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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.

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

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

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Senior Menu: Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice and raisins, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Lindsey Gese • Heather Koens • Tim Waage • Tom Waage • Trent Anderson • Tiffany Lerew • Charlene Millim • Rick Rossow
1:30pm: St. John's Nursery Circle
2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

Friday, June 3

Legion at Milbank Tourney

Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, creamy coleslaw, sherbet, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Harvey & Sue Fliehs II

Birthdays: Eric Johnson • Ryan Johnson • Doug Ehrenberg • Amber Stumpf • Vicki Rossow
11:30am: James Valley Telco Annual Meeting at GHS Arena

Saturday, June 4

Legion at Milbank Tourney

Anniversaries: Gary & Caralee Heitmann, Jarod & Kristie Fliehs, Wade & Renee Marzahn

Birthdays: Jay Johnson, Cheyenne Schaller, Corbin Reich, Tony Waage, Tucker Carda
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Bergen LC for Confirmation

Sunday, June 5

Legion at Milbank Tourney

Birthdays: Stephanie Jondahl, Mark Leonhardt, Ward Gilchrist.

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Com-

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Groton School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Seniors

4.0 GPA: Marlee Jones, Emily Raap, Lily Cutler, Maggie Simon, Hailey Hanson, Jasmine Schaller, Kelsey Iverson, Kiernan McCranie, Carly Wheeting, Megan Unzen, Jaden Oliver, Kari Hanson, Aubray Harry, Adam Herman, Jayleen Lier

3.99-3.50: Angela Locke, Kyle Miller, Jamie Krueger, Taryn Rossow, Mikaela Blumhardt, Allison Weber, Kaili Aberle, Katie Miller, Brody Sombke, Hayden Anderson, Landon Johnson, Lane Weig, James Thompson, Josephine Doeden, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg

3.49-3.00: Keegan Schelle, Dustin Fish, Christopher Zarycki, Garrett Stene, Steven Fey, Joy Htoo, Jerick Hanson, Zara Maag, Hannah Webb, Aaron Severson

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Keri Pappas, Landon Marzahn, Erin Smith, Patrick Gengerke, Trey Wright

3.99-3.50 Macy Knecht, Kate Helmer, Alexis Harder, Paityn Bonn, Nathan Fjelstad, Pablo Del Campo Calvo, Nicholas Achen

3.49-3.00: Hai Ku, Megan Malsam, Katlyn Idt, Sean Schuring, Jessica Adler, Kellyn Fluke, Emily Locke, McClain Lone, Bennett Shabazz

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Jenifer Fjelstad, Marshall Lane, Madilyn Wright

3.99-3.50: Alexis Gustafson, Anthony Sippel, Hattie Weismantel, Madison Sippel, Gia Gengerke, Emma Donley, Brandon Keith

3.49-3.00: Hannah Lewandowski, Erika Herr, Alexandra Stange, Hunter Monson, Mitchel Thurston, Luke Thorson, Jessica Bjerke

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Ashley Garduno, AnneMarie Smith, Emily Thompson

3.99-3.50: Kaitlyn Anderson, Alexis Simon, Cassandra Townsend, Jennie Doeden, John Achen, Kylie Kassube, Taylor Holm, Tylan Glover

3.49-3.00: Shyla Larson, Samantha Menzia, Payton Maine, Kaitlyn Kassube, Micah Poor, Paige Snyder

Eighth graders

4.0 GPA: Kaycie Hawkins

3.99-3.50: Kayla Jensen, Payton Colestock, KaSandra Pappas, Indigo Rogers, Katlyn Kyar, Nicole Marzahn, Madeline Schuelke, Ashley Flihs, Tadyn Glover, Rylee Rosenau, Kya Jandel, Kaylin Kucker, Caitlynn Barse, Cyruss DeHoet

3.49-3.00: Cade Guthmiller, Austin Jones, Joel Deloera, Peyton Johnson, Noah Poor, Grady O'Neill, Darien Shabazz, Jamesen Stange, Riley Thurston, Garret Schroeder, Hunter Schaller

Seventh graders

4.0 GPA: Grace Wambach

3.99-3.50: Jasmine Gengerke, Sage Mortenson, Erin Unzen, Alexa Herr, Trey Gengerke, Dragr Monson, Samantha Pappas, Lucas Simon, Grace Wiedrick, Isaac Smith, Jack Achen, Tessa Erdmann, Brooklyn Gilbert, Alexis Hanten, Tanae Lipp, Hailey Monson, Alex Morris, Kale Pharis

3.49-3.00: Kenzie McInerney, Chandler Larson, Steven Paulson, Paxton Bonn, Tiara DeHoet, Alyssa Fordham, Kaden Carda, Gabriella Merkel, Braden Freeman, Nevaeh Pardick, Austin Anderson, Chloe Crosby, Connor Lehman

Sixth graders

4.0 GPA: Trista Keith

3.99-3.50: Madeline Flihs, Stella Meier, Seth Johnson, Allyssa Locke, Madisen Bjerke, Pierce Kettering, Jackson Becker, Jackson Cogley, Travis Townsend, Megan Flihs, Kennedy Anderson, Kansas Kroll, Lane Krueger, Jordan Bjerke, Julianna Kosel, Trey Johnson

3.49-3.00: Macine McGannon, River Pardick, Hannah Gustafson, Kaden Kurtz, Al-Isaiah Williams, Jace Kroll, Rease Jandel, Trinity Smith

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Today in Weather History

1889 - A great flood on the Potomac River in Washington D.C. took out a span of Long Bridge, and flooded streets near the river. The flood stage reached was not again equalled until 1936. (David Ludlum)

1917 - The temperature at Tribune, KS dipped to 30 degrees to establish a state record for the month of June. (The Weather Channel)

1949 - A tornado northeast of Alfalfa OK circled an area one mile in radius. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - Lightning struck a house, broke a bedroom window, and jumped to a metal frame bed. A man was killed but his wife was unharmed by the lightning. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms spawned seven tornadoes in West Texas and six tornadoes in Illinois. Thunderstorms in Illinois produced wind gusts to 70 mph at McComb and Mattoon. Thunderstorms in southern Texas produced 5.5 inches of rain south of Seguin, and up to eight inches of rain in Washington County. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Severe thunderstorms in Texas and Oklahoma produced hail more than three inches in diameter near Stilwater OK, and softball size hail in Jones County of north central Texas. Baseball size hail and 70 mph winds caused an estimated 100 million dollars damage around Abilene TX. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather across much of the south central U.S. through most of the day and night. Thunderstorms spawned a dozen tornadoes, and there were 123 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 78 mph at Russell KS, and baseball size hail was reported at Denver CO, Cuthbert TX, and in Reeves County TX. Afternoon thunderstorms in southern New England produced wind gusts to 120 mph at Fitchburg, MA, causing five million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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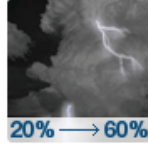


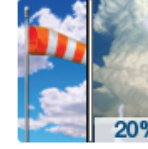


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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Mostly Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms then T-storms Likely	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Partly Cloudy	Breezy. Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 78 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 79 °F

Warm and Dry Today



Highs around 80°

Thunderstorms Developing Tonight

Lows around 60°

Area

North Central and
Northeastern South
Dakota

Impacts



Frequent lightning
Strong winds
Hail



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Expect warmer and mainly dry conditions today, along with the return of southerly winds. This will be as high pressure slowly exits across Iowa. Highs will top out around 80 degrees both today and Friday. Lows tonight will struggle to fall into the mid to upper 50s. Low pressure will track west to east across South Dakota late tonight through Friday, bringing a good chance of showers and thunderstorms to the region. A few strong thunderstorms will be possible tonight, mainly over north central and northeastern South Dakota. Frequent lightning, strong winds, and hail will be the main threats.

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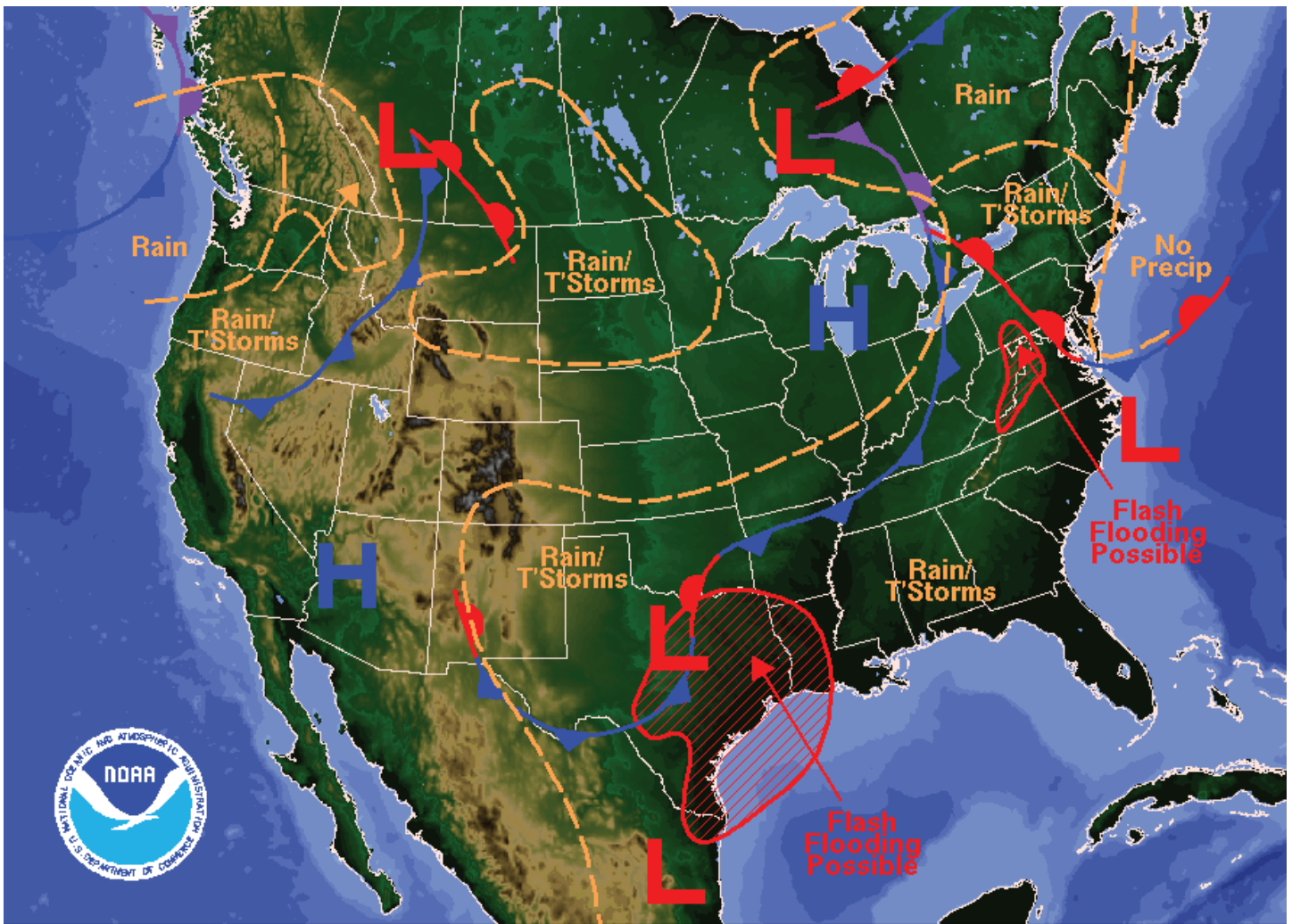
Yesterday's Weather

High: 60.7
Low: 49.7
High Gust: 25

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 95° in 1934
Record Low: 30 in 1946
Average High: 73°F
Average Low: 50°F
Average Precip in June: 0.22
Precip to date in June: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 7.36
Precip Year to Date: 4.99
Sunset Tonight: 9:16 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:47 a.m.



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Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

A lady backed out of her parking place in a large mall during a blizzard and was having a difficult time seeing. A few feet from her car were the blinking lights of a snow plow. She decided to follow it, thinking it would take her safely to the exit.

After a few twists and turns the operator of the snow plow stopped, got out of his warm cab and went to the window of her car and asked, "Where are you going?"

"To the exit," she answered.

"Well then," he said, "don't follow me. I'm not going anyplace. I'm only here to plow the parking lot."

Everyone needs a leader. As Christians, we are blessed to have a Leader who can guide us safely through life – One who knows what is best for us and believes in us and is a faithful encourager. The Christian's Leader is one who knows our strengths and weaknesses and will never call us to do what He knows is beyond our skills, abilities and potential.

Jeremiah said, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." The Prophet is assuring us that God has an individual plan for each of our lives and that it is a good plan. Because He has a plan for each of us, we can have faith in Him and be filled with hope for our future. God has planned our future and knows what we need to do, what He calls us to do.

This does not mean that we will not have difficult days or trying times, be spared hardships or heartaches. But it does mean that God will see us through pain and sorrow and lead us to victory. We have His word that He will lead us through the valleys and shadows into His glorious presence.

Prayer: How thankful we are, Lord, that You have a plan that has been designed especially for each of us. May we be faithful to trust and follow You all the days of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

News from the Associated Press

Man arrested for firing pistol out of vehicle in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have arrested a man who allegedly fired a handgun out of the window of a vehicle.

Officers on Wednesday responded to a report of a man firing off several rounds, and stopped the vehicle a short time later. An occupant of the vehicle fled on foot but was apprehended a few blocks away with what authorities said was a stolen pistol.

The 23-year-old man was arrested on numerous charges. Police say he might be from Mississippi. Authorities say they are not aware of any injuries or damage from the shooting.

Days ahead of primary, Sanders has a plan for Puerto Rico

MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three days before Puerto Rico's primary, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders is digging in on his opposition to a House deal to rescue the U.S. territory from \$70 billion in debt.

Sanders said Thursday that he will introduce his own legislation to help the island. His bill would allow the Federal Reserve to give the territory emergency loans and provide broad bankruptcy protections, unlike legislation approved by a House committee last week that would create a control board to oversee limited debt restructuring. Sanders' bill would also boost Medicaid and Medicare payments to the island and designate \$10.8 billion to rebuild the territory's crumbling infrastructure.

The Vermont senator has said the existing House bill would make "a terrible situation even worse" and that it serves Wall Street bondholders over ordinary Puerto Ricans. The compromise bill is backed by House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wisc., Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California and the Obama administration. Puerto Rican officials are split.

"We have got to make it clear to these vulture funds that they cannot have it all," Sanders said in a statement. "The solution to Puerto Rico's debt crisis is not more austerity. The solution is more economic development, more jobs and less poverty."

Sanders is trailing Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in the presidential primaries and Clinton has outperformed Sanders among Latino voters. Both are competing in the June 5 Puerto Rican primary.

In a statement after the House bill was introduced, Clinton said she has serious concerns about the power of the control board but believes the legislation should move forward, or "too many Puerto Ricans will continue to suffer."

The seven-member control board in the House bill would be comprised primarily of members chosen by congressional Republicans, with some also chosen by congressional Democrats and the White House. Sanders' legislation would create a seven-member "public corporation" that would mostly consist of representatives chosen by the legislature and governor of Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico, which has struggled to overcome a lengthy recession, has missed several payments to creditors and faces a \$2 billion installment, the largest yet, on July 1. The economic crisis has forced businesses to close, driven up the employment rate and sparked an exodus of hundreds of thousands of people to the U.S. mainland.

Sanders' opposition could cause problems in the Senate, where one lawmaker can slow a bill's progress. Senators have said they are waiting to see what happens in the House before they consider a bill

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to rescue the territory, so it could be weeks or months before the chamber takes up the issue. Sanders has been largely absent from Senate proceedings during his lengthy primary campaign.

Thune seeking college students for fall internships

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Thune is looking for college students to be interns this fall in Washington, D.C., and in offices across South Dakota.

Applications should be submitted by July 1.

Interns in the Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls offices can expect to participate in constituent service and state outreach. Students in the Washington office will give Capitol tours and attend Senate hearings and votes.

Thune says interns gain valuable knowledge about state and national issues. The Republican senator is chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

State Historical Society awards 6 preservation grants

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society has awarded six historic preservation grants.

The awards ranging from about \$2,100 to \$15,000 come through the society's Deadwood Fund grant program.

Receiving grants are: Murtha House in Elk Point, Trinity Episcopal Church in Groton, Keystone Museum/Old Keystone School in Keystone, Homestake Powder House in Lead, Mobridge Auditorium/Scheer-Howe Arena in Mobridge and Aby's Feed and Seed in Rapid City.

State Historical Society Director Jay Vogt says the program is designed to encourage restoration or rehabilitation of historic properties. He says it's one more way the state can promote and protect its history and culture.

South Dakota firefighters get annual training this week

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — About 500 South Dakota firefighters are expected to attend the annual state fire school this week in Sioux Falls.

The event will run Thursday through Saturday.

Fire Marshal Paul Merriman says the school allows firefighters from departments of all sizes to share ideas. He adds that "the situations each department encounters may be different, but many of the issues facing firefighters are the same."

The guest speaker for Thursday's night banquet is Mount Vernon native and Minnesota Vikings linebacker Chad Greenway.

This year's event is hosted by the Minnehaha County Fire Chief's Association, the South Dakota Firefighters Association and the South Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office.

IHS extends deadline to submit proposals for telehealth care

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Indian Health Service is extending the deadline for health care organizations to submit proposals to provide telehealth services at some of its facilities.

In early May, the IHS issued a request for proposals from providers to offer telehealth care at its seven hospitals and other facilities in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. The deadline to submit proposals has been extended from June 6 to July 7.

The IHS provides health care to enrolled members of Native American tribes as part of treaty obliga-

tions. The agency is looking to expand telehealth care in the wake of federal inspections that uncovered serious quality-of-care deficiencies at some of its facilities.

Telehealth services are expected to expand access to specialty care at IHS facilities, which are primarily located in remote locations.

BIA officer pleads not guilty to kidnapping, gun charges

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs police officer has pleaded not guilty to federal charges of kidnapping and brandishing a gun during a violent crime.

William Arthur Curran pleaded not guilty Wednesday before U.S. Magistrate Kelly Rankin in Cheyenne. Rankin set trial for July 18 before U.S. District Judge Alan B. Johnson in Cheyenne.

The charges stem from what prosecutors allege was a violent confrontation between Curran and his wife at their home on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming in April.

Court records identify Curran as a BIA police officer and a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota.

Iowa board moves toward allowing pipeline project to begin

DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Iowa Utilities Board moved closer Wednesday to allowing a Texas oil pipeline company to begin construction in Iowa in areas for which it has landowner approval and permits, though construction still will have to wait in zones that are under federal jurisdiction.

The three-member board voted unanimously to direct its attorney to draft an order that they'll review for final approval as early as next week. If approved, the order would allow Dakota Access LLC, a subsidiary of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, to begin digging trenches and laying pipe in Iowa.

Construction on the \$3.8 billion, 1,150-mile project has already begun in Illinois, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Dakota Access had asked the Iowa board for permission to begin work in areas outside the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, saying it has to get started or the project will not be finished by winter, meaning it would disrupt two crop-growing seasons.

The Corps hasn't issued permits for about 60 plots of land at river crossings, wetlands or on federal land where historical or environmental issues could arise, but expects issues those for all but three sites by June 16.

Among the three that needs further review is a site in northwest Iowa where the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe says there is a burial site. Tribal members are expected to meet this week with state and federal officials to determine whether the pipeline's path must be moved. The other two sites are Des Moines River crossings.

Pipeline opponents hoped the Corps' delays would be enough to keep the utilities board from allowing construction to begin in Iowa, because its March 10 construction approval said the company must have all required permits and approvals to start work.

"This seems to be typical of what the Iowa Utilities Board has done all along in not holding Dakota Access accountable for their prior agreements," said Keith Puntteney, who owns land along the pipeline route and has joined a lawsuit to challenge the use of an eminent domain law to forcefully take land. "They're changing rules in the middle of game and not enforcing the rules they said they would."

Board member Nick Wagner said he doesn't view the action as a change in its original order or intent.

"I view it as more of a clarification that they are in substantial compliance with our March 10 order,"

he said during Wednesday's meeting.

The company has signed voluntary agreements with more than 90 percent of landowners in Iowa but about 160 resist signing agreements and are challenging the project in court.

As soon as it's allowed, work will begin in Iowa, Dakota Access spokeswoman Vicki Granado said.

Patrol IDs Rapid City man killed in motorcycle-truck crash

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a motorcycle driver who died following a crash with a pickup truck near Rapid City.

The Highway Patrol says 35-year-old Joshua Otto, of Rapid City, was driving a motorcycle that collided with a truck that was trying to pass a slower-moving dump truck at the intersection of Wilderness Canyon Road and U.S. Highway 16 on Tuesday morning. He died later at a Rapid City hospital.

The pickup driver suffered injuries the patrol says were serious but not life-threatening.

Man considered armed and dangerous arrested in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man wanted by the Aberdeen Police Department has been arrested in Sioux Falls.

Nineteen-year-old Tanner Dvorak was taken into custody on Tuesday night. Officers acting on tips from the public arrested him at an apartment complex without incident.

Authorities had said earlier that Dvorak had been considered armed and dangerous. Aberdeen police had offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to his capture.

Authorities say Dvorak is wanted in connection with alleged crimes in Brown County, Turner County and Lincoln County, as well as in Minnesota, and is an associate of a burglary suspect arrested last week after a police chase in Sioux Falls.

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

Missing South Dakota inmate apprehended in North Dakota

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota inmate who walked away from a work assignment last month is back in custody.

State corrections officials say Paul Steiner was apprehended in Dickinson, North Dakota, on Tuesday.

Authorities say Steiner left his community service job in Rapid City on May 20 without approval.

The 62-year-old was sentenced in Meade County in March to serve five years for sixth-offense drunk-driving. He had been housed at the Rapid City Community Work Center.

Wet weather in South Dakota hampers crop planting, haying

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Wet weather in South Dakota over the past week hampered crop planting and haying.

The Agriculture Department also says in its weekly crop report that weevils are impacting first and potential second cuttings of alfalfa in some areas.

Topsoil moisture statewide is rated 91 percent adequate to surplus. Subsoil moisture is 90 percent in those categories.

The condition of South Dakota's winter wheat crop is rated 79 percent good to excellent. Nearly half of the crop is now headed, well ahead of the average pace.

Pasture and range conditions are rated 81 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 92 percent adequate to surplus.

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Midwest economic survey index rose in May, report says

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Figures from a survey of supply managers in nine Midwest and Plains states rose last month, suggesting economic growth ahead, according to a report released Wednesday.

The Mid-American Business Conditions index hit 52.1 in May, compared with 50.1 in April and 50.6 in March, the report said. The index generally has been on the rise since dropping to a 12-month low of 39.6 in December.

“The region’s manufacturing sector is expanding but at a slow pace as gains for nondurable-goods producers more than offset continuing losses for regional durable-goods manufacturers,” said Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey.

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

Regional economic optimism for the next six months, as reflected by the May business confidence index, slipped to 47.7 from April’s 51.3.

“One of the keys to the level of economic growth in the months ahead will be the interest rate position of the Federal Reserve,” Goss said. “If the Federal Reserve telegraphs more aggressive rate hikes in the months ahead at its June meetings, the U.S. dollar is very likely to strengthen, thus slowing regional manufacturing.”

The index for new export orders fell to 52.1 from 57.6 in April, and the import index tumbled in May to 50.1 from 58.0 in April.

“Recent economic improvements among the region’s key trading partners assisted exports for the month,” Goss said. “At the same time, growth in regional manufacturing pushed supply managers to maintain buying from abroad.”

What’s in a name? European Court rules against noble title

BERLIN (AP) — A German man who added nobility titles to his name after obtaining dual citizenship in Britain will have to settle with being plain-old Nabil Peter Bogendorff von Wolffersdorff in his native land following a ruling from the European Court of Justice.

The Luxembourg-based court said Thursday that EU member states aren’t always obliged to recognize name changes of a citizen who has dual citizenship with another in the bloc that contain “tokens of nobility” not accepted by that state.

Germany abolished titles of nobility in 1919, but the man added both “Graf” and “Freiherr” — Count and Baron — to his last name when living in Britain more than a decade ago, becoming Peter Mark Emanuel Graf von Wolffersdorff Freiherr von Bogendorff.

Upon return home, German authorities rejected the change.

B-52s, Jennifer Hudson, Marcus Mumford to honor songwriters

NEW YORK (AP) — Presentations and performances from the B-52s, Jennifer Hudson, Marcus Mumford and Sister Sledge will be featured at the Songwriters Hall of Fame induction and awards dinner in New York City on June 9.

The event will also feature comedian James Corden, songwriters Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff, the Byrds’ Roger McGuinn, singer Rachel Platten, actors Jussie Smollette and Jon Voight, the organization announced Thursday.

This year’s inductees are Elvis Costello, Marvin Gaye, Tom Petty, Nile Rodgers, Bernard Edwards and Chip Taylor. Special award recipients include Lionel Richie, Nick Jonas and Seymour Stein.

Emails: Clinton staff reviewed remarks, questions for events

JACK GILLUM, Associated Press

CHAD DAY, Associated Press

STEPHEN BRAUN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Hillary Clinton, the presidential campaign has been about building an approachable image: She's often eschewed big arenas in favor of town halls, peppered her ads with personal stories and planned less-scripted gatherings with voters.

But emails obtained by The Associated Press reveal a careful, behind-the-scenes effort to review introductory remarks for college presidents and students presenting the Democratic front-runner as a speaker, as well as suggesting questions that happened to be aligned with her campaign platform.

While it's not unusual for campaigns to plan detailed appearances, the exchanges preview the kind of image-control apparatus that could be deployed in a Clinton White House, including attempts to steer conversations with her audiences. They also run counter to her campaign's efforts to make Clinton look less wooden and scripted than she did when running eight years ago.

The former secretary of state's preparedness appears in contrast with the presumptive Republican nominee, Donald Trump, who rarely pulls punches in his speeches, speaks more spontaneously and has far more apparently unplanned, unscripted interactions.

Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill said, "We take pride in Secretary Clinton's ability to answer tough questions. We do not screen questioners at events, nor do we script interactions." He said Clinton has answered about 900 questions in formal events on the campaign, and that more-memorable moments came from the fact her events were "completely unscripted."

The newly revealed exchanges, which surfaced in open-records requests, show the workings of a Clinton campaign that touts off-the-cuff moments, like the story of a little girl who asked Clinton: "If you're elected the girl president, will you be paid the same as the boy president?" That line is a stump speech favorite.

But the campaign still injects itself into the minute details of the candidate's appearances down to the stemless glassware in her green room. That fixation on planning has sometimes pulled local officials uncomfortably into the political arena.

"They offered to write your introduction. I told them no," Becky Mann, the head of public relations for South Carolina's Greenville Technical College, wrote in an email to the college's president, Keith Miller.

Clinton's campaign also suggested questions that Miller could pose such as, "We have a number of students who have a financial need — what do we need to do to make college affordable?" College affordability is one of Clinton's campaign issues.

But Miller dismissed the suggestions, calling them "bad questions" and said he would develop his own. "Probably after hearing her speech," he wrote.

In South Carolina, state director Clay Middleton asked another college to "provide a list of 2 or 3 students that would be fitting to introduce the Secretary."

Des Moines Area Community College's president, Robert Denson, incorporated talking points sent by Clinton's campaign into his August 2015 opening remarks ahead of her appearance. In an interview, Denson said the college was visited by several candidates including Clinton and Trump, and handled each campaign the same: reaching out for specific remarks ahead of time to incorporate into his usual introduction, which notes the school is nonpartisan and doesn't favor any candidate.

"We did the same thing with Trump," he said, adding that candidate visits at community colleges provide insight into what's important and the opportunity to hear from future White House occupants who could shape the nation's policies.

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Merrill said the campaign at times assists people as part of an event, “especially those introducing Secretary Clinton, with the points on our campaign’s message. More often than not, it’s because they’ve asked.”

Clinton’s campaign also reviewed the Des Moines transit agency’s press release prior to Clinton’s visit there in July 2015, where she called climate change one of the “most urgent threats” of our time. “I have the changes and OK from their team, so we’ll get it out shortly,” one transit official said in a July 2015 email.

Later that year, at Keota High School in Keota, Iowa, Clinton’s staff had asked to see a student’s introductory remarks before the event, according to a December 2015 email.

That exchange came a month after Clinton’s appearance at a middle school in Clinton, Iowa, which was preceded by a flurry of emails in which school officials were worried about her campaign’s plans to film media ads.

Four days before the event, a campaign official wrote to the school: “We are wanting to do some small commercial filming in the vocational spaces at Clinton High School earlier in the day before the town hall” at the middle school. School officials, concerned the school’s name might be used for political purposes, moved quickly to limit the filming — asking that the school not be identified in any advertisements and making sure no school signs would appear in the ads.

About 400 Clinton residents, campaign officials and media filed into the cafeteria the Sunday that Clinton appeared for her event. She touted her “Caring Economy” plan to cut federal taxes, promote tax credits and expand Social Security.

“As a public school,” wrote John Jorgensen, the school system’s director of learning and collaboration, “we cannot appear to be supportive of one candidate over another.”

Israel: Palestinian woman tries to stab soldier, is killed

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military says a knife-wielding Palestinian woman has been shot and killed as she tried to stab a soldier at a West Bank checkpoint.

Thursday’s incident is the latest in a series of Palestinian attacks against Israeli civilians and troops over the last eight months.

The stabbings, shootings and assaults in which cars rammed into people or troops have killed 28 Israelis and two Americans. About 200 Palestinians have been killed during that time. Israel says most were attackers.

The assaults were once near-daily incidents but they have slowed down considerably in recent weeks. There have been far fewer casualties as well, and Israeli forces have begun capturing rather than shooting attackers.

Earlier this week, Israeli police arrested a 17-year-old Palestinian in Tel Aviv who had stabbed a soldier.

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But the new arrangement designed to speed up admissions at Jordan's Azraq camp is barely making a dent, and crowds are expected to grow to 100,000 by the end of the year.

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Once-confidential manuals for the real estate seminar company show the business encouraged high-pressure sales tactics and recognized it faced legal risks.

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Dozens of people who committed violence in the name of ideological purity step forward to take responsibility and show contrition, yet saying sorry remains rare.

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No decision has been made yet on whether charges will be brought against the parents of a 3-year-old boy who fell into a gorilla enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo.

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AP Exclusive: How candy makers shape nutrition science

CANDICE CHOI, AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a startling scientific finding: Children who eat candy tend to weigh less than those who don't.

Less startling was how it came about. The paper, it turns out, was funded by a trade association representing the makers of Butterfingers, Hershey and Skittles. And its findings were touted by the group even though one of its authors didn't seem to think much of it.

"We're hoping they can do something with it — it's thin and clearly padded," a professor of nutrition at Louisiana State University wrote to her co-author in early 2011, with an abstract for the paper attached.

The paper nevertheless served the interests of the candy industry — and that's not unusual. The comment was found in thousands of pages of emails obtained by The Associated Press through records requests with public universities as part of an investigation into how food companies influence thinking about healthy eating.

One of the industry's most powerful tactics is the funding of nutrition research. It carries the weight of academic authority, becomes a part of scientific literature and generates headlines.

"Hot oatmeal breakfast keeps you fuller for longer," declared a Daily Mail article on a study funded by Quaker Oats.

"Study: Diet beverages better for losing weight than water," said a CBS Denver story about research funded by Coke and Pepsi's lobbying group.

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The studies have their defenders.

Food companies say they follow guidelines to ensure scientific integrity, and that academics have the right to publish no matter what they find. Many in the research world also see industry funding as critical for advancing science as competition for government funding has intensified.

It's not surprising that companies would pay for research likely to show the benefits of their products. But critics say the worry is that they're hijacking science for marketing purposes, and that they cherry-pick or hype findings.

The thinner-children-ate-candy research is an example. It was drawn from a government database of surveys that asks people to recall what they ate in the past 24 hours. The data "may not reflect usual intake" and "cause and effect associations cannot be drawn," the candy paper authors wrote in a section about the study's limitations.

The candy association's press release did not mention that and declared, "New study shows children and adolescents who eat candy are less overweight or obese."

The headline at cbsnews.com: "Does candy keep kids from getting fat?"

Carol O'Neil, the LSU professor who made the "thin and clearly padded" remark, told The Associated Press through a university representative that data can be "publishable" even if it's thin. In a phone interview a week later, she said she did not recall why she made the remark, but that it was a reference to the abstract she had attached for her co-author to provide feedback on. She said she believed the full paper was "robust."

The flood of industry money in nutrition science partly reflects the field's challenges. Isolating the effect of any single food on a person's health can be difficult, as evidenced by the sea of conflicting findings.

The ambiguity and confusion has left the door open for marketers.

Since 2009, the authors of the candy paper have written more than two dozen papers funded by parties including Kellogg and industry groups for beef, milk and fruit juice.

Two are professors: O'Neil of LSU and Theresa Nicklas at the Baylor College of Medicine. The third is Victor Fulgoni, a former Kellogg executive and consultant whose website says he helps companies develop "aggressive, science-based claims about their products."

Their studies regularly delivered favorable conclusions for funders — or as they call them, "clients."

In a phone interview, Fulgoni said industry-funded studies show favorable results because companies invest in projects with the "best chance of success." He said any type of funding creates bias or pressure to deliver results.

"The same kind of questions you're asking me, you should be asking (National Institutes of Health) researchers," Fulgoni said.

It's true that industry-funded studies don't have a monopoly on the problems in scientific research. Still, Marion Nestle, a professor of nutrition at New York University (and no relation to the food company) said unlike other research, industry-funded studies "are designed and produced to be useful in marketing. The hypotheses are market driven."

In the past year, 156 of the 168 industry-funded studies Nestle reviewed showed favorable results for sponsors. She said playing up nutritional perks has become a critical marketing tool in the competitive food industry.

"The only thing that moves sales," she said, "is health claims."

"TROLLS"

The documents show how researchers can be motivated by financial concerns. In 2010, Nicklas said in an email she decided against attending a General Mills health summit because she didn't want to

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"jeopardize" a proposal the group planned to submit to Kellogg. For another project, Fulgoni advised O'Neil against adding data.

"I suggest we focus on these first and 'hook' Kellogg for more funding before conducting more analyses," he wrote.

For the paper on candy-eating children, a disclosure says the funders had no role in the "design, analysis or writing of this manuscript." But emails obtained from LSU show the National Confectioners Association made a number of suggestions.

"You'll note I took most but not (all) their comments," Fulgoni wrote to O'Neil about the paper in 2010.

"I have finally waded through the comments from NCA. Attached is my attempt to edit based on their feedback," he wrote about a similar paper on candy consumption among adults.

The trumpeting of their research was also carefully timed. In June 2011, a candy association representative emailed O'Neil a critical article about a professor with industry ties.

"I'd like to monitor the fallout from this story, and give a little bit of distance to our research piece. I do not want to put you in the crossfire of a media on a rampage," wrote Laura Muma of FoodMinds, an agency that represented the candy association.

Fulgoni said the group runs manuscripts by clients to check for errors or omissions.

"It's more using them as a set of eyes to make sure we haven't forgotten something," he said.

O'Neil said she takes only "grammatical corrections from the clients — I can't speak for the others."

For the paper about candy and children, Chris Gindlesperger, a spokesman for the National Confectioners Association, said the group was given "the courtesy of reviewing the manuscript" and that its suggestions did not change results. He pointed to another paper that came to the same conclusion by analyzing multiple studies, including the one funded by the candy association.

O'Neil said she believed it was important to research foods such as nuts and milk to know whether they're good for you, and that it is difficult to get government funding for such studies. She said Fulgoni's consulting business, Nutrition Impact, gets most of the funding for their projects and that she receives reimbursements for costs such as travel, but no salary compensation. As research faculty, O'Neil is expected to publish.

A Baylor College of Medicine representative, Lori Williams, said all research funding goes through the college. She said the college did not receive payment from the candy association or Nutrition Impact for the paper on children and candy co-authored by Nicklas.

The records obtained by the AP show Nicklas sent Nutrition Impact an invoice for \$11,500 for three manuscripts in 2011, including \$2,500 for "candy." After being provided a copy of the invoice, Williams said the school began a review "surrounding funding and disclosures on this research."

"We take this very seriously, and your information is of significant concern to our leadership at the College," Williams wrote.

Papers co-authored by O'Neil and Nicklas also list support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture — general funding the two professors receive from the department through their respective universities for research work.

—Another paper by the co-authors found a link between chickpeas and hummus and better nutrient intake. It was funded by Sabra Dipping Co. and a disclosure says funders had no input in drafting the manuscript.

But Sabra provided feedback that was incorporated. For a line on the benefits of "recipes made from chickpeas," for instance, it suggested tacking on, "such as hummus."

Sabra said it received a courtesy review for "providing clarifying notes and ensuring accuracy of product data."

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The International Life Sciences Institute, which is funded by companies including McDonald's, Red Bull and Unilever, encourages scientific collaboration with industry. Eric Hentges, its executive director, said sponsors have long been able to provide comments to ensure excellency, but that authors have the final say.

Hentges said the goal is to improve quality — not change the results.

—For a study comparing breakfasts for children, the American Egg Board asked a University of Arkansas researcher to explain in a progress report the implications of her study for the egg industry.

"This could lead to increase(d) sales and profits," wrote Jamie Baum, an assistant professor of nutrition.

In a statement, Baum said it is standard for funders to ask about industry implications. She said she applies the same scientific rigor regardless of the funder.

An egg board representative, Mitch Kanter, said opinions about industry implications are irrelevant to the integrity of the research.

—Coca-Cola's former chief science officer, Rhona Applebaum, referred to industry critics as "trolls" in one of her regular emails with company-backed researchers, according to documents obtained from West Virginia University, where one of the researchers is the dean of the school of public health.

The roles of scientists and marketers sometimes blurred.

In 2013, a University of South Carolina professor, Steven Blair, asked Coca-Cola to fund a "Research & Message Management Strategic Plan."

"We must prepare and publicize 'our message' rather than let the media and other forces control the perception of our work," the plan said. It noted an upcoming study that would "generate enormous press" because of its findings about mothers and obesity.

"In other words, if you're fat, blame your mother's inactivity," the plan explained.

The media strategy included online videos responding to critics, magazine articles and "a series of bylines (instead of op-eds)."

Blair has been criticized for emphasizing the role of physical activity in preventing obesity and shifting blame away from food and drinks. A university representative, Wes Hickman, said the school stands behind Blair's research and that any suggestion that Blair ignored diet implications "is simply false."

In a statement, Coca-Cola said it is evaluating how it approaches health projects so that it can be a more "helpful and credible partner."

OATS AND STANDARDS

In addition to studies that crunch data, companies pay for clinical trials that test the effects of food in humans. PepsiCo has funded and co-authored studies showing the benefits of oats as its Quaker empire has expanded to include oat-based treats like biscuits and "breakfast cookies."

In 2011, the company tested the hypothesis that its Quaker oatmeal and cold cereal would each be more filling than Honey Nut Cheerios, which is made by rival General Mills.

The oatmeal was more filling among the trial's 48 participants, but results were mixed for the cereal, Quaker Oatmeal Squares.

"I am sorry that the oat squares did not perform as well as hoped, but your hypotheses were validated with the oatmeal," wrote Frank Greenway, chief medical officer at Louisiana State University's Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

PepsiCo decided to publish only the results about its oatmeal. In statements, PepsiCo and the LSU researchers said the other half of the trial's results were not significant enough to merit publication.

Not everyone sees it that way.

Many researchers fear that the body of scientific literature is being distorted by withheld results. On

its registry for clinical trials, the National Institutes of Health explains that reporting results reduces publication bias and facilitates systemic reviews.

"That's part of science. You publish the result you get. You don't just publish the results you want," said Deborah Zarin, who oversees the registry at NIH.

Obama to address Air Force grads amid uncertainty on US role

JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — President Barack Obama is giving his final commencement speech to U.S. Air Force Academy graduates who are coming of age at a time of fresh global threats that seem to be pulling the U.S. back into conflicts with uncertain ends.

When he came into office in 2009, Obama pledged to end two wars and to keep America's fighting forces out of unnecessary entanglements. In one of his first addresses to graduates, just months on the job, he told the U.S. Naval Academy that he promised to deploy the country's diplomatic, economic and moral influence so that the military alone wouldn't bear the burden of keeping Americans safe.

"It's a promise that as long as I am your commander in chief, I will only send you into harm's way when it is absolutely necessary, and with the strategy and the well-defined goals, the equipment and the support that you need to get the job done," Obama said in Annapolis, Maryland.

His speech Thursday in Colorado Springs, Colorado, comes amid difficult questions about whether the fights the U.S. is now waging meet those criteria, nebulous as they may be.

As Obama eyes the end of his term, he's weighing whether to once again increase the number of troops he'll leave in Afghanistan when he leaves office. In Iraq, U.S. troop levels have gradually crept back up to help fight the Islamic State group, with special forces also dispatched to Syria and Libya. Deep concerns about Russia and China have spurred calls for the U.S. and its allies to take a more aggressive military posture in eastern Europe and Asia.

White House officials said Obama wouldn't use his speech to make major policy pronouncements, but would instead adopt an optimistic tone about how young military members should approach the future.

"It will be an opportunity for him to talk to those graduates about the security challenges that are facing the United States and the important role that the next generation of American servicemen and women will face as they protect the country," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

Though Obama ended the formal U.S. combat mission in Afghanistan, some 9,800 troops remain there helping Afghans battle a resurgent Taliban, a reminder of how unstable the country remains fifteen years after the U.S. went to war there. White House officials have said Obama is inclined to listen to his commanders, and many military leaders are pushing to leave more than the 5,500 troops Obama earlier said would remain.

Adding to the uncertainty is the presidential election. Likely Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton has adopted a slightly more hawkish tone than Obama. On the Republican side, Donald Trump has pledged to grow the U.S. military and intensify the military fight against IS, but has also unnerved foreign capitals with talk of the possible spread of nuclear weapons to Japan and South Korea.

For Obama, the speech is the culmination of a yearly tradition of addressing one of the military's four service academies at graduation. This year, Obama also delivered commencement addresses at Howard University, a historically black school in Washington, and Rutgers University, a public university in New Jersey.

Trump University model: Sell hard, demand to see a warrant

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The manual for the staff at Trump University events was precise: The room temperature should be 68 degrees. Seats should be arranged in a theater-style curve. And government prosecutors had no right to see any documents without a warrant.

Instructing employees how to stall law enforcement investigations might seem like an unusual part of running a real estate seminar company. But at Trump University — which drew investigations by Democratic and Republican attorneys general alike — it was par for the course.

Trump University guides unsealed this week by a federal judge in southern California undercut Trump's portrayal of his one-time real estate seminar course as an uncontroversial operation. Instead, the manuals reflect boiler-room sales tactics — the proceeds of which went largely to Trump.

One guide encouraged staff to learn prospective enrollees' motivations in order to better sell them on products: "Are they a single parent of three children that may need money for food?" the guide asked. When people balked at paying for expensive courses, the suggested response for Trump University staff was harsh.

"I find it very difficult to believe you'll invest in anything else if you don't believe enough to invest in yourself and your education," the guide offered as a recommended response.

Those who bought into Trump University ended up paying as much as \$34,995 for what was purported to be private mentoring with supposed real estate experts — some of whom Trump himself later acknowledged were unqualified.

With past Trump-affiliated business failures, Trump has often distanced himself by noting that his only financial involvement was a branding agreement. In the case of Trump University, however, Trump's ownership is not in dispute — Trump wanted the business for himself.

When future Trump University President Michael Sexton pitched Trump on the deal, he wanted to pay Trump a flat fee in a licensing deal. Trump rejected that, Sexton said in a deposition.

Trump "felt this was a very good business, and he wanted to put his own money into it," said Sexton, who ended up receiving \$250,000 a year from Trump to run a business in which Trump held more than a 90 percent stake. The design of the Trump University operating agreement "was entirely in the hands of the Trump legal team," Sexton said.

Other court records and depositions showed that Trump and senior members of the Trump Organization were responsible for reviewing and signing all checks — and that Trump withdrew at least \$2 million from the business.

Trump reviewed the advertising for Trump University's courses, Sexton said. And he did not believe Trump ever looked at what the three-day seminars included.

"Mr. Trump is not going to go through a 300-page, you know, binder of content," Sexton said.

The impression of Trump's involvement given to potential customers was quite different, according to a script for Trump University telemarketers.

"You know who my boss is, right?" the script reads. "Mr. Trump is on a mission to create the next wave of independently wealthy entrepreneurs in America. Is that YOU?"

Trump has defended Trump University by citing surveys in which 98 percent of students reported being pleased with the program. But those surveys took place before students had experienced the full program and were not anonymous, plaintiffs lawyers have said. A higher percentage demanded refunds later.

As scores of students complained that Trump University was a ripoff, the Better Business Bureau in 2010 gave the school a D-minus, its second-lowest grade. State regulators also began to take notice.

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The office of then-Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican, opened a civil investigation of “possibly deceptive trade practices.” Abbott’s probe was quietly dropped in 2010 when Trump University agreed to end its operations in Texas. Trump subsequently donated \$35,000 to Abbott’s successful gubernatorial campaign, according to records.

A spokesman for Abbott, now Texas governor, declined to comment.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman also opened an inquiry into Trump U’s advertising and business practices as part of a broader review of the for-profit education industry. Schneiderman, a Democrat, eventually filed a civil lawsuit in 2013, citing what he called Trump’s “false promises” to persuade people “to spend tens of thousands of dollars they couldn’t afford for lessons they never got.”

Trump has fought to have the New York action thrown out on procedural grounds, but earlier this year a state appeals court cleared the case to go to trial.

Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi briefly considered joining with Schneiderman in a multi-state suit against Trump University. Three days after Bondi’s spokeswoman was quoted in local media reports as saying the office was reviewing the New York lawsuit, the Donald J. Trump Foundation made a \$25,000 contribution to a political fundraising committee supporting Bondi’s re-election campaign. Bondi, a Republican, soon dropped her investigation, citing insufficient grounds to proceed.

Brussels urges Albania to complete a judicial package reform

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — The European Union has urged Albania to complete a package of judicial reforms if it wants to launch full membership talks with the bloc.

Referencing Albania’s upcoming appearance in soccer’s European Championship in France, the EU’s top official for enlargement Johannes Hahn, said “the coming days will be decisive whether Albania will advance in the Euro Championship or stays in the group stage.” It’s Albania’s first appearance in a major international tournament.

The EU and the U.S. have helped Tirana draft the reform package, which is considered key to fighting corruption at all levels, especially the judiciary. Albania’s Parliament is being pressured to pass the judicial reform bill by the end of the month in order to convince Brussels to authorize membership negotiations. However, there are divisions within Parliament.

Clinton to attack Trump on foreign policy

CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton is set to unleash a major foreign policy attack on Donald Trump, using a speech in San Diego to cast the Republican as unqualified and dangerous.

The former secretary of state, who has repeatedly called Trump a “loose cannon,” will seek Thursday to contrast her foreign policy experience with Trump’s. Foreign policy adviser Jake Sullivan said Clinton would make clear how high the stakes are in the race, as well as share her “larger vision of who we are, what we’re all about as a country.”

“She is going to make clear why Donald Trump is simply unqualified to be commander in chief,” Sullivan said, adding that the speech “will go into specifics in a very direct and clear way about what makes Donald Trump unfit, both in terms of temperament and ideas. This is as full-throated and full-bodied a case as you will have seen from anyone on the danger that Donald Trump poses.”

During an appearance in Newark, New Jersey Wednesday, Clinton assailed Trump over his past statements, criticizing him for proposing to ban Muslims from entering the country, for advocating the use of torture and for saying other countries should acquire nuclear weapons.

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"This is not just divisive rhetoric, my friends, this is dangerous," Clinton said. "What he has already said has given aid and comfort to terrorists."

Trump accused Clinton of lying about his foreign policy plans at a rally at an airport hangar in Sacramento, California, Wednesday night.

"She lies. She made a speech and she's making another one tomorrow. And they sent me a copy of the speech and it was such lies about my foreign policy," Trump said.

"They said I want Japan ... to get nuclear weapons. Give me a break," he objected. "I want Japan and Germany and Saudi Arabia and South Korea and many of the NATO nations — they owe us tremendous. We're taking care of all these people. And what I want them to do is pay up."

Trump has suggested in the past that he might be OK with Japan one day obtaining nuclear weapons.

Clinton's campaign hopes her foreign policy experience will appeal to voters who may be wary of Trump's bombastic style and lack of international experience. They hope those points, combined with Trump's controversial statements about women and minorities, will give Clinton opportunities with independent and moderate Republican voters.

In recent days, Clinton has criticized Trump over his past business practices, his recent promises to raise money for veterans and his now defunct education company, Trump University. On Wednesday Clinton called Trump a "fraud" and said the real estate mogul had taken advantage of vulnerable Americans.

Trump has pushed back against the critiques. On the education company, he has maintained that customers were overwhelmingly satisfied with the offerings.

While Clinton is stressing her concerns about Trump, she is still dealing with her primary race. Clinton needs just 71 more delegates from states voting Tuesday to win the Democratic primary, but is dealing with an increasingly tough fight with rival Bernie Sanders in California, where the Vermont senator is gaining in polling. Clinton plans to be in California though Monday as she seeks to avoid a primary loss there.

UCLA goes from fear to sadness in professor's shooting death

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A murder-suicide brought a massive police response and widespread fear of an active shooter among tens of thousands of people at UCLA. Now fear has shifted to sadness as many lament the death of a professor who worked on computer models of the human heart who was also a doting father who coached his young son's baseball team.

William S. Klug, a professor of mechanical engineering, was gunned down in an engineering building office Wednesday, according to a law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation but not authorized to publicly discuss it.

The shooter in the murder-suicide has not yet been identified, and finding his motive in killing Klug will be foremost in the investigation as it continues Thursday.

Classes at the University of California, Los Angeles campus will resume Thursday for most of the school, and on Monday for the engineering department, whose students and faculty were coming to grips with his loss.

"Bill was an absolutely wonderful man, just the nicest guy you would ever want to meet," said a collaborator, UCLA Professor Alan Garfinkel. "Devoted family man, superb mentor and teacher to so many students. He was my close colleague and friend. Our research together was to build a computer model of the heart, a 50 million variable 'virtual heart' that could be used to test drugs."

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Peter Gianusso, who headed the El Segundo Little League where Klug coached, said he "exemplified what Little League was all about: character, courage and loyalty."

"He had a special relationship with his son through baseball, was a great coach, spent countless hours on the field with the boys and girls of El Segundo Little League," Gianusso said.

The initial reports from the scene set off widespread fears of an attempted mass shooting on campus, bringing a response of hundreds of heavily armed officers who swarmed the campus.

Groups of officers stormed into buildings that had been locked down and cleared hallways as police helicopters hovered overhead.

Advised by university text alerts to turn out the lights and lock the doors where they were, many students let friends and family know they were safe in social media posts. Some described frantic evacuation scenes, while others wrote that their doors weren't locking and posted photos of photocopiers and foosball tables they used as barricades.

After about two hours, city Police Chief Charlie Beck said it was a murder-suicide and declared the threat over. Two men were dead, and authorities found a gun and what might be a suicide note, he said.

It was the week before final exams at UCLA, whose 43,000 students make it the largest campus in the University of California system.

Those locked down inside classrooms described a nervous calm. Some said they had to rig the doors closed with whatever was at hand because they would not lock.

Umar Rehman, 21, was in a math sciences classroom adjacent to Engineering IV, the building where the shooting took place. The buildings are connected by walkway bridges near the center of the 419-acre campus.

"We kept our eye on the door. We knew that somebody eventually could come," he said, acknowledging the terror he felt.

The door would not lock and those in the room devised a plan to hold it closed using a belt and crowbar, and demand ID from anyone who tried to get in.

Scott Waugh, an executive vice chancellor and provost, said the university would look into concerns about doors that would not lock.

One student who spent hours sheltering in a building did the same thing almost exactly two years ago when he was locked down in a dorm at UC Santa Barbara during a shooting rampage in the surrounding neighborhood that left six students dead and wounded 13 people.

Jeremy Peschard, 21, said it was "scary" and "eerily similar" but also that having been through the feeling of crisis before left him almost numb.

"I just felt a little bit less shocked, a little bit less taken aback by the reality of an active shooter on a college campus," he told The Associated Press in an email. "Because I feel like this is the day and age we're living in, that college campus shootings have genuinely become a normalized threat, almost like a natural disaster, except this type of destruction isn't natural. It's just really sad."

UCLA's commencement ceremonies and end-of-year events will now include mourning Klug, who was a devout Christian and a regular figure in organizing campus spiritual life.

In 2012, according to the campus website, he moderated a forum that his family and friends might find useful now. Its title: "Does God Care?: Seeking the Meaning of Life in the Midst of Suffering and Death."

Glory Days: Bay Area plays host to NBA Finals, Stanley Cup

JOSH DUBOW, AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry and LeBron James dueling on the court in the NBA Finals as the Golden State Warriors look to cap a record-breaking season with a second straight title. Joe Thornton and Sidney Crosby matching up on the ice as the San Jose Sharks look to win the Stanley Cup for the first time ever.

The Bay Area that is usually known for high-tech innovations, wine country and spectacular views will be the center of the sports world this weekend when it plays host to both the NBA Finals and the Stanley Cup Final, as well as the Copa America soccer tournament.

"This is great for sports fans, regardless of if you follow each respective sport all year-round or what-not, this is a great time to kind of tune in and be a sports fan in the Bay Area," Curry said. "Obviously, the world's eyes are going to be here in Oakland, San Jose, Levi's Stadium. So it's fun."

Everyone is getting on board, with several players from the area's other teams frequently attending Warriors and Sharks playoff games. When the Sharks clinched a Stanley Cup berth, 49ers general manager Trent Baalke was right next to Sharks counterpart Doug Wilson offering congratulations.

A group of Athletics went over to watch a Warriors shootaround before one of their own games earlier this postseason. Raiders coach and Bay Area native Jack Del Rio has attended both Sharks and Warriors playoff games this spring.

"I think it's inspiring for sure," Del Rio said. "I take great pride in having been from this area. Even when it wasn't good, Warriors had some lean years, whatever. Different sports teams have lean years, if you're a true fan, you're still there. But there's nothing like it when you get it going and we're all enjoying it. That's what's happening right now with the Warriors and the Sharks, and we'd love to join that."

The drama started Monday when the Warriors won Game 7 of the Western Conference finals at home, while the Sharks were losing Game 1 of the Cup Final in Pittsburgh.

That was the last overlap game of the season for the two teams, meaning fans can put their remotes aside and focus on only one game each night.

The Warriors will host Cleveland in Games 1 and 2 of the NBA Finals on Thursday and Sunday nights. The Sharks will host Pittsburgh in Games 3 and 4 of the Stanley Cup Final on Saturday and Monday.

"It's something that you strive toward," Raiders quarterback Derek Carr said. "Just to see the city on fire for both teams is pretty sweet."

For those with more national than local pride, there's even some big-time soccer in the area as well. The U.S. men's soccer team opens play in the Copa America tournament in Santa Clara on Friday night against Colombia, while Lionel Messi and Argentina take on Chile on Monday.

This marks the ninth time that one market will host the championships for the NBA and the NHL in the same year, with the Bay Area joining East Rutherford, New Jersey (2003), New York City (1972 and '94), Chicago (1992), Philadelphia (1980) and Boston (1974, '58 and '57).

None of those markets won both titles in the same year, with New York coming closest in 1994 when the Rangers won the Stanley Cup against Vancouver and the Knicks lost the NBA Finals to Houston in seven games.

This is the best run for Bay Area teams since the A's won three World Series titles from 1972-74, the Warriors won the NBA championship in 1975 and the Raiders won the Super Bowl following the 1976 season.

This current run started in 2010 when the Giants won their first World Series since moving to San Francisco. They followed that up with titles in 2012 and '14 and are currently in first place in the NL

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West as they hope to extend their streak of even-year championships.

After years of struggles, the Warriors have turned it around under owners Joe Lacob and Peter Guber. They won their first championship in 40 years last season and followed that up by winning a record 73 games in the regular season and making it back to the Finals.

The Sharks shed 25 years of playoff disappointment this year when they made it to the Stanley Cup Final for the first time ever.

The 49ers are just over three years removed from a Super Bowl trip and even hosted the big game earlier this year, meaning that three of North America's Big Four team sports will contest their championships in the Bay Area in a span of less than four months.

Even the Raiders appear to be on the rise after 13 straight seasons without a playoff berth.

"We've been blessed with some great sports organizations and success from when I was here, the Niners were so good," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said. "They were going to the championship game every year. They were playing in the Super Bowl. The Giants obviously won in the World Series, and the Raiders make another resurgence, and obviously with the Sharks and the Stanley Cup, it's really cool."

Ohio official: No decision yet on charges in gorilla case

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CINCINNATI (AP) — No decision has been made yet on whether charges will be brought against the parents of a 3-year-old boy who fell into a gorilla enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo, causing an animal response team to shoot and kill the primate, authorities said.

Cincinnati city spokesman Rocky Merz said Wednesday no determination has been made on possible charges nor has anything related to the case been released by city or county departments.

Merz said an investigation into the incident Saturday at the zoo is ongoing and that Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters will review the case.

Meanwhile, 911 tapes released Wednesday by Cincinnati police reveal the confusion and panic in the moments when the boy plunged into the zoo's gorilla exhibit.

"He's dragging my son! I can't watch this!" a woman, who isn't identified, says in the 911 call on Saturday.

As she pleads for help, she shouts at her son repeatedly: "Be calm!"

The zoo's dangerous animal response team shot and killed the gorilla within 10 minutes to protect the boy after he dropped some 15 feet into the exhibit.

The boy's family isn't commenting on the police investigation, but they released a statement saying he continues to do well and expressed gratitude to the Cincinnati Zoo for protecting his life.

The child's mother said in the 911 call that her son had fallen into the gorilla exhibit and a male gorilla was standing over him. The dispatcher told her that responders were on their way, and she yelled four times: "Be calm!"

Another woman is heard telling bystanders to keep quiet so they didn't scare the gorilla. "You're going to make him riled up. You're riling him up," the woman said.

A record of police calls shows nine minutes passed between the first emergency call about the boy falling into the enclosure and when the child was safe.

Since then, there have been numerous questions about the how the child got past the barriers around the exhibit.

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The zoo says it will look at whether it needs to reinforce the barriers even though it considers the enclosure more secure than what's required.

A federal inspection less than two months ago found no problems with the gorilla exhibit, but earlier inspections reported issues including the potential danger to the public from a March incident involving wandering polar bears inside a behind-the-scenes service hallway.

On Wednesday, the boy's family said he had a checkup by his doctor and "is still doing well." The family said they continue to "praise God" and also are thankful to the zoo "for their actions taken to protect our child."

While they have been blamed for the gorilla's death by some people during a storm of social media and other commentary on the death, the family expressed appreciation for those offering support. The statement said some even have offered money, which they won't accept.

At least two animal rights groups were holding the zoo responsible for the death of the 17-year-old western lowland gorilla, charging that the barrier made up of a fence, bushes and a moat wasn't adequate.

Warriors feeling more calm going into second straight Finals

JANIE McCAULEY, AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — There's a comfort level for MVP Stephen Curry and his teammates this time around on the big stage.

Coach Steve Kerr even senses a calm about the Golden State Warriors as they go into a second straight NBA Finals — a second straight against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers, no less.

Everything was new last year. There were some serious nerves. Golden State's daily schedule and routine got disrupted, which Kerr called "a bit of a shock to our guys' system."

"I don't think anyone's going to be nervous out there like we were last year," Klay Thompson said.

The 73-win Warriors are fresh off a Game 7 victory against the Oklahoma Thunder that capped a remarkable comeback from a 3-1 deficit, and they hope to roll that momentum right into Game 1 on Thursday night in front of their rockin' home crowd at Oracle Arena.

"I know we're a better team than we were last year, just off experience and what we've been through in this postseason, better equipped to kind of handle the scene of the Finals and all that's kind of thrown at you when you get here," Curry said. "The first time, it's a whirlwind."

Cleveland has its own reasons for these Finals to feel far different from last June. Namely: The Cavs are at full strength as they try again for the franchise's first championship after losing in six games last year.

Kyrie Irving went down with a devastating knee injury in a Game 1 overtime loss to Golden State last year. He is back for the rematch, and power forward Kevin Love is poised for his Finals debut after he missed last year's series because of a dislocated left shoulder that required surgery.

Ask folks in Northern Ohio and they're sure to say things would have turned out differently had those two stars been on the court, and the city's five-decade championship drought dating to the Browns' 1964 NFL title already would have ended.

"I don't really get involved into the whole pressure thing," James said of bringing a championship home to Ohio.

The healthy Cavs, who also added Channing Frye this season, like their chances with Love in the mix. Coach Tyronn Lue has all the confidence in Love.

"It's nice not having to sit there and watch. I mentioned last year that it was very bittersweet. Bitter

having to sit there and watch not being able to help, but sweet seeing so many guys that are the main reason we are where we are today stepping up and making big plays," Love said. "That was the sweet part of now being here and being able to play."

Even if he now draws menacing defender Draymond Green and those regular, celebratory muscle flexes.

"Them having all their guys is always going to be a challenge," Green said.

While the Warriors have said all along that this special, record-setting season won't matter in the end if they don't hoist another trophy, they know how much Cleveland wants this. Desperately needs this, in fact, for a city starved of major sports triumphs.

"I think we're stronger at our core, but we're very similar as a basketball team," Kerr said. "They are dramatically different. Obviously they're healthy, but not only are they healthy, they've changed their style. They tried to grind us to a pulp last year playing big, and they were slowing the ball down, slowing the pace down. ... They've got shooting all over the place, and they're playing at a much faster pace. So it's really a much different team that we're seeing."

It's the 14th time in NBA history that the same teams square off in the Finals in back-to-back seasons. And in the Cavs' favor? Six of the last seven teams to lose the Finals the previous year won the next facing the same opponent.

The 2015 Finals were crazy for Green, from the level of play on the court to the stresses off it like taking care of family members in town for games.

"Coming in last year, we had no idea what to expect. All this stuff was like, 'Whoa.' Everything was a shocker," Green said. "You know how to deal with all that stuff now. I think it's more the stuff before the game that you deal with better rather than the game. And then on top of that you know the intensity level that it takes to win an NBA Finals."

Irving and the Cavs understand as well as anyone it takes some luck at this stage after a long season, too.

Something Cleveland didn't have last year.

"Well, coming into the postseason you actually want to have a great bill of health, and we were just unfortunate of not having that going into the full extent of postseason," Irving said. "They won the championship last year, and now we come in, two evenly healthy teams, and No. 1 and No. 1 in the Eastern Conference and Western Conference, respectively. This is what it's about."

Syria refugees kept behind fences amid Jordan security fears

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AZRAQ REFUGEE CAMP, Jordan (AP) — A barbed wire-topped fence encircles a section of this bleak U.N.-run camp, isolating thousands of recent arrivals — whom Jordan considers a potential security risk — from other Syrian refugees.

This camp-within-a-camp, called "Village 5," was set up in late March as part of an uneasy trade-off between Jordan and international aid agencies trying to speed up admissions of tens of thousands of refugees stranded in remote desert areas on the kingdom's border.

Under the deal, Jordan agreed to let in about 300 Syrians a day, or five times more than before, on condition that newcomers are isolated in Azraq for more security checks. Jordan says strict vetting is crucial to prevent Islamic State extremists, who control large areas of Syria, from infiltrating the kingdom.

In turn, aid agencies agreed to put traumatized war survivors behind barbed wire, if only temporarily.

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Yet neither side expects the new admissions deal to empty out two rapidly growing encampments on the Syrian-Jordanian border. Instead, the population there — currently at 64,000, half of them children — is expected to reach 100,000 by the end of the year if fighting in Syria continues.

The two encampments sit between low earthen mounds, or berms, that run in parallel lines, about two kilometers (1.2 miles) apart in an area where the border isn't clearly marked.

Refugees live in tents or shelters made of tarp, wood scraps and even women's scarves, exposed to the desert's extreme cold, heat and sand storms. Lack of latrines and trash collection has led to the spread of diarrhea and infections.

Delivering aid to the berm has become one of the U.N. refugee agency's most challenging and costly operations in the Middle East, said spokeswoman Ariane Rummery, citing "remoteness of locations, extreme weather conditions, lack of access roads, and risk of escalating insecurity."

Other aid officials worry that ramping up support will inadvertently transform the jumble of shelters into de facto refugee camps in unsafe areas.

Yet saving lives trumps any misgivings at a time when Syrians are increasingly trapped in their homeland, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters about the conditions at the berm.

Neighboring Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan, which have absorbed the bulk of close to 5 million Syrian refugees since 2011, have severely restricted admissions, while doors to Europe are slamming shut.

Jordan has taken in about 650,000 refugees and says it has already done more than its share.

Those now waiting at the border are the responsibility of the international community, said Jordanian government spokesman Mohammed Momani. In allowing some asylum seekers to enter, "Jordan is doing its best to balance its security needs with humanitarian concerns," he said.

Jordan argues that all those at the border are still on Syrian soil, a claim disputed by the international group Human Rights Watch. The border is believed to run between the two berms and most tents are pitched closer to the southern, Jordanian-controlled berm, said researcher Adam Coogle.

The head of the Norwegian Refugee Council in Jordan, Petr Kostohryz, said Jordan is "perhaps the only country in the region retaining at least partially open borders."

At the same time, refugees live "in the middle of the desert, with zero access to services, with high degrees of crime and exploitation," he said.

Refugee Khaled Mallak, 34, his wife and six children were among those who made the dangerous trip from Syria to the Azraq camp in Jordan's eastern desert.

The Mallaks left the Syrian capital of Damascus in mid-January and reached Hadalat three days later. "The area was full of insects and even rats," Mallak said of the border camp.

After three months, the family was admitted to Jordan and was moved to Azraq, the only permitted destination for refugees. In fenced-in Village 5, they received food and basic supplies, but often waited for hours to collect them, said Mallak.

The family was allowed to leave the restricted area after a month, and now lives in a part of Azraq where they have greater freedom of movement.

A Jordanian security officer prevented Associated Press reporters from approaching Village 5.

Azraq consists of rows of white prefab shacks that can house up to 51,000 Syrians in four sections, or villages. Only two villages were populated after the camp's opening in 2014.

However, a third section, Village 5, filled up over the past six weeks, as Jordan admitted more than 16,000 refugees under the new policy, said Kostohryz, the NRC chief.

Last week, the first group of 1,500 refugees was allowed to move out of the restricted area, in what the NRC hopes will be the start of integrating all newcomers into the camp.

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Meanwhile, aid agencies are facing growing challenges at the berm, a 2.5-hour drive from the nearest Jordanian town, including an 80-kilometer stretch over unpaved desert.

Aid workers cannot enter the camps for security reasons, and set up distribution points near the southern berm. Jordanian troops stand atop the earth mounds and screen refugees.

Refugees permitted to climb over the berm fetch water or line up, often for hours, to register with the U.N. or receive canned food, dry rations and fruit.

Crowds have repeatedly surged toward aid workers amid rumors that distribution was ending for the day, an aid official said. Troops have responded with tear gas or warning shots.

During the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which begins next week, refugees will be lining up in scorching temperatures while fasting during daylight hours.

A lawless atmosphere prevails in the camps, said aid officials, citing accounts by refugees. War profiteers with no intention of seeking asylum steal rations from the most vulnerable, the officials said.

Some refugees at the berm don't seek asylum, for fear of being rejected by Jordan and sent into a more dangerous area of Syria.

Momani confirmed that some have been rejected on security grounds, but did not provide figures. He argued that this does not amount to expulsions — problematic under international law — because Jordan never admitted them as asylum seekers.

It's not clear how long the faster pace of admissions will last. Jordan promised the United States earlier this year to let in at least 20,000, aid officials said. White House officials declined comment.

Existing shelters in Azraq can now house several thousand more refugees; the camp is designed for an additional 75,000 people.

However, Jordan is unlikely to let in large numbers of refugees. It says it has confidential evidence that IS sympathizers posing as refugees are trying to infiltrate the kingdom, which is a member of the U.S.-led military coalition against the extremists in Syria and Iraq.

Even if most of those waiting at the berm were moved to Azraq, many more would likely take their place, Momani said.

"If we let all of these people into that camp (Azraq), what's going to happen a week after that?" he said. "You will get 120,000 stranded people on the border."

Federal regulators propose restrictions on payday lenders

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NEW YORK (AP) — Federal regulators are proposing a significant clampdown on payday lenders and other providers of high-interest loans, saying borrowers need to be protected from practices that wind up turning into "debt traps" for many.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's proposed regulations, announced Thursday, seek to tackle two common complaints about the payday lending industry.

The CFPB is proposing that lenders must conduct what's known as a "full-payment test." Because most payday loans are required to be paid in full when they come due, usually two weeks after the money is borrowed, the CFPB wants lenders to prove that borrowers are able to repay that money without having to renew the loan repeatedly.

Secondly, the CFPB would require that lenders give additional warnings before they attempt to debit a borrower's bank account, and also restrict the number of times they can attempt to debit the account. The aim is to lower the frequency of overdraft fees that are common with people who take out payday loans.

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"Too many borrowers seeking a short-term cash fix are saddled with loans they cannot afford and sink into long-term debt," CFPB Director Richard Cordray said in a prepared statement.

Cordray compared the situation to getting into a taxi for a crosstown ride and finding oneself stuck on a "ruinously expensive" trip across the country. He said the proposal would aim to "prevent lenders from succeeding by setting up borrowers to fail."

Payday lenders would have to give borrowers at least three days' notice before debiting their account. Also, if the payday lender attempts to collect the money for the loan twice unsuccessfully, the lender will have to get written authorization from the borrower to attempt to debit their account again.

In a study published last year, the CFPB found that payday borrowers were charged on average \$185 in overdraft fees and bank penalties caused by payday lenders attempting to debit the borrower's account.

The CFPB is also proposing that auto titles no longer be used as collateral, which would effectively end the auto-title lending industry.

A separate study found that one out of every five borrowers of auto title loans were having their cars seized after failing to repay the loan, which often had a secondary negative effect of taking away the means for the borrower to get to his or her job.

The CFPB found that annual percentage rates on payday loans can typically be 390 percent or even higher, while rates on auto title loans are about 300 percent.

The proposed regulations are likely to face stiff opposition from lobbyists from the payday lending industry and auto-title lending industry, as well as opposition from members of Congress.

"The CFPB's proposed rule presents a staggering blow to consumers as it will cut off access to credit for millions of Americans who use small-dollar loans to manage a budget shortfall or unexpected expense," said Dennis Shaul, CEO of the Community Financial Services Association of America, which is a trade group for the payday lending industry.

According to the trade group, the new rules would eliminate 84 percent of the industry's loan volume and would likely result in payday lender storefronts closing.

Consumer advocates had mixed reactions to the bureau's proposal, some saying the proposed restrictions do not go far enough. Nick Bourke, director of the small-dollar loans project at the Pew Charitable Trusts, said that the rule to document a borrower's ability to pay is good, but it does not address the high interest rates these products often charge.

The agency is seeking comments from interested parties and the general public on the proposals before final regulations are issued. Comments are due by Sept. 14.

'Myth-busting' Obama tries to debunk GOP on the economy

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ELKHART, Ind. (AP) — President Barack Obama went on a "myth-busting" mission Wednesday aimed at undermining Republican arguments about the economy, working to give cover to Democrats to embrace his policies ahead of the presidential election.

Officially, Obama came to this hardscrabble town in northern Indiana to illustrate how steps he took in the first days of his presidency had ultimately paid off and pulled the economy back from the brink. Yet his rally at a high school in Elkhart blurred the lines between governing and campaigning, marking the president's most aggressive and direct foray to date into the roaring campaign to replace him.

"The primary story that Republicans have been telling about the economy is not supported by the facts. It's just not," Obama said. "They repeat it a lot, but it's not supported by the facts. But they say

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it anyway. Now why is that? It's because it has worked to get them votes."

When Obama came to Elkhart seven years ago on his first major presidential trip, the unemployment rate was soaring and the White House struggling to secure support for injecting hundreds of billions of federal dollars into the economy. Though the economy has improved measurably, Republicans have been reluctant to give Obama credit.

As Obama returned to Indiana, GOP Gov. Mike Pence said the state had recovered "in spite of Obama's policies" — not because of them. And the Republican National Committee dismissed his visit as a "campaign trip" designed to help Hillary Clinton sell a weak Obama record as if it were "really a success story."

So with all the vigor he displayed on the campaign trail years ago, Obama attempted a nearly line-by-line takedown of claims Republicans have made about his policies holding the economy back. He dismissed those GOP voices as "anti-government, anti-immigrant, anti-trade and let's face it, anti-change."

"My bigger point is to bust this myth of crazy, liberal government spending," Obama said. "Government spending is not what is squeezing the middle class."

He avoided mentioning Donald Trump by name, but was met with shouts of "Donald's crazy" from some of the 2,000 people packed in a brightly lit gymnasium. Asked later why he rarely mentions Trump's name, Obama said the businessman is better at marketing himself than the Democratic candidates.

"You know he seems to do a good job mentioning his own name," Obama said in a town hall meeting hosted by "PBS NewsHour." "So, you know, I figured I'll let him do his advertising."

Republicans have mostly settled on Trump as their nominee, albeit begrudgingly, while Clinton and Bernie Sanders continue competing for the Democratic nomination. Though White House aides are eager to see the primary wrapped up, Obama has tried to avoid showing favoritism, which has limited his ability to engage in the campaign.

Obama predicted that his party's primary was "almost over" and said he'd have plenty of time to campaign for the nominee. He said the Democratic contender should be clear by next week, following June 7 primaries in California, New Jersey and elsewhere.

He also offered a few subtle nods of approval for the Democrats. Obama praised Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, for cutting federal deficits, and railed against a system rigged for the uber-rich in an implicit embrace of Sanders' campaign mantra.

The president's approval ratings have finally improved to levels where his fellow Democrats feel comfortable running on his policies, especially on the economy. Clinton has proposed steps that build directly on Obama's actions while Sanders has praised his accomplishments.

Yet Obama and his aides have long signaled frustration that as the economy has improved, the public's perception of his decision-making hasn't tracked the same trajectory. Opposition to the president has been particularly unrelenting in conservative stretches of the Midwest like Indiana, which Obama won in 2008 but lost decisively four years later.

Elkhart County Commissioner Mike Yoder, a Republican, paused for 15 seconds and laughed when asked whether Obama deserved any credit for the recovery.

"At the bottom of the day, I think most elected officials — and I'm guessing the president would say this himself — that it is the local communities and the local businesses and workers that really are the major reason that a community will turn around," Yoder said.

Obama said he had returned to Elkhart "precisely because this county votes Republican."

"I definitely got whupped here in 2012. I know I don't poll all that well in this county," Obama said. "So I'm not here looking for votes."

Asian shares mixed, markets plagued by uncertainty

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Asian shares meandered Thursday amid uncertainty over the world outlook in general and the Japanese economy in particular, following a decision by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to postpone a sales tax hike to avoid shocks to the country's faltering recovery.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 2.1 percent to 16,593.61. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index was nearly flat at 20,708.26. The Shanghai Composite Index fell 0.2 percent to 2,907.17. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 0.8 percent to 5,280.10, while South Korea's KOSPI edged 0.1 percent higher to 1,985.46. Southeast Asian markets were mixed.

ANALYST VIEWPOINT: "Despite appearances of calm in equities, markets continue to be plagued by uncertainty with magnified volatility and divergence in currencies," Mizuho Bank said in a market commentary. It said the delay in raising Japan's sales tax may have "induced anxiety over fiscal sustainability and underscored uncertainty in the economy."

WALL STREET GAINS: U.S. stocks perked up after a downbeat start to eke out a small gain Wednesday. Consumer companies were among the big gainers as investors sized up mixed data on U.S. manufacturing, housing and auto sales. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 2.47 points, or 0.01 percent, to 17,789.67. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 2.37 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,099.33.

OPEC MEETING: Investors are closely watching for the outcome of a top-level meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries on Thursday in Vienna. Analysts say oil ministers from the 13-nation oil cartel are unlikely to reach any agreement on production targets or production caps. After touching a 13-year low early this year, the price of oil has gained nearly 90 percent since January.

OIL: U.S. crude shed 8 cents at \$48.93 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It closed 9 cents lower to \$49.01 on Wednesday. Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, gained 5 cents at \$49.77. On Wednesday, it slid 17 cents to close at \$49.72 a barrel.

CURRENCIES: The dollar fell to 108.95 yen from 109.48 in the previous day's trading. The euro rose to \$1.1210 from \$1.1188.

US designates North Korea 'primary money laundering concern'

MATTHEW PENNINGTON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States on Wednesday proposed new restrictions to close off North Korea's access to the international financial system and to prevent the reclusive communist country from using banks to launder money that could be used for its nuclear weapons program.

The Treasury Department declared North Korea a "primary money laundering concern," the latest step toward severing U.S. banking relationships with North Korea and deepening its economic isolation. U.S. banks are generally prohibited now from dealing with North Korea.

A proposal under Treasury review would prevent foreign banks from using their accounts for dealings with U.S. banks to process financial transactions on behalf of North Korean banks.

"Basically they have put everyone on notice, if you do financial transactions with North Korea, you are subject to investigation by U.S. bank regulators who may exclude you from the U.S. market," said Marcus Noland, an expert on North Korea at the Petersen Institute for International Economics.

The Treasury Department was required by legislation enacted in February to consider whether to make the money-launder designation. Having made that determination, the government can impose penalties after a 60-day comment period.

Adam Szubin, acting undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, urged other countries to

take similar steps to sever banking ties with North Korea. After the North conducted atomic and missile tests early in 2016, the United Nations in March issued its toughest sanctions yet.

“It is essential that we all take action to prevent the regime from abusing financial institutions around the world — through their own accounts or other means,” Szubin said in a statement.

Despite the international censure, North Korea has pressed ahead with weapons testing. The U.S. and South Korean militaries reported that North Korea conducted the latest in a series of failed ballistic missile launches on Tuesday.

But in Beijing, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with a high-ranking North Korean envoy on Wednesday, in an apparent move aimed at easing strains between the two countries.

China remains North Korea’s biggest source of diplomatic support and economic help, but Beijing this year agreed to the new U.N. sanctions, and observers say trade exchanges between the two have declined dramatically.

Noland said major Chinese banks have stopped doing business with North Korea, and in the past month, Russian banks have followed suit, although smaller banks that have less to lose from being excluded from the U.S. market may still consider it worth their risk to conduct North Korea-related transactions.

The U.S. took a similar step in 2005 against a Macau-based bank, Banco Delta Asia, which held about \$25 million in North Korean funds. Treasury declared the bank a primary money laundering concern, and the sanctions cut Banco Delta Asia off from the international dollar-based financial system and almost caused it to collapse.

The U.S. later lifted that restriction to facilitate nuclear talks with North Korea, but the stigma it created meant most banks have since avoided transactions with the North Korea even when they are not expressly banned.

Ex-Florida cop charged in shooting of armed black musician

TERRY SPENCER, Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A fired Florida police officer was arrested and charged Wednesday with manslaughter and attempted murder in the fatal shooting of a legally armed black musician after prosecutors say an audio recording and physical evidence show the musician had thrown his weapon to the ground and was running away when the lethal round was fired.

Prosecutors also allege that the recording shows Palm Beach Gardens Officer Nouman Raja misled investigators and lied to a 911 operator to make it appear that Corey Jones, 31, was still armed and a threat more than 30 seconds after he had been felled by the officer’s bullets last Oct. 18.

Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg announced the charges at a news conference after a grand jury found the shooting unjustified. If convicted, Raja could face life in prison. Aronberg declined to answer questions about the case.

Jones family issued a statement saying they are relieved by the arrest.

“While we understand that nothing can bring back our son, brother and friend, this arrest sends a message that this conduct will not be tolerated from members of law enforcement,” the statement said.

Raja’s attorney, Richard Lubin, did not immediately respond to phone calls or email.

The charges, according to court documents, center on a recording of Jones talking to a tow truck operator after his SUV had broken down on an Interstate 95 off ramp before dawn as he returned home from a performance. Jones, a drummer who also worked as a housing inspector, had purchased his gun only days earlier because he was worried about being robbed of his music equipment, his family has

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said. He had a concealed weapons permit.

Jones and the operator had talked uneventfully for about two minutes when Raja, who is of South Asian descent, pulled up the ramp from the wrong direction and parked in front of Jones' SUV, according to charging documents. Raja, who was investigating a string of auto burglaries, was driving an unmarked cargo van with no police lights and was in civilian clothes: a tan T-shirt, jeans, sneakers and a baseball cap.

Raja's sergeant told investigators that he had instructed Raja to wear his tactical vest that has police markings while on this assignment for his own safety and to identify himself, but it was found in Raja's van along with his police radio, the documents say. Raja, 38, had been a police officer for seven years, but only about six months with Palm Beach Gardens, a well-to-do suburb. He also taught police classes at a local community college.

Charging documents say that, on the recording, as Jones and the operator talked, the door chimes from Jones' SUV sounded, indicating he stepped out as Raja approached. It recorded an exchange where Raja repeatedly asks variations of "You good?" to which Jones repeatedly replies he is. Raja never says he is a police officer.

Suddenly, the officer shouts, using an expletive, for Jones to put his hands up.

Jones replies: "Hold on!" And Raja repeats his demand.

Raja then fired three shots in less than two seconds, according to the charging documents. Ten seconds of silence then pass before three more shots, each fired about one second apart, are heard.

"A reasonable person can only assume the thoughts and concerns Corey Jones was experiencing as he saw the van approaching him at that hour of the morning," prosecutors wrote in the charging documents. "At no time during the recording did Raja say he was a police officer" and acted confrontationally, prosecutors wrote.

Immediately after the shooting, Raja used his personal cellphone to call 911. As the operator answered 33 seconds after the last shot was fired, according to charging documents, Raja yelled at someone to drop the gun even though Jones' autopsy showed a bullet had pierced his heart and lungs and would have felled him almost immediately.

Raja told the 911 dispatcher that he had identified himself as a police officer and that he began firing as Jones came at him with a gun, prosecutors say. He said he continued firing because Jones was pointing his gun at him as he ran away.

When Raja's sergeant and other officers arrived, they found Jones' body between some trees almost 200 feet from the back of his SUV. A police dog found Jones' gun about 75 feet from his SUV, near where Raja told his sergeant he had seen Jones throw it. The safety was on and it had fired no shots.

Prosecutors say in their charging document that given the distance between the gun and Jones' body — and the heart wound that would have incapacitated him — they believe Raja fired the last three shots after he knew Jones had thrown down his gun and was running away.

David S. Weinstein, a former state and federal prosecutor, said Aronberg probably charged Raja with manslaughter and attempted murder instead of murder to make it more likely to get a conviction. If Aronson went for first-degree murder and there were no provisions allowing for the jury to convict Raja of a lesser charge such as manslaughter, Weinstein said, he risked an acquittal or a hung jury if jurors believed Raja feared for his life when he fired the first shot.

Professor in Utah told not to give fake urine to students

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Brigham Young University physiology professor will no longer be offering students the chance to drink what they think is real urine as part of a class demonstration.

Assistant professor Jason Hansen has been told to just explain the lesson next time rather than offering a mixture of water with vinegar and food coloring and calling it urine, Dixon Woodbury, chair of BYU's department of physiology and developmental biology, said Wednesday in a statement.

Hansen will not be disciplined.

Hansen said in a statement that he didn't mean to offend anyone when he recently offered a student the chance to drink urine in class to learn about the principles of hydration and dehydration. The woman didn't know it was fake urine. The second-year professor says he has done the same exercise in the past with no complaints.

"This is usually a fun way to teach this concept to the class," Hansen said in an email.

This year, however, an anonymous student reached out to Salt Lake City TV station Fox 13 to complain the lesson went too far.

No other students or parents have complained, Woodbury said.

The concept of the demonstration has been used for years in physiology courses to teach about critical aspects of kidney function and urine formation, Woodbury said.

"The apparent requirement of drinking someone else's urine is inappropriate, but it was neither required nor actually urine, so was considered a learning opportunity," Woodbury said in an emailed statement.

Florida: Disaster coming without help on Zika fight

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida will experience a "disaster" with the Zika virus if federal authorities don't immediately provide money to help battle the virus, Florida Gov. Rick Scott said Wednesday.

Scott, who had already visited Washington, D.C., in an effort to get Congress to act, sent a strongly worded letter to President Barack Obama asking the federal government to do something. The Republican governor called it "profoundly disappointing" that Congress has not taken "immediate action."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest responded to the letter by saying that "we hope that Republicans in Congress will finally get the message" and approve the \$1.9 billion that the president has been seeking. Congress is currently divided over how much money to spend to battle the virus, which can cause grave birth defects and be spread by certain mosquitoes.

Florida currently has 162 cases of Zika virus, including 38 pregnant women. All of the cases involve residents infected outside the country, but state officials are worried that the onset of hurricane season and wet weather will lead to the virus being transmitted to mosquitoes domestically.

"There is no doubt that we fall further and further behind fighting the spread of this virus with every day that passes and we are not fully prepared," Scott wrote in his letter. "... We need federal action now to keep our citizens safe and healthy through what would no doubt be a disaster if this virus becomes mosquito-borne in our state."

Scott wants money to help the state pay for insecticides, mosquito-spraying equipment and kits to help with Zika preparation efforts as well as money to help local governments hire additional people to increase spraying efforts.

Adding urgency to Scott's request: Health officials announced Wednesday that a tourist contracted

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dengue fever in Key West. The mosquitoes that carry dengue also transmit Zika and other viruses.

A statement from the Florida Department of Health in Monroe County says the person, who is not a state resident, is recovering. "All indications are that this infection was locally acquired in Key West," it says, adding that mosquito control officials have intensified their activities in the southernmost city in the continental U.S.

Dengue fever is rarely fatal but causes debilitating pain. The island chain had been free of dengue since an outbreak that infected dozens of people in Key West ended in October 2010. Since then, the state typically records a handful of cases each year, mostly in the Miami area.

Scott has not yet said if he will tap into state dollars to cover costs needed to battle the virus if the federal government remains at a stalemate over how to respond. He has the power to ask that legislative leaders approve emergency spending requests, but he has not done so.

"This is a national issue and they (Congress) need to make it a priority," said Scott spokeswoman Jackie Schutz, although she noted that Florida has spent some of its own money on the problem.

Earnest noted Scott's letter while addressing reporters as the president flew to Indiana for events.

"It is clear that Republicans outside of Washington recognize that there is more that should be done to support local efforts to fight Zika. And we hope that Republicans in Congress will finally get the message," Earnest said.

Clinton, Sanders look to mobilize complacent Calif. voters

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BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Sue LaVaccare is fighting "the California complacency."

With the presidency on the line, it's the well-documented tendency of many voters in a state filled with sunshine and distractions to shrug at election days. And Southern California, a base of support for Hillary Clinton, has a notoriously uneven record when it comes to voter turnout.

"Most people know in their gut that Hillary is the most experienced," says LaVaccare, a 47-year-old health care consultant and political fundraiser who is organizing volunteers for Clinton in the fiercely contested 28th Congressional District in Los Angeles County.

"What I think is our biggest challenge," she says, "is getting her supporters to actually vote."

While Clinton needs a mere 71 delegates from several states voting on June 7 to claim the Democratic nomination, the fight against rival Bernie Sanders in California has grown increasingly contentious as the Vermont senator gains in polling. Both campaigns are counting on unheralded volunteers like LaVaccare to rouse their supporters.

But there is scant glamour in the operational innards of a campaign. That's there where volunteers armed with computerized data punch in phone numbers to talk with potential voters, or sweep through neighborhoods knocking on door after door.

In California, 475 Democratic delegates will be divvied up on election day, the most of any state. Many will be doled out based on the outcome in 53 congressional districts, each amounting to its own battleground, like the 28th, an ethnically diverse, Democrat-rich territory running from the tony Hollywood Hills into the suburban sprawl of Burbank, a Los Angeles suburb.

Mary Kellerman describes herself a political junkie who has followed Bernie Sanders' career for years. When she'd see him on television she always thought, "This guy needed to be running for president."

Her wishful thinking turned to reality, and as the Vermont senator tries to engineer what would be his biggest upset the campaign organizer is leading a corps of volunteers in Burbank.

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"It's fun to go to a rally, but attending every rally is not going to get Bernie Sanders elected," said Kellerman, whose neighborhood crew visited 260 homes on a recent weekend.

In the 2008 Democratic presidential primary, Clinton ran up a landslide margin in the 28th District. The Sanders gambit: parlay a surge of new, younger voters who polls show lean to the Vermont senator into a win, or strip away crucial delegates from Clinton that he will bring to the party's convention.

Underscoring the stakes, Clinton has had LaVaccare and other volunteers at work in the district for months. Hollywood for Hillary, as it's known, has grown into a small army of up to 400 people, whose members have gathered at least 15 times to make phone calls and are knocking on doors in places like Los Angeles' Silver Lake neighborhood. You can hear the urgency in the candidates' own words, who've been calling on supporters to turn out in record numbers.

Campaigning Wednesday in Spreckels, in the state's vast agricultural midsection, Sanders noted that Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, are devoting several days to campaigning in the state in the run-up to the primary.

"I wonder why Secretary Clinton and her husband Bill are back in California? I thought we had lost and it was all over," Sanders told reporters.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid weighed in Wednesday, saying Sanders needs to recognize that "sometimes you just have to give up" and should not carry his campaign through to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

President Barack Obama, in a town hall meeting hosted by "PBS NewsHour," said he expects the Democratic contender to be clear by next week as well.

A look at Clinton's campaign's events in the Los Angeles area provides a peek at her campaign's strategy, which relies in part on driving up her margins with Hispanics, women and Asians: women-to-women phone calls; Koreans for Hillary, Day of Action; Latino-to-Latino phone calls. It all costs money, but Clinton's campaign announced Wednesday it has plenty of that: \$42 million in the bank after raising more than \$240 million during the primaries. In May, she raised more than \$27 million, the campaign said. Sanders did not immediately report his fundraising details.

The campaigns are fighting over voters like Guerin Piercy, 29, an actress and registered Democrat from Burbank who says the choice between Clinton and Sanders has been difficult.

In this case, Clinton's long familiarity in Washington is working against her — Piercy is leaning to Sanders, in part because "she's been in it too long."

Campaigns employ a host of ways to reach voters — ads can be sent to Facebook pages, for example. They typically stockpile data to suss out voter preferences that can range from registration information to details on their last shopping trip, which can be clues to political leanings.

They constantly track mail-in ballots, so they know who's voted and who hasn't. Both campaigns have an eye on newly registered voters who this spring will exceed 2 million, more than double the level for the same period in presidential elections in 2008 and 2012, according to research firm Political Data Inc.

"It becomes very critical to not only convince voters to be for you, but also to do everything you can to get them to go to the polls," said veteran Democratic consultant Bill Carrick, who is not aligned with either campaign.

Kellerman, 41, an executive assistant for a marketing company, says she tries to avoid looking at the up-and-down poll numbers. And she's learned not to be discouraged if someone isn't interested in talking presidential politics.

"There are people who close their doors on us. That's OK," said Kellerman, who is getting over a serious illness and sported an array of colorful Sanders' campaign buttons. "I have not felt so energized in a long time."

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 2, the 154th day of 2016. There are 212 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 2, 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

On this date:

In 1863, during the Civil War, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman wrote a letter to his wife, Ellen, in which he commented, "Vox populi, vox humbug" (The voice of the people is the voice of humbug).

In 1886, President Grover Cleveland, 49, married Frances Folsom, 21, in the Blue Room of the White House. (To date, Cleveland is the only president to marry in the executive mansion.)

In 1897, Mark Twain, 61, was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London that "the report of my death was an exaggeration."

In 1924, Congress passed, and President Calvin Coolidge signed, a measure guaranteeing full American citizenship for all Native Americans born within U.S. territorial limits.

In 1946, Italy held a referendum which resulted in the Italian monarchy being abolished in favor of a republic.

In 1953, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in London's Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

In 1966, U.S. space probe Surveyor 1 landed on the moon and began transmitting detailed photographs of the lunar surface.

In 1976, Arizona Republic investigative reporter Don Bolles was mortally injured by a bomb planted underneath his car; he died 11 days later. (Prosecutors believed Bolles was targeted because he had written stories that upset a liquor wholesaler; three men were convicted of the killing.)

In 1981, the Japanese video arcade game "Donkey Kong" was released by Nintendo.

In 1983, half of the 46 people aboard an Air Canada DC-9 were killed after fire broke out on board, forcing the jetliner to make an emergency landing at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

In 1986, for the first time, the public could watch the proceedings of the U.S. Senate on television as a six-week experiment began.

In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. (McVeigh was executed in June 2001.)

Ten years ago: The United Nations General Assembly concluded a conference on AIDS by promising to set "ambitious national targets," but falling short of setting exact financial goals for the fight against the disease. Canadian authorities announced they had foiled a homegrown terrorist attack to set off bombs outside Toronto's Stock Exchange, a building housing Canada's spy agency and a military base. Grateful Dead keyboardist Vince Welnick died in Sonoma County, California, at age 55.

Five years ago: Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination during an appearance in New Hampshire. A 73-year-old man opened fire in the Yuma, Arizona, area, killing five people and wounding one other before fatally shooting himself. A judge in Placerville, California, sentenced serial sex offender Phillip Garrido to life in prison for kidnapping and raping Jaycee Dugard; Garrido's wife, Nancy, received a decades-long sentence. Eighth-grader Sukanya Roy of South Abington Township, Pennsylvania, won the 84th Scripps National Spelling Bee.

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One year ago: President Barack Obama signed the USA Freedom Act, extending three expiring surveillance provisions of the 9/11-era USA Patriot Act. FIFA President Sepp Blatter announced his resignation as head of soccer's governing body just four days after being re-elected to the post amid a widening corruption scandal.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Kellerman is 79. Actor Ron Ely is 78. Actor Stacy Keach is 75. Rock musician Charlie Watts is 75. Actor Charles Haid is 73. Movie director Lasse (LAH'-suh) Hallstrom is 70. Actor Jerry Mathers is 68. Actress Joanna Gleason is 66. Actor Dennis Haysbert is 62. Comedian Dana Carvey is 61. Actor Gary Grimes is 61. Pop musician Michael Steele is 61. Rock singer Tony Hadley (Spandau Ballet) is 56. Actor Liam Cunningham is 55. Actor Navid Negahban is 52. Singer Merril Bainbridge is 48. Rapper B-Real (Cypress Hill) is 46. Actress Paula Cale is 46. Actor Anthony Montgomery is 45. Actor-comedian Wayne Brady is 44. Actor Wentworth Miller is 44. Rock musician Tim Rice-Oxley (Keane) is 40. Actor Zachary Quinto is 39. Actor Dominic Cooper is 38. Actress Nikki Cox is 38. Actor Justin Long is 38. Actor Deon Richmond is 38. Actress Morena Baccarin is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Irish Grinstead (702) is 36. Rock musician Fabrizio Moretti (The Strokes) is 36. Olympic gold medal soccer player Abby Wambach is 36. Country singer Dan Cahoon (Marshall Dyllon) is 33. Singer-songwriter ZZ Ward is 30. Actress Brittany Curran is 26. Actor Sterling Beaumon is 21.

Thought for Today: "We are minor in everything but our passions." — Elizabeth Bowen, Irish author (1899-1973).