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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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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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Netters breeze past Tiospa Zina

Groton's volleyball team is now the second seed team in the region, after falling from first to third and now back up to second, just behind Milbank Area. The Lady Tigers defeated Tiospa Zina Thursday night, 25-10, 25-14 and 25-7. The Tigers lost ground with the win as Milbank Area defeated Redfield/Doland to secure more bonus points. But it is still close as the Tigers host Florence/Henry on Monday, travel to Northwestern on Tuesday and then to Milbank on Oct. 24.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-8 and 25-23, and the C match, 25-4 and 25-13.

In serving, Groton Area was 71 of 94 with 14 ace serves. Jessica Bjerke had five ace serves, Katie Koehler had four, Taydn Glover had two and having one each were Gia Gengerke, Paityn Bonn and Jennie Doeden. Bjerke was 18 of 19 and Koehler was 11 of 12.

In attacks, Groton Area was 97 of 111 with 38 kills. Audrey Wanner was 11 of 15 with eight kills and Jennie Doeden was 14 of 14 with eight kills.

The Tigers were 88 of 90 in sets with 31 assists. Katie Koehler was 75 of 77 with 30 assists and Jennie Doeden was nine of nine with one assist.

Groton Area had 35 digs with Payton Maine having 10 and Jessica Bjerke seven. Taylor Holm had two blocks, Gia Gengerke had one and Jennie Doeden had one assist.

The match was broadcast live at GDILIVE.COM with these sponsors: James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Harry Implementation of Ferney, Leading Edge Industries with Shawn Gengerke and Blocker Construction.

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Lake Region Marching Festival Schedule

Watch it live on GDILIVE.COM

- 10:00- Groton Area High School (Exhibition)
- 10:05- Groton Area Middle School (Exhibition)
- 10:10- Hoven
- 10:15- Leola
- 10:20- Roncalli
- 10:25- Ipswich
- 10:30- Northwestern
- 10:35- Waubay
- 10:40- Langford
- 10:45- Simmons & Holgate Middle School
- 10:50- Milbank Middle School
- 10:55- Watertown Middle School
- 11:00- Great Plains Lutheran High School
- 11:05- Britton Hecla High School
- 11:10- Warner High School
- 11:15- Northern State University Marching Wolves

Thompson qualifies for state

The regional cross country meet was held Thursday in Webster and Groton Area's Emily Thompson placed 12th to qualify for the state meet. She ran the 5,000m course in 21:23.06.

Girls Varsity Division

- 12, Emily Thompson, 21:23.06
- 37, Hannah Lewandowski, 25:02.60.
- 39, Erin Smith, 25:58.85
- 41, AnneMarie Smith, 27:14.01
- 42, Jenifer Fjeldstad, 27:46.00

Boys Varsity Division

- 32, Lee Williams, 19:41.17.
- 41, Micah Poor, 20:34.50
- 44, Mitchell Koens, 21:08.29.

Boys JV

- 11, Tylan Glover, 13:11.45
- 23, Noah Poor, 13:54.73
- 43, Spencer Jacobs, 17:06.41

Today in Weather History

October 14, 1969: Cold air during the overnight produced lows from six degrees in Custer, Gillette, and Devils Tower to fifteen degrees in Dupree, Hot Springs, and the Rapid City Airport.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Livestream logo features a stylized red and white leaf-like icon to the left of the word "livestream" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font.








Upcoming Events

Friday 10 am: Band Festival

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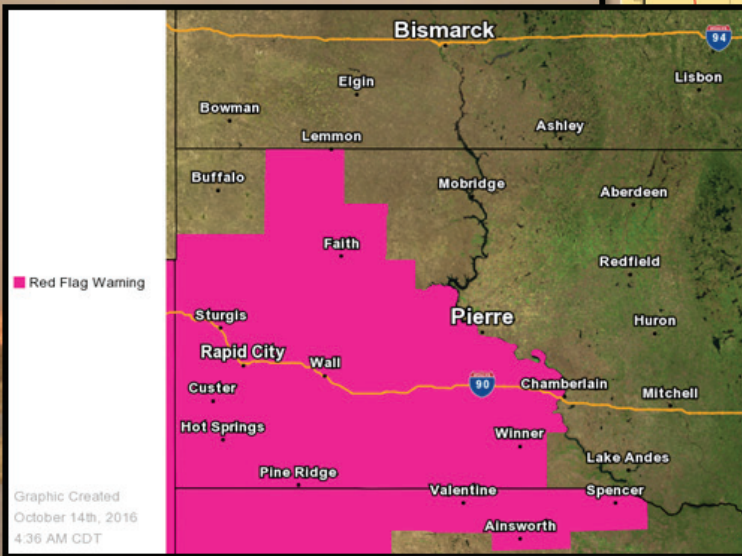
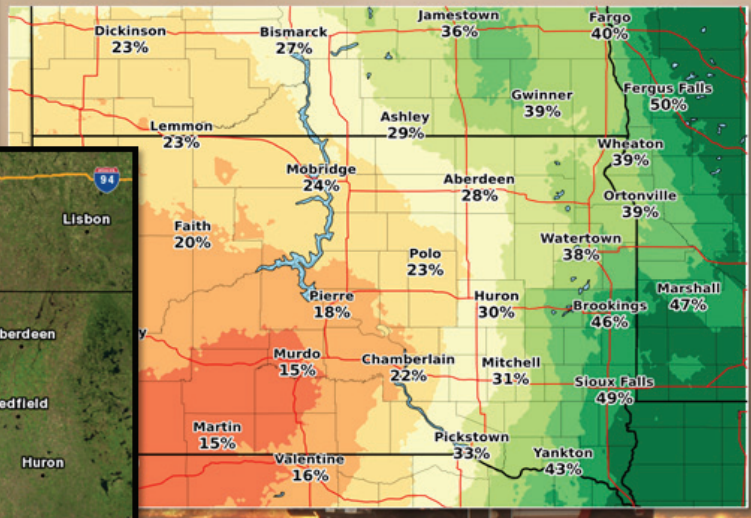
Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy then Partly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 75 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 71 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 74 °F



High/Very High Fire Danger Today

**** Be very careful with Incendiary devices Today! ****

This Afternoon's Lowest Relative Humidities
Valid: October 14, 2016



Today's Highs mostly in the 70s, but with some 80s SC/SW South Dakota

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 10/14/2016 4:39 AM Central

Published on: 10/14/2016 at 4:44AM

Warm temperatures, gusty winds, very low relative humidity and generally dry conditions will lead to high or very high fire danger over the region this afternoon, but especially over western and southern South Dakota. Meanwhile, temperatures should top out in the 70s, with some 80s over the southwest and south central parts of the state.

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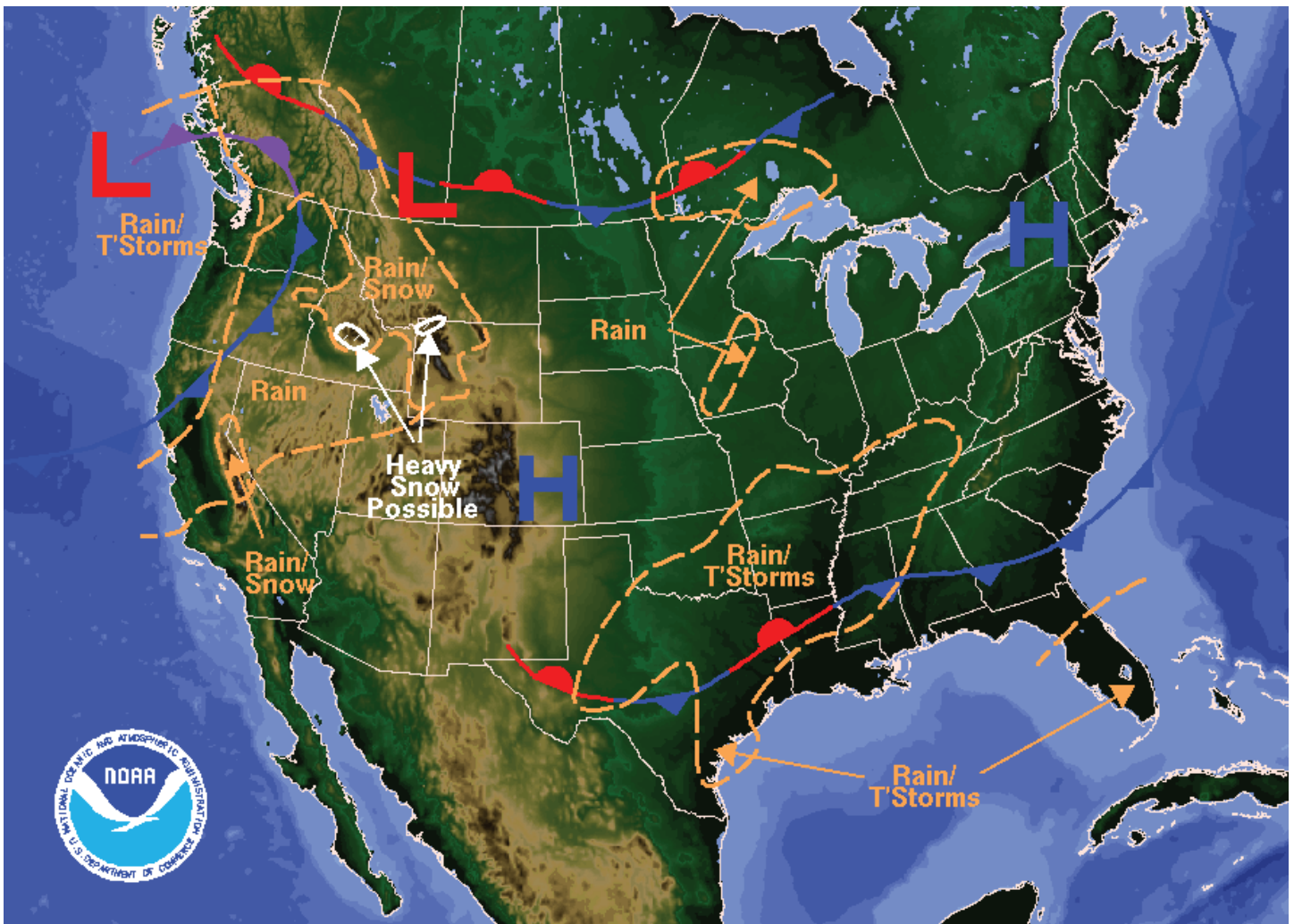
Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 61.3 F at 4:56 PM
Low Outside Temp: 25.2 F at 2:22 AM
High Gust: 20.0 Mph at 9:35 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 89° in 1906
Record Low: 10° in 1937
Average High: 59°F
Average Low: 34°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 1.01
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.63
Average Precip to date: 19.49
Precip Year to Date: 13.83
Sunset Tonight: 6:48 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:50 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Oct 14, 2016, issued 4:50 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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PULL OR PUSH: WHICH IS BETTER?

General Dwight Eisenhower is recognized as one of the greatest leaders in all of history. After a brilliant military career he became a trusted and honored president.

On one occasion he was asked to describe the art of leadership. Rather than describing it, he decided to demonstrate it. To illustrate his point, he put a piece of string on a table and said, "Push it and it will go nowhere. Pull it and it will follow."

Few of us will ever say to others: "Look at me. I am a good example. Follow me and do as I do." But that's exactly what Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians. Quite a daring statement!

He established himself as an example, however, because he walked close to his Lord and Savior, spent much time studying God's message, and praying and witnessing. Because he was "in Christ" he lived his life "through Christ" and could say to others, "I ask you to follow my example and do as I do." At all times and in every situation whatever Paul did is what he believed Christ would have done.

If there ever was a Christian leader who "pulled" people to the Lord it was Paul. We see it in his faith that sustained him in situations far beyond our imagination. We are inspired by his hope that never faltered when he had no reason to hope. And his very life defined love, service, hope and trust.

Prayer: Father, it is frightening to think that others may look at us and imitate what we do because they assume we are Your examples. May our lives be worthy of imitating. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.



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News from the  Associated Press

Thursday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Sisseton, 25-23, 25-13, 23-25, 25-13
Arlington def. Castlewood, 25-12, 25-15, 25-11
Belle Fourche def. Lead-Deadwood, 19-25, 25-12, 25-14, 24-26, 15-4
Bennett County def. Todd County, 25-19, 25-18, 25-23
Bison def. Mott-Regent, N.D., 25-17, 25-22, 25-11
Bon Homme def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-12, 25-10, 25-9
Bridgewater-Emery def. Gayville-Volin, 25-21, 29-27, 16-25, 25-20
Burke/South Central def. Gregory, 25-10, 25-5, 25-12
Chester def. Canistota, 25-9, 25-17, 25-11
Clark/Willow Lake def. Deuel, 25-15, 19-25, 25-12, 25-20
Colome def. White River, 25-12, 25-20, 25-15
Custer def. Douglas, 25-20, 27-25, 21-25, 25-21
Deubrook def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-15, 25-9, 25-8
Edgemont def. Red Cloud, 25-9, 28-26, 25-14
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Tri-Valley, 25-20, 25-13, 25-18
Elkton-Lake Benton def. DeSmet, 25-16, 25-17, 22-25, 25-22
Faith def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-19, 25-19, 25-18
Flandreau Indian def. Omaha Nation, Neb., 17-25, 13-25, 25-18, 25-14, 15-13
Florence/Henry def. Iroquois, 25-13, 25-10, 25-14
Freeman def. Avon, 18-25, 17-25, 25-22, 25-18, 15-13
Freeman Academy def. Marty Indian, 25-5, 25-12, 25-6
Groton Area def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-10, 25-14, 25-7
Hanson def. Ethan, 19-25, 25-20, 25-17, 24-26, 15-12
Harding County def. McIntosh, 25-16, 25-21, 25-19
Harrisburg def. Brookings, 25-14, 25-20, 25-21
Herreid/Selby Area def. Highmore-Harrold, 25-14, 25-12, 25-17
Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. def. Lemmon, 25-18, 21-25, 25-19, 25-18
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Ipswich, 25-17, 25-13, 25-16
Kadoka Area def. Jones County, 25-16, 25-12, 25-20
Lake Preston def. Colman-Egan, 19-25, 25-22, 13-25, 25-15, 15-13
Langford def. Edmunds Central, 25-14, 25-18, 25-19
Lennox def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-14, 25-10, 25-21
Leola/Frederick def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-13, 25-12, 25-11
Menno def. Mitchell Christian, 25-14, 25-19, 25-19
Milbank Area def. Redfield/Doland, 25-21, 25-22, 25-21
Northwestern def. Potter County, 25-7, 25-12, 25-15
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Estelline, 25-9, 25-21, 25-17
Parker def. Parkston, 25-14, 25-17, 25-6
Pierre def. Sturgis Brown, 25-6, 25-13, 25-14
Platte-Geddes def. Chamberlain, 25-18, 25-20, 25-10
Rapid City Christian def. Oelrichs, 25-12, 25-6, 25-18
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-23, 25-19, 26-28, 25-17
Sioux Falls Christian def. Dell Rapids, 25-15, 25-14, 25-18

Sioux Falls O’Gorman def. Brandon Valley, 25-19, 23-25, 19-25, 25-20, 15-12
Sioux Valley def. Baltic, 25-20, 23-25, 25-12, 25-12
St. Thomas More def. Spearfish, 25-23, 27-25, 25-12
Stanley County def. Dupree, 25-12, 25-15, 26-28, 26-24
Sully Buttes def. Mobridge-Pollock, 20-25, 25-14, 25-19, 25-20
Tea Area def. Garretson, 25-13, 25-15, 25-13
Vermillion def. Canton, 21-25, 25-16, 25-12, 25-18
Wagner def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-20, 25-11, 25-14
Warner def. Faulkton, 25-16, 25-17, 25-12
Waubay/Summit def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-21, 21-25, 25-18, 26-24
Webster def. Hamlin, 21-25, 25-21, 29-27, 24-26, 15-8
West Central def. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, 25-23, 25-16, 21-25, 23-25, 15-13
Wilmot def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-19, 25-14, 20-25, 25-18
Wolsey-Wessington def. Wessington Springs, 25-20, 25-19, 25-14
Yankton def. Watertown, 27-25, 25-21, 14-25, 23-25, 15-12

Republican Thune, Democrat Williams meet in Senate debate

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

STIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune and Democratic candidate Jay Williams sparred Thursday over the character of their parties’ presidential nominees at the first debate in their Senate race.

Thune said both Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump are flawed presidential candidates. He wants Trump to exit the race in favor of GOP vice presidential nominee Mike Pence, but has said he’s not voting for Clinton. He added that he believes Clinton’s policies would be harmful for South Dakota.

Williams called Trump a “sexual predator,” criticizing him over the recent release of a 2005 tape that captured Trump talking about kissing and grabbing women. Clinton is a role model who has worked for women and children her entire career, Williams said during the forum on South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

In the Senate contest, Thune cast himself as a leader who is making headway for South Dakota despite partisan gridlock in Washington. He touted accomplishments including his push for the 2015 expansion of an enormous bomber training area over the Northern Plains and a law that overhauled the federal agency that serves as economic watchdog of the country’s freight rail network.

“People want results,” Thune said. “The work that I’m doing in the United States Senate, we’re getting results, we’re getting things done.”

Thune repeatedly hit Williams for supporting tax increases, calling him perhaps the most liberal Democrat he’s met in South Dakota. Williams said he’s “nonpolitical” and can go to Washington to reach across the aisle, labeling Thune an obstructionist who hasn’t worked well with President Barack Obama.

“I bring you the opportunity to vote for somebody who is just like you, a regular South Dakotan, not a politician, not beholden to a party and not beholden to special interest and big money groups,” said Williams, a Yankton businessman running a longshot campaign while Thune seeks a third term in office.

Williams advocated for working to address climate change and for investing in public works programs, including building an electric grid that could distribute wind energy from South Dakota.

Williams’ low-budget campaign has focused on social media as key way to reach voters. Meanwhile, Thune has a staggering reported cash advantage in the race, with nearly \$12.5 million compared to Williams’ roughly \$24,000.

The third-ranking Senate Republican, Thune narrowly defeated Democratic leader Tom Daschle in 2004 to take the seat.

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Bond reduced for doctor accused of human trafficking

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A state judge has halved the bond for a Sioux Falls doctor accused of human trafficking.

The bond for 36-year-old Jonathan Cohen was set at \$500,000 on Thursday. He has been charged with human trafficking.

Authorities say Cohen had a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old girl he met through an online dating site. Police say the victim traveled to South Dakota from Georgia, including once this month.

Authorities in court on Thursday said Cohen has engaged in similar contact with other minors, including a teenager from Iowa.

Cohen's attorney, Mike Butler, didn't immediately return a call seeking comment on the case. Butler argued in court last week that the victim misrepresented her age.

The South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners says Cohen has voluntarily agreed to refrain from practicing medicine. The board says Cohen's license is under investigation.

Bernie Sanders asks Obama to halt pipeline for full review

By The Associated Press

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and four other Democratic senators are asking President Barack Obama to halt construction of the four-state Dakota Access pipeline until a full environmental review can be completed.

In a statement, the senators said Thursday the request is due to a federal appeals court denying the Standing Rock Sioux's motion for a temporary work stoppage in southern North Dakota within 20 miles of Lake Oahe. The feds stopped construction on land bordering and under the lake in order to review the permitting process.

An environmental review would likely delay the pipeline, which Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners hopes to complete by the end of the year.

White House spokesman Patrick Rodenbush declined to comment.

The other senators are Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Dianne Feinstein of California, Ben Cardin of Maryland and Ed Markey of Massachusetts.

Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press

American News, Aberdeen, Oct. 11, 2016

Party loyalty trumps disgust for some

Gov. Dennis Daugaard this week executed what seems to be a perfect flip-flop.

On the one hand, Republican Daugaard joined a chorus of other GOP-ers over the weekend who said their Republican nominee for president, Donald Trump, is not fit to lead and should drop out of the race.

On the other hand, Daugaard Monday said he will vote for Trump.

Come again?

Daugaard's switch from indignation to voting for the man he just denounced might be the most local example of the problem many in the Republican Party are facing given Trump's disgusting comments about women caught on tape in 2005 and released on Friday. In the recording (Trump was wearing a live microphone and talking with "Access Hollywood" host Billy Bush, so this is no "gotcha") Trump uses vulgar language when talking about sex assaults and bragging how easy it is for him to "do anything" to women because he is a star.

This put politicians like Daugaard and Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., in an awkward position: They clearly cannot stand behind Trump, but their loyalty to their party and hatred of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton is so strong that they are willing to cast a vote for a man who does not represent the best of America.

The "last straw," as Daugaard called the assault remarks, came on the heels of these Trump gems, as reported by the New York Times:

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— On undocumented Mexican immigrants: "They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists." (June 16, 2015)

— On Sen. John McCain: "He's not a war hero. He's a war hero because he was captured. I like people that weren't captured." (July 18, 2015)

— Mocking a disabled New York Times reporter: "Now this poor guy, you ought to see this guy." (Nov. 24, 2015)

— On protesters at his rallies: "So if you see somebody getting ready to throw a tomato, knock the crap out of them, would you?" (Feb. 1, 2016)

— On an American judge of Mexican descent: "I've been treated very unfairly by this judge. Now, this judge is of Mexican heritage. I'm building a wall, OK? I'm building a wall." (June 5, 2016)

— On hacking Clinton's emails: "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing." (July 27, 2016)

— On the parents of a U.S. Muslim soldier killed in Iraq: "If you look at his wife, she was standing there. She had nothing to say. She probably — maybe she wasn't allowed to have anything to say. You tell me." (July 30, 2016)

— On Clinton as president: "If she gets to pick her judges, nothing you can do, folks. Although the Second Amendment people — maybe there is, I don't know." (Aug. 9, 2016)

These are not misstatements — these are Trump's core beliefs. This is who he is.

None of these comments have struck Thune or Daugaard as beyond the pale or represented "the last straw."

They clearly know something is wrong enough to withdraw support, but not wrong enough to withdraw their votes. This is a difficult trip, to take both the high ground and the low road.

Even worse: Rep. Kristi Noem has doubled down on her support of Trump, saying Monday she would be voting for him. Sen. Mike Rounds has called the comments "deplorable and indefensible," but that's it.

Perhaps the biggest regret Thune and party leaders have is that Trump was found out. Republicans had hoped, privately and publicly, that Trump at some point would "pivot" away from his bombast and into more substantive talk.

They hoped the leopard would change its spots.

In a tweet Tuesday morning, Trump said, "It is so nice that the shackles have been taken off me and I can now fight for America the way I want to."

Makes one wonder what kind of back peddling Thune and Daugaard will need to do in the coming days and weeks.

And calls into question: Is party loyalty the highest, the only, calling?

Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, Oct. 11, 2016

Amendments for victims, schools unnecessary

When one considers proposed Amendments R and S, the first question that comes to mind is why do technical schools and a victims' rights measure need to be in the state Constitution? In one case, the Legislature already has the authority to address whatever problems there might be; in the other case, the Legislature already has a law addressing the issues raised in the proposal.

Proposed Amendment R

Since 1965, the state's four technical schools — in Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Mitchell and Watertown — have fallen under the jurisdiction of local school districts, an arrangement that many agree needs to change.

Now, the Legislature wants voters to allow lawmakers the freedom to create a new state board to manage the four technical institutes. The proposed amendment also explicitly prohibits the Board of Regents, which oversees public colleges, from managing the technical institutes.

In making the case for Amendment R in a Rapid City Journal op-ed piece, the former president of Mitchell Technical Institute, Greg Van Wald, wrote that it allows "technical institutes to have an independent and direct voice in the state budgeting and policy process."

In other words, much like the Board of Regents that now asks the governor for an additional \$122 mil-

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lion for the upcoming fiscal year, we will have another party at the budget table. A new board at the state level — South Dakota now has more than 120 boards and commissions — also creates a need for board members, staffs and attorneys as well as money for travel and conferences. In the end, it is just another way to grow government — and we know who pays for that.

While we believe that technical institutes should be removed from the jurisdiction of school districts, we don't believe their status should be protected or further empowered by the Constitution. The Legislature needs to go back to the drawing board as it has the authority to determine how technical institutes should be managed without making it part of the Constitution.

The Journal editorial board recommends a "no" vote on Amendment R.

Proposed Amendment S

The proposal more widely known as Marcy's Law, which is being financed by a California billionaire who wants to see the measure enacted in every state in the nation, is filled with good intentions and that makes it seem easy to support.

The problem, however, is that South Dakota already has a law in place that lists 19 crime victims' rights, including the right to be notified of bail hearings, preliminary hearings and trials and to be informed when a defendant or inmate is released from custody or escapes or goes on parole.

Yet despite this an individual who has never participated in our state's legal system nor will have to bear the burden of any future costs associated with this amendment wants voters to approve a measure that opponents — which includes the South Dakota State's Attorney Association and the state Bar Association — say will impose additional costs on counties, further clog the court system and possibly lead to a violation of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution that guarantee defendants due process and a speedy trial.

Marcy's Law requires prosecutors to treat the victims of even petty crimes the same as victims of violent crimes. In taxing their limited resources in such a manner, prosecutors claim it will make it more difficult to actually prosecute those charged with the most serious crimes.

And since Marcy's Law would be part of the state Constitution and in potential conflict with the U.S. Constitution, it is not improbable to think that it would someday be challenged in federal court, a cost that would be borne by taxpayers.

A proponent for the measure claims South Dakota has some of the weakest crime victims' rights laws in the nation but provides no specific examples in the argument for the measure on the Secretary of State's website.

Since victims' rights are already addressed in state law, Marcy's Law is not needed. The Journal editorial board recommends a "no" vote on Amendment S.

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Age to purchase tobacco should be 21

We all know the effects of smoking.

There's no doubt it causes cancer, it's addictive and rather costly.

But for some reason we're still allowing young, impressionable adults to purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products and then taken over by nicotine.

The age to buy tobacco products should be raised from 18 to 21. A group of more than 2,500 South Dakota medical professionals is weighing the benefits of raising the health concerns versus the freedom to purchase tobacco products at 18.

What's positive is our nation has made great strides in informing people of the harms tobacco can cause. But it's still not good enough.

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, more than 3,200 people under 18 smoke their first cigarette, and approximately 2,100 youth and young adults become daily smokers. Additionally, nine of 10 smokers start before the age of 18. And, just as troublesome, 15 percent of high school boys use smokeless tobacco.

Our view on raising the minimum age for using tobacco products is mainly because of health concerns

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for young adults. We believe many people would make better decisions to avoid tobacco when they're 21.

We respect the fact that 18 is the legal age of adulthood, but we regulate the age to purchase alcohol at 21 because it can be a health hazardous if used incorrectly. That's why tobacco should fall under the same category.

Aside from the health concerns, tobacco products are terribly nasty for those who don't use them.

Second-hand smoke is awful and is a health hazard in itself, and cigarette butts and used chewing tobacco are often littered.

Raising the minimum age requirement to purchase tobacco would mean fewer people buying and using the products.

So, we hope this discussion by South Dakota medical gains some progress. Less smoking and fewer people using tobacco is beneficial for everyone.

Rivals NDSU and SDSU meeting on the gridiron Saturday

Eds: An AP Member Exchange Feature.

Rivals North Dakota State and South Dakota State meet on the gridiron Saturday. NDSU has won the last five FCS national championships, and they're ranked No. 1 again this year. And it's been awhile since SDSU has beaten their rivals to the north, whom they visit this Saturday at the Fargodome. What the Jackrabbits have done in the last few years is impressive, but as long as the Bison continue dominating the series and garnering national exposure, the Jacks will operate in their shadow.

By MATT ZIMMER

Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Jackrabbits are sick of hearing about North Dakota State.

Who can blame them?

The Bison have won the last five FCS national championships, and they're ranked No. 1 in the nation again this year. Their quarterback from last year, Carson Wentz, is quickly blossoming into an NFL star (he's one of five former Bison that started for NFL teams last week), and NDSU added another signature win to their long list when they beat the Iowa Hawkeyes a few weeks ago.

And it's been awhile since South Dakota State beat their rivals to the north, whom they visit this Saturday at the Fargodome. NDSU has won each of the last six regular season battles - the Dakota Marker game - and the Bison have won eight straight in the series overall when playoffs are included.

What the Jackrabbits have done in the last few years is impressive - a program that made one playoff appearance in a century of Division II football has gone to the FCS playoffs four years in a row - but as long as the Bison continue dominating the series and garnering national exposure, the Jacks will operate in their shadow.

"You do get sick of it," senior safety Nick Mears told the Argus Leader newspaper (<http://argusnews.com/2dMX34p>). "You're envious of them, because you want to be in that position. Five in a row? You have to respect that. That's where everyone else wants to be. That pushes us, so maybe in some ways its good for us. We want to beat them pretty bad."

The Jacks' last win in the series came in 2009, a 28-13 win that was, at the time, SDSU's third straight over the Bison.

As the losses have mounted, the pressure to end the streak has done the same. Meanwhile the Bison are so used to winning at this point that they never take the field with anything but supreme confidence. That confidence has been as responsible for NDSU's success as their coaching and personnel.

"We say 'winners win because that's what winners do,'" said former Bison receiver Trevor Gebhart, who would know, as he was a part of four national championship teams at NDSU after playing in three state championship games at Sioux Falls Washington. "It's an expectation, and you demand it. When that becomes the norm it's all you know and it's all you expect. When they went to Iowa there's not a doubt in my mind that every single player on that team walked into Kinnick Stadium fully expecting they were going to win the game."

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It's a mindset the Jacks have had at times themselves - think last year's rivalry game against South Dakota, when the Jacks were badly outplayed for three quarters then rallied seemingly effortlessly in the final quarter to win comfortably. But it's been hard to conjure the same confidence against the Bison. Last year SDSU was ranked No. 5 in the country when they hosted a 2nd-ranked NDSU team in the conference opener. The Jacks had rolled through non-conference play and looked poised to break the streak. They were beaten soundly, 28-7.

What the Jacks (3-2 this year) can't do is let that one carry over into this one.

"We may have put ourselves at a disadvantage at times by putting them too much on a pedestal," said senior defensive tackle Shayne Gottlob. "They're great and they've accomplished some amazing things, but we have to believe we can beat them, or we won't."

Like any good rivalry, familiarity is what breeds contempt. The teams are close in proximity and recruit many of the same players. Their history goes back to the North Central Conference and the simultaneous move to Division I both programs made in the early 2000s. While SDSU's recent facilities boom figures to help them close the gap, winning will always be the ultimate tool in recruiting players and attracting fans.

Just because the Bison have dominated the series in recent years doesn't mean they don't value the rivalry.

"Oh you bet," Bison coach Chris Klieman said when asked if the Bison make a big deal of the Marker trophy. "Every year there's a big emphasis on that, to keep the Marker here in Fargo. It's hard to do. Wins are difficult and when you have it for a while like we have it makes it even tougher. They want it in Brookings and we want to keep it here. It'll be in our locker room this week as a constant reminder."

Police: Man abducted, assaulted teen walking from school

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say a 34-year-old man is in custody after he abducted and sexually assaulted a teen who was walking from school to a friend's house.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens says Jason Marquis Becker, of Sioux Falls, has been arrested on rape and kidnapping charges.

Clemens says the 15-year-old girl was walking from a Sioux Falls high school to a friend's house Wednesday afternoon when Becker offered her a ride. Clemens says the teen declined, but Becker followed her, and eventually, got out of his vehicle and grabbed her.

Clemens says Becker took the teen to his apartment and sexually assaulted her. Clemens says the teen escaped when Becker left the apartment.

Becker is at the Minnehaha County Jail. It wasn't immediately clear Thursday if he has an attorney who could comment on his behalf.

South Dakota man accused of cutting off woman's nipples

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man is accused of sitting on a woman and slicing off her nipples with a pair of scissors.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says 45-year-old Tony Ledbetter attacked the woman during an argument Tuesday. He's charged with domestic aggravated assault.

The 39-year-old woman was hospitalized but no information about her condition has been released.

Clemens says the woman told investigators Ledbetter also punched her, slammed her head on the ground and tried to stop her screaming by putting his forearm on her throat and stuffing a blanket in her mouth.

A judge entered a not guilty plea on Ledbetter's behalf Thursday and set bond at \$250,000 cash. Defense attorney David Stuart says Ledbetter is unlikely to post bond.

South Dakota's soybean crop projected to be a record

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers this year are expected to harvest a record soybean crop.

The Agriculture Department says the crop is forecast at 238 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year. The 5.17 million acres for harvest is a record, and the yield of 46 bushels per acre would tie last year's record.

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South Dakota's corn crop is projected to be down 6 percent, to 755 million bushels. Sorghum and alfalfa hay production in the state both are forecast to be down 9 percent from 2015. Sunflower production is pegged at 906 million pounds, down 26 percent from a year ago.

First confirmed flu cases of season reported in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota has its first confirmed cases of the flu this season.

The state Health Department says a case of influenza A was confirmed in a Pennington County resident who is in his or her 20s.

The first influenza hospitalization was reported in a Potter County resident in same age group. The person was confirmed with influenza B.

The department is urging state residents to get a flu shot. Last year, about 57 percent of South Dakotans got a flu vaccine, the highest vaccination rate in the nation for the third straight year.

Wisconsin sheriff ends pipeline protest assistance

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A sheriff in Wisconsin won't replace the deputies he's sent to North Dakota to help keep the peace at the Dakota Access pipeline protest site.

Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney had planned to rotate three teams of deputies over three weeks. They include ten deputies and three supervisors from the department's special events team.

The State Journal (<http://bit.ly/2e45FRO>) says Mahoney will end his department's participation after a week and that his deputies will return Sunday. Mahoney says community feedback and reduced reimbursement costs played a role in his decision.

The Dane County deputies are among 43 Wisconsin officers responding to a call for help from the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services.

Construction of the Dakota Access pipeline from North Dakota to Illinois has drawn several thousand protesters to an encampment near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

Information from: Wisconsin State Journal, <http://www.madison.com/wsj>

Rain hampers corn, soybean harvests in eastern South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Heavy rain in eastern South Dakota over the past week put a temporary halt to the corn and soybean harvests in that region.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that the corn harvest is at 20 percent complete and the soybean harvest is 59 percent done — both behind the average pace.

The sunflower harvest is at 15 percent done, slightly ahead of average, and the sorghum harvest is at 41 percent complete, well ahead of average.

Winter wheat seeding is 80 percent complete, with 45 percent of the crop emerged.

Pasture and range conditions in South Dakota are rated 37 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 71 percent adequate to surplus

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>

2 ballot measure campaigns dominate broadcast TV advertising

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

STOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Supporters of ballot measures on crime victims' rights and labor union fees are dominating political advertising on television in South Dakota ahead of the November election.

Through Monday, backers of a measure that would incorporate victims' rights into the state constitution have spent roughly \$161,000 on broadcast TV ads, while a labor-backed ballot measure that would allow unions to charge fees to nonmembers has benefited from over \$146,000 in ads, according to data from the Center for Public Integrity.

The two campaigns account for nearly all such spending in South Dakota. The center's information offers key insights into political expenditures made since the last state campaign finance disclosure deadline for ballot question committees in May.

Statewide advertising will play an important part in educating voters about the victims' rights constitutional amendment, Marsy's Law for South Dakota Chairman Jason Glodt said.

The law is named after Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, who was killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. Her brother, Henry Nicholas, is bankrolling an effort to expand it into more states. Nicholas has put roughly \$800,000 toward the South Dakota campaign.

The Marsy's Law ballot initiative, named Amendment S, would establish constitutional rights for crime victims including privacy, protection from harassment or abuse, and timely notice of trial, sentencing and post-judgment proceedings. Victims would have the right to be notified of the escape or release of the accused. The proposal would require that victims are notified of their rights, which would also include the opportunity to offer input during the case.

Supporters say the measure would elevate victims' rights to ensure they have protections similar to criminal defendants. Foes argue Marsy's Law would bog down the system for victims while increasing court-related costs. They say many of the rights included in the amendment are already in state law.

"If it was a real problem, they would not need to spend \$800,000 in South Dakota to expose it," said opponent Ryan Kolbeck, president of the South Dakota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Supporters of the union-backed ballot measure need to inform voters to overcome the negative public sentiment toward labor organizations in South Dakota, said Jason George, special projects director at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49, which is the main backer of the measure and has members in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Initiated Measure 23 would allow a labor union that has a collective bargaining agreement with an employer to charge fees to non-union members covered under the contract for services such as representation during the grievance process.

"It's a lot easier for the opponents" of the measure, George said. "All they have to do is say, 'This is a big bad union initiative. Vote against it.'"

Opponents argue that the plan would allow unions to circumvent South Dakota's right-to-work law. Foes hope to spend more than \$100,000 on television advertising, said opponent David Owen, president of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The Center for Public Integrity analyzed data about political advertising on broadcast television from Kantar Media/CMAG, a media tracking company that monitors 211 media markets around the country and offers a widely accepted estimate of the money spent to air each spot.

These figures cover ads aired through Monday, yet represent only part of the money spent on political advertising. They do not include ads for radio, online, direct mail or TV ads that ran on local cable systems. The estimates also do not include the cost of making the ads.

Thai king's body at Grand Palace for people to pay respects

By VIJAY JOSHI and NATNICA CHUWIRUCH, Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — A royal convoy led by a van carrying the remains of Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej drove to the Grand Palace in Bangkok's historic center on Friday where the body will remain for people to pay respects to the monarch revered by many Thais as their father and a demigod.

Bhumibol died Thursday at age 88 at Siriraj hospital, which had been his virtual home for years as doctors treated him for various illnesses afflicting his lungs, liver, kidneys, brain and blood.

The convoy drove the short distance across the Chao Phraya river to the sprawling Grand Temple complex, a major tourist attraction replete with resplendent palaces, museums and temples.

Thousands of people sat four to five rows deep on both sides of the road, sobbing openly and bowing deeply as the convoy passed. Most held portraits of the king in regal yellow robes. Some without portraits pulled currency notes from their wallets — all bank notes carry the king's face. Many had camped 24 hours since Thursday.

Most Thais had known no other king. Bhumibol, the world's longest-reigning monarch, had been on the throne for 70 years. His son, Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, who is to ascend the throne, followed the king's body in a yellow Mercedes van. Accompanying Vajiralongkorn was his consort, Lt. Gen. Suthida Vajiralongkorn na Ayudhaya. Behind them were dozens of cars.

The body will lie at the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, or Wat Phra Kaew, inside the Grand Palace complex for an undisclosed duration. No date has been set for the cremation.

"I wanted to send his majesty off for the last time. When I got here the atmosphere was so sad, and everyone had the same emotions," said Win Weeraprateep, 27, an office worker waiting along the convoy route for two hours.

"When I heard the news (of the king's death) I lost my breath. I couldn't believe that it was real. I didn't want to work, I didn't want to have fun," he said. "I just don't want to do anything anymore."

Friday marked the first day in 70 years that Thailand has been without a king as Vajiralongkorn asked for more time to mourn with the rest of the nation before ascending the throne. The constitution says that in the absence of a king, the head of the Privy Council will become the regent, but it is vague about the situation in which the heir apparent hasn't taken over.

The government declared a public holiday and people across the shaken nation donned black, their eyes swollen and red with hours of weeping. Many were still sobbing — in building halls, elevators, shops — in spontaneous outbursts of emotion that reflected the deep love and respect Bhumibol commanded.

The momentous news of his death, announced in a palace statement, had long been both anticipated and feared. But the nation remained stable and life continued largely as usual with most shops, banks and tourist sites open.

A one-year mourning period for the government has been declared together with a 30-day moratorium on state and official events. But no demands have been made of the private sector. The government has only urged people to refrain from organizing entertainment events for a month, apparently mindful of the need to ensure that the sputtering economy does not suffer. Tourism is one of Thailand's biggest revenue earners, and entertainment remains an integral part of it.

The stock market and banks remained open, as did Thai embassies worldwide. After plunging for days, the Thai stock market opened higher, rising more than 4 percent in morning trading in a sign of renewed confidence.

Television channels were running non-stop programs devoted to the life of the king. Although a constitutional monarch, Bhumibol wielded enormous political power and served as a unifying figure during Thailand's numerous political crises.

But in recent years, he suffered from a variety of illnesses and remained publicly detached from recent political upheavals, including the 2014 coup that brought Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, an army general, to power.

"His death means that the Thai political system must find an alternative focal point around which to unite the country's factionalized population," said Tom Pepinsky, a Southeast Asia expert at Cornell University.

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He said one challenge that royalists will face is the possibility that the monarchy's popularity would be undermined by the crowning of Vajiralongkorn, who does not command the same respect his father did.

Bhumibol Adulyadej (pronounced poo-mee-pon ah-dun-yaa-det) became king in 1946. He anchored the Southeast Asian country through violent upheavals at home and communist revolutions next door with a blend of majesty and a common touch.

So revered was Bhumibol that his portraits would be displayed in virtually every Thai home and business, generally depicting him in arduous travels to remote villages, where he often went to see the situation of his subjects first hand.

But recently, whenever Bhumibol appeared in public, he was in a wheelchair, waving feebly at his subjects. Even those rare appearances stopped as he became confined to the hospital.

He died a little before 4 p.m. on Thursday, the palace said. It said he passed away peacefully.

"He is now in heaven and may be looking over Thai citizens from there," Prayuth said in a statement. "He was a king that was loved and adored by all. The reign of the king has ended and his kindness cannot be found anywhere else."

Besides Vajiralongkorn, the king is survived by his 84-year-old wife Sirikit who also has been ailing and has rarely been seen in public in years. The couple has three daughters — Princess Sirindhorn, the most beloved royal after her father, Princess Ubolratana, and Princess Chulabhorn Walailak. Sirindhorn is unmarried; Ubolratana is divorced from her American husband and their two daughters live in the U.S.; Chulabhorn is also divorced and has two daughters.

Associated Press journalists Jerry Harmer, Kiko Rosario and Tassanee Vejpongsa contributed to this report.

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. TRUMP FIGHTS BACK AGAINST NEW ALLEGATIONS

The Republican presidential candidate contends he doesn't know and never met some of the women accusing him of sexual assault.

2. CLINTON SAID US COULD 'RING CHINA WITH MISSILE DEFENSE'

Hillary Clinton privately made the remarks in comments revealed by Wikileaks, speaking about what to do if the Chinese government failed to curb North Korea's nuclear program.

3. HOW MANY US CHILDREN DIE IN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTINGS

An investigation by The Associated Press and the USA TODAY Network finds that accidental shootings involving minors occur every other day, more often than government data show.

4. THAIS MOURN DEATH OF BELOVED MONARCH

Thailand begins its first day in 70 years without a king, with people across the shaken nation dressed in black following the death of the world's longest-reigning monarch, Bhumibol Adulyadej.

5. BERMUDA SEEKS QUICK RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE NICOLE

Crews have begun clearing roads after Hurricane Nicole pummeled the resort island with winds up to 115 mph (185 kph) that snapped trees and peeled off roofs.

6. WHERE PEOPLE STARVE AS AID IS BLOCKED

Hunger is sweeping South Sudan, even as the government spends almost half of its budget on military and security, and a civil war devastates the country's ability to function.

7. WHEN A UNIVERSITY ATTACK PUT A YOUNG AFGHAN WOMAN'S DREAMS ON HOLD

Breshna Mosazai remembers deadly attack on American University in Kabul that put her dream of a career in law on hold.

8. HOW MUCH AXING THE GALAXY NOTE 7 WILL COST SAMSUNG

About \$3 billion during the current and next quarters, bringing the total cost of the recall to at least \$5.3 billion, due to unexplained fires and overheating problems.

9. TRIBUTE CONCERT CELEBRATES PRINCE

Stevie Wonder and Chaka Khan had the crowd partying like it was 1999 all over again as they remembered the late mega star.

10. WHO ADVANCED TO NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The Los Angeles Dodgers, powered by ace pitcher Clayton Kershaw, who got the final two outs to earn his first major league save and send his team to a showdown with the Chicago Cubs.

Trump says he doesn't know, never met some of his accusers

By STEVE PEOPLES and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Donald Trump contends he doesn't know and never even met some of the women accusing him of sexual assault. Rejecting his claims of being the victim of false stories, Hillary Clinton and ally Michelle Obama say Americans are learning more about Trump's unacceptable behavior every day.

"We can't expose our children to this any longer, not for another minute, let alone for four years," Mrs. Obama told Clinton supporters at a rally in New Hampshire. In a passionate address, the first lady said that after years of working to end "this kind of violence and abuse and disrespect ... we're hearing these exact same things on the campaign trail. We are drowning in it."

The presidential campaign focused Thursday on the allegations against Trump, who denied them again and again as supporters cheered him at a rally in Florida and two appearances in Ohio, states central to his effort to defeat Clinton. Four women have told publications detailed stories about encounters with Trump that ended with groping, kissing and other unwanted sexual advances.

"These vicious claims about me, of inappropriate conduct with women, are totally and absolutely false. And the Clintons know it," Trump said. He offered no evidence discrediting the reports except to ask why his accusers had waited years and then made their allegations less than a month before the election.

His defense appeared undermined by a video that surfaced last week in which he bragged about kissing and groping women without their permission. Similar behavior was detailed by women who accused Trump in articles published late Wednesday by The New York Times and the Palm Beach Post. Separately, a People magazine reporter offered a first-person account accusing Trump of attacking her in 2005 while she was in Florida to interview him and his pregnant wife.

The New York billionaire denied the allegations and blamed them on Clinton's campaign and a complicit news media. He promised to sue his media critics and said he was preparing evidence that would discredit his female accusers, whom he called "horrible people. They're horrible, horrible liars." For her part, Clinton said "the disturbing stories just keep on coming."

Trump's attacks came after campaign manager Kellyanne Conway earlier in the week highlighted a Clinton tweet that said "every survivor of sexual assault deserves to be heard, believed, and supported." Conway hoped to encourage more women to come forward with allegations against Bill Clinton, building on the campaign's decision to bring three of the former president's accusers to the second presidential debate.

"His campaign is promising more scorched-earth attacks. Now that's up to him," Hillary Clinton said during a San Francisco fundraiser. "He can run his campaign however he chooses. And frankly, I don't care if he goes after me."

Republican leaders across the country said they were deeply troubled by the allegations against Trump, but there was no evidence of new defections. Over the weekend, dozens of Republican senators and congressmen vowed they would not vote for him, with many calling on him to step aside.

Some recanted after an aggressive weekend debate performance. And in what he called an increasingly "muddy" election, Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson raised complaints about Hillary Clinton but wondered aloud what could change voters' minds at this point.

"Is there a deal-breaker out there? How many emails have to be destroyed? How many investigations have to be concluded with question marks? How many comments have to come out from one campaign

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in reference to religious institutions that raises concerns?" he asked.

Attorney Gloria Allred said women have contacted her office in recent days regarding Trump. "The dam has broken, and more women will be coming forward," she said.

The stories about Trump and his countercharges against Clinton's husband have distracted attention from the release of thousands of hacked emails from Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta that included some potentially damaging information.

A new batch indicated on Thursday that her 2008 presidential campaign had tried to move the Illinois Democratic primary to a later date, believing it might help her. The emails are being parceled out by WikiLeaks.

Peoples reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Michael Casey in Manchester, New Hampshire, Brian Slodysko in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Ken Thomas in San Francisco and Jack Gillum in Washington contributed to this report.

Kershaw gets save, LA tops Nats 4-3 to win NLDS

By HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A little past midnight in Game 5 of the NL Division Series, Clayton Kershaw emerged from the bullpen to pitch in relief for the first time in seven years.

Two outs later, the only save of his major league career in the books, Kershaw's arms were raised and teammates were rushing to celebrate with a guy whose postseason performances have never carried the luster of his regular-season success.

Coming in after closer Kenley Jansen entered in the seventh inning and threw a career-high 51 pitches but issued a pair of one-out walks in the ninth, Kershaw got Daniel Murphy to pop out, then struck out Wilmer Difo to end it.

That finished the Los Angeles Dodgers' dramatic 4-3 victory over the Washington Nationals that decided their NLDS in the wee hours of Friday.

"The adrenaline rush was pretty good right there," said Kershaw, who approached Dodgers manager Dave Roberts in the seventh inning to offer to pitch if need be on the must-win occasion.

"At the at the end of the day, if we don't win that game, we're going home, anyway, so what does it matter?" Kershaw said. "I just wanted to be available, and it ended up to the point where I could help out tonight."

The Dodgers won the last two games of the best-of-five NLDS with Kershaw pitching in each and now head to the NL Championship Series to face the Chicago Cubs. That opens at Wrigley Field on Saturday night.

The Nationals, meanwhile, still have never won a postseason series, winning three NL East titles in the past five years but losing in the NLDS each time.

And while there's no way Kershaw will be available for Game 1 against Chicago, one thing's for sure: Whatever notion there might have been about the lefty's playoff problems — he was 2-6 in the postseason until this series, with an ERA nearly twice what he has in the regular season — is now a thing of the past.

"That (criticism) is ridiculous," Dodgers President Stan Kasten said, his dress shirt soaked with alcohol from the postgame festivities. "That's why I said to him, 'Dude, you're Mr. October.'"

Kershaw worked two days after throwing 110 pitches over 6 2/3 innings in Game 4, when he had the benefit of only three days' rest following his win in the opener against the Nationals.

"Nobody wants it more than him — his tireless work ethic and how much he competes. And just for him to go up and tell them, 'Hey, I can come in and close this thing out if you need me,' just says so much about the type of player he is," said Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner, whose two-run triple in the seventh helped LA build its lead. "He's a winner. He's a champion."

How unanticipated was this work as a reliever? Several hours before Thursday's game began, Dodgers first-year manager Dave Roberts was asked whether Kershaw might be available at all — maybe just for

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one out, say?

"No," came Roberts' reply. "Absolutely not."

Turned out the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner would get a pair of outs in his first relief appearance since the 2009 playoffs.

"Clayton came to me in the seventh," Roberts explained, "and said that he had an inning if I needed it."

Kershaw came in after Jansen got a career-high seven outs. Jansen walked Bryce Harper and Jayson Werth with one out in the ninth — and that's when Roberts went to Kershaw.

Kershaw wound up with his second pro save. His other came on Aug. 19, 2006, in the Gulf Coast League in a game against the Nationals' rookie club.

And Kershaw's catcher that day a decade ago?

Amazingly, none other than Jansen, who didn't begin pitching professionally until three years later.

Jansen said he couldn't recall that particular game. He assured everyone he'll never forget this one. When Kershaw walked from the dugout to the bullpen before removing his blue jacket to start warming up, he got fist bumps from teammates.

In the tunnel that leads from the dugout to the visiting clubhouse, Jansen looked up at a TV and saw Kershaw getting ready to pitch.

"I'm like, 'Wait a minute. Am I dreaming right now?' I couldn't believe it," Jansen said later, just socks on his feet and ski goggles on his head, leaning against a wall in a clubhouse hallway. "I'm like, 'Is Kershaw warming up? Is he really out there?'"

Sure was.

LA's scoring all came in a four-run seventh off six Nationals pitchers, including Joc Pederson's homer off Max Scherzer.

"It's the craziest game I've ever been a part of," said Scherzer, who took a no-hitter into the fifth. "We just didn't get it done. No one's a goat. No one made a crucial misplay. Everybody stepped up and did their game. We just didn't get that extra run."

Washington was leading 1-0 in the sixth, when Werth walked and Ryan Zimmerman smacked a two-out double to left. But third-base coach Bob Henley — whose propensity for waving runners home led to a popular T-shirt among Nationals players that says, "Send 'em short, send 'em tall, send 'em one, send 'em all" — sent Werth and saw him get thrown out easily on shortstop Corey Seager's relay.

Wasn't even close.

"You live and die by those moments, sometimes," Werth said.

And in the sort of blink-and-you-missed-it game-shifting sequence, Werth's inning-ending, overzealous bid to score was followed immediately by Pederson's homer on Scherzer's first — and, it turned out, only — pitch of the seventh.

That began a rally that included a pinch-hit RBI single by 37-year-old pinch hitter Carlos Ruiz, helping LA go up 4-1.

Then came pinch hitter Chris Heisey's two-run homer in the Washington seventh.

Then came Jansen in an inning that took 66 minutes and included a total of eight pitchers.

And then came Kershaw.

The West champion Dodgers are back in the NLCS for the first time since 2013, but they've lost in their past three trips to that round, failing to make it to the World Series since they won their most recent championship in 1988.

And Kershaw had a hand in all three NLDS wins.

"Looking him in the eye, I felt good about it, and the training staff gave the OK," Roberts said, "so it's only fitting for Clayton to get the last out right there."

MATCHUP

The Cubs were 4-3 against the Dodgers this year. The only other time they met in the postseason was the 2008 NLDS, which LA swept.

1-AND-DONE

The East champion Nationals are one-and-done in the playoffs yet again, losing in the NLDS yet again. Washington was beaten in five games in 2012 by St. Louis, and in four games in 2014 by San Francisco.

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Take it back further, and a baseball club based in the nation's capital hasn't won a postseason series since the old Senators were the 1924 World Series champions.

"I'm not ready to go home," Nationals first-year manager Dusty Baker said. "I haven't been home since February, but I would have gladly stayed a couple more weeks."

Marc Rzepczynski was the losing pitcher.

YOUNG URIAS

Dodgers LHP Julio Urias, who turned 20 in August, became the youngest pitcher to appear in the postseason since Cincinnati's Don Gullett was 19 in the 1970 World Series, the Dodgers said, citing STATS. Urias entered in the fifth and threw two scoreless innings and got the win. He walked Harper, then picked him off first base.

MAKE THE MOVE

Before this year, Roberts was best known in the postseason for his ninth-inning steal as a pinch-runner in Game of the 2004 ALCS that sparked Boston's comeback against the Yankees. He'll now also be remembered for his mound maneuvers that won this game — he used three members of his rotation, plus his closer in a career-long outing.

"These are conversations that me, the front office, we have daily, about just kind of forward-thinking, being open-minded to how you can use guys in certain roles. And today was a prime example," Roberts said.

Clinton says US could 'ring China with missile defense'

By NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Hillary Clinton privately said the U.S. would "ring China with missile defense" if the Chinese government failed to curb North Korea's nuclear program, a potential hint at how the former secretary of state would act if elected president.

Clinton's remarks were revealed by WikiLeaks in a hack of the Clinton campaign chairman's personal account. The emails include a document excerpting Clinton's private speech transcripts, which she has refused to release.

A section on China features several issues in which Clinton said she confronted the Chinese while leading the U.S. State Department.

China has harshly criticized the U.S. and South Korea's planned deployment of a missile-defense system against North Korea, which conducted its fifth nuclear test this year. But Clinton said she told Chinese officials that the U.S. might deploy additional ships to the region to contain the North Korean missile threat.

If North Korea successfully obtains a ballistic missile, it could threaten not just American allies in the Pacific, "but they could actually reach Hawaii and the west coast theoretically," Clinton said.

"We're going to ring China with missile defense. We're going to put more of our fleet in the area," Clinton said in a 2013 speech. "So China, come on. You either control them or we're going to have to defend against them."

China is North Korea's economic lifeline and the closest thing it has to a diplomatic ally, and has been criticized by the U.S. and others for not doing enough to rein in Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions. Chinese officials and state media have responded by saying North Korea is not solely China's responsibility and say Beijing's has limited influence with secretive leader Kim Jong Un's hardline communist regime.

Clinton also privately criticized China's position on another sensitive issue, the South China Sea. China claims almost the entirety of the strategically vital waterbody has lashed out at an international tribunal's rejection of its claims in a July ruling.

By China's logic, Clinton told a different audience in 2013, the U.S. after World War II could have labeled the Pacific Ocean the "American Sea."

"My counterpart sat up very straight and goes, 'Well, you can't do that,'" she said. "And I said, 'Well, we have as much right to claim that as you do. I mean, you claim (the South China Sea) based on pottery shards from, you know, some fishing vessel that ran aground in an atoll somewhere.'"

In another remark revealed in the Wikileaks hack, Clinton called Xi "a more sophisticated, more effective

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public leader" than his predecessor, Hu Jintao. She noted Xi's plans for economic and social reforms, but blamed what she called "a resurgence of nationalism" on the Chinese government.

China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not immediately respond Friday to faxed questions about Clinton's remarks.

As secretary of state, Clinton visited China seven times and engineered Washington's "pivot" to Asia, which has long been viewed with suspicion by Beijing. The policy shift has seen a tighter focus on the region along with an increased military presence and fortified alliances with allies such as Australia and the Philippines, although the latter has been cast in doubt with the election of China-friendly President Rodrigo Duterte.

She also drew condemnation from Chinese state media last year after describing Xi as "shameless" as he prepared to speak on women's rights at the United Nations, shortly after China detained five young feminists who'd campaigned against domestic violence.

Associated Press journalist Christopher Bodeen contributed to this report.

Rivers leads Chargers to 21-13 victory against Broncos

By **BERNIE WILSON, AP Sports Writer**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Music blared louder than normal in the San Diego Chargers' locker room, and there was a sense of relief Thursday night after a victory over the Denver Broncos.

The Chargers had actually finished.

Philip Rivers threw for 178 yards and one touchdown, passing Hall of Famer Dan Fouts to become San Diego's career passing leader, and the Chargers held off the Broncos 21-13.

The victory may have saved embattled coach Mike McCoy's job .

The Chargers (2-4) were coming off a mistake-filled loss at Oakland, and earlier in the season lost three games in which they led at the 2-minute warning. There has been increasing fan discontent with the conservative McCoy, and the Chargers are trying to convince voters to approve a \$1.1 billion public handout for a new downtown stadium in the form of an increase in the hotel occupancy tax.

"There is nothing like winning," a misty-eyed McCoy said. "Especially beating a good football team in front of are home fans. It was great."

The victory "meant a ton for Mike," Rivers said. "It wasn't talked about a lot on the team but veteran players ... I felt it. Not that I expected it if it didn't go well. I had no idea but you also you are not playing dumb. We knew we had to get this thing going in a hurry."

The Broncos had the ball in the final seconds, but the Chargers — who had two turnovers on special teams — held.

"You can't take winning for granted in this league," defensive end Corey Liuget said. "When I saw it said 0:00 and that guy didn't catch that ball, I was happy as hell. I got on my damn knee and said, 'Thank you Lord. It's over now.'"

What changed from those brutal losses, when the Chargers blew late leads?

"It was a mindset for us to go out there and finish, and everyone knew we were going to finish this game," Li

The defending Super Bowl champion Broncos were coached by special teams coordinator Joe DeCamillis after Gary Kubiak was ordered by doctors to sit this one out because of a migraine condition that mimics strokes.

"You have to give them credit," DeCamillis said. "We know it would be a tough game because they have played a lot of close games and not won."

The five-time defending AFC West champion Broncos (4-2) were mostly sluggish behind Trevor Siemian, who was back at quarterback after rookie Paxton Lynch struggled in a loss to Atlanta. They lost their second straight game and had their NFL-record 15 straight divisional road victories snapped.

The Chargers snapped their streak of 10 straight divisional losses dating to 2014.

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Rivers, in his 13th season with the Chargers and 11th as starter, has 43,094 career yards passing. Fouts threw for 43,040 yards in 15 seasons with the Bolts.

Rivers threw a 5-yard scoring pass to rookie tight end Hunter Henry to cap the game's first possession. Rivers finished 18 of 29.

Otherwise, the Chargers had to settle for Lambo's career-high four field goals, of 37, 21, 31 and 32 yards.

LATE-FIRING BRONCOS: Denver didn't get across the 50 on its own accord until there were just 2 minutes left in the third quarter. Denver's first score came after a punt bounced off San Diego's Travis Benjamin and the Broncos recovered at the San Diego 11. The refs initially ruled that the Broncos downed the punt, but Denver challenged and got the ball. Brandon McManus kicked a 29-yard field goal.

Siemian was 30 of 50 for 230 yards, with a 5-yard scoring pass to Bennie Fowler midway through the fourth quarter.

McManus kicked a 46-yard field goal with 27 seconds left, and Denver recovered the onside kick at its 46. It got to the San Diego 45 with eight seconds to go before Siemian's desperation pass was batted down by Dexter McCoil.

DEFENSIVE STAND: The Broncos were threatening at the San Diego 20 with less than 5 minutes to go. But on consecutive plays they were whistled for holding, Siemian was sacked by rookie Jatavis Brown and San Diego's Craig Mager recovered a fumble by Demaryius Thomas.

RIVERBOAT MIKE: McCoy went for it on fourth-and-1 from the Denver 20 early in the second half, with Melvin Gordon going over the top for a 1-yard gain. Rivers misfired on two straight passes and was flushed on third down, forcing the Chargers to settle for Lambo's 37-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead. McCoy improved to 25-31 overall in four seasons.

NEW HOLDER: Veteran backup quarterback Kellen Clemens took over as holder for the Chargers after rookie Drew Kaser's misadventure at Oakland on Sunday. Kaser mishandled the snap on a potential tying field goal with 2:07 left in the 34-31 loss. Kaser, who also shanked a punt, kept his job as punter but lost his job as holder.

ANTHEM WATCH: Chargers players Joe Barksdale, D.J. Fluker, Chris Hairston, Joshua Perry and Tyreek Burwell held up their right fists during the national anthem.

INJURIES: The Broncos said T Russell Okung was taken to a hospital with concussion-like symptoms. ... Chargers rookie DE Joey Bosa was having his right hand worked on by the trainers after Denver's first drive. He was back in for the next Broncos possession. ... Broncos WR Cody Latimer left with a concussion in the second quarter. ... Gordon limped off the field early in the fourth quarter. He had his right ankle taped and returned on San Diego's next possession.

Online: <http://pro32.ap.org/poll> and http://twitter.com/AP_NFL

Why embattled Trump may keep hammering Bill Clinton misdeeds

By **NANCY BENAC** and **JULIE BYKOWICZ**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's efforts to drag Hillary Clinton down by focusing on her husband's misconduct may be a relatively new strategy for him, but it's not for the advisers whispering in his ear.

If it seems odd for a Republican presidential nominee who is facing a wave of accusations about sexual misdeeds to be picking a fight about sexual misdeeds, the Clinton fixation of four of his top advisers offers one possible explanation.

Some of them have been waiting a quarter-century to more deeply explore accusations that the former president has assaulted women.

Trump is "surrounded by people who have been obsessed with bringing down the Clintons based on pseudo-scandals for years," said David Brock, an ally of Hillary Clinton who as a former Republican operative spent much of the 1990s hunting down dirt on the Clintons. "For people with longstanding Clinton animus, they're probably gleeful that even though this is a losing strategy, this is what he's decided to do to close out his campaign."

It was the Clinton campaign itself, back in the 1992 presidential race, that coined the phrase "bimbo

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eruptions" to deal with multiple allegations of extramarital affairs by Bill Clinton. Hillary Clinton helped the campaign keep a lid on the controversy, going on television to stand by her husband and working behind the scenes to discredit his accusers.

Flash forward to Monica Lewinsky. Clinton was impeached by the House in 1998 for lying about his relationship with the White House intern, but the Senate voted not to convict him and he has managed to repair his image with his post-presidential philanthropic work.

The right has long harbored a grudge that the Clintons have managed to build a political dynasty in spite of the allegations.

Keith Appell, a longtime conservative consultant, said many people feel Bill Clinton's misconduct has never gotten a full airing. He called the current discussion fair game because there's "very legitimate proof that Hillary enables her husband for sheer political ambition."

Now, Republican operatives are seizing the moment, using Trump as their megaphone.

Chief among those pushing Trump's new approach is his longtime friend and sounding board Roger Stone, who co-authored a book published in October 2015 called "The Clintons' War on Women."

In a moment that seemed ripped from that tome, Trump displayed three Bill Clinton accusers at a brief press conference before Sunday's debate in St. Louis and then seated them in the audience. Juanita Broaddrick and Kathleen Willey say Clinton forced himself on them decades ago. Paula Jones filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against him in 1994, which he paid \$850,000 to settle without apologizing or acknowledging culpability.

Before and during Bill Clinton's presidency, the issue of sexual abuse allegations "never got the news coverage it deserved at the time because the media was much more narrow and more controlled," Stone said in an interview Thursday. "It's a new day."

And, yes, he said, having a publicity-savvy major party political nominee showcasing the women's claims certainly helps.

Trump's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, also has a tie to the issue: Back in the 1990s, her future husband, George Conway, wrote the Supreme Court brief that cleared the way for Jones' civil suit against the president. Clinton's denial of his affair with Lewinsky during a deposition in the Jones case led to his impeachment trial.

Another key Trump adviser, deputy campaign manager David Bossie, cut his teeth in politics by going after the Clintons. He was executive director of a group that in 1992 sought to charge callers \$4.99 to listen to tapes of alleged conversations between then-candidate Clinton and Gennifer Flowers, a model and actress Clinton admitted having a sexual encounter with. She said she'd been his mistress for 12 years. Bossie went on to investigate the Clintons' Whitewater land deal.

During Hillary Clinton's first run for president in 2008, Bossie's group, Citizens United, produced a movie about her, including riffs on her "vindictiveness" in covering up her husband's affairs.

A gleeful Bossie told AP in an interview in late May, when he was leading an outside group attacking Clinton, that his history of Clinton research gave him "an enormous vault of material to work with."

"Nowhere in their campaign plan of two years ago did they see they were going to have to defend Hillary Clinton's support of women as a general election matter," Bossie said. He joined the Trump campaign three months later, bringing along his decades of Clinton immersion.

Steve Bannon has picked up the Clinton haranguing in more recent years, using the media company Breitbart News as a repository for every scrap of information and gossip about Bill Clinton. The former chairman of Breitbart, he's now the chief executive officer of Trump's campaign.

The Bill Clinton-heavy approach began in earnest after recent revelations of a 2005 tape in which Trump is heard bragging about kissing women without consent and grabbing their genitals.

Appell said Trump is "responding in kind" by pointing the finger at Bill Clinton

Still, he says, the strategy might not pay off on Election Day.

"As fascinating as some of this might be, it is not what closes the deal with voters," Appell said. "Over the next three weeks, what will close the deal is telling people what you'll do for them."

Eds: Corrects 14th paragraph to remove erroneous reference to Stone mentoring Conway.

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Something is happening: Bob Dylan wins Nobel in literature

By HILLEL ITALIE and KARL RITTER, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Dylan, Nobel laureate. In the book world's equivalent of a Supreme Court ruling, the Nobel judges declared Thursday that Dylan is not just a rock star but a poet of the very highest order.

Dylan, 75, becomes the first musician in the 115-year history of the Nobel to win the prize in literature. He was honored for "having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

It is the ultimate ascension for the man who set off a lasting debate over whether lyrics, especially rock lyrics, can be regarded as art. Dylan, who gave the world "Like a Rolling Stone," "Blowin' in the Wind" and dozens of other standards, now finds himself on a list that includes Samuel Beckett, Toni Morrison and T.S. Eliot, whom Dylan referred to in his epic song "Desolation Row."

"Congratulations to one of my favorite poets, Bob Dylan, on a well-deserved Nobel," tweeted President Barack Obama, who in 2012 presented the singer-songwriter with a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Dylan rarely gives interviews, and a representative said the star had no immediate comment. He performed a 90-minute concert in Las Vegas Thursday night but did not mention the Nobel honor.

The startling announcement out of Stockholm was met with both euphoria and dismay.

Many fans already quote Dylan as if he were Shakespeare, there are entire college courses and scholarly volumes devoted to his songs, and judges work Dylan quotations into their legal opinions all the time, such as "The times they are a-changing" and "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows."

With this year's Nobel announcement, many people, especially Americans, weren't scratching their heads and asking "Who?!" the way they did after hearing the names of such winners as Patrick Modiano and J.M.G. Le Clézio.

Others, though, lamented a lost moment for books.

"An ill-conceived nostalgia award wrenched from the rancid prostates of senile, gibbering hippies," wrote "Trainspotting" novelist Irvine Welsh. "I totally get the Nobel committee," tweeted author Gary Shteyngart. "Reading books is hard." The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano said some "real writers" probably aren't pleased.

But several leading authors praised the news.

Nobel laureate Toni Morrison said in a statement that she was pleased and that Dylan was "an impressive choice." Salman Rushdie, who has written songs with U2's Bono, tweeted that Dylan is "the brilliant inheritor of the bardic tradition. Great choice." Perennial Nobel candidate Joyce Carol Oates tweeted that "his haunting music & lyrics have always seemed, in the deepest sense, literary."

Dylan's award also was welcomed by a venerable literary organization, the Academy of American Poets.

"Bob Dylan receiving the Nobel Prize in literature acknowledges the importance of literature's oral tradition, and the fact that literature and poetry exists in culture in multiple modes," executive director Jennifer Benka said in a statement.

Critics can argue whether "Visions of Johanna" is as literary as "Waiting for Godot," but Dylan's stature among musicians is unchallenged. He is the most influential songwriter of his time, who brought a new depth, range and complexity to rock lyrics and freed Bruce Springsteen, Joni Mitchell and countless other artists to break out from the once-narrow boundaries of love and dance songs.

Dylan already was the only rock star to receive a Pulitzer Prize (an honorary one), and is, in fact, an author, too: He was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle prize for his memoir, "Chronicles: Volume One."

He is the first American to win the Nobel literature prize since Morrison in 1993, and his award probably hurts the chances of such older American writers as Philip Roth and Don DeLillo, since the Nobel judges try to spread the honors around.

"Rather doubt Philip Roth and Don DeLillo wish they'd written "Mr. Tambourine Man" vs. AMERICAN

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PASTORAL and UNDERWORLD," tweeted Roth biographer Blake Bailey, referring to acclaimed novels by Roth and DeLillo. "But sure, ok."

Dylan's life has been a hybrid of popular and literary influences. A native of Duluth, Minnesota, he worshipped Elvis Presley and James Dean as a boy, but also read voraciously and seemed to absorb virtually every style of American music.

His lyrics have referred to (and sometimes lifted from) the Bible, Civil War poetry and Herman Melville. He has contended that his classic "Blood on the Tracks" album was inspired by the stories of Anton Chekhov.

His songs can be snarling and accusatory ("Idiot Wind," "Positively 4th Street"); apocalyptic ("A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall"); dense and hallucinatory ("Desolation Row"); tender and wistful ("Visions of Johanna"); bracingly topical ("Hurricane" and "Only a Pawn in Their Game"); and enigmatic and absurdist ("Stuck Inside of Mobile With the Memphis Blues Again").

"Blowin' in the Wind" was an instant protest anthem for the 1960s, yet sounded as if it had been handed down through the oral tradition from another century, with such lines as "How many times must the cannon balls fly before they're forever banned?"

"Like a Rolling Stone," his takedown of a rich and pampered young woman forced to fend for herself, was pronounced the greatest song of all time by Rolling Stone magazine. The six-minute recording from 1965 is regarded as a landmark that shattered the notion a hit song had to be three minutes.

At a 1965 press conference, he was asked whether he considered himself primarily a singer or a poet. Dylan wisecracked: "I think of myself more as a song-and-dance man."

His career has been such a complicated pastiche of elusive, ever-changing styles that it took six actors — including Cate Blanchett — to portray him in the 2007 movie based on his life, "I'm Not There." He won an Oscar in 2001 for the song "Things Have Changed" and received a lifetime achievement award from the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences in 1991.

Dylan is the most unorthodox Nobel literature prize winner since 1997, when the award went to Italian playwright Dario Fo, whose works some say also need to be performed to be fully appreciated. By a sad coincidence, Fo died Thursday at 90.

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.

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Wonder, Khan wow crowd at Prince tribute show

By JEFF BAENEN, Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Stevie Wonder and Chaka Khan had the crowd partying like it was 1999 all over again at a tribute concert to Prince Thursday night, a show fans and his family hoped would provide closure after his death nearly six months ago.

Khan brought Wonder onstage at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul to duet on Prince's "I Feel for You," a 1984 hit for Khan. Wonder, wearing a suit and purple shirt, got the sold-out audience cheering with his signature harmonica riffs before the two performed Prince's hit "1999," with the crowd clapping and dancing along.

Just before show time, a concert publicist announced that singer Christina Aguilera canceled her scheduled appearance as she fights a "vocal illness." Singer Jessie J replaced Aguilera in the lineup.

A representative for Aguilera said she "has been advised by her doctors not to perform due to a vocal illness she has been trying to shake all week."

Pop star John Mayer bowed out of the concert earlier, citing a "change of schedule." Singer Anita Baker canceled her appearance just before the event, but a publicist for the show did not know the reason.

On the outdoor plaza before the concert, fans wearing purple shirts, scarves and the occasional rasp-

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berry beret milled about and some danced. St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman read a proclamation declaring Thursday Prince Day in Minnesota's capital. President Barack Obama delivered a taped message as the concert opened.

Sharie Tonsager, 46, who grew up in suburban Rosemount, looked forward to hearing the music of Prince — a star she never got to see perform in person.

"He was just original. He never cared what the media said. He just did what he did and loved what he did," said Tonsager, who was sporting purple-tinted hair.

Prince's younger sister, Tyka Nelson, described the concert as a public memorial to Prince, who died in April at his Paisley Park recording complex.

"I want them to get some closure," Nelson said of Prince's fans. "It takes time to kind of get over it, and I see that they are grief-stricken." She said there "definitely" will be future concerts.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Khan said Prince's funky, syncopated music is a "brand that's going to live forever."

"There'll always be somebody that says, 'Ooh, that sounds real Prince-like, you know what I'm saying? His name will come up throughout millennia,'" Khan said.

Tori Kelly and Doug E. Fresh also are included in the lineup. Prince's ex-wife, Mayte Garcia, has been added to the concert, and Prince will be represented by members of his inner circle, including Morris Day & The Time, Judith Hill and Liv Warfield.

The Prince family-sanctioned concert originally was planned for the Minnesota Vikings' new U.S. Bank Stadium in downtown Minneapolis, but was moved to the smaller Xcel Energy Center, home of the NHL's Minnesota Wild.

Prince's family initially announced the concert in late July, but details did not emerge until September. The wait frustrated Prince fans across the country who already had made travel plans without any guarantee of tickets. But organizer L. Londell McMillan, a longtime attorney for the late superstar, said it took time to put the details together because so many artists were involved.

Fans quickly snapped up tickets when they went on sale last month.

Prince died of an accidental painkiller overdose. The singer of hits including "Purple Rain," "Let's Go Crazy" and "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World" was 57.

This version corrects spelling of last name 'Khan.'

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Gripped by grief, Thais mourn death of beloved monarch

By VIJAY JOSHI and TODD PITMAN, Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand began its first day in 70 years without a king on Friday in a profound state of mourning, with people across the shaken nation dressed in black following the death of the world's longest-reigning monarch, Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The 88-year-old king had spent much of the last decade hospitalized and the momentous news, announced in a palace statement Thursday, had long been both anticipated and feared. But the nation remained stable and life continued largely as usual with most shops, banks and tourist sites open.

In Bangkok, residents began lining the streets where the king's body was expected to pass Friday afternoon in a royal procession from Siriraj hospital to the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, or Wat Phra Kaew, which is located on the grounds of the ornate Grand Palace.

"It is a great loss for Thai people," said Siwanart Phra-Anan, an office worker in the financial district. "His Majesty will be in Thai people's heart forever."

"I'm lost for words because since I was born, I had him as a father of the nation and he unified us," said another, Siwanee Varikornsakul. "I've never been in this situation before. I don't know what to say."

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My heart is numb.”

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said late Thursday that Bhumibol's son, Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, will succeed the king under the constitution. But he said the prince had asked for more time to mourn with the nation before ascending the throne. No date has been set for his coronation.

The government announced a one-year mourning period and a 30-day moratorium on state events, and all public offices and schools will fly flags at half-staff for 30 days. But businesses, tourist attractions and public transport were to remain open Friday because of the government's desire not to hurt the sputtering economy.

“The stock market, investments, other businesses should not stop. Do not try to let the country lose its credibility, especially in the case of impact on the stock exchange,” Prayuth said.

Television channels were running non-stop footage devoted to the life of the king, who was deeply revered and held up as a unifying figure in the politically fractious country despite two coups in the last decade alone.

Most Thais have seen no other king in their lifetime and thought of Bhumibol, who reigned for 70 years, as their father and the embodiment of goodness and godliness.

Although a constitutional monarch, he wielded enormous political power and served as a unifying figure during Thailand's numerous political crises. But in recent years, he suffered from a variety of illnesses that affected his kidneys, brain, lungs, heart and blood. He remained publicly detached from recent political upheavals, including the 2014 coup that brought Prayuth, an army general, to power.

“Since I was young I saw him work really hard, and now it's hard to explain. I feel numb inside,” said Danaiwut Wiroonpiti, 26, a photographer who was crying outside the Grand Palace on Thursday. “He's the center of all Thai people. It's like we lost the main pillar of our lives, the person who holds us together. I can't hold my tears.”

Portraits of Bhumibol displayed in most Thai homes and businesses generally depict him in arduous travels to remote villages, where he often went to see the situation of his subjects first hand.

But recently, whenever Bhumibol appeared in public, he was in a wheelchair, waving feebly at his subjects. Even those rare appearances stopped as he became confined to the hospital.

On Sunday, the palace announced his health had become “unstable,” and on Wednesday, Vajiralongkorn rushed back from Germany, Prayuth canceled a trip abroad and royal family members began gathering at Siriraj Hospital.

He died a little before 4 p.m. on Thursday, the palace said. His death was announced three hours later in a broadcast carried simultaneously by all TV stations.

“Even though the board of doctors has closely monitored and treated him to the best of its abilities, the king's condition never improved,” the palace said in a statement. It said he passed away peacefully.

“He is now in heaven and may be looking over Thai citizens from there,” Prayuth said in a statement. “He was a king that was loved and adored by all. The reign of the king has ended and his kindness cannot be found anywhere else.”

Messages of condolences poured in from across the world.

“With a creative spirit and a drive for innovation, he pioneered new technologies that have rightfully received worldwide acclaim,” President Barack Obama said. “His majesty leaves a legacy of care for the Thai people that will be cherished by future generations.”

French President Francois Hollande hailed the king for “exceptional human qualities ... his profound sense of justice, his care for modernity and sustainable development.” Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi described him as “one of the tallest leaders of our times.”

Bhumibol Adulyadej (pronounced poo-mee-pon ah-dun-yaa-det) became king in 1946. He anchored the Southeast Asian country through violent upheavals at home and communist revolutions next door with a blend of majesty and a common touch.

There is great concern about the succession, since Vajiralongkorn has not earned the same respect as his father.

Government spokesman Sansern Kaewkamnerd said for the next 30 days all TV and radio stations,

including online media, will broadcast the same programs provided by a government-controlled pool. He did not specify foreign TV channels in the rule, but on Thursday night all channels on the country's main satellite TV service, including BBC and CNN, were replaced by the pool footage.

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Clinton says she can't recall key details about email server

By MICHAEL BIESECKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton said under oath in a court filing Thursday that she can't recall key details about her use of a private email server or she refused to answer questions about it posed by a conservative legal group.

Clinton lawyer David Kendall provided the Democratic presidential nominee's sworn responses to 25 written questions submitted by Judicial Watch. The group has filed multiple lawsuits seeking copies of government documents from Clinton's tenure as secretary of state.

Clinton's answers provided no new information beyond what she told FBI agents during the recently closed investigation into whether she and her staff mishandled classified information.

In her responses, Clinton used some variation of "does not recall" at least 21 times.

For example, Clinton was asked when she decided to use her private email account to conduct government business and whom she consulted in making that decision.

Clinton said she recalled making the decision in early 2009, but she "does not recall any specific consultations regarding the decision."

Asked whether she was warned that using a private email account conflicted with federal record-keeping rules, Clinton responded that "she does not recall being advised, cautioned, or warned, she does not recall that it was ever suggested to her, and she does not recall participating in any communication, conversation, or meeting in which it was discussed."

Judicial Watch had sought to depose Clinton in person about the creation of the private server located in the basement of her New York home. In August U.S. District Court Judge Emmet G. Sullivan instead ordered the Democratic presidential nominee to respond to the group's questions in writing.

In addition to her inability to recall the requested information, Clinton entered various legal objections to the formation or wording of 18 of the 25 questions. She also filed eight separate general objections to the process under which the questions were being asked.

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said the group's lawyers will closely review Clinton's responses.

"Mrs. Clinton's refusal to answer many of the questions in a clear and straightforward manner further reflects disdain for the rule of law," Fitton said.

Judicial Watch founder Larry Klayman protested the process in a statement Thursday night. He said Sullivan's denial of Freedom Watch's requests for an oral deposition "cleverly allowed Hillary Clinton ... to stonewall giving responsive and meaningful answers."

Klayman continued, "Now, even if motions to compel complete and responsive answers are filed, they will not be decided for some time, and Judge Sullivan will have run out the clock — paving the way for Hillary Clinton ... to easily win the presidency."

Campaign spokesman Brian Fallon said Clinton has answered these same questions in multiple settings for over a year, and her answers Thursday "are entirely consistent with what she has said many times before."

"Judicial Watch is a right-wing organization that has been attacking the Clintons since the 1990s, and this frivolous lawsuit is just its latest failed attempt to hurt her campaign for the presidency," Fallon said.

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Hurricane Nicole pummels Bermuda with wind, then spins away

By JOSH BALL, Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) — Hurricane Nicole roared across Bermuda on Thursday, pummeling the resort island with winds up to 115 mph that snapped trees and peeled off roofs before the storm spun away into open water.

The Category 3 system also flooded homes, damaged boats that broke away from their moorings and knocked out power to more than 27,000 customers who live in the British territory, which has sturdy infrastructure and is accustomed to heavy weather.

By late Thursday, crews were clearing roads, and many islanders were posting pictures of calmer seas and clearer skies.

"Nicole is now racing away," said James Dodgson, deputy director at the Bermuda Weather Service. "There's been a bit of sunshine trying to poke through." Forecasters expected to cancel a tropical storm warning later in the evening.

Hours earlier, Bermuda's 65,000 people got a brief respite from the storm's fury when the eye of the hurricane passed overhead. Authorities urged everyone to stay inside.

After the eye moved away, the wind grew strong enough to fling open a hatch on the weather service's radar, rendering it useless until the hatch could be shut, forecasters said.

Nick West, who lives with his family near a wharf in the town of St. George, said a large portion of his roof was ripped off just before the eye passed. His garden is now underwater.

"Just as long as we are all safe, that is all I really care about," he said.

In Nicole's aftermath, government officials inspected bridges and other structures. The Royal Bermuda Regiment removed uprooted trees and other debris from roads.

Cleanup efforts were expected to continue until early Friday, and the island's airport planned to reopen by then. Schools were scheduled to stay closed until Monday.

The hurricane weakened to a Category 2 storm as it churned toward the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. By Thursday night, it was about 255 miles (410 kilometers) northeast of Bermuda with maximum sustained winds of 100 mph (155 kph). The system was moving northeast at 21 mph (33 kph).

After strengthening to a Category 4 storm late Wednesday, the hurricane lost steam overnight.

Although severe storms often affect Bermuda, "a hurricane this strong is rare," the National Hurricane Center said.

As Nicole howled outside, some 120 guests were ushered for safety into a ballroom at the Hamilton Princess & Beach Club, one of the island's largest hotels. They were served a free lunch as they waited for the storm to blow through.

American Airlines, Air Canada and other carriers canceled flights to the island. Several cruise ships also called off trips.

Associated Press Writer Danica Coto in San Juan, Puerto Rico, contributed to this report.

Florida IDs new Miami neighborhood as Zika zone

By JENNIFER KAY, Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Health officials announced Thursday a new Zika zone in Miami — a setback less than a month after declaring the nearby Wynwood neighborhood cleared of the virus following aggressive mosquito spraying.

Five people have been infected with Zika in a 1-square-mile area of the city just north of the Little Haiti neighborhood and about 3 miles north of Wynwood, according to a statement released Thursday by Gov. Rick Scott's office.

It is the third Miami-area neighborhood identified where mosquitoes have transmitted the virus to people, after Wynwood and a touristy section of Miami Beach, which is still considered an active transmission zone. Wynwood was declared free of the virus after 45 days went by without any new infections.

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These are the first such areas of transmission confirmed in the continental U.S., following major outbreaks of the disease across Latin America. Zika symptoms are so mild that most people who get it don't feel sick, but the disease can cause severe brain-related birth defects if a pregnant woman is infected.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday that pregnant women should avoid travel to the new outbreak area, and they should consider postponing non-essential travel to the rest of Miami Dade, according to CDC spokesman Tom Skinner.

"We're not yet at the end of mosquito season, so we might continue to see local transmission going on for a little while yet," Skinner said.

Officials in Florida had warned that Hurricane Matthew would interrupt efforts to eradicate the mosquitoes that spread the virus, and Gov. Rick Scott had told residents to be mindful of standing water on their properties after the storm passed. However, Miami was not as seriously affected by the storm as other areas of the state.

Four cases from the new zone first reported symptoms in September, and the fifth began suffering symptoms earlier this month, Florida Department of Health spokeswoman Mara Gambineri said in an email.

The patients in the new zone include two women and three men, according to the statement from Scott's office. Three live in the area while the other two either visited or worked there.

Zika infections have been reported in over 1,020 people in Florida, the vast majority of them related to travel to affected areas outside the country. Miami-Dade County has the largest share of the state's burden, with more travel-related Zika infections than any other Florida county.

Health officials have so far traced 105 cases to three Miami-area infection zones.

Scott has directed another \$7.4 million in state funding to hire more mosquito control staff and pay for more pesticide spraying in Miami-Dade County.

"We have seen that aggressive mosquito control efforts have worked in areas like Wynwood and we hope the county also aggressively sprays in this area so we can limit the spread of this virus and protect pregnant women and their growing babies," Scott said in the statement.

Health officials also were investigating a Zika infection not related to travel that was reported Thursday in a Broward County resident. Officials there said aerial pesticide spraying targeting mosquito larvae would resume early Friday in the Fort Lauderdale area.

Associated Press medical writer Mike Stobbe in New York contributed to this report.

Q&A: After new Trump accusations, a look at 'Why now?'

By MARYCLAIRE DALE, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — New allegations have surfaced of sexual assault against Donald Trump — but they are not recent incidents, dating back in one case as much as three decades. That's left some of Trump's supporters and others asking the question: Why now?

The four women who came forward this week cited Sunday night's debate, and Trump's denial of ever kissing or groping a woman without consent, as the straw that broke the camel's back and prompted them to talk with news organizations. One, Jessica Leeds, told The New York Times she "wanted to punch the screen" when she heard Trump's response during the debate.

Critics nevertheless are asking why the women waited so many years to finally speak out, and some are using that as ammunition to question the veracity of their claims. The same question and doubts were raised after dozens of women came forward years after the fact to accuse comedian Bill Cosby of sexual assault.

The Associated Press explored that question and the skepticism surrounding it with experts and accusers in other cases, including Cosby's. Here is their take:

WHY NOT COME FORWARD SOONER?

"The number one reason (people hesitate) is they are afraid they won't be believed ... because a lot of

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this happens in private. You may tell friends, because they'll believe you, but you may be afraid to present to authorities. You may have been drinking, or you're afraid of being blamed. You're not even sure if you may be at fault."

— Dr. Judith Linden of Boston University, an emergency room physician who treats sex assault victims.

WHAT ELSE MIGHT HOLD AN ACCUSER BACK?

"There's never a good time to come forward. If you come forward immediately, you're accused of being a gold digger. If you come forward later, you're accused of being liars. ... You know that when you go forward with a story of sexual assault, especially against a powerful person (or school), you feel isolated, you feel alone. You know you're going to be attacked.

"There's still this misconception that there's something to be gained by being a victim of sexual assault. ... Rehashing a painful moment publicly is not fun, especially when you know that so many people who hear that story are cultured to question you."

— Kamilah Willingham of Los Angeles, whose account of being sexually assaulted at Harvard Law School was featured in the campus sexual-assault documentary "The Hunting Ground" and was the subject of a Title IX discrimination complaint against the school.

WHAT IS YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE WITH THIS?

"There's a lot of re-victimization. ... I was told that my story was 'decades old, fantastical.' ... It's had a huge impact on my family. ... I've been harassed, chased through grocery store parking lots. Drivers scream at me, flip me the finger. That's pretty embarrassing and hurtful and really difficult."

— Cosby accuser Barbara Bowman, explaining the backlash after she came forward in 2005 to support another woman suing Cosby of sexual assault. She penned a 2014 column in The Washington Post asking why no one believed her accusations earlier, and she is now one of seven accusers suing Cosby for defamation in Massachusetts. Cosby, 79, is defending several civil suits around the country and faces criminal charges in the case of another woman.

(Note: The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted, but both Willingham and Bowman agreed to be named publicly.)

IS THERE A SILVER LINING TO ANY OF THIS?

"If there's anything encouraging to say about the last week, and the last couple of years in particular, it's the pendulum swinging. ... It does say something positive about society, that this is not the kind of culture and society we want. ... There is a cost for misogyny."

— Shaunna Thomas of Los Angeles, a co-founder of the online women's rights group UltraViolet Action, which ran a full-page newspaper advertisement this week condemning Trump, signed by 3,000 self-described sexual assault survivors.

This story has been corrected to remove a quote incorrectly attributed to Sen. Jerry Moran. It has also been corrected to say Willingham's account was the subject of a Title IX discrimination complaint, not a lawsuit, against Harvard.

Nigeria says 21 abducted Chibok schoolgirls freed in swap

By MICHELLE FAUL and HARUNA UMAR, Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP) — Twenty-one of the Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram more than two years ago were freed Thursday in a swap for detained leaders of the Islamic extremist group, government and military officials said, the first release since nearly 300 girls were taken captive in a case that provoked international outrage.

The freed girls, some carrying babies, were released before dawn and placed in the custody of the Department of State Services, Nigeria's secret intelligence agency. In photos released by the government,

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the former captives, most now young women, appeared gaunt and exhausted. The government "wants the girls to have some rest," said presidential spokesman Garba Shehu, adding that "all of them are very tired."

Some 197 captives remain missing, though some reportedly have died.

"We are extremely delighted and grateful," said the Bring Back Our Girls movement, which campaigned in Nigeria and internationally for the release of the girls, most of whom were teenagers when they were seized in April 2014 from their school in the northeastern town of Chibok.

"We thank the federal government and, like Oliver Twist, we ask for more," said Hauwa Biu, an activist in Maiduguri, the capital of northeastern Borno state and the birthplace of Boko Haram.

The release was negotiated between the government and Boko Haram, with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Swiss government acting as intermediaries, Shehu said. He said negotiations would continue for the release of the other students.

Many of the girls freed Thursday were carrying babies, said an aid worker who saw them in Maiduguri, where they were taken by helicopter after their release, before being flown to the capital, Abuja. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. The government said at least one child, a boy of about 20 months, was among those released. Many Boko Haram captives recently freed by military action have been shunned by their communities because they came home pregnant or with babies from the fighters.

Four detained Boko Haram leaders were released Wednesday night in Banki, a town on Nigeria's north-east border with Cameroon, said a military officer familiar with the talks. In exchange for their release, the girls were freed in Banki hours later, said the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists.

But Information Minister Lai Mohammed insisted there was no swap, just "a release, the product of painstaking negotiations and trust on both sides."

At a news conference, he refused to say how the girls were chosen. He said they would be "debriefed" and placed in the care of doctors, psychologists, social workers and trauma experts, and their names would be released after their parents were informed.

In Abuja, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo welcomed the freed young women, telling them: "The whole nation's been waiting for you," according to a post on the official Twitter account of the Nigerian presidency. He said the girls' parents were on their way to the Nigerian capital to be reunited with them.

In photos of the meeting released by the government, many of the women appeared malnourished, their clothes hanging loosely over their bony frames. Others freed from Boko Haram captivity by military action have said the extremists are running out of food.

A Chibok community leader, Pogu Bitrus, said one parent had called to say the government had contacted him to say his daughter was freed. "We just want all of our girls to come home," he said.

The abduction of 276 schoolgirls from their school in Chibok and the government's failure to quickly free them caused an international outcry and brought Boko Haram, Nigeria's home-grown Islamic extremist group, to the world's attention. Dozens of the girls escaped on their own, but some 197 remain missing.

In May, one of the captives, Amina Ali Nkeki, managed to escape and told her family that some of the kidnapped girls had died of illness and that others, like herself, had been married off to fighters and were pregnant or had babies, her mother told the AP. She said her daughter wants to come home with her baby, but has been kept in the custody of the secret service.

"It is hoped that the newly released 21 won't exchange captivity in Sambisa Forest for captivity in an Abuja fortress," said Emmanuel Ogebe, a Washington-based human rights lawyer whose foundation is helping educate some of the escaped Chibok girls in the United States.

Ogebe also criticized the government's release of photos of the freed young women before they had even been reunited with their parents, saying they must "be kept out of public parading, photo ops and political exploitation by the government of Nigeria."

Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who campaigned for the girls' freedom as the U.N. special envoy for global education, urged Nigeria's government not to give up until every girl is safely home with

her family. "We do not know how they will readjust, but one thing is for certain, their lives have changed forever," he said.

Soon after the kidnapping, Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau said he would marry the girls to his fighters, saying they should be wives, not going to school. The name Boko Haram means "Western education is forbidden," or "sinful," in Nigeria's Hausa language.

The extremists have attacked many schools and kidnapped many thousands of girls and boys during their seven-year insurgency that has killed more than 20,000 people, according to Amnesty International. In a statement Thursday, Shehu put the death toll at more than 30,000. Some 2.6 million people have been driven from their homes by the insurgency and the United Nations has warned that tens of thousands face famine-like conditions.

Negotiations last year failed when Boko Haram demanded a ransom of \$5.2 billion for the girls' freedom, according to a recently published authorized biography of Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari by American historian John Paden. It was not clear if any money changed hands in this swap.

Negotiations may have been complicated by a leadership struggle within Boko Haram, where the Islamic State group has named a new leader to replace Shekau, who insists he is still in charge.

Faul reported from Johannesburg. Associated Press writer Ismail Alfa Abdulrahim contributed to this report from Maiduguri, Nigeria.

This story was updated to clarify that a military official said the girls were released as part of a swap.

Utah vote splinters as anti-Trump sentiment spreads

By BRADY McCOMBS, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The unity of Republican voters in heavily conservative Utah has been splintered by Donald Trump's crude behavior and volatile campaign, creating an unprecedented sense of uncertainty in a must-win state for the GOP candidate.

Trump may still eke out a victory to win Utah's six electoral votes, but aversion to the brash billionaire has soared in Utah following the release of a 2005 recording of him making predatory comments about women. A growing number of the state's mostly Mormon voters are considering casting ballots instead for third-party candidates Evan McMullin and Gary Johnson.

That opens the possibility that four presidential candidates could each earn at least 10 percent of the vote in the state, a rare occurrence in presidential elections. The result could be an improbable victory by Democrat Hillary Clinton, if she captures just one-third of the state's votes. Democratic candidates have achieved this before, but it was never enough for them to win.

It's difficult to see Trump losing Utah and still winning the White House. Even if he wins Utah, he has a narrow path for capturing 270 electoral votes in the state-by-state contest for the presidency. Losing a state considered solidly Republican may effectively block that path.

While Clinton may benefit from disenchantment with Trump, she's not the candidate winning over Trump defectors: Conservative independent McMullin is the one enjoying a surge of attention. He's a Brigham Young University graduate and a former CIA officer, investment banker and congressional aide.

Despite about half the state not knowing who he is, McMullin has a profile that reassures voters as a Utah-born, straight-arrow Mormon Republican, said Quin Monson, a longtime political analyst and founder of Y2K Analytics. The polling firm surveyed 500 likely voters this week and found McMullin at 22 percent, narrowly trailing Trump and Clinton, who were tied at 26 percent each. The poll's margin of error is plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

A Monmouth University poll of 403 Utah likely voters conducted this week suggested Trump remains ahead of Clinton, 34 percent to 28 percent, but also showed McMullin closing in at 20 percent, despite being unknown to 66 percent of voters. That poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points.

The last time four candidates pulled in at least 10 percent of the vote in any state was 1912, when Democrat Woodrow Wilson, Republican William H. Taft, Progressive Theodore Roosevelt and Socialist Party

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candidate Eugene Debs did so in Nevada, Washington, Montana, Arizona and Idaho.

Scott Woolston, a Mormon father of seven and a Republican, is among those considering McMullin, saying the recording reaffirmed his suspicions that Trump's personal morality and core values are lacking.

"I've looked at what's-his-name, Evan McMullin. He has some things I really like, but there's a couple of issues I disagree with him on," said Woolston, 35, a mechanical engineer. "But on most things, we overlap fairly well."

After the release of the recording on Friday, Utah leaders led a national charge to drop support for Trump, with Gov. Gary Herbert rescinding his support. Calls followed from Sen. Mike Lee, Reps. Jason Chaffetz, Chris Stewart and Mia Love, and former Gov. Jon Huntsman for Trump to abandon his campaign.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints declined to get involved, but the church-owned Deseret News newspaper published a scathing editorial Saturday calling for Trump to step aside, saying, "What oozes from this audio is evil." The newspaper hadn't weighed in on a presidential campaign in 80 years.

The state's disdain for Trump has been on display throughout the election cycle, highlighted by Utah's caucuses in March, when Trump earned only 14 percent of the votes. Helping to fuel that is Utah's favorite politician, Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican presidential nominee and a leading critic of Trump.

Clinton's running mate, Tim Kaine, told an ABC affiliate in Salt Lake City on Thursday that the campaign is adjusting its strategy for Utah since the state could now be in play. He wouldn't say if he or Clinton will come to Utah before the election but said the campaign is reassessing travel plans.

Yet despite pervasive anti-Trump sentiment and interest in McMullin, the fact remains that no Democratic presidential candidate has won in Utah since 1964. Republicans outnumber Democrats four-to-one among the state's 1.3 million active voters, and the last four Republican presidential nominees have won the state by an average of 41 percentage points.

Not all of Utah's Republican leaders have abandoned Trump. The chairman of Utah's Republican Party, James Evans, said in a statement this week that Trump's crude comments in the 2005 video were made "when he was in the environment of Hollywood and the political left."

Jason Perry, director of the University of Utah's Hinckley Institute of Politics, said it's a long shot for Clinton or McMullin to carry the state because many are likely to vote for Trump since there are core issues bigger than Trump.

Mike Taylor, 63, fits that description. "I may just plug my nose and vote for Trump, but frankly, that's going to be a really tough thing to do," Taylor said.

Lashing back, Trump calls accusers 'horrible horrible liars'

By STEVE PEOPLES and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Lashing back, Donald Trump heatedly rejected the growing list of sexual assault allegations against him as "pure fiction" on Thursday, hammering his female accusers as "horrible, horrible liars" as the already-nasty presidential campaign sank further into charges of attacks on women.

Campaign foe Hillary Clinton said "the disturbing stories just keep on coming" about her Republican opponent, but she let first lady Michelle Obama's passionate response carry the day. Obama, in battleground New Hampshire, warned that the New York billionaire's behavior "is not something we can ignore."

After years of working to end "this kind of violence and abuse and disrespect ... we're hearing these exact same things on the campaign trail. We are drowning in it," Obama declared, her voice cracking with emotion. "We can't expose our children to this any longer, not for another minute, let alone for four years."

With Election Day less than four weeks away, Republican Trump was again forced to defend himself against allegations of sexual misconduct, five days after a video surfaced in which he bragged about kissing and groping women without their permission.

Similar behavior was detailed by women who accused Trump in articles published late Wednesday by The New York Times and the Palm Beach Post. Separately, a People Magazine reporter offered a first-person account accusing Trump of attacking her while she was in Florida to interview him and his pregnant wife.

Ever defiant, the New York billionaire denied the allegations and blamed them on Hillary Clinton's cam-

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paigned and the complicit news media as he campaigned in Florida. He promised to sue his media critics and said he was preparing evidence that would discredit his female accusers, whom he called "horrible people. They're horrible, horrible liars."

He went further during an evening appearance in Columbus, Ohio, saying he "never met" some of the women.

"I don't know who they are," he insisted and said they "made up stories."

"These vicious claims about me, of inappropriate conduct with women, are totally and absolutely false. And the Clintons know it," he said earlier. He offered no evidence discrediting the new reports except to ask why his accusers had waited years and then made their allegations less than a month before the election.

His comments came soon after he called a reporter "a sleazebag" for asking whether Trump had ever touched or groped a woman without her consent.

Trump's attacks on his accusers' credibility marked an awkward break from campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, who earlier in the week highlighted a Clinton tweet that said "every survivor of sexual assault deserves to be heard, believed, and supported."

Conway hoped to encourage more women to come forward with allegations against Bill Clinton, building on the campaign's Sunday decision to bring three of the former president's accusers to the second presidential debate.

"His campaign is promising more scorched-earth attacks. Now that's up to him," Clinton said during a San Francisco fundraiser. "He can run his campaign however he chooses. And frankly, I don't care if he goes after me."

Trump running mate Mike Pence ditched the national reporters who pay to travel with his campaign in Pennsylvania. The Indiana governor's Twitter account showed him meeting with faith leaders and stopping at a restaurant — after a Pence spokesman said the vice presidential nominee was attending closed-door fundraisers.

Republican leaders across the country said they were deeply troubled by the allegations against Trump, but there was no evidence of new defections. Over the weekend, dozens of Republican senators and congressmen vowed they would not vote for him, with many calling on him to step aside.

Some recanted after an aggressive weekend debate performance. And in what he called an increasingly "muddy" election, Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson raised complaints about Hillary Clinton Thursday but wondered aloud what could change voters' minds at this point.

"Is there a deal-breaker out there? How many emails have to be destroyed? How many investigations have to be concluded with question marks? How many comments have to come out from one campaign in reference to religious institutions that raises concerns?"

More Trump accusers may be coming forward, according to attorney Gloria Allred, who said women have contacted her office in recent days.

"The dam has broken, and more women will be coming forward," she said.

The stories about Trump and his countercharges against Clinton's husband have plunged an already rancorous campaign to new lows. They also have distracted attention from the release of thousands of hacked emails from Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta that included some potentially damaging information.

A new batch indicated on Thursday that her 2008 presidential campaign had tried to move the Illinois Democratic primary to a later date, believing it might help her. The emails are being parceled out by WikiLeaks.

For Trump, the cumulative effect of recent revelations and allegations about his personal life 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 has virtually disappeared unless there's a significant shake-up before Nov. 8

He promised Thursday to focus on issues in the final weeks, even as his campaign crafted plans to highlight decades-old accusations against Bill Clinton.

Trump confidant and informal adviser Roger Stone has long encouraged him to make Bill Clinton's alleged assaults a centerpiece of the campaign. Steve Bannon, the campaign's chief executive, until recently ran a conservative website that eagerly promotes conspiracy theories about the Clintons.

Back in New Hampshire, Michelle Obama said, "Enough is enough."

If Americans let Trump win the election "we are telling our sons it's OK to humiliate women. We are telling our daughters this is the way they deserve to be treated. We are telling all of our kids that bigotry and bullying is perfectly acceptable."

Peoples reported from Washington. AP writer Michael Casey in Manchester, New Hampshire, Brian Slo-dysko in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Ken Thomas in San Francisco and Jack Gillum in Washington contributed to this report.

Many Hurricane Matthew victims don't have flood insurance

By **KELLI KENNEDY and RUSS BYNUM, Associated Press**

POOLER, Ga. (AP) — Waist-deep floodwaters from Hurricane Matthew coursed down the street and seeped under Lori Galemore's doors, swamping the carpets and furniture as she and her three sons retreated upstairs, where they stayed until firefighters arrived by boat.

Galemore and her neighbors in Pooler, a community about 35 miles inland from the evacuated Georgia coast, were deluged not by seawater driven ashore by the hurricane, but by rain and runoff that overwhelmed a drainage ditch at the end of their cul-de-sac.

"Everybody said, 'You're not in a flood plain. You don't need flood insurance,'" Galemore recalled Wednesday as her husband and sons threw out soggy furniture, waterlogged books, towels and blankets and wet chunks of drywall. "And flood insurance is expensive. Who wants to pay that?"

Galemore's story is all too common. Many Americans don't have flood insurance, some because they don't want to pay for it, some because they don't see the need for it.

As of August, only 19 percent of homeowners in Florida had flood insurance, 2 percent in Georgia, 9 percent in South Carolina and 5 percent in North Carolina, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Even in high-risk flood zones, the rate in those states ranged from just 25 percent to 65 percent.

Industry officials say it is a troubling situation, especially since the risk of flooding appears to be on the rise.

"We seem to be having more and more flooding events, be it climate change or other things. We're seeing areas that are experiencing flooding events that may not have experienced them in the past," said Cynthia DiVincenti, a vice president at Aon National Flood Services.

Ordinary homeowner insurance typically covers wind damage — torn-off roofs, fallen trees — but not flooding. While homeowners in the high-risk zones must get flood insurance if they have a federally backed mortgage, lots of flooding takes place outside those designated hazard areas.

That was the case when heavy storms flooded parts of South Carolina last year and an unnamed storm recently inundated the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, area. The damage in Baton Rouge was put at \$660 million, and most people there had no flood insurance.

"Flooding is the most common and costly disaster we see in the United States," said FEMA spokesman Rafael Lemaitre. Flood claims have averaged more than \$1.9 billion per year since 2006, according to federal officials.

Flood insurance in low- to moderate-risk areas averages \$400 to \$600 a year, according to FEMA. FEMA, through the National Flood Insurance Program, offers flood insurance because it's generally not profitable for private insurers to sell it.

Matthew sideswiped Florida and Georgia last week before blowing ashore briefly in South Carolina and unloading more than a foot of rain on North Carolina, where it triggered disastrous flooding. The U.S. death toll is well over 30.

Walter Coker's fish camp on the Matanzas River in Crescent Beach, Florida, was inundated. The 4-foot

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surge destroyed a warehouse on the property where he stores furniture imported from Indonesia. The boat slips he rents out were torn apart, with the huge wooden pilings used to hold the docks jerked out of the river bottom. Floodwaters inundated his bait and tackle shop, ruining the coolers that hold bait and beer.

Coker didn't have flood insurance.

"I did look into it. It would've been very expensive," he said. "It's one of those things you don't buy it on something you don't think will happen."

The floodwaters were waist-high inside Kathy Finger's elegant two-story brick home with crystal chandeliers in Nichols, South Carolina. Now she is unsure how to proceed without flood insurance.

"I wouldn't imagine that hardly anyone had it," the 67-year-old said of her town near the Lumber River. The river had never overflowed before, and no one had any reason to fear it would, she said.

Homeowners without flood insurance may qualify for federal grants for shelter and food, but those are typically small sums and aren't meant to replace all losses. Homeowners can also apply for low-interest disaster loans, which must be repaid.

Paul Mueller estimated his Pooler home has up to \$80,000 worth of damage from the foot of water in his house. Like his neighbors, Mueller doesn't have flood insurance either.

"We're all in the same boat here," he said. "If we had trees to come down on our houses, we'd have been covered. That's the sad truth."

Kennedy reported from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Associated Press writers Jason Dearen in Crescent Beach, Florida, and Meg Kinnard in Nichols, South Carolina, also contributed to this story.

Peace is top priority for next UN chief Antonio Guterres

By EDITH M. LEDERER, Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Antonio Guterres pledged Thursday to make the pursuit of peace in a conflict-torn world his "over-arching priority" after being elected the next secretary-general of the United Nations.

The former Portuguese prime minister and U.N. refugee chief told the 193 members of the U.N. General Assembly who elected him by acclamation that the United Nations has "the moral duty and the universal right" to ensure peace — and he will be promoting a new "diplomacy for peace" advocating dialogue to settle disputes.

Guterres said he will do his best before taking the reins of the U.N. from Ban Ki-moon on Jan. 1 to prepare "to act as a convener, an honest broker, someone trying to bring people together" in conflicts and crises from Syria and Yemen to South Sudan.

"It's high time to fight for peace," he said, and make people understand that whatever divisions exist it's more important to unite and end the suffering because of the risks for countries in conflict and the international community.

Guterres, who will become the ninth U.N. chief in the world body's 71-year history, said he is not only fully aware of the challenges the United Nations faces but the limitations surrounding the secretary-general.

"The dramatic problems of today's complex world can only inspire a humble approach, one in which the secretary-general alone neither has all the answers nor seeks to impose his views, one in which the secretary-general makes his good offices available ... to help find solutions that benefit everyone involved."

It was Guterres' strong performance answering questions before the General Assembly, and his executive experience as prime minister and as the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees from 2005-2015 that propelled him to first place among the 13 candidates vying for the job in the informal polls in the Security Council. After last week's sixth poll, the council nominated him by acclamation.

At Thursday's meeting, General Assembly President Peter Thompson introduced the resolution to elect Guterres, said members wanted it adopted by acclamation, and banged his gavel in approval as diplomats broke into applause.

Guterres "embodies the highest standards of competence, integrity and leadership," Thompson said.

Secretary-General Ban, recalling Guterres' decade as the U.N.'s refugee chief, told the assembly that he is "best known where it counts most, on the front lines of armed conflict and humanitarian suffering."

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Ban noted that Guterres' election was 10 years to the day after his own election in 2006, calling the ceremony "poignant for me." But he told Guterres: "the people of the world are all looking forward to your tenure with confidence and excitement."

Ambassador Samantha Power, speaking on behalf of the United States as the host country of the United Nations, called Guterres "supremely qualified," saying he will use the office to be "an independent force to prevent conflict and alleviate human suffering."

She said the world's nations are challenging the United Nations and the secretary-general to do more than they have ever done before.

For the U.N. to succeed, Power said, nation are asking Guterres to serve as a peacemaker, a reformer to streamline the U.N. bureaucracy, and an advocate rallying the world "to respond to humanitarian and man-made catastrophes, and defending the human rights of all people."

Power stressed the importance of U.N. unity in selecting Guterres, especially in the often divided Security Council — a view echoed by Guterres who expressed hope that this unity can be channeled to take decisions to bring peace.

He said that in a world which is more and more multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious, "diversity can bring us together not drive us apart."

But Guterres said: "We must make sure that we are able to break this alliance between all those terrorist groups, or violent extremists on one side, and the expressions of populism and xenophobia on the other side. These two reinforce each other, and we must be able to fight both of them with determination."

News Guide: Trump faces fresh accusations from women

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Potentially damaging new allegations have hit Donald Trump, pushing his treatment of women to the forefront of his presidential bid. In the past 24 hours, women have come forward telling stories of sexual assault, groping and unwanted advances. Trump and his campaign strongly deny the accusations.

The stories come from women across the country of various ages and backgrounds. One alleged incident goes back three decades, the most recent 11 years ago. Some have been told previously, but others are new.

Three of the women have said they were moved to come forward after listening to Trump boast about such behavior in a 2005 video, and then watching him, at last week's debate, dismiss his comments as "locker room talk."

In the "Access Hollywood" footage, first reported by The Washington Post, Trump bragged of groping women without their permission, making sexual advances toward a married woman and automatically kissing women he considered beautiful.

"When you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything," Trump said. "Grab them by the p----. You can do anything."

Asked if he had done the things he bragged about in that video, Trump said in Sunday night's debate, "No, I have not."

Here's a look at the various allegations of sexual misconduct and inappropriate comments lodged against the Republican nominee:

PROMPTED TO GO PUBLIC BY HIS DENIAL

— Jessica Leeds, 74, of New York, told The New York Times that Trump groped her on an airplane more than three decades ago. Leeds says the two were seated next to each other in the first-class cabin when Trump quickly lifted the armrest separating them and began to touch her, grabbing her breasts and trying to put his hand up her skirt.

Leeds called the incident an "assault." The newspaper confirmed she had recently told four people close to her about the encounter. A Trump spokesman called the story "fiction."

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— Rachel Crooks of Ohio, says Trump kissed her without invitation in 2006 when she was a 22-year-old receptionist for a real estate firm located at Trump Tower. Crooks told the Times she was meeting Trump for the first time when he took her hand to shake it and would not let go.

He then began kissing her cheeks and then kissed her on the mouth, she told the paper. 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. Trump denied the incident occurred.

— Mindy McGillivray, 36, of Palm Springs, Florida, says Trump groped her after she attended a Ray Charles concert at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in 2003. McGillivray told The Palm Beach Post she was standing with a group of people after the show and Trump came up behind her and grabbed her bottom.

She did not report the encounter to authorities at the time, but shared the story with close friends and family, she said. A man who had accompanied her to Mar-a-Lago that day, Ken Davidoff, told the newspaper he remembers McGillivray telling him Trump had groped her.

— Natasha Stoyneff, a reporter for People magazine, says Trump forced himself on her in 2005, when she was interviewing him for a feature on the one-year anniversary of his marriage to Melania Trump. In an account published on magazine's website, Stoyneff says that Trump was giving her a tour of his Mar-a-Lago mansion when he said he wanted to show her a special room. He shut the door "and within seconds, he was pushing me against the wall, and forcing his tongue down my throat."

Stoyneff told a colleague about the incident but wrote the anniversary story as assigned. Trump tweeted: "Why didn't the writer of the 12-year-old article in People Magazine mention the 'incident' in her story. Because it did not happen!"

NEW ATTENTION FOR OLD ALLEGATIONS

Temple Taggart, a former Miss Utah, says Trump kissed her on the mouth more than once when she was a 21-year-old contestant in his Miss USA beauty pageant. Taggart told her story in The New York Times in May and spoke to the paper again this week.

She said she was struck by how Trump's comments on the "Access Hollywood" video mirrored her experience. "I just start kissing them," Mr. Trump said. "It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait." Trump denied Taggart's story, saying "None of this ever took place."

Trump also stands accused of repeatedly walking in on the contestants in his beauty pageants while they were naked.

"He just came strolling right in. There was no second to put a robe on or any sort of clothing or anything," former Miss Arizona 2001 Tasha Dixon told CBS on Tuesday, a recollection shared by Bridget Sullivan, who was Miss New Hampshire in 2000.

Trump has acknowledged that behavior.

"I'm allowed to go in, because I'm the owner of the pageant and therefore I'm inspecting it," he told radio host Howard Stern, according to a transcript. "You know, they're standing there with no clothes. 'Is everybody OK?' And you see these incredible looking women, and so I sort of get away with things like that."

Jill Harth, a former business associate, says Trump put his hands under her skirt during a business dinner in 1992 and, on another occasion, tried to force himself on her, according to a recent interview with the Times. Harth sued Trump accusing him of sexual harassment in 1997. She dropped the lawsuit Trump after he settled a separate breach of contract suit. Trump has denied Harth's allegations.

PATTERN OF INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS

More than 20 former crew members, editors and contestants on Trump's "Apprentice" reality show described a pattern of crass behavior and demeaning comments on the set. Trump repeatedly addressed women with sexist language, rated female contestants by the size of their breasts and talked about which ones he'd like to have sex with, a href="https://www.apnews.com/2778a6ab72ea49558445337865289508/AP:-'Apprentice'-cast-and-crew-say-Trump-was-lewd-and-sexist"the people told The Associated Press/a.

Eight former crew members recalled that he repeatedly made lewd comments about a camerawoman

he said had a nice rear, comparing her beauty to that of his daughter, Ivanka. The Trump campaign issued a broad denial.

In newly surfaced footage from a 1992 "Entertainment Tonight" Christmas special, Trump can be heard noting his preference for much younger women. Trump, then 46, looks at a group of girls, asks one if she's going up the escalator and then says: "I am going to be dating her in 10 years. Can you believe it?"

Associated Press Writers Chad Day and Jeff Horwitz in Washington contributed to this report.

Email: Clinton campaign tried to move back Illinois primary

By MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton's campaign tried to move the Illinois presidential primary to a later date, saying a contest held after the Super Tuesday primaries might stop momentum for a moderate Republican candidate and emphasizing that Clinton and her husband "won't forget" a political favor, emails made public on Thursday show.

A November 2014 email hacked from the accounts of Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta was among nearly 2,000 new emails published by the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks. The email, from Clinton's future campaign manager Robby Mook to Podesta, said Obama administration officials should use their connections in the president's home state to try to push back the March 15 Illinois primary by at least a month.

"The overall goal is to move the IL primary out of mid-March, where they are currently a lifeline to a moderate Republican candidate after the mostly southern Super Tuesday," Mook wrote. "IL was a key early win for (GOP presidential candidate Mitt) Romney" in 2012.

While the request would come from Obama, the president and former Illinois senator, "the key point is that this is not an Obama ask, but a Hillary ask," Mook said.

"The Clintons won't forget what their friends have done for them," he added. Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, famously gave special attention to allies considered "friends of Bill."

Clinton's campaign said the FBI was investigating who hacked Podesta's email. Vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine told ABC's "The View" Thursday that the FBI and director of national intelligence have said "the Russian government is behind" the hack, adding that "anybody that would hack to try to destabilize an election, you can't automatically assume that everything in all of these documents are even real."

Questions were raised on social media about the speed with which Russia Today, a news site funded by the Russian government, tweeted about Podesta's e-mails, the latest in a series of hacked emails published by WikiLeaks. The group said the e-mails were visible on its website "well before" it started tweeting them.

RT dismissed the questions as conspiracy theories. "We were fastest on #Podestaemails6, faster than @wikileaks, and the US conspiracy machine can't handle it," the network said in a tweet.

On the Illinois issue, Mook suggested that Bill Daley, a former White House chief of staff and longtime Illinois power broker, should reach out to Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan to make the request.

Mook made it clear it would be a tough sell because Madigan and other Illinois Democrats "feel forgotten and neglected by POTUS," a reference to Obama.

Daley, whose father and brother were both Chicago mayors, told The Associated Press that he called Madigan as requested, but warned Clinton's team that moving the primary was unlikely because of a short time-frame.

"I made the call and talked to Mike and he listened and understood the reasoning," Daley said. "But my own judgment was the likelihood that either side would want a primary later in the legislative session was going to be slim to none."

The Illinois legislature moved up the 2008 primary to benefit its favorite son, then-Sen. Barack Obama, in his bid for the White House. The primary was held in early February that year to give Illinois more influence, but then moved back to its traditional date in mid-March.

This year the primary was held as scheduled on March 15. Clinton won the Democratic primary, while Donald Trump won the Republican contest.

Associated Press writers Mary Clare Jalonick and Maria Danilova in Washington and John O'Connor in Springfield, Illinois contributed to this report.

Galaxy count may now top 2 trillion across universe

By **MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thought the universe was crowded with 100 billion to 200 billion galaxies? Try 1 trillion or even 2 trillion galaxies and more.

That's the latest census, reported Thursday.

An astrophysics professor at the University of Nottingham in England led the international team that came up with the mind-boggling estimate of 2 trillion galaxies in the universe. Professor Christopher Conselice said that represents a minimum tenfold increase.

In a phone interview, Conselice said he was surprised by the results. He anticipated two or three times more galaxies, perhaps, but "10 is quite high" and it could prove to be even greater.

The scientists based their galaxy head count on deep-space surveys already conducted by the Hubble Space Telescope and ground observatories. They turned the images into 3-D and used new mathematical models for the update.

"It boggles the mind that over 90 percent of the galaxies in the universe have yet to be studied," Conselice said in a statement. "Who knows what interesting properties we will find when we discover these galaxies with future generations of telescopes?"

Even scientists have trouble wrapping their minds around such huge numbers. According to Conselice, 2 trillion is roughly equivalent to the number of seconds in 1,000 average lifetimes.

The findings are being reported in *Astrophysical Journal*.

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Syria activists say more than 65 killed in 3 days in Aleppo

By **BASSEM MROUE and QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA, Associated Press**

BEIRUT (AP) — Overnight shelling and over a dozen airstrikes on rebel-held parts of the Syrian city of Aleppo killed at least 11 people, bringing the death toll over the last three days in the embattled city to at least 65, activists said Thursday.

Meanwhile, rebel shelling of government-held areas in the divided city 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.

Aleppo's unabating violence has given additional urgency to the upcoming meeting between Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on efforts to find a peace deal in Syria in Switzerland on Saturday. It will be the first face-to-face contact between the two men since Washington broke off bilateral diplomatic contact with Moscow on Syria over the violence in Aleppo earlier this month.

In other developments in Syria's multi-layered conflict, two Iraqi militia commanders said Thursday they have started withdrawing some of their elite forces from Syria, where they are fighting on the side of President Bashar Assad's government, to Iraq in preparation for the battle to retake the city of Mosul from the Islamic State group.

The battle for Mosul is expected to be the most complex yet for Iraqi forces, backed by U.S.-led coalition air-power. Since Mosul first fell to IS in June 2014, the extremists have been pushed from more than half of the territory they once held in Iraq, according to figures released by Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's office.

Iraqi Shiite militias are not expected to take part in the operation, although they are likely to be part of the offensive to capture areas nearby such as the town of Tal Afar, which used to have a large Shiite

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population.

The two commanders, from Iraq's powerful Asaib Ahl Haq and Kataib Hezbollah militias, said more than 2,000 of their fighters have been withdrawn from Syria, mostly from in and around Aleppo, for redeployment near Mosul and the IS stronghold of Hawija. The two spoke to The Associated Press in Baghdad on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss military tactics.

But two Syrian opposition activists — Rami Abdurrahman of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Turkey-based Ahmad al-Ahmad — said they were unaware of the withdrawal, adding that Iraqi Shiite militias have recently sent reinforcements to Syrian government forces in the Aleppo area.

Earlier this month, an official with the Iraqi Shiite al-Nujaba militia said it sent some 4,000 fighters to Syria, also to the Aleppo area. The two Iraqi commanders said the al-Nujaba militiamen were not part of the pullout. The militia's leader, Sheikh Akram al-Kaabi, recently visited his fighters on Aleppo's front lines, vowing to continue to fight Sunni extremists.

According to the Observatory, over 20 airstrikes overnight and into Thursday in eastern Aleppo killed seven people while shelling killed four. The activist group also said that clashes were taking place between government forces and rebels on the city's northern edge. The Halab Today TV channel reported "intense" airstrikes on rebel-held parts of Aleppo, adding that cluster bombs were being dropped.

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

Syrian state media said two girls were killed and five were wounded in rebel shelling that hit a school in Aleppo's western government-held neighborhood of Suleimaniyah.

The Observatory said on 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 of Damascus, rebel fighters and civilians agreed to leave the suburbs of Qudsaya and Hammah as part of an arrangement to allow the government to retake control of the two areas. On Thursday evening, government buses set off from the suburbs with the 1,297 people, including women and children, to the rebel-held northwestern province of Idlib, the Observatory and state news agency SANA reported.

The pro-government newspaper Al-Watan reported earlier in the day the government would grant partial amnesty to some 300 remaining fighters as part of the deal.

In August, a similar deal saw the complete evacuation of the Daraya suburb — which a U.N. aid official compared to "forced displacement." Under-Secretary-General Stephen O'Brien warned at the time that the arrangement could not be a precedent for other areas.

In Geneva, Ramzy Ramzy, the top deputy to U.N. envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura, said al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria — the Fatah al-Sham Front, previously known as the Nusra Front — rejected a recent offer to withdraw from the city of Aleppo under de Mistura's personal escort.

"Not surprisingly, (they gave a) negative response," Ramzy said.

Also Thursday, the Russian military denied its warplanes targeted Aleppo's residential areas, saying they have only struck militant facilities outside Syria's largest city.

Lt. Gen. Sergei Rudskoi said Russian airstrikes follow a thorough analysis of data gathered by satellites, drones and agents on the ground to identify militant targets and insisted that facilities located close to residential areas, schools, hospitals, street markets and mosques are never targeted.

Russia's air raids in support of Syrian army's offensive on Aleppo have drawn international outrage, and both the U.S. and France called for investigating Russia for possible war crimes in Syria. Moscow has rejected the accusations as unfounded.

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Gourmet ganja? Marijuana dining is growing up, slowly

By KRISTEN WYATT, Associated Press

LYONS, Colo. (AP) — How to set a tone of woodsy chic at a four-course candlelight dinner served under the stars in the Colorado foothills:

Live musicians and flowers, check.

Award-winning cuisine, check.

Beer and wine pairings with each course, check.

Marijuana pairings? Oh, yes.

The 100 diners at this \$200-a-plate dinner smoked a citrus-smelling marijuana strain to go with a fall salad with apples, dates and bacon, followed by a darker, sweeter strain of pot to accompany a main course of slow-roasted pork shoulder in a mole sauce with charred root vegetables and rice.

And with dessert? Marijuana-infused chocolate, of course, grated over salted caramel ice cream and paired with coffee infused with non-intoxicating hemp oil.

The diners received small glass pieces and lighters to smoke the pairings, or they could have their marijuana rolled into joints by professional rollers set up next to a bartender pouring wine.

Welcome to fine dining in Weed Country.

The marijuana industry is trying to move away from its pizza-and-Doritos roots as folks explore how to safely serve marijuana and food. Chefs are working with marijuana growers to chart the still-very-unscientific world of pairing food and weed. And a proliferation of mass-market cheap pot is driving professional growers to develop distinctive flavors and aromas to distinguish themselves in a crowded market.

"We talk with the (marijuana) grower to understand what traits they saw in the marijuana ... whether it's earthy notes, citrus notes, herbal notes, things that we could play off," said Corey Buck, head of catering for Blackbelly Restaurant, a top-rated farm-to-table restaurant that provided the meal.

The grower of one of the pot strains served at the dinner, Alex Perry, said it won't be long until marijuana's flavors and effects are parsed as intently as wine profiles. But that's in the future, he conceded.

"It's still looked down upon as a not-very-sophisticated thing," said Perry, who grew a strain called Black Cherry Soda for his company, Headquarters Cannabis.

Holding his nose to a small jar of marijuana, Perry said, "If I asked my mom or my dad what they smell, they're going to say, 'skunk,' or, 'It smells like marijuana.' But it's like wine or anything else. There's more flavor profile there."

But chefs and pot growers trying to explore fine dining with weed face a legal gauntlet to make pot dinners a reality, even where the drug is as legal as beer.

Colorado's marijuana retailers can't also sell food, so guests at this dinner had to buy a separate \$25 "goodie bag" from a dispensary for the pot pairings.

The bags came with tiny graters for diners to shave the pot chocolate onto their ice cream themselves; the wait staff could not legally serve a dish containing pot, even though the event was private and limited to people over 21. Diners were shuttled to and from the event by private bus, to avoid potentially stoned drivers leaving the dinner.

Marijuana dining may become more accessible in coming months, though.

Denver voters this fall will consider a proposal to allow marijuana use at some bars and restaurants as long as the drug isn't smoked, with the potential for new outdoor marijuana smoking areas.

And two of the five states considering recreational marijuana in November — California and Maine — would allow some "social use" of the drug, leaving the potential for pot clubs or cafes.

Currently, Alaska is the only legal weed state that allows on-site marijuana use, with "tasting rooms" possible in commercial dispensaries. But that state is still working on rules for how those consumption areas would work.

For now, marijuana dining is limited to folks who hire private chefs to craft infused foods for meals served in their homes, or to special events like this one, limited to adults and set outside to avoid violating smoke-free air laws.

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Guests at the Colorado dinner were admittedly experimenting with pairing weed and food, many giggling as they toked between bites. It became apparent late in the evening that a rich meal doesn't counteract marijuana's effects.

"What was I just saying?" one diner wondered aloud before dessert. "Oh, yeah. About my dog. No, your dog. Somebody's dog."

The man trailed off, not finishing his thought. His neighbor patted him on the back and handed him a fresh spoon for the ice cream.

Diners seemed genuinely curious about how to properly pair marijuana and food without getting too intoxicated.

"I am not a savant with this," said Tamara Haddad of Lyons, who was waiting to have one of her pot samples professionally rolled into a joint. "I enjoy (marijuana) occasionally. I enjoy it with friends. I'm learning more about it."

She laughed when asked whether marijuana can really move beyond its association with junk-food cravings.

"I have also munched out after being at the bar and drinking martinis and thinking, 'Taco Bell sounds great,'" she said.

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Thailand's revered king dies after 70 years on throne

By DENIS D. GRAY, Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — In an age when most of the world's blue bloods cut ribbons and meekly approved whatever their governments proposed, the 70-year reign of Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej stood out in sharp relief, perhaps a throwback to a long-vanished past.

Enjoying an almost god-like status, Bhumibol wielded real political power and inspired mass popularity as the world's longest-reigning monarch.

Despite being held in great reverence, the king waded through rice paddies and trudged up hillsides to improve life for Thailand's have-nots. He could squat humbly with lowland farmers and opium-growing hill tribesmen to talk about crops, irrigation and even their marital problems.

Bhumibol guided his country through political upheaval and wrenching social and economic change, and yet, in his final years, more Thais questioned the need for a powerful monarchy in the 21st century. Some critics believed its dependence on the king hindered democratic development. In any case, it is almost certain his successor will not have the same influence.

Thus, when the Royal Palace announced that Bhumibol had died Thursday at the age of 88, there was an instant and immense outpouring of grief.

Tearful mourners holding photos of the king stood outside Bangkok's Siriraj Hospital, chanting prayers and looking up at the building. Since September 2009, he had spent most of his time there, first with a lung infection and then for physical therapy and other ailments.

Born in the United States while his father was studying at Harvard, Bhumibol Adulyadej (pronounced poo-me-pon ah-dun-yaa-det) was widely regarded by generations of Thais as the key stabilizing force in their politically fractious country, and many fear a dangerous vacuum after his passing.

The frail-looking, soft-spoken man in spectacles squelched coups and rebellions three times with just a gesture or a few well-chosen words.

As the nation once known as Siam hurtled from an agrarian society to a modern, industrializing nation of 70 million, he upheld traditional values and spearheaded thousands of projects. He traveled the country to seek solutions for problems of inadequate food, water, health and jobs, aiming to set examples for the government to build on.

"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

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here." He pointed to his neck and shoulders.

Although not extravagant, Bhumibol was the world's wealthiest monarch and one of its richest individuals, with a fortune estimated at about \$30 billion by Forbes magazine.

Criticizing the king in general is dangerous in Thailand because speaking ill of the royal family is a crime punishable by imprisonment.

Even so, the nation teems with sincere signs of affection for Bhumibol. Taxi windows proclaim "Long Live the King," and ubiquitous posters depict him not only as an exalted figure in glimmering robes, but also as an ordinary-looking man.

Courtiers and Thai guests to his palaces approached him on their knees and addressed him using a special royal vocabulary. But his common touch was evident in the countryside, where he rolled up his sleeves in lifelong service of the poor.

In his twilight years, however, his legacy was at least somewhat eroded by political and social divisions that erupted in mass street protests and a 2006 military coup. Suspicions that the palace took sides against the elected prime minister began eroding monarchy-worship, and Thais who would never have dared criticize the king in his heyday began asking whether the monarchy's power had advanced or impeded Thailand's march to full-fledged democracy. In ill health and near-seclusion, the king did not directly participate in the debate.

An uprising in the Muslim-dominated south further frayed the national unity for which Bhumibol worked all his life. Despite the royal family's hands-on efforts to win hearts and minds, the conflict has claimed more than 5,000 lives since early 2004.

Even the forces of nature seemed to conspire against him when the worst flooding in almost six decades hit Thailand's north and central regions in 2011. The king had taken a special interest in water management, researching floods and drought and suggesting solutions.

Disillusioned in recent years with 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."

With Bhumibol's passing, the world's longest reigning monarch is England's Queen Elizabeth II, who ascended in 1952.

Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn will become the new monarch, in accordance with the constitution. He said the government will notify the National Legislative Assembly, or parliament, of the succession.

Prayuth told reporters he had an audience with the prince, hours after Bhumibol's death, and Vajiralongkorn had asked for a delay in proclaiming him king so he could "take some time to mourn, together with the people of Thailand."

Vajiralongkorn does not enjoy his father's stature. He has had to deny rumors of illegal activities; his personal life — married and divorced three times — has been stormy.

Technically, the throne could have passed to one of Vajiralongkorn's sons or to his sister, the popular Princess Sirindhorn. Bhumibol also has two daughters, Chulabhorn and Ubol Ratana.

"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 scorned by monarchists for its frank criticism. The book was banned in Thailand, and a Thai-American man was arrested for allegedly posting translations of parts of it on the internet.

Under the constitution, the king serves as head of state and placed in "a position of revered worship," but real political power rests in the hands of parliament and a prime minister. Bhumibol's clout issued from his own immense popularity and the ability of royalists to implement his wishes.

Bhumibol was born Dec. 5, 1927, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, while his father, Prince Mahidol of Song-

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khla, was studying medicine at Harvard University. Mahidol died less than two years later.

In 1946, Bhumibol's 20-year-old brother, King Ananda Mahidol, was found dead of a gunshot wound to the head in a palace bedroom under circumstances that remain mysterious. Bhumibol, just 18, was named king the same day but returned to Switzerland to continue studying law and political science.

He played a half-dozen musical instruments, jammed with American jazz greats and wrote a song, "Blue Night," that was used in a racy Broadway musical a month after his May 5, 1950, coronation. He raced yachts and expounded in several languages on Buddhist philosophy and dam construction.

Thailand's power brokers initially thought the young king could be easily manipulated. But the various strongmen found more than their match as he set about restoring the prestige of a seven-century-old monarchy whose absolute powers weren't bound by a constitution until 1932.

A week before his coronation, he married Sirikit Kitiyakara, the daughter of an aristocrat and diplomat. She had helped nurse him back to health after a 1948 road accident blinded him in his right eye. Together they bridged East and West, visiting nearly 30 countries early in their reign.

Bhumibol addressed the U.S. Congress when Dwight D. Eisenhower was president and dined with French leader Charles de Gaulle.

Normally in the background, the king stepped forward at crucial moments.

During a pro-democracy uprising in 1973, Bhumibol ordered the gates of the Grand Palace 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, amid 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.

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, in the ponds of his Chitralada Palace in Bangkok. It was the first of more than 4,300 palace-sponsored development projects, with 40 percent related to water resources. Many of the projects, including the initial one, have proved successful, although others have frayed over the years.

The king chained himself to an annual work cycle in the 1970s and '80s, traveling 30,000 kilometers (20,000 miles) through the countryside while still managing to officiate at more than 500 royal, religious and state ceremonies.

He believed national unity would be strengthened and Thailand's then-potent communist insurgents would simply wither in the jungle, while the country would be spared the revolutions spreading through neighboring Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos.

A major achievement was pioneering work in eradicating 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, funding the first project in the world to convince the tribes that there was more money in crops other than opium.

The experts at first were skeptical, but three years later, in 1969, the U.N., the U.S. and other foreign donors formally joined forces and opium production was dramatically slashed. The work has since been studied as a blueprint for other countries.

The weight of royalty and Bhumibol's work for the have-nots won him a following backed up by nightly TV programs that tracked his every move. He also was protected from criticism by harsh lese majeste laws against insulting the royal family. Those laws were rarely used for most of his reign but have been repeatedly invoked in recent years, despite international criticism and allegations they were used for political purposes.

Thailand recently has been plagued by corruption and a city-country poverty gap that came to a head in 2006, in confrontations between then-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and an alliance staging mass protests. Thaksin drew support largely from the rural poor, while many of his fiercest opponents repre-

sented the country's business and bureaucratic elite.

Bhumibol urged the top courts to resolve the crisis. The demonstrators had urged the king to make Thaksin resign. A bloodless military coup followed, and Thaksin, who had been attending the U.N. General Assembly, went into exile. The new military-backed government said the king endorsed the coup after it took place but had not ordered it.

The crisis simmered, with Thaksin's opponents — the so-called "Yellow Shirts" — claiming the mantle of defending the monarchy.

With the country polarized, Queen Sirikit attended the funeral of a Yellow Shirt follower killed in clashes, undermining the axiom that the throne was above politics.

In his final years, Bhumibol retreated increasingly behind palace walls. Some cited poor health and others speculated he was dispirited about the succession and future of the monarchy.

Some of his private conversations at the time reflected a deep concern that Thailand had lost much of the core culture he had sought to embody all his life.

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Cell death deprives German authorities of key source on IS

By DAVID RISING and FRANK JORDANS, Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Relief about the capture of a young Syrian suspected of preparing a bomb attack in Germany this week gave way to frustration after he strangled himself in his jail cell, dashing authorities' hopes of gaining intelligence about the man's alleged links to the Islamic State group.

Jaber Albakr's apparently self-inflicted death late Wednesday has likely deprived authorities of a key source of information about what extremist groups might be planning in Germany, which has so far been spared the kind of mass-casualty attacks seen in neighboring France.

The 22-year-old's suicide with a T-shirt also put a glaring spotlight on law enforcement failures in the eastern state of Saxony, where Albakr had evaded arrest for two days until a trio of fellow Syrians tied him up and turned him in.

"What happened last night demands swift and comprehensive investigation by the justice authorities," Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere, said Thursday. "What's more, it makes the investigation into possible masterminds and other accomplices harder."

Authorities suspected Albakr of planning to use home-made explosives to carry out an attack on one of Berlin's two airports this week. Following his arrest early Monday, officials said they were investigating possible links to IS.

The group already has claimed responsibility for two attacks in Germany in July, in which several people were injured but only the attackers died.

Officials said Thursday that Albakr strangled himself by tying his shirt to a security grate inside his cell at the jail in Saxony's biggest city Leipzig.

Prison chief Rolf Jacob told reporters in the state capital Dresden that a trainee guard had checked on the prisoner at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, and that when she returned for another check at 7:45 p.m. she found Albakr hanging lifeless. Attempts to revive Albakr were unsuccessful, and a doctor declared him dead a half-hour later.

Facing widespread criticism that such a high-profile prisoner was able to kill himself, Saxony state authorities said multiple precautions were taken.

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.

On the other hand, Albakr had refused all food at the prison and accepted only one glass of water, the prison chief said. He also 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," Jacob said.

"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.

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But while Albakr was given pants with no belt and checked on at regular intervals, prison authorities decided against putting him in a special cell for prisoners assessed as an "acute, clearly visible suicide risk."

Albakr's public defender, Dresden attorney Alexander Huebner, told The Associated Press prison authorities should have done more to prevent his client from harming himself.

"I can't understand how they didn't assume there was a suicide risk," he said. "In this case, there should have been total surveillance with someone sitting in front of him."

Huebner said he last spoke to his client for 90 minutes on Tuesday and noted that he was agitated.

Saxony's Justice Minister Sebastian Gemkow acknowledged that, with hindsight, mistakes had been made.

"It should not have happened, even though we did everything we could to prevent it," Gemkow said, dismissing suggestions that he might resign over the lapse.

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 an apartment in the city of Chemnitz where police found hidden explosives and was arrested over the weekend as a co-conspirator.

A spokesman for Germany's attorney general — who handles terrorism-related cases — said prosecutors would continue to investigate the case.

"We have to look at this soberly," Stefan Biehl told The Associated Press. "One always hopes that the accused provide further information. If one of two accused persons falls away then a potential source of information disappears."

"We're simply going to continue with what's left and try to determine the background to this deed," said Biehl.

Albakr was granted asylum after arriving in Germany last year, but had been under surveillance by German domestic intelligence since last month.

He eluded Saxony state police on Saturday as they prepared to raid the Chemnitz apartment where he had been staying. Inside the apartment police found highly volatile explosives and a homemade bomb vest.

He was arrested Monday in Leipzig after one of the three Syrians who tied him up brought a mobile phone photograph of the suspect to local police.

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

Kerstin Sopke in Dresden, Germany, contributed to this report.

'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.

Matthew also brought record flooding to some areas of South Carolina. The National Weather Service

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reports the Little Pee Dee River near Galivants Ferry in Horry County has broken a flood record set almost 90 years ago. The storm closed more than 200 roads in the state. Officials say more roads are being re-opened. And North Carolina officials say they are reopening a long section of the main road on the Outer Banks.

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory said Thursday the number of power outages was down to about 55,000, from a high of nearly 900,000 when the storm hit last week. He said no new deaths have been reported, leaving the state's death toll at 20.

But McCrory said flooding continues to be a major problem in the eastern part of the state.

"The poorest of the poor are the ones that are being hurt the most by the floods," the governor said, citing conditions in Lumberton and smaller communities of Pembroke and St. Pauls.

In Greenville, south of Willow 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 sand-bags 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.

Feds forecast a weak and fleeting La Nina coming next month

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal forecasters see a weak and short-lived La Nina coming, probably next month. The flip side of El Nino changes weather patterns worldwide, often bringing drier weather to the southern parts of the United States, including drought-struck California.

Climate Prediction Center deputy director Mike Halpert forecasts a 70 percent chance that La Nina will arrive next month. Conditions — mostly cooling of the central Pacific — are almost there, but not quite.

Forecasters had long expected this La Nina, but last month conditions reversed and forecasters called their La Nina watch off. Now it's back on.

La Ninas usually mean wetter winters in the northern Rockies, Pacific Northwest and Ohio Valley, as well as Indonesia and the Amazon. And usually it is drier in the western and central Pacific.

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 U.S. strikes targeting 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."

In a sign of the regional nature of the Yemen conflict, the Houthis' ally Iran announced Thursday that it was deploying two warships into the Bab el-Mandeb strait and the Gulf of Aden.

The semi-official Tasnim news agency said the deployment of the Alvand and the Bushehr was part of a regular anti-piracy patrol off Yemen and East Africa. Still, its announcement hours after the American strike appeared aimed at sending a signal to the United States.

Iran says it supports the Houthis, though it denies arming the rebels. The U.S. Navy says it has intercepted shipments of weapons from Iran bound for Yemen.

Meanwhile, Yemen's state news agency Saba— under Houthis' control— quoted an unnamed military official as saying that US accusations that a US destroyer had come under attack from areas under control of Houthis were false. He said, "all these claims are totally untrue and that the popular committees (Houthi militias) have nothing to do with such action."

He added, "such claims are part of the general context of creating false justifications to escalate assaults and cover up the continuous crimes committed by the aggression against the Yemeni people, along with the blockade imposed on it, and after the increasing condemnations to such barbaric and hideous crimes against Yemenis."

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

Sharaf loqman, spokesman for the Yemeni army, called it an "American farce to find a reason to interfere in Yemen directly after failure of the Saudis."

He said that the army never targets ships outside the territorial waters and only those that enter the Yemeni waters come under attack.

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 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

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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."

Col. Walid Zeyad, a top naval official in Hodeida, told the AP that radars were in three different sites: Ras Eissa and Khoukha (both in Hodeida) and al-Makha port, of the western province of Taiz. He said that they were hit early morning around 7 a.m.

The area is a hub of weapons smuggling. The general impression in Yemen was that since the Saudi imposition of a blockade, and the air campaign, all radars were destroyed. When asked Zeyad if these radars are new, he declined to comment.

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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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 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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Samsung Note 7 recall to cost at least \$5.3 billion

By YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Technology Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Samsung Electronics said Friday that the discontinuation of the Galaxy Note 7 would cost the company about \$3 billion during the current and next quarters, bringing the total cost of the recall to at least \$5.3 billion.

The Note 7 discontinuation will cost in the mid-2 trillion won range during the October-December period and another 1 trillion won (\$884 million) during the January-March quarter, the company said in a statement.

Samsung already slashed its third-quarter profit forecast by \$2.6 billion earlier this week, an amount that could wipe out its entire mobile business profit. That did not include the cost of Samsung's first recall, which analysts estimated at 1 trillion won to 2 trillion won.

Samsung has enough cash and other businesses to absorb the shock from the phone recall. It said it expected to generate 5.2 trillion won (\$4.6 billion) in operating income during the third quarter after the recall cost. Analysts said most of the income will be generated by sales of advanced displays and semi-conductors.

Samsung added that it will make significant changes in its quality assurance processes to enhance product safety for consumers. It did not elaborate.

The company said it will expand sales of two other smartphones released in spring, the Galaxy S7 and Galaxy S7 Edge, quashing rumors that it may try to release updated versions of those devices. Samsung usually releases a new iteration of the Galaxy S series in spring, so the company may have to provide a strong incentive to sell the 6-month-old phones, such as lowering their prices.

Due to unexplained fires and overheating problems, more than 2.5 million Galaxy Note 7 smartphones were recalled before the product was discontinued earlier this week just two months after its launch in August.

In the United States, 1.9 million Note 7 phones are subject to the two recalls. Samsung also recalled about 200,000 phones in China and about half a million phones in South Korea.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said there were 96 reports of batteries in Note 7 phones overheating in the country, including 23 new reports since the first recall announcement last month. The company received 13 reports of burns and 47 reports of property damages associated with the phones.

"Consumers should immediately stop using and power down all Galaxy Note 7 devices, including Note 7 devices received as replacements in the previous recall," the agency said.

The botched recall raised questions about Samsung's initial analysis of the Note 7 phone's problems. At first, Samsung said a minor manufacturing error in the batteries for the Note 7 was causing the phones to overheat.

The problem with the replacements is still unclear. Experts say Samsung may have rushed to conclude the Note 7's problem was a battery issue and it may take a long time to find the real cause.

Seeking to retain customers, Samsung is giving an incentive of a \$100 credit to Note 7 owners who

switch to another Samsung phone.

The Note 7 device was one of the most expensive smartphones in the market with all the latest technologies from Samsung, including the ability to unlock the phone by scanning a user's iris. It was sold for between \$850 and \$890.

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Asian shares rise after China inflation beats expectations

By KELVIN CHAN, AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Most Asian stock markets advanced Friday as higher-than-expected Chinese inflation figures countered persisting worries over the world's No. 2 economy. Thailand's benchmark SET index rose 3.5 percent despite the death of its long-reigning king on Thursday.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index edged up 0.1 percent to 16,785.20 and South Korea's Kospi advanced 0.5 percent to 2,025.60. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.6 percent to 23,178.15 but the Shanghai Composite Index in mainland China slipped 0.3 percent to 3,052.38. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 edged 0.1 percent higher to 5,439.40.

CHINA INFLATION: Consumer prices in China rose 1.9 percent last month, higher than the 1.6 percent forecast by analysts in a FactSet survey. The numbers suggest consumer demand is starting to pick up in China, which has been grappling with a prolonged economic downturn. Another gauge of inflation released by China's statistics bureau, the producer price index measuring prices businesses receive for goods and services, rose 0.1 percent, better than the 0.3 percent decline that economists expected. The data countered pessimism a day earlier over worse than expected trade figures.

ANALYST VIEW: "Higher prices for heavy industrial products will provide China's heavily indebted corporations with more top line revenue," said Bill Adams, an economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "With low interest rates keeping debt service costs in check and producer prices rising, the outlook for Chinese industrial profits is improving."

THAI KING: Investors were awaiting the start of trading on Thailand's stock exchange a day after the death of the country's revered king King Bhumibol Adulyadej was announced. Businesses were open Friday and the prime minister said in a televised address that the stock market should remain open to minimize disruptions.

WALL STREET: Major U.S. benchmarks ended lower. The Dow Jones Industrial average dipped 0.2 percent to 18,098.94. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 0.3 percent to 2,132.55. The Nasdaq composite sank 0.5 percent 5,213.33.

ENERGY: Oil prices were mixed. Benchmark U.S. crude oil futures rose 14 cents to \$50.58 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract added 26 cents to settle at \$50.44 a barrel on Thursday. Brent crude, the international standard, slipped 8 cents to \$51.96 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 103.95 yen from 103.64 yen. The euro slipped to \$1.1043 from \$1.1052.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, Oct. 14, the 288th day of 2016. There are 78 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 14, 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.

On this date:

In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas.

In 1912, former President Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the White House as the Progressive ("Bull Moose") candidate, went ahead with a speech in Milwaukee after being shot in the chest by New

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York saloonkeeper John Schrank, declaring, "It takes more than one bullet to kill a bull moose."

In 1926, "Winnie-the-Pooh" by A.A. Milne was first published by Methuen & Co. of London.

In 1939, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the HMS Royal Oak, a British battleship anchored at Scapa Flow in Scotland's Orkney Islands; 833 of the more than 1,200 men aboard were killed.

In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel committed suicide rather than face trial and certain execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

In 1947, Air Force test pilot Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager (YAY'-gur) broke the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1) rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy suggested the idea of a Peace Corps while addressing an audience of students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev was toppled from power; he was succeeded by Leonid Brezhnev as First Secretary and by Alexei Kosygin as Premier.

In 1977, singer Bing Crosby died outside Madrid, Spain, at age 74.

In 1986, Holocaust survivor and human rights advocate Elie Wiesel (EL'-ee vee-ZEHL') was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. The International Olympic Committee decided to separate the years of the Summer and Winter Olympic Games beginning in 1994.

In 1987, a 58-hour drama began in Midland, Texas, as 18-month-old Jessica McClure slid 22 feet down an abandoned well at a private day care center; she was rescued on Oct. 16.

In 1996, Madonna and her boyfriend, Carlos Leon, became parents as the pop star gave birth to a girl, Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon. The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 6,000 for the first time, ending the day at 6,010.00.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to impose punishing sanctions on North Korea for carrying out a nuclear test. The Detroit Tigers swept the American League championship with a 6-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics. A sideline-clearing brawl interrupted the third quarter of Miami's 35-0 victory over Florida International. Gerry (GEH'-ree) Studds, the first openly gay member of Congress, died in Boston at age 69; singer Freddy Fender died in Corpus Christi, Texas, at age 69.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama cast himself as a savior of the U.S. auto industry as he stood in a once-shuttered Michigan assembly plant with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak to boast of a new trade deal and the auto bailout he'd pushed through Congress. The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 7-1 to take a 3-2 lead in the NL championship series. In Tokyo, Japan's Kohei Uchimura (koo-hay oo-chee-mur-uh) gave the home fans what they wanted, becoming the first man to win three titles at the world gymnastics championships.

One year ago: Hundreds of soldiers fanned out in cities across Israel and authorities erected concrete barriers outside some Arab neighborhoods of east Jerusalem in a stepped-up effort to counter a month-long wave of Palestinian violence. The state of Texas executed Licho Escamilla (LEE'-cho es-kuh-MEE'-uh) for the fatal 2001 shooting of Christopher Kevin James, a Dallas police officer who was trying to break up a brawl involving Escamilla.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Roger Moore is 89. Classical pianist Gary Graffman is 88. Movie director Carroll Ballard is 79. Former White House counsel John W. Dean III is 78. Country singer Melba Montgomery is 79. Fashion designer Ralph Lauren is 77. Singer Sir Cliff Richard is 76. Singer-musician Justin Hayward (The Moody Blues) is 70. Actor Harry Anderson is 64. Actor Greg Evigan is 63. TV personality Arleen Sorokin is 61. World Golf Hall of Famer Beth Daniel is 60. Singer-musician Thomas Dolby is 58. Actress Lori Petty is 53. MLB manager Joe Girardi is 52. Actor Steve Coogan is 51. Singer Karyn White is 51. Actor Edward Kerr is 50. Actor Jon Seda is 46. Country musician Doug Virden is 46. Country singer Natalie Maines (The Dixie Chicks) is 42. Actress-singer Shaznay Lewis (All Saints) is 41. Singer Usher is 38. TV personality Stacy Keibler is 37. Actor Ben Whishaw is 36. Actor Jordan Brower is 35. Director Benh Zeitlin is 34. Actress Skyler Shaye is 30. Actor-comedian Jay Pharoah is 29.

Thought for Today: "Ninety-nine percent of failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses." — George Washington Carver, American botanist (1864-1943).