiana, Utah and Georgia. It asks a North Texas federal court to declare the directive unlawful in what ranks among the most coordinated and visible legal challenges by states over the socially divisive issue of bathroom rights for transgender persons.

The Obama administration has "conspired to turn workplace and educational settings across the country into laboratories for a massive social experiment, flouting the democratic process, and running roughshod over commonsense policies protecting children and basic privacy rights," the lawsuit reads.

Many of the conservative states involved had previously vowed defiance, calling the guidance a threat to safety while being accused of discrimination by supporters of transgender rights. U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch has previously said "there is no room in our schools for discrimination."

The White House had no comment on the lawsuit. The Justice Department said it would review the complaint and did not comment further.

Texas' lieutenant governor has previously said the state is willing to forfeit \$10 billion in federal education dollars rather than comply. The directive from the U.S. Justice and Education Departments represents an escalation in the fast-moving dispute over what is becoming the civil rights issue of the day.

Pressed about whether he knew of any instances in which a child's safety had been threatened because of transgender bathroom rights, Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said "there's not a lot of research" during a news conference about the lawsuit. He said he his office has heard from concerned parents, but didn't say how many, and said he did not meet with any parents of transgender students before drafting the lawsuit.

The states claim that the directive demands "seismic changes" in schools across the U.S. and forces them to let students choose a bathroom "that match their chosen 'gender identity' on any given day."

Two school districts joined the states in the lawsuit: one is the tiny Harrold school district in North Texas, which has roughly 100 students and passed a policy this week requiring students to use the bathroom based on the gender on their birth certificate. Superintendent David Thweatt said his schools have no transgender students to his knowledge but defended the district taking on the federal government.

"It's not moot because it was thrust upon us by the federal government," Thweatt said, "or we were going to risk losing our federal funding."

The question of whether federal civil rights law protects transgender people has not been definitively answered by the courts and may ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court. But schools that refuse to comply could be hit with civil rights lawsuits from the government and could face a cutoff of federal aid to education.

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The guidance was issued after the Justice Department and North Carolina sued each other over a state law that requires transgender people to use the public bathroom that corresponds to the sex on their birth certificate. The law applies to schools and many other places.

Supporters say such measures are needed to protect women and children from sexual predators, while the Justice Department and others argue the threat is practically nonexistent and the law discriminatory.

Education officials in Arizona said campuses already had policies to protect students from bullying and discrimination "regardless of their gender identity." A small Arizona school district also joined in the lawsuit.

"The fact that the federal government has yet again decided that it knows what is best for every one of our local communities is insulting and, quite frankly, intolerable," Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas said.

Israeli airstrike hits Hamas sites after Gaza rocket attacks

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Israeli military says its aircraft have struck two Hamas militant sites in southern Gaza in response to rocket fire toward Israel.

No one was harmed in Thursday's airstrikes or in the rocket attacks that preceded them.

Gaza militants have carried out only sporadic rocket fire toward Israel since the end of a 50-day war in 2014. The military says nine rockets have struck Israel so far in 2016, a steep drop off from previous periods.

Israel typically responds to the attacks with pinpoint reprisals against Hamas installations that cause no casualties in order to prevent a further escalation.

Recent rocket fire has often been carried out by Salafi groups who oppose Gaza's Hamas rulers. Nonetheless, Israel says it holds Hamas responsible for any attacks coming from territory it controls.

VOICES: Hiroshima serves as memorial for all victims of WWII

JULIE WATSON, Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — The suffering he endured during World War II still haunts 95-year-old Lester Tenney, who has black lung disease from working as a prisoner of war in a Japanese coal mine.

The former Army staff sergeant believes President Barack Obama should keep ex-POWs like him and others in mind when he makes his historic visit to Hiroshima on Friday.

"I'd like to have Obama say that the war took the lives of many people and not just one group, or one segment of the society, but thousands of people suffered because of the war, and, I think he should make sure that he says that," he said. "This is not a memorial just for those who died at the atomic bomb. I think he should make sure that he says this is a memorial for all those who were victims of the war."

Editors: Part of a series of perspectives on the atomic bombs dropped on Japan in 1945, released this week as President Barack Obama prepares to visit Hiroshima.

The 95-year-old retired accounting professor, who lives north of San Diego in Carlsbad, California, has been instrumental in moving the Japanese government to acknowledge its wartime military's abusive treatment of POWs. His friendship with then-Japanese ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki led to Japan hosting the first group of American POWs in 2010.

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Three years before the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Tenney witnessed Japanese soldiers torturing and killing captured American troops on the infamous Bataan Death March in 1942 on the Philippines' Bataan Peninsula. He spent more than three years in Japanese prison camps, and still has the blood-stained, bamboo stick Japanese troops used to beat him across the face.

"If you didn't walk fast enough, you were killed. If you didn't say the right words, you were killed, and if you were killed, you were either shot to death, bayoneted, or decapitated," he said. "I'll never forget it. And so for that reason ... there's no reason for us to apologize to them, not any reason whatsoever."

Tenney has never received an apology from the wartime mine operator that forced him to shovel coal, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) southeast of Nagasaki. Americans dropped a second atomic bomb on that southern Japanese city three days after Hiroshima, and Tenney remembers seeing a large cloud, with a stem-like cloud at the bottom.

For Tenney, that was the day his life was saved.

Trump says he gave himself aliases often in business

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AMY TAXIN, Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said Wednesday that he often used aliases to purchase real estate — but continued to deny he'd been caught on tape pretending to be an imaginary spokesman in a recently-released recording.

"You know, over the years I've used aliases," Trump said in an interview on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" that capped a day of campaigning across the Los Angeles area.

Trump has repeatedly denied that he posed as a spokesman for himself decades ago using the names "John Miller" and "John Barron." But when asked by Kimmel what aliases he'd used, Trump volunteered Barron, which is also the name of Trump's youngest son.

"I actually used the name Barron," said Trump, who said he'd made "a very good deal using that name."

"I used an alias in terms of setting up a meeting with Mr. Donald Trump. And many people in the real estate business do that, you use alias. And you have to, frankly, otherwise they find out it's you and they charge you more money - and nobody wants to pay more money," he said.

Trump said he'd used the tactic "especially when I was out in Brooklyn with my father and I'd want to buy something."

"And honestly nobody knew who Trump was at that time, nobody knew me, so it wasn't so much so important. But I would never want to use my name because you had to pay money for the land. If you're trying to buy land, you use different names," he said.

The appearance on the late-night show marked the end of a busy day that included a rally and Trump's first major campaign fundraiser.

A day after violent protesters outside a Trump rally threw burning items at police and toppled barricades, Trump's afternoon rally in Anaheim was boisterous but less heated. He railed against "Crooked Hillary" Clinton and leaders in his own party who haven't yet endorsed him.

Outside, demonstrators quietly held up signs reading "Love and Peace" and "Migration is beautiful" during the rally, but the modest crowd grew rowdier when Trump supporters came outside. The two sides shouted at each other as dozens of police, some on horseback, moved in to prevent a renewal of the violence Tuesday night in New Mexico.

Five people were arrested as a line of police slowly moved scattered protesters along a nearby street.

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Inside, Trump's rally was interrupted several times by protesters who were escorted out of the Anaheim Convention Center.

"Get 'em out!" he shouted at one point. "Out! Out! Out!" But Trump urged his supporters and security to handle his interrupters gently, saying, "Do not hurt him even though he's a bad person."

Trump also used his event Wednesday to hammer Clinton over a State Department inspector general report that faulted her for her use of private email for official business when she was secretary of state.

"She had a little bad news today, as you know. Some reports came down, weren't so good," Trump said. "The inspector general's report — not good."

Trump's campaign apparatus was also roiled Wednesday by the abrupt departure of political director Rick Wiley. In a statement, Trump's campaign said Wiley had been hired only on a short-term basis until the candidate's organization "was running full steam."

Wiley had been overseeing hiring of staff in battleground states and working closely with the Republican National Committee. His hiring about six weeks ago was seen as a sign that party veterans were embracing Trump's campaign.

While Wiley and the RNC have touted the importance of a robust general election infrastructure, Trump has said he plans to continue making his raucous rallies the centerpiece of his campaign.

A person familiar with Wiley's ouster said the operative clashed with others in Trump's operation and didn't want to put longtime Trump allies in key jobs as he hired in battleground states. The person insisted on anonymity because the person was not authorized to publicly discuss the internal campaign dynamics.

Wiley is said to have clashed in particular with Karen Giorno, who ran Trump's campaign in Florida during the Republican primary, the person said.

On "Kimmel," Trump, who was jokingly introduced as "a tangerine-tinted Godzilla," said he enjoyed watching Clinton's increasingly heated sparring with Democratic rival Bernie Sanders.

"I had no idea it was going to be so nasty," said Trump, who said he would be happy to take Sanders up on an offer to a one-on-one debate — as long as significant money goes to charity.

"How much is he going to pay me?" Trump asked, predicting the pair "would have such high ratings."

Sanders said on Twitter late Wednesday that he would welcome a debate: "Game on. I look forward to debating Donald Trump in California before the June 7 primary."

Trump's western swing comes as he works to unify a Republican Party that often remains skeptical of his candidacy. During the rally, Trump offered jabs at 2012 nominee Mitt Romney and former rival Jeb Bush, who have yet to endorse his candidacy.

House Speaker Paul Ryan is still holding out on endorsing Trump even as his staff and other House Republicans and aides communicate more closely with the Trump campaign on policy.

Meeting with reporters Wednesday, Ryan shot down rumors that an endorsement was imminent. "I don't have a timeline in my mind and I have not made a decision and nothing's changed from that perspective," he said.

The violence earlier this week at a rally in New Mexico prompted security concerns beyond California. Police in Bismarck, North Dakota, said Wednesday they would dedicate about a quarter of their force for security when Trump heads to the state Thursday.

Trump will be back in California Friday with visits to Fresno and San Diego.

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Highlights of some perimeter breaches at major US airports

The Associated Press

An Associated Press investigation has documented 345 instances in which people hopped over, crawled under, drove cars through or otherwise breached the fences and gates protecting the perimeters of 31 of the nation's busiest airports between January 2004 and mid-February.

The first installment, published last year, included incidents involving an intruder in Phoenix who was nearly hit by a plane as it prepared to take off and a man who tossed a bike over a fence at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and made it inside a passenger terminal. In this second installment, AP is updating its reporting with 77 more breaches that airports had not revealed earlier, or that happened during 2015 or early 2016.

Here's a look at some of those breaches, as described by airports or documents from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration.

WOULD-BE JFK STOWAWAY: In June 2015, a 17-year-old jumped a fence and was caught near an area where planes load at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. He asked one airport employee who stopped him if he could take a selfie. The boy told police he wanted to stow away in an airplane flying to Morocco, his home.

HAILING A PLANE IN SAN FRANCISCO: In March 2015, a 42-year-old woman walked around a vehicle exit gate at San Francisco International Airport, and reached a cargo building where people in the air traffic control tower saw her waving her arms in an attempt to stop a plane. She later told authorities that she planned to stow away on a flight to Guatemala, to see her husband and child, much like a teenager who survived a flight from California to Hawaii in 2014. AP counted this as a perimeter security breach, though officials with the airport and the TSA insisted it was not.

GUN AT HEAD IN PHILLY: In April 2012, a woman who had just tried to steal a truck carrying \$1 million worth of Jack Daniels whiskey got through a perimeter gate at Philadelphia International Airport and boarded a small jet. She was able to grab the gun of a responding officer, pointing it at his head with her finger on the trigger before he disarmed her. The gate guard's boss was disciplined because the guard was not paying attention.

MISSING INTRUDER IN NEW YORK CITY: In December 2015, a worker at JFK asked a man walking near where aircraft are loaded and unloaded if he had an ID badge. The man said he was looking for the subway, warned the worker with an expletive not to report him and walked off across an airplane taxiway. Responding officers looked for the man near Terminal 8, but did not find him.

A 7-MINUTE DELAY: In July 2015, a man scaled two perimeter fences and ran onto a San Diego International Airport runway, halting inbound and outbound planes for 7 minutes before he was arrested.

ARMED WITH KNIVES: In February 2015, a man in a hoodie jumped a perimeter fence and was arrested near a gate after crossing the airfield at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Authorities found a knife on him. In March 2011 at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, a man carrying a backpack with two steak knives jumped a fence and was stopped near a passenger gate.

NOT LEAVING LAS VEGAS: In April 2009, a man who appeared to be intoxicated climbed over a gate topped with barbed wire at McCarran International Airport, climbed into a helicopter and began preparing for a flight before the helicopter owner confronted him. He was arrested for criminal trespassing. Federal prosecutors declined to take the case.

TRACTOR HITS JET: In January 2007, a man climbed over a fence at the Las Vegas airport then stole a tractor, crashed it through a security gate, hit a corporate jet and then, as authorities chased him, drove into a ditch. He was injured when the tractor rolled.

LOS ANGELES LADDER CLIMBER: In February 2015, a man approached a Korean Airlines employee

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at Los Angeles International Airport and said his wife was in the car and they were looking for their way out. He got over the fence by taking a ladder that an employee was using on the outside to set up better lighting at a cargo facility.

Johnny Depp's wife files for divorce in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Depp's wife has filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences after 15 months of marriage.

Amber Depp, an actress known as Amber Heard, filed for divorce in Los Angeles Superior Court and is seeking spousal support from the Oscar-nominated actor.

Heard listed their date of separation as Sunday. The pair has no children together.

Depp and Heard met while co-starring in the 2011 film "The Rum Diary." Depp's latest film, "Alice Through the Looking Glass," is due to be released on Friday.

The actors have been embroiled in a dispute with Australia's deputy prime minister, who last year threatened to euthanize their dogs, Boo and Pistol, after they were illegally smuggled into the country. Heard pleaded guilty last month to falsifying documents to conceal the pets when she arrived by private jet to join her husband on the set of the fifth movie in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" series.

The pair videotaped an apology as part of a deal that allowed Heard to avoid a conviction. But the actors have been derided because of their wooden deliveries in the film.

Earlier this week, the deputy prime minister, Barnaby Joyce, boasted that he had gotten inside Depp's head like fictional serial killer Hannibal Lecter after the actor quipped that the ruddy-faced lawmaker appeared to be "inbred with a tomato" during an interview on the U.S. talk show "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

Depp has one previous marriage and was in a long relationship with French actress and model Vanessa Paradis before he began dating Heard.

The divorce was first reported Wednesday by celebrity website TMZ.

Asian stocks mixed amid concerns oil rally unsustainable

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Asian stock markets were mixed Thursday amid worries about a U.S. rate hike and that a rally in oil prices may not be sustainable.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 index was up 0.3 percent to 16,811.88, but China's Shanghai Composite lost 0.8 percent to 2,791.52, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 0.4 percent to 20,285.90. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 dipped 0.2 percent to 5,363.60. Stocks in Taiwan and South Korea were also down.

OIL RALLY: Benchmark U.S. crude rose another 1.9 percent to \$49.56 a barrel in New York after the U.S. government reported a larger-than-expected drop in fuel stockpiles last week. Oil prices have surged sharply since earlier this year, sparking fears prices may not be sustained. It also raised anticipation of a hike in U.S. interest rates as the Federal Reserve has said it wants to keep raising rates if the economy is strong enough.

ANALYST'S QUOTE: "The remarkable over 80 percent rally in oil since earlier this year may have been overdone, as the underlying macro conditions have not change proportionally. This suggested that speculative trades have driven up the price these months, and may not be sustainable," said Bernard Aw, a market analyst with IG in Singapore.

"The dominant theme remains Fed's policy outlook," said Mizuho Bank in Singapore. "A rate hike this summer is still on the table."

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WALL STREET: U.S. stocks climbed a second straight day on Wednesday, boosted by energy stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 0.8 percent, to 17,851.51 and The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 0.7 percent to 2,090.54. The Nasdaq composite index added 0.7 percent, to 4,894.89.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 110.10 yen from 109.98 yen. The euro inched up to \$1.1160 from \$1.1143.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 26, the 147th day of 2016. There are 219 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 26, 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms (vohrms) because of his religious beliefs and writings.

On this date:

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on the remaining charges.

In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized by a group of actors at the Pabst Grand Circle Hotel in New York.

In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress.

In 1940, Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of some 338,000 Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

In 1941, the American Flag House, where Betsy Ross once lived, was donated to the city of Philadelphia.

In 1954, explosions rocked the aircraft carrier USS Bennington off Rhode Island, killing 103 sailors. (The initial blast was blamed on leaking catapult fluid ignited by the flames of a jet.)

In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets during a meeting of the Security Council of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

In 1971, Don McLean recorded his song "American Pie" at The Record Plant in New York City (it was released the following November by United Artists Records).

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow. (The U.S. withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

In 1991, a Lauda Air Boeing 767 crashed in Thailand, killing all 223 people aboard.

Ten years ago: Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden won confirmation to be the 20th CIA director in a 78-15 Senate vote.

Five years ago: Congress passed a four-year extension of post-Sept. 11 powers contained in the Patriot Act to search records and conduct roving wiretaps in pursuit of terrorists; President Barack Obama, in France, signed the measure using an autopen machine minutes before the provisions were set to expire at midnight. Ratko Mladic (RAHT'-koh MLAH'-dich), the brutal Bosnian Serb general suspected of leading the massacre of 8,000 Muslim men and boys, was arrested after a 16-year manhunt. (Mladic was extradited to face trial in The Hague, Netherlands.)

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One year ago: Challenging Hillary Rodham Clinton from the left, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders formally kicked off his Democratic presidential bid in Burlington, Vermont, with a pitch to liberals to join him in a "political revolution" to transform the nation's economy and politics.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alec McCowen is 91. Sportscaster Brent Musberger is 77. Rock musician Gary Peterson (Guess Who) is 71. Singer Stevie Nicks is 68. Actress Pam Grier is 67. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 67. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 67. British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn is 67. Actress Margaret Colin is 59. Country singer-songwriter Dave Robbins is 57. Actor Doug Hutchison is 56. Actress Genie Francis is 54. Comedian Bobcat Goldthwait is 54. Singer-actor Lenny Kravitz is 52. Actress Helena Bonham Carter is 50. Distance runner Zola Budd is 50. Rock musician Phillip Rhodes is 48. Actor Joseph Fiennes (FYNZ) is 46. Singer Joey Kibble (Take 6) is 45. Actor-producer-writer Matt Stone is 45. Contemporary Christian musician Nathan Cochran is 38. Actress Elisabeth Harnois is 37. Actor Hrach Titizian is 37.

Thought for Today: "I am never afraid of what I know." — Anna Sewell, English author (1820-1878).