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Senior Menu: Bratswurst, cheesy green beans, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, apple strudel.

School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

8:30 am: LifeTouch Pictures at GHS

2 p.m.: Regional Cross Country Meet in Webster

6 p.m.: Volleyball with Tiospa Zina (C and JV at 6 p.m. followed by varsity around 7:15 p.m.)

Friday, Oct. 14

Senior Menu: Huerbed roast pork, baked potatoe with sour cream, lemon buttered broccoli, cinnamon apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

School Lunch: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, broccoli and drip, fruit.

10 a.m.: Marching Festival in Groton

Saturday, Oct. 15

Show Choir Coreography Workshop #1

Sunday, Oct. 16

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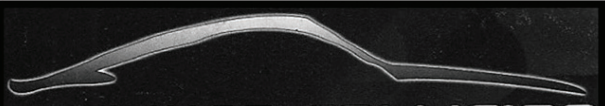
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Bus Drivers Wanted

The Groton Area School District has openings for a part time (morning) bus route and for a full-time bus route driver. Assistance in obtaining the proper licensure is available. Please contact Transportation Supervisor, Loren Bahr, at 397-8117 for more details.

Bates Township Mowing Notice

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2016 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
Betty Geist
Township Clerk

Bates Township Right-Of-Way Notice

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner, effective with the 2017 growing season.

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Groton Area Elementary to host Scholastic Book Fair Event

What:

Groton Area Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair on October 27, 2016, from 1:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Funds raised will help purchase books for our school library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

When:

The Book Fair will be open daily during school hours for the children to look at some of the titles available. MANY additional titles are available for on-line purchase at Scholastic.com – between October 25 and November 14.

Where:

Groton Area Elementary is located at 810 N 1st St.

More:

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List program. In addition, the Book Fair will feature the All for Books™ program, where people can share the thrill of reading with others by donating loose change to purchase books from the Book Fair. Scholastic Book Fairs® then matches those monetary donations with a donation of up to one million dollars in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations, such as Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. and the Kids In Need Foundation. The All for Books donation box will be placed at Ken's, Groton, until October 26. During the book fair, donations can be made at checkout.

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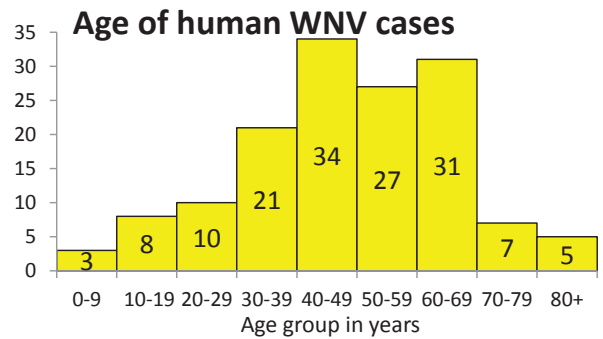
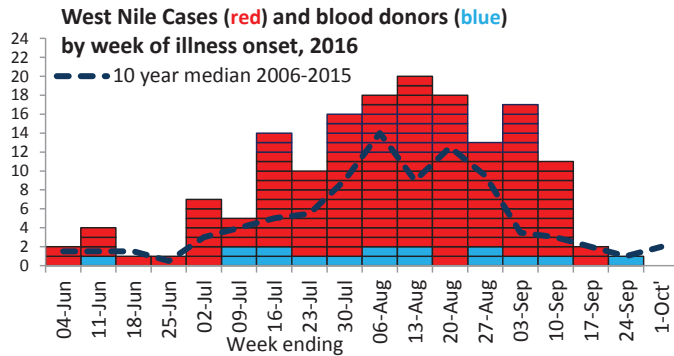
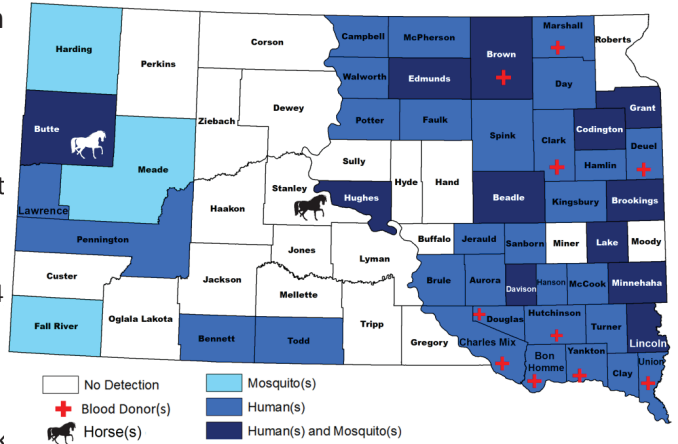
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West Nile update: South Dakota, 11 October 2016

- **146 human cases of West Nile virus disease** have been reported to the SD Department of Health.
- **Illness:** 24% neuroinvasive disease, 76% WNV fever, 33% hospitalized.
- **Deaths:** 3.
- **Viremic blood donors:** 16.
- **Counties with human WNV cases:** Aurora 3, Beadle 7, Bennett Bon Homme 3, Brookings 6, Brown 15, Brule, Butte 2, Campbell, Charles Mix 8, Clark 4, Clay, Codington 4, Davison 3, Day 2, Deuel, Douglas 3, Edmunds, Faulk 2, Grant, Hamlin 4, Hanson 2, Hughes, Hutchinson 5, Jerauld 2, Kingsbury 2, Lake 4 Lawrence 2, Lincoln 9, Marshall 3, McCook 3, McPherson, Minnehaha 18, Pennington 2, Potter 2, Sanborn, Spink 8, Todd, Turner 3, Union, Walworth, Yankton 2.
- **Counties with viremic blood donors:** Bon Homme 2, Brown 2, Charles Mix, Clark, Deuel, Douglas, Marshall, Minnehaha, Spink Union, Yankton 3.
- **Counties with WNV positive horses:** Stanley, Butte.
- **Counties with WNV positive mosquito detections:** Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Butte, Codington, Davison, Edmunds, Fall River, Grant, Harding, Hughes, Lake, Lincoln, Meade and Minnehaha.



SD Department of Health phone 800-592-1861
 SD Department of Health: <http://westnile.sd.gov>
 SDSU WNV risk assessment: <http://mosquito.sdstate.edu>
 CDC West Nile: www.cdc.gov/westnile

Election Signs Not Allowed in Right of Way

PIERRE, S.D.—The South Dakota Department of Transportation reminds the public that political campaign and ballot-issue signs cannot be placed on state highway rights of way.

“With the general election coming up, election signs are showing up along the state’s roadways,” says Kristi Sandal, public information officer. “We’re asking everyone to pay attention to where they put the signs and make sure they are outside of the rights of way and in locations that will not create safety hazards or distract motorists.”

The use of right of way is reserved for official highway signage. All signs in the right of way that are not required for traffic control, as authorized by law (SDCL 31-28-14), are prohibited and will be removed. That includes both candidate and ballot-issue signs.

Municipal ordinances regulating placement and removal of campaign signs within towns and cities do not have precedence over state jurisdiction and supervision of state highway rights of way within municipalities.

Today in Weather History

October 13, 1966: Late season thunderstorms brought hail and high winds to southeast South Dakota causing extensive damage to some soybean fields. The greatest damage was in the Garretson area. The strong winds also damaged many utility lines along with many farm structures. Lightning struck a church at Lake Andes, and the resulting fire destroyed it. The storms occurred from late on the 13th to the morning of the 14th.

1846 - A great hurricane tracked across Cuba, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia and Pennsylvania. The hurricane inflicted major damage along its entire path, which was similar to the path of Hurricane Hazel 108 years later. The hurricane caused great damage at Key West FL, and at Philadelphia PA it was the most destructive storm in thirty years. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1986 - Four tornadoes struck southeastern Virginia late in the night causing three million dollars damage. Tornadoes at Falls Church VA caused a million dollars damage. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders)

1987 - Fifteen cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Record lows included 34 degrees at Meridian MS, 28 degrees at Paducah KY, and 26 degrees at Beckley WV. Another surge of arctic air entered the north central U.S. bringing snow to parts of Wyoming and Colorado. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A total of forty-three cities in the eastern U.S. and the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins WV and Marquette MI where the mercury dipped to 18 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Sixteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date as readings warmed into the 80s and low 90s from the Southern and Central Plains to the Southern and Middle Atlantic Coast. Evansville IND and North Platte NE reported record highs of 91 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)



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Upcoming Events

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7:15 pm: Volleyball

Friday 10 am: Band Festival

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Sunny then Chance Rain
High: 60 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 71 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 68 °F

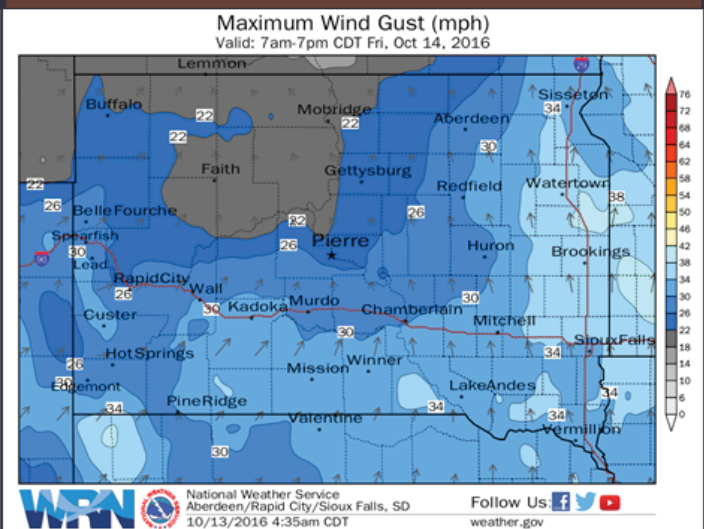
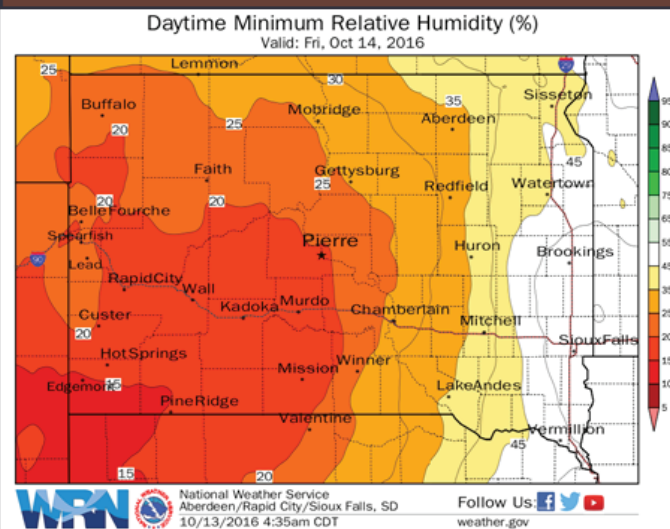
Increasing Fire Danger on Friday

- High to very high fire danger over central SD.
- Much above normal temperatures, especially central SD.
- Gusty southwest winds during the afternoon – mainly south central.



Lowest Forecast Humidity - Friday Afternoon

Forecast Wind Gusts - Friday Afternoon



Published on: 10/13/2016 at 5:39AM

Warm and dry air will move into western and central South Dakota on Friday. Temperatures will rise into the 70s and 80s with relative humidity dropping into the teens and 20s during peak heating. Southwest winds will also become gusty during the afternoon with speeds reaching 25 to 30 mph, mainly over south central South Dakota. These conditions combined with dry fuels will bring high to very high fire danger, especially to southwest and south central South Dakota, where critical fire weather conditions may develop.

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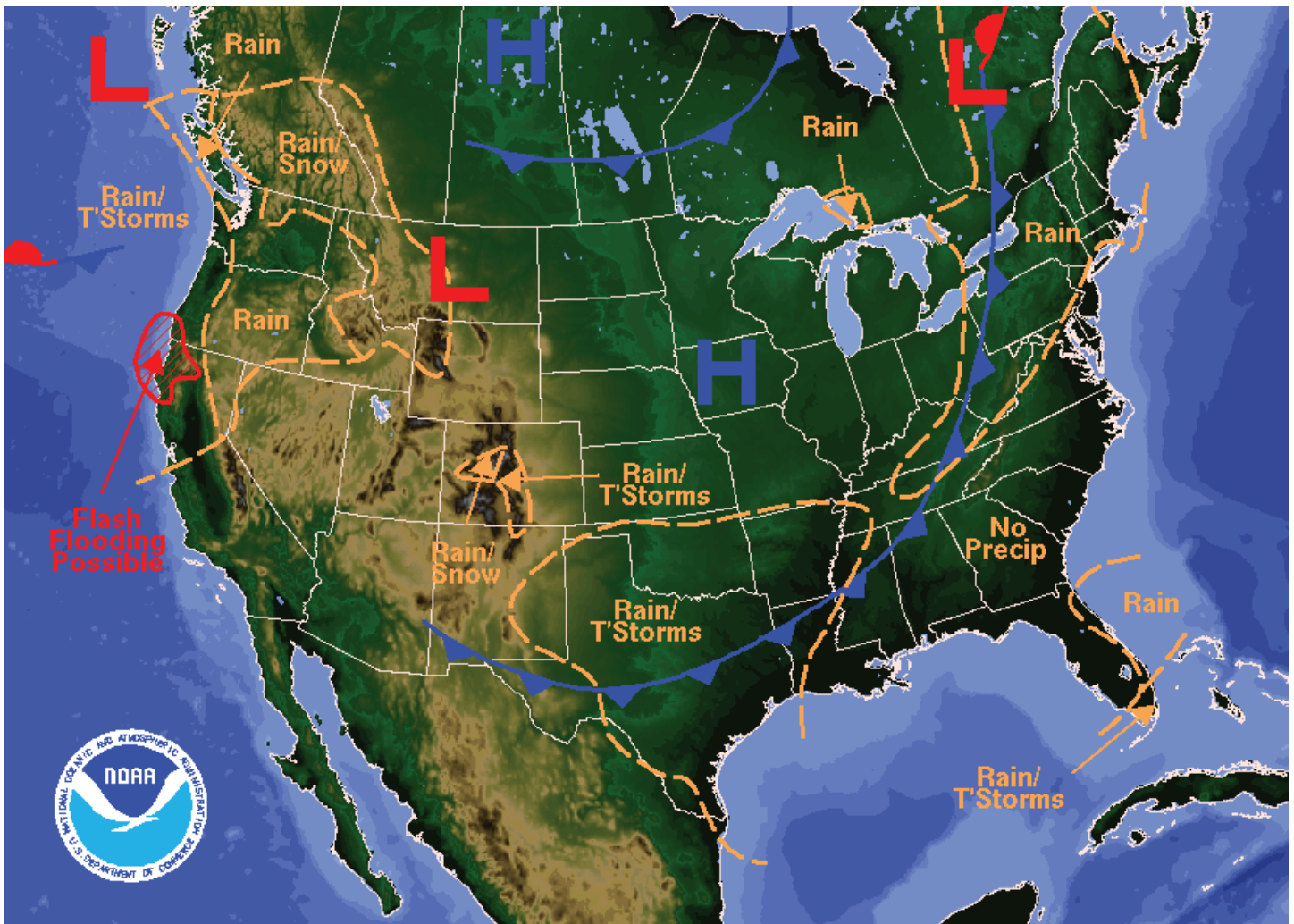
Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 42.4 F at 3:02 PM
Low Outside Temp: 26.2 F at 11:51 PM
High Gust: 21.0 Mph at 12:15 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 87° in 1958
Record Low: 10° in 1909
Average High: 59°F
Average Low: 34°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 0.94
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.63
Average Precip to date: 19.42
Precip Year to Date: 13.83
Sunset Tonight: 6:50 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:49 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Oct 13, 2016, issued 4:54 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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PRAYER AND PROVIDENCE

An ocean liner was in the midst of a terrible storm while making its way from England to America. The ship was swaying violently from side to side and heaving up and down as the waves washed over the bow.

The captain was trying his best to calm the people and encourage them not to be frightened. Suddenly a lady shouted, "Do something!"

"We're doing our best," said the captain calmly, "and we are trusting in the providence of God."

"Oh my word," she cried. "Is it that bad?"

The word providence comes from two Latin words. One means "before" and the other means "to see." When the Christian speaks of "providence" it conveys the message that God knows the outcome of the events in our lives before they happen. Not only that, He knows and understands how those things which we sometimes resent are working to shape us into the person He wants us to be!

Paul said that whatever happens in the life of the Christian happens for the Christian's best interests. In fact he said that "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Not that everything that happens to the Christian is good in and of itself. It means that everything that happens is to shape us into the likeness of Christ – and that's for our good. As we become more and more like Him, He can use us more and more to do the work He has for us.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may we not only accept the fact that You are at work in our lives, but really believe it is because You love us and want us to be like Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 8:28 For we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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News from the Associated Press

Authorities probe meth incident at state mental hospital

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in Yankton say they're investigating an incident in which methamphetamine was brought into the state mental health hospital.

Yankton County Sheriff Jim Vlahakis tells the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2dOQRvo>) that authorities received a call from the Human Services Center on Tuesday afternoon about a patient who had been using meth.

Vlahakis says the report is being investigated. The state Department of Social Services, which oversees the hospital, declined to comment.

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

Middle school students find their own method of typing

By Megan Raposa, Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The only sound coming from Kasey Kuiken's third grade classroom on an average weekday morning is that of keys clicking as her students practice typing.

Sioux Falls and metro area schools in recent years have shifted formal keyboarding instruction from middle school to elementary. That shift also brought a change in the definition of "formal keyboarding."

Teachers like Kuiken aren't as focused on ensuring students type the "W" with their ring finger and the "P" with their pinky. They want students to be efficient at typing, but, much like holding a pencil, not every student is going to use the same method.

"They need to do what works best for them," Kuiken said.

Learning typing earlier frees up time for middle school students to focus less on hitting the right keys and more on digital literacy and what it means to be a "digital citizen," said Sioux Falls Superintendent Brian Maher.

Students in Sioux Falls learned keyboarding in sixth grade until a switch to third grade in 2012. Area schools including Brandon Valley, Harrisburg and West Central also now start keyboarding in elementary school, some as early as second grade, the Argus Leader reported (<http://argusne.ws/2etG9c6>).

Students, especially third graders, in the past struggled with South Dakota's standardized Smarter Balanced test questions that required a typed response, according to a May 2014 report presented to board members.

School board members revisited keyboarding last week, and they agreed to continue monitoring keyboarding skills as students enter middle school. Sandy Henry, middle school curriculum coordinator, said as long as students can produce content by typing, middle school teachers aren't going to take the time to teach keyboarding.

"We don't have time to do typing," Henry said. "The rote learning, we need to be past that in middle school."

Instead, students spend about 15 to 20 minutes per day working on keyboarding apps in their classrooms, Kuiken said. Her students learn through a website called typingclub.com.

Parent Kara Weber was surprised to learn that students no longer learn keyboarding in middle school.

Weber worries that the method of teaching through apps and the lack of emphasis on hitting the right keys with the right fingers will hurt her son, Ethan Weber, a fourth-grade student who has dyslexia.

Weber plans to teach Ethan, a student at the Robert Frost Challenge Center, keyboarding at home.

"The amount of time they're going to be getting at school is not going to be enough to give him what he's going to need to express himself in the future," Weber said.

District administrators say middle school students are actually getting better at typing. Henry said sixth-graders averaged 23 words-per-minute in a typing test last spring, faster than the 15 words-per-minute

in the district's former technology standards. Words-per-minute are no longer included in the standards, Weber said.

"I don't think our kids are being held back by a lack of typing skills," Maher said.

And those typing skills may look different, depending on the student.

"There is so much computer and technology use outside the school day," said Brandon Valley Superintendent Jarod Larson. "That they're naturally finding a way to peck on their own."

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

Madison volunteers work to restore 116-year-old carousel

By JANE UTECHT, Madison Daily Leader

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — Years ago, carousels were often made to be taken apart and moved from town to town, like amusement park rides of today.

Instead of moving around, the Art B. Thomas Carousel at Prairie Village has been in one place for 50 years.

This week, however, the steam-powered attraction was taken apart by The Carousel Works company and now is on the move to its Mansfield, Ohio, woodworking shop, the Madison Daily Leader reported (<http://bit.ly/2e98LmZ>).

Volunteers have long been working to restore the 116-year-old ride, and Cecelia Wittmayer, a member of the Prairie Pasque Questers, is working on grant funding to help offset the cost of the restoration.

When Carousel Works looked at the carousel in 2011, Wittmayer said, they identified some "must repair and restore" items, including the horses and chariots.

"However, the visual inspection that was completed in 2011 couldn't clearly identify the state of the mechanical components of the carousel," she said. "Prior to the start of restoration work...Carousel Works will conduct structural tests on the horses and chariots and will examine all the mechanical components to identify those that should be repaired, restored or replaced."

Work is likely to begin in late winter or early spring, she added.

Arrangements had been made with Carousel Works to come and get the carousel around the first of the year.

However, the crew was available to drive to Madison this month to pick up the carousel. They also indicated that dismantling and loading is much easier now than in the winter, Wittmayer added.

When the Carousel Works team came to Madison on Monday, Village Manager Faron Wahl was surprised with the efficiency of the crew.

The hand-carved wooden horses were taken down in about an hour. The shell covering the attraction was almost empty by the end of the day Monday.

Dan Jones, co-owner of Carousel Works, said the rides were usually pretty easy to take apart, "like a big erector set."

The more portable ones had 12 sections, he said. They could be set up in half a day and taken down in less than that.

Prairie Village's unit has 16 sections, so he wasn't sure if it was made to be moved.

"This is big for a portable."

But at the turn of the 20th Century, Jones said, each company had different ways of making them.

"This one's unique because of the way it's built," he said, using a cable to turn the carousel and running on steam.

It is also unique because the 1900 carousel is listed as one of the 10 oldest carousels in the country, according to a USA Today article from March 2016. It is under consideration by the State Historical Society to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Carousel Works started in Connecticut in 1986. Jones was then working in the home improvement business, but he was looking to make a change. By chance he met a woodworker, and they started the

carousel company. They have made about 15 complete sets over the last 30 years and numerous parts for other carousels.

Information from: The Madison Daily Leader, <http://www.madisondailyleader.com>

17-year-old turns passion for hunting into business

By Jason Gross, Black Hills Pioneer

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Matt Peterson was only 3 years old when his father Jim Peterson took him on a hunting trip. That experience has turned into a lifetime passion for Matt, who is a 17-year-old senior at Spearfish High School.

"Ever since my dad shot the first deer that I was with him, I was hooked," Matt said in recalling that first trip. "Every year since then, we've been going out many times and been very successful."

Most often he enjoys hunting with a bow.

What does Matt enjoy the most about bow hunting?

"The most important thing that comes to my mind is who you're with," he said. "It's all fun and all, but when you're with somebody that cares about it just as much as you do, it makes it all better."

Matt's biggest challenge involves getting close enough to an animal for a successful shot. He tries to go out every day he can.

"All their senses are a thousand times better than yours," Matt said in describing the challenges game animals present. "You have to try to outsmart them."

And you must be much closer with a bow than hunting with a rifle. The maximum distance is 80 yards in Matt's case.

But getting within 80 yards by no means guarantees success.

"When you shoot at something at 80 yards, he has enough time to hear your bow go off," Matt said. "He can react and move."

Matt and his family spend a lot of hunting time in the Black Hills and prairie chasing mule deer, white tail deer, and antelope, the Black Hills Pioneer reported (<http://bit.ly/2e75daa>).

The wide-open prairie is Matt's favorite hunting ground, as he can see for a long way and view sunrises and sunsets.

His passion for hunting has led to a business opportunity.

Peterson has owned a taxidermy business for two years.

"I started out doing some of my own stuff," Peterson said. "I liked it enough to start branching out to other people."

Peterson usually mounts deer, antelope, and elk. He has also created bears and mountain lion mounts.

Peterson was asked what a piece means to him when he looks at it.

"It means a lot more to the person that shot it," he said. "It tells the story reminding them how the hunt happened and what it was all about."

What happens when Peterson receives an animal someone has harvested?

He skins it and removes all flesh. Then, he salts the hide to kill remaining bacteria before tanning it.

"Once you're tanned, then you can go further on and mount it. Then, it's preserved forever," he said.

A typical deer shoulder mount takes Peterson six to seven hours. He can do between 30 and 40 of these in a year.

The finished product provides the most enjoyment for Peterson because of the satisfaction it provides.

"The anatomy of all the different animals is so much different, and you have to learn it," Peterson said in describing the biggest challenge.

People come to Peterson and drop off animals for preservation. The passion for him comes from getting to hear the stories about how the animal was harvested.

What message would Peterson like for people to take from a completed piece?

"Don't look at it as another animal on the wall," he said. "Look at it as something that you remember as a memorable memory."

Matt tries to go hunting every weekend, but school plays a role in his schedule.

"It takes lots and lots of trial and error to try to figure out the western part of the state," Matt said.

Matt's most memorable hunting trip occurred in 2006. He and his dad spooked a number of deer, and they thought there was no chance for bagging one.

However, the rut for white tails was on, and one doe remained, although she was hidden from view.

"There was another buck that didn't run away," Matt recalled. "He knew that the doe was right in front of us, so he came and walked right at us.

"We shot him at 30 yards, right at sunset."

Matt and Jim have combined to bag about 80 animals over the years. They also hunt with rifles but stick to bows because it is more challenging.

"I might spend 20 days trying to shoot deer with my bow, and I could shoot a deer with my rifle in five hours if I had to," Matt said. "The challenge is what gets me to go more."

Bow hunting requires a hunter to draw in an animal much closer than with a rifle.

"Once you start breaking that bubble of 150 yards (between hunter and animal) and getting closer, they can really start picking out what's going on around them," Peterson said.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

Specialists say innovative treatment helps reduce depression

By Jim Holland, Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Just two years removed from an attempt to end his own life, Roland "Rollie" Maynard is celebrating a rebirth — a true rebound from the darkness of severe depression.

Maynard, 61, lost eight years of his life to the illness in spite of treatment with 11 progressively more potent medications and treatments, even including electroshock therapy, which gave him no lasting improvement of his symptoms.

But he found new hope when a Veteran's Administration doctor suggested a relatively new procedure that finally turned the tide and saved his life.

Maynard was referred to Rapid City psychiatrist Dr. Steven Manlove about a year ago, and he finally found the treatment he was searching for — a non-invasive, out-patient procedure called transcranial magnetic stimulation, or TMS.

The treatment, first approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2008, involves the use of electromagnetic pulses to stimulate nerve activity in the part of the brain where emotions are processed.

"TMS is something that literally saved my life. It gave me my life back. I had no life for eight to nine years. I had no hope for a future at all," Maynard said.

Maynard was raised in Deadwood and graduated from Lead High School in 1973 and went on to earn a civil engineering degree from South Dakota State University.

He served four years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and earned a Master's Degree in geo-technical engineering. He worked as an engineering consultant for many years, but the death of his father in 1992 triggered his first bout of depression.

"For many years I dealt with it with medication, and it really wasn't much of a problem," he said.

But in 2008, his depression suddenly deepened.

"Within a month's time, it was just like my mind just shut down on me," he said.

He suffered from anxiety attacks and became unable to tolerate large crowds of people or loud music. He was no longer able to work.

Doctors at VA hospitals in Omaha prescribed antidepressant medications which only seemed to help for a short time.

"Every six to eight months, I was in the mental health ward. I would basically bottom out," he said.

His wife of 32 years eventually divorced him, and he moved back to western South Dakota to be closer to his family.

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Doctors at the Fort Meade VA Hospital in Sturgis continued to search for an effective treatment, but there was nothing left to try.

The last medication he was prescribed was meant for severe bipolar disorder. Side-effects left him lethargic, with trembling hands and feet, blurred vision, dizziness and headaches. He sat in his apartment day after day doing little more than eating. His weight ballooned and he also suffered from diabetes.

"People at Fort Meade had no idea what else to do with me. I was pretty much a lost cause," he said.

He reached his lowest point in 2014. He looked in the mirror one morning and saw lifeless eyes.

"It's like falling into a hole, and the more you try to grab at the sides of the hole to pull yourself out, the further you slip down," he said. "You're looking up and that hole is gradually getting smaller and smaller to where you look up and can hardly see any daylight at all. When that hole was finally closing up on me, that's when I tried to commit suicide."

He survived, and then received the referral that led to a regimen of TMS treatments.

In the treatment, a helmet is placed on the patient's head, positioned to place the electromagnetic coil closest to the part of brain where nerve activity needs to be stimulated.

Maynard said his treatments lasted several months, starting with five per week and then gradually decreasing in frequency.

His only side effects at the start of treatment were a headache from the staccato tapping of the coil inside the helmet. Patients wear earplugs during treatment.

After about a month, Maynard gradually started feeling better.

He said he lost 85 pounds after starting an exercise and nutrition program. Frequent meals from fast-food restaurants or processed foods were replaced with fresh fruits and vegetables. "I can't stress enough the need to exercise," Maynard said.

Manlove said TMS has shown positive results in helping the 30 percent of depression sufferers who are unable to find relief from antidepressant medicines or other therapies.

Of the 15 patients Manlove has treated with TMS in his first year of offering the therapy, all have seen some improvement, with 10 shown strong improvements in their symptoms, he said.

"I've treated depression for about 30 years. You have this group of people we've never been able to treat, and now we can do something. It's very exciting," Manlove said.

Manlove said TMS may also show promise in treating other neuro-cognitive diseases, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease. TMS has not been approved for treatment of those illnesses, but research is ongoing, he said.

The therapy is not recommended for those with heart pacemakers or with metal plates or rods in their bodies. Side effects can include seizures, though only rarely.

"Anybody who can have an MRI scan can have TMS because it's the same electromagnetic pulse used to produce that imaging," he said.

Manlove said most patients don't seem to regress once their treatment ends. Those who do see a return of symptoms respond well to follow-up treatments.

Leasing of the Israeli-made Brainsway Deep TMS machine costs between \$100,000 and \$120,000 per year. Manlove said most insurance companies are now covering the FDA-approved therapy.

"We always had the stance, that if somebody wants it, we're going to do it. Cost isn't going to be the issue. I don't want to have something that really helps people and then hide it away from them," he said.

Maynard completed his final TMS treatment on Sept. 23, and then moved last week to the Seattle, Wash., area to be closer to his oldest son and four grandchildren.

His health has improved so much that he plans to open an engineering firm there again.

He wanted to tell the story of his experience in spite of the stigma attached to mental illness and to tell other sufferers not to give up.

"Don't give up on life. There is a life after depression," he said.

During an interview, Maynard chuckled over how far he has come and the turnaround that gave him a rejuvenated outlook on life.

"I laugh again. I didn't laugh for 8 years. I laugh all the time now. I wake up looking forward to the day

and looking forward to the people I can meet," he said. "I was given a gift."

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

Hotline set up to help farmers affected by pipeline protests

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota's Agriculture Department has set up a hotline to help farmers and ranchers south of the Bismarck-Mandan area who've been affected by protests against the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

Many producers need to finish seasonal work before winter sets in, and they're having problems trying to find willing truck drivers and custom silage-chopping services, Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said Wednesday.

"We are appealing to those who can provide these services to contact the hotline," he said.

The protests have drawn thousands of people to the area where Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners is trying to wrap up construction on the \$3.8 billion, 1,200-mile pipeline from North Dakota to Illinois. Opponents of the pipeline worry about potential impacts on drinking water on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation and farther downstream, as well as destruction of cultural artifacts.

A protest camp spokesman says the notion that protesters are harassing farmers or farm workers is "not true."

"We've had quite a few farmers and ranchers stop by the camp to show their support and thank us for taking a stand against Big Oil," spokesman Cody Hall said.

Rancher Matthew Rebenitsch told The Associated Press earlier this month that many people are locking their doors and carrying guns. And Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier has said his office has received reports of people in rural areas being stopped on roads and intimidated, a claim Hall denied.

Goehring said the Farm/Ranch Emergency Assistance Hotline (701-425-8454) is aimed at helping producers and those looking for work to connect with one another. Department employees will answer calls weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and callers can leave messages on evenings and weekends.

Goehring also said the Morton County Sheriff's Department will "assist in providing safe passage" to farmers who need it in the course of their fall work.

The protest also has drawn concern from teachers who work in nearby St. Anthony. Barry Chathams, director of the Burleigh County Special Education unit in Bismarck, said Wednesday in a letter to state Superintendent Kirsten Baesler that one of his workers was shadowed by someone in a pickup truck for 15 minutes as she tried to drive to work.

"If harassed on the way to St. Anthony, they are instructed to return to the central office," Chathams wrote.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman David Archambault II issued a statement Wednesday calling for President Barack Obama to take action against the pipeline, but Archambault wasn't specific. The chairman said Obama has the power "to change the fate" of 17 million people who stand to lose clean water.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Tuesday filed its response to the tribe's lawsuit challenging the Corps for approving permits at 200 water crossings. The Corps said it met the requirements of numerous federal laws and did not find any significant impacts on the environment or sacred sites.

A judge has scheduled a status hearing on the case for Nov. 10.

Associated Press reporter Dave Kolpack contributed to this story from Fargo, N.D.

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Officials resolve dispute over Goat Island in Missouri River

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State and federal officials have resolved a dispute over an island in the Missouri River on the Nebraska-South Dakota border, offering a potential boost to recreational opportunities for visitors.

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South Dakota officials said Wednesday that the National Park Service will manage Goat Island as part of the Missouri National Recreational River.

Federal authorities and both states entered into a settlement agreement to resolve the dispute. The ownership of the 500-acre strip of land had been contested since 1999.

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the island has been "no man's land" for too long. He says taking care of the island is long overdue.

Officials say the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service plan to coordinate with Nebraska and South Dakota about the development of future conditions.

Republicans urge Trump to quit _ then back him

By ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — While a host of prominent congressional Republicans have jumped off the Donald Trump train, some are climbing back aboard after taking heat from loyalists of the controversial billionaire.

At least four lawmakers who just days ago said that Trump should step aside as the GOP presidential nominee have rushed to clarify that they are, in fact, going to vote for him despite his vulgar remarks about groping women.

For instance Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Neb., said on Friday that Trump's leaked 2005 remarks about grabbing women's genitals were "disgusting and totally unacceptable." The first-term Republican called for Trump to "step aside and allow Mike Pence to serve as our party's nominee."

But in a Tuesday interview with Nebraska radio station KLIN Fischer reversed course. "I never said I was not voting for our Republican ticket," she said, calling it "not a tough choice" to keep supporting Trump.

"I plan to vote for Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence on Nov. 8," she said in the interview.

Ditto for Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., who tweeted on Saturday that "Donald Trump should withdraw and Mike Pence should be our nominee effective immediately."

When Trump refused, Thune's tone softened. The No. 3 Republican in Senate leadership told the Rapid City Journal that he has "reservations about the way (Trump) has conducted his campaign and himself."

"He has a lot of work to do, I think, to win this election," Thune told the newspaper. "But, I'm certainly not going to vote for Hillary Clinton."

Thune is seeking re-election next month while Fischer doesn't face voters again until 2018.

In the House, GOP Reps. Scott Garrett of New Jersey and Bradley Byrne of Alabama have taken the same approach: calling for Trump to step aside and supporting him after he failed to do so.

Byrne on Saturday said Trump "cannot defeat" Clinton and urged him to allow Pence to lead the GOP ticket.

It seems anybody who thought Byrne was withdrawing support for Trump was jumping to conclusions.

Byrne told a critic on Twitter that he is "committed to making sure (Clinton) doesn't win."

"He never backed off his pledge to support the Republican ticket," said Byrne spokesman Seth Morrow. "It is now clear Trump is not going to step aside, and the congressman will continue to support the Republican ticket" on Election Day.

As for Garrett, the seven-term incumbent said Saturday that he was "appalled" by Trump's comments and called Pence "the best nominee for the Republican Party to defeat Hillary Clinton."

On Wednesday, Garrett campaign manager Sarah Neibart said, "Donald Trump remains the nominee of the Republican Party, and Rep. Garrett has always said he will vote for the Republican Party nominee." Garrett is in a tight race for re-election.

State judge orders horses at troubled sanctuary impounded

LANTRY, S.D. (AP) — A state judge has ordered two county governments to take control of an estimated 650 wild horses at a South Dakota sanctuary where some animals may have died of starvation.

An order issued Tuesday by Circuit Court Judge Jerome Eckrich allows for the adoption or sale of healthier horses and the euthanizing of any animals that are too weak to survive the winter, the Rapid City Journal

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reported (<http://bit.ly/2dctKUZ>). But if the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros ranch near Lantry complies with the deadlines and conditions imposed by the court, it could get some or all of its horses back.

The order followed a hearing in which Dewey County State's Attorney Steven Aberle told Eckrich that the organization recognizes "that the herd has grown beyond a size that can be adequately cared for."

Former ranch employee Colleen Burns reported that more than 30 horses had died since June. Society President Karen Sussman called Burns a disgruntled employee and said in a statement Tuesday that horses "did not die of intentional neglect."

"Animal death is a fact every rancher and farmer in South Dakota as well as throughout the world knows is inevitable," she said. "But the circumstances of the animal deaths at the ISPMB Ranch have been wildly misrepresented."

A state Animal Industry Board report based on a Sept. 14 visit to the ranch said a veterinarian found some healthy horses but also a number of thin horses, including some that were "nosing through the dried manure looking for remaining hay," as well as some with overgrown hooves and medical conditions described by Burns.

The report went on to say that "animal neglect is present at this facility."

The order relieves Sussman of the feeding and caring for the animals and passes the responsibility to the sheriffs of Dewey and Ziebach counties.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

Authorities ID Sioux Falls motorcyclist killed in crash

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Sioux Falls motorcyclist who died in a crash with a car at a city intersection.

Police say 27-year-old Yomar Rodriguez Valentin was traveling at a high rate of speed when his motorcycle collided with the car Sunday night.

He was taken to a hospital and later pronounced dead. The driver and passenger of the car were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Authorities ID 4 victims of Pine Ridge duplex gas explosion

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified four people killed in a duplex explosion on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The Oglala Sioux tribe identified the victims as 78-year-old Raymond Eagle Elk and his 74-year-old wife, Oletha Mousseau, 23-year-old Samantha Tobacco and 19-year-old Elfreda Takes War Bonnet.

They died Oct. 6 in the blast in the town of Pine Ridge that also severely injured at least five other people. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said the explosion was likely caused by a propane line leak and an accidental spark.

State task force investigating phone found in locker room

South Dakota's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force will investigate the discovery of a cellphone in a locker room where girl volleyball players were dressing. Lyman coach Keith Herman says some of his junior varsity players reported finding the phone recording video while the team was at Wall High School for a game. Wall K-8 Principal Charles Sykora says a student has been reprimanded. Local authorities have turned over the phone to the state task force.

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for a game in late September.

Wall K-8 Principal Charles Sykora confirmed a phone was found in the locker room but said it isn't known if it was recording.

Sykora said a student has been reprimanded. He declined to give further details. Herman said the student is male.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says the phone has been turned over to the state task force and an investigation is pending.

Plane makes successful emergency landing in Mitchell

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Engine problems forced a turboprop plane flying from Minot, North Dakota, to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to make an emergency landing in the South Dakota city of Mitchell.

Mitchell Airport Manager Mike Scherschligt tells The Daily Republic newspaper (<http://bit.ly/2dvNnbA>) that the pilot was the only one aboard and wasn't hurt in the Tuesday night incident. Authorities didn't identify him.

Officials determined the plane's problems were caused by an overheating engine.

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

Iran says it is deploying two warships off Yemen

By **NASSER KARIMI, Associated Press**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran says it will deploy two warships into the Bab el-Mandeb strait and the Gulf of Aden, making the announcement just hours after a U.S. missile strike on Yemen.

The semi-official Tasnim news agency announced Thursday the movement of the Alvand and the Bushehr. It described the maneuver as part of a regular anti-piracy patrol off Yemen and East Africa.

But the announcement came just after the U.S. carried out strikes for the first time against Yemen's Shiite Houthi rebels, who are supported by Iran. The American strikes hit three radar facilities belonging to the Houthis after missile fire from rebel-held areas hit near the USS Mason, a U.S. warship deployed off Yemen.

Thailand's king, world's longest-reigning monarch, dies

By **DENIS D. GRAY and TODD PITMAN**

BANGKOK (AP) — King Bhumibol Adulyadej, revered in Thailand as a demigod, a humble father figure and an anchor of stability through decades of upheaval at home and abroad, died Thursday. He was 88 and had been the world's longest reigning monarch.

The Royal Palace said Bhumibol died "in a peaceful state" at Siriraj Hospital, where he had been treated for various health problems for most of the past decade.

During a reign that spanned 70 years, the U.S.-born Bhumibol became much more than Thailand's constitutional monarch. He was the nation's one constant as myriad governments rose and fell, a gentle leader who used the influence of the throne to unify the nation and rally troops through the Cold War as Thailand's neighbors fell under communist control. In his heyday, the frail-looking, soft-spoken man in spectacles wielded so much power and respect, he was able to squelch coups and rebellions with a gesture or a few well-chosen words.

Bhumibol was viewed by many in the majority Buddhist nation as a bodhisattva, or holy being who delays entering nirvana to aid the human race. But while junta leaders, prime ministers and courtiers approached him only on their knees, Bhumibol was remarkably down-to-earth. He rolled up his sleeves and hiked into impoverished villages and remote rice paddies to assess the state of his country and help resolve everything from water and food shortages to family squabbles. He played half a dozen musical instruments and jammed with American jazz greats including Benny Goodman.

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By the twilight of his rule, Bhumibol had become the world's richest monarch and one of the planet's wealthiest people: Forbes magazine estimated his fortune at more than \$30 billion in 2011. Although not known for having extravagant tastes, he nevertheless lived the elite life of a modern-day king, racing yachts and appearing at official functions clothed in ornate golden robes.

Over the last decade, the once vigorous Bhumibol had withdrawn from public life due to a series of illnesses. His wife, Queen Sirikit, has also long been ailing and has been even more rarely seen.

The king was often ensconced at a Bangkok hospital, emerging from time to time to gaze across the Chao Phraya River from a special pavilion. He had been notably silent about the political upheaval and protests that have shaken the country in recent years.

Since army-staged coups in 2006 and 2014, political rivals had increasingly invoked the need to protect the palace as a pretext to gain or hold power, and some politicians have been sidelined by opponents who accused them of disrespecting the king, a grave crime in this Southeast Asian country. Although Bhumibol once said he is not above criticism, Thailand's lese majeste law — the world's harshest — has been routinely employed in recent years, with anyone charged with defaming the palace facing 15 years in jail.

The king's heir apparent is his son, Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn, who does not hold his father's place in Thai hearts. There are other possible candidates for succession, and Bhumibol had the constitutional right to appoint a successor, but it was not immediately known whether he had done so.

With the king's passing, the world's longest reigning monarch is Queen Elizabeth II, who ascended to the British throne in 1952.

Bhumibol Adulyadej (poo-me-pon ah-dun-yaa-det) was born Dec. 5, 1927, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, while his father, Prince Mahidol of Songkhla, was studying medicine at Harvard University.

Bhumibol ascended to the throne in 1946, when his brother, 20-year-old King Ananda Mahidol, was found dead of a gunshot wound to the head in a palace bedroom under circumstances that remain mysterious. Bhumibol, then an 18-year-old prince, was named king 12 hours later following an extraordinary legislative session.

After the shooting, Bhumibol returned to Switzerland, where he was studying law and political science. In 1948, he was seriously injured in a driving accident that deprived him of sight in his right eye; Sirikit Kitiyakara, the daughter of a Thai aristocrat and diplomat, helped nurse him back to health.

Bhumibol and Sirikit wed in 1950, a week before the king's coronation ceremony. Together they helped bridge East and West, visiting nearly 30 countries early in their reign. Bhumibol addressed the U.S. Congress when Dwight D. Eisenhower was president, dined with French leader Charles de Gaulle and met Elvis Presley on a visit with his queen to a Paramount Studios movie set in 1960.

Thailand has been a constitutional monarchy since 1932, with the prime minister and Parliament holding political power, and the king serving as head of state and placed in "a position of revered worship."

Although disillusioned in recent years with mounting societal greed, environmental destruction and the sidelining of traditions, the king said he tried to move with the times.

"A constitutional monarch must change with the country but at the same time he must keep the spirit of the country," he declared. People may be different, he said, "but the common character of the people must be embodied by the king."

For much of his reign, as Thailand hurtled from a traditional agrarian society of 18 million people to a modern, industrializing nation of 70 million, Bhumibol spearheaded thousands of projects aimed at improving life for his people, traveling to the farthest reaches of his nation to join village elders on a patch of grass to discuss the recent harvest or plot an irrigation ditch.

The weight of royalty and Bhumibol's work on behalf of Thailand's have-nots won him a following backed up by nightly TV programs that tracked his every move. He remained active until his final years and dispensed funds and advice on everything from deforestation to Bangkok's traffic.

"They say that a kingdom is like a pyramid: the king on top and the people below," he once told an Associated Press reporter. "But in this country it's upside down. That's why I sometimes have a pain around here." He pointed to his neck and shoulders.

The name Bhumibol means "Strength of the Land," and the bounty of Thailand's soil and waters was the king's passion. In 1952 he set out to breed a better freshwater fish, a staple of the Thai peasantry,

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in the ponds of his Chitralada Palace in Bangkok. It was the first of more than 4,300 palace-sponsored development projects now blanketing the country.

He pioneered work to help eradicate the opium grown by northern hill tribes. "It has become an instrument of destruction ... The drugs subjugate the body, the money subjugates the soul," he said, dipping into his own pocket to start a project to convince the tribes to abandon opium crops for others like tea and coffee.

While normally in the background of government theater, the king stepped to the forefront at crucial moments of Thai history. During a pro-democracy uprising in 1973, he ordered the gates of the Grand Palace to be opened to students fleeing the gunfire of troops loyal to a dictatorial triumvirate. The message was clear, and the trio went into exile. In 1992, during another bloody confrontation between the military and pro-democracy protesters, the king called in the two key protagonists, who prostrated themselves before him on nationwide TV and promised peace. The crisis ended immediately.

After mass protests against Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra began in 2006, Bhumibol urged the country's top courts to resolve the political crisis. A bloodless military coup followed, and part of the army rationale for intervening was Thaksin's alleged disrespect for the king.

Even with Thaksin dispatched, the crisis simmered, with his opponents — the so-called "Yellow Shirts" — claiming the mantle of defending the monarchy. With the country polarized, Queen Sirikit showed her sympathies by attending the funeral of a Yellow Shirt follower killed in protest clashes, undermining the axiom that the throne was above politics.

By 2011, the king's health had worsened and Thaksin's sister Yingluck Shinawatra had become prime minister through elections. Mass protests helped fuel an unstable climate that triggered another army coup in 2014.

Through it all, Bhumibol himself remained adored and revered. His occasional public outings drew tens of thousands of people into the streets trying to catch a glimpse, with most dressed in the royal color yellow. Many have wept at the sight of his passing motorcade.

Much of the admiration is genuine: framed posters, paintings and photographs of the king are ubiquitous in Thai homes and shops, depicting not only an exalted figure in glimmering robes, but also an ordinary-looking man with a camera strapped around his chest. Taxicab windows proclaim "Long Live the King."

But some of the adulation is obligatory. Bhumibol's birthday is a national holiday. Pedestrians must stop while the royal anthem is played at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily in parks and the mass transit system. In cinemas, a brief film play depicting the impact of Bhumibol's life runs before every movie, and the audience must stand as it is shown.

Although Vajiralongkorn is the heir apparent, the throne could still pass to one of his sons or to his more popular sister, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Bhumibol also has two other daughters, Chulabhorn and Ubol Ratana. The Privy Council, which advises the king, would have to nominate a candidate, to be approved by the Cabinet and Parliament.

"The next king will not be as influential as King Bhumibol, and I would bet that there will be a lot of competition to gain power over him or her by the military and political factions who want to use the king for their own ends," said Paul Handley, American author of "The King Never Smiles," a biography of the king scorned by monarchists for its frank criticism.

It's indicative of the king's untouchability that the book was banned in Thailand, and a Thai-American man was arrested for allegedly posting translations of parts of the book on the internet.

Some have speculated that it was not just poor health that led Bhumibol to increasingly retreat behind palace walls, but his own worries about the future. Some of his private conversations toward the end of his reign reflected a deep concern that Thailand had lost much of the core culture he had sought to embody all his life.

Nigeria officer: 4 Boko Haram fighters swapped for girls

By ISMAIL ALFA ABDULRAHIM and HARUNA UMAR, Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP) — A Nigerian military source says four detained Boko Haram leaders have been freed in exchange for the release of 21 of the Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram more than two years ago.

The officer said the extremists were released Wednesday night in Banki, a town on the northeast border with Cameroon. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the press on the matter.

He said the freed girls were flown by helicopter to Maiduguri, the northeastern capital of Borno state and birthplace of Boko Haram.

Nigeria's government said the release of the girls is the result of negotiations with Boko Haram. The girls are the first to be released as a result of government action.

Police: Man with assault rifle, body armor shot 2 officers

BOSTON (AP) — A man wearing body armor and armed with an assault rifle shot two Boston police officers who were responding to a report of a domestic disturbance, before being shot and killed by other officers, police said.

The wounded officers were in "extremely critical condition" but out of surgery and with their families on Thursday morning, Police Commissioner William Evans said.

"Domestic calls, as you know, are probably the most volatile. You never really know what you're walking into," Evans said. "And I think we see right now the dangers of our job."

Evans said the 33-year-old suspect fired at the officers late Wednesday night shortly after they arrived at a home in the city's East Boston neighborhood. Several other officers who were stationed outside ran inside and exchanged gunfire with the suspect.

"Two of the officers dragged their fellow officers out of the line of fire so they were in a protected zone, and the officers continued to engage in a gun exchange," Evans said.

The officers shot and killed the suspect and then began administering first aid to the wounded officers, one a 28-year veteran, the other a 12-year veteran of the force.

"One officer had his hand in one of the wounds and I think that was instrumental in getting the officer down to Mass General quickly," Evans said.

Both officers were taken to Massachusetts General Hospital, where they were being treated for serious injuries. Nine other officers were being treated at Tufts Medical Center for trauma, stress and minor injuries.

Police, initially concerned that their might be a second suspect, ordered residents to shelter in place. That order was later lifted.

Police did not release the names of the wounded officers.

As is standard protocol following such events, the district attorney's office said there would be an investigation into the use of deadly force.

"They ran into a firefight here, able to pull two of their officers out safely, and again unfortunately, we had to take a life in doing it," Evans said.

Don't think twice, it's all right: Bob Dylan wins Nobel Lit

BY KARL RITTER, Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan won the 2016 Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday, a stunning announcement that for the first time bestowed the prestigious award on a musician for "having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

Reporters and others gathered at the Swedish Academy's headquarters in Stockholm's Old Town reacted with a loud cheer as his name was read out.

Dylan, 75, is arguably the most iconic poet-musician of his generation. Songs such as "Blowin' in the

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Wind" and "The Times They Are A-Changin'" became anthems for the U.S. anti-war and civil rights movements of the 1960s. His impact on popular culture was immense.

But although he had been mentioned in the Nobel speculation for years, many experts had ruled him out, thinking the academy wouldn't extend its more than a century-old award to the world of music.

They were wrong. The academy's permanent secretary, Sara Danius, said while Dylan performs his poetry in the form of songs, that's no different from the ancient Greeks, whose works were often performed to music.

"Bob Dylan writes poetry for the ear," she said. "But it's perfectly fine to read his works as poetry."

Dylan is the first American winner of the Nobel literature prize since Toni Morrison in 1993.

Born on May 24, 1941, in Duluth, Minnesota, Dylan grew up in a Jewish middle-class family.

By his early 20s, he had taken the folk music world by storm. From that time on, he would constantly reinvent himself — often enraging followers in the process — but then later winning them back and adding new admirers. His career was such a complicated pastiche of elusive, ever-changing styles that it took six actors to portray him in the 2007 movie based on his life, "I'm Not There."

Although generally described as a rock musician, Dylan has been influenced by numerous musical styles, including country, gospel, blues, folk, pop, and rhythm and blues. Pursuing them all, sometimes separately and other times simultaneously, he remains a towering influence over music and popular culture.

He won an Academy Award in 2001 for the song "Things Have Changed" and received a lifetime achievement award from the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences in 1991. In 2008, he was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his contributions to music and American culture.

The literature award was the last of this year's Nobel Prizes to be announced. The six awards will be handed out on Dec. 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896.

This version corrects the year of Toni Morrison's win to 1993.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. 2016 RACE DEVOLVES INTO UGLY FIGHT OVER TREATMENT OF WOMEN

As Trump's campaign prepares to relitigate the marital affairs of the Clintons, their boss is hamstrung by new allegations he groped and sexually assaulted at least three women.

2. OFFICIALS: US MISSILES DESTROY RADAR SITES IN YEMEN

The Tomahawk cruise missile strikes mark the first shots fired by the U.S. in anger against the Shiite Houthi rebels in the long-running civil war.

3. BOB DYLAN WINS 2016 NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE

The stunning announcement for the first time bestowed the prestigious award to someone primarily seen as a musician.

4. NIGERIA 'BRINGS BACK OUR GIRLS'

Twenty-one of the Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram Islamic extremists more than two years ago have been freed in negotiations, officials say.

5. GERMAN BOMB PLOT SUSPECT KILLS SELF IN JAIL CELL

The 22-year-old Syrian man suspected of planning an Islamic extremist bombing attack strangled himself by tying his shirt to the bars of his prison cell, German officials say.

6. BERMUDA BRACES FOR HURRICANE NICOLE

The tiny island in the northern Atlantic Ocean hunkers down as the "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm takes aim.

7. 'EVERY HOUR IT'S WORSE'

Residents in Greenville and other North Carolina cities are keeping watch on floodwaters that are slowly approaching houses as rivers crest.

8. TWO BOSTON COPS CRITICAL AFTER SHOOTING

A man wearing body armor and armed with an assault rifle shot the officers, who were responding to a report of a domestic disturbance in East Boston.

9. IRAN HARD-LINERS: THIS IS WHAT AMERICA IS REALLY LIKE

Tehran seems happy to let Iranians watch the backstabbing, deceitful machinations of fictional U.S. politician Frank Underwood in "House of Cards."

10. A HAT TRICK WASN'T ENOUGH

Toronto Maple Leafs rookie Auston Matthews scored a record four goals in his first NHL game.

'I cry and pray': Keeping vigil amid North Carolina floods

By JONATHAN DREW, Associated Press

GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Anita Van Beveren has been returning day after day to watch the brown floodwater creep toward the rental home she shares with her two teenage children. While she got many belongings out, they couldn't move everything — a bicycle is chained to a back deck surrounded by water.

"I cry and pray. There's nothing else to do," said Van Beveren, who is staying with friends. "We keep coming up here every hour. And every hour it's worse."

Many neighbors are keeping similar vigils on Van Beveren's side of Willow Street, which runs parallel to the Tar River and has largely served as a boundary between those who evacuated and those who stayed. The leafy neighborhood — one of many around North Carolina to suffer flooding after Hurricane Matthew — includes one-story homes and small apartment buildings that house a mix of families and students from nearby East Carolina University.

North of Willow, houses and apartments were filling up with water even before the river was expected to crest Thursday. The flooding triggered by heavy rain from Matthew — which killed more than 500 people in Haiti — has left at least 35 dead in the U.S.

South of the street — and uphill from the river — homeowners expect their houses to be dry, and most stayed despite a mandatory evacuation.

"People that are staying are pretty comfortable because a lot of us were here for Floyd, and we know what's coming," said John Benson. He lives on a street that crosses Willow just uphill from a Dead End sign that marked the edge of the floodwaters from Hurricane Floyd in 1999. The Tar River isn't expected to get as high this time.

Joe Davis owns houses on another street that crosses Willow, including a rental property where waist-deep water lapped at the foundation Wednesday.

He watched a worker use duct tape and sheets of plastic to seal crawl space vents after placing sandbags at the doors.

"This is my first time doing this, so we'll see how this works," said Davis, who bought the rental house several months ago.

Wearing duck-hunting waders, Andrew Brauns strode through the murky water after working on Davis' rental house. He does maintenance for several property owners and said he put in several 15-hour days this week.

"These are going to be our two worst houses actually," he said, pointing to the rental house and one across the street. "So we've really been trying to keep the water out. Under the houses, it can wash a bunch of the foundations away."

Two tenants of another house surrounded by several feet of water — Carolyn Raby and Nicole Beauchene — walked up to survey the scene at the end of the street that dead ends near the river. They said their landlord has been letting them stay in another house he owns, but the ordeal has fried their nerves.

"I haven't slept. I don't eat. The only normal thing I have is work and that's sad when work's your only normal thing to do," said Beauchene, who works at the sandwich shop Jimmy John's.

More than 65 killed in last 3 days in Aleppo

BEIRUT (AP) — Overnight shelling and more than a dozen airstrikes on rebel-held parts of Aleppo killed at least 11 people Thursday, bringing the death toll in the last three days to at least 65, according to an opposition activist group and Aleppo's volunteer civil defense forces.

Rebel shelling of government-held areas in the divided city also killed two girls at a school. The airstrikes came a day after an air raid hit eastern Aleppo's biggest market, killing at least 15 people and leveling buildings.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported more than 20 airstrikes on eastern Aleppo that killed seven while shelling killed four, adding that clashes were taking place between government forces and insurgents on the city's northern edge.

The Halab Today TV channel reported "intense" airstrikes on rebel-held parts of Syria's largest city, adding that cluster bombs were being dropped.

Ibrahim Alhaj, a member of the Syrian Civil Defense, said the airstrikes killed 13 and wounded 25. He said some people remained buried under the rubble and search operations are underway.

State media reported that two girls were killed and five were wounded in rebel shelling of western government-held neighborhoods in Aleppo that hit a school in the Suleimaniyah neighborhood.

The Observatory said Wednesday that at least 358 civilians have been killed in eastern Aleppo since a U.S. and Russian-brokered truce collapsed on Sept. 19. The U.N. says over 100 children have been killed in the campaign, which has also included a limited ground offensive.

Near the capital Damascus, government buses gathered outside the suburbs of Qudsaya and Hammah where they were supposed to evacuate dozens of civilians to the rebel-held northwestern province of Idlib, the Observatory and state news agency SANA said.

The Observatory said the evacuation is part of an agreement between rebel factions in the two suburbs and the government that would include giving partial amnesty to some 300 fighters from the area. It said that after the evacuation ends, government forces would take control of the two areas.

Such evacuations have been carried out in other suburbs of the capital in recent months, including Darya and Moadamiyeh.

German officials demand answers after suspect strangles self

By **DAVID RISING** and **FRANK JORDANS**, Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — A 22-year-old Syrian man suspected of planning an Islamic extremist bombing attack strangled himself by tying his shirt to the bars of his jail cell, German officials said Thursday.

Rolf Jacob, the head of the prison where 22-year-old bomb suspect Jaber Albakr was held, told reporters in Dresden that a trainee guard checked on the prisoner at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, and that when he returned for another check at 7:45 p.m. he found Albakr hanging lifeless.

Attempts were made to revive Albakr were unsuccessful, and a doctor declared him dead a half hour later, said Saxony Justice Minister Sebastian Gemkow.

Facing widespread criticism that such a high-profile prisoner could take his own life, authorities said multiple precautions were taken.

"It should not have happened even though we did everything we could to prevent it," Gemkow said.

Among other things, Albakr was assessed by a psychologist with whom he discussed what impact his behavior in prison would have on his trial, leading her to believe he was considering his long-term future, Jacob said. As a precaution, he was given pants with no belt and was checked on at regular intervals.

On the other hand, Jacob said Albakr had refused all food at the prison and had accepted only one glass of water, and had destroyed both a lighting fixture and an electrical outlet in his cell — actions that were believed to be vandalism and "not interpreted as a suicide attempt."

"It was clear that we were dealing with someone here where we had to work very carefully, and suicide risk played a role," he said.

Still, he said it would have been against German law to preventatively put him into a special cell designed

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for a prisoner assessed as an "acute, clearly visible suicide risk."

Wolfgang Bosbach, a senior member of Chancellor Angela Merkel's party and security expert, told n-tv that given his behavior, Albakr should have been under constant observation.

"The suicide danger was known, it was not just an assumption," Bosbach said.

Albakr's public defender, Dresden attorney Alexander Huebner, said prison authorities should have had his client under constant watch. "I'm unbelievably shocked and absolutely speechless that something like this could have happened," he told Focus magazine.

Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere, said Albakr's death would make the investigation into whether he had accomplices in the thwarted plot far more difficult.

Saxony state authorities were already facing criticism after Albakr eluded police as they prepared to raid an apartment where he had been staying in the city of Chemnitz on Saturday. Inside the apartment police found highly volatile explosives and a homemade bomb vest.

Albakr was finally arrested Monday in Leipzig after three fellow Syrians tied him up and alerted police.

He had been granted asylum after coming to Germany last year, and had been under surveillance by German domestic intelligence since last month.

On Wednesday, de Maiziere said that Albakr had undergone a security check last year, but it did not turn up anything suspicious.

"There was a check against security authorities' data in 2015, but without any hits," he said. "It's not clear when he was radicalized."

German authorities have said they believe he had links to the Islamic State group and was thought to be planning to attack a Berlin airport, possibly as soon as this week.

The three Syrians who captured the suspect had been granted asylum, and their "behavior deserves praise and recognition," de Maiziere said.

Authorities have another suspect alleged to have been involved in the plot in custody, identified only as Khalil A. in keeping with German privacy laws.

The 33-year-old Syrian was the tenant of the Chemnitz apartment where police found the hidden explosives and was arrested over the weekend as a co-conspirator.

'Extremely dangerous' Hurricane Nicole to pummel Bermuda

By JOSH BALL, Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) — The British territory of Bermuda hunkered down overnight as Hurricane Nicole rapidly strengthened into a major Category 4 storm and took aim at the tiny island in the northern Atlantic Ocean.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami called Nicole an "extremely dangerous" storm and urged islanders to rush preparations for its powerful rain and winds. It said Nicole should pass near Bermuda on Thursday morning. The storm was located about 100 miles (165 kilometers) southwest of Bermuda early Thursday morning. It had maximum sustained winds of 130 mph (215 kph) and was moving north-northeast at 15 mph (24 kph).

Rains were already hitting Bermuda and authorities Wednesday ordered schools and government offices closed, and asked people to remain indoors.

"I believe we are generally ready for it," Premier Michael Dunkley said. "Now we just have to hope and pray for the best."

Hundreds of people had rushed to shops and gas stations for last-minute preparations as rain and wind began to batter Bermuda, which has sturdy infrastructure and is accustomed to storms.

Those at home made last-minute preparations for what lay ahead, with resident Danni Joell saying she was "cooking up a storm" with her son, Tyler, in the kitchen.

"So far we've made an apple pie, and there are some cookies in the oven," she said. "Hopefully we will have enough to get us through."

Businesses were largely boarded up by Wednesday night, and dozens of vessels from one marina were

already neatly packed away between historical buildings in Mangrove Bay, a popular spot for water activities in Bermuda's northwest tip. Hotels, meanwhile, reported an uptick in bookings as people sought shelters with power.

American Airlines and Air Canada are among several that have canceled flights to the island, and several cruise ships have canceled trips as well.

The hurricane was kicking up heavy surf in islands south of Bermuda including Puerto Rico, where authorities said they were looking for the body of a surfer who disappeared on Tuesday. He was identified as 37-year-old Gabriel Pantoja.

2016 race devolves into ugly fight over treatment of women

By **JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Already deeply divisive, America's campaign for president is quickly devolving into an ugly fight over who has treated women worse: Donald Trump, whose White House bid is floundering, or former President Bill Clinton, who isn't on the ballot.

Trump's campaign is now openly signaling it will spend the election's final month relitigating Bill Clinton's marital affairs and unproven charges of sexual assault, as well as his wife and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's unverified role in intimidating the women who were involved. But Trump is a deeply imperfect messenger, given that his attacks on the Clintons' treatment of women are being overshadowed by a flood of allegations that he kissed and groped women without their consent.

On Wednesday, The New York Times and the Palm Beach Post reported stories about three women who alleged Trump had inappropriately touched them. Separately, a People Magazine reporter wrote a detailed first-person account of being attacked by Trump while interviewing the businessman and his wife, Melania Trump.

The stories come less than a week after the publication of a 2005 recording in which the Republican nominee boasted of using his fame to kiss and grab women. The revelation prompted a flood of Republicans to revoke their support for Trump, with some even calling for him to drop out of the race — though a handful of GOP officials have since switched back to supporting their party's nominee.

Clinton adviser Jennifer Palmieri said the latest revelations match "everything we know about the way Donald Trump has treated women."

Trump's campaign denied the reports and threatened to sue The New York Times if the paper did not retract its story.

Taken together, the revelations about Trump and his counterprogramming about Bill Clinton have plunged an already rancorous campaign to new lows. The real estate mogul has also aggressively charged that Hillary Clinton not only needs to be defeated in November, but also "has got to go to jail." His campaign is also facing questions about ties to Russian interests accused of hacking Democratic groups, as well as the hacking of a top Clinton adviser's emails.

For Trump, the cumulative effect of his brazen strategy appears to be a tumble in the battleground states he needs to win in November. What was already a narrow path to the 270 Electoral College votes needed for victory is virtually indiscernible for Trump unless there's a significant shakeup in the race between now and Nov. 8

Rather than trying to make up ground by shifting attention back to issues like trade that have energized Trump backers and could appeal to new voters, the Republican campaign appears to be moving swiftly to make Bill Clinton's past a centerpiece of the campaign.

Building on Trump's decision to bring three Bill Clinton accusers to last week's presidential debate, the GOP nominee is expected to have the women appear with him on stage at rallies and do a series of television interviews, according to a person briefed on the plan but not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Trump supporters are also confronting Hillary Clinton with the accusations about her husband. Multiple Clinton rallies were interrupted this week by hecklers shouting "Bill Clinton is a rapist." Earlier this week, right-wing radio host Alex Jones offered to pay \$5,000 to anyone who can be heard on television shouting about the former president and wearing a "Bill Clinton rape" T-shirt.

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Bill Clinton never faced any criminal charges over the allegations, and a lawsuit over an alleged rape was dismissed. He did settle a lawsuit with one of the women who claimed harassment.

The Trump campaign's hope is to showcase the decades-old accusations to young voters, particularly women, who may not have been old enough to remember the controversies that dogged the Clintons in the 1990s. And if the campaign can't get them to vote for Trump, the person briefed on the plans said the goal is to convince young voters to stay home and depress turnout, which would likely hurt Democrats.

Former Trump senior adviser Michael Caputo said the businessman's only way to win is to "go nuclear" on the Clintons.

"There's no way Trump can do anything positive to earn back women," Caputo said. "The only way he can stave off the bleeding is to drag them into parity."

But it's unclear whether Trump's strategy is even aimed at winning the election at this point. Increasingly, Trump's campaign feels like an opportunity for longtime Clinton opponents to air decade's worth of grievances about the Democratic power couple on the biggest stage in American politics.

Trump confidante and informal adviser Roger Stone has long been encouraging Trump to make Bill Clinton's alleged assaults and the way his wife treated those woman a centerpiece of the campaign. Steve Bannon, the Trump campaign's chief executive, ran Breitbart News, a right-wing website that eagerly promotes an endless string of conspiracy theories about the Clintons.

Hillary Clinton, who is on pace to become America's first female president if her lead holds, has tried to stay above the fray in recent days. She is yet to respond directly to Trump's decision to resurrect accusations about her husband.

And during a pair of rallies Wednesday in Colorado and Nevada, Clinton appeared to be looking toward how to heal the country's deep divisions if she's elected president, pledging she would be a champion both for her supporters and those who don't vote for her.

"I know how important it is that we stay focused on the concerns that people have, not on the demagoguery and distraction," she said.

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Watching 'House of Cards' in Tehran, to hard-liners' delight

By **NASSER KARIMI** and **JON GAMBRELL**, Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's government has long tried to keep out American pop culture, but it seems happy to let Iranians watch the backstabbing, deceitful machinations of fictional U.S. politician Frank Underwood in "House of Cards."

Iran's hard-liners point to the show and say: This is what America is really like.

The sudden arrival of the Netflix series, which stars Kevin Spacey as a South Carolina congressman who connives his way to the presidency, illustrates the reach and popularity of Western television and film. It also offers a window into the thinking of Iran's censors, who have approved the dark portrayal of power politics and even murder in the corridors of Washington — but not the bedroom scenes.

"It shows how politics is dirty in the United States," said Mohammad Kazemi, a student of mechanics at Tehran's Azad University. "They do anything to reach power."

Every night at 11 p.m., the state-run Namayesh channel airs the program dubbed into Farsi, calling it "Khaneh Poushaly," or "Straw House." It started playing the show in late September, beginning with its first season, which follows Underwood as the manipulative House majority whip.

The arrival of "House of Cards" has caused something of a stir in Iran, where American programming is extremely rare, and where authorities routinely denounce Western pop culture as decadent and un-Islamic. The government blocks many websites, but a ban on satellite dishes is rarely enforced. Many Iranians, particularly the young, watch foreign shows on the internet or purchase pirated DVDs of movies and TV

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series, which are widely available at street markets.

Farnaz Rahmani, a 17-year-old high school student, said she thinks state TV is showing "House of Cards" to prove that U.S. politicians are deceitful.

"For me it is a chance to fill my spare time with a good TV series. Maybe it is also a chance for the TV to attract more people to Iranian channels," she said.

Iranian media have also noted its arrival, with the conservative website Tabnak praising Spacey's "brilliant portrayal" of Underwood, who conspires with his wife to amass power in Washington through blackmail and betrayal. On social media, users have shared a clip of Spacey and co-star Robin Wright dubbed over in Farsi, discussing how to navigate the halls of power.

The drama offers a jaundiced view of American politics that plays well in a country long suspicious of U.S. intentions. Iranians still blame America for the CIA-engineered coup in 1953 that installed the shah, and fury at the United States boiled over during the 1979 Islamic Revolution, leading to the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Nearly 40 years on, Iranian hard-liners still portray the United States as the "Great Satan," hatching conspiracies involving everyone from Israel's Mossad spy agency to the Islamic State group — in other words, as the Frank Underwood of the Middle East.

"House of Cards" has been able to skillfully show the deception in the complicated political sphere of liberal American civilization, as well as treason, power-hungriness, promiscuities and crimes behind those ruling in the country," the hard-line website Mashregh wrote.

The show was approved by the massive Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting corporation, whose chief is directly appointed by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Iranian television previously broadcast the British series that inspired the show.

Neither Namayesh nor the IRIB have commented publicly on the decision to air "House of Cards," and there are no figures for viewership. Calls to the IRIB were not immediately returned this week.

It's also unclear what deal, if any, Iran struck with the show's producers. Iran and the U.S. have no official agreements on copyright protection, and Netflix is not available in Iran.

Netflix, based in Los Gatos, California, said it did not have a global license to sell "House of Cards," without commenting on its newfound home on Iranian state television. A public relations firm for Media Rights Capital, the production house behind the show, did not respond to requests for comment.

The IRIB is happy to show Iranian viewers the seductions of power, but not the more literal variety.

The show has been edited to remove the steamier scenes between Underwood and young reporter Zoe Barnes, played by Kate Mara, in line with Islamic sensibilities.

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New allegations of sexual assault emerge against Trump

By JULIE PACE and KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP) — Several women levied allegations of sexual assault against Donald Trump on Wednesday in a series of interviews, adding to the already damaging revelations about the Republican presidential nominee's aggressive sexual comments about women.

Trump's campaign dismissed the allegations as having no merit or veracity, and it attacked one of the media outlets that published the women's accounts as acting on a vendetta. In a letter from his attorneys, Trump demanded The New York Times retract what it called a "libelous article" and apologize.

"For The New York Times to launch a completely false, coordinated character assassination against Mr. Trump on a topic like this is dangerous," Jason Miller, Trump's campaign spokesman, said in a separate statement. "To reach back decades in an attempt to smear Mr. Trump trivializes sexual assault, and it sets

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a new low for where the media is willing to go in its efforts to determine this election.”

A story published in The Times said Jessica Leeds, 74, of New York, told the newspaper she encountered Trump on an airline flight three decades ago. Leeds said Trump grabbed her breasts and tried to put his hand up her skirt. “He was like an octopus,” she told the newspaper. “His hands were everywhere.”

Rachel Crooks, of Ohio, said she met Trump at Trump Tower in 2005. Age 22 at the time, Crooks said Trump kissed her “directly on the mouth” against her will.

Trump denied the accusations, telling the Times, “None of this ever took place.” The letter from his lawyers said unless the paper removed the article from its website and ceased further publication, it would pursue “all available actions and remedies.”

Separately on Wednesday, The Palm Beach Post in Florida reported that Mindy McGillivray, 36, told the newspaper that Trump groped her at his Mar-a-Lago estate 13 years ago. People magazine reporter Natasha Stoyneff also posted a story about a 2005 incident at Mar-a-Lago where, she wrote, Trump “was pushing me against the wall, and forcing his tongue down my throat.” The Trump campaign said there was no “merit or veracity” to either story.

Hillary Clinton’s communication’s director, Jennifer Palmieri, said in a statement the latest run of allegations “sadly fits everything we know about the way Donald Trump has treated women.”

The interviews come just days after the publication of a recording from 2005, on which Trump made a series of vulgar and sexually predatory comments about women. While waiting to make a cameo appearance on a soap opera, he bragged to then-“Access Hollywood” host Billy Bush that his fame allowed him to force himself on women.

“And when you’re a star, they let you do it,” Trump said, adding later: “Grab them by the p----. You can do anything.”

Trump has apologized for the comments on the recording, but also dismissed them as “locker room talk” and a distraction from the campaign. Asked during Sunday’s presidential debate whether he ever engaged in the sort of conduct he described in 2005, he said: “No. I do not.”

The reports about Trump’s conduct came at the end of a day during which an increasingly confident Clinton made only brief reference to her opponent’s treatment of women — she noted his dismissal of the conversation as “locker room talk” — and did not address the new allegations.

Trying to float above the fray, she warned voters in Colorado and Nevada not to be turned off by the “pure negativity” coming from her opponent.

Clinton’s campaign had signaled earlier in the day she would go even harder on Republicans, but after news of the fresh allegations, Clinton demurred. She continued to make newly prominent and explicit pitches for Democratic congressional candidates in tight races, including Florida Rep. Patrick Murphy and Nevada Senate candidate Catherine Cortez Masto.

Even as she did so, two GOP senators and two House members who called for Trump to step aside over the weekend climbed back aboard. Their basic case: They’re voting for a Republican next month, and if Trump isn’t leaving then he’s got to be the one.

John Thune of South Dakota, the third-ranking Republican in the Senate, told the Rapid City Journal he had “reservations about the way (Trump) has conducted his campaign and himself.” However, he said, “I’m certainly not going to vote for Hillary Clinton.”

Also back on board after calling on Trump to resign: Sen. Deb Fischer of Nebraska and Reps. Scott Garrett of New Jersey and Bradley Byrne of Alabama. There still are some three dozen GOP lawmakers who have withdrawn their support or are calling for Trump to step aside.

The focus on Republican congressional candidates is the latest sign the Clinton campaign is moving past a narrow focus on winning the White House, and now is aiming to win big — by delivering the Senate to Democrats, making deep cuts into the Republicans’ majority in the House and, possibly, winning states long considered Republican territory.

“If you’ve got friends in Utah or Arizona, make sure they vote, too,” Clinton told a raucous crowd in Pueblo. “We are competing everywhere. ... I think Americans want to turn out in as big a number as possible”

to reject Trump's message, Clinton said.

She had sympathetic words — serious or not — for Trump supporters who have begun to interrupt her events.

As security escorted one man out in Pueblo, Clinton said, "You have to feel a little sorry for them; they've had a really bad couple of weeks."

Clinton's new swagger and expanded ambitions came as Trump declared he feels unshackled to launch the sort of hard-edged, personal campaign his most ardent supporters love. Hours before news of the assault allegations broke, Trump kept up his unrelenting denunciations of Clinton at a rally in Florida. It's not enough for voters to elect him instead of her, he declared — "She has got to go to jail."

In Florida, he highlighted a new batch of hacked emails from Clinton campaign manager John Podesta's account, published by WikiLeaks, the anti-secrecy group. He asserted that the emails show ever more clearly that the former secretary of state and her family are corrupt.

"It never ends with these people," he said.

WikiLeaks, which U.S. officials have said has ties to Russian intelligence, released a fourth installment of private correspondence between top Clinton campaign officials on Wednesday. Clinton's campaign has not confirmed the accuracy of the emails, but Podesta said the FBI is investigating Russia's possible involvement, raising the extraordinary prospect of a link between Russia and the U.S. presidential election.

The FBI said anew that it is investigating possible Russian hacking involving U.S. politics but made no comment on Podesta.

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Officials say US missiles destroy radar sites on Yemen coast

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.-launched Tomahawk cruise missiles destroyed three coastal radar sites in Houthi-controlled territory on Yemen's Red Sea Coast early Thursday, officials said, a retaliatory action that followed two incidents this week in which missiles were fired at U.S. Navy ships.

The strikes marked the first shots fired by the U.S. in anger against the Houthis in Yemen's long-running civil war. The U.S. previously only provided logistical support and refueling to the Saudi-led coalition battling Yemen's Shiite rebels known as Houthis and their allies, including supporters of Yemen's former president, Ali Abdullah Saleh.

While the U.S. military has been focused on al-Qaida in Yemen, the Houthis had not been a primary target of American forces until the missile launches from Houthi-controlled territory this week.

No information on casualties from the U.S. missiles was provided by American officials. The three radar sites were in remote areas, where there was little risk of civilian casualties or collateral damage, said a military official who was not authorized to be named and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The destroyer USS Nitze launched the cruise missiles, the official said.

President Barack Obama authorized the strikes at the recommendation of Defense Secretary Ash Carter and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Joseph Dunford, Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said in a statement. U.S. officials had said earlier that the U.S. was weighing what military response to take.

"These limited self-defense strikes were conducted to protect our personnel, our ships and our freedom of navigation in this important maritime passageway," Cook said following the U.S. action. "The United States will respond to any further threat to our ships and commercial traffic, as appropriate, and will continue to maintain our freedom of navigation in the Red Sea, the Bab al-Mandeb and elsewhere around the world."

Loai al-Shami, a Houthi spokesman, declined to comment immediately on the U.S. strike.

Early Wednesday, two missiles were fired at the USS Mason, an Arleigh Burke class of guided missile destroyer that is conducting routine operations in the region with the USS Ponce, an amphibious warship. Neither missile got near the ship, said a U.S. military official.

The missiles were fired from the Yemen coast, near the location used Sunday when two missiles were

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launched at the same two ships, said the official, who was not authorized to be named and spoke on condition of anonymity.

A second official said it wasn't clear whether the ship's countermeasures caused the missiles to hit the water on Wednesday or if they would have landed there anyway. The official also spoke on condition of anonymity.

"These unjustified attacks are serious, but they will not deter us from our mission," the chief of naval operations, Adm. John Richardson, said in a statement Wednesday. "The team in USS Mason demonstrated initiative and toughness as they defended themselves and others against these unfounded attacks over the weekend and again today. All Americans should be proud of them."

The missiles fired on Sunday were variants of the so-called Silkworm missile, and both also fell harmlessly into the water. The Silkworm is a type of coastal defense cruise missile that Iran has been known to use.

Sunday was the first time that U.S. ships were targeted by a missile launch from Yemen. Last week, an Emirati-leased Swift boat came under rocket fire near the same area and sustained serious damage. The United Arab Emirates described the vessel as carrying humanitarian aid and having a crew of civilians, while the Houthis called the boat a warship.

The U.S. has been considering withdrawing its support for the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthis following Saturday's airstrike on a funeral and other troubling incidents of civilian casualties as a result of the Saudi bombing campaign.

The strike on the funeral in the capital, Sanaa, killed some 140 people and wounded more than 600. That bombing, among the deadliest of the war, likely sparked the rebels to launch more ballistic missiles in Saudi Arabia and target the U.S. warships in the Red Sea.

Human rights groups have expressed outrage over the deaths and accused the U.S. of complicity, leading the White House to say it was conducting a "review" to ensure U.S. cooperation with longtime partner Saudi Arabia is in line with "U.S. principles, values and interests."

Meanwhile, an international human rights group, Human Rights Watch, said Thursday that the funeral bombing constitutes an apparent war crime and that the remnants of missiles found at the site of the attack showed that they were American-made. It said a disproportionate number of the victims were civilians when the coalition carried out two airstrikes.

An international investigation is needed into the "atrocities," said Sarah Leah Whitson, Middle East director for the rights group. She said the attack on the funeral joins a long list of abuses by the coalition.

The U.S. missile launch also could affect relations with Iran, which says it backs the Yemeni rebels but denies arming them. That's contradicted by the U.S. Navy, which says it has intercepted several shipping boats since the war began carrying Iranian weaponry suspected to be on the way to Yemen.

There was no immediate reaction to the U.S. launch Thursday morning in Iran, which was marking the Shiite commemoration of Ashoura. Houthi-linked media also did not report the strike.

The missile fire by the Houthi raises questions about maritime safety in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, which serves as a gateway for oil tankers headed to Europe through the Suez Canal. The U.S. moved more naval ships near the strait after an Emirati-leased Swift boat came under rocket fire near the same area and sustained serious damage. The United Arab Emirates described the vessel as carrying humanitarian aid and having a crew of civilians, while the Houthis called the boat a warship.

Analysts with the Washington Institute for Near East Policy called the Houthi missile fire "a surprisingly aggressive move," but stressed there were limits to Iran's control of the rebels.

"Houthi relations with the Islamic Republic resemble the Iran-Hamas relationship more than the Iran-Hezbollah relationship — that is, the Houthis are autonomous partners who usually act in accordance with their own interests, though often with smuggled Iranian arms and other indirect help," the analysts wrote in a report released early Thursday.

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MGM says: We own 'Apprentice,' can't easily release tapes

By GARANCE BURKE, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With public clamor growing for the release of footage from Donald Trump's reign on "The Apprentice," entertainment giant MGM said Wednesday that it owns the reality TV show, not the program's executive producer Mark Burnett, and could not unilaterally release any unaired, archived material due to existing contractual obligations.

MGM attorney Marvin S. Putnam said in a statement that such agreements "typically contain provisions related to confidentiality and artists' rights." He said MGM, which purchased Mark Burnett Productions in December, would honor those rights.

In the same joint statement, Burnett said he has never been a supporter of Trump's candidacy. He said he felt compelled to issue that statement because of what he called "false media reports" about his supposed support. He said that he and his wife "reject the hatred, division and misogyny" that have been "a very unfortunate part" of Trump's campaign.

On Monday, in a joint statement, Burnett said that he doesn't have the ability or the right to release footage from the long-running show hosted by the Republican presidential nominee.

MGM said, "Various contractual and legal requirements also restrict MGM's ability to release such material."

Wednesday's statement came in response to repeated Associated Press requests since Monday for elaboration of why the footage was still being kept private.

The AP previously had asked Burnett to provide original "Apprentice" footage for review, and asked again last week, after publishing a story detailing statements by former cast and crew that Trump frequently used lewd, demeaning and sexist language while on set and pointed out which contestants he would like to have sex with.

MGM and Burnett also did not answer questions regarding whether Trump has any contractual or rights-related authority that would prevent release of any unaired material.

Trump campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks did not respond to emails and calls seeking information about whether Trump had any control over the footage.

In the meantime, public pressure continued to mount from former contestants, Democrats and a prominent attorney for someone to release whatever raw footage exists from 14 seasons of programming.

The call for disclosure has been gradually increasing since Friday's release of a separate recording on which Trump talks about aggressively groping women on a different show, "Access Hollywood," as the candidate prepared to appear on a soap opera.

On the tape, the married Trump brags about kissing and trying to have casual sex with women, even ones who are married. He also used vulgar slang to describe how, if you are a star, you can grab a woman's genital area. Trump has since apologized, but also described his comments as "locker room talk" and dismissed them as a distraction.

A petition posted on MoveOn.org by the national women's advocacy organization UltraViolet Action calling for the footage to be disclosed had gathered more than 180,000 signatures by Wednesday afternoon. A Hillary Clinton supporter has offered to pay leakers' legal fees, while more than 1,000 supporters had given \$33,000 to a separate crowdfunded campaign to compensate possible whistleblowers by Wednesday.

Attorney Gloria Allred, who has represented many women making sexual abuse claims, including Bill Cosby accusers, delivered a letter Wednesday asking for a meeting with Burnett and MGM executives to discuss any legal restrictions on why unaired footage from "The Apprentice" could not be released.

The letter states that the unaired footage would show Trump's conduct while filming the NBC series, and its contents are of "extreme public importance."

Allred, a Democrat, said women had contacted her about inappropriate conduct by Trump before and after the "Access Hollywood" footage surfaced Friday. Allred said she could not discuss the women's allegations because they had not given her authorization to do so.

It could not be determined which, if any, of the incidents described by former contestants and crew in the original AP story had been recorded or occurred when cameras were not operating, or whether any

comments that could have been recorded still exist in an archive.

NBC has stated that it does not own the "Apprentice" footage, and only licenses it from Burnett for broadcast. A spokeswoman previously said she did not know if NBC had any footage in storage, but that if the network did, it could not legally release it.

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Bermuda braces for hit from 'Nicole,' a Cat 4 hurricane

By JOSH BALL, Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) — Heavy wind and rain began battering Bermuda late Wednesday as the British territory braced itself for Hurricane Nicole, which became a major Category 4 storm as it tracked toward the tiny island in the northern Atlantic Ocean.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm is expected to pass near or over Bermuda on Thursday. Nicole was located about 180 miles (290 kilometers) south-southwest of Bermuda late Wednesday night. It had maximum sustained winds of 130 mph (215 kph) and was moving north-northeast at 12 mph (17 kph).

The Hurricane Center urged islanders to rush hurricane preparations to completion.

While Bermuda has sturdy infrastructure and is accustomed to storms, government officials said people to prepare for the hurricane and remain indoors on Wednesday and Thursday.

"We have a long night in front of us," Premier Michael Dunkley said. "We better be prepared for the onslaught of hurricane force winds, but if we heed the warnings, we will be in a strong position once the storm blows through."

Earlier on Wednesday, authorities closed schools and government offices as shops and gas stations reported brisk business ahead of the storm, with people buying batteries, matches, alcohol and ready-cooked meals.

"Whatever happens, people are not going to go hungry," resident Byron Trott said as he pushed a bulging shopping cart toward the checkout counter.

Bars in the capital of Hamilton remained busy, but most planned to close by late Wednesday night. Meanwhile, hotels reported an uptick in bookings as people sought shelters with power.

Businesses were largely boarded up by Wednesday night, and dozens of vessels from one marina were already neatly packed away between historical buildings in Mangrove Bay, a popular spot for water activities in Bermuda's northwest tip.

American Airlines and Air Canada are among several that have canceled flights to the island, and several cruise ships have canceled trips as well.

The hurricane is kicking up heavy surf in islands south of Bermuda including Puerto Rico, where authorities said they were looking for the body of a surfer who disappeared on Tuesday. He was identified as 37-year-old Gabriel Pantoja.

2 women tell paper Trump touched them inappropriately

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two women tell The New York Times that Donald Trump touched them inappropriately — groping a woman in one instance and kissing a woman in another — during separate encounters that took place as long as three decades ago, the newspaper reported Wednesday.

Trump told the Times there was no truth to either of the claims. In a statement, Trump's campaign spokesman, Jason Miller, said "the entire article is fiction" and accused the newspaper of launching "a completely false, coordinated character assassination."

Another newspaper, The Palm Beach Post in Florida, reported Wednesday night that a woman said Trump groped her at his Mar-a-Lago estate 13 years ago. Trump's campaign said her allegation "lacks any merit

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or veracity.”

And late Wednesday, a writer for People magazine reported a 2005 incident in which she said Trump kissed her against her will at Mar-a-Lago. The Trump campaign said, “There is no merit or veracity to this fabricated story.”

The women’s stories come less than a week after the publication of a 2005 recording in which the Republican nominee boasted of groping women. Trump apologized for his comments, but also dismissed them as “locker room talk” and a distraction from the campaign.

Both women who spoke to the Times said they were coming forward with their stories because of the recording and Trump’s response to questions about it at Sunday’s presidential debate. The New York businessman said then he had never done the things he bragged about on the recording.

Jessica Leeds, 74, of New York, said she sat beside Trump in the first-class cabin of a flight to New York more than three decades ago. After less than an hour in the air, he lifted the armrest separating them and began to touch her, she said, and grabbed her breasts and tried to put his hand up her skirt.

“It was an assault,” Leeds told the newspaper. She said she fled to the back of the plane and sat in the coach section.

A second woman, Rachel Crooks of Ohio, told the newspaper she met Trump as a 22-year-old in 2005 — the same year he was recorded bragging in vulgar terms about grabbing women’s genitals.

Crooks said she was a receptionist for a real estate investment and development company located at Trump Tower and met Trump outside an elevator in the building one morning. She introduced herself to the celebrity businessman, she said.

They shook hands but Trump would not let go, Crooks said, and he began kissing her cheeks and then kissed her on the mouth. “It was so inappropriate,” she told the newspaper. “I was so upset that he thought I was so insignificant that he could do that.”

Crooks said she recounted the incident that day to her sister by phone and to her boyfriend that night, both of whom spoke to the Times. In the case of Leeds, the Times reported it had interviewed four people who said she had told them more recently of her encounter with Trump.

Leeds said she did not complain to the airline at the time because such unwanted advances were common for businesswomen in the 1970s and early 1980s, the newspaper reported. She said she encountered Trump at a charity event a few years later and said he had seemed to remember her and insulted her with a crude remark.

Both women told the paper they support Hillary Clinton’s campaign for president. In a statement, Miller rejected the women’s accounts as “fiction.”

“It is absurd to think that one of the most recognizable business leaders on the planet with a strong record of empowering women in his companies would do the things alleged in this story, and for this to only become public decades later in the final month of a campaign for president should say it all,” Miller said.

The Palm Beach Post reported that Mindy McGillivray, 36, of Palm Springs, Florida, did not report to authorities her 2003 encounter with Trump at the time but had shared the story with close friends and family. A man who had accompanied her to Mar-a-Lago that day, Ken Davidoff, told the newspaper he vividly remembers McGillivray telling him Trump had groped her.

Davidoff said he had brought McGillivray with him when he joined his father to shoot pictures during a concert by singer Ray Charles on Jan. 24, 2003. After the show, as people were saying goodbye to Charles, McGillivray felt “a pretty good nudge, more of a grab” close to the center of her bottom, she told the newspaper.

“I turn around and there’s Donald. He sort of looked away quickly. I quickly turned back, facing Ray Charles, and I’m stunned,” she said.

McGillivray said she considered making a scene at the time but decided “to stay quiet.” Trump’s remarks at the second debate in which he denied groping women changed her mind, she said.

On People magazine’s website Wednesday, reporter Natasha Stoyneff wrote of a 2005 incident she said happened when she traveled to Mar-a-Lago to write a feature about Donald and Melania Trump’s first wedding anniversary.

Stoyhoff wrote that while Donald Trump was giving her a tour of the mansion, he wanted to show her one room he described as "tremendous."

"We walked into that room alone, and Trump shut the door behind us," Stoyhoff wrote. "I turned around, and within seconds, he was pushing me against the wall, and forcing his tongue down my throat."

In response to the Times report, a Clinton adviser accused Trump of lying when he said he had not groped or kissed women without their consent. The Times story "sadly fits everything we know about the way Donald Trump has treated women" and shows that the "disgusting behavior" he brags about in the 2005 video "is more than just words," communications director Jennifer Palmieri said in a statement.

Official: Plane crash appears to be suicide try; 1 dead

By DAVE COLLINS, Associated Press

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A flight instructor and a student pilot had an altercation inside the cockpit of a small plane, and the instructor was unable to regain control from the trainee before the plane crashed near the headquarters of a military jet engine manufacturer, killing the student, a U.S. official familiar with the investigation into what happened said Wednesday.

The crash appeared to have been a suicide attempt by the student, and terrorism was ruled out, the official, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly, told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

The Piper PA-34 Seneca crashed with the two men aboard during a training flight Tuesday in East Hartford near the headquarters of Pratt & Whitney while returning to Brainard Airport in Hartford, authorities said. The flight instructor was badly burned but survived.

The instructor described the student pilot as disgruntled about learning to be a pilot, the U.S. official said.

The flight instructor is Arian Prevalla, and the student was Feras Freitekh, said a law enforcement official, who wasn't authorized to disclose the information and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Prevalla's social media pages indicate he's president of the American Flight Academy and a managing member of the Hartford Jet Center, both based in Hartford. The pages say he is from Albania and lives in Hartford.

On LinkedIn, Prevalla said he received a bachelor's degree in aviation science from Mountain State University, a now-defunct university in Beckley, West Virginia.

Public records show Freitekh received a private pilot certificate last year from the Federal Aviation Administration. They also indicate he lived in the Chicago suburb of Orland Hills since 2013, but authorities there said that there was no record he ever lived in the village but that he received mail there at the home of a friend of his father, who worked for a container company in a nearby town.

Safety officials said the FBI was taking over as lead investigator of the crash because of indications it was an intentional act. The National Transportation Safety Board said its initial investigation indicated the crash was deliberate.

The survivor told police detectives it was not an accident, Democratic Mayor Marcia Leclerc said.

"It's troubling," Leclerc said. "But I also know that stories change and information can be skewed. We're waiting for the facts to come out."

Authorities said the student and the instructor were about to land at Brainard Airport when the plane struck a utility pole and crashed onto a road Tuesday afternoon, bursting into flames. The crash site is a short distance from the airport, across the Connecticut River and in line with the runway.

Police Chief Scott Sansom said the path the plane took "could have been much worse."

"So we're very fortunate in that sense," he said.

The police chief initially asked the FBI to assist in the investigation because it happened so close to Pratt & Whitney. The company said its operations weren't affected by the crash and none of its employees was involved.

Police said Prevalla was hospitalized with serious burns and is expected to live. The medical examiner's office was expected to perform an autopsy on Freitekh.

In Hartford, authorities were investigating an apartment in connection with the plane crash, police said.

Democratic Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, briefed by the state police commissioner, said he had not decided to beef up security anywhere in light of the crash.

"I'm not aware of any specific threats associated with this action," Malloy said.

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Clinton aides mull telling GOP 'Bring a dolly!' for emails

By MICHAEL BIESECKER and STEPHEN BRAUN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As news broke last year about Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server, one of her top aides suggested simply releasing all the messages from her time as secretary of state.

The March 4, 2015, exchange is in the latest batch of emails hacked from the accounts of Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta published Wednesday by WikiLeaks. That was the day The Associated Press first reported that Clinton had been running a private server inside her home in New York.

Within hours of AP's reporting, Republicans from the House Select Committee on Benghazi quickly issued a subpoena demanding Clinton's emails regarding the deadly 2012 attacks on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Libya.

Adviser Phillippe Reines proposed that Clinton should respond by tweet: "No need for this, happy for you to have what I gave State. If they can't, I will. Bring a dolly!" — referring to a moving cart.

Clinton lawyer and chief-of-staff Cheryl Mills responded: "Seriously?"

Reines, who had worked for Clinton at the State Department, reiterated that he was serious, though he suggested maybe a campaign spokesman could respond less "flippantly."

Mills appeared to like the idea, at least initially. "Can we implement this in the next hour?"

It never happened.

Instead, Clinton's team waited more than one year as the State Department pored through more than 55,000 pages of Clinton's work-related emails from her time as the nation's top diplomat. And the issue kept bubbling up, no matter how hard Clinton's team worked to put it behind her.

The idea of immediately releasing Clinton's work-related emails in March 2015 may have softened her reputation for prizing secrecy over transparency. But it could have also caused her further legal complications.

Sidestepping the State Department's review would have made them available without any review by national security and other government agencies — likely releasing some messages later determined to contain classified material.

Clinton's campaign said the FBI was investigating who hacked Podesta's email. Spokesman Glen Caplin said Wednesday it's "clear" that the hacking of Podesta's email "is the work of the Russian government." He attributed that to the FBI, though the bureau has not said so publicly.

Caplin said Trump's campaign needs to explain its "possible ties to foreign espionage."

Meanwhile, late Wednesday, it appeared someone hacked Podesta's verified Twitter account and posted a message saying he had "switched teams" and was supporting Trump. The message was deleted within a few minutes of it appearing. "We can confirm that John's Twitter account was hacked, which would explain the message," spokesman Nick Merrill said.

U.S. intelligence officials last week blamed the Russian government for a series of breaches intended to influence the presidential election. The Russians deny involvement.

Podesta's hacked messages offer insight into the various strategies and responses considered by those close to Clinton as they grappled with the political fallout from the Democratic presidential nominee's 2009 decision to use the private server.

The day after AP reported the server was inside Clinton's home, Reines notes that Clinton cleared a tweet saying she has asked State to release her emails. When another aide notes the post had already gotten 1,000 retweets, Podesta jokes: "Good to know people go to bed with their Twitter decks. Sex must

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be obsolete.”

On March 9, 2015, Clinton aides debated how to handle the disclosure that in addition to the work-related emails handed over to the State Department she had deleted thousands of emails she claimed were personal.

One of the options discussed included “publication of an embargoed AP story on deletion” that would include a statement from Clinton and a question-and-answer or sit-down interview for television.

Reines wrote that his “strong vote” was for the AP interview, as well as holding a media conference at Gracie Mansion in New York City.

“Get it all done tonight, tight sequencing, no overnight gap between her (statement) and dropping the bomb,” Reines wrote, referring to the admission about the email deletions. “Alternatively, put the bomb in her voice in her statement and then nothing else matters.”

Instead, Clinton opted to take questions from the press during an event March 10 at the United Nations.

Days before Clinton turned over her personal email server to FBI investigators in August 2015, her aides nervously hashed over how to soften the blow in an official campaign statement about the ongoing controversy.

After top speechwriter Dan Schwerin, communications aide Jennifer Palmieri and policy adviser Jake Sullivan hammered out a draft of the statement, Schwerin passed two alternate versions to Podesta and several other aides, saying they were still uncertain over how to explain Clinton’s decision to use a private server instead of a State Department computer for her work-related emails.

Contemplating one hot-button line in which Clinton would admit error in using the server, Schwerin asked “whether we should say ‘I messed up’ instead of ‘this was a screw-up.’”

“What do folks think about that? Other edits we should make? And then what are next steps here?” he added.

Sullivan responded: “I’m very nervous about doing the screw up line by paper. That has to come from her.”

Meanwhile, prominent Democrats were emailing Clinton’s team to express concern about the candidate’s lack of public contrition.

In August 2015, longtime Democratic policy adviser Neera Tanden emailed Podesta that Clinton’s “inability to just do a national interview and communicate genuine feelings of remorse and regret is now, I fear, becoming a character problem (more so than honesty).”

She needed to apologize, urged Tanden, who is president and CEO of the Center for American Progress, which was founded by Podesta.

“I see no downside in her actually just saying, look, I’m sorry. I think it will take so much air out of this,” Tanden wrote.

In an interview with the AP a couple weeks later, Clinton said she did not need to apologize because “what I did was allowed.”

The next day, she appeared on national TV and said, “I’m sorry.”

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Asian stocks fall after disappointing China data

By **YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Asian stocks were lower on Thursday as weak China export data disappointed investors and renewed concerns about the health of the world’s second-largest economy.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan’s Nikkei 225 dipped 0.4 percent to 16,774.26 while South Korea’s Kospi fell 0.7 percent to 2,019.43. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng index retreated 1.5 percent to 23,064.15 and China’s Shanghai Composite Index inched down 0.1 percent to 3,055.01. Stocks in Australia, Taiwan and Southeast Asia were lower. Thai stocks fell 1.1 percent amid reports that its long-time king is gravely ill.

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ANALYST'S TAKE: "China's exports weakened last month on the back of subdued external demand. At the same time, import growth returned to negative territory, raising questions over the strength of the recent recovery in domestic demand," said Julian Evans-Pritchard, an economist at Capital Economics. "This could be an early sign that the recent recovery in economic activity is losing momentum."

WEAK CHINA TRADE: Data showed that China's exports last month fell 10 percent over a year earlier in the U.S. dollar terms, compared with a 2.8 percent fall in August. The drop was wider than expected. Analysts forecast a fall of 3.3 percent. Imports also dropped 1.9 percent last month, after a 1.5 percent gain in August, due to lower shipments of key commodities such as iron ore and copper.

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks finished slightly higher on Wednesday. The Dow Jones industrial average edged up 15.54 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,144.20. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 2.45 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,139.18. The Nasdaq composite slipped 7.77 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,239.02.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude oil slid 45 cents to \$49.73 per barrel in New York. The contract closed 61 cents lower at \$50.18 on Wednesday. Brent crude, the international standard, fell 39 cents to \$51.42 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar fell to 103.67 yen from 104.29 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1036 from \$1.1014.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 13, the 287th day of 2016. There are 79 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 13, 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

On this date:

In A.D. 54, Roman Emperor Claudius I died, poisoned apparently at the behest of his wife, Agrippina (ag-rih-PEE'-nuh).

In 1775, the United States Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.

In 1843, the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith (buh-NAY' brith) was founded in New York City.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover and Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes laid the cornerstone for the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington.

In 1944, during World War II, American troops entered Aachen, Germany.

In 1957, CBS-TV broadcast "The Edsel Show," a one-hour live special starring Bing Crosby designed to promote the new, ill-fated Ford automobile. (It was the first special to use videotape technology to delay the broadcast to the West Coast.)

In 1962, Edward Albee's four-character drama "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" opened on Broadway.

In 1966, actor-singer-dancer Clifton Webb, 76, died in Los Angeles.

In 1972, a Uruguayan chartered flight carrying 45 people crashed in the Andes; survivors resorted to feeding off the remains of some of the dead in order to stay alive until they were rescued more than two months later.

In 1981, voters in Egypt participated in a referendum to elect Vice President Hosni Mubarak (HAHS'-nee moo-BAH'-rahk) the new president, one week after the assassination of Anwar Sadat.

In 1999, the Senate rejected the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, with 48 senators voting in favor and 51 against, far short of the 67 needed for ratification. In Boulder, Colorado, the JonBenet Ramsey grand jury was dismissed after 13 months of work with prosecutors saying there wasn't enough evidence to charge anyone in the 6-year-old beauty queen's 1996 slaying.

In 2010, rescuers in Chile using a missile-like escape capsule pulled 33 men one by one to fresh air and freedom 69 days after they were trapped in a collapsed mine a half-mile underground.

Ten years ago: The United Nations General Assembly appointed South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-

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moon the next U.N. secretary-general. Banker Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh won the Nobel Peace Prize for using microcredit to lift people out of poverty. U.S. Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, pleaded guilty in an influence-peddling investigation of Congress. (Ney served nearly a year and a-half of his original 2 1/2-year prison sentence.) Arnold Palmer tearfully said it was time to stop playing competitive golf after withdrawing from a Champions Tour event in Spring, Texas, early in the first round.

Five years ago: Raj Rajaratnam (rahj rah-juh-RUHT'-nuhm), the hedge fund billionaire at the center of one of the biggest insider-trading cases in U.S. history, was sentenced by a federal judge in New York to 11 years behind bars. The Detroit Tigers took a 3-2 lead in the AL championship series, defeating the Texas Rangers 7-5. The Milwaukee Brewers tied the NL championship series at two games apiece with a 4-2 win over the St. Louis Cardinals. American Jordyn Wieber won another gold medal, beating Russia's Viktoria Komova for the all-around title at the world gymnastics championships in Tokyo.

One year ago: Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders clashed over U.S. involvement in the Middle East, gun control and economic policy in the first Democratic presidential debate held in Las Vegas, but in a moment of political unity, Sanders leapt to Clinton's defense on the issue of her controversial email practices as secretary of state. Twitter announced it was laying off up to 336 employees. Playboy announced it would no longer run photos of completely naked women in its magazine. Former NBA and reality TV star Lamar Odom was hospitalized after he was found unconscious at a Nevada brothel.

Today's Birthdays: Gospel singer Shirley Caesar is 79. Actress Melinda Dillon is 77. Singer-musician Paul Simon is 75. Actress Pamela Tiffin is 74. Musician Robert Lamm (Chicago) is 72. Country singer Lacy J. Dalton is 70. Actor Demond Wilson is 70. Singer-musician Sammy Hagar is 69. Pop singer John Ford Coley is 68. Actor John Lone is 64. Model Beverly Johnson is 64. Producer-writer Chris Carter is 60. Actor Reggie Theus (THEE'-us) is 59. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., is 58. Singer Marie Osmond is 57. Rock singer Joey Belladonna is 56. Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer is 56. NBA coach Doc Rivers is 55. Actress T'Keyah Crystal Keymah (tuh-KEE'-ah KRYS'-tal kee-MAH') is 54. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice is 54. Actress Kelly Preston is 54. Country singer John Wiggins is 54. Actor Christopher Judge is 52. Actor Matt Walsh is 52. Actor Reginald Ballard is 51. Actress Kate Walsh is 49. Rhythm-and-blues musician Jeff Allen (Mint Condition) is 48. Actress Tisha Campbell-Martin is 48. Classical singer Carlos Marin (Il Divo) is 48. Olympic silver-medal figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is 47. Country singer Rhett Akins is 47. Classical crossover singer Paul Potts is 46. TV personality Billy Bush is 45. Actor Sacha Baron Cohen is 45. Rock musician Jan Van Sichem Jr. (K's Choice) is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singers Brian and Brandon Casey (Jagged Edge) are 41. Actress Kiele Sanchez is 40. NBA All-Star Paul Pierce is 39. DJ Vice is 38. Singer Ashanti (ah-SHAHN'-tee) is 36. Christian rock singer Jon Micah Sumrall (Kutless) is 36. Olympic gold medal swimmer Ian Thorpe is 34.

Thought for Today: "There are some things one can only achieve by a deliberate leap in the opposite direction. One has to go abroad in order to find the home one has lost." — Franz Kafka, author (1883-1924).