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## Wednesday, Nov. 2

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread

School Breakfast: Egg sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, carrots and dip, fruit.

Jr. REAL Experience at GHS

NCRC Test at GHS

8:30 a.m.: MathCounts at Aberdeen Middle School

## Thursday, Nov. 3

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, peaches, multi-grain dinner roll

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Quesadilla, mixed vegetables, romaine salad, fruit.

6 p.m.: Volleyball region at Sisseton

## Friday, Nov. 4

Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, steamed cabbage, orange sherbet, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Submarines, smiley potatoes, broccoli and dip, fruit.

## Saturday, Nov. 5

Robotics at Eureka

Semifinals of Football Playoffs

## Apts for Rent

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

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Friday 9am - 5pm

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**livestream**

**Thursday at 7:30 p.m.**

**Volleyball Regions**

**Groton Area vs. Webster Area**

**Broadcast sponsored by**

**Blocker Construction ~ Groton Ford  
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**Harry Implement of Ferney  
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## **Volleyball team advances in region play**

The Groton Area Lady Tigers Volleyball team opened region play on Tuesday with a 3-0 win over Tiospa Zina.

In the first game, the game was seven times and there were five lead changes before Groton Area scored eight straight points to take an 18-11 lead. The Tigers went on to win the first game, 25-18. Gia Gengerke had the only ace in the first game.

The close game in the second contest was short lived. After the game was tied twice and there were two lead changes, Groton scored five straight points to take a 7-2 lead. The Tigers went on to win, 25-8. Tayden Glover, Katie Koehler and Audrey Wanner each had an ace serve in the second game.

Groton jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the third game en route to a 25-4 win. Katie Koehler had two more ace serves in the third game.

The Groton game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Blocker Construction, Groton Ford, Hanlon Brothers, Hefty Seed - Justin Hanson, Harry Implement of Ferney, James Valley Seed - Doug Jorgenson, McKiver Collision, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., Producer's Hybrids - John Wheeting and Weber Landscaping. Make sure you tell these sponsors "Thank You" and that you patronize them as well.

Groton Area was 66 of 68 in serving, 86 of 97 in hitting with 39 kills. Audrey Wanner had 13 kills, Gia Gengerke had 12 and Jessica Bjerke and Taylor Holm each had five. In sets, Groton Area was 86 of 86

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with 31 assists. Katie Koehler was 72 of 72 with 25 assists. The Tigers had 27 digs with Audrey Wanner having 10 and Payton Maine six. Groton Area had three blocks with Taylor Holm having a solo and an assist, Gia Gengerke had a solo and Katie Koehler had an assist.

The Tigers will play Webster in the second game on Thursday. The first game will feature Milbank taking on the winner of Sisseton and Roncalli.

The two winners on Thursday will then qualify for the Sweet 16 round set for Nov. 10. This is a new bracket. The 16 remaining teams will be seeded as follows: #1 seed hosting #16 seed, #2 seed hosting #15 seed, #3 seed hosting #14 seed, #4 seed hosting #13 seed, #5 seed hosting #12 seed, #6 seed hosting #11 seed, #7 seed hosting #10 seed and #8 seed hosting #9 seed. The eight winners will then be reseeded for the state tournament set for Nov. 17-19 in Watertown.

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**6 p.m., Saturday  
Football**

**Groton Area hosts Aberdeen Roncalli  
State Championship Semifinal Playoff**

**Broadcast sponsored by**

**Allied Climate Professionals - Kevin Nehls**

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## Region 1A Volleyball Tournament

### #1 Milbank Area

Scores:

Date: Thurs. November 3

Time: 6:00 PM CT

Site: Sisseton

**SWEET 16 QUALIFIER**

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### #4 Aberdeen Roncalli

Scores: **25 25 25**

Date: Tues. November 1

Time: 7:30 PM CT

Site: Sisseton

Scores:

Aberdeen Roncalli

Scores: 12 21 23

### #5 Sisseton

### #3 Webster Area

Scores: **25 25 25**

Date: Tues. November 1

Time: 6:00 PM CT

Site: Sisseton

### Webster Area

Scores:

Scores: 5 18 20

### #6 Britton-Hecla

Date: Thurs. November 3

Time: 7:30 PM CT

Site: Sisseton

**SWEET 16 QUALIFIER**

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### #2 Groton Area

Scores: **25 25 25**

Date: Tues. November 1

Time: 4:30 PM CT

Site: Sisseton

Scores:

Groton Area

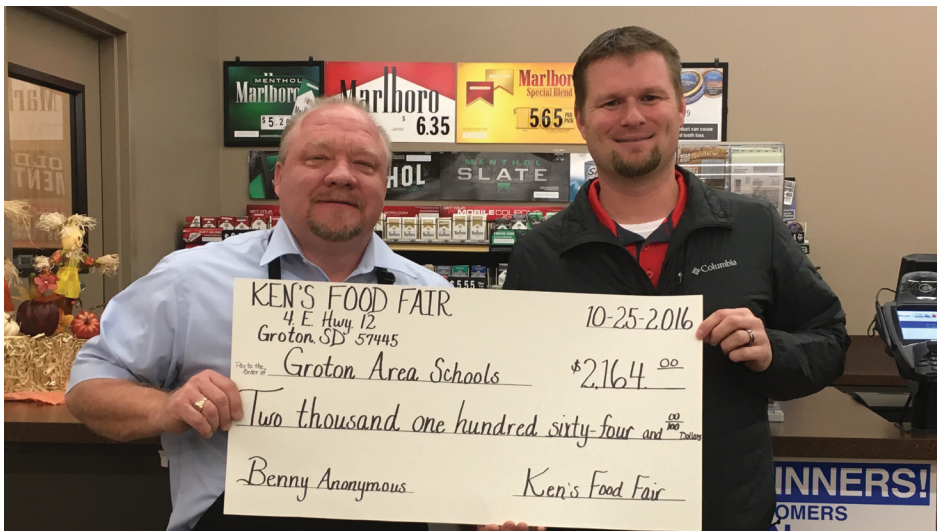
Scores: 18 8 4

### #7 Tiospa Zina

School	Seed Pts.
Milbank Area	43.22
Groton Area	42.27
Webster Area	42.11
Aberdeen Roncalli	41.83
Sisseton	37.46
Britton-Hecla	36.91
Tiospa Zina	36.78

## FCCLA September Meeting

On September 13, 2016, Groton FCCLA chapter met for the September meeting in the FACS Room at 12:30pm. There was an opening ceremony led by Madison Sippel. There was a treasurer's report read by Lexie Harder. New business includes members paying chapter dues, kiss the pig contest, sell tattoos to elementary and high school, and sign up for FCCLA float for homecoming. The FCCLA Officers provided lunch for all FCCLA members. Unfinished business included T-shirts was due the 23rd but was pushed to a different date after meeting was closed. Meeting was closed by President Madison Sippel.



**Lionel Bruemmer, manager of Ken's Food Fair of Groton, presents a check to Groton Area School Elementary Principal Brett Schwan for the Benny Program. The donation is from everyone who donated their dollars during the Dash for Cash promotion that just ended. Bruemmer said, "We greatly appreciate the customers for the donations from the dash for cash."**

**The Benny Program at the elementary School is used to help students who need financial assistance with the school's lunch program.**



**The second drawing winner of the 50" TV was Pat Larson of Groton.**



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## ★ **One Voice** ★ **for Free Enterprise, Gun Rights, and Life**

These candidates support protecting family values, the right to life,  
and earned the endorsement of the National Rifle Association



**Brock  
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**Burt  
TULSON**  
State House  
Thank You



**LANA  
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DISTRICT 2  
FOR HOUSE

**You can early vote now at your county courthouse  
Election day is November 8th at your regular polling place**

### SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

A November 8, 2016	B SOUTH DAKOTA
<p><b>For State Representative District 02</b> you may vote for up to <b>two</b> or leave it blank</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lana Greenfield</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Burton "Burt" Tulson</p> <p><small>Paid for by Greenfield Campaign Committee and Tulson for House</small></p>	<p><b>Instructions to the Voter:</b> To vote for a person <b>FILL IN</b> the oval next to the name. To vote on a ballot question <b>FILL IN</b> the oval next to "yes" or "no". Use only a pencil or pen. If you make a mistake, give the ballot back and get a new one. <b>DO NOT</b> cast more votes than are allowed in each race.</p> <p><b>For State Senator District 02</b> you may vote for <b>one</b> or leave it blank</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brock L. Greenfield</p>



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Groton Post No. 39 American Legion



## Annual



# Turkey Party

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016

Starting at 6:30 p.m.

Groton Legion Post Home, 10 N. Main.

Turkey, Ham and Bacon  
to be given away

**FREE ADMISSION**

**DOOR  
PRIZE!**

Lunch served  
by Auxiliary



## Groton United Methodist Church Fall Dinner

Sunday, November 6, 2016

11 am to 1:30 pm

Roast Beef Dinner

Adults \$10    Children 6 - 10 \$5

Children age 5 and under Free



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## Today in Weather History

November 2, 1961: A snowstorm began in western South Dakota and spread to the remainder of the state on November 2nd, ending late on the 2nd in the extreme east. Snowfall was fairly minimal, with 1 to 3 inches falling over most of the central and eastern parts of the state, but the storm was accompanied by winds of 40 to 50 mph in eastern South Dakota. In addition, temperatures fell rapidly with the passage of a cold front with 24-hour changes of 40 to over 50 degrees. Huron dropped from 73 on the 1st to 21 only 24 hours later, a 52-degree drop.

November 2, 1972: Freezing rain caused up to 2 inches of ice to form on trees, bushes, wires, cars and buildings. Many trees and utility lines were downed. Some of the greatest damage occurred from Tulare to Redfield and Doland and from Troy to Sisseton, in Spink, Brown, Day, Grant and Roberts Counties. Also, heavy snow up to 20 inches fell in south central South Dakota. Some snowfall amounts include; 5.2 inches in Huron; 10 inches in Wessington Springs; 12 inches in Platte; 12.5 in Bonesteel and 19.5 inches in Gregory.

November 2, 1997: A strong low pressure system over the Great Lakes produced winds of 50 to near 60 mph over much of northern and central South Dakota. Half of an unsecured double-wide trailer was overturned by the strong winds in Fort Pierre. In McLaughlin, strong winds damaged a catwalk at the McLaughlin livestock auction. Half of the 400-foot walkway was tipped over by the winds. The high winds, along with six-foot waves, destroyed an 85-year old 40 x 75 foot dance hall located by Medicine Lake, 15 miles northwest of Watertown. In Aberdeen, brick from a top portion of an abandoned building collapsed. There were also widespread reports of tree limbs blown down.

1743: Benjamin Franklin's "eclipse hurricane" unlocked the key to storm movement. Ben Franklin, at Philadelphia, PA was prevented from viewing a lunar eclipse in a northeast rainstorm, but his brother, who was in Boston, saw it, though the rain began an hour later.

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

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

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

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

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








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

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



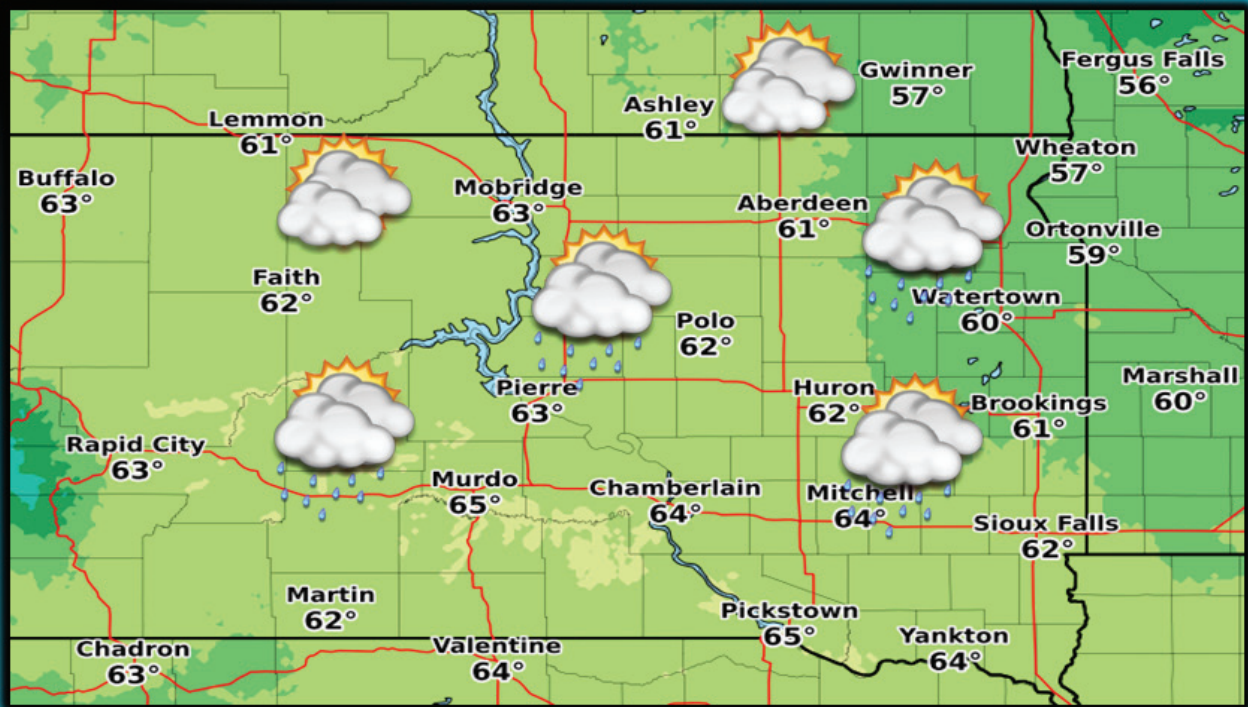
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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
 30%						
Scattered Showers	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 61 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 64 °F

## Light Showers & Sprinkles Today

Much Above Normal Temperatures Thursday & Friday



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 11/2/2016 4:31 AM Central

Published on: 11/02/2016 at 4:34AM

Light showers and sprinkles will move through the area this morning and into the early afternoon, but with little actual moisture. We will see another round of much above normal temperatures for Thursday and Friday.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 57.6 F at 4:05 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 35.7 F at 5:16 AM**

**High Gust: 16.0 Mph at 12:50 PM**

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 77° in 1931**

**Record Low: 0° in 1911**

**Average High: 48°F**

**Average Low: 26°F**

**Average Precip in Nov.: 0.06**

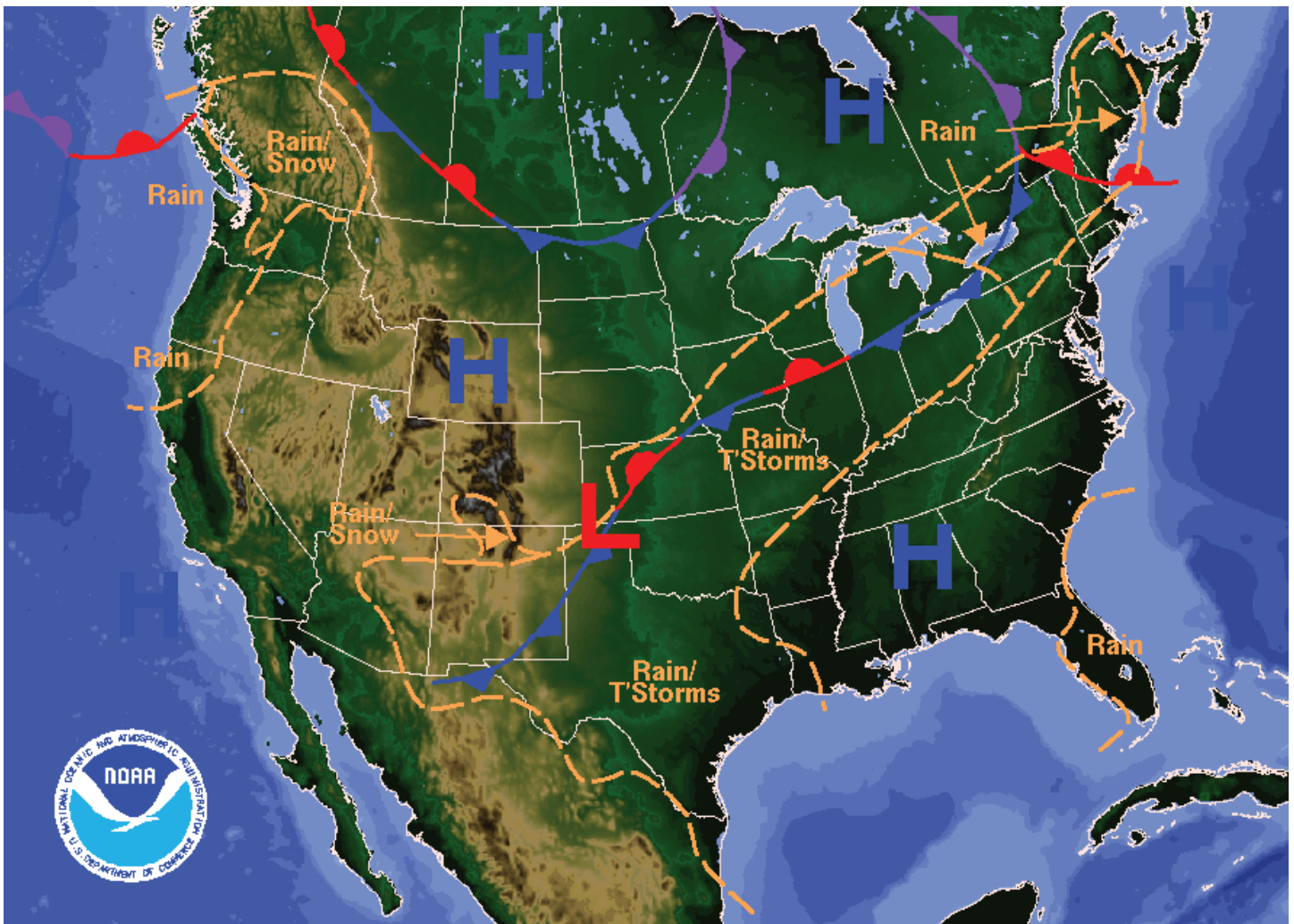
**Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00**

**Average Precip to date: 20.53**

**Precip Year to Date: 15.00**

**Sunset Tonight: 6:18 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:16 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Wed, Nov 02, 2016, issued 4:36 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## EMPTY HANDS

Alexander the Great left an indelible mark on the world. In his early life he was tutored by Aristotle, the great Greek philosopher, which shaped much of his thinking. By the age of thirty he had created one of the largest empires in the ancient world. He was undefeated in battle and to this day is considered to be a military genius and is remembered as one of history's greatest commanders. He established over 30 cities as a result of his conquests and was responsible for spreading the Greek language and culture wherever his victories took him.

When individuals died during that period in history, it was customary for their hands to be wrapped in burial cloth. However, he decided that he would not follow that tradition. He said when he died he wanted people to see that his hands were empty.

"After all, we did not bring any money with us when we came into this world and we can't carry away a single penny."

Paul echoed the same words. He said we brought nothing into the world with us when we came and we will certainly not take anything with us when we leave. He wants us to understand that one day whatever we have will be left behind when we go to meet our Redeemer. The goal of the Christian is to lay up treasures in heaven by investing our lives in building His Kingdom on earth.

Prayer: Lord, it is natural to want the things of this world. They are attractive and appealing. Enable us to see "things" through Your eyes and use them for Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Timothy 6:7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

The logo for Golden Living, featuring the words "golden" in orange and "living" in blue, with a blue and orange swoosh underneath.

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## News from the Associated Press

### **North Dakota officials borrow \$4M, criticize protest cost**

**By JAMES MacPHERSON and BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota leaders have agreed to borrow an additional \$4 million to cover the escalating costs of policing protests at the Dakota Access pipeline and slammed the federal government for not chipping in part of the funding.

The state has now run up a \$10 million line of credit for law enforcement costs after an emergency spending panel headed by Gov. Jack Dalrymple voted Tuesday to borrow the additional funds from the state-owned Bank of North Dakota.

Dalrymple said officials have asked for contributions from the federal government, the pipeline company, an American Indian tribe, "and any entity we can think of." So far, North Dakota and the local governments it backs have shouldered most of the law enforcement expenses — even paying for officers from other states that have assisted North Dakota during the protests.

More than 400 people have been arrested since August at the North Dakota portion of the pipeline, which also crosses through South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois.

American Indians and others who oppose the construction of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners' \$3.8 billion pipeline have set up an encampment on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land without a permit; federal officials have said they won't evict them due to free speech reasons.

Opponents of the pipeline worry about potential effects on drinking water on the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's reservation and farther downstream on the Missouri River, as well as destruction of cultural artifacts, including burial sites.

House Majority Leader Al Carlson called the lack of federal support "very disturbing" but said the state "will always step up for safety."

"I can't tell you how disappointed I am at the lack of support from the Obama administration on an issue that's clearly a federal issue," Carlson said.

The U.S. Justice Department and the pipeline company did not immediately respond to email questions from The Associated Press about the state's request for additional money. A call to the Standing Rock Sioux tribe was not immediately returned.

Energy Transfer Partners has not given the state any money for the protest response. However, Emergency Services spokeswoman Cecily Fong said the pipeline developer has provided a security helicopter that has aided law enforcement and has agreed to use it for medivac services if any officers or protesters sustain serious injuries.

Dalrymple issued an emergency declaration in August to cover law enforcement expenses related to protests. The state's Emergency Commission borrowed \$6 million from the Bank of North Dakota in September.

Maj. Gen. Alan Dohrmann, the leader of the state's National Guard, said about \$8 million has been spent to date on law enforcement and other costs related to the protests, centered in south-central North Dakota.

Morton County said it has spent an additional \$3 million to cover extra costs. The county may apply for reimbursement from the state.

The state of North Dakota also is using the emergency appropriations to pay the costs of law officers from other states that have helped with the protest response through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, a national system for sharing personnel during a state of emergency.

The requesting state is obligated to reimburse responding agencies for reasonable expenses except workers compensation claims, according to the National Emergency Management Association.

State and local officers from South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Nebraska, Wyoming and Ohio have come to the aid of North Dakota. North Dakota's Department of Emergency Services isn't releasing the number of officers, citing "operational security."

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said recently that the out-of-state officers as well as those brought in from around North Dakota are needed so officers get needed breaks "so we can maintain a presence in

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that area." The sharing of officers hasn't been well-received in some states, including Minnesota, however. Hundreds of people gathered in the Twin Cities last week to call for the withdrawal of Hennepin County sheriff's deputies.

## Tuesday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

District 1AA

District Semifinal

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Watertown, 25-22, 25-18, 23-25, 17-25, 15-10

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Brookings, 25-17, 25-11, 25-11

District 2AA

District Semifinal

Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Harrisburg, 25-23, 28-26, 25-21

Sioux Falls Washington def. Brandon Valley, 25-18, 12-25, 25-21, 18-25, 15-11

District 3AA

District Semifinal

Huron def. Aberdeen Central, 25-19, 33-31, 25-18

Pierre def. Mitchell, 25-23, 25-23, 18-25, 27-25

District 4AA

District Semifinal

Rapid City Central def. Douglas, 20-25, 25-16, 25-22, 25-14

Rapid City Stevens def. Sturgis Brown, 25-9, 25-5, 25-7

Region 1A

First Round

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Sisseton, 25-12, 25-21, 25-23

Groton Area def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-18, 25-8, 25-4

Webster def. Britton-Hecla, 25-5, 25-18, 25-20

Region 2A

First Round

Clark/Willow Lake def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-23, 25-15, 25-15

Region 3A

First Round

Baltic def. Flandreau Indian, 25-7, 25-6, 25-4

Dell Rapids def. Flandreau, 25-15, 25-20, 25-20

Madison def. Garretson, 25-12, 25-9, 25-13

Region 4A

First Round

Beresford def. Canton, 25-20, 25-17, 25-15

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Vermillion, 24-26, 25-19, 25-23, 25-17

Tea Area def. Lennox, 22-25, 25-20, 25-22, 25-27, 15-8

Region 5A

First Round

McCook Central/Montrose def. Parkston, 25-17, 25-21, 25-16

Wagner def. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, 25-14, 25-21, 25-18

West Central def. Tri-Valley, 25-17, 25-11, 25-15

Region 8A

First Round

Belle Fourche def. Lead-Deadwood, 25-18, 25-14, 25-14



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Spearfish def. Hill City, 25-16, 25-14, 20-25, 25-12  
St. Thomas More def. Hot Springs, 25-22, 25-12, 25-19  
District 1B  
Semifinal  
Waubay/Summit def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-18, 25-21, 25-19  
Wilmot def. Florence/Henry, 25-22, 25-18, 20-25, 25-19  
District 2B  
First Round  
Langford def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-17, 25-12, 25-11  
District 3B  
First Round  
Faulkton def. Edmunds Central, 25-11, 25-18, 25-12  
Ipswich def. Eureka/Bowdle, 16-25, 16-25, 25-18, 25-23, 15-12  
District 4B  
First Round  
Lower Brule def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-18, 29-27, 25-16  
District 5B  
First Round  
Castlewood def. Estelline, 25-22, 23-25, 25-11, 27-25  
DeSmet def. Lake Preston, 25-21, 25-23, 25-23  
Semifinal  
Arlington def. DeSmet, 19-25, 25-20, 25-14, 25-12  
Deubrook def. Castlewood, 26-24, 25-22, 25-14  
District 6B  
First Round  
Wessington Springs def. Iroquois, 25-6, 25-16, 25-15  
District 7B  
First Round  
Colman-Egan def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-19, 25-16, 25-15  
Semifinal  
Chester def. Chester-Colman-Egan, 25-7, 25-10, 25-17  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 25-20, 23-25, 25-14, 25-14  
District 8B  
First Round  
Bridgewater-Emery def. Howard, 25-16, 25-16, 13-25, 14-25, 15-12  
Canistota def. Mitchell Christian, 25-13, 25-17, 25-15  
District 9B  
First Round  
Scotland def. Freeman, 20-25, 25-21, 25-16, 25-23  
District 10B  
Semifinal  
Alcester-Hudson def. Viborg, 25-11, 25-20, 25-7  
Gayville-Volin def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-19, 22-25, 29-27, 25-22  
District 11B  
First Round  
Tripp-Delmont/Armour def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-12, 22-25, 25-16, 25-14  
District 12B  
First Round  
Gregory def. Marty Indian, 25-15, 25-10, 25-7  
District 13B

First Round

Jones County def. Crazy Horse, 25-9, 25-9, 25-10

Semifinal

Kadoka Area def. White River, 25-18, 25-12, 23-25, 25-17

Lyman def. Jones County, 25-16, 25-20, 25-14

District 14B

First Round

Edgemont def. Oelrichs, 25-16, 25-16, 23-25, 14-25, 15-10

Wall def. New Underwood, 25-13, 25-16, 22-25, 25-13

District 15B

First Round

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## Title lender puts in \$400K more to fight interest rate cap

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Georgia-based car title lender has put an additional \$400,000 toward opposing a ballot measure that would cap short-term loan interest rates in South Dakota.

The late infusion of cash reported Tuesday from Alpharetta-based Select Management Resources LLC comes a week from Election Day. The company has pumped over \$3 million total into two South Dakota ballot measure campaigns since 2015.

The company has donated nearly \$1.2 million total to a group opposing the ballot measure that would cap interest rates at 36 percent annually.

It's also given almost \$1.9 million to an organization backing a constitutional amendment that would allow lenders to charge any interest rate that a borrower agrees to in writing.

Company CEO Rod Aycox hasn't returned 16 months of telephone messages from The Associated Press

## Officers return from aiding North Dakota law enforcement

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Sheriff's deputies from three Minnesota counties have left the front lines of the Dakota Access pipeline protest in North Dakota and are back in Minnesota, where hundreds of people last week objected to their involvement in helping to clear out demonstrators.

The sheriffs from Hennepin, Anoka and Washington counties said Tuesday that their deputies have fulfilled their duties under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, a national system for sharing personnel during a state of emergency.

The sheriffs held their news conference a day after some Democratic leaders criticized them for sending help.

"We did the right thing here," said Washington County Sheriff William Hutton. "When it comes to public safety, we received a call for help, and we responded to it."

Hundreds of people have been protesting in southern North Dakota for months, supporting the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's opposition to the \$3.8 billion pipeline from North Dakota to Illinois. Officers from several states have been helping North Dakota authorities with the response.

Some, including Democratic Lt. Gov. Tina Smith, think Minnesota's should not have helped North Dakota. At a meeting with Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek on Monday, several DFL legislators questioned the process of deputies disrupting "a peaceful protest in a neighboring state," Rep. Karen Clark, DFL-Minneapolis, said in a statement.

Stanek said Tuesday: "Our involvement in North Dakota was operational, not political ... public safety should never be partisan."

Rob Keller, the spokesman for the Morton County Sheriff's Office in North Dakota, said the Minnesota

officers fulfilled their duty under the agreement and were sent home.

Deputies from the Dane County Sheriff's Office in Wisconsin also helped at the protest for about a week and returned in mid-October. Sheriff Dave Mahoney said at the time that his office would not rotate new deputies to the protest as he planned after talking to community members who felt Dane County should not be involved. Mahoney told the Wisconsin State Journal that a reduced reimbursement of costs also played a part in his decision.

Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota and Indiana were also listed among states that have sent help. A spokesman for the Wyoming Highway Patrol told the AP that six troopers are still deployed in North Dakota. They were sent on Oct. 22 and are scheduled to return next week.

The Lincoln Star Journal reported that 11 Nebraska State Patrol troopers also remained in North Dakota.

## US says money for Indian land buys will come up short

By MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — An ambitious effort to restore tribal control over huge areas of privately owned land on American Indian reservations is projected to run out of money with millions of acres still unaddressed, according to a U.S. government report obtained by The Associated Press.

The Obama administration established the "land buyback program" under a \$1.9 billion legal settlement that determined the government squandered billions of dollars it held in trust for tribes from royalties on oil and gas leases, grazing and other uses of Indian lands.

As part of that deal, federal officials agreed to spend \$1.6 billion to purchase so-called fractionated parcels of land that have multiple owners, which makes them hard to sell or develop.

Yet more than 4 million acres potentially eligible for purchase will remain when the settlement money runs out in 2022, according to an Interior Department report.

The report was obtained by The AP in advance of its public release.

To date the buyback program has paid out almost \$900 million to purchase the equivalent of 1.7 million acres on more than two dozen reservations.

The eligible parcels expected to remain after the settlement money runs out collectively are worth several billion dollars, said Deputy Interior Secretary Michael Connor.

"We're making progress but there will still be a sizeable amount of acreage out there at the end of 2022," Connor said. "We thought it appropriate to start thinking through that long-term issue right now."

Interior officials said in the report they are considering asking Congress to make the program permanent so the land purchases can continue. A final decision will be made following consultations with lawmakers and tribal leaders, Interior officials said.

A spokesman for Wyoming U.S. Sen. John Barrasso, chair of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, said the Obama administration emphasized when the case was settled that it needed only a 10-year window to accomplish its goals.

"It is important to address the issue of highly fractionated land in a manner that is fair to both the affected land owners and to tribes, while also demanding the requisite accountability from the administration," said Barrasso press secretary Mike Danylak.

But an attorney for the National Congress of American Indians said it was assumed at the time of the settlement that the money would cover only some of the fractionated land on reservations. John Dosssett, general counsel for the Washington D.C.-based group, said making the program permanent was an "excellent" idea.

Parcels of land bought through the program are transferred to tribal governments to be put to beneficial use — such as for home sites or business locations — or preserved as cultural or ceremonial sites

An 1887 law known as the Dawes Act split tribal lands into individual allotments that were inherited by multiple heirs with each passing generation.

The result has been that parcels of land on some reservations are owned by dozens, hundreds or even thousands of individual Indians. That makes it all but impossible to sell or develop the land because of difficulties reaching consensus among so many owners.

Dossett said the problem of fractionated land would only worsen with each passing generation, as people with ownership interests die and the number of heirs grows.

The legal settlement resulted from a class-action lawsuit brought by Elouise Cobell of Montana's Blackfeet tribe. Cobell, who died in 2011, successfully argued that Interior officials for decades mismanaged trust money being held on behalf of hundreds of thousands of Indian landowners.

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## Whiteclay stores ordered to reapply for liquor licenses

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska regulators decided on Tuesday to require stores in the northwestern Nebraska border village of Whiteclay to re-apply for liquor licenses and face tough requirements to continue selling millions of cans of beer a year to residents of the Pine Ridge Indian reservation.

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission ordered all four beer-selling stores in the village to reapply if they want to retain their liquor licenses after this year.

The stores must show in the reapplication process that they can meet several state requirements, including the presence of adequate law enforcement to police the village.

Sheridan County Commissioner Jack Andersen last month told state lawmakers that local officials don't have adequate law enforcement in Whiteclay, an unincorporated village of about a dozen people and four beer stores that sold the equivalent of 3.5 million cans of beer last year.

Whiteclay sits on the state line about two miles south of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, the reservation's main village. The reservation, home of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, is plagued by poverty, alcoholism and high rates of fetal alcohol syndrome.

Activists who have sought for years to close the stores down lauded the commission's vote Tuesday.

"They're going to have to start from scratch, and the bar is set pretty high with this reapplication process," said John Maisch, a former Oklahoma alcohol regulator who produced a documentary about the village. "Whiteclay is consuming 35 percent of Sheridan County's law enforcement budget and almost all of its jail budget. That's an undue concentration, which you consider the county has a population of 5,500 people, and only 14 of them are in Whiteclay."

The stores will likely receive orders for reapplication this week, then will have 30 days to return the paperwork, said Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Executive Director Hobert Rupe.

Normally, the stores would have simply sent in a renewal fee and short renewal form in January. But the commission was swayed by Sheridan County officials' concerns that there aren't enough law enforcement officers to handle incidents resulting from intoxicated people outside the stores, Rupe said. That includes information that the Nebraska State Patrol was turning to grant fundraising to cover the cost of handling law enforcement issues in the village, he said.

Rupe said state law does not define "adequate law enforcement."

"It's very much an eye-of-the-beholder situation," he said. "But there have been big concerns raised there."

Information from: Lincoln Journal Star, <http://www.journalstar.com>

## Sioux Falls residents ask about street parking permit system

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Busy traffic near Sioux Falls hospitals and schools has residents looking for new ways of limiting on-street parking to ensure homeowners can find a spot.

Some residents have inquired about a parking permit system similar to those used in cities such as Madison, Wisconsin, and Chicago, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2eXJ5e8>) reported.

Such a system would require drivers to pay a fee for City Hall to issue paperwork for their vehicle. The city would be responsible for charging monthly and annual fees as well as enforcing the parking limitations.

Heath Hoftiezer, principal traffic engineer for the city, said city officials have discussed the idea, but that permit-based parking would require some major changes.



"A few times we've run into situations where the neighborhoods think that's something they would like," Hoftiezer said. "At this point we're really not set up for doing it."

The city currently works with people who live on busy streets to set time limits on spaces.

Permits would only be available to people those who live close to the area. The city would issue the permits, charge residents monthly and annual fees and enforce the permits. Specifics would have to be decided by policymakers and an extra staff person to manage everything may need to be hired by City Hall, according to Hoftiezer.

"I just know that would be a lot different for them than what they're doing now," Hoftiezer said.

Permit parking is usually used by bigger cities and bans parking for anyone who doesn't have a permit.

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

## Actor Kelsey Grammer featured in TV ad backing Marsy's Law

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Actor Kelsey Grammer is featured in a new TV ad supporting a ballot measure that would incorporate victims' rights provisions into the state constitution.

Marsy's Law for South Dakota announced the six-figure buy Tuesday.

In the ad, Grammer says his father was shot and killed at 38. He says his sister was later raped and murdered when she was 18. Grammer says his family wasn't notified when his father's killer got out of prison.

Amendment S would establish constitutional rights for crime victims including the right to be notified of the escape or release of the offender.

Grammer, a five-time Emmy Award winner, is best known for the TV sitcom "Frasier." The constitutional amendment is named after Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, who was killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983.

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Secretary of State expects absentee voting to surpass 2012

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Secretary of State Shantel Krebs says election officials expect absentee voting this year to surpass the 2012 presidential election.

South Dakota voters as of Tuesday had requested more than 80,000 absentee ballots. Last presidential election, people cast just over 91,000 absentee ballots.

Voters this election will have the opportunity to decide among candidates for president, U.S. House and Senate, the state Public Utilities Commission and state legislative seats.

There are also 10 ballot measures going before voters, and voters may have county office races on their ballot.

Voters can use the Secretary of State's Vote605 app to view a sample ballot and track an absentee ballot request from their phone. The app also gives citizens the ability to figure out where they are registered to vote.

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Online: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/VOTE605.aspx>

## Midwest economy: October state-by-state glance

By The Associated Press

The Institute for Supply Management, formerly the Purchasing Management Association, began formally surveying its membership in 1931 to gauge business conditions.

The Creighton Economic Forecasting Group uses the same methodology as the national survey to consult supply managers and business leaders. Creighton University economics professor Ernie Goss oversees the report.

The overall index ranges between 0 and 100. Growth neutral is 50, and a figure greater than 50 indicates an expanding economy over the next three to six months.

Here are the state-by-state results for October:

Arkansas: Arkansas' overall index sank to 41.5 from 45.7 in September. Components of the index were

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new orders at 35.0, production or sales at 37.8, delivery lead time at 56.7, inventories at 35.0 and employment at 42.9. "Gains for nondurable-goods manufacturers in the state were more than offset by losses for the larger durable-goods sector," Goss said.

Iowa: The overall Iowa index rose to 48.9 from September's 48.0. Components of the overall index were new orders at 39.4, production or sales at 47.8, delivery lead time at 55.8, employment at 51.2, and inventories at 50.2. "Metal producers and machinery manufacturers experienced downturns in economic activity. Additionally, food processors recorded cutbacks in business activity," he said.

Kansas: The Kansas overall index slipped to 43.7 from 43.9 in September. Components of the index were new orders at 47.8, production or sales at 37.9, delivery lead time at 36.5, employment at 48.9 and inventories at 47.3. "Durable-goods producers, including machinery manufacturers, experienced downturns in economic activity," Goss said. "This more than offset slight gains for nondurable-goods producers, such as food processors."

Minnesota: The October index for Minnesota inched up to 48.7 from September's 48.4. Components of the overall index were new orders at 40.4, production or sales at 38.1, delivery lead time at 62.3, inventories at 44.8 and employment at 57.8. "Durable-goods manufacturers in the state, such as metal producers and machinery manufacturers, recorded losses for the month. This activity more than offset gains for nondurable-goods producers such as food processors," Goss said.

Missouri: The state's overall index plummeted to 41.6 last month from 47.3 in September. Components of the overall index were new orders at 40.1, production or sales at 40.1, delivery lead time at 51.7, inventories at 35.2 and employment at 43.0. "Fabricated metal producers and machinery manufacturers in the state continue to experience pullbacks in economic activity, especially for those firms linked to international markets and agriculture," he said.

Nebraska: The overall index fell to 43.3 in October from 44.6 in September. Components of Nebraska's overall index were new orders at 40.5, production or sales at 38.2, delivery lead time at 54.7, inventories at 39.0 and employment at 44.3. "Manufacturers with ties to agriculture and energy continue to experience downturns in economic activities," Goss said. But food processors reported improving economic conditions.

North Dakota: The overall North Dakota index plunged to 40.5 in October from 48.2 in September. Components of the overall index were new orders at 37.2, production or sales at 47.8, delivery lead time at 51.1, employment at 37.7 and inventories at 28.7. "Both durable- and nondurable-goods firms in the state, especially those linked to farming and energy, experienced pullbacks in economic activity for the month," he said.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma's October index sank to a regional low of 38.8 from 40.3 in September, also a regional low. Components of the overall index were new orders at 47.7, production or sales at 35.2, delivery lead time at 57.8, inventories at 19.2 and employment at 33.9. "Both durable-goods producers and nondurable-goods manufacturers linked to energy continue to lose jobs," Goss said.

South Dakota: The South Dakota overall index fell to 46.8 last month from September's regional high of 51.1. Components of the overall index were new orders at 47.8, production or sales at 37.5, delivery lead time at 57.8, inventories at 45.6 and employment at 42.1. South Dakota manufacturers linked to agriculture, energy and international markets reported downturns in economic activity, he said.

## Midwest economic survey suggests slowdown to continue

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A monthly survey of business leaders suggests the economy will continue slowing in nine Midwest and Plains states, in part because of manufacturing weakness, according to a report released Tuesday.

The Mid-America Business Conditions Index report said the overall economic index for the region dropped to 43.8 in October from September's 45.5. It's the fourth straight month the index has registered below growth neutral 50.0.

"Even with oil prices hovering around \$50 per barrel for the month, weakness among manufacturers linked to agriculture and energy continue to weigh on regional economic conditions," said Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey. "Due to the heavy dependence of the region on these

two sectors, I expect the regional economy to continue to underperform the national economy. Despite the decline in manufacturing, the nonmanufacturing sector of the regional economy is expanding, albeit at a slow pace.”

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

The regional employment gauge reflected the loss of manufacturing jobs in the nine-state region. The sector’s survey index for October declined to 44.4 from September’s 46.8.

“The growth gap between regional manufacturing and nonmanufacturing remains wide,” Goss said.

He added that U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data indicate the region’s manufacturing sector lost almost 19,000 jobs, a 1.4 percent decline, over the past year, while regional nonmanufacturing sectors added almost 104,000 jobs, an increase of 1 percent.

Looking ahead six months, economic optimism, as captured by the October business confidence index, slumped to 39.7 last month from 48.5 in September.

“Global economic uncertainty and weakness in the region’s agricultural and energy sector are weighing on the business economic outlook of supply managers,” Goss said.

## Iraqi advance pauses to clear houses, roads at Mosul’s edge

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA, Associated Press



**Iraqi army soldiers warm themselves next to a fire near the Qayara air base, south of Mosul, Iraq, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. The U.N. human rights office is lauding efforts by the U.S.-led coalition in the battle against the Islamic State group in Mosul. The office in Geneva says coalition flights over Iraq have largely succeeded in preventing IS from bringing in 25,000 more civilians to the city center, where the militant group has been using people as human shields as Iraqi forces advance on Mosul. (AP Photo/Felipe Dana)**

BARTELLA, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi special forces paused their advance into the Islamic State group stronghold of Mosul on Wednesday, as poor weather hampered visibility and troops attempted to clear a recaptured neighborhood of any remaining militants, military officials said.

Special forces could be seen going house to house in the Gogjali neighborhood of the country’s second-largest city, while sappers searched the road for explosives and booby traps left behind by the jihadi fighters as they were driven out of the eastern district a day earlier.

Gen. Abdul-Ghani al-Asadi, the top counterterrorism forces commander, told reporters that the special forces had imposed a curfew in the neighborhood while gains there were being consolidated.

“We fear that Daesh militants could attack our forces or the town with mortars,” he said, using the Arabic acronym for IS. “So for the safety of the families we ask them

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to stay inside their houses," he said in Bartella, some 15 kilometers (9 miles) behind the front lines.

Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil said that no advances were planned while high humidity and clouds obscured the view of aircraft and drones — a key component to the operations provided by a U.S.-led air campaign.

The guns were largely silent in Gogjali, which is inside Mosul's city limits but just outside more urban districts, although sporadic rifle cracks could be heard as well as some army artillery fire on IS positions. Fadhil said special forces had detained three suspected IS militants in the area.

The pause came a day after Iraqi troops set foot in the city for the first time in more than two years, gearing up for urban warfare expected to take weeks, if not months.

In the next stage, troops will have to navigate streets likely lined with booby traps, fighting house-to-house while trying to avoid killing civilians, more than one million of whom are still in the city.

Mosul is the last major IS stronghold in Iraq, and driving the militant group from the city would be a major blow to its ambitions of creating a cross-border "caliphate" stretching into Syria. IS announced the project in Mosul in 2014, after it routed the much larger Iraqi military, which had been neglected and demoralized by corruption.

However, concern over the fate of civilians caught up in the fighting has been growing, after residents reported that IS militants were rounding up thousands of people to use as human shields and killing those with suspected links to the security forces.

According to one account given to The Associated Press, the fighters went door to door in villages south of Mosul, ordering hundreds of people at gunpoint to march north into the city, where urban fighting is expected to be heaviest and the presence of civilians will slow the army's advance as it tries to avoid killing innocents.

In the latest international condemnation of IS, which has carried out mass killings of perceived opponents in the past and boasted about them in grisly photos and videos circulated online, the United Nations called on authorities to collect evidence of IS abuses of civilians for future use by tribunals.

Aid agency The Norwegian Refugee Council warned that the lives of more than 1 million civilians trapped inside Mosul "are in grave danger" as Iraqi troops advance into the city.

The group, which works with refugees and internally displaced people, said that around 18,000 Iraqis have fled their homes since the start of the massive military operation to retake Mosul over two weeks ago.

The council's Iraq chief, Wolfgang Gressmann, said the agency's aid workers were "bracing ... for the worst."

"The lives of 1.2 million civilians are in grave danger, and the future of all of Iraq is now in the balance," he said

Adama Dieng, special adviser to the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the prevention of genocide, also expressed concern over "the increasing risk" of sectarian violence or revenge attacks during the Mosul campaign, especially where state-sanctioned Iraqi Shiite militias are approaching Sunni communities.

"Any kind of retaliatory violence against individuals on the basis of their membership of a specific group is unacceptable and will undermine the legitimate calls of these communities for their own protection and for their long-standing grievances to be addressed," he said in a statement released on Tuesday.

Political rhetoric on the issue is heating up, after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan recently warned that Turkey would be closely monitoring Shiite militias' behavior in northern Iraq and seeking to safeguard the rights of ethnic Turkmens there. Erdogan said the Iraqi Shiite militias could prompt a Turkish response if they "terrorize" the Iraqi-Turkmen town of Tal-Afar.

On Tuesday, Turkey's defense minister said his country was making preparations for "all kinds of possibilities" as the Turkish military began deploying tanks and other vehicles to the border town of Silopi.

In a televised speech later that evening to praise the Mosul operation, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi downplayed an escalation. "We don't want war with Turkey. We do not want confrontation with Turkey," he said. But if one happens, "we are ready."



## Police: 2 officers in Iowa killed in ambush-style attacks

By SCOTT McFETRIDGE, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Two police officers were shot to death early Wednesday in ambush-style attacks while they were sitting in their patrol cars, authorities said.

Officers responded to a report of shots fired at 1:06 a.m. and found an Urbandale Police Department officer who had been shot. Authorities from several agencies saturated the area after that shooting, and about 20 minutes later discovered that a Des Moines officer had been shot in a patrol car at an intersection, Des Moines Sgt. Paul Parizek said. The shootings happened about 2 miles apart.

"There's somebody out there shooting police officers. We hope to find him before somebody else gets hurt," said Parizek, who became emotional at times during a news conference.

Authorities are developing suspect information but there was nothing that they were ready to share with the public, Parizek said. Officers are now doing patrols in pairs to better protect themselves, he said.

Parizek said he didn't have any more information about the shootings.

Urbandale is a city in the Des Moines metro area with about 50 officers.

## Fed is widely expected to leave key interest rate unchanged

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER, AP Economics Writer



**Trader Jonathan Corpina works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. Stocks were flat to slightly lower on Tuesday as nervous investors continued to monitor the run-up to the 2016 election and wait for news from the Federal Reserve, which concludes a two-day policy meeting on Wednesday. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)**

WASHINGTON (AP) — With voters set to choose a new president and Congress in six days, the Federal Reserve will likely keep a low profile when it ends a meeting Wednesday to try to ensure it doesn't become part of the debate at the close of a tumultuous political campaign.

The Fed is expected to end the meeting with a policy statement that leaves interest rates unchanged. It's possible that the statement will include a signal that a rate hike is likely at the Fed's next meeting in mid-December as many expect. On the other hand, the Fed might decide to offer no hints Wednesday of a forthcoming rate hike in order to remain entirely neutral at a sensitive political moment.

"In the midst of an election, the last thing the Fed wants to do is add fuel to all the political controversy from the candidates," said

Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University, Channel Islands.

Sohn and other economists say they still think December is when the Fed will resume the rate increases it began late last year after having left its benchmark rate at a record low near zero for seven years. Next month's meeting will include a news conference by Chair Janet Yellen, which would provide a platform for her to explain the Fed's action and perhaps provide guidance on how many further rate increases the Fed foresees in 2017.

The Fed's years of record-low short-term rates were credited by many analysts with rejuvenating the economy after the Great Recession. When the Fed finally raised rates modestly in December last year, most economists and the central bank itself foresaw multiple rate increases in 2016. But economic weakness and market turmoil in China and Europe and a slowdown in U.S. growth kept the Fed on the sidelines.

The economy has been showing some improvement lately. As measured by the gross domestic product, the economy grew at a 2.9 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter, the government estimated last week, more than twice the rate in the April-June quarter.

The unemployment rate is 5 percent, typical of a healthy economy, down from 10 percent in 2009, and the housing market, whose meltdown triggered the 2008 financial crisis and the recession, has largely recovered.

Yet the Fed has sent no signal that a rate hike might occur this week. That is telling, analysts say, because the Fed under Yellen has carefully avoided catching investors off guard.

A gauge of investor sentiment estimates the possibility of a Fed rate increase this week at just 7 percent. The likelihood of a December increase is put at 74 percent.

In a recent speech, Yellen said she might be open to "temporarily running a 'high-pressure economy'" to help heal some still-lingering damage from the recession and to try to boost spending and investment by consumers and businesses. By "high pressure," Yellen meant an unemployment rate below a level associated with a healthy economy and an inflation rate above the Fed's 2 percent target.

Her comments were taken to mean the Fed was in no hurry to raise rates and were viewed as a further signal that Yellen was willing to delay the next hike until December — even though the Fed's decision to leave rates unchanged in September drew an unusually high three dissenting votes.

Yellen's comments have also been cited by analysts as an argument that her go-slow approach may mean only one rate increase this year and then one, or at most two, increases in 2017. With inflation still running below the central bank's 2 percent target, many Fed officials have said they think they have room to continue pursuing an extremely gradual approach to rate increases.

"Yellen wants to run a high-pressure economy by overshooting inflation and pushing the unemployment rate lower," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at DS Economics. "She wants to hedge against another recession."

## 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. WHERE CANDIDATES ARE MAKING THEIR CASES

Clinton presses into reliably red Arizona as she tries to steal a Republican state, while Trump is focused on Florida, a battleground state he can't win the White House without.

### 2. US MUSLIMS CRINGE AT HOW PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES PORTRAY THEM

They're either potential terrorists or eyes and ears who can help counterterrorism efforts.

**Members of the audience listen as Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks at a rally at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)**

### 3. POLICE: 2 OFFICERS IN IOWA KILLED IN AMBUSH-STYLE ATTACKS

Police officers in Des Moines and suburban Urbandale were found shot and killed about 20 minutes apart. OFFICERS-KILLED-IOWA

### 4. HOW BATTLE FOR MOSUL IS FARING

While the fight on the eastern front of Iraq's second-largest city is moving briskly, the ground assault to the south has been a slog.

### 5. ARREST WARRANT ISSUED FOR CHOI SOON-SIL

The longtime friend of the South Korean president is facing allegations of influence-peddling and other activities, triggering a huge political scandal.

### 6. FED EXPECTED TO LEAVE RATES UNCHANGED

The U.S. central bank will likely keep a low profile when it ends a policy meeting to try to ensure that it doesn't become part of the campaign debate.

### 7. ROBOTS BLAMED FOR US JOB LOSSES

Research shows the automation of U.S. factories is a much bigger factor than foreign trade in the loss of factory jobs.

### 8. SEEKING CLUES TO 2-BUS CRASH

An autopsy may determine if the Baltimore school bus driver was stricken and recording equipment may help explain the collision that killed six people.

### 9. JON STEWART RECALLS GETTING INTO TWITTER SPAT WITH TRUMP

Getting insulted online by the Republican is old hat now, but the comedian recalled being surprised when the billionaire businessman called him overrated three years ago.

### 10. ONE OF THESE STREAKS HAS TO END

The Chicago Cubs, who last won the World Series in 1908, play Game 7 against the Cleveland Indians, whose last title was in 1948.

## S. Korea prosecutors seek arrest of friend of President Park

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean prosecutors requested an arrest warrant for a longtime friend of President Park Geun-hye on Wednesday over allegations of influence-peddling and other activities that

have triggered a huge political scandal that threatens Park's leadership.



**FILE - In this Oct. 31, 2016, file photo, Choi Soon-sil who is at the center of a political scandal, is surrounded by media upon her arrival at the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office in Seoul, South Korea. South Korean prosecutors requested an arrest warrant Wednesday, Nov. 2, for the longtime friend of President Park Geun-hye over allegations of influence-peddling and other activities that have triggered a huge political scandal that threatens Park's leadership. (AP Photo/Lee Jin-man, File)**



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With Park's approval rating nosediving, some opposition politicians have called for her resignation, though none has taken any concrete action to prepare for her impeachment largely out of worries about public backlash. The latest public surveys put Park's approval rating at about 10 percent, the lowest since her inauguration in February 2013, and that showed about half of respondents think Park should resign or be impeached by the National Assembly.

Last week Park acknowledged Choi Soon-sil had edited some of her speeches and provided public relations help, despite having no official government position. South Korean media speculate Choi likely had an access to sensitive information and played a much larger role in government affairs.

After two days questioning Choi, a Seoul prosecutors' office on Wednesday asked the Seoul Central District Court to approve an arrest warrant for her, according to court spokesman Shin Jae-hwan. He said the court will likely determine whether to approve the arrest warrant by Friday morning and that Choi will remain in detention until then.

Prosecutors accused Choi of abuse of authority and attempted fraud when they requested her arrest warrant, Shin said without elaborating.

South Korean media have reported allegations that Choi, 60, pulled government strings from the shadows and pushed businesses to donate millions of dollars to two foundations she controlled to obtain money for her personal use and for Park's post-retirement activities. Prosecutors on Wednesday summoned former presidential secretary Ahn Jong-beom for questioning on his alleged involvement in extracting \$70 million of company donations.

It's still unclear whether and how much influence Choi had on Park's state affairs. South Korean media reported some of the documents transferred to Choi included secret military talks with North Korea and that she also got daily official reports and made policy suggestions to Park. One TV station aired footage showing Choi picking up the clothes Park would wear.

Choi has previously said she received some of Park's speeches in advance but said she didn't know if she was seeing confidential information.

Choi is a daughter of the late Chae Tae-min, the leader of a religious cult who reportedly served as Park's mentor after her mother was assassinated in 1974. Park's dictator father Park Chung-hee was gunned down by his intelligence chief in 1979. While acknowledging her ties to Choi last week, Park said that Choi helped her "when I had difficulties" in the past.

Earlier Wednesday, Park replaced her prime minister and two other top officials in a bid to restore public confidence, but opposition lawmakers quickly criticized and described the reshuffles as an attempt to divert attention from the scandal.

Park has already been criticized for an aloof manner and for relying on only a few longtime confidantes. That she may have outsourced sensitive decisions to someone outside of government, and someone connected with a murky, lurid backstory, has incensed many.

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Associated Press writer Kim Tong-hyung contributed to this report.

## AP Explains: What's behind S. Korea's surreal scandal

By FOSTER KLUG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's biggest political scandal in years includes a bucket of animal slop, an attack with heavy construction equipment on a government building, an abandoned Prada shoe and allegations that a Korean Rasputin has been running the highest office in the land.

As circus-like as it can seem, the building turmoil threatens the presidency of Park Geun-hye.

The possibility that Park's long-time friend, the daughter of a cult leader with no official role in the administration, may have pulled government strings from the shadows has united many in a state of boiling rage, no mean feat in a country that is hopelessly divided at times. But figuring out exactly who's involved, what's happening and why can be difficult.

Here's a breakdown of the scandal:

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## A KOREAN RASPUTIN

At the center of the tempest is Choi Soon-sil, also known as Choi Seo-won, who some on the internet have compared to Rasputin, the Russian mystic who gained power in the early 20th century through his influence over the tsar.

Park and Choi met in the 1970s, around the time Park was acting as first lady. Her mother had been killed during a 1974 assassination attempt on her father, military strongman Park Chung-hee. Choi's father, a shadowy figure named Choi Tae-min who was a Buddhist monk, a religious cult leader and a Christian pastor at different times, emerged as the younger Park's mentor.

Park became president of New Spirit, a patriotic group set up by Choi's father, and Choi Soon-sil was reportedly head of the group's college unit — the two women are seen talking at a New Spirit event in a 1979 government video. Rumors swirled that New Spirit allowed the Choi clan to build a fortune by using their connection to the Park family to collect bribes.

In 1990, Park resigned as chairman of a separate foundation over suspicions that she allowed the Choi family to manipulate it for personal gain.

Choi Soon-sil, whose ex-husband is a former close aide of Park's, reportedly built a fortune during the 1980s and 1990s through real estate investments in affluent neighborhoods in southern Seoul.

## STACKS OF PRESIDENTIAL REPORTS — AND A YELLOW EXCAVATOR

After weeks of speculation, Park acknowledged last week that Choi had edited some presidential speeches and helped with "public relations," without elaborating.

A raft of media stories, however, portrays a much deeper involvement.

The liberal Hankyoreh newspaper, for instance, citing a former Choi associate, reported that a senior presidential aide gave thick stacks of government draft reports to Choi on a daily basis. Choi then allegedly discussed the issues with her friends and sent back recommendations to the president.

The newspaper reported that Choi made recommendations about the last remaining symbol of inter-Korean cooperation, the jointly run Kaesong factory park in North Korea that was eventually shut down.

Choi is also said to have used her relationship with Park to win special favor for Choi's daughter and to pressure businesses to contribute money to two nonprofit foundations that Choi helped create and that she then looted for her own use.

Thousands have marched in protest, calling for Park's resignation or impeachment, and the president's approval ratings are near single digits.

On Monday, as Choi, 60, tried to enter the Seoul prosecutors' office, she lost her Prada shoe as a swarm



**South Korean protesters wearing masks of South Korean President Park Geun-hye, right, and Choi Soon-sil, who is at the center of a political scandal, stage a rally calling for Park to step down in downtown Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016. South Korea's embattled president has replaced her prime minister and two other top officials in a bid to restore public confidence amid a political scandal involving her longtime friend. (AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)**

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of 300 journalists, and an unknown number of protesters, nearly knocked her to the ground several times. Social media erupted with images of the abandoned black footwear and the word "Soonderella," a play on Choi's first name and the fairy tale heroine who left behind her glass slipper at a ball.

Police reportedly stopped a protester from confronting Choi with a bucket filled with animal feces, and the next day police said a 45-year-old man surnamed Jeong rammed his yellow excavator into a gate near where Choi, who had earlier said she "deserves to die," was questioned.

"I came here to help her die," Jeong, said, according to police.

## LINKS TO A DICTATOR

The scandal strikes a deep chord in a country that has only recently emerged into a vibrant, rich democracy after decades of colonization, war, poverty, dictatorship and deep-seated corruption.

There is outrage that someone with Choi's allegedly murky past might have not only exploited her ties to Park for massive financial gain and favor but also made important state decisions.

Part of the anger is linked to the legacy of Park's dictator father. Revered by many for rebuilding from the rubble of war, critics say Park Chung-hee engineered his economic turn-around while committing massive human rights abuses and allowing widespread corruption by his friends.

To try to ease public fury, Park Geun-hye has nominated a new prime minister and fired senior secretaries, but it has so far done little.

"If we don't want to be blinded by politics based on shamanism again, we need to conduct an autopsy on power that has become devoid of justice," said an editorial column Monday in the conservative JoonAng Ilbo.

Associated Press writer Kim Tong-hyung contributed to this report.

## Cubs, Indians take Series to Game 7: 'This is what you want'

By RONALD BLUM, AP Baseball Writer



**Cleveland Indians fans watch during the ninth inning of Game 6 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, in Cleveland. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)**

CLEVELAND (AP) — Most fans around the country can sit back and savor Game 7.

Not so easy for anyone who has spent a lifetime rooting for the Cubs or Indians.

All those years of hope and heartbreak collide Wednesday night when Chicago and Cleveland meet one last time to decide the World Series.

With the Cubs seeking their first championship since 1908 and the Indians trying to stop a drought that dates to 1948, the stakes could hardly be higher.

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"No one says Game 3 or 5. This is what you want," said shortstop Francisco Lindor, who leads the Indians with a .364 Series average.

Cleveland ace Corey Kluber pitches against Kyle Hendricks, the major league ERA leader. Kluber has a chance to become the first pitcher to win three World Series starts since Detroit's Mickey Lolich in 1968. Throwback stuff.

"The game has changed," the 76-year-old Lolich said Tuesday. "It's a totally different game than what we played back in our days. It just doesn't happen."

Addison Russell hit a grand slam and tied a Series record with six RBIs in Chicago's 9-3 win Tuesday night that forced this captivating matchup to the limit.

Chicago is trying to become the first club to overcome a 3-1 Series deficit since the 1985 Kansas City Royals and the first to do it by winning Games 6 and 7 on the road since the 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates.

Now it's one night, winner take all.

"It's a kid's dream," Russell said.

Even after losing two straight, the Indians remain confident.

Kluber is 4-1 with a 0.89 ERA in four postseason starts, starting with 16 consecutive scoreless innings against Boston in the Division Series and Toronto in the AL Championship Series.

"That's our guy. That's our stud," Cleveland second baseman Jason Kipnis said.

A 30-year-old right-hander, Kluber started on three days' rest for the first time in his big league career in Game 4 against the Blue Jays. He left after five innings with the Indians trailing 2-1 in a 5-1 defeat, then threw 88 pitches over six innings as Cleveland beat the Cubs 6-0 last Tuesday in the Series opener.

He came back on three days' rest in Game 4, needing 81 pitches for six innings of one-run, five-hit ball in a 7-2 win that gave Cleveland a 3-1 lead.

"Obviously, he's a special guy," Hendricks said. "You can just see it, the way he takes to the mound. He's always locked in."

Nine pitchers have won three starts in a single Series, none since Lolich went 3-0 with a 1.67 ERA and 21 strikeouts while tossing three complete games against the St. Louis Cardinals.

"Good players, good pitchers, can do special things. He's in that category," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "It was kind of an easy decision after talking to him."

The 2014 AL Cy Young Award winner, Kluber was 18-9 with a 3.14 ERA this season as Cleveland won the AL Central for the first time since 2007. His win in the All-Star Game at San Diego in July gave the American League home-field advantage in the Series.

"I never connected those dots at that point in time," he said.

Already, he is the first pitcher to win Games 1 and 4 in the Series since Cincinnati's Jose Rijo in 1990. In addition to Lolich, the only others to win three Series starts were Charles "Deacon" Phillippe of Pittsburgh and Bill Dinneen of the Boston Americans (1903), the New York Giants' Christy Mathewson (1905), the Philadelphia Athletics' Jack Coombs (1910), Pittsburgh's Babe Adams (1909), Cleveland's Stan Coveleski (1920), Milwaukee's Lew Burdette (1957) and Bob Gibson (1967).

Hendricks, a 28-year-old right-hander, went 16-8 and didn't get a decision in his Game 3 Series start, when he allowed six hits in 4 1/3 scoreless innings of a 1-0 loss.

"This is the ultimate dream," he said. "When you're out in your backyard as a kid, playing Little League at the field with your friends, this is the moment you dream about: Game 7, 3-2, two outs, something like that, bottom of the ninth. But it's always Game 7 of the World Series."

Behind the starters, Chicago closer Aroldis Chapman has thrown 62 pitches in the last three days. Cleveland's Andrew Miller hasn't pitched since Saturday and closer Cody Allen has been rested since Sunday.

"We're all ready to go," Miller said. "Hopefully we're fresh."

AP investigative researcher Randy Herschaft contributed to this report.



## Clinton presses into Arizona, Trump focuses on Florida

By JULIE PACE and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press



**Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks at a rally at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)**

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Hillary Clinton is pressing into reliably red Arizona as she tries to steal a Republican state away from Donald Trump. Her rival, reinvigorated by the FBI's new email review, is laser-focused on Florida, a marquee battleground state he can't win the White House without.

With less than a week until Election Day, both candidates are warning of dire consequences if the other is elected.

Trump says Clinton would be under investigation as president, sparking a "constitutional crisis," though the FBI has declined to prosecute her for her handling of classified information. Clinton has vowed the FBI will have "no case" after reviewing new emails, but her campaign is nervous about tightening polls and ramping up attacks on Trump, hoping to scare away voters

who could still be persuaded to back him.

On her own Florida swing Tuesday, Clinton hammered Trump as dangerous and divisive, highlighting in particular his treatment of women.

"When I think about what we now know about Donald Trump and what he's been doing for 30 years, he sure has spent a lot of time demeaning, degrading, insulting and assaulting women," Clinton said.

Always important in presidential contests, Florida has emerged as this year's most crucial state on the road to the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the White House. Trump can't win without carrying Florida, meaning Clinton can deliver a knockout blow if she captures its 29 electoral votes.

Even with national polls narrowing, Clinton has several more paths to 270 than Trump. Her campaign is underscoring that political reality with a stop in Arizona Wednesday, a state that has voted for Republican presidential candidates all but once since 1952.

Clinton's campaign says it's buoyed by early voting turnout among Arizona Democrats, as well as Clinton's support among Hispanics turned off by Trump's hardline immigration policies. Democrats have been eying Arizona as a possible swing state in recent years, but believe Trump's unpopularity with Hispanics has expedited that evolution.

Clinton's renewed focus on Trump's demeaning comments on women seemed aimed in part at baiting a response from the notoriously thin-skinned Republican. She notably appeared alongside former Miss Universe Alicia Machado, a woman Trump criticized for gaining weight.

Trump, however, did not immediately take the bait. He spent Tuesday relentlessly on message, eschewing wild tangents and political fights in favor of carefully scripted remarks focused on health care and attacks on his opponent. He cautioned that Clinton's plan to strengthen "Obamacare" would lead to dire consequences, although he offered few specifics about his own plan.

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A super PAC is spending \$10 million on nationwide TV ads saying Clinton is too scandal-plagued for office, an investment that comes as the Republican makes the same case on the campaign trail. An ad debuting Wednesday by Future 45 - which counts conservative billionaires Joe Ricketts and Sheldon Adelson as its biggest donors - calls the FBI's Friday revelation a "new bombshell."

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## Rescuers say all 33 miners trapped in China mine found dead

BEIJING (AP) — All 33 coal miners trapped underground in a gas explosion earlier this week have been found dead, state media reported Wednesday, as work safety officials vowed to punish those responsible.



Two miners survived Monday's explosion but rescuers working around the clock found no others alive. All bodies have been recovered.

**In this Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016 photo released by Xinhua News Agency, rescuers mourn for victims at Jinshangou Coal Mine in Chongqing, southwest China. All the coal miners trapped underground in a gas explosion earlier this week have been found dead, state media reported Wednesday, as work safety officials vowed to punish those responsible. (Liu Chan/Xinhua via AP)**

ered and rescuers were shown bowing their heads in memorial for the dead.

Gas explosions inside mines are often caused when a flame or electrical spark ignites gas leaking from the coal seam. Ventilation systems are supposed to prevent gas from becoming trapped.

The State Administration of Work Safety ordered an investigation into the blast, "adding that those responsible must be strictly punished." Local officials in Chongqing also ordered smaller mines to shut down temporarily, Xinhua said.

China's mining industry has long been among the world's deadliest. The head of the State Administration of Work Safety said earlier this year that struggling coal mines might be likely to overlook maintenance.

China is the world's largest producer and consumer of coal but plans to shutter more than 1,000 outdated mines as part of a broader plan to reduce overproduction.

## Race tightening, Clinton revives Trump-women issue

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. (AP) — With just a week to go and the race for the White House tightening, Hillary Clinton — with help from President Barack Obama — unleashed a fresh offensive Tuesday against Donald Trump and his vulgar comments about women. Trump strove to blend a quieter, presidential tone with his usual tough rhetoric, warning that a Clinton victory would "destroy American health care forever."

The White House contenders clashed from afar — Clinton in battleground Florida and Trump in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — with the sprint to next Tuesday's finish well underway.

"For my entire life, I've been a woman," Clinton, who would be the nation's first female president, declared in critical Florida. "And when I think about what we now know about Donald Trump and what he's been doing for 30 years, he sure has spent a lot of time demeaning, degrading, insulting and assaulting women."

Trump has faced multiple allegations of sexual misconduct in recent weeks, complicating his efforts to win over women in both parties. He has denied every accusation, but Obama said there was a pattern at work to which voters needed to pay heed.

"This is a lifetime of calling women pigs and dogs and slob," Obama said at a rally in Ohio. "The part we're concerned about is if we start acting like this is normal."

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**Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton takes the stage with Alicia Machado, who won the Miss Universe pageant in 1996, to speak at a campaign rally at Pasco-Hernando State College in Dade City, Fla., Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)**

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Clinton worked to ensure voters would not forget Trump's most damaging moments six days before the election.

Alicia Machado, a former beauty queen who Trump previously described as "Miss Piggy," introduced the Democratic nominee before her appearance in central Florida.

"He was cruel," Machado said of Trump's criticism of her weight. "For years afterward I was sick, fighting back eating disorders."

Trump spent several days in late September assailing the winner of his 1996 Miss Universe pageant and encouraging his Twitter followers to view her "sex tape," although none exists. The Machado appearance was in line with Clinton's broader closing argument against Trump.

"He thinks belittling women makes him a bigger man," Clinton said. "He doesn't see us as full human beings."

Clinton also unveiled a television ad set to run in eight battleground states, including his remark caught in a 2005 video that he kissed women and grabbed their genitals without permission. Obama, amid his pitch to working-class voters in Ohio, tried to boil the choice down to a question of character, saying the Oval Office "amplifies who you are. It magnifies who you are. It shows who you are."

"If you disrespected women before you were elected, you will disrespect women once you're president," Obama said.

And speaking directly to men, Obama said "we have to get over the hump" of electing the first woman president.

"I just want to be honest with you because she's been out there for so long sometimes in this culture we always want to see the new shiny object," he said.

Trump, however, did not immediately take the bait. In Wisconsin, he urged early voters there who "are having a bad case of buyer's remorse" to change their ballots before Thursday's deadline. Four states — Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Pennsylvania — allow early vote switches but the practice is extremely rare, according to the Early Voting Information Center at Reed College.

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Trump on Tuesday promised to replace the federal health care law with health care savings accounts,



while allowing states to craft their own Medicaid programs to cover the poor.

The nonpartisan Center for Health and Economy determined this summer that Trump's proposal would lower premiums significantly for policies purchased directly by consumers but also make 18 million people uninsured. The nonpartisan Commonwealth Fund predicted that 20 million people would lose coverage under Trump's plan while Clinton's would add coverage for 9 million.

Trump on Tuesday seized on projections of sharp health care cost increases as he campaigned in Pennsylvania, a state where some premiums are expected to rise by more than 40 percent. He was introduced by his running mate Mike Pence, who expanded Medicaid coverage as part of Obama's law as Indiana governor.

Pence called Obamacare "a crushing weight" on the American economy. "We're going to pull it off the market so it stops burning up our wallets," he declared.

Associated Press writers Lisa Lerer, Erica Werner and Ken Thomas in Washington, Kathleen Hennessey in Columbus, Ohio and Julie Pace in Dade City, Florida, contributed to this report.

## Nicaragua president's running mate: his wife

By **LUIS MANUEL GALEANO** and **PETER ORSI**, Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — On bright-pink billboards across the Nicaraguan capital, President Daniel Ortega looms triumphantly over motorists ahead of next Sunday's vote, where he's considered a shoo-in. He's almost never alone in those ads: Accompanying Ortega is the smiling visage of his first lady, spokeswoman and now running mate, Rosario Murillo.



**FILE.- In this Nov. 8, 2011 file photo Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega, center, accompanied by his wife Rosario Murillo, left, greets supporters after delivering an address to the nation in Revolution Square in Managua, Nicaragua. First lady Rosario Murillo has increasingly become the public face of Nicaragua's government and many say she wields more power than anyone in the country save Ortega himself. Now running as his VP ticket mate in a Nov. 6 election seen as a shoo-in, Murillo is poised to finally have the title to match her true influence.(AP Photo/Esteban Felix, File)**

He's almost never alone in those ads: Accompanying Ortega is the smiling visage of his first lady, spokeswoman and now running mate, Rosario Murillo.

"That woman is the one who rules in the country. She is powerful," said fruit vendor Roberto Mayorga. "If 'the man' dies, she'll be there. She has been his shadow. There is nobody who can keep her from being next."

Murillo has taken on ever greater responsibility during the last decade that her husband has been in office. She is said to run Cabinet meetings and many Nicaraguans credit her for social programs that have helped keep the ruling Sandinista party's popularity ratings high.

Murillo is beloved by many poor Nicaraguans and Sandinista faithful, consistently polling around 70 percent approval. And she's equally reviled by government opponents, who see her presence on the ticket as another step in the 70-year-old Ortega's push to maintain the couple's grip on power in a country with a long and uncomfortable history of dynastic families.



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"She's already been involved in the main decisions affecting the country and advising the president. So now she's just getting the appropriate title to go along with that," said Michael Allison, a political scientist at the University of Scranton.

"The Ortegas really seem to be intent on increasing the family's control over much of Nicaraguan political, social and economic life ..." he added. "And so this would be a way to really guarantee that should something happen to him, the family control over Nicaraguan politics will continue."

Murillo, 65, was born in Managua in 1951 and obtained diplomas in English and French while studying in Britain and Switzerland. In the 1970s she began publishing poetry, worked at a newspaper and co-founded a cultural group opposed to the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza. She met Ortega during the revolution, and they fell in love while in exile. She returned home when Somoza was toppled.

During the first Sandinista governments from 1980 to 1990, she was a newspaper culture editor, head of the Sandinista Cultural Workers' Association, a lawmaker and head of the country's Institute of Culture.

But it was after Ortega returned to the presidency in 2007 that Murillo's rise truly began.

When the government makes public announcements, they usually come in Murillo's voice. She has represented Ortega overseas on diplomatic and trade missions. She spearheaded the installation of giant metal "trees of life" sculptures in the capital, a beautification campaign that opponents have criticized as costly but which many residents appreciate.

Said to be a tireless worker, Murillo broadcasts daily TV and social media messages in which she offers everything from world news to culinary tips in a style that draws on religious, revolutionary and poetic rhetoric.

"I mean she's in people's homes all the time now. ... She's become really the public face of the administration, and I think that's helped her popularity immensely," said Christine Wade, a political scientist at Washington College in Maryland.

That's particularly true among the poor and women, who see her as responsible for programs she announces: putting roofs on homes, doling out micro loans, funding school lunches and running women's clinics.

"Our aspiration is for all women in Nicaragua to play a full role," Murillo said in August after being named to the ticket. "We are more than 50 percent of the population and we have the possibility, the duty, the right to fill decisive positions."

"Who better than 'the companera?'" Ortega said.

Recent surveys give the husband-and-wife team over 60 percent of voter preference compared with just 12 percent for a smattering of little-known candidates.

Critics accuse Ortega of blatantly rigging the system despite the fact he would likely win anyway.

First his backers pushed through constitutional amendments to let him seek another re-election. Then rulings by the Ortega-friendly Supreme Court and Supreme Electoral Council blocked his most serious opponents from running and unseated nearly all opposition lawmakers remaining in the National Assembly.

That prompted the U.S. House of Representatives to pass a bill that would require the U.S. to oppose loans to Nicaragua from international lending institutions unless the country takes "effective steps to hold free, fair and transparent elections." Companion legislation has been introduced in the Senate.

"What's going to happen (in the election) is a farce," said Carlos Langrand, one of the 28 opposition lawmakers booted in July.

Opponents also accuse Murillo of overreaching.

The shared power between Ortega and Murillo aims to create "a new dynasty," said Monica Baltodano, a former guerrilla commander who broke with the Sandinistas. "And mafia-style, he picks his wife to give her the kind of institutional power that she already had de-facto."

Working in Ortega's favor is the country's consistent if unspectacular economic growth, as well as relatively low homicide rates at a time when neighboring El Salvador and Honduras are among the deadliest countries on the planet.

Many Nicaraguans are also enthusiastic about the Ortega-backed plan for an interoceanic canal they

hope will jump-start the economy of the Western Hemisphere's second-poorest nation, though critics say it's unlikely to ever get built and threatens environmental and social disruption if it does.

In the 1990s, Murillo defended Ortega against her own daughter Zoilamerica, who alleged that her adoptive stepfather had sexually abused her for more than a decade.

Efforts to prosecute the case were long stymied by Ortega's immunity from prosecution as a member of Nicaragua's congress. He gave up that immunity only after the statute of limitations expired.

While many Sandinista loyalists wave the issue aside, some Nicaraguans continue to hold a dim view of Murillo's role. "There's definitely a segment of the population in women's groups and in feminist groups and in human rights groups that I don't think will ever forgive her the controversy over Zoilamerica," Wade said.

Associated Press writer Luis Manuel Galeano reported from Managua and AP writer Peter Orsi reported from Mexico City.

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## Tony Bennett, Muppets set for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



**FILE - In this Aug. 15, 2016 file photo, United States gymnast Lauren Hernandez displays her silver medal for the balance beam during the artistic gymnastics women's apparatus final at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Hernandez will join Tony Bennett, Kelsea Ballerini, Aloe Blacc, and fellow Olympians Claressa Shields and Michelle Carter in the 90th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade on Nov. 24. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez, File)**

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony Bennett, Sarah McLachlan, De La Soul, "Muppets" Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog and the cast of "Sesame Street" will be among the stars celebrating at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

Macy's said Tuesday singers Kelsea Ballerini and Aloe Blacc, Christopher Jackson from the Broadway play "Hamilton" and Olympic gold medalists Laurie Hernandez, Claressa Shields and Michelle Carter also will participate in the 90th annual parade Nov. 24.

The special will air at 9 a.m. EST on NBC's "Today" show.

Former NHL players Adam Graves and Eric Lindros and U.S. Paralympic gold medalists Mikey Brannigan and Gianfranco Iannotta also are part of the lineup.

Performers participating include Regina Spektor, Brett Eldredge, Fitz & the Tantrums, Maddie & Tae, Daya and Jacob Whitesides.

Online: <http://social.macys.com/parade>

## South Korean president replaces premier, others amid scandal

By HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's embattled president replaced her prime minister and two other top officials on Wednesday in a bid to restore public confidence amid a political scandal involving her longtime friend.

The reshuffles came as prosecutors are investigating whether a personal friend of Park's with no government job used her ties with the president to pull government strings from the shadows and pushed businesses to donate money to foundations she controlled. Prosecutors are expected to seek an arrest warrant for the friend, Choi Soon-sil, later Wednesday.

Park acknowledged last week Choi had edited some of her speeches and provided public relations help. South Korean media speculate Choi likely played a much larger role in government affairs.

Park's office said Wednesday she nominated Kim Byong-joon, a former top policy adviser for late liberal President Roh Moo-hyun, as her new prime minister.

The nomination, which requires parliamentary approval, is seen as an effort by the conservative Park to reach out to liberals for bipartisan support amid the scandal that has already forced her to fire eight presidential aides. The two other Cabinet jobs that Park reshuffled were the finance minister and safety minister, and their nominations aren't subject to parliamentary endorsement though they must undergo hearings at the National Assembly.

South Korea's main opposition Democratic Party immediately criticized Park's reshuffles, saying it's an attempt to divert attention from the scandal. It said Park must reveal the whole truth about her ties with Choi and the scandal.

Latest public surveys put Park's approval rating at about 10 percent, the lowest since her inauguration in February 2013. The surveys showed about half of respondents think Park should resign or be impeached by lawmakers. Thousands of people rallied in Seoul over the weekend, demanding Park's resignation.

South Korea's executive power is concentrated in the president, but the prime minister, the No.2 government post, leads the country if the president becomes incapacitated.

Choi has been close to Park since Choi's father, the leader of a religious cult, gained Park's trust by reportedly convincing her that he could communicate with her assassinated mother. Choi's father denied that in a 1990 media interview.

Park has already long been criticized for an aloof manner and for relying on only a few longtime confidantes. That she may have been outsourcing sensitive decisions to someone outside of government, and someone connected with a murky, lurid backstory, has incensed many.

## Both bus drivers among 6 killed in 2-bus Baltimore crash

By BRIAN WITTE, Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — A school bus was blocks away from its first stop Tuesday morning when it hit a cemetery wall, rear-ended a car and then ricocheted off a roadside pillar into an oncoming commuter bus. The pre-dawn accident killed six people and injured 10, authorities said.

There were virtually no skid marks at the crash scene, suggesting no braking by the 67-year-old school bus driver, who was killed, and leading to what Baltimore police spokesman T.J. Smith called a working theory that he had suffered some sort of medical emergency.

The 33-year-old female driver of the Maryland Transit Administration bus also died at the scene, along with four of her 12 passengers, Smith said.

"This was a grueling and gruesome process of removing bodies," he said.

The only other occupant of the school bus, an aide, suffered minor injuries, Smith said. The car driver also survived with minor injuries. All eight of the surviving commuter bus riders were hurt, two of them critically, he said.

All the victims were adults. Police have not yet released any of their names, pending notification of relatives.



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Smith said an autopsy will help determine whether the school bus driver had any medical conditions that could have contributed to the crash.

He said investigators have recovered recording equipment from one of the buses that he believes contains video and possibly data evidence — if it can be retrieved.

“We have to see the viability of it after this catastrophic accident,” Smith said.

National Transportation Safety Board investigator Jennifer Morrison said her team has begun looking at the vehicles and crash scene. She said they will likely remain in Baltimore through the week, gathering facts to determine the cause of the crash and make safety recommendations.

Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Davis said riders on the No. 10 MTA bus were likely going to work on a route from Dundalk, a largely blue-collar community southeast of Baltimore, toward Catonsville, a western suburb.

“They’re on their way to make a living, they’re on their way to the job, and they’re on their way to support their families,” Davis said, “Our hearts and prayers go out to them, to their families, to their co-workers as well.”

The school bus first hit the cemetery wall, then struck a silver Ford Mustang, crushing its rear and forcing its nose into the pavement. Then it hit a pillar at the cemetery entrance hundreds of feet down the street. Veering across the double-yellow center line, the yellow school bus slammed into the front driver side of the MTA bus, ending about 100 yards from the pillar.

The school bus raked the side of the commuter bus, finally stopping with its front end buried in the left rear quarter of the MTA vehicle on Frederick Avenue near Loudon Park Cemetery.

The Mustang driver, Shawn Braxton, said he was driving to work when the bus hit his car. Bystanders helped him get out, he said.

Braxton said he was bruised but also struggling emotionally.

“I’m just mentally trying to deal with, you know, surviving the accident while other people died,” he told The Associated Press.

The school bus was contracted from Baltimore-based AA Affordable Transportation and served 18 elementary students, the city’s public school system said in a statement.

Federal records show the company had no violations or other crashes reported in the two years ending this past September. In 2012, an AA Affordable school bus was involved in a crash that injured at least 13 people, including students, when it collided with a minivan, the Baltimore Sun reported.

The company’s five-year contract with the school district ends in June 2018, according to online public records.

One of the company’s drivers, Chernell Burrows, told reporters that the late driver was kind and dependable.

“I’m so sad,” Burrows said.

Some of the survivors suffered injuries to their faces and spines, said Dr. Deborah Stein at the University of Maryland Medical Center’s shock trauma unit in Baltimore, where five of the injured were taken. Two were taken to St. Agnes Hospital, according to a statement from St. Agnes Healthcare.



**In this frame from video, emergency personnel work at the scene of a fatal school bus and a commuter bus crash in Baltimore, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. (WBAL-TV via AP)**



A spokeswoman for Sinai Hospital said one patient was taken there.

The Rev. Mike Murphy said the crash sounded like "one loud thump" from his room in the rectory of nearby St. Joseph's Monastery, a Catholic facility.

Murphy said the busy thoroughfare "gets kind of crazy at times."

Doreen Downs, who lives nearby, heard the crash and saw the wreckage.

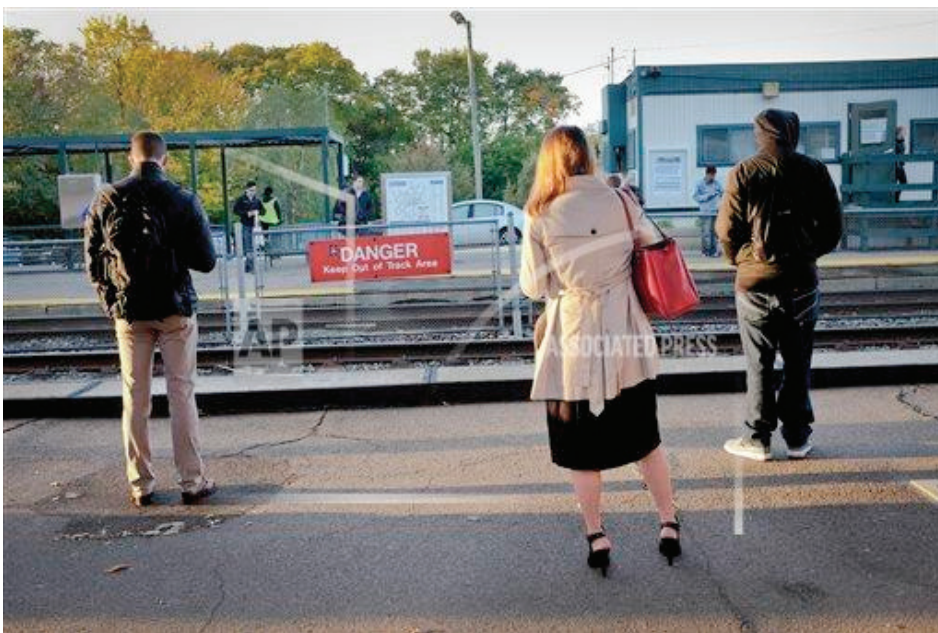
"It's just horrible," she said.

Smith characterized it as an accident investigation, not a crime-scene investigation, despite the presence of homicide detectives. Smith said they were called because they are accustomed to conducting death investigations.

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## Commuters tackle evening rush as transit strike clogs roads

By MEGAN TRIMBLE, Associated Press



**Early morning outbound commuters at East Falls Regional Rail Station cope with the first day of the SEPTA strike Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, in the city of Philadelphia. (Alejandro A. Alvarez/The Philadelphia Inquirer via AP)**

protect free speech "while still allowing unfettered access to SEPTA facilities and preventing any form of interference."

The walkout, which began at 12:01 a.m., shut down buses, trolleys and subways that provide about 900,000 rides a day. As of 5 p.m. no new talks were scheduled.

"This is something that is bad for everybody and has to end," said Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf.

Alexia Coleman-Smith split an Uber so she could get to a station to get a train out to the city's western suburbs. She planned to walk home from the station to save money.

Brendan McQuiggan used the city's bike-share service to pedal to his job from the downtown area to Philadelphia's Old City neighborhood. He usually takes the subway.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Commuters jumped on bikes, grabbed cabs and crammed into carpools as Philadelphia transit workers went on strike Tuesday after the city's main transit agency and a union representing about 4,700 workers failed to reach a contract agreement.

Regional rail travel to the suburbs was unexpectedly disrupted at the start of the evening rush as some pickets blocked access to those facilities for workers, and a number of trains had to be canceled. The pickets began clearing from those facilities around 5 p.m. after South-eastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority got an injunction, but the cancelations were complicating an already slow and jam-packed commute.

Union spokesman Jamie Horwitz said the union was working to

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LaBria Wilson usually takes a bus to get to the station where she grabs a train out to the suburbs and the prep school she attends. But on Tuesday, she got up an hour early, and her mother drove her to the train.

In declaring the strike, Transport Workers Union Local 234 President Willie Brown said management "refused to budge on key issues including safety issues that would save lives and not cost SEPTA a dime."

He said the sides remained far apart on pension and health care issues, as well as noneconomic issues such as shift scheduling, break time and other measures that affect driver fatigue.

SEPTA said it was ready to resume bargaining. If no agreement is reached before Election Day, the agency said it would seek an injunction to restore service on that day "to ensure that the strike does not prevent any voters from getting to the polls and exercising their right to vote."

It is the ninth strike by city transit workers since 1975. The last one, in 2009, lasted six days.

Among those walking the picket line early Tuesday was Frank Brinkman, a 32-year SEPTA employee. He said he hoped a deal could be worked out soon.

"I feel bad for them, I really do," he said of transit riders, "but this affects everybody's families.

"It's not an easy decision and (SEPTA) say it's about the taxpayers, but we're out here and we're taxpayers, too," he said.

The city set up a special bus service to get its employees to and from work. Universities and some businesses also arranged new or expanded bus service for employees.

The strike had a major impact on the Philadelphia school system because SEPTA provides rides for nearly 60,000 public, private and charter school students. The district said students wouldn't be penalized for being late.

Democratic District Attorney Seth Williams joined transit workers for a photograph on a picket line, tweeting that he was "showing some love for the men & women of TWU Local #234."

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Associated Press writer Kathy Matheson contributed to this report.

## Deadly Halloween crash shakes small town in Mississippi

By **EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS**, Associated Press

CHUNKY, Miss. (AP) — Every Halloween in the rural eastern Mississippi hamlet of Chunky, families and groups of friends load costumed children onto flatbed trailers and drive from house to widely spaced house for trick-or-treating.

It's how things have been done for as long as Joyce Reynolds, the co-owner of a local trading post, can remember. On Monday night, a pickup truck slammed into the back of a small utility trailer carrying 10 people on a dark stretch of two-lane highway just outside Chunky, killing a mother and her two young daughters and severely injuring seven other Halloween revelers.

"Most everybody stays in the city limits where the lights are on," Reynolds, whose own children and grandchildren rode golf carts for trick-or-treating, said Tuesday. "What was unusual was them driving out Highway 80 where it was dark."

The crash happened after sunset on a stretch of two-lane U.S. 80 that has no street lights.

Killed were 33-year-old Kristina Shaver and her daughters, Baylie, 8, and Brooke, 2, who lived near Chunky.

Mississippi Highway Patrol Staff Sgt. Andy West said seven people were injured and were taken by ambulance or helicopter to one hospital in Jackson, about 80 miles to the west, and two hospitals in Meridian, 20 miles to the east.

The driver of the Jeep pulling the utility trailer, Terry Smith, 58, of Chunky, and his two passengers escaped injury, as did the driver of the pickup that hit the trailer, Chase Cook, 20, of nearby Decatur. No one was immediately charged, but an investigation continued Tuesday.

West said the children on the trailer were dressed up for Halloween — but the wreck scene was so horrible, he said that he didn't remember exactly how their costumes looked. Pieces of wrapped Lifesaver Gummies, MilkyWay and Kit Kat chocolate bars and Starburst candies were still scattered by the roadside at the site Tuesday. Investigators used bright orange paint to mark the spot where the crash occurred.

Among the other seven people injured on the trailer were three children, two teenagers and a woman.

Their conditions were not immediately known. Initially after the crash, authorities said six people were in critical condition. West did not know the age and gender of the seventh injured person.

Kristina Shaver became a widow three months ago when husband, 36-year-old Kerry Douglas Shaver, died in late July, a local funeral home said.

Chunky — population about 325 — is in wooded hills and is a popular launch spot for canoeing on the Chunky River. It's a place residents choose for a quiet, country lifestyle. Reynolds and her husband, Dwayne, own Chunky River Recreation Trading Post and Campground, a wooden building with a wraparound porch full of rocking chairs. It rents camping sites and sells snacks, cold drinks and "Chunky Mississippi" T-shirts.

Most longtime residents of the town know each other by name or reputation.

Brittany Farmer, her husband, their two children and a menagerie of dogs, cats and rabbits live on a

wooded lot full of Halloween decorations about a quarter mile from the crash site. She said she took their 7-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter trick-or-treating in Meridian and returned home after emergency workers had taken away the dead and injured. Farmer said she and her children watched TV news coverage about the wreck as they got ready for school Tuesday morning, and her son asked if he knew anyone involved. She had to tell him she didn't know any names but he might hear some at school.

"I told him all you can do is just pray for them," Farmer said. "It's terrible, whether you knew them or not."



**Brittany Farmer speaks about a deadly car accident Halloween night that took place about a quarter mile from their home near U.S. Highway 80, in Chunky, Miss., Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. Farmer said she and her children watched TV news coverage about the wreck as they got ready for school Tuesday morning, and her son asked if he knew anyone involved. She had to tell him she didn't know any names but he might hear some at school. "I told him all you can do is just pray for them," Farmer said. "It's terrible, whether you knew them or not." (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)**

## Clinton, Trump warn of dire consequences if rival wins

By JULIE PACE and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

DADE CITY, Fla. (AP) — Donald Trump could draw the United States into nuclear war, Hillary Clinton warns. Clinton would plunge the country into a constitutional crisis, he says.

As the caustic presidential race lurches toward the finish line, each candidate is aggressively casting the other as a catastrophic choice for the White House. Making an affirmative case about their own qualifications and vision has become a secondary priority.

It's an ugly conclusion to a contest featuring two of the most unpopular presidential candidates in modern American politics. The sexual assault accusations that have trailed Trump in the race's closing weeks and a new FBI review into Clinton's email habits seem likely to only reinforce the public's negative perceptions, leaving the candidates to essentially argue to voters that they're the best of two unappealing options.

"I would rather be here talking about nearly anything else," Clinton said Tuesday during a rally in Florida



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**Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks in King of Prussia, Pa., Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. Neither Trump nor Hillary Clinton talks much anymore about why they're the best choice for president. Instead in the campaign's last days, they're focused on casting each other as a catastrophic choice. (AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)**

campaign on a more positive note. She talked about giving Americans something to vote for, not just against. And with public opinion polls showing her with solid leads in most battleground states, she started talking about healing divisions and unifying the country after the election.

But her advisers say they saw polls tighten even before the FBI launched its new email review. The campaign now believes she needs to make a last push to define Trump as an unacceptable choice in order to seal the deal with persuadable voters.

On Tuesday, Clinton focused on Trump's demeaning and predatory comments about women, calling him a "bully." This time she brought with her former Miss Universe Alicia Machado. Trump criticized Machado for gaining weight after winning the 1996 contest.

Trump's campaign rhetoric has always been dark, full of searing depictions of a crumbling nation, and he has not been shy about going negative on Clinton. He routinely calls her "Crooked Hillary" and "the most corrupt person ever to run for the White House."

But Trump, too, has stepped up his broadsides after the last weeks of October handed him a pair of potentially potent political gifts: the projected "Obamacare" premium rate hike and FBI Director James Comey's letter revealing that agents are reviewing emails that may be connected to Clinton's private server.

His campaign sees the latter in particular as an opportunity to reinforce questions about Clinton's trustworthiness and remind voters that sending Clinton to the White House could lead to the return of the scandals that trailed Bill Clinton's presidency in the 1990s.

"She would be under protracted criminal investigation and probably a criminal trial, I would say," Trump said during a rally in Michigan on Monday. "So we'd have a criminal trial of a sitting president."

Campaigning Tuesday in Pennsylvania, a state in which Trump has directed an abundance of time and resources, he and his running mate Mike Pence delivered their most full-throated takedown yet of President Barack Obama's health care law.

where she leveled a series of attacks on Trump's character and preparedness for the White House. "But I can't just talk about all of the good things we want to do."

Indeed, Clinton's speeches in this final full week of campaigning have overwhelmingly focused on Trump. On Monday, she warned against giving Trump the authority to order a nuclear attack, bringing along a former nuclear launch officer to bolster her point.

"Imagine his advisers afraid to tell him what he doesn't want to hear, racing against his legendarily short attention span to lay out life-and-death choices too complex to be reduced to a single tweet," Clinton said Monday in Ohio. "Then imagine him plunging us into a war because somebody got under his very thin skin."

After spending much of the summer and fall tearing Trump down, Clinton had planned to close the

Though barely mentioning Clinton's name, the typically fiery Republican somberly warned that electing Clinton would "destroy American health care forever."

Clinton's and Trump's closing campaign advertisements reiterate the race's sharply negative tone.

Her campaign has several commercials out that directly question whether Trump would launch a nuclear attack. The ads feature clips of him saying he likes to be unpredictable and would "bomb the (expletive) out of them."

She's also doubled down on her argument that Trump's offensive comments about women, as well as his boasts about touching women without their permission, disqualify him from the White House. A 60-second ad that features Trump in his own words over the years concludes: "Anyone who believes, anyone who says, anyone who does what he does, is unfit to be president."

Meanwhile, Trump's ads reinforce his message that the country risks doom if it doesn't change directions by electing him. "Hillary Clinton will keep us on the road to stagnation," a narrator says in one of his latest ads.

Lemire reported from Philadelphia. AP writer Julie Bykowicz in Washington contributed to this report.

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## Trump is master of his domains, even ones that bash him

By MICHAEL R. SISAK, Associated Press



**FILE - In a Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a rally, in Las Vegas. The billionaire Republican presidential nominee owns more than two dozen web addresses that sound like they're bashing him and his interests. Branding experts say it's part of a strategy to make sure Trump's critics and rivals can't get ahold of the domains to mock or attack him. (AP Photo/John Locher, File)**

Whoever owns donaldtrump-sucks.com must really hate Donald Trump, right? Wrong! It's the Donald himself.

The same goes for no2trump.com, trumpmustgo.com and two dozen other web addresses that sound like they're bashing the billionaire Republican presidential nominee, his business interests or his political aspirations.

What would Trump want with such insulting domains? Easy. To make sure his critics and rivals can't have them.

He and his Trump Organization own more than 3,600 web addresses, according to the research firm DomainIQ. The vast majority bear the names of his properties, products and progeny. There are 274 domains alone featuring the name of Trump's daughter Ivanka.

And then there are the ones that seem better suited for the anti-Trump crowd: eight domains ending in "scheme," eight ending in "fraud" and eight ending in "sucks."

It is common for businesses and

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celebrities to scoop up and sit on web addresses that could be used to mock or attack them.

Cable giant Comcast owns [ihatecomcast.com](http://ihatecomcast.com), and Verizon holds [verizonsucks.com](http://verizonsucks.com). Colleges have made a habit of buying up versions of their names ending in .xxx to prevent them from falling into the hands of pornographers, and Major League Baseball has registered the names of various teams ending in .sex.

"Domains are cheap," branding expert Rebecca Lieb said. "Mopping up when somebody acquires a domain and does something malicious with it is expensive."

Trump's collection of web addresses good and bad is far more extensive than that of any candidate before. He and the Trump Organization own a few hundred more than Target Corp. or General Motors.

Hillary Clinton's campaign owns 70, according to DomainIQ, though none appear to be the kind of derogatory names Trump has registered. Her family's foundation owns 214 domains, including four ending in .xxx.

"Mr. Trump has built a globally recognized, highly successful brand, and it's only natural he would attempt to protect his name and his brand in all respects," Trump campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks said in an email Monday.

Web addresses cost just a few bucks to register. After that, you can sell them to the highest bidder, unless someone steps in and successfully claims that the domain involves a trademark.

That's how Trump has gotten his hands on Trump-related addresses that other people registered before he could. His lawyers have sent cease-and-desist letters and gone to arbitration at least 40 times to force outsiders to hand over domains, including [MelaniaTrump.com](http://MelaniaTrump.com).

Trump and his team didn't take any chances in 2009 when he created the Trump Network brand to sell vitamins and other health products. They quietly scooped up 18 negative domain names, including [DonaldTrumpPonziScheme.com](http://DonaldTrumpPonziScheme.com) and [TrumpNetworkFraud.com](http://TrumpNetworkFraud.com).

Trump also tried to head off the haters when he ventured into the liquor business with Trump Vodka in 2005. Along with [trumpvodka.com](http://trumpvodka.com), [trumpwithatwist.com](http://trumpwithatwist.com) and [yourefiredvodka.com](http://yourefiredvodka.com), Trump's company registered [ihatetrumpvodka.com](http://ihatetrumpvodka.com) and [trumpvodka.com](http://trumpvodka.com).

And last year, as his run for the White House focused new attention on Trump University's questionable practices, Trump and his team registered [trumpfraud.com](http://trumpfraud.com) and three similar domains.

Trump's roster traces his professional ambitions and personal milestones, with registrations tied to the start of big projects and the arrival of children and grandchildren, and addresses for ventures that never got off the ground or ones like [trumponair.com](http://trumponair.com) that could be ripe for use if he loses on Nov. 8.

There are domains for an unrealized plan to build a NASCAR speedway in the early 2000s, a failed attempt to acquire Gianni Versace's Miami Beach mansion in 2013 and an unsuccessful push to develop a North Carolina golf resort.

There are domains for a Trump-produced Broadway show featuring the music of Irving Berlin. The curtain never rose, but Trump still owns [trumpfolies.com](http://trumpfolies.com). And then there are the politically themed domains that appear to coin new terminology: [trumprepublican.org](http://trumprepublican.org) and [trumpocrat.net](http://trumpocrat.net).

Despite Trump's efforts, some of his tormentors have beaten him to the punch.

Chris Puchowicz bought [trump.org](http://trump.org) for \$1,272 at an auction in 2012 and snagged [trump.tv](http://trump.tv) for \$251 a few months later. The Trump Organization didn't make a bid, he said, but its lawyers later threatened a lawsuit. Puchowicz still owns the domains and has used them to post an anti-Trump rant.

Brian Lam, a software engineering student in St. Louis, spent \$9 to register [votefortrump.com](http://votefortrump.com). He then posted a photo of himself giving the finger to the camera over the words "Just Kidding."

All is not lost. Trump still owns [ilovedonaldtrump.com](http://ilovedonaldtrump.com).

## Cosby lawyers press judge to exclude deposition from trial

By MARYCLAIRE DALE, Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Bill Cosby's lawyers pressed a judge Tuesday to keep the comedian's damaging deposition in a decade-old lawsuit out of his sexual assault trial, saying Cosby agreed to answer questions under oath after being assured he wouldn't be charged with a crime.

The defense has insisted Cosby had an oral promise from the district attorney at the time that he wouldn't be prosecuted over a 2005 sexual encounter with Andrea Constand, a former Temple University basketball



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manager.

The judge previously refused to dismiss the charges on those grounds, but is now being asked to disallow the deposition when the case goes to trial in June.

A new district attorney had Cosby arrested last year, after the deposition was unsealed and dozens of new accusers came forward.

Cosby, now 79 and blind, has said his encounter with Constand was consensual. He could get 10 years in prison if convicted. He is free on \$1 million bail.

The "Cosby Show" star once known as America's Dad smiled as he arrived at the suburban Philadelphia courthouse with his entourage.

Judge Steven O'Neill, who is hearing pretrial arguments, said that Cosby's decision to testify could have been strategic. He found no evidence that Cosby's lawyers tried to get the promise in writing before letting him give four days of testimony.

They might have thought it was better for him to testify than plead the Fifth Amendment and have a civil jury think he had something to hide, the judge suggested.

Defense attorney Brian McMonagle said the judge would set a bad precedent if he let the testimony in.

"I don't want DAs making promises that they don't later keep," McMonagle said. "That strikes at the heart of fundamental unfairness."

Cosby was questioned a decade ago as part of a lawsuit brought against him by Constand. The long-married comedian testified about a series of affairs with young women and said he sometimes gave them pills or alcohol before sex. Constand eventually settled in 2006 for an undisclosed sum.

The pretrial hearing resumes Wednesday, with another hearing on the evidence set for December. O'Neill must also decide if 13 other accusers can testify against Cosby at the trial to show they were drugged and molested in similar fashion.

Cosby's lawyers want the judge to bar such testimony about "prior bad acts," saying prosecutors are reaching back to the "casting couch" era to round up accusers and build a "stale" case. The defense contends the women's memories have been compromised by time, age and widespread news coverage of the case.

"The fact that even the most fervently held memories can actually be tainted — or altogether false — is supported by a vast existing and growing body of science," McMonagle wrote.



**Comedian and actor Bill Cosby arrives at the Montgomery County courthouse, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, in Norristown, Pa. Cosby's lawyers pressed a judge Tuesday to keep his potentially damaging testimony from a lawsuit out of his sexual assault trial, saying it would be fundamentally unfair since Cosby thought he had a promise from the government that he would never be charged. (Ed Hille/The Philadelphia Inquirer via AP, Pool)**

## Clinton campaign weighed forcing out Democratic chairwoman

By ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press



**FILE - In this Aug. 9, 2016 file photo, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla. introduces Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton as she stops in to greet workers at a campaign office for Wasserman Schultz, in Davie, Fla. As early as last December, the Clinton campaign was planning to neutralize Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz and forcing her out after the party convention was one of the options under discussion, according to the latest WikiLeaks release of emails hacked from the accounts of Clinton campaign chairman, John Podesta, which were posted Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)**

WASHINGTON (AP) — As early as last December, the Clinton campaign was plotting ways to sideline the head of the Democratic Party amid complaints about internal fights in the party's leadership, according to the latest WikiLeaks release of hacked emails.

Among the options for Florida Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz was neutralizing her and then forcing her out after the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia in July. Other options forwarded by top campaign aide Heather Stone would have kept Wasserman Schultz in place but in a weakened capacity as a figurehead or a co-chairwoman who would cede power to a "general election chair" named by Clinton.

The memo urged "systemic shifts at the DNC leadership level" to help Clinton win a general election. The memo was part of the latest trove of emails stolen from Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta and released Tuesday.

"Though we have reached a working arrangement with them, our dealings with party leadership have been marked by challenges, often requiring multiple meetings

and phone calls to resolve relatively simple matters," Stone's memo said. "We are frequently caught in the middle of poor communication and a difficult relationship between the chairwoman and the executive director."

Wasserman Schultz announced her resignation just before the DNC convention this past summer after an earlier WikiLeaks hack of DNC emails showed party officials had favored Clinton over challenger Bernie Sanders. The party apparatus was supposed to stay scrupulously neutral during the primary campaign.

Wasserman Schultz was replaced on an interim basis by Donna Brazile.

The Clinton campaign memo floated former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm as either the general election chair or as a replacement for Wasserman Schultz.

The latest email release also reveals that immediately after The New York Times broke the news that Hillary Clinton and her aides had used private accounts to conduct State Department business when she was secretary, chairman John Podesta told Cheryl Mills, an attorney and chief of staff to Clinton, that "we are going to have to dump all those emails" and that it was "better to do so sooner than later."

Podesta didn't say what he meant by "dump" — and the campaign hasn't responded to queries about

the hacked email trove.

About a week later, Clinton addressed the issue, saying that about half the 60,000 emails were work-related and she had turned them over to the State Department. The rest were personal and withheld. She said most were sent to other officials in the department on their government accounts, so they were archived anyway.

Another hacked email reveals that as Clinton prepared to announce her candidacy last year, she wanted the Clinton Foundation to continue to accept contributions from foreign governments. An email from Clinton Foundation Senior Vice President Maura Pally to Mills on April 7, 2015, contains a memo that laid out proposed changes to the foundation if Clinton ran for president. It says Clinton would resign from the foundation board and not participate in any fundraising for it, which she did.

"Secretary Clinton's preference is for the foundation to continue to accept foreign government contributions, but to significantly increase disclosure. She does not want to limit the foundation's ability to operate programs now or in the future," the document states.

Another email chain contains a message from pollster and strategist Joel Benenson warning that if the foundation continues to take foreign contributions it could be a loser politically.

"We're going to be very vulnerable on that throughout and I think our opponents and some on our side will say it is unseemly for a potential U.S. president taking money from foreign governments for her private foundation," Benenson wrote.

The foundation announced in August that it would no longer accept money from foreign governments or corporations if Clinton is elected.

## **James Comey: The do-the-right-thing guy in email maelstrom**

**By NANCY BENAC and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director James Comey once called it a crucial leadership test: Anticipating whether a decision makes sense "through the eyes of others."

Now his own big decision has Democrats and even some Republicans wondering whether he failed his own test.

The FBI director who prides himself on moral rectitude and a squeaky-clean reputation is being criticized from all sides for lobbing a stink bomb into the center of the presidential race. His disclosure that investigators have found more emails that may — or may not — relate to Democrat Hillary Clinton's use of a private email setup as secretary of state has jolted the race and generated far more questions than answers.

This isn't the first time Comey has found himself in the spotlight for taking a stand on what the 6-foot-8 lawyer saw as the moral high ground.

Perhaps the last previous thing many Americans heard about Comey was the tale of his dramatic rush to the bedside of then-Attorney General John Ashcroft in a darkened hospital room in 2004 for a standoff with senior White House officials over federal wiretapping rules. Comey, serving as acting attorney general during Ashcroft's illness, dashed to the bedside to block Bush administration officials from making an end run to get Ashcroft's permission to reauthorize a secret no-warrant wiretapping program.

"That night was probably the most difficult night of my professional life," Comey testified before Congress in 2007.

Perhaps until now.

Former Justice Department officials and lawmakers from both parties are calling Comey's revelation about Clinton's emails just 11 days before the election an improper, astonishing and perplexing intrusion into politics in the critical endgame of the 2016 campaign.

It's an unexpected predicament for the man who has painted ethical decision-making as an easy call.

"There's right, and there's wrong, and it ain't hard to tell the difference," he once said.

That internal certitude has led the FBI official to freelance his positions at times.

Last year he broke from the White House in suggesting a possible link between police officers' anxieties



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about taking actions that could be recorded on viral videos and rising homicide rates in some American cities. The White House distanced itself from those remarks, saying there was no scientific evidence to support a connection, or show that officers were pulling back from their responsibilities.

Comey, a former Republican who is no longer registered with a political party, spent 15 years as a federal prosecutor before serving in the George W. Bush administration. His office brought the case that led to Martha Stewart's conviction on obstruction of justice and lying to government investigators. As an assistant U.S. attorney in Virginia, he handled the investigation of the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers housing complex in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 members of the U.S. military.

President Barack Obama, when he nominated Comey for a 10-year appointment to the FBI job in 2013, cited his willingness to stand up to power "at key moments when it's mattered most," referencing the hospital-room standoff.

Aides say Obama's high opinion of Comey still stands. But the White House is leaving the FBI director dangling, saying it is up to him to defend himself in the face of what spokesman Josh Earnest called "significant criticism from a variety of legal experts, including individuals who served in senior Department of Justice positions in administrations that were led by presidents in both parties."

Indeed, Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, a hard-line conservative and House Judiciary Committee member, told Fox News Radio that "this was probably not the right thing for Comey to do, the protocol here, to come out this close to an election. But this whole case has been mishandled, and now it is what it is."

And former Rep. Joe Walsh, a supporter of Donald Trump, tweeted that Comey's action amounted to an "unconstitutional abuse of government power against our electoral process. Just not right."

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada went a step further and accused Comey of deliberately inserting himself into the race to damage Clinton's presidential prospects, suggesting the FBI director may have broken the law.

Comey, 56, made his disclosure about the Clinton emails despite admonitions from officials within the Justice Department not to go there. It is longstanding Justice Department protocol to avoid taking investigative action in the run-up to an election that could affect its outcome.

Comey told colleagues that he felt obligated to go public with the information after having previously told Congress over the summer that the investigation into Clinton's emails had been concluded without prosecution.

Trying to explain his decision, he wrote to FBI employees that it would have been "misleading to the Ameri-



**FILE - In this July 7, 2016 file photo, FBI Director James Comey testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Oversight Committee to explain his agency's recommendation to not prosecute Hillary Clinton. Comey, who prides himself on moral rectitude and a squeaky-clean reputation is being criticized from all sides for lobbing a stink bomb into the center of the presidential race. Former Justice Department officials and former prosecutors from both parties have called the revelation an improper, astonishing and perplexing intrusion into politics in the critical endgame of the 2016 campaign. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite, File)**

can people were we not to supplement the record" despite the "significant risk of being misunderstood." Christine Chung, a New York lawyer who worked with Comey when he was the top federal prosecutor in Manhattan, described him as ever "determined to do the right thing."

The criticism he's faced over the email disclosure, she added, is a "lesson for why good people shouldn't go to Washington."

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## 'We've returned to the stone age': Quake levels Italian town

By MATTEO WITT and CARLO PIOVANO, Associated Press



**A view of Castelluccio di Norcia, Italy, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. Earthquake aftershocks gave central Italy no respite on Tuesday, haunting a region where thousands of people were left homeless and frightened by a massive weekend tremor that razed centuries-old towns. (Massimo Percossi/ANSA via AP)**

livelihood, without which they would truly have nothing left to come back for.

"Practically we've returned to the stone age," said Augusto Coccia, 65.

He was among the farmers housed in containers in the town square, eating breakfast, when the earthquake struck. It bounced the containers about and filled the air with a thick fog of dust.

The 6.6-magnitude tremor, the country's most powerful in 36 years, pulled down buildings and historic churches in villages across the Appenine mountains. In Castelluccio, the ground is now as much as 70 centimeters (two feet) lower, according to the national geophysics institute.

This town's plight was worsened by the fact that the roads were cut off. Rescue helicopters brought in the bare necessities — food and water — on Sunday but little else.

Coccia and the others who stayed behind cook under the open sky with gas canisters. They have no heating, electricity or constant water supply. The temperature drops to as low as minus 6 Celsius (20 Fahrenheit) at night.

"The medical supplies were delivered to us today. It's been three days since we requested them but it's very hard to get them to us," he said.

CASTELLUCCIO DI NORCIA, Italy (AP) — Some houses are collapsed outright, pancaked piles of stones and plaster. A pair of skis stick out. Some are cracked open neatly, exposing living rooms frozen in time.

The central Italian mountain village of Castelluccio di Norcia, among the most heavily hit by Sunday's earthquake, is known for the beautiful blossoms of its lentil fields and its historic charm. Now it's a ghost town.

With the roads cut off, almost all of the 300 inhabitants were evacuated by helicopter. They all survived after an earlier quake in August prompted them to move into safer housing like camper vans or containers.

But a small group of 13 hardy souls refuses to leave. Mostly farmers, they want to stay close to their cattle, sheep and horses — their

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Besides helicopter, the only way to get to Castelluccio is by four-by-four through an hour and a half of rough terrain. Some residents of the area made the trip, as did forest rangers, with whom The Associated Press traveled.

Among those making their way to Castelluccio on Tuesday was Vincenzo Brandimarte, 63. He had recently built an inn here using modern earthquake-resistant planning — and it was one of the very few buildings that did not collapse or crack.

“Today I began to cry when I saw the town with my own eyes,” he said. “This is worse than war. If it had been a real war maybe the town wouldn’t have been destroyed to this extent.”

As of Tuesday, 15,000 people from the region some 100 kilometers (62 miles) north of Rome were being given shelter. That’s on top of 2,000 who remain displaced from a first quake in August, which left 300 dead.

Premier Matteo Renzi visited the town of Preci with his wife to survey the damage, meet some of the displaced people and participate in an open-air mass for All Saints’ Day.

“We will rebuild everything in a timely manner,” he said, according to news agency ANSA. He called on people to accept the offer of relocation, stressing the police presence had been beefed up to avoid looting and that tents are not a long-term solution in winter.

But farmers like Coccia argue it’s not an option, as they do not want to leave their herds alone. Wolves are a problem, in particular for sheep. There is a shortage of water and food for the animals. And the animals need barns within weeks to be able to withstand the cold.

As rescue operations proceeded Tuesday, aftershocks continued at a rate of several per hour, keeping people on edge. The strongest on Tuesday morning was felt as far away as Rome. Damage was also reported in the Italian capital where, among other things, small cracks appeared in the ceiling of the Saint Eustache church and the marble of a street lamp near the Vatican was misaligned.

For some, the disaster will resonate acutely on Wednesday — All Souls’ Day, when Italian families traditionally visit cemeteries to remember their dead relatives. Cemeteries were heavily damaged in the stricken villages, with coffins spilling out of the built structures that are typical in Italy.

“Here the apocalypse happened,” said Giuseppe Caponecchi, a 54-year-old entrepreneur from Castelluccio. “But we’re stronger than the apocalypse.”

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## More people from far-flung corners of world sneaking into US

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An increasing number of people from far-flung corners of the world have tried to sneak into the United States among the hundreds of thousands of other, mostly Latin American migrants caught at the Mexican border in the last year, according to arrest data from the Homeland Security Department.

The arrests of more than 8,000 people from India, China, Romania, Bangladesh and Nepal between October 2015 and the end of August is offering a new challenge to immigration agents tasked with fully identifying would-be immigrants and quickly deporting people caught crossing the border illegally.

The group of overseas migrants represents a tiny fraction of the more than 408,000 people caught crossing the Mexican border illegally in the last year. But the arrests suggest a rising trend in the number of migrants opting for a convoluted trek that sometimes wends across the seas to South America, over land to Central America and then through Mexico before arriving at the U.S. border illegally.

For decades Mexico dominated the discussion on illegal immigration as the country from which most immigrants went to the border illegally. But in recent years the number of Mexican nationals who have been trying to sneak into the United States has dropped.

India and China are now squarely among the top 10 countries of origin for people caught trying to sneak into the United States. Large numbers of immigrants from those two countries have long come to



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**FILE - In this Dec. 3, 2014, file photo, cars wait to enter the United States from Tijuana, Mexico, through the San Ysidro port of entry in San Diego. An increasing number of people from far-flung corners of the world quietly have tried to sneak into the United States among the hundreds of thousands of other, mostly Latin American migrants caught at the Mexican border in 2015, according to arrest data from the Homeland Security Department. (AP Photo/Gregory Bull, File)**

people from far beyond U.S. borders brings with it broad implications for U.S. border security and other immigration enforcement efforts.

The Homeland Security Department has made arresting, jailing and deporting recent border crossers a top priority for immigration agents. Most Mexican migrants caught at the border are sent home within just a few days. But for migrants from countries a continent away the process is often far longer and costlier for the U.S. government as the migrants wait in immigration jails for travel documents to return home or a judge to decide their fate.

The uptick in arrivals of people from other continents, combined with an increase in overall border crossings in the last 12 months, has led to a spike of more than 40,000 people being held in immigration jails in recent weeks. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's budget gives them enough money to house 34,000 people at any given time and the recent overflow has officials worried they may face a budget shortfall of more than \$130 million in the coming months if the trend continues.

DHS spokeswoman Gillian Christensen said the agency has enough money to "operate at current levels" until Dec. 9, when a temporary budget resolution expires. After that, she said, DHS will work to either shift money from other parts of the department or find another "alternative budget strategy." She described the possible budget adjustment as "common."

Manjarrez said border agents and immigration officials face multiple challenges with a rise in immigrants from so far away, including language barriers and crowded detention centers.

"The further away you get from the Americas, the more difficult it is to really know who they are," Manjarrez said of the government's ability to fully identify some would-be immigrants.

The director of the Washington Office on Latin America's Mexico program, Maureen Meyer, said it appears that many of the overseas migrants are making their way through Mexico via South American countries,

the United States legally and many have overstayed visas to remain here. Now some people are taking a different approach altogether by making their way to Mexico to try to sneak into the United States as visas are harder to come by.

Victor Manjarrez, a former Border Patrol sector chief and director of the Center for Law & Human Behavior at the University of Texas at El Paso, said the rising number of migrants from countries far beyond the Americas should be seen as a growing concern.

"That is very unusual. If I was still sitting as the chief of El Paso or Tucson...I'd be a little concerned," Manjarrez said. "In the grand scheme, as a percentage, it's relatively small but the raw numbers are such a big jump historically."

The changing face of illegal immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border is a small part of a broader trend of global migration, with millions of people fleeing their home countries. But the arrival of so many

for U.S. border security and other

including Brazil, where entry visas are either easy to come by or not required. And their final destination is more often than not the United States.

"I think it's reflecting a gradual trend, as of at least particularly the last year," Meyer said.

While the exact draw of the round-the-world route isn't entirely clear, Meyer said an expanding network of human smugglers appear to be taking advantage of the increasingly popular smuggling routes that use Mexico as a transit country.

"There's a lot of smuggling that goes through Mexico that you don't see," Meyer said. She added that rumors of lenient treatment of some immigrants in the United States may also be a factor.

The recent influx of overseas migrants may be a harbinger of things to come.

More than 7,000 people who claimed to be from Africa have been arrested in Mexico between January and August, according to statistics maintained by Mexican federal immigration authorities. The number of such immigrants has been on the rise in recent years.

In 2013 Mexican immigration authorities arrested fewer than 1,000 migrants from Asia and Africa, while the number rose to nearly 11,000 from January through August.

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## Obama reveals private living areas of White House

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama likes to say the White House is the "people's house." Now, the people are getting a look at the rooms where he lives.

Exclusive photos published Tuesday by Architectural Digest are giving the public its first glimpse of private areas on the second floor of the White House that Obama, his wife, Michelle, daughters Malia and Sasha and family dogs Bo and Sunny have called home for nearly eight years.

Los Angeles-based interior designer Michael Smith decorated the rooms, as well as the Oval Office. A mutual friend in Chicago introduced him to the Obamas

after the 2008 election.

The first lady said Smith managed to reflect her family's tastes



**The image provided by Architectural Digest shows the Yellow Oval Room in the White House in Washington in a cover story about . Designer Michael S. Smith specified a Donald Kaufman paint for the Yellow Oval Room. Artworks by Paul Cézanne and Daniel Garber flank the mantel. Smith mellowed the Yellow Oval Room with smoky browns, greens, golds, and blues. The 1978 Camp David peace accords were signed at the antique Denis-Louis Ancelet desk, front left. President Barack Obama likes to say the White House is the "people's house." Architectural Digest photos are giving the public its first glimpse of private areas on the second floor of the White House that Obama, his wife, Michelle, daughters Malia and Sasha and family dogs Bo and Sunny have called home for nearly eight years. (Michael Mundy/Architectural Digest via AP)**

while respecting the history of the White House.

"Above all, it has truly felt like a home for our family," she told the magazine.

Photos show the Yellow Oval Room; the Treaty Room, where Obama retreats late at night to read briefing material for the next day; a sitting room; a dining room; and the master bedroom. The rooms are adorned with a variety of modern and contemporary art borrowed from major art institutions, such as the National Gallery of Art and Smithsonian museums.

Architectural Digest has also published photos of the private living quarters of Presidents John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush.

Amy Astley, the editor in chief, said the Obamas' personal style, and the history and diversity of the nation, are reflected in their art and decor choices. The Architectural Digest issue with photos of the Obama living quarters is scheduled to appear on newsstands on Nov. 8, Election Day.

Decorated in beige hues, the master bedroom has an antique canopy bed decked out with fine Italian linen. Identical, footed tables at either side of the bed, one bearing family photos and one stacked with books. Matching, upholstered chairs and a sofa form a sitting area.

Smith called the bedroom the Obamas' "sanctuary."

"You really want to make sure that the president of the United States gets a good night's sleep," he told the magazine.

That's something Obama apparently gets. "I have a phone right by my bedside and every morning somebody calls and says, 'Mr. President, it's your 7 a.m. wake-up call,'" Obama said last week during an appearance on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

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## Political groups fight for control of state supreme courts

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Wealthy powerbrokers. Special interest groups. Millions of dollars pouring in to elect conservatives or liberals.

It sounds like a typical election-year contest for Congress or a state legislature, but it's actually a high-stakes battle for institutions that were once considered above politics: state supreme courts. Political groups view control of the high courts as essential to either defending or thwarting state laws. And they are more and more willing to spend big to gain the advantage.

So far in the current election cycle, a record \$14 million in independent money has been spent on television advertisements for state supreme court seats, according to the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School. That represents about half of all the money spent on the races, including the amount spent by the candidates themselves.

The final tally, which will not be known until after Election Day, is sure to be much higher and will probably shatter the previous outside spending record of \$13.5 million, set in the 2011-12 election cycle.

"State supreme court elections have become increasingly high-cost and politicized," said Alicia Bannon, senior counsel at the Brennan Center. "Special interests have been putting a lot of money into those races, trying to shape who sits on the courts and ultimately the decisions the courts are making."

Not including uncontested races, some 52 seats in 27 states are in play Nov. 8, according to the Brennan Center's tally.

The U.S. Supreme Court's 2010 decision in the Citizens United case helped accelerate outside spending on judicial campaigns, the type of spending that is not supposed to be done in coordination with the candidates themselves.

In Washington state, the supreme court contest involves some of the world's wealthiest people. Micro-



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**FILE - In this Sept. 7, 2016, file photo, Justices on the Washington state Supreme Court listen during a hearing in Olympia, Wash. Political groups are engaging in a high-stakes battle for institutions that were once considered above politics: state supreme courts. Both liberal and conservative groups now view control of the high courts as essential to either defending or thwarting state laws. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren, File)**

ners Chief Executive John Stanton.

"I expected there might be some independent spending, but I didn't expect it to be of that magnitude," Wiggins said.

The Republican State Leadership Committee is dedicating \$4 million to try to elect conservative jurists in many states. Group President Matt Walter said the goal is to counter years of judicial campaign spending by trial lawyers and unions.

"We saw a need to provide a balanced flow of information to the voters," he said.

North Carolina is among the states where outside groups are spending to support both sides.

A liberal political action committee called North Carolina Families First has spent more than \$905,000 to try to flip control of the officially nonpartisan high court in favor of Democrats, according to ad buys tracked by the Brennan Center. In the past two years, the court's Republican majority has upheld the use of taxpayer money for student scholarships at private schools, as well as the redrawing of congressional and legislative districts in a manner that federal appeals courts later struck down as racial gerrymandering.

President Barack Obama weighed in last week with an unusual endorsement for Superior Court Judge Mike Morgan, who is trying to unseat two-term incumbent Justice Bob Edmunds.

In Kansas, conservatives hope to oust four justices who face retention elections just as the court considers cases related to abortion and education funding.

Charter school supporters as well as oil and gas companies are trying to influence the election for an open seat on the Louisiana Supreme Court, setting a record for outside spending on a judicial race in that state. Outside groups are also expected to help set a spending record in a Montana race.

Some of the spending is being used to paint justices as soft on crime even when other issues — such as school funding — seem to be more significant drivers in the race.

That sort of advertising is problematic in judicial races because it can affect how courts make decisions, said Joanna Shepherd, who teaches law at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta.

soft founders Bill Gates and Paul Allen and the company's former chief executive, Steve Ballmer, have given hundreds of thousands of dollars to unseat Justice Charles Wiggins, who is seeking his second six-year term.

Wiggins became a target after he joined the majority in striking down a state law that allowed public funding of charter schools and an anti-tax measure that had been approved by voters. His opponents have contributed \$900,000 just since mid-October, 60 percent of that coming from Gates, Ballmer and Allen's company, Vulcan Inc.

A political action committee called Judicial Integrity Washington has aired advertisements in the last two weeks attacking Wiggins as soft on crime. That PAC is backed by \$350,000 from three other wealthy Washington executives — investor Ken Fisher, developer Kemper Freeman and Seattle Mari-

Her research has shown that as more ads air during judicial campaigns, the less likely state justices are to side with defendants during criminal appeals. That could be because sitting justices are worried about being attacked for those decisions during their next race.

"It raises real questions about due process," Shepherd said, "and how people are being treated."

Associated Press writers John Hanna in Topeka, Kansas; Kevin McGill in New Orleans; Gary Robertson in Raleigh, North Carolina; and Andrew Welsh-Huggins in Columbus, Ohio, contributed to this report.

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## Cuba falling short of foreign investment goals

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN, Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba is failing to meet its self-imposed foreign investment targets two years after detente with the United States set off the greatest surge of business interest in the country since its 1959 socialist revolution, officials said Tuesday.

Foreign Commerce Minister Rodrigo Malmierca told foreign business people and diplomats at the country's annual trade fair that Cuba has approved 83 foreign investment projects worth more than \$1.5 billion since the passage of a new foreign investment in March 2014. That puts the country at about a third of the annual flow required to meet its goal of attracting \$2 billion a year in foreign investment.

Even that figure may be optimistic: The list of 83 projects includes many that are in very early stages or have yet to begin construction.

"We aren't advancing, I repeat, at the rhythm that we want," Malmierca said. "We need to keep working hard for deals to become reality without problems, without unnecessary delays."

He said Cuba was working to ease the flow of investments with new measures like allowing foreign businesses to invest in infrastructure projects and in the agricultural cooperatives that produce much of the country's food.

"Our government is willing to resolve the problems that still hinder the completion of these objectives," he said.

Cuba blames most of its economic problems on a U.S. embargo that limits international trade with the island despite new U.S. regulations designed by the Obama administration to ease what Cubans call "the blockade." International business people and increasingly Cuban officials themselves say the island's slow-moving and risk-averse bureaucracy is a major obstacle, with important documents often taking months to move from one official's desk to another.



**Cuba's Minister of Foreign Trade Rodrigo Malmierca makes the opening speech for the 34th Trade Fair in Havana, Cuba, Monday, Oct. 31, 2016. A week-long event of commerce is under way with participants from 75 countries. (AP Photo/Desmond Boylan)**

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Investment from European companies appears to be picking up steam, with Cuba in August granting state-backed French firm Aeroports de Paris a concession to renovate and operate Havana's Jose Marti airport. Formal trade between the U.S. and Cuba remains at a trickle despite a few marquee deals for big brands, including airlines starting commercial flights to Havana this month.

The mood was subdued among U.S. companies exhibiting Monday at the International Fair of Havana, the island's biggest general-interest trade exposition. As Cuba trumpeted new deals with Russia and Japan, U.S. corporate representatives staffing stands at a pavilion shared with Puerto Rico said they saw little immediate prospect for doing business with Cuba.

Retired software entrepreneurs Saul Berenthal and Horace Clemmons made worldwide headlines by winning Obama administration permission to build the first U.S. factory in Cuba since 1959. Cuban officials lauded their plans to build small tractors in the Mariel free-trade zone west of Havana. But after more than a year of courtship, the Cuban government told Berenthal and Clemmons to drop their plan, without explanation, Berenthal said Monday.

A month and a half ago, their first tractors started rolling off their assembly line in the town of Fyffe, Alabama, population about 1,000.

"Producing the tractors in Mariel was not going to happen," Berenthal said.

He said the company is already selling tractors to customers in the U.S. and Australia and has had inquiries from Peru, Mexico and Ethiopia. He also still hopes to sell to Cuba.

Obama has enacted six rounds of regulations punching holes in the trade embargo, allowing imports and exports, sales to the socialist government and limited U.S. investment on the island. Cuba has allowed Airbnb, Starwood hotels and U.S. airlines including American and JetBlue to set up operations.

Observers note that Cuba's small but growing private sector has been able to flourish and produce tens of thousands of new jobs despite the strictures of the embargo. Untold millions of dollars have flowed into Cuba over the last two years, funding thousands of new private bed-and-breakfasts and dozens of new restaurants in the capital as detente with the U.S. sets off a boom in tourism to the island.

Some see the stagnant state of official trade with the U.S. as a conscious decision by the Cuban government to limit commerce to a few high-profile bites of the apple while funneling most business toward European and Asian companies, in order to keep the U.S. business community hungry for more and pushing Congress to do away with the embargo.

"The Cuban government is using the interest by U.S. companies as bait to entice the interest of companies in other countries," said John Kavulich of the U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council, a private group that produces mostly skeptical analyses of the prospects of U.S.-Cuba trade. "The Cuban government is saying, 'Let's not give any more than absolutely necessary to U.S. companies,' so that the companies will continue to salivate toward illusory potential opportunities. There's far more inspiration and aspiration than reality."

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## **New email discovery raises question: Why didn't Abedin know?**

**By ERIC TUCKER and MICHAEL BIESECKER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The discovery of another cache of emails potentially important to the FBI's investigation of Hillary Clinton's email practices raises an immediate question: How could close Clinton adviser Huma Abedin have been unaware of their existence?

The emails were found on a computer seized during an unrelated investigation involving Abedin's estranged husband, disgraced former New York congressman Anthony Weiner. He is being investigated in connection with online communications with a teenage girl.

It's possible that Abedin did not know about the emails on Weiner's computer, forgot about them or for some other reason did not turn them over.

In a sworn deposition taken in June as part of a lawsuit filed by the conservative legal group Judicial Watch, Abedin was asked about what devices she had used to send or receive messages from her account on the clintonemail.com server. As part of the process in 2015 of returning her work-related emails to the



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**FILE - In this Oct., 16, 2015 file photo, Huma Abedin, a longtime aide to Hillary Rodham Clinton, speaks to the media after testifying at a closed-door hearing of the House Benghazi Committee, on Capitol Hill in Washington. The longtime Hillary Clinton aide at the center of a renewed FBI email investigation testified under oath four months ago she never deleted old emails, despite promising in 2013 not to take sensitive files when she left the State Department. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon, File)**

State Department, Abedin said she “looked for all the devices that may have any of my State Department” work and provided two laptops and a Blackberry to her lawyers for review.

Abedin made no mention of using additional devices to check her email, raising questions about how her messages could have ended up saved on her husband’s computer without her knowledge.

If the FBI finds emails Abedin sent or received through the clintonemail.com server archived on the device recently recovered from her home, that might appear to conflict with what she told the FBI earlier this year.

According to the FBI’s summary of their April interview with Abedin, she told agents that after she left the State Department in 2013, Clinton’s staff transitioned to a different email server and she “lost most of her old emails as a result.” Abedin said she only accessed her clintonemail.com account through a web portal and that she did not

have a method for archiving her old emails prior to the transition, according to the FBI’s summary of her statements.

Karen Dunn, an attorney for Abedin, said Abedin had cooperated extensively with FBI and State Department requests and had provided “her work-related and potentially work-related documents.”

“She only learned for the first time on Friday, from press reports, of the possibility that a laptop belonging to Mr. Weiner could contain emails of hers. While the FBI has not contacted us about this, Ms. Abedin will continue to be, as she always has been, forthcoming and cooperative,” Dunn said in a statement.

The FBI has discovered a trove of thousands of emails and has obtained a warrant to search the messages related to the Clinton investigation. It’s not clear how many emails might be considered relevant to the probe or what significance, if any, they might have.

It’s also not clear how long the additional email review will take or whether the process will be done by Election Day.

The official who spoke to the AP was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

FBI Director James Comey revealed the existence of the emails in a remarkable and ambiguous letter to Congress on Friday. The notification, two weeks before the election, came over the objections of Justice Department officials and drew scathing criticism from former prosecutors and Democrats in Congress.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said he would not defend or criticize Comey’s decision, but noted that Comey was in a “tough spot.” Comey has said he felt compelled to alert Congress after having already told lawmakers that the investigation was concluded.

Even if the recovered emails are found to contain classified information, it’s not clear what impact that

would have on the investigation. Comey has already described Clinton and her aides as “extremely careless” and has said agents found scores of classified emails on Clinton’s server.

But he also said there was no evidence they intended to mishandle classified information or obstructed justice, elements he suggested would be necessary for a prosecution.

The Justice Department, moving to address concerns over the timing of the revelation of the emails and a potential post-election spillover, said Monday it would “dedicate all necessary resources” to promptly concluding the review of the new emails.

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## After days of heavy rain, Egypt’s Nile turns murky brown



**The water of the Nile River appears murky brown in color due to the flooding in southern provinces, Beni Suef and Sohag south of the capital, in Cairo, Egypt, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. (AP Photo/Amr Nabil)**

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptians this week watched the Nile’s water turn a murky brown-yellow color, the result of days of heavy rain in parts of the country and subsequent flooding that swept tons of soil into the waterway.

Officials say the murky water, now loaded with silt, forced the closure of several main water treatment stations. That has caused the disruption of water supplies in some areas.

Egypt, a mostly desert country of some 92 million, is almost entirely dependent on the Nile for agriculture and drinking water.

Experts warned against drinking tap water for now. Ahmed el-Shennawi, a water expert, told the Rotana Egypt TV network that the “change of the color to yellow is a disaster and we should be cautious until water filtering takes place.”

Some disgruntled Egyptians viewed the change as a reflection of the country’s worsening economic conditions.

“We will end up drinking the mud,” said Tarek Gamel. “The color of the Nile is just like our dark days.”

Heavy flooding killed 26 people and injured more than 70 across the country, according health authorities — mostly in four coastal and southern provinces.

In addition to polluting the Nile, the floods caused power outages, displaced hundreds of people, and swept away dozens of cars, particularly in the Red Sea city of Ras Ghareb.

Earlier this week, angry citizens in Ras Ghareb turned away Prime Minister Sharif Ismail who tried to inspect the damage. Residents there blocked his convoy to protest what they saw as poor infrastructure and insufficient government response to the disaster.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Wednesday, Nov. 2, the 307th day of 2016. There are 59 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

On this date:

In 1795, the 11th president of the United States, James Knox Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding, was born near Marion, Ohio.

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states with the signing of proclamations by President Benjamin Harrison.

In 1914, during World War I, Russia declared war on the Ottoman Empire.

In 1936, the British Broadcasting Corp. inaugurated "high-definition" television service from Alexandra Palace in London.

In 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (derisively dubbed the "Spruce Goose" by detractors), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman surprised the experts by winning a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1950, playwright George Bernard Shaw, 94, died in Ayot St. Lawrence, Hertfordshire, England.

In 1963, South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem (noh ding ZEE'-em) was assassinated in a military coup.

In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released American hospital administrator David Jacobsen after holding him for 17 months.

In 1994, a jury in Pensacola, Florida, convicted Paul Hill of murder for the shotgun slayings of abortion provider Dr. John Britton and Britton's bodyguard; Hill was executed in Sept. 2003.

In 2000, an American astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts became the first residents of the international space station, christening it Alpha.

Ten years ago: The Rev. Ted Haggard resigned as president of the National Association of Evangelicals after a man said they'd had sexual trysts together (Haggard later confessed he was guilty of sexual immorality). Gunmen in Iraq killed the Shiite dean of Baghdad University's school of administration and economics.

Five years ago: The Congressional Gold Medal was awarded to some 19,000 Japanese-Americans who'd served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service.

One year ago: President Barack Obama toured a drug rehabilitation center and met with former inmates in Newark, New Jersey, where he called on the nation to ensure those regaining their freedom got a second chance instead of a return ticket to prison. NASA and its global partners celebrated the 15th anniversary of continuous residency at the International Space Station, where six U.S., Russian and Japanese crew members held a special dinner. Actor-writer Colin Welland, 81, who won an Academy Award for his screenplay for "Chariots of Fire," died in London. Country singer Tommy Overstreet, 78, died in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 78. Political commentator Patrick Buchanan is 78. Actress Stefanie Powers is 74. Author Shere (shehr) Hite is 74. Country-rock singer-songwriter J.D. Souther is 71. Actress Kate Linder is 69. Rock musician Carter Beauford (The Dave Matthews Band) is 59. Actor Peter Mullan is 57. Singer-songwriter k.d. lang is 55. Rock musician Bobby Dall (Poison) is 53. Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage is 52. Actress Lauren Velez is 52. Actor Sean Kanan is 50. Actor David Schwimmer is 50. Christian/jazz singer Alvin Chea (Take 6) is 49. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is 49. Rock singer-musician Neal Casal is 48. Rock musician Fieldy is 47. Actress Meta Golding is 45. Rock



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singer-musician John Hampson (Nine Days) is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Timothy Christian Riley (Tony Toni Tone) is 42. Rapper Nelly is 42. Prodigy (Mobb Deep) is 42. Actor Danny Cooksey is 41. Rock musician Chris Walla is 41. Country singer Erika Jo is 30. Actor-singer Kendall Schmidt is 26.

Thought for Today: "Drop the question what tomorrow may bring, and count as profit every day that Fate allows you." — Horace, Roman poet (65 B.C.-8 B.C.)