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Manager Wanted

Part Time Apartment Manager wanted. Responsible for showing apartments, handing out applications, overseeing maintenance and other duties as needed. Up to \$25 per hour. Previous sale experience a plus. Send email of interest to Grotnmnger@gmail.com

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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Thursday, July 7

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

Anniversary: Brad & Brenda Waage

Birthday: Forrest Cutler.

7:15am: NESD U10 Groton Red at Webster

6:00pm: NESD U10 Groton Blue at Sisseton 2

6:00pm: NESD U10 Groton Red at Webster

6:00pm: NESD U12 Groton Red vs. Groton Blue in Groton

6:00pm: T-Ball scrimmage in Groton

6:00pm: U8 Softball at Warner

6:30pm: Amateurs hosts Aberdeen in 1 9-inning game

7:00pm: U10 Softball at Warner

7:15pm: NESD U10 Groton Blue at Sisseton 2

7:30pm: NESD U12 Groton Red vs. Groton Blue in Groton

8:00pm: U12 Softball at Warner

Friday, July 8

Legion at Brookings Tourney

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

Birthdays: Kelby Hawkins • Pam Hanson • Ann Gibbs • Katie Groeblichhoff • Avery Schuneman

5:30pm: U8 Softball hosts Ipswich

6:00pm: Teeners at Sisseton (DH)

6:30pm: U10 Softball hosts Ipswich

7:30pm: U12 Softball hosts Ipswich

Saturday, July 9

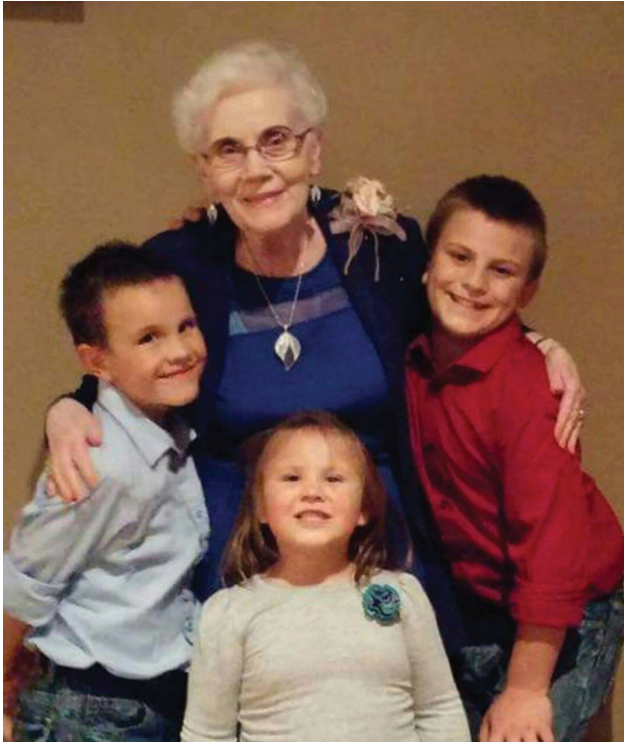
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Hannon's 80th Birthday

Happy 80th Birthday to Ida Hannon. We will be celebrating on Saturday, July 9th, from Noon to 6 pm at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites located at 3310 7th Ave SE, Aberdeen SD 57401. Cards and gifts are welcome. If unable to attend feel free to send to 1902 Prospect Ave Apt B2, Aberdeen SD 57401.

Hendrickson's 60th Anniversary

Darrell and Deanna Hendrickson are celebrating 60 years of marriage today.

Their children would like to congratulate them and wish them a

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Work has started in updating the Groton Area Elementary playground. Some old items will be reset and there will be new equipment added to the playground.

Junior Teener Region in Groton

July 12-13-14

Tuesday, July 12: Game #1 at 10 a.m.: Groton vs. Milbank; Game #2 at 12:30: Sisseton vs. Mobridge; Game #3 at 3:00: Winner of Game 1 vs. Warner/Ipswich/Northwestern.

Wednesday, July 13: Game #4 at 10:00: Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2; Game #5 at 12:30: Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner of Game 3; Game #6 at 3:00: Winner of Game 4 vs. Loser of Game 3.

Thursday, July 14: Game #7 at 12:00: Loser of Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 6; Game #8 at 3:00: Winner of Game 7 vs. Winner of Game 5; Game #9 20 minutes after Game 8: Championship game. If winner of Game 8 has already played 2 games, Game 9 will be played July 15.



Work has begun in removing the stained glass windows as the history Trinity Church in Groton. The windows will be redone and then put back into the church. (Photo by Betty Breck)

A letter from the Superintendent

Joe Schwan, Groton Area Superintendent



Dear Groton Area School District Constituents & Patrons:

In a letter to the editor in April of 2016, I attempted to communicate the results of Groton Area School district's long-range planning process. We engaged in this process to develop a plan that will ensure the facilities in our district provide maximum educational opportunities and safe learning environments for our students and staff.

To meet our goals and navigate the complicated process of analyzing our

facility and educational needs, the Board of Education selected the education and consulting experts from Foster, Jacobs & Johnson (FJJ). During February – March of this year FJJ conducted several analyses including a demographics study, stakeholder listening sessions, on-line survey, and educational adequacy study. The final report for all of these can be found on the district's website; I encourage everyone to review them.

At their regular school board meeting on May 9th, the Board reviewed the preliminary list of recommendations from FJJ. Based on the results of the analysis' and Building Code reviews, it included 21 space and infrastructure improvement needs at the elementary school, and 24 at the middle/high school. To help prioritize these recommendations the School Board appointed an 11 person committee of teachers, administrators, staff, and board members. Prioritization was based on informed, data driven, decisions that: 1) put student education, safety and wellness first; 2) supports the district's mission; 3) provides high tax payer value & fiscal responsibility.

The Prioritization Committee held several sessions that resulted in three supplements to the initial recommendations. Based on stakeholder input and data analysis, four scenarios were developed (A – D). Scenario A involved no new construction and was eliminated because it did not address educational adequacy and the 21st Century education environment. Additionally, though it would

have addressed all of the recommendations reported to the board, Scenario D was eliminated because it included what were classified as "wants" by the committee. The final comprehensive report can be viewed on the district's website.

Throughout the month of July, the Groton Area School Board and administration will be hosting five stakeholder feedback sessions; one in each community the district serves. During these sessions Scenarios B & C will be presented for your feedback because they both address the district's education and infrastructure needs well into the future.

The development of Scenarios B & C is the direction stakeholder input and the data analysis has pointed us in. By seeking your feedback at these listening sessions, the School Board is not endorsing either option, rather asking your opinion on a potential long-range plan for the district that will impact Groton Area Schools, and the communities it serves for the next 40+ years.

As we evaluate this data, and much more through this planning process, it continues to give us a much better picture of what actions we need to take for Groton Area Schools to continue to fulfill our mission:

"The Groton Area School will foster a climate conducive to learning by encouraging good behavior and citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards. Teachers will employ strategies and approaches to instruction to meet the needs of all children assigned to them. With proper motivation and instruction, all children can learn."

In my opinion our facilities are currently one of our biggest obstacles to continued education excellence in our district. Your feedback is very important in this process, so please attend one of the feedback sessions the district will be hosting throughout the month of July, or contact me any time via phone call or e-mail and I will address your questions and concerns. Following are the feedback session dates and locations. (See next page)

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Date	Stakeholder Group	Time/Location
Tuesday, July 12	Groton Community	7:00 PM/Groton Community Center
Thursday, July 21	Columbia Community	7:00 PM/Columbia Legion
Tuesday, July 26	Andover Community	6:00 PM/Andover Senior Center
Tuesday, July 26	Bristol Community	8:00 PM/Bristol Community Center
Thursday, July 28	Ferney Community	7:00 PM/St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Groton Senior Citizens

June 13 Groton Seniors held a regular meeting. Twenty six members were present Vice President Jan Raap opened the meeting with the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played 'My Country tis of thee'. minutes and treasures report were read and accepted. Lee Schinkel was thanked for painting the flower boxes. Get well cards were sent to Allen Zoellner and Don Darwin. Meeting was adjourned. Cards were played , the winners of the games. Bridge- Darlene Fischer, Canasta- Beulah Hoops and Hazel McKittrick, Whist- Grace Albrecht , Tony Goldade, Bob Pray, Pinochle- Don Darwin . Door prizes- Beverly Sombke, Bob Pray, Elda Stange. Lunch was served by Lee Schinkel , Don Darwin and Dewayne Darwin .

June 20 Groton Seniors had their pot luck dinner twenty four were present and Bingo was played. Carolyn Morehouse won black out. Syndi Ernzen joined as a new member. Cards were played after bingo. Lunch committee were Marian Raines, Tony Goldade and Carolyn Morehouse. Door prizes went to Ella Johnson, Pat Larson and Hazel McKittrick.

June 27

Seniors had a regular meeting twenty two members attended. President Ella Johnson opened the meeting with Allegiance to the flag. Lee Schinkel played 'My Country this of Thee'. Minutes and treasures report were read and accepted. Lee Schinkel gave a report on the ice cream social the Groton Lions club had on June 23. It was held at Rosewood Court, Groton Living Center and the Groton Community Center. A total of 90 seniors were served. Mary Walker was wished a Happy Birthday and given a birthday card signed by the Seniors. Meeting was adjourned and cards played the winners of the games. Pinochle- Ivan Morehouse, canasta- Hazel McKittrick and Beulah Hoops, Whist- tony Goldade, Grace Albrecht and DeLoris Knoll. Door prizes David Hlensasier, Ivan Morehouse and Beverly Donavon. Lunch was served by Eunice McColoster, Burt and Jan Raap.

Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met June 20 at 5:30 pm. at the home of Mary Overacker with Pat Larson assisting. Flowing supper President Beverly Sombke opened the meeting by leading the pledges. Yearbooks were distributed. The Rocky Mountain Fall meeting will be held in Riverton, WY, September 9-10. Yard of the week schedules were filled out. Eunice McCollister reported her and Elda Stange had attended the State meeting in Milbank, on June 18. During the meeting there was a memorial service honoring Gladys Dirks. Next meeting will be July 18, at the home of Linda Gengerke with Linda Anderson assisting and Linda Gengerke will give the program.

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Dept. of Ag Pesticide Container Recycling Collection Begins July 11

PIERRE, S.D. —The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) encourages all ag producers and businesses to take advantage of free pesticide container recycling collection from Monday, July 11, through Thursday, Sept. 8, in 37 locations around the state.

"Recycling is the preferred way of disposing pesticide containers because containers are removed from the solid waste stream and the discarded materials can be reused," said Tom Gere, SDDA agronomy services manager. "Many solid waste facilities do not take pesticide containers because they do not have enough staff to ensure containers are properly prepared for disposal. Recycling is a no cost option. Only 2.5 gallon containers or smaller that previously contained crop protection products are accepted during these collection times. Larger containers will be collected at later arranged date and time."

Labels must be removed and containers must be triple or pressure rinsed to remove contaminants.

If you are a large quantity generator of containers, or have no collections in your area, it may be possible to have SDDA staff come directly to your location and collect containers.

For a full schedule of container pick up times and locations, please visit <http://sdda.sd.gov/ag-services/pesticide-program/pesticide-collection-program/> and click on "2016 Pesticide Container Recycling Collection Schedule." For more information on these collections, please contact SDDA at 605.773.4432.

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

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Today in Weather History

July 7, 1959: A very strong and widespread windstorm began near Kadoka and moved northeastward across the state at a speed of 60 to 65 mph. Airplane hangers were damaged or destroyed at Murdo, Redfield, and Watertown. Fourteen barns were destroyed or seriously damaged. Five trailer homes were overturned.

July 7, 1990: A teenager was injured by softball size hail while working in a field near Herreid. The large hail also injured numerous cattle in the area. Most homes and vehicles in town suffered damage. The Herreid School had 120 broken panes of glass.

July 6, 1994: Widespread rainfall of over 6 inches fell in Dewey, Potter, and Faulk Counties, causing damage to roads and flooded basements and fields. A teenage girl escaped injury when her car was washed away by the waters of a swollen creek about 5 miles east of Gettysburg. Some storm total amounts include; 6.80 inches in Orient; 6.70 at Faulkton; 5.80 in Milbank; 5.48 in Big Stone City; 5.02 in Ipswich; 4.50 in Gettysburg; 4.17 in Webster; 4.12 near Onaka; 4.02 in Leola; and 3.97 in Britton.

1905: The mercury soared to 127 degrees at Parker, Arizona to tie the state record established at Fort Mohave on the 15th of June in 1896. The current record for Arizona is 128 degrees set in Lake Havasu City on 6-29-1994.

1991: During the early daylight hours of Sunday, July 7, 1991, a bow echo developed over southeast South Dakota and began racing east, producing very damaging winds. This bow echo was the start of a long-lived derecho that lasted 17 hours and affected areas from the Great Plains into western New York and Pennsylvania. Wind gusts in some places reached 80 to 100 mph. The strongest gust, 103 mph, was measured at Sioux Center, Iowa around mid-morning, and the roof of a school was blown off in nearby Orange City.

2004: A tornado occurred in the Rockwell Pass area of Sequoia National Park, California. Since the elevation of the tornado's ground circulation was approximately 3705 m (12,156 ft) MSL, this is the highest-elevation tornado documented in the United States.

2012: In Krymsk, Russia, nearly 11 inches of rain falls within a few hours on July 6th. The resulting flash floods occurred during the early morning hours on the 7. The flood wave, as high as 23 feet killed at least 172 people. The 10.83 inches is equivalent to three or four months' worth of precipitation in a typical year.

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
 40%	 10%				 30%	
Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy
High: 79 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 67 °F	High: 89 °F

Thunderstorms Possible Today

Mostly Sunny Friday

Highs: 77 to 86, warmest central

Outlook and Timing Strong to Severe Storms Possible in Yellow



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 7/7/2016 6:24 AM Central

Published on: 07/07/2016 at 6:25AM

Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are expected to move east across the area today. The best chance for strong to severe thunderstorms will be east of the James River Valley this afternoon. Drier weather will arrive on Friday and continue for much of the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 84.0 F at 4:14 PM

Low Outside Temp: 57.1 F at 4:24 AM

High Gust: 24.0 Mph at 11:55 PM

Precip: 0.38

Today's Info

Record High: 106° in 1936

Record Low: 43 in 1922

Average High: 83°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 0.75

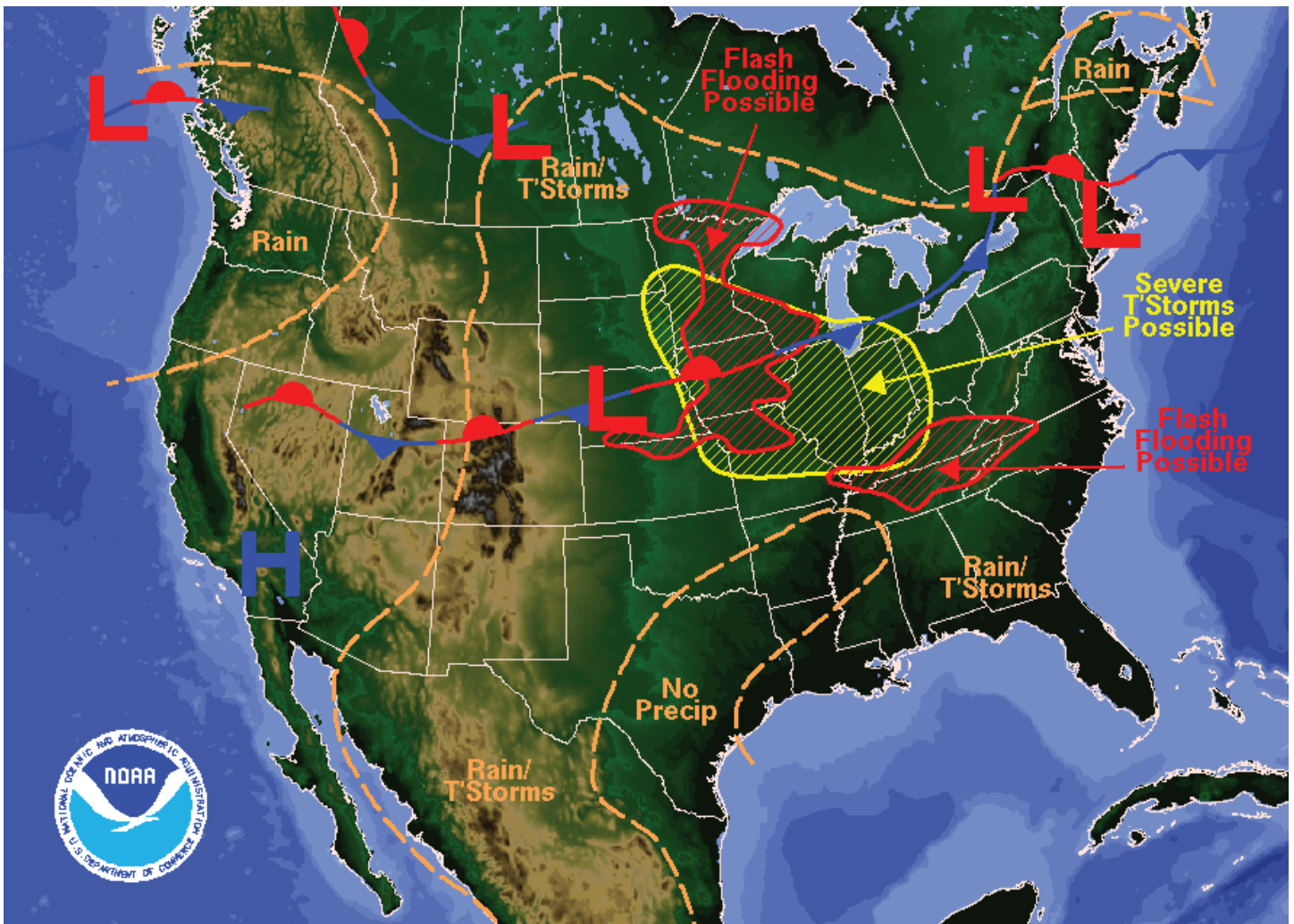
Precip to date in July: 0.43

Average Precip to date: 11.59

Precip Year to Date: 7.09

Sunset Tonight: 9:23 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:54 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jul 07, 2016, issued 4:42 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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ENTRANCE EXAM

Booker T. Washington began life as a slave and ended life as a famous educator, author, orator and political leader. As a young man he wanted to attend Hampton Institute. He often recalled his "entrance exam" the headmaster gave him prior to his admission.

Wanting to be careful before admitting him to the Institute, the headmaster asked him to clean a room. To make sure his work was acceptable he swept the floor three times and dusted it four times.

Unable to find the slightest amount of dirt or dust, the headmaster said, "You'll do to enter this institution." "That," said Washington, "was the turning point in my life."

Work has always been a significant part of God's creation. Often when we allow our tasks to become sheer drudgery or demeaning, we forget that whatever God calls upon us to do we are to do it as an act of worship and service to Him.

Paul said, "Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." For Jesus' sake, we are to work without complaining or resentment because whatever we do we do to honor Him as part of our discipleship.

We were born to work and worship. They go together. Whatever He calls us to do let's pass the "exam."

Prayer: Lord, we recall with fondness that You were called to work as a laborer in a carpenter's shop. May we, as You certainly did, do things to the glory of God. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men...
Colossians 3:23-25

News from the Associated Press

Colorado group gets Rushmore concession, parking contract

KEYSTONE, S.D. (AP) — A group that has raised millions of dollars for Mount Rushmore National Memorial has lost its contract to manage the park's parking operations.

The National Park Service says it's awarded a 10-year contract to Colorado-based Xanterra Parks and Resorts Inc. to operate the parking garage, as well as food, beverage, merchandise and souvenir sales. The contract goes into effect in October.

The Mount Rushmore Society had managed the park's parking garage for at least 20 years.

Xanterra is the park's current concessioner for food, beverage and retail operations. The contract announced Wednesday merges those operations and the management of the parking garage.

Under the new contract, the standard parking rate will be reduced from \$11 to \$10. The parking pass will be valid for one year.

Police don't suspect foul play in Rapid City infant death

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say don't suspect foul play in the death of infant that was found behind a Rapid City motel.

Rapid City police spokesman Brendyn Medina says an autopsy was performed after the deceased child was found Sunday morning wrapped in cloth behind the motel.

Police say a witness informed officers that a female had a miscarriage and was going to "dispose" of baby's body.

Police made contact with the mother who said that her baby was stillborn.

Deadline approaching for state trooper applications

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says time remains to apply to be a state trooper.

The Department of Public Safety says the application deadline is Friday. The Highway Patrol plans to hire between 15 and 20 new recruits.

Col. Craig Price is the superintendent of the Highway Patrol. Price says the patrol wants to get the best available applicants.

Law enforcement officers who are certified can get a \$3,000 hiring bonus.

New recruits who aren't certified as a law enforcement officer in South Dakota or a different state would have to attend a training academy in Pierre, in addition to other training.

From initial application to graduation, it takes about a year to become a state trooper.

US Senator formally requests audit of Indian Health Service

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A U.S. Senator has formally requested an audit of the finances of the Indian Health Service.

South Dakota's U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds has asked the inspector general of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to conduct the audit.

Rounds' request on Wednesday comes at a time when the Indian Health Service is facing intense scrutiny after federal health inspectors uncovered severe quality-of-care deficiencies at some of its hospitals in the Great Plains.

The Health and Human Services Department oversees the Indian Health Service, which is responsible for providing health care services to Native Americans across the country.

During a hearing of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs last month, Health and Human Services acting deputy secretary Mary Wakefield said the agency "would welcome" an audit.

Man gets 9 years in prison for sexually abusing minor

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man who admitted that he sexually abused a minor has been sentenced to nine years in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange has also ordered 20-year-old Graham Brody Good Shield, of Mission, to follow his prison term with five years of supervised release. Good Shield pleaded guilty in March to the charge of abusive sexual contact.

Federal authorities say Good Shield "intentionally made sexual contact" with the 11-year-old victim after he drank alcohol while at a home in Rosebud in June 2015. Authorities say Good Shield knew that the victim was a minor when he committed the crime.

Good Shield is now under the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Putting a South Dakota stamp on national dairy brands

JANELLE ATYEO, Tri-State Neighbor

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota has nine large-scale factories that turn cow's milk into cheese, ice cream and milk for your breakfast cereal, and though they might not always carry a "made in South Dakota" label, their products are sold all around the world.

And they're good. Many South Dakota-made cheeses have won awards at worldwide contests. For 20-plus years, South Dakota plants have sent cheese to compete at the national and international levels, and they do well.

It goes to show that the state is a good place for dairy, according to David Skaggs, dairy development representative for the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

Many things have to come together to make good milk products.

"From the forage and water intake of the animal right through to the processing plant is what develops good cheese," Skaggs said.

He'd like to see even more dairy ventures come to South Dakota. We have the land and the ability to grow some of the best forages in the country, Skaggs said. South Dakota also has water resources and the right climate for cattle, he added. It might be hot in summer, but new cross-ventilated barns have improved cow comfort.

"We could have a lot more dairy cows in our state," he said, adding that he'd love to see the return of dairy to western South Dakota. "We just have the vast resources to do cattle right — to do dairy right."

South Dakota dairies are producing more milk all of the time. They're adding cows and increasing the amount of milk each cow produces. This April marked a big month for milk in South Dakota. The state produced 13 percent more milk than a year ago, the biggest increase in the U.S.

South Dakota processing plants make 265 million pounds of cheese in a year. Much of the cheese and milk products are blended with others around the country to supply large food companies.

A lot of South Dakota cheese goes to other facilities where it's shredded or cut into blocks for sale under a private label such as Sargento or store brands such as Hy-Vee and Kroger.

Valley Queen Cheese in Milbank is the nation's largest producer of reduced-fat American-style cheese, including cheddar, Colby Monterey Jack and Colby Jack. It's distributed across the U.S. under branded

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and private labels. Most large cheese plants operate that way.

"This model has worked well for us for many years," Valley Queen CEO Mark Leddy said. "We have one cheese customer who we have supplied cheese to since the late 1940s."

In addition to cheese, Valley Queen whey products and lactose are used in candy bars, infant formula and nutritional supplements globally. Milk fat left from making reduced fat cheese at the Milbank plant goes into milk chocolate candy and cream cheese.

Here are some places to find other dairy products made in South Dakota:

— Chips: If your fingers are stained bright orange from eating nacho cheese-flavored Doritos, chances are there are traces of South Dakota cheese on your hands. The DairiConcepts plant in the northern South Dakota town of Pollock makes cheese products that go to Frito Lay for use in its snack foods and canned sauces.

Another dairy snack food comes out of Brookings. The Bel Brands plant opened two years ago and can churn out 1.5 million Babybel individually wrapped snack cheeses a day.

— Pizza and subs: A national take-and-bake pizza chain gets its mozzarella from a plant in Lake Norden, which is owned by Agropur. The name of the chain couldn't be disclosed because of confidentiality reasons.

The Lake Norden plant also supplies provolone cheese for a national chain of sandwich restaurants. Skaggs said he always has provolone on his sandwich when he visits. "A lot of people don't try it, but it's a very mild flavor."

— Ice cream: Ingredients for a cool summertime treat come out of a plant in Freeman. The AMPI — Associated Milk Producers Inc. — plant there makes the ice cream mix used in the regional favorite South Dakota State University ice cream. It's the world's best ice cream in Skaggs' book.

The plant also supplies ingredients for a popular East Coast bread maker. Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe in Pennsylvania uses nonfat dry milk powder that's made in Freeman.

— Artisan cheeses: A few smaller-scale plants sell artisan cheese under their own labels. Valley Side Farm in Crooks makes cheddar cheese blends with dill and peppers.

Also in southeastern South Dakota, Dimock Dairy makes cheese and spreads with blend-ins such as ghost peppers, tomato basil and pepperoni. The plant has been at it for 85 years.

To the north in Hoven, another AMPI plant specializes in hard Italian-style cheese. Its Asiago, Romano and Parmesan style cheese is sold under private labels, mostly in the Chicago area and to the east. Its Parmesan was the grand champion at the National Milk Producers Federation's cheese contest in 2012.

Free love: E-book offers samples from romance novels

NEW YORK (AP) — Romance readers can get a free peek at some of the year's hottest love stories.

"Buzz Books 2016: Romance" is an e-book featuring excerpts from 20 upcoming romance titles, including works by Mary Jo Putney and Kristan Higgins. It was released Thursday by Publishers Lunch, an online industry newsletter that also has assembled compilations of leading general fiction and non-fiction titles.

The new compilation comes out the week before the annual Romance Writers of America conference, to be held July 13-16 in San Diego.

Romance author/blogger Sarah Wendell wrote an introduction for the book, which features a wide range of subgenres, from historical romance to thrillers and Westerns.

Man fatally shot by police in Minnesota; video investigated

STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota officer fatally shot a man in a car with a woman and a child, an official said, and authorities are looking into whether the aftermath was livestreamed in a widely shared Facebook video, which shows a woman in a vehicle with a man whose shirt appears to be soaked in blood telling the camera “police just shot my boyfriend for no apparent reason.”

St. Anthony Police interim police chief Jon Mangseth said the incident began when an officer pulled over a vehicle around 9 p.m. Wednesday in Falcon Heights, a St. Paul suburb that Mangseth’s department serves. Mangseth said he did not have details about the reason for the traffic stop, but that at some point shots were fired. The man was struck but no one else was injured, he said.

As word of the shooting and video spread, relatives of the man joined scores of people who gathered at the scene of the shooting and outside the hospital where the man died and identified him as Philando Castile of St. Paul, a 32-year-old cafeteria supervisor at a Montessori school.

Speaking to CNN early Thursday, Castile’s mother said she suspected she would never learn the whole truth about her son’s death.

“I think he was just black in the wrong place,” Valerie Castile said, adding that she had underlined to her children to that they must do what authorities tell them to do to survive. Police have not released details on the ethnicity or service record of the police officer involved but to say he has been placed on paid administrative leave.

“I know my son ... we know black people have been killed ... I always told them, whatever you do when you get stopped by police, comply, comply, comply.”

Police use of force, particularly against minorities, has returned to the national spotlight since the video-recorded fatal shooting earlier this week of 37-year-old Alton Sterling by police in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The U.S. Justice Department on Wednesday launched a civil rights investigation into the shooting, which took place after Sterling, who was black, scuffled with two white police officers outside a convenience store.

Castile’s cousin, Antonio Johnson, told the Star Tribune that he believed that because Philando Castile was a black man driving in Falcon Heights, a largely middle-class suburb, he “was immediately criminally profiled and he lost his life over it tonight.”

The site of the shooting in Falcon Heights is close to the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and not far from a clutch of fields associated with the University of Minnesota’s agricultural campus.

Late Wednesday, protesters moved to the governor’s mansion in nearby St. Paul, where around 200 people chanted and demanded action from Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton. By daybreak Thursday, around 50 protesters remained outside the mansion despite a light rain.

The video posted Wednesday night on Facebook Live appears to show the aftermath of a shooting like the one described by Mangseth. It shows the woman in a car next to a bloodied man quietly slumped in a seat. The woman describes being pulled over for a “busted tail light” and her boyfriend being shot as he told the officer that he was carrying a pistol and was licensed. A clearly distraught person who appears to be an armed police officer stands at the car’s window, telling the woman to keep her hands where they are and intermittently swearing.

The Associated Press couldn’t immediately verify the authenticity of the video. Mangseth said he was “made aware there was a livestream on Facebook” but that he had not yet seen the video and didn’t know anything about its contents.

The woman in the video says the man she identified as her boyfriend was reaching for his ID and wallet when the officer shot him. Police said in a statement that a handgun was recovered from the scene.

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The officer tells her to keep her hands up and says: "I told him not to reach for it. I told him to get his hand out."

"You shot four bullets into him, sir. He was just getting his license and registration, sir," the woman responds.

The video goes on to show the woman exiting the car and being handcuffed. A young girl can be seen and is heard saying at one point, "I'm scared, Mommy."

The woman describes being put in the back seat of the police car and says, "The police just shot my boyfriend for no apparent reason."

Clarence Castile spoke to the Star Tribune from the Hennepin County Medical Center, where he said his nephew died minutes after arriving.

He said Philando Castile had worked in the J.J. Hill school cafeteria for 12 to 15 years, "cooking for the little kids." He said his nephew was "a good kid" who grew up in St. Paul.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has been called to investigate, Mangseth said. A spokesman for that agency couldn't immediately be reached.

The president of the Minneapolis NAACP, Nekima Levy-Pounds, told the crowd she has no faith in the system in the wake of this and other police shootings of black men, including last year's killing of Jamar Clark in Minneapolis. Levy-Pounds was a leading voice during the protests outside a police station that followed Clark's death, as well as during a renewed wave of protests after prosecutors decided not to charge the officers involved.

"I'm tired of the laws and policies on the books being used to justify murder," Levy-Pounds, a civil rights attorney, told the crowd as rain began to fall. "This is completely unacceptable. Somebody say, 'Enough is Enough.'"

US helps give European markets a lift despite Brexit fears

The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — European stock markets rallied Thursday after some solid U.S. economic data and growing expectations that the Federal Reserve may hold off from raising interest rates this year in light of Britain's decision to vote to leave the European Union.

KEEPING SCORE: In Europe, France's CAC 40 was up 1.2 percent to 4,133 while Germany's DAX rose 0.8 percent to 9,445. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was 1 percent higher at 6,526. Wall Street was poised for a steady opening with Dow futures and the broader S&P 500 futures down 0.1 percent.

US DRIVER: The solid tone in Europe was largely stoked by developments in the U.S. in the run-up to Friday's nonfarm payrolls data, which usually have the potential of driving market activity for a week or two after their release. Though the U.S. economy appears to be in fairly rosy shape, the Fed is not expected to raise interest rates again soon. Minutes to its last meeting showed that policymakers thought it would be wise to delay a hike until more data showed whether May's anemic U.S. hiring report was a blip or the start of a trend. Officials also worried about the outcome of Britain's vote to leave the European Union, so-called Brexit, which had not yet been held when they met June 14-15.

ANALYST TAKE: "The Brexit vote alone is likely to deter them from raising rates until at least the end of the year as they wait to see what the knock on effects will be, both from an economic and financial markets perspective," said Craig Erlam, senior market analyst at OANDA.

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index slipped 0.7 percent to 15,276.24 as shares of the country's export giants were hit by the rising yen as investors looking for safety flocked to the currency. South Korea's Kospi climbed 1.1 percent to 1,974.08 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1 percent to

20,706.92. The Shanghai Composite Index was practically unchanged at 3,016.85 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 0.6 percent to 5,227.90.

CURRENCIES: The euro was down 0.2 percent at \$1.1077 while the dollar rose 0.1 percent to 101.05 yen. The British pound meanwhile pushed back above \$1.30, trading 1 percent higher at \$1.3022.

ENERGY: Oil prices extended gains, with benchmark U.S. crude futures rising 50 cents to \$47.94 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 53 cents to \$49.33 a barrel in London.

Comedian Sarah Silverman 'lucky to be alive' after surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian Sarah Silverman says she's "insanely lucky to be alive" after undergoing surgery and spending a week in the intensive care unit due to what she calls "a freak case of epiglottitis."

Epiglottitis is a swelling of the cartilage lid that covers the windpipe. The condition can block the flow of air into lungs and is potentially life threatening.

Silverman writes in a Facebook post Wednesday that she underwent surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and couldn't be put to sleep for the recovery process due to low blood pressure. She adds that she had to have her hands restrained to keep her from pulling out her breathing tube. She didn't say when the surgery took place.

She says she owes her life to the hospital's staff.

A look at recent police shootings involving black men

The Associated Press

The shooting deaths of two black men within days by law enforcement officers are the latest in a spate of such cases that have made headlines nationwide in recent months.

A Minnesota officer fatally shot a man — identified by relatives as 32-year-old Philando Castile — while he was in a car with a woman and a child in in Falcon Heights, a St. Paul suburb. The aftermath of the Wednesday shooting was purportedly livestreamed in a widely shared Facebook video, which shows a woman in a vehicle with a man whose shirt appears to be soaked in blood telling the camera "police just shot my boyfriend for no apparent reason."

A day earlier, 37-year-old Alton Sterling was shot and killed during a confrontation with two police officers outside a Baton Rouge, Louisiana, convenience store where he was selling music and movies on discs. Cellphone video of the shooting posted online by a community activist set off angry protests.

Here's a look at other recent cases involving law enforcement officers:

GREGORY GUNN

Montgomery, Alabama, police officer Aaron Smith, who is white, has been charged with murder in the February shooting death of 58-year-old Gregory Gunn. Officer Smith shot Gunn, who was unarmed, in the early hours of Feb. 25, steps from the man's home, according to police.

AKIEL DENKINS

A North Carolina prosecutor concluded that a white officer acted in self-defense when he shot a black man in Raleigh. Police have said 24-year-old Akiel Denkins pulled out a gun and reached for Officer D.C. Twiddy's weapon before the officer shot and killed him in late February. Twiddy was trying to arrest Denkins after he failed to appear in court on felony charges related to selling cocaine.

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FREDDIE GRAY

Six Baltimore police officers faced charges ranging from misconduct to second-degree murder in the death last April of Freddie Gray. Gray, who was 25 and black, died when his neck was broken in the back of a police transport van. He had been restrained with handcuffs and leg irons, but not a seat belt. The death set off several days of rioting in Baltimore. The involuntary manslaughter trial of the first of those charged, Officer William Porter, ended in December in a hung jury. A judge acquitted two other officers in bench trials.

WALTER SCOTT

Michael Slager faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted of murder in the shooting death of Walter Scott, who was shot and killed running from a traffic stop in North Charleston, South Carolina, in April 2015. Scott was unarmed. The shooting was captured on cellphone video by a man passing by and reignited the debate over how blacks are treated by law enforcement officers. Slager, 34, who is white, was fired by the North Charleston Police Department and stands trial in October.

LAQUAN MCDONALD

Chicago Police Officer Jason Van Dyke is charged with first-degree murder in the 2014 shooting death of black teenager Laquan McDonald. Van Dyke was charged in November on the same day that the city, on the orders of a judge, released the explosive dash cam video showing the 17-year-old McDonald being shot 16 times. Van Dyke has pleaded not guilty and is free on bond. The video has prompted local and federal investigations of both the shooting and the police department.

SAMUEL DUBOSE

Ray Tensing, a former University of Cincinnati police officer, is awaiting an October trial on murder and voluntary manslaughter charges in the fatal shooting of Samuel DuBose, who was unarmed when he was pulled over for a traffic stop. Tensing pulled over DuBose last July near campus for a missing license plate. Tensing's attorney has said the former officer feared being dragged under the car as DuBose, 43, tried to drive away. Tensing, who is white, is free on \$1 million bond. DuBose was black.

AKAI GURLEY

Peter Liang, a rookie New York City police officer, was convicted Feb. 11 of manslaughter in the death of 28-year-old Akai Gurley. Liang was patrolling a public housing high-rise with his gun drawn in 2014 when he fired and a bullet ricocheted off a wall, hitting Gurley, who was black. Liang, an American of Chinese descent, said he had been holding his weapon safely when a sound jarred him and he accidentally fired. In April, a judge reduced the conviction to negligent homicide and sentenced Liang to five years' probation and 800 hours of community service.

JAMAR CLARK

The November shooting death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark sparked weeks of protests in Minneapolis. Authorities say Clark was killed during a struggle with police. The officers, Mark Ringgenberg and Dustin Schwarze, were trying to arrest Clark when he was shot once in the head Nov. 15. He died a day later. A key issue in the investigations was whether Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. The federal and state probes came to the same conclusion: Clark was not.

BRENDON GLENN

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Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck in January recommended criminal charges be brought against Officer Clifford Proctor, who fatally shot an unarmed black man in the back. The shooting last May of 29-year-old Brendon Glenn in Venice sparked angry protests. It was the first time Beck recommended charges against an officer in a shooting. Investigators concluded that Glenn was on his stomach trying to push himself up when Proctor shot him.

CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

An unarmed black Angelo State University football player was shot and killed during a suspected burglary at an Arlington car dealership last August. Christian Taylor, 19, was shot after Arlington police officer Brad Miller, who is white, was called to the dealership. Miller was fired from the department. Police Chief Will Johnson said Miller pursued Taylor without telling his supervising officer. But a grand jury decided to take no action against the officer. An autopsy determined Taylor likely used a synthetic psychedelic drug and marijuana before the deadly confrontation.

Powerful typhoon nears Taiwan; ships, planes grounded **JOHNSON LAI, Associated Press**

ILAN, Taiwan (AP) — A powerful typhoon was approaching eastern Taiwan, churning up huge waves and wind Thursday that grounded fishing boats, commercial ships and planes.

Typhoon Nepartak slowed and weakened slightly Thursday afternoon but remained dangerous, packing maximum sustained winds of 205 kilometers (127 miles) per hour and gusts of 240 kph (149 mph). It was blowing at sea about 160 kilometers (99 miles) northeast of Itbayat town in the northernmost Philippine province of Batanes with a large rain diameter of 650 kilometers (403 miles), according to the Philippine weather agency.

It is forecast to make landfall Friday morning south of Hualien city in eastern Taiwan. Big waves were already lashing the shore of nearby Ilan port city, where fishermen tightened their boats. Forecasters said waves of 1 to 7 meters (3 to 24 feet) could batter the coast, inland lakes and beachfront areas.

Restaurant owner Chen Mang-ning said he had to put a lock on the rolling door of his establishment to protect the windows from strong wind.

"Yes, I am worried about it, same as everyone here," said fisherman Chen Chun-po.

Hong Kong's two biggest airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways and Dragonair, said they were cancelling flights to and from Taiwan scheduled from Thursday evening to Friday afternoon as the storm bore down on the island.

Across the Luzon Strait, in the northern tip of the Philippines, authorities raised storm alerts in Batanes, about 700 kilometers (434 miles) north of Manila, and outlying islands in a sparsely-populated region.

The typhoon will not hit land there but will intensify seasonal southwest monsoon rains, which could spark thunderstorms and flash floods on the main northern Luzon island, said government forecaster Aldzar Aurelio. Some domestic flights were canceled in the northern Philippines.

Nepartak is a Micronesian word for a local warrior.

In November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan struck the central Philippines with ferocious power, leaving more than 7,300 people dead and missing and displacing more than 5 million others after leveling entire villages.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. MOTORIST FATALLY SHOT BY POLICE IN MINNESOTA

The 32-year-old man was inside a car with a woman and a child in a suburb of St. Paul and authorities are also investigating video which purportedly shows the aftermath of the incident livestreamed on Facebook.

2. LOUISIANA POLICE SHOOTING STRAINS COMMUNITY

An emotional, at times angry, evening unfolded in working class, predominantly black Baton Rouge where the police killing of a black man was caught on videotape.

3. OBAMA EMBARKS ON POST-BREXIT, NATO SUMMIT TRIP

The U.S. president begins a five-day, two-country mission to buck up a beleaguered Europe and brush back an aggressive Moscow on what is expected to be his last official visit to the continent.

4. URGENCY SURROUNDS NATO MEETING

Leaders will decide how to retool the Cold War-era military alliance to face a daunting range of modern threats, from a hostile Kremlin to religious-fueled violence and attacks in cyberspace.

5. WHO IS SET TO FACE GRILLING ON CAPITOL HILL

FBI Director James Comey makes his first appearance before Congress since announcing the agency's recommendation to not prosecute Hillary Clinton over her private email setup.

6. WHAT IS DISTRACTING TRUMP'S MESSAGE

The likely Republican presidential nominee is having to defending himself anew against allegations his campaign reflects bigotry and is backed by white supremacists.

7. NAVY SEAL'S DEATH RULED A HOMICIDE

Seaman James Derek Lovelace's drowning during training is raising questions about the safety of the grueling exercises that some argue are necessary to create an elite fighting force.

8. JORDAN BUILDS FIRST 'GREEN' MALL

High-end boutiques, cinemas and gourmet coffee shops are tucked into an intricate ecosystem of natural heating and cooling, water recycling and hundreds of solar panels soaking up the sun's rays.

9. SCHOLARS TRY TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT ON HAMILTON

Those dedicated to studying the nation's first treasury secretary will unveil never-before-seen artifacts and a piece of history they hope can soften some of Alexander Hamilton's rough edges.

10. COMING HOME, PART II

Like LeBron James before him, Dwyane Wade is leaving the Miami Heat and going to his hometown Chicago Bulls.

Wal-Mart in China faces employee protests

JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Wal-Mart faces protests by employees in China over what they say is a drastic change in work schedules as the company overhauls its struggling business amid an economic slowdown and competition from e-commerce.

Weakening demand for traditional retailers has added to trouble for Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which has had slow and uneven growth since its first China outlet opened in 1996. It tried to expand into online retailing but sold its operation last month to China's No. 2 e-commerce operator.

Its labor tensions reflect rising expectations among workers to share in China's prosperity and a shift

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by the ruling Communist Party away from treating them only as a source of labor toward trying to create a consumer society.

Employees said Wal-Mart wants them to work 11-hour shifts on weekends and as little as four hours on weekdays under a system it started to roll out in June. Some said that might result in lower pay and interfere with their ability to work second jobs.

Last week, staff members protested on Friday and Saturday outside Wal-Mart stores in the cities of Nanchang and Shenzhen in southern China, Chengdu in the west and Harbin in the northeast, according to employees and two labor rights groups.

More than half the Nanchang store's workforce of 200 employees took part, according to an employee. Some carried banners that said, "Wal-Mart workers stand up and oppose fraud."

In a written response to questions, Wal-Mart said it is "planning a series of initiatives to enhance and upgrade Walmart China's overall talent management system."

The company didn't answer questions about how scheduling and working conditions would change or how the protests affected its operations.

"We have communicated with Walmart China associates and a majority of associates support the new system," the statement said, using the company's term for its employees. "For those associates who need additional information, we are communicating with them on a consistent basis."

Wal-Mart faced similar criticism in the United States over its "just in time" scheduling system, which employees said changed work hours at short notice and reduced pay for some. The company said in February its U.S. stores would switch to allowing employees the option of working fixed hours or putting together schedules in two-week blocks.

In contrast to its American operations, Wal-Mart's Chinese workforce of 100,000 is represented by unions, though employees complain those Communist Party-controlled groups often side with companies instead of pushing for better wages and working conditions.

Wal-Mart was one of the highest-profile targets of a 2006 campaign led by the ruling party to have the country's umbrella labor group, the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, set up unions at foreign companies.

Managers presented the new scheduling system in May and encouraged employees to sign new contracts to authorize the change, according to employees. Under Chinese law, full-time employees work under two-year contracts.

"The workload is very heavy because we have to stand for 11 hours," said another employee of the Nanchang store, who asked not to be identified by name for fear of trouble with the company or Chinese authorities. "All the employees felt it was too difficult and were very unhappy."

Employees were told they could keep working under previous contracts if they wanted, but those who did so found their paychecks were smaller because meal subsidies and other payments were eliminated, according to the employee in Nanchang.

An activist group, China Labor Watch, said employees were pressured to sign the contracts by being told they could not leave meetings where the new system was announced until they did. Wal-Mart did not respond to a question about whether that happened.

Employees expressed concern the system could be abused to induce unwanted workers to quit by giving them awkward shifts, eliminating the need to pay severance.

Traditional retailers have been battered as Chinese shoppers shift to shopping online. Total retail sales rose 10 percent in May compared with a year earlier but that was down from 13 percent in 2014. Meanwhile, online commerce grew by more than 30 percent.

Wal-Mart, headquartered in Bentonville, Arkansas, has expanded to 433 stores in China, but that is

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less than one-tenth as many as its 4,655 outlets in the United States.

Wal-Mart bought a stake in online retailer Yihaodian in 2011 and took full control last year. But after gaining a market share of just 1.6 percent, it gave up last month and turned over ownership to JD.com. In exchange, it got a 5 percent stake in the Chinese company.

Phone calls Wednesday to ACFTU branches in Nanchang, Chengdu and Shenzhen weren't answered.

Frustration among Wal-Mart employees with the ACFTU prompted some to start an informal group called the Wal-Mart Chinese Employee Fellowship in 2014, according to Zhang Jun, who said he was a spokesman for the group. He worked as an electrician at a Wal-Mart in the eastern city of Yantai from 2011 until last December.

The group's 20,000 members — about 20 percent of Wal-Mart's China workforce — use social media to communicate, according to Zhang.

They divide themselves into small groups in line with regulations aimed at suppressing dissent by limiting the number of accounts that can be linked together.

Authorities have investigated whether the group received money from foreign organizations, according to China Labour Bulletin, a research group in Hong Kong.

On Wednesday, employees expressed concern Wal-Mart's new system would make them part-time workers who would not be entitled to compensation in the event of layoffs.

A cashier who has worked at the Nanchang store for more than five years said her monthly pay of about 1,400 to 1,600 yuan (\$215 to \$245) has fallen by about 74 yuan (\$11) under the new system. The legal minimum monthly wage in Nanchang, the capital of Jiangxi province, is 1,530 yuan (\$235).

Employees are unlikely to get a raise in the next few years, said the cashier, who asked not to be identified by name for fear of retaliation.

"What worries us more is that they are preparing for the future," said the cashier. "Will we be cut off in the future and get no compensation, like the part-time workers?"

Cambodia says visitors to Angkor temples must dress properly

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Visitors who dress immodestly will not be allowed to enter Cambodia's famed Angkor temple complex, the agency that oversees the site said Thursday.

Long Kosal, a spokesman for Apsara Authority, which oversees the archaeological complex, said that beginning Aug. 4, local and foreign tourists will be required to wear pants or skirts below the knees and shirts that cover their shoulders. Those not dressed appropriately will be required to change their clothes before being allowed to enter the temple site in northwestern Cambodia.

Long Kosal said the ban was implemented because "Wearing revealing clothes disrespects the temple's sanctity."

He said that his organization had advised tour agencies, hotels and airport officials last December that all foreign visitors should be aware of what type of clothes they should wear when they visit.

Illustrations of what is considered inappropriate clothing and behavior are being posted on the organization's website, an English version of which is still under construction.

Angkor Wat, the spiritual center of the Khmer empire that dominated the region from the 9th to 15th centuries, is Cambodia's biggest tourist attraction, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a symbol of national pride that is emblazoned on the Cambodian flag. About 2.1 million foreign tourists visited last year.

Immodest dress is not the worst breach of modesty the temples have suffered. Early last year there was a small spate of Western tourists who posed naked for snapshots, and those who were caught

were fined and deported.

Obama heads to Europe amid British referendum's aftershocks

KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is slated to embark on a five-day, two-country mission to buck up a beleaguered Europe and brush back an aggressive Moscow on what is expected to be his last presidential visit to the continent.

Obama is due to attend a summit of NATO allies in Warsaw, before moving on to Seville and Madrid for his first presidential visit to Spain. In both corners of the continent, he'll be surrounded by leaders still reeling from Britain's decision to pull out of the European Union and sorting through uncertainty about the future of the decades-old experiment in international cooperation.

The White House says Obama will arrive with words of reassurance that the departure — whenever it occurs — won't disrupt the decades-old trans-Atlantic ties that bind. He'll emphasize that Britain's exit, which does not affect its membership in NATO, only makes the 28-member military alliance more essential and its cooperation with the European Union more important. And amid leaders' anxiety about whether his possible successor, Republican Donald Trump, would retrench from Europe, Obama will make case for stronger alliances and the benefits of globalization.

Obama plans to emphasize America's "continued, very strong support for the European project which has been at the center of so much security and prosperity" around the world, said Ben Rhodes, deputy national security adviser.

The president's arrival early Friday will be his first chance to deliver that message in person, both to the European leaders tasked with smoothly navigating the tricky divorce and British Prime Minister David Cameron, whom Obama personally tried but failed to save from the wave of anti-European sentiment that fueled the vote.

Obama's first stop is a sit-down with Donald Tusk and Jean-Claude Juncker, presidents of the European Council and European Commission, respectively. White House officials said Obama plans to discuss the fallout from the referendum and weigh in on how he thinks negotiations should proceed.

Obama's agenda goes far beyond the so-called Brexit fallout. NATO plans to tout new efforts to send signals to Russia. The alliance recently agreed to bolster its presence in the east by deploying four multinational battalions on a rotational basis to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

Obama also will meet Saturday with Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko to discuss the status of the stalled 2015 Minsk peace deal, which was intended to ease tensions after Russia's incursion into eastern Ukraine. Ukraine has accused Russia of failing to fulfill its obligations by not withdrawing its troops, although the Kremlin disputes that claim.

NATO leaders will also discuss the rising threat of Islamic State attacks in Europe, the effort to address the migrant crisis caused by violence in the Middle East and North Africa and continued commitments to the mission in Afghanistan, where Obama acknowledged Wednesday the security situation was too fragile to stick to the planned timetable for drawing down troops.

The unsettling mix of issues presents a striking contrast to the Europe that Obama met eight years ago, when he bounded on the world stage with a massive campaign speech in Berlin and was embraced by a European public eagerly seeking leadership in Washington. In his first visit as president, Obama spoke hopefully of dealing with Moscow on nuclear weapons and looked ahead to new era of firmer alliances. "This is our generation. This is our time," he said during a visit to Strasbourg, Germany for a NATO summit in 2009.

Obama recently has presented a more wary, defensive case for global cooperation. White House officials say he'll repeat his case against isolationism in remarks in Spain, where he is due to meet with both Interim President Mariano Rajoy and King Don Felipe VI and hold a town hall with young people.

Some are hoping Obama will put forward an updated vision for U.S. relations with the new Europe.

"The White House has yet to fully acknowledge the shift in Europe today and the challenges that it faces," said Heather Conley, a Europe expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "The European project has been placed into fundamental question."

Trump can't let go of weekend tweet, stay focused on Clinton

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — It was an opportunity for Donald Trump to hone his message and focus his ire on Hillary Clinton's emails and the criminal indictment he and his fellow Republicans say she deserved and unjustly dodged.

Instead, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee chose to interrupt his Wednesday night rally with an aggressive defense of a weekend tweet condemned as anti-Semitic, reminding anyone who may have been watching of the criticism that his campaign turns a blind eye to bigotry and attracts the support of white supremacists.

"I said, 'You shouldn't have taken it down,'" Trump told a crowd of supporters in Cincinnati on Wednesday night, bringing up on his own the Saturday tweet that featured what many saw as a Star of David and the words "Most Corrupt Candidate Ever!" placed over a picture of Clinton and a pile of money.

"They took the star down," he added. "I said, 'Too bad, you should have left it up.' I would rather have defended it."

The furor over the tweet, posted at the start of a holiday weekend during which few voters were likely paying attention to the presidential campaign, was quickly subsumed Monday by the decision of the FBI not to recommend Clinton face criminal charges for her use of a private email account and server while serving as secretary of state.

But for the second night in a row on Wednesday, Trump didn't focus his remarks at one of his signature campaign rallies on Clinton's actions — a subject of near universal condemnation among Republicans. Instead, he mixed in his attacks on the presumptive Democratic nominee with a defense of the tweet, as well as his Tuesday night remarks complimenting former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein as a killer of terrorists.

He later piled on, tweeting a picture of a children's coloring book about the hit Disney movie "Frozen" that has a six-pointed star on its cover. He wrote, "Where is the outrage for this Disney book? Is this the 'Star of David' also? Dishonest media! #Frozen"

Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, also defended the billionaire on Wednesday as someone who "does not at all subscribe to any racist or anti-Semitic thinking." Trump's daughter Ivanka converted to Judaism and she and Kushner are raising their children in the faith.

Kushner said in a column published in the newspaper he owns that "blaming Donald Trump for the most outrageous things done by people who claim to support him" is a standard to which no other candidate is held.

There is no evidence Trump has consciously courted people who espouse hate speech, but he has repeatedly retweeted messages from Twitter users with questionable profiles. Late last year, for example, Trump retweeted inaccurate crime statistics that vastly overstated the percentage of whites killed by blacks.

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His team also wound up — accidentally, it said — choosing as a delegate to the upcoming Republican National Convention a white nationalist leader named William Johnson whose group paid for pro-Trump robo-calls during the GOP primary.

“On numerous occasions, we’ve had to respond to tweets and retweets and delegates, often involving anti-Semitism and other kinds of bigotry,” said Jonathan Greenblatt, the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League. “And now this.”

The actions have also annoyed Republicans who find themselves forced to answer questions about Trump’s behavior.

“Look, anti-Semitic images, they’ve got no place in a presidential campaign. Candidates should know that,” House Speaker Paul Ryan said this week in a radio interview, calling on Trump to “clean up” his social media operation. He noted that he’d previously spoken out forcefully when Trump “failed to disavow white supremacists.”

Trump was also criticized by Ryan and other Republicans for failing during the primary season to immediately denounce the tacit endorsement of former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard David Duke, who once told his radio show audience that a vote for any other candidate “is really treason to your heritage.”

Trump launched his campaign last summer with a speech that accused some immigrants from Mexico of being rapists and bringing drugs into the country. He later vowed to temporarily bar the world’s more than 1.5 billion foreign Muslims from entering the U.S., a position from which he recently backed away.

That rhetoric has struck a chord with far-right groups, whose leaders say they’re seeing a resurgence of interest in their message thanks to Trump, who has become a popular topic of conversation on internet message boards such as Stormfront.org. Don Black, the site’s publisher, said earlier this year that he’d seen a spike in traffic since Trump announced his candidacy.

Black, who lives near Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort in South Florida, said he never expected the billionaire to become “the great white hope” for those who frequent his site. But, he said, “white middle America has become demoralized.” Thanks to Trump, he said, “for the first time it’s OK to talk about some of these issues that affect our survival.”

Trump insists he’s done all he can to repudiate the support of people such as Black and Duke, but that’s done little to dampen their enthusiasm for his campaign.

Duke said Tuesday on his radio show that there was “no way” the star depicted in the Clinton tweet was anything other than Star of David, and he tweeted out his own version of the image with an unmistakably anti-Semitic message.

Johnson, the treasurer of the white nationalist group that ran the pro-Trump robo-calls during the primary and is planning to air television ads backing him, said that while Trump may not be trying to win their support, they’re nevertheless attracted to his message. He’s not bothered by the fact Trump dumped him as a delegate.

“He’s certainly not trying to pander to our crowd. Because our crowd is so ineffectual and so powerless,” Johnson said. “But the positions he takes naturally draws us to him.”

Lawmaker to back Australian government in hung parliament

ROD McGUIRK, Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia’s conservative government tightened its slim grip on power on Thursday as it increased its narrow lead in election vote counting and as an independent lawmaker agreed to support the ruling party if it does not win a majority.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull traveled to the east coast city of Brisbane for talks Thursday with maverick independent lawmaker Bob Katter to discuss what demands Katter might make in return for

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supporting a minority government if the count from the weekend election ended with only Australia's third hung parliament in more than a century.

"I am very confident, very confident indeed that we will form ... a majority government in our own right, but I am, of course, talking to the crossbenchers as well," Turnbull told reporters in Katter's home state of Queensland, referring to the independent and minor party lawmakers who could hold the balance of power in a divided parliament.

"But so far the counting trends are very positive from our point of view," he said.

Katter said after the meeting that he had agreed to support the government if it fell short of a majority. He gave few details but said the agreement had yet to be confirmed in writing.

"I do so with no great enthusiasm," Katter said. "I will maintain my right to change at any point of time in the future."

Katter said he agreed to support the government because he did not believe the opposition center-left Labor Party could form a minority government and he did not want to force Australians to go back to the polls.

The uncertainty surrounding the election prompted rating agency Standard & Poor's to downgrade Australia's coveted AAA credit rating from "stable" to "negative."

The agency said Australia needs "more forceful fiscal policy decisions" to reign in debt and believes such tough measures could be postponed by the new Parliament.

Turnbull said the credit rating decision was a reminder that tackling the deficit "must be a very high priority" for the next Parliament.

He described his discussion with Katter "very good and constructive."

Turnbull's Liberal Party-led coalition needs at least a 76-seat majority in the House of Representatives, where it had controlled 90 seats before the election.

The Australian Electoral Commission put the coalition ahead in 74 seats, Labor in 71, and the minor parties and independents in five. Mail-in and absentee votes that are still being counted days after Saturday's vote are favoring the conservatives.

Australian Broadcasting Corp. election analysts — considered among the most reliable — were forecasting that the coalition had 73 seats, Labor 66, with minor parties and independents leading in five seats. Another six seats are still in doubt.

Katter is the only independent or minor party lawmaker — called crossbenchers because they sit between the major parties in Parliament — to declare support for a major party.

Labor Party leader Bill Shorten on Thursday did not concede defeat, but said "it is more likely that Mr. Turnbull will fall over the line."

Shorten questioned how much stability Katter, renowned for wearing a large felt cowboy hat to Parliament and widely known as "Mad Bob," could offer the government.

"I hope Malcolm Turnbull's got more in the stability drawer than just saying he's got Bob Katter on his side," Shorten said.

If the government falls short of a majority, Governor-General Peter Cosgrove will give Turnbull the first chance to form a minority government with the support of one or more independent lawmakers.

If Turnbull can't, then Shorten will be given a chance to form a minority government. If neither side can form a government, then another election will be held.

Jordan's newest mall debuts large-scale green technology

LAYLA K. QURAN, Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — In Jordan's newest retail and leisure hub, the typical high-end boutiques, cinemas and gourmet coffee shops are tucked into an intricate ecosystem of natural heating and cooling, water recycling and hundreds of solar panels soaking up the sun's rays.

The three-story Abdali Mall is the first large-scale commercial complex in Jordan to be built to strict "green" standards. It is seen as a trailblazer in conserving what resource-poor Jordan lacks most — water and energy. It's also part of a growing movement to build with local materials.

Going green is vital for Jordan, which spends up to one-fifth of its budget on importing energy and is one of the driest countries in the world.

"This topic is not a luxury for us," said Ruba Al-Zubi, who heads EDAMA, Arabic for sustainability, a group that promotes environmental practices in Jordan's private sector. "For us, this is real development. If we want sustainable development, it has to be built on the standards of a green economy."

The 227,000-square-meter (2.4 million square feet) Abdali Mall is a centerpiece of a new business area in the center of the capital, Amman.

The mall currently houses 25 stores, including Zara and Converse. By the time of the grand opening in October, the complex will also feature nine cinema screens, a food court, a dining plaza and a super-market, mall management says.

The roof of the mall is a transparent tent measuring 11,000 square meters (118,404 square feet). It is divided into 16 sections supported by steel frames and cables. It is open in some areas, which allows for less electricity use throughout the year and natural ventilation.

Shoppers can enjoy coffee and sweets under palm trees while natural sunlight and a cool breeze welcomes them in every corner of the building. The sound of a waterfall cascading from the first to the ground floor echoes throughout the stores and helps naturally cool the air in the mall.

"When I'm here, when I look up and walk around, I just feel I'm in an open space," said Ruba Hijazin, while shopping with her family earlier this week. "I'm not shopping in a small box like other malls."

The complex also features 12 tunnels for natural heating and cooling, with air circulating from the atmosphere underneath the building foundations and back into public spaces in the mall. An irrigation system waters small bushes and palm trees, helping to conserve water.

Hundreds of solar panels circle the perimeter of the roof tent, generating electricity for the building year round. Breakage from 50,000 square meters (538,200 square feet) of tile used in the construction was recycled to insulate the roof and serve as plant mulch.

Five additional floors below ground house a parking garage that can accommodate up to 2,400 cars. Chief architect Reem Bdour said she used local materials whenever possible.

"A lot of big projects in the city use foreign contractors and use a lot of materials not found locally," she said. "Jordan is a place with very little resources, but we wanted to use material from our environment."

Stone, aluminium and steel come from local companies and Jordanians make up 90 percent of the mall's labor force, including construction, management says.

The project received an \$80 million long-term loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (ERBD), which said the mall sets a precedent for environmentally friendly large-scale development.

"We see this as the beginning of showing that even commercial sites that have all these other requirements, accessibility, entertainment, hospitality, that they can be environmentally sustainable," said Heike Harmgart, the bank's director in Jordan.

The mall is built to green standards set by the international Leadership in Energy and Environmental

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Design (LEED). Mall officials said they plan to apply for the LEED certificate after construction is complete.

There are four other LEED-certified buildings in Jordan — the Dutch Embassy, the World Health Organization Regional Office Building, the Arab Technical Group headquarters and the Middle East Insurance Company.

Jordan must focus more on green building at the grassroots level, said Al-Zubi of EDAMA.

“What we want is to change the whole value chain,” said Al-Zubi. “You actually want green material companies to open up in Jordan to introduce a new sector which will create jobs for Jordanians.”

Investment in environmental conservation could generate up to 50,000 new jobs, according to Jordan’s Environment Ministry.

In September, the World Bank approved a \$250 million loan to Jordan to reform its energy and water sectors, but the fallout from the civil war in neighboring Syria, including a growing refugee crisis, has put additional strain on Jordan’s resources.

Companies in Jordan have become more attuned to saving energy costs, in part because of rising energy prices and cutbacks in government subsidies, said Abdullah Bdeir of the Jordan Green Building Council, a group that promotes green practices.

A shift in attitude is needed, especially among owners of small and medium-sized businesses who need to see a return on their green investments.

“It doesn’t just start with the technology, but with the conviction,” he said.

Rough week for TV networks; Fox sets low-water mark

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In a week dominated by fun and games in prime-time television, it was no fun for Fox: the network recorded the lowest-ever viewership average for a week by one of the four biggest broadcast networks.

Fox averaged 1.96 million viewers in prime time, a fraction below the 1.97 million viewers it recorded for the week before Labor Day last year, the Nielsen company said. “MasterChef,” with 4 million viewers, was its most-watched program of the week, Nielsen said.

The Fox News Channel cable network had more viewers last week than its broadcast sister, an unusual but not unprecedented development.

Because of barbecues, fireworks and other outdoor activities, the weeks around July 4th are often the least-watched time of the year in television. Networks usually plan accordingly, keeping most of its best material on the shelf. CBS also had its lowest week in the ratings in nearly four years, Nielsen said.

All but three of the 15 most-watched programs last week involved some sort of competition, including game shows, talent shows and Olympic trials.

NBC had some good news. The summer’s most popular program, “America’s Got Talent,” is benefiting from the presence of new judge Simon Cowell to record its best ratings in five years.

NBC averaged 5.2 million viewers last week in prime time. CBS had 4.4 million, ABC had 4.2 million, Fox had 2 million, Univision had 1.6 million, Telemundo had 1.31 million, ION Television had 1.29 million and the CW had 1 million.

Fox News Channel was the week’s most popular cable network, averaging 2.14 million viewers. Discovery had 1.56 million viewers, USA had 1.49 million, HGTV had 1.48 million and TBS had 1.26 million.

NBC’s “Nightly News” topped the evening newscasts with an average of 7.8 million viewers. ABC’s “World News Tonight” was second with 7.5 million and the “CBS Evening News” had 6.5 million viewers.

For the week of June 27-July 3, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: “America’s Got

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Talent" (Tuesday), NBC, 11.21 million; "NCIS," CBS, 7.71 million; "The Big Bang Theory," CBS, 7.08 million; "The Bachelorette," ABC, 6.86 million; "The "100,000 Pyramid," ABC, 6.58 million; "American Ninja Warrior," NBC, 6.32 million; "Celebrity Family Feud," ABC, 6.3 million; "Big Brother" (Wednesday), CBS, 6.13 million; "Olympic Trials" (Tuesday), NBC, 5.89 million; "Big Brother" (Thursday), CBS, 5.87 million.

Bill Cosby's lawyers renew bid to force accuser to testify

MARYCLAIRE DALE, Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Bill Cosby's lawyers will ask a Pennsylvania judge to either throw out his criminal sex assault case or let him face his accuser in court before trial.

Cosby is due back in court near Philadelphia on Thursday to appeal a judge's decision to send the case to trial. Cosby's lawyers insist a trial should not be held until accuser Andrea Constand testifies and they get a chance to cross-examine her. But prosecutors say a recent court ruling allowed them to use her police statement at the May preliminary hearing instead.

A lower court judge agreed, and upheld the charges.

Now the defense will ask the trial judge, Steven T. O'Neill, to reconsider the issue. O'Neill could set a trial date if he rules against the defense Thursday.

Cosby, 78, is charged with felony indecent assault for allegedly drugging and molesting Constand in 2004. Authorities reopened the case last year after learning he had acknowledged in a deposition that he had given Constand pills and then engaged in sex acts with her.

They also considered the dozens of other women who have raised similar claims in the decade since Constand went to police in 2005.

Cosby calls their encounter consensual and describes the blue pills he gave her as Benadryl. He said he sometimes took the same allergy medicine to help him fall asleep.

Prosecutors chose not to have Constand testify at the May preliminary hearing, citing a 2015 state Superior Court ruling that allows hearsay testimony at that stage to spare alleged victims from repeated court appearances. However, the state Supreme Court has agreed to review the decision, leading Cosby's lawyers to challenge it. The high court has not said when it will hear arguments on the issue.

Constand told police the drugs left her semi-conscious and unable to move. Her lawyers believe Cosby gave her something stronger than Benadryl.

No charges have been filed against the actor known as "America's Dad" for his beloved portrayal of Dr. Cliff Huxtable on his top-ranked TV show, which ran from 1984-1992.

But Cosby also is fighting Constand and other accusers in civil court, where he has been sued for defamation — and has struck back with countersuits — over his denial of their sex assault claims.

Trump takes in \$51 million, takes potential VP's o

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CINCINNATI (AP) — Celebrating new success in fundraising, Donald Trump says he took in \$51 million for his campaign and allied Republicans in recent weeks, a huge jump from his previously lackluster figures though still well shy of Hillary Clinton's money machine.

Trump also appeared to be moving closer to choosing a vice presidential running mate Wednesday, though two senators who had been under consideration said, "No, thanks."

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Bob Corker of Tennessee dropped out of the running, telling The Associated Press that "there are better ways for me to serve" and that he cherished his position as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. In an interview with Politico, Joni Ernst of Iowa said she can best help a President Trump from her place in the Senate.

"I made that very clear to him that I'm focused on Iowa," she said, a few days after Trump suggested she might be on his list in a weekend tweet. It's not clear how serious a candidate she actually may have been.

Yet another potential running mate, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, appeared with Trump Wednesday night in Ohio.

Trump celebrated his campaign fundraising even before announcing it, tweeting Tuesday night: "Raised a lot of money for the Republican Party. There will be a big gasp when the figures are announced in the morning. Lots of support! Win."

Gasps or not, the total was a big improvement from May.

Trump's campaign said it raised \$26 million online in June, a small portion of which will go to the Republican National Committee, as agreed to previously. Additionally, Trump and the RNC raised \$25 million during 22 events in June and the final week of May, the campaign release said.

The campaign did not immediately clarify how much money came in June, or how much went to his campaign versus Republican committees.

In May, his campaign raised a little over \$3 million from donors and the RNC pulled in about \$11 million, according to Federal Election Commission filings.

Still, he was well behind Clinton, who announced last week that she had raised almost \$70 million in June for her campaign and Democratic partners. That included about \$40 million that went directly into her campaign coffers.

The Clinton campaign's access to cash has enabled it to spend tens of millions of dollars more than Trump to build up voter contact operations and advertisements ahead of the November election. Clinton's campaign has aired more than 22,000 commercials in battleground states in the past month, according to Kantar Media's campaign advertising tracker. Trump's campaign has aired none.

The billionaire businessman began his quest for the White House largely by paying his own way - and disparaging his Republican competitors as beholden to big donors. Yet as the general election contest began this spring, Trump said he would rely on the same kinds of donors he had previously called puppets. Ever since, his campaign and Republican partners have been working furiously to raise money even as he has remained publicly dismissive of its importance.

In the meantime, he has been "road testing" potential running mates.

Corker had appeared with Trump at a rally in North Carolina Tuesday night, and Ernst had met with him in New Jersey on Monday.

Trump has previously mused that he might announce his running mate with a showbiz-style reveal at the party's convention this month in Cleveland. While he is now expected to announce his choice before the convention, the public appearances with possible choices seem a bit like the high-stakes competition he fostered in previous careers as reality television star and beauty pageant owner.

Trump said in a phone interview with Fox News Channel Wednesday that he's now looking at 10 people for the job, including two generals.

"A lot of people are calling me that you wouldn't even think about. They want to have their names thrown into the hat," he said.

At a Tuesday evening rally, Trump asked Corker to join him briefly onstage, where the two men were a study in contrasts.

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Corker stood at least a foot shorter and spoke in slow, deliberate phrases instead of Trump's rapid-fire braggadocio.

"The rallies that I have back home aren't quite like this," Corker told the crowd. "Pretty cool."

Gingrich appeared far more comfortable onstage Wednesday night in Cincinnati, delivering an eight-minute introduction of Trump and then beaming offstage when the presumptive nominee pledged that, if he was elected, "Newt Gingrich would have a role in the government in one form or another."

"I am not saying it's Newt," Trump said of the VP search. "But if it's Newt, nobody is beating him in the debates."

Trump's praise of Gingrich came during an otherwise scattershot speech that delivered a well-organized attack on Clinton's email server investigation but then careened to more than a half-dozen complaints about the media coverage of his campaign - and featured the candidate swatting an insect on the podium while bellowing, "I don't like mosquitoes!"

Ernst, meanwhile, is now slated to address the convention on national security.

Four years ago, Mitt Romney held meetings with prospective candidates in the privacy of his lakeside home in New Hampshire in the weeks leading up to the Republican convention. Before the choice of Paul Ryan was announced, Romney's team had the Wisconsin congressman fly into Hartford, Connecticut, instead of Romney's Boston headquarters to avoid detection. They dispatched an aide's son to pick up Ryan, who wore a baseball hat and sunglasses to disguise his identity.

"The first significant action a presidential nominee takes in putting together his or her administration is selecting a VP," said Beth Myers, who helmed Romney's search. "So it's fair for the voters to look hard at both how a VP is selected as well as who is selected."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 7, the 189th day of 2016. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On July 7, 1976, President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. The United States Military Academy at West Point included female cadets for the first time as 119 women joined the Class of 1980.

On this date:

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey (mahn-tuh-RAY') after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln: Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne), David Herold, George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the U.S. federal government.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1919, the first Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6, 1919.)

In 1937, the Second Sino-Japanese War erupted into full-scale conflict as Imperial Japanese forces attacked the Marco Polo Bridge in Beijing.

In 1946, Italian-born Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was canonized as the first American saint by Pope Pius XII. Jimmy Carter, 21, married Rosalynn (ROH'-zuh-lihn) Smith, 18, in Plains, Georgia.

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In 1948, six female U.S. Navy reservists became the first women to be sworn in to the regular Navy.
In 1954, Elvis Presley made his radio debut as Memphis, Tennessee, station WHBQ played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right."

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1987, Lt. Col. Oliver North began his long-awaited public testimony at the Iran- Contra hearing, telling Congress that he had "never carried out a single act, not one," without authorization.

In 1990, the first "Three Tenors" concert took place as opera stars Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras performed amid the brick ruins of Rome's Baths of Caracalla on the eve of the World Cup championship.

Ten years ago: Over Chinese and Russian objections, Japan introduced a draft U.N. Security Council resolution to sanction North Korea for test-launching a series of missiles. (The Council unanimously adopted a compromise resolution on July 15.) Syd Barrett, co-founder of Pink Floyd, died in Cambridge, England, at age 60.

Five years ago: Rupert Murdoch's media empire unexpectedly jettisoned News of the World, Britain's best-selling Sunday newspaper, after a public backlash over claims it had used phone hacking and other illegal tactics to expose the rich and famous, royals and ordinary citizens. A Texas Rangers fan, 39-year-old Shannon Stone, died from a fatal fall when reaching out to grab a baseball tossed his way by All-Star outfielder Josh Hamilton during a Rangers game. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," the final movie based on the wizard fantasy books, debuted in London on its way to becoming the year's top-grossing movie.

One year ago: President Barack Obama met at the White House with the head of Vietnam's Communist Party, Nguyen Phu Trong, as the U.S. pressed ahead to conclude talks on a groundbreaking Asia-Pacific economic pact. Subway said it had mutually agreed with Jared Fogle to suspend their relationship after the home of the sandwich chain's longtime pitchman was raided by federal and state investigators. (Fogle later pleaded guilty to one count each of distributing and receiving child porn and traveling to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a child, and was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison.) Three people were shot to death in a Baltimore neighborhood near the University of Maryland campus.

Today's Birthdays: Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 89. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 83. Rock star Ringo Starr is 76. Rock musician Jim Rodford is 75. Comedian Bill Oddie is 75. Singer-musician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 73. Actor Joe Spano is 70. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 69. Country singer Linda Williams is 69. Actress Shelley Duvall is 67. Actress Roz Ryan is 65. Actor Billy Campbell is 57. Actor Robert Taylor is 56. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 54. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 53. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 50. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ricky Kinchen (Mint Condition) is 50. Actress Amy Carlson is 48. Actress Jorja Fox is 48. Actress Cree Summer is 47. Actress Robin Weigert is 47. Actress Kirsten Vangsness is 44. Actor Troy Garity is 43. Actress Berenice Bejo (BEH'-ruh-nees BAY'-hoh) is 40. Actor Hamish Linklater is 40. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 36. Rapper Cassidy is 34. Country singer Gabbie Nolen is 34. Actor Ross Malinger is 32. Pop singer Ally Hernandez (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 23. Pop musician Ashton Irwin (5 Seconds to Summer) is 22. Country singer Maddie Marlow (Maddie and Tae) is 21.

Thought for Today: "Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work."
— Booker T. Washington, American educator and author (1856-1915).