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Wednesday

HOMECOMING WEEK!

Ask a Stupid Question Day

Birthday: • Rick Hanson

National Good Neighbor Day

Dress Up Day: MS/HS - Country Day, Elementary School - Mix and Match Day (crazy wear)

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice or milk.

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League meets at Doeden's

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Confucius Day

Dress Up Day: -Color Day (seniors--black, juniors--white, sophomores--pink, freshmen--blue, 8th grade--green, 7th grade--yellow, 6th grade--purple, staff--red), Elementary School - Inside-Outday

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice or milk

School Lunch: Chicken strips, French fries, romaine salad, fruit.

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

Birthdays: • Adam Atherton • Ken Dinger • Lauren Wheeting • Neil Johnson

TBA: Groton 5th-6th FB hosts Britton and Sisseton

TBA: Groton Black 3rd-4th FB host Britton

TBA: Groton Gold 3rd-4th FB host Sisseton

4:00pm: Cross Country at Sisseton Golf Course

4:00pm: JH FB at Roncalli (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)

4:30pm: VB: Hosts Roncalli (7th/C at 4:30, 8th/JV at 6:00, varsity to follow)



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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Tuesday was Jersey Day

Left to right Pierce Kettering 2nd place , Chandler Larson 1st place, Sean Schuring 1st place , Kaylynn Overacker 3rd place, Payton Colestock 1st place, and Josie LeMee 2nd place .Missing is Tate Carda 2nd place

6-8 grade was Chandler Larson, Pierce Kettering, Kaylynn Overacker

9-10th grade Payton Colestock, Josie LaMee

11-12th grade Sean Schuring and Missing is Tate Carda

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

Worrel Pumpkin Patch



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Today in Weather History

September 28, 1951: On this day in 1951 in the early morning hours, near record or record cold covered central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Temperatures across the area fell into the upper teens and 20s. Aberdeen recorded a record low of 18 degrees, Kennebec fell to 20 degrees, Pierre dropped to 21 degrees while Timber Lake had a record low of 23 degrees. The overnight low in Mobridge was 23 degrees, 24 degrees at Watertown, and 26 degrees at Sisseton.

1836 - The first of three early season snows brought four inches of snow to Hamilton, NY, and two inches to Ashby MA. (David Ludlum)

1837: The first recorded storm to rake the entire Texas coast was Racer's Storm, named for a British sloop of war which encountered the system in the extreme northwestern Caribbean on September 28th. It is remembered as one of the most destructive storms of the nineteenth century due to its extreme duration and 2000 mile path of destruction.

1893 - Albuquerque, NM, was soaked with 2.25 inches of rain, enough to establish a 24 hour record for that city. (The Weather Channel)

1917 - A hurricane hit Pensacola, FL. Winds gusted to 95 mph, and the barometric pressure dipped to 28.50 inches. Winds at Mobile AL gusted to 75 mph. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced up to ten inches of rain in southern Kansas and north central Oklahoma overnight. The Chikaskia River rose 2.5 feet above flood stage at Blackwell OK during the day causing flooding in Kay and Grant counties of north central Oklahoma. Early morning thunderstorms in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas produced 3.07 inches of rain in six hours at McAllen. Thunderstorms produced up to six inches of rain in southeastern Texas later in the day. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front in the central U.S. produced severe weather from northern Texas to the Lower Missouri Valley during the late afternoon and evening hours. Hail three inches in diameter was reported at Nolan TX, and wind gusts to 80 mph were reported at Lawrence KS. Thunderstorms drenched downtown Kansas City MO with up to four inches of rain, leaving some cars stranded in water six feet deep. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms over northeastern Florida drenched Jacksonville with 4.28 inches of rain between midnight and 6 AM EDT. Unseasonably cool weather prevailed in the northeastern U.S. Five cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Binghamton NY with a reading of 30 degrees. Morning lows were in the 20s in northern New England. Unseasonably mild weather prevailed in the northwestern U.S., with afternoon highs in the upper 70s and 80s. In Oregon, Astoria reported a record high of 83 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1998: On the morning of September 28th, Hurricane George made landfall near Biloxi, Mississippi with maximum winds of 110 mph and a minimum pressure of 964 mb, making it a Category 2 hurricane. After landfall, Georges moved very slowly across southern Mississippi and weakened to a tropical depression by the morning of the 29th when the center was about 30 miles north northeast of Mobile, Alabama. The storm dissipated near the northeast Florida/southeast Georgia coast by the morning of October 1, 1998.

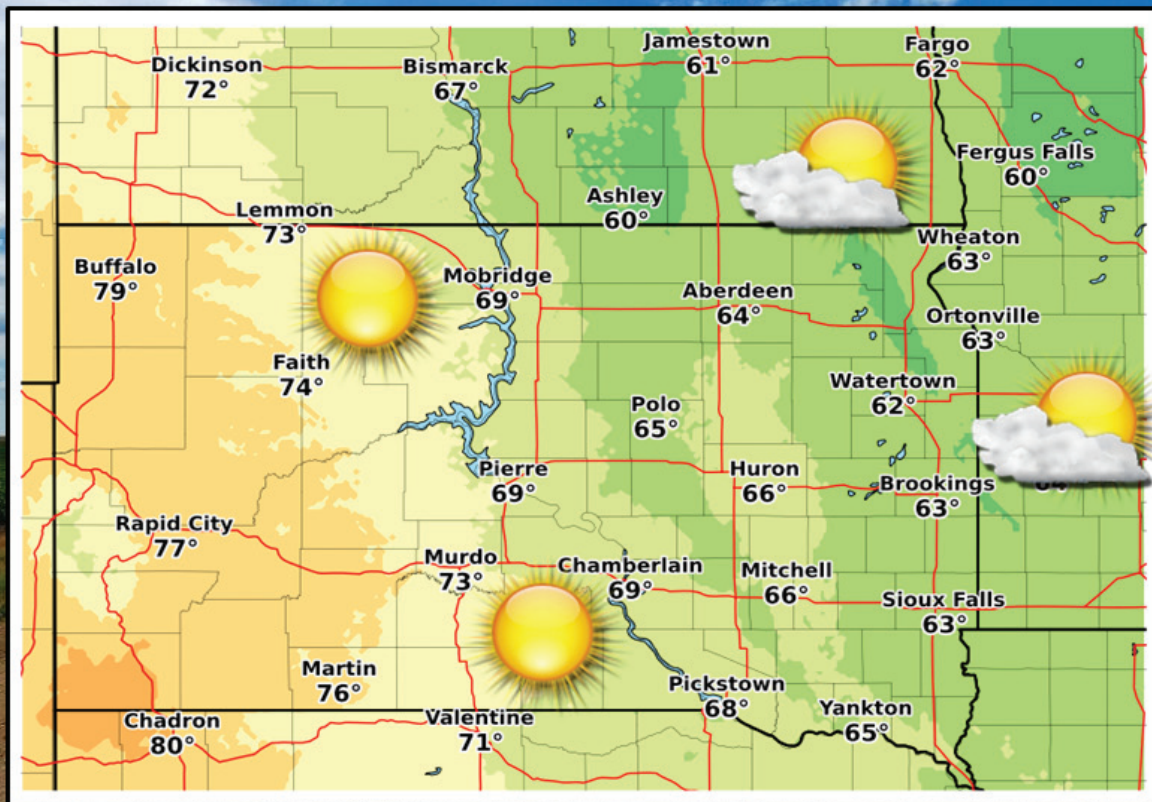
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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Becoming Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 64 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 70 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 72 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 72 °F



Seasonal Temperatures Today



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Published on: 09/28/2016 at 5:41AM

Today will feature partly cloudy skies in the eastern Dakotas and sunny skies in the west. High temperatures will range from the lower 60s, in the eastern Dakota, to the 70s west of the Missouri River.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 71.4 F at 4:32 PM

Low Outside Temp: 33.0 F at 6:31 AM

High Gust: 22.0 Mph at 1:49 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 94° in 1905

Record Low: 18° in 1951

Average High: 67°F

Average Low: 40°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 2.05

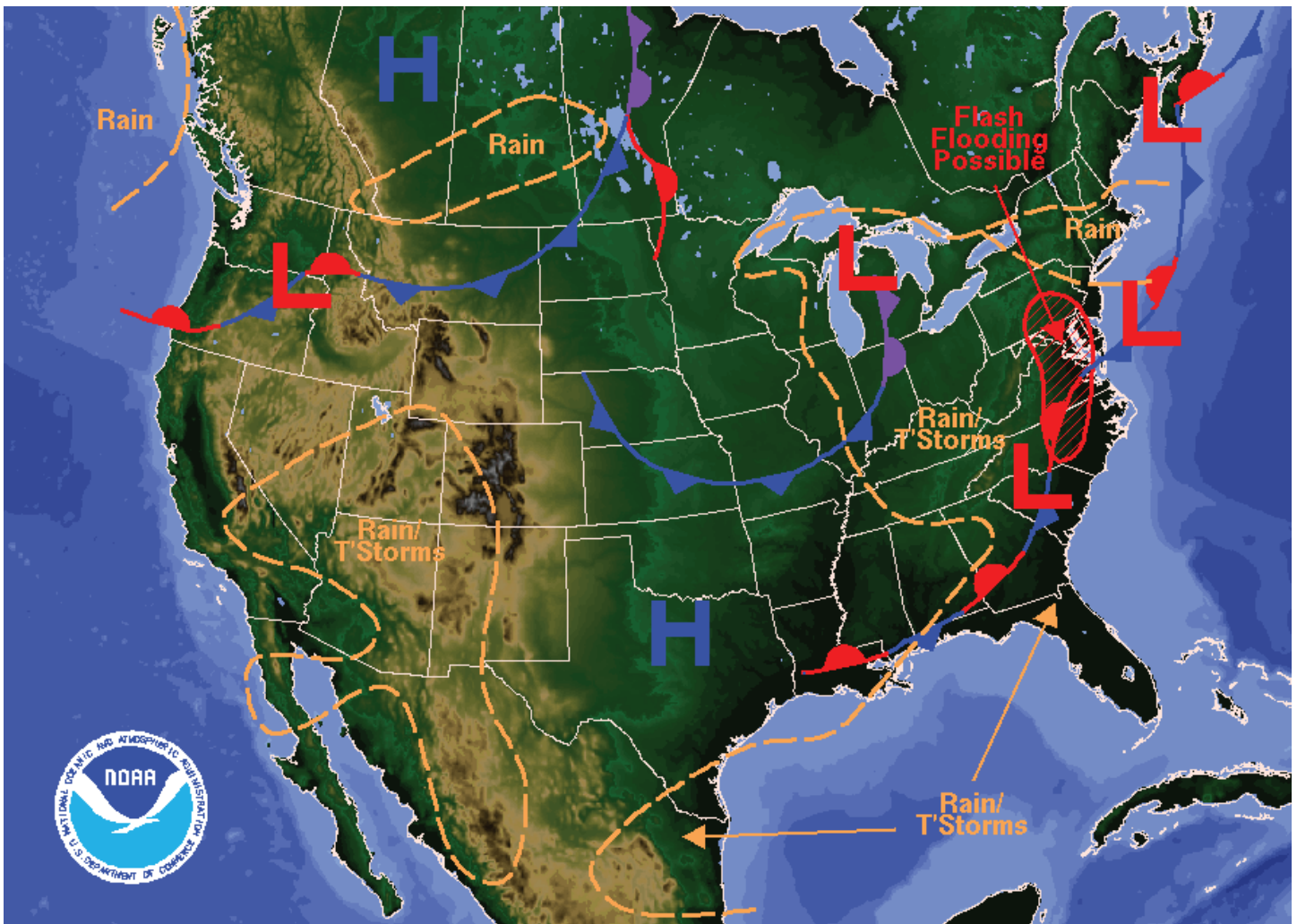
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.54

Average Precip to date: 18.34

Precip Year to Date: 13.20

Sunset Tonight: 7:18 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:30 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Sep 28, 2016, issued 4:46 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WILLPOWER OR WILTPOWER?

Little Debbie looked at her mom with sadness in her eyes. "Please, Mom, may I have one more cookie?" "Sweetheart," replied her mom, "you've already had three." "I know, Mom," she whined, "but they are so good. Just one more? Please?" "All right," agreed her mom, "one more and that's all!" "Thanks, Mom!" exclaimed Little Debbie. "You sure don't have much willpower. You gave in without even thinking."

Giving in to temptation is easy if we do not call on the Lord when we face the slippery slopes of life. The easy way out, however, is rarely the best way out. When we give in without counting the cost we are usually giving up something of value.

Paul reminds us that we all face the same type of temptations. In fact, he says, that "they are no different from what others experience." Why is it, then, that some Christians have better "survival rates" than others?

It's because of their focus. If we depend on ourselves for the strength to overcome the "evil one" we will surely lose the battle. But if we look to and call upon the Lord, the battle becomes His and victory is assured.

Prayer: Lord, before we are tempted and tried may we fill our minds with Your Word, open our hearts to Your Spirit and depend completely on You for our survival. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.



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News from the Associated Press

Hartford residents reject tax increase for school district

HARTFORD, S.D. (AP) — Hartford-area residents have rejected a proposed tax increase to better fund schools in the West Central district.

About 56 percent of the voters in Tuesday's election opposed opting out of the state property tax freeze.

The School board had approved the opt-out in June to bring an additional \$2.5 million into the district over the next five years. Administrators said it was necessary to avoid cutting staff or programs.

Opponents who believe existing school district money can be better managed referred the decision to voters through a petition drive.

Tuesday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Brookings, 25-21, 25-20, 25-18

Avon def. Scotland, 25-19, 24-26, 25-15, 25-15

Baltic def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-11, 25-11, 25-12

Belle Fourche def. Lead-Deadwood, 23-25, 25-14, 25-14, 17-25, 15-6

Beresford def. Lennox, 25-20, 25-22, 26-24

Bison def. Lemmon, 25-22, 25-9, 25-17

Canistota def. Freeman Academy, 25-21, 25-14, 25-6

Clark/Willow Lake def. DeSmet, 21-25, 25-19, 25-15, 25-21

Colome def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-21, 25-22, 25-23

Custer def. Hill City, 25-13, 25-13, 25-20

Dakota Valley def. Bon Homme, 25-20, 25-11, 25-18

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Tea Area, 25-21, 18-25, 25-21, 25-20

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Garretson, 25-15, 25-17, 25-13

Estelline def. Flandreau Indian, 25-5, 25-9, 25-6

Ethan def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-6, 25-21, 25-16

Faulkton def. Langford, 25-15, 25-15, 25-22

Harding County def. Dupree, 25-14, 25-4, 25-17

Harrisburg def. Yankton, 25-14, 25-22, 25-19

Herreid/Selby Area def. Edmunds Central, 25-9, 25-13, 25-23

Hitchcock-Tulare def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-9, 25-8, 25-9

Hot Springs def. Edgemont, 25-22, 25-22, 25-7

Howard def. Mitchell Christian, 25-13, 25-9, 25-8

Huron def. Watertown, 22-25, 25-21, 25-15, 20-25, 15-10

James Valley Christian def. Iroquois, 25-10, 25-9, 25-14

Kadoka Area def. Bennett County, 25-13, 25-11, 25-12

Lake Preston def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-20, 25-22, 20-25, 20-25, 19-17

Leola/Frederick def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-23, 25-15, 25-17

Lyman def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-19, 25-22, 25-15

McCook Central/Montrose def. Dell Rapids, 25-15, 25-22, 25-16

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Menno def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-19, 12-25, 24-26, 25-18, 15-12
Miller def. Chamberlain, 25-8, 25-17, 25-9
Mitchell def. Brandon Valley, 25-19, 25-22, 20-25, 25-13
Mobridge-Pollock def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-20, 25-18, 25-10
Northwestern def. Redfield/Doland, 25-11, 25-13, 25-6
Parkston def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-16, 25-16, 25-15
Rapid City Stevens def. Rapid City Central, 25-13, 25-21, 25-18
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Highmore-Harrold, 25-17, 25-19, 25-21
Sioux Falls Christian def. Vermillion, 25-10, 25-14, 25-9
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-11, 26-24, 25-13
Sioux Falls Washington def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-17, 15-25, 25-19, 22-25, 15-11
Sioux Valley def. Flandreau, 25-13, 25-17, 25-19
St. Francis Indian def. Crow Creek, 23-25, 25-15, 25-16, 25-21
St. Thomas More def. Douglas, 25-21, 25-12, 18-25, 24-26, 15-11
Sully Buttes def. Potter County, 25-13, 25-21, 25-17
Wall def. Jones County, 25-15, 25-11, 25-14
Webster def. Waubay/Summit, 25-13, 25-21, 24-26, 25-19
West Central def. Canton, 25-11, 25-9, 25-6
White River def. Gregory, 25-15, 25-18, 25-19
Wilmot def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-9, 25-19, 25-16
Winner def. Todd County, 25-6, 25-21, 25-19

List of 25 latest recipients of Carnegie Hero medals

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Winners of Carnegie Hero medals announced Wednesday:

—Dinah Keturia McGee, 67, of Greeneville, Tennessee, died attempting to save her disabled sister from a fire in their home in July 2015.

—Christian E. Euchenhofer, 47, of Greene, New York, who saved a pilot from a burning light-sport airplane that crashed in September 2014.

—Robert Seth Ludington, 49, and Jacob D. Kirinovic, 23, both of Hale, Michigan, and Kenya D. Betty, 38, of Hudson, Michigan, who saved a woman from burning after her home caught fire and exploded in Hale in August 2014.

—Bradley C. Runions, 58, and Adam Joe Martin, 32, of Hayward, Wisconsin, who saved a man from a house fire in July 2015.

—Brannon D. Heathman, 37, of Temecula, California, who helped rescued two women from an apartment fire in Oceanside, California, in December 2014.

—Mitchell Allan Williams, 28, of St. Pauls, North Carolina, who rescued an elderly man who was being attacked by dogs in June 2015.

—Justin Lee Greenwald, 17, of Calabasas, California, who rescued an 81-year-old man from a burning mobile home in November 2015.

—Keoni Bowthorpe, 33, of Haleiwa, Hawaii, who rescued a surfer from a tiger shark attack in October 2015.

—Jameson Bartscher, 30, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Todd D. Clausen, 44, of Sioux City, Iowa, who worked together to rescue two adults and an infant from a burning vehicle in Summit, South Dakota, in June 2015.

—Michael J. Manley Sr., 43, of Wilmington, Delaware, who drowned after helping rescue a man from

a strong current off Virginia Beach, Virginia, in September 2015.

—Matthew R. Bartholomew, 44, of Midlothian, Virginia, who saved a driver whose car crashed into an icy pond in February 2015.

—Scott R. Williams, 50, of Berlin, Vermont, who disarmed a suspect charged with fatally shooting a social worker outside a state office building in Barre, Vermont in August 2015.

—Steven Michael Hill, 45, of Inkster, Michigan, who rescued a 1-year-old child strapped into a burning vehicle following a crash in Jacksonville, Florida, in November 2015.

—Kevin Scott Johnson II, 34, of Flat Gap, Kentucky, who drowned trying to save a woman whose mobile home was swept away in a flood in July 2015.

—Kenneth F. Smith, 48, of Milford, Delaware, who rescued a driver from a crashed and burning dump truck in Lincoln, Delaware in May 2014.

—Leyton Page, 16, Bogalusa, Louisiana, who helped save two boys from drowning after their boat capsized in Bush, Louisiana, in March 2015.

—Isbel Jimenez, 47, of Winters, Texas, who saved a woman from her burning home in Breckenridge, Texas, in September 2015.

—Patrick J. Hopkins IV, 26, of Newberry, Florida, who saved a woman from her burning home in Gainesville, Florida, in June 2015.

—Adrian Gallo, 34, and Joe L. Serrano, 36, both of Tucson, Arizona, who saved the driver of a crashed and burning pickup truck in May 2015.

—Christopher Chmielnicki, 34, of Henryville, Pennsylvania, who helped rescue a woman from a burning motorhome in Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania, in September 2015.

Online:

<http://carnegiehero.org>

Attorney who stopped Vermont suspect 1 of 25 Carnegie Heroes

By JOE MANDAK, Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Vermont prosecutor who disarmed a woman accused of fatally shooting a social worker outside a state office building is one of 25 people being honored with Carnegie medals for heroism.

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission announced the medal winners Wednesday.

Fifty-year-old Scott R. Williams, the state's attorney in Washington County, Vermont, was recognized for his actions Aug. 7, 2015, when authorities say he grabbed a .270-caliber hunting rifle from Jody Herring after witnessing her shoot Lara Sobel outside the building in Barre.

Williams motioned for two men nearby to restrain Herring and then disabled the weapon, police and commission investigators have since determined. Both Williams and the 48-year-old Sobel worked in the office building.

Herring is jailed awaiting trial on charges she killed Sobel after first killing two cousins and an aunt earlier that day. Authorities say she apparently was angry about losing custody of her 9-year-old daughter. Herring has pleaded not guilty.

The commission is named for the late steel magnate and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, who was inspired by stories of heroism during a coal mine disaster that killed 181 people, including a miner and an engineer who died trying to rescue others.

Three of those honored Wednesday died in rescue attempts; their families will receive their medals and the cash award that goes with them.

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Kevin Scott Johnson II, 34, of Flat Gap, Kentucky, also drowned trying to save a woman whose mobile home was swept off its foundation by a flood on July 13, 2015.

The commission investigates stories of heroism and awards medals and cash several times a year. It has given away \$38.5 million to 9,893 awardees or their families since 1904.

Crazy Horse Autumn Volksmarch set for this weekend

CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL, S.D. (AP) — Hikers will get to see the Crazy Horse Memorial up close this weekend.

This year's Crazy Horse Autumn Volksmarch is scheduled for Sunday at the huge mountain carving in western South Dakota. The event allows people to walk to the top of a mountain that's being turned into a sculpture of Oglala Lakota warrior Crazy Horse sitting on a horse.

Previous editions of the 6.2-mile round-trip hike have attracted thousands of people.

Admission to the memorial will be waived, but each visitor must donate three cans of food. Hiking the mountain has a \$3 fee per person regardless of age.

Feds reviewing court ruling on fertilizer dealers policy

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The federal government says it's reviewing a federal appeals court ruling that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration didn't follow proper procedures when imposing stricter regulations on farm fertilizer dealers.

The policy change announced last year would regulate retail dealers of farm fertilizer such as anhydrous ammonia under the same standards as manufacturers.

It came after a deadly explosion at a Texas plant in 2013 and is aimed at improving safety, but some believe it would unfairly burden the industry. The Agricultural Retailers Association and The Fertilizer Institute sued a year ago.

The appeals court ruled Friday that OSHA can't implement the change without going through a formal rule-making process. Labor Department spokeswoman Mandy McClure didn't comment on whether that was being considered.

The change was to take effect Saturday.

Newton Hills State Park set to host FestiFall celebration

CANTON, S.D. (AP) — Newton Hills State Park is set to host the annual FestiFall celebration featuring musical entertainment, arts and crafts and activities for children.

The event is scheduled for Saturday at the park near Canton.

Food vendors will be around for the afternoon. There will also be pumpkin catapulting and decorated pumpkin contests, and visitors can bring decorated or carved pumpkins to be judged.

After the afternoon celebration, a walk along 2.2 miles of candle-lit trail will include surprises such as musicians, a magician and telescopes to look at the sky.

Man accused of having sex with girl faces rape counts

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of having sex with a runaway girl after he lied about his age is facing several rape counts.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens says 19-year-old Miguel Anibal Lopez was arrested Monday. Jail records show he has been charged with fourth-degree rape.

Clemens says a relative of the 14-year-old girl reported her missing Thursday. The girl and Lopez were found at a Sioux Falls mall Monday.

Clemens says Lopez told the girl that he was 15 years old. Clemens says officers discovered that Lopez and the girl had sex multiple times since they met after she ran away.

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

Sheriff's office: Oil pipeline protesters gather at 2 sites

MANDAN, N.D. (AP) — Authorities say people protesting the construction of an oil pipeline in North Dakota gathered Tuesday at two construction sites on private property.

The Morton County sheriff's office says about 300 protesters gathered along with 100 cars and a dozen horses at a construction site for the Dakota Access pipeline around 2 p.m. The state's Bureau of Criminal Investigation is looking into reports of a possible assault on a construction worker and reports of protesters blocking workers from leaving the site and chasing them on horseback.

Protesters later gathered for about an hour at another construction site.

The sheriff's office says no one was arrested during the either protest, but five people were taken into custody on disorderly conduct and other charges after temporarily blocking a highway.

Victim's family 'happy' with conviction of ex-police chief

By REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The wife of a former South Dakota police chief said Tuesday she is pleased a jury convicted her husband in the death of her sister, to whom he was engaged at the time of the slaying nearly seven years ago.

The remarks from Melliza Del Balle to The Associated Press came a day after a jury convicted Russell Bertram of first-degree murder in the slaying of Del Balle's pregnant sister, Leonila Stickney. The two-week trial against the 64-year-old Bertram centered on the then-26-year-old Stickney's shooting in October 2009. Prosecutors said it stemmed from jealousy and an interest in \$900,000 in insurance benefits, but that defense attorneys argued was simply an accident.

"He deserves it," said Del Balle, who married Bertram after her sister's death but before he was charged in the case that involved tangled relationships and families in two countries. "... We are so happy. Finally, we already have justice. I think he did it on purpose for money."

Soon after Bertram and Stickney began a relationship in 2009, a \$750,000 life insurance policy was taken out on Stickney, followed by a smaller policy with a \$150,000 accidental death benefit, with Bertram as the beneficiary. In October of that year, Bertram told authorities he was putting his 12-gauge shotgun back into his truck after shooting pheasants in Gregory County, when it went off accidentally, striking Stickney in the abdomen.

County authorities initially ruled the death an accident. But that changed when Bertram, who had served as the police chief in the small city of Harrisburg, was charged in December, years after the victim's estranged husband, David Stickney, contacted state authorities when he received a letter from a life insurance company that was processing a claim for Bertram.

After Stickney's death, Bertram traveled to the Philippines and married Del Balle, who has filed for divorce, citing "extreme cruelty," according to court records. Del Balle on Tuesday said her divorce has not been finalized.

"It was difficult for me because, of course, he was my husband ... but he was lying to us," she said. Del Balle's divorce complaint states that she and Bertram have a 1-year-old child.

Bertram's sentencing hearing is expected to take place in November. His attorneys did not return requests for comment Tuesday. He faces a mandatory penalty of life in prison.

Bertram's defense team during the trial maintained that the incident was an accident. One of his attorneys told the court that Bertram had continued to send money periodically to Stickney's family in the Philippines before he was arrested and that the insurance policy was Stickney's idea to provide for her family if anything happened to her.

Follow Regina Garcia Cano on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/reginagarciakNO>

Largest solar farm in South Dakota to start generating power

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The largest solar farm in South Dakota is gearing up to start producing electricity. Officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday for the 9-acre, \$2 million solar farm at the Pierre airport, after about two months of construction. It will provide enough power for about 200 households, according to the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2dcIPIs>).

"It's a stunning project," Pierre Mayor Laurie Gill said. "It's shiny. It's bright. It kind of takes your breath away. And then when you realize what it's going to do for us for energy in South Dakota, it's even better."

The project is a joint venture involving the city of Pierre, Minneapolis-based Geronimo Energy and Sioux Falls-based Missouri River Energy Services. The solar farm is expected to start generating power by the end of the week.

University of South Dakota researchers will study the facility's energy output.

"It's just a demonstration (project) for us," said Tom Heller, CEO of Missouri River Energy Services. "It's not large. It's the first one we've done. We just want to see what it will do."

It is the first utility-scale solar project in the state and could lead to other projects, according to state Public Utilities Commissioner Chris Nelson.

"As utility companies start to look at the economics of solar, and as solar technology improves — the economics is improving — there will become a point when a number of the other utilities will want to do something similar, or perhaps larger-scale projects," he said.

Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

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South Dakota Prep Polls

By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - The South Dakota Sportswriters Association high school football poll is below. Teams are listed with first-place votes in parentheses, vote points and ranking last week.<

Class 11AAA

Rank-School;FPV;Record;TP;Pvs

1. Sioux Falls Roosevelt;(6);5-0;38;1
2. Sioux Falls Washington;(2);5-0;34;2
3. Sioux Falls O'Gorman;-;3-2;24;3
4. Brandon Valley;-;3-2;16;4
5. Aberdeen Central;-;3-2;6;NROthers receiving votes: SF Lincoln 2.<

Class 11AA

Rank-School;FPV;Record;TP;Pvs

1. Harrisburg;(6);3-2;38;1
2. Mitchell;(2);4-1;34;2
3. Huron;-;3-2;19;4
4. Yankton;-;2-2;14;T5
5. Pierre;-;2-3;12;3Others receiving votes: Spearfish 2, Douglas 1.<

Class 11A

Rank-School;FPV;Record;TP;Pvs

1. Madison;(7);5-0;37;1
2. St. Thomas More;(1);5-0;32;2
3. SF Christian;-;5-0;23;3
4. Tea Area;-;5-0;19;4
5. Milbank Area;-;4-1;5;5Others receiving votes: Hot Springs 2, Dakota Valley 2.<

Class 11B

Rank-School;FPV;Record;TP;Pvs

1. Winner;(8);5-0;30;1
2. Groton Area;-;5-0;21;2
3. Tri-Valley;-;3-2;18;4
4. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan;-;2-3;16;3
5. Chamberlain;-;3-1;9;5Others receiving votes: McCook Central-Montrose 3, Parkston 3, Sioux Valley 3.<

Class 9AA

Rank-School;FPV;Record;TP;Pvs

1. Canistota;(4);4-0;30;2
2. Gregory;(2);5-0;28;4
3. Mt. Vernon-Plankinton;(2);4-0;24;5
4. Webster Area;-;4-0;17;3
4. Wolsey-Wessington;-;4-1;17;1Others receiving votes: Chester Area 2, Britton-Hecla 1, Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central 1.<

Class 9A

Rank-School;FPV;Record;TP;Pvs

1. Sully Buttes;(5);5-0;37;1

2. Warner;(3);4-0;29;4

3. Potter County;-;4-0;22;3

T4.Castlewood-Estelline;-;5-0;13;5

T4.Scotland;-;4-1;13;2Others receiving votes: Philip 3.<

Class 9B

Rank-School;FPV;Record;TP;Pvs

1. Corsica-Stickney;(6);4-0;37;2

T2.Harding County;(1);4-0;27;3

T2.Langford Area;(1);4-1;27;1

4. Hamlin;-;5-0;21;4

5. Colome;-;3-1;7;5Others receiving votes: Leola-Frederick 1.<

Farm Rescue marks milestone with 400th farm aid case

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota farmer Tim McLean received a special gift on his 54th birthday Tuesday — volunteers came from as far as Texas and Kentucky to help his family harvest soybeans.

The work also marked a milestone for the Farm Rescue organization — the 400th aid case for the Northern Plains nonprofit.

It meant a lot for McLean, who grows corn and soybeans on his 2,000-acre farm near Wheatland. His wife, Kari, is battling breast cancer and bone cancer and his father, Ron, is recovering from a broken leg.

“My wife worked in the field side by side with me, and my dad would run the combine,” he said, adding that his wife of 34 years is now in a wheelchair and his father can no longer operate farm machinery. “It’s very overwhelming the amount of support that I’ve gotten. It’s quite the birthday present.”

Farm Rescue does crop seeding, crop harvesting and haying for farmers in need like McLean. It relies on a base of volunteers that has grown to about 1,000 people from around the country.

North Dakota farm boy and UPS pilot Bill Gross launched the organization in his home state in 2005. It’s since expanded to South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Montana. Gross told The Associated Press recently that he’d like to widen Farm Rescue’s geographic reach even more in a year or two, and possibly also start helping livestock ranchers, if the nonprofit can boost its annual budget from \$750,000 to \$1 million. The money comes mainly from donations.

“I always think of Farm Rescue as a patriotic and altruistic mission,” Gross said. “It’s where our country started — it’s helping farm families, rural families, people producing food for the entire nation and the world.”

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Grandmother also charged in Pine Ridge boy’s death

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Federal authorities have arrested and charged the grandmother of a 2-year-old boy who was allegedly killed by his mother due to potty-training issues on South Dakota’s Pine

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Federal Public Defender Neil Fulton on Tuesday told The Associated Press that he was still getting up to speed on the case and declined immediate comment.

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The boy was in his mother's custody and living at his grandmother's home in Porcupine when he died. He had bruises, bite marks and other injuries, and evidence suggests a potty-training issue triggered the killing, FBI Special Agent Mark Lucas said in an affidavit.

Shangreaux's trial was recently delayed from early October to early December to give her defense more time to prepare. She faces life in prison if convicted.

The boy was the half-brother of a 1-year-old boy who authorities say was slain in April 2015 by the father of the two boys. James Shangreaux Sr. has pleaded not guilty to murder and child abuse and faces a mid-January trial. He also could face life in prison if convicted.

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The Latest: Palestinian leader expresses sorrow over Peres

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Latest on the death of former Israeli President and Prime Minister Shimon Peres (all times local):

2:20 p.m.

The Palestinian president is expressing his sadness over the death of Shimon Peres.

In a statement, Mahmoud Abbas said he has sent a condolence letter to Peres' family expressing "sorrow and sympathy."

He called Peres a partner in reaching a "peace of the brave" with the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The three men shared the 1994 Nobel Peace prize for reaching the Oslo interim peace accord.

Abbas said Peres "exerted persistent efforts to reach a just peace from the Oslo agreement until the final moments of his life."

1:40 p.m.

Israel's parliament is lowering its flags to half-staff and preparing to display the coffin of former Israeli President Shimon Peres.

Knesset spokesman Yotam Yakir says an honor guard will accompany parliament speaker Yuli Edelstein as the flags are lowered Wednesday.

Peres' body will lay in state in front of the Knesset building Thursday.

Israeli officials are feverishly preparing security arrangements and logistics to host an array of world figures arriving in Israel for Peres' funeral Friday.

12:15 p.m.

The Palestinian militant group Hamas expressed happiness at the death of former Israeli President Shimon Peres.

A spokesman for the group, Sami Abu Zuhri, tells The Associated Press Wednesday, "the Palestinian people are very happy at the passing of this criminal who caused their blood to shed."

He adds, "Shimon Peres was the last remaining Israeli official who founded the occupation, and his death is the end of a phase in the history of this occupation and the beginning of a new phase of weakness."

Hamas is sworn to the destruction of Israel. In 2007, it routed forces loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas and took over the Gaza Strip.

There was no immediate comment from Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who supports the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

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11:15 a.m.

The Vatican says that Pope Francis will not be attending the funeral of former Israeli President Shimon Peres, despite earlier reports that he would be coming.

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke says the pope will not be able to attend Friday's funeral in Jerusalem, noting that he is scheduled to begin a three-day trip to Georgia and Azerbaijan that day.

Israel's Foreign Ministry, after earlier saying the pope would be in attendance, said Wednesday that he was no longer scheduled to attend. It gave no further details.

10:45 a.m.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has convened a special session of his governing Cabinet to mark the death of Shimon Peres.

Netanyahu said that Peres "never stopped trying to reach to peace and believing in peace. His hand was always extended to a historic compromise with our neighbors, and even if this compromise tarried, he taught us never to give in to despair, but to cling to hope."

Netanyahu, Peres' longtime political rival, admitted that the two "had differences of opinion" but said their relations strengthened with time. Peres served as president during Netanyahu's previous term as prime minister.

10:02 a.m.

Israel's Foreign Ministry says a long list of world leaders will attend Shimon Peres' funeral on Friday.

Spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon said Wednesday that President Obama, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Pope Francis, Prince Charles and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau are all expected.

He says many other VIPs are expected to attend.

Peres, a Nobel peace laureate, was a respected statesman and a frequent participant at international conferences.

9:40 a.m.

Israel's prime minister is remembering Shimon Peres as a "man of vision."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu paid tribute to Peres in a video statement on Wednesday, shortly before convening his Cabinet for a special session.

"As a man of vision, his gaze was aimed to the future," Netanyahu said. "As a man of security, he fortified Israel's strength in many ways, some of which even today are still unknown. As a man of peace, he worked until his final days toward reconciling with our neighbors for a better future for our children."

Peres died early Wednesday, two weeks after suffering a stroke.

8:40 a.m.

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin says he is cutting short an official visit to Ukraine to attend the funeral of former President Shimon Peres in Israel.

Rivlin is in Ukraine for a commemoration of the 1941 Babi Yar massacre, in which more than 100,000 Jews and others were killed by Nazi officers in a ravine on the outskirts of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev during World War II.

Rivlin says in a statement Wednesday, "A short distance from where I am visiting in Ukraine, in the city of Vishnyeva, Belarus, was born Szymon Perski, who grew to be a young man with great dreams."

Peres later immigrated to pre-state Israel and changed his last name.

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Rivlin says, "Shimon made us look far into the future, and we loved him. We loved him because he made us dare to imagine not what was once here, nor what is now, but what could be."

Rivlin succeeded Peres as president in 2014.

8:15 a.m.

A former aide to Shimon Peres says his body will lie in state at the Knesset, or Israeli parliament, on Thursday before a state funeral at the country's national cemetery in Jerusalem on Friday.

Yona Bartal, his former aide, told Israel's Channel 10 TV that the plans were in line with Peres' wishes. Peres died early Wednesday, two weeks after suffering a stroke.

7:45 a.m.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will hold a special Cabinet meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday following the death of former President Shimon Peres.

After the Cabinet meeting, a special committee was to begin preparing funeral arrangements. Many international dignitaries and world leaders are expected to attend.

7:30 a.m.

The son-in-law of late Israeli President Shimon Peres says his family had an emotional conversation with President Barack Obama.

Dr. Rafi Walden told reporters early Wednesday the family was "very moved." Obama was a good friend of Peres and awarded the Israeli leader the presidential medal of freedom in 2012.

Walden, who was also Peres' personal physician, says Peres died overnight "without suffering."

The former Israeli leader died in the hospital where he had been treated after a major stroke two weeks ago

7:20 a.m.

Former President Bill Clinton says he and his wife, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, lost a "treasured friend" in Shimon Peres. The former Israeli president and prime minister died early Wednesday at age 93.

Bill Clinton said in a statement that "Israel has lost a leader who championed its security, prosperity, and limitless possibilities from its birth to his last day on earth. The Middle East has lost a fervent advocate for peace and reconciliation and for a future where all the children of Abraham build a better tomorrow together. And Hillary and I have lost a true and treasured friend."

He called Peres a "genius with a big heart who used his gifts to imagine a future of reconciliation not conflict, economic and social empowerment not anger and frustration, and a nation, a region, and a world enhanced by caring and sharing, not torn asunder by the illusions of permanent dominance and perfect truth.

"His critics called him a dreamer," Clinton said. "That he was — a lucid, eloquent dreamer until the very end. Thank goodness."

7:10 a.m.

The family of former Israeli President Shimon Peres has confirmed he died Wednesday morning.

His son, Chemi, made the announcement to reporters gathered at the hospital where Peres has been treated for the past two weeks.

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"Today with deep sorrow we bid farewell to our beloved father, the 9th president of Israel," he said. "Our father's legacy has always been to look to tomorrow. We were privileged to be part of his private family, but today we sense that the entire nation of Israel and the global community share this great loss. We share this pain together."

6:50 a.m.

Former President George H.W. Bush says Shimon Peres inspired the world and helped pave a path to peace. The former Israeli president and prime minister died early Wednesday at age 93.

Bush issued a statement saying he and his wife, Barbara, "join Shimon Peres' countless admirers around the world in saluting his singular life of service — to the universal cause of freedom, to the timeless cause of Israel, to the noblest cause of peace.

He says Peres "time and again helped guide his beloved country through the crucible of mortal challenge. But it was by his innate humanity, his decency, that Shimon inspired the world over and helped pave a path to peace broad enough that future generations will walk it one day, side-by side."

6:40 a.m.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has issued a statement of mourning for former President and Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who died early Wednesday.

"Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara express deep personal sorrow over the passing of the nation's beloved former president, Shimon Peres," the statement read. "The prime minister will deliver a special address this morning and convene the cabinet for a mourning session."

6:30 a.m.

President Barack Obama is praising former Israeli President and Prime Minister Shimon Peres as a statesman whose commitment to Israel's security and the pursuit of peace "was rooted in his own unshakeable moral foundation and unflagging optimism."

Peres died early Wednesday, two weeks after suffering a stroke.

In a statement from the White House, Obama says Peres looked to the future, "guided by a vision of the human dignity and progress that he knew people of goodwill could advance together."

Obama calls Peres "the essence of Israel itself," noting Peres had fought for Israel's independence, worked its land and served Israel in virtually every government position.

Obama says that with the death of Peres, "a light has gone out, but the hope he gave us will burn forever."

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. SHIMON PERES DIES AT 93

The former Israeli politician's life story mirrored that of the Jewish state and was celebrated around the world as a Nobel prize-winning visionary who pushed his country toward peace.

2. WHEN TRUMP HAS TURNED OVER HIS TAX RETURNS

The Republican presidential candidate disclosed them when it suited his needs — if he stood to make a profit, needed a loan or was forced by a judge.

3. AP: ACROSS US, POLICE OFFICERS ABUSE CONFIDENTIAL DATABASES

Law enforcement has misused the systems to get information on romantic partners, business associates, neighbors and journalists for reasons that have nothing to do with daily police work, AP finds.

4. WHAT YELLEN MAY BE ASKED ON CAPITOL HILL

The Federal Reserve chair is likely to be asked how federal banking regulators could have missed Wells Fargo allegedly opening millions of accounts without customers' permission.

5. POLICE SHOOT, KILL MAN IN CALIFORNIA; PROTESTERS GATHER

A black man reportedly acting erratically at a strip mall in the San Diego area is shot and killed by police after pulling an object from his pocket, pointing it at officers and assuming a "shooting stance," authorities say.

6. DRIVERLESS TECHNOLOGY SHOWS POTENTIAL

Autonomous cars promise mobility for millions of disabled people who can't currently drive, possibly even erasing a major impediment to employment.

7. 9 STATES TO VOTE ON EXPANDING LEGAL ACCESS TO MARIJUANA

A ballot initiative before millions of people on Nov. 8 would be the closest the U.S. has come to a national referendum on the drug.

8. SERENA WILLIAMS SPEAKS OUT ON POLICE SHOOTINGS

The tennis star writes on Facebook that she "won't be silent" about the killing of black men by law enforcement.

9. AMY SCHUMER MOST DANGEROUS CELEBRITY TO FOLLOW ONLINE

A search for the "Trainwreck" and "Inside Amy Schumer" star carries over a 16 percent chance of connecting with a site that carries viruses or malware.

10. WHO RYDER CUP SQUAD IS LOOKING TO FOR INSPIRATION

Michael Phelps, the most decorated athlete in Olympic history, is the latest motivational speaker for the American golf team.

Israel mourns as preparations begin for Peres' funeral

By ARON HELLER, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel on Wednesday mourned the death of Shimon Peres, a former president and prime minister whose life story mirrored that of the Jewish state, as the government began preparations for a funeral that is expected to bring together an array of world leaders and international dignitaries.

Peres, celebrated around the world as a Nobel Prize-winning visionary who pushed his country toward peace during a remarkable seven-decade career, died early Wednesday from complications from a stroke. He was 93.

News of Peres' death was met with an outpouring of tributes from around the world.

"There are few people who we share this world with, who change the course of human history, not just through their role in human events, but because they expand our moral imagination and force us to expect more of ourselves. My friend Shimon was one of those people," said President Barack Obama.

Obama will headline the list of leaders expected at Peres' funeral in Jerusalem on Friday. Israel's Foreign Ministry said Bill and Hillary Clinton, Britain's Prince Charles, French President Francois Hollande and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, along with senior officials from Germany, Mexico, Australia and elsewhere, would also attend. It will be the biggest gathering of international leaders to converge on Israel since the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated by a Jewish ultranationalist in 1995.

Officials said that Peres' body would lie in state at the Knesset, or parliament, on Thursday to allow the public to pay final respects. His funeral will take place at Mount Herzl, the country's national cemetery in Jerusalem. Yona Bartal, a former personal aide to Peres, said the arrangements were in line

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with his wishes.

Peres' son, Chemi, confirmed his death Wednesday morning to reporters gathered at the hospital where Peres had been treated since suffering a debilitating stroke on Sept. 13.

"Our father's legacy has always been to look to tomorrow," he said. "We were privileged to be part of his private family, but today we sense that the entire nation of Israel and the global community share this great loss. We share this pain together."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu convened his Cabinet for a special meeting, where he praised Peres despite their deep ideological differences. "Shimon devoted his life to our nation and to the pursuit of peace," he said. "As Israel's President, Shimon did so much to unite the nation. And the nation loved him for it."

Bill Clinton and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton said they "lost a true and treasured friend." Clinton was president when Peres negotiated a historic interim peace agreement with the Palestinians in 1993.

Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush also issued statements of mourning.

While Western leaders eulogized Peres, the Western-backed Palestinian Authority in the West Bank remained conspicuously silent. On one hand, the Palestinians appreciated Peres' commitment to peace. But he was also controversial for overseeing a war in Lebanon while he was prime minister in 1996 in which dozens of civilians were killed in an Israeli artillery strike. Peres, like other Israeli leaders, also allowed settlement construction to take place during his years in leadership positions.

In the Gaza Strip, the ruling Hamas militant group expressed happiness.

"Shimon Peres was the last remaining Israeli officials who founded the occupation," said Sami Abu Zuhri, a spokesman for the Islamic group. "His death is the end of a phase in the history of this occupation and the beginning of a new phase of weakness."

At home, Peres was the elder statesman of Israeli politics, one of the country's most admired leaders and the last surviving link to its founding fathers.

In an unprecedented seven-decade political career, Peres filled nearly every position in Israeli public life and was credited with leading the country through some of its most defining moments, from creating what is believed to be a nuclear arsenal in the 1950s, to disentangling its troops from Lebanon and rescuing its economy from triple-digit inflation in the 1980s, to guiding a skeptical nation into peace talks with the Palestinians in the 1990s.

Shimon Perski was born on Aug. 2, 1923, in Vishneva, then part of Poland. He moved to pre-state Palestine in 1934 with his immediate family. His other relatives stayed behind and perished in the Holocaust. Rising quickly through Labor Party ranks, he became a top aide to Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister and a man Peres once called "the greatest Jew of our time."

As protege of Ben-Gurion, Peres led the Defense Ministry in his 20s and spearheaded the development of Israel's nuclear program.

He was first elected to parliament in 1959 and later held every major Cabinet post — including defense, finance and foreign affairs — and served three brief stints as prime minister. His key role in the first Israeli-Palestinian peace accord earned him a Nobel Peace Prize and revered status as Israel's then most recognizable figure abroad.

And yet, for much of his political career he could not parlay his international prestige into success in Israeli politics, where he was branded by many as both a utopian dreamer and political schemer. He suffered a string of electoral defeats: competing in five general elections seeking the prime minister's spot, he lost four and tied one.

He finally secured the public adoration that had long eluded him when he was chosen by parliament to a seven-year term as Israel's ceremonial president in 2007, taking the role of elder statesman.

Peres was celebrated by doves and vilified by hawks for advocating far-reaching Israeli compromises for peace even before he negotiated the first interim accord with the Palestinians in 1993 that set into motion a partition plan that gave them limited self-rule. That was followed by a peace accord with neighboring Jordan.

But after a fateful six-month period in 1995-96 that included Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, a spate of Palestinian suicide bombings and Peres' own election loss to the more conservative Benjamin Netanyahu, the prospects for peace began to evaporate.

Relegated to the political wilderness, he created his non-governmental Peres Center for Peace that raised funds for cooperation and development projects involving Israel, the Palestinians and Arab nations. He returned to it at age 91 when he completed his term as president.

Despite continued waves of violence that pushed the Israeli political map to the right, the concept of a Palestinian state next to Israel became mainstream Israeli policy many years after Peres advocated it.

Police shoot, kill man in San Diego area; protesters gather

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — A black man reportedly acting erratically at a strip mall in suburban San Diego was shot and killed by police after pulling an object from his pocket, pointing it at officers and assuming a "shooting stance," authorities said.

One of the officers tried and failed to subdue the unidentified man with a stun gun before the other officer fired several times, El Cajon Police Chief Jeff Davis said at a late night news conference. Davis would not say what the object was, but acknowledged it was not a weapon.

Before police announced the death, dozens of protesters gathered at the shooting scene, with some claiming the man was shot with his hands raised. Police disputed that and produced a frame from cell-phone video taken by a witness that appeared to show the man in the "shooting stance" as two officers approached with weapons drawn.

The fatal shooting comes just weeks after black men were shot and killed by police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and in Charlotte, North Carolina, where violent protests broke out.

The El Cajon protest was angry but peaceful. Several dozen people, most of them black, gathered and some cursed at officers guarding the scene. They chanted "black lives matter!" and "hands up, don't shoot!"

Davis urged the community to remain calm and said the investigation will be thorough.

"This will be transparent," he said. "This will be looked at by multiple sets of eyes, and not just ours."

The district attorney was on scene and also will investigate.

Police said they were called to the mall shortly after 2 p.m. by the sister of a man in his 30s who said he was "not acting like himself" and walking in traffic. They say the man refused "multiple" orders to take his hand from his pocket, then was shot after pulling out the object.

When detectives arrived police say a female witness came forward and voluntarily provided cellphone video of the incident. Authorities did not release the video, only the single frame from it. El Cajon officers do not wear body cameras.

Meantime, other videos quickly surfaced showing the aftermath. In one posted to Facebook, an unidentified woman is heard telling police at the scene that the man was ordered to take his hand out of his pocket.

"I said: 'Take your hand out your pocket, baby, or they're going to shoot you.' He said 'no, no, no,'" the woman said. "When he lifted his hand out ... he did have something in his hand but it wasn't no gun, and that's when they shot him."

Another woman on the video who was wearing hospital-style work clothing said she's the man's sister.

She appeared distraught, repeatedly shrieking and crying, telling officers that she had called them to help her brother, who she described as mentally ill.

"I just called for help, and you came and killed him," she said.

Michael Ray Rodriguez was among the witnesses who said the man had his hands in the air. He said that he was driving out of his apartment complex past the shooting scene and saw a shirtless black man with his hands raised.

The officer "let go of the trigger and shot him again and again," Rodriguez told the San Diego Union-Tribune.

El Cajon is about 15 miles northeast of San Diego and has a population of about 100,000. It is 69 percent white and 6 percent black, according to 2010 census figures, and has become a home for many refugees fleeing Iraq and, more recently, Syria.

Motivation doesn't always come on the course in Ryder Cup

By **TIM DAHLBERG, AP Sports Writer**

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — The U.S. has done almost everything to try and win a Ryder Cup again, including having Tiger Woods on the team as an assistant captain.

So maybe bringing in Michael Phelps for an inspirational speech wasn't too far of a stretch. Like Woods, he does know a little something about winning.

"We had a very exciting talk from Michael Phelps," U.S. captain Davis Love III said. "Michael talked to us a lot about the Olympic experience and Team USA and how much fun it was for him to have the four American golfers down there because he's such a big golf fan."

Phelps might not be the last inspirational speaker the 12 players on the U.S. team hear this week. Ever since former President George W. Bush helped rally the 1999 team to a comeback victory, they've become extremely fashionable.

Love might even take a few tips from the speakers of past and present when he sends the team out Friday to try and break yet another losing streak in the Ryder Cup.

"I don't think I'm going to tell you what I'm going to tell them," he said, "but if I was a football coach or a motivational coach, I'd tell my team that they are very, very good and to go play their best."

Actually, Love already did that in comments last week when he suggested this might be the greatest golf team ever. That certainly perked up the ears of the Europeans, who have won eight of the last 10 Ryder Cups despite being decided underdogs in most of them.

"At the end of the day, you don't win Ryder Cups with your mouth, you know," Sergio Garcia said. "You win them out there on the golf course. So that's what we'll see, which team is the best."

The Europeans are making no changes in the motivation department this time around, though, bringing in retired Irish rugby star Paul O'Connell to speak about the importance of teamwork on the pitch.

Here's a look back at a few motivational speakers in the Ryder Cup:

REMEMBER THE ALAMO: The U.S. was getting beaten badly at Brookline Country Club, down 10-6 to the Europeans heading into the Sunday singles. Captain Ben Crenshaw gathered his charges the night before and brought in Bush, then governor of Texas, to try and inspire them to an improbable comeback.

Bush didn't really give a speech. He simply read the famous letter from the commander of the Alamo in 1836 that ended with "victory or death." It wasn't quite that extreme, but the U.S. players went out and won the first six singles matches en route to a comeback win that had players running around and screaming in glee at the 17th hole when the Cup was clinched.

AILING SEVE: Seve Ballesteros was one of the best Ryder Cup players ever, a pivotal figure in turning

the tide against the U.S. team. In 2010 he was recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor, but captain Colin Montgomerie still wanted him to be part of the team.

Before play began at Celtic Manor in Wales, Ballesteros spoke by phone to the European team, which promptly went out and reclaimed the cup from the U.S. "The whole team spoke to Seve for about 10 minutes and that was very motivational, very passionate and also very sad to hear him, to hear the way he is," Montgomerie said. "Seve is our Ryder Cup and always will be."

Ballesteros would die a few months later in his native Spain at the age of 54.

MAJOR DAN: The same year Ballesteros spoke to the Europeans, U.S. captain Corey Pavin had a National Guard F-16 pilot try and pump up his team. Major Dan Rooney, who is also a PGA professional, taped a message to the U.S. team that won in 2008 and gave an inspirational talk to the 2010 U.S. team.

News of his speech led some in Europe to claim the U.S. was equating the Ryder Cup with combat and glorifying war. The tactic didn't work, anyway, with the U.S. losing in rain-soaked matches.

SIR ALEX: Europe used a speech by Sir Alex Ferguson, the longtime Manchester United leader, to win the cup in Scotland the last time out. Ferguson urged Europe's golfers to adopt the Old Trafford mentality his team used to win its matches, and he found a willing audience.

"I was just sitting there and looking up at him, and I didn't take my eyes off him," Rory McIlroy said. "I was sort of in this trance just listening to everything that he was saying and I'm sort of thinking, this is all the stuff that he's probably said to Manchester United teams over the years."

World leaders mourn Peres, praise him as a man of peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Current and former world leaders mourned the passing of Shimon Peres early Wednesday, praising him as a patriot, visionary statesman and man of principle who was deeply committed to pursuing peace in a region that has mostly eluded it.

President Barack Obama called Peres "the essence of Israel itself," noting he had fought for Israel's independence, worked its land and served Israel in virtually every government position, including three stints as prime minister.

Peres, who died early Wednesday at the age of 93, was awarded the 1994 Nobel Prize after he secretly brokered the historic Oslo interim peace accords with the Palestinians a year earlier. He shared the prize with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"I'll never forget how happy he was 23 years ago when he signed the Oslo Accords on the White House lawn, heralding a more hopeful era in Israeli-Palestinian relations," former President Bill Clinton said in a statement. "He was a genius with a big heart who used his gifts to imagine a future of reconciliation not conflict, economic and social empowerment not anger and frustration."

Peres, who served in the largely ceremonial role of president from 2007 to 2014, represented a moderate face of Israel after the more hawkish Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took office in 2009. Peres sought to reassure the international community that Israel seeks peace despite stalled negotiations under Netanyahu. He remained active at his peace center, which sponsored programs promoting Israel-Arab coexistence, until weeks before his death.

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who also worked as a Mideast peace envoy, said Peres' "commitment to peace and his belief that it was in the interests of the country he adored marked him out as a visionary whose vision was never dimmed or displaced."

Peres' had a major stroke two weeks ago that led to bleeding in his brain. He was sedated and on a respirator during most of his hospitalization, but his condition suddenly worsened.

Netanyahu issued a statement mourning the passing of Peres and said he would convene his Cabinet for a special session later in the day. After that, a special committee was to meet to prepare arrangements for a funeral that many international dignitaries and leaders from around the world are expected to attend.

Former President George H. W. Bush noted Peres' "innate humanity, his decency," while his son, former President George W. Bush, noted that his family "will miss Shimon Peres and his grace, dignity, and optimism."

AP: Across US, police officers abuse confidential databases

By SADIE GURMAN and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Police officers across the country misuse confidential law enforcement databases to get information on romantic partners, business associates, neighbors, journalists and others for reasons that have nothing to do with daily police work, an Associated Press investigation has found.

Criminal-history and driver databases give officers critical information about people they encounter on the job. But the AP's review shows how those systems also can be exploited by officers who, motivated by romantic quarrels, personal conflicts or voyeuristic curiosity, sidestep policies and sometimes the law by snooping. In the most egregious cases, officers have used information to stalk or harass, or have tampered with or sold records they obtained.

No single agency tracks how often the abuse happens nationwide, and record-keeping inconsistencies make it impossible to know how many violations occur.

But the AP, through records requests to state agencies and big-city police departments, found law enforcement officers and employees who misused databases were fired, suspended or resigned more than 325 times between 2013 and 2015. They received reprimands, counseling or lesser discipline in more than 250 instances, the review found.

Unspecified discipline was imposed in more than 90 instances reviewed by AP. In many other cases, it wasn't clear from the records if punishment was given at all. The number of violations was surely far higher since records provided were spotty at best, and many cases go unnoticed.

Among those punished: an Ohio officer who pleaded guilty to stalking an ex-girlfriend and who looked up information on her; a Michigan officer who looked up home addresses of women he found attractive; and two Miami-Dade officers who ran checks on a journalist after he aired unflattering stories about the department.

"It's personal. It's your address. It's all your information, it's your Social Security number, it's everything about you," said Alexis Dekany, the Ohio woman whose ex-boyfriend, a former Akron officer, pleaded guilty last year to stalking her. "And when they use it for ill purposes to commit crimes against you — to stalk you, to follow you, to harass you ... it just becomes so dangerous."

The misuse represents only a tiny fraction of the millions of daily database queries run legitimately during traffic stops, criminal investigations and routine police encounters. But the worst violations profoundly abuses systems that supply vital information on criminal suspects and law-abiding citizens alike. The unauthorized searches demonstrate how even old-fashioned policing tools are ripe for abuse, at a time when privacy concerns about law enforcement have focused mostly on more modern electronic technologies. And incomplete, inconsistent tracking of the problem frustrates efforts to document its pervasiveness.

The AP tally, based on records requested from 50 states and about three dozen of the nation's largest police departments, is unquestionably an undercount.

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Some departments produced no records at all. Some states refused to disclose the information, said they don't comprehensively track misuse or produced records too incomplete or unclear to be counted. Florida reported hundreds of misuse cases of its driver database, but didn't say how often officers were disciplined.

And some cases go undetected, officials say, because there aren't clear red flags to automatically distinguish questionable searches from legitimate ones.

"If we know the officers in a particular agency have made 10,000 queries in a month, we just have no way to (know) they were for an inappropriate reason unless there's some consequence where someone might complain to us," said Carol Gibbs, database administrator with the Illinois State Police.

The AP's requests encompassed state and local databases and the FBI-administered National Crime and Information Center, a searchable clearinghouse that processes an average of 14 million daily transactions.

The NCIC catalogs information that officers enter on sex offenders, immigration violators, suspected gang members, people with outstanding warrants and individuals reported missing, among others. Police use the system to locate fugitives, identify missing people and determine if a motorist they've stopped is driving a stolen car or is wanted elsewhere.

Other statewide databases offer access to criminal histories and motor vehicle records, birth dates and photos.

Officers are instructed that those systems, which together contain data far more substantial than an internet search would yield, may be used only for legitimate law enforcement purposes. They're warned that their searches are subject to being audited and that unauthorized access could cost them their jobs or result in criminal charges.

Yet misuse persists.

'SENSE OF BEING VULNERABLE'

Violations frequently arise from romantic pursuits or domestic entanglements, including when a Denver officer became acquainted with a hospital employee during a sex-assault investigation, then searched out her phone number and called her at home. A Mancos, Colorado, marshal asked co-workers to run license plate checks for every white pickup truck they saw because his girlfriend was seeing a man who drove a white pickup, an investigative report shows.

In Florida, a Polk County sheriff's deputy investigating a battery complaint ran driver's license information of a woman he met and then messaged her unsolicited through Facebook.

Officers have sought information for purely personal purposes, including criminal records checks of co-workers at private businesses. A Phoenix officer ran searches on a neighbor during the course of a longstanding dispute. A North Olmsted, Ohio, officer pleaded guilty this year to searching for a female friend's landlord and showing up in the middle of the night to demand the return of money he said was owed her.

The officer, Brian Bielozer, told the AP he legitimately sought the landlord's information as a safety precaution to determine if she had outstanding warrants or a weapons permit. But he promised as part of a plea agreement never to seek a job again in law enforcement. He said he entered the plea to avoid mounting legal fees.

Some database misuse occurred in the course of other misbehavior, including a Phoenix officer who gave a woman involved in a drug and gun-trafficking investigation details about stolen cars in exchange for arranging sexual encounters for him. She told an undercover detective about a department source

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who could "get any information on anybody," a disciplinary report says.

Eric Paull, the Akron police sergeant who pleaded guilty last year to stalking Dekany, also ran searches on her mother, men she'd been close with and students from a course he taught, prosecutors said. A lawyer for Paull, who was sentenced to prison, said Paull has accepted responsibility for his actions.

"A lot of people have complicated personal lives and very strong passions," said Jay Stanley, an American Civil Liberties Union privacy expert. "There's greed, there's lust, there's all the deadly sins. And often, accessing information is a way for people to act on those human emotions."

Other police employees searched for family members, sometimes at relatives' requests, to check what information was stored or to see if they were the subjects of warrants.

Still other searchers were simply curious, including a Miami-Dade officer who admitted checking dozens of officers and celebrities including basketball star LeBron James.

Political motives occasionally surface.

Deb Roschen, a former county commissioner in Minnesota, alleged in a 2013 lawsuit that law enforcement and government employees inappropriately ran repeated queries on her and other politicians over 10 years. The searches were in retaliation for questioning county spending and sheriff's programs, she contended.

She filed an open-records request that revealed her husband and daughter were also researched, sometimes at odd hours. But an appeals court rejected her suit and several similar cases this month, saying the plaintiffs failed to demonstrate the searches were unpermitted.

"Now there are people who do not like me that have all my private information ... any information that could be used against me. They could steal my identity, they could sell it to someone," Roschen said.

"The sense of being vulnerable," she added, "there's no fix to that."

BETRAYAL OF TRUST

Violations are committed by patrol officers, dispatchers, civilian employees, court personnel and high-ranking police officials. Some made dozens of improper searches. Some were under investigation for multiple infractions when they were punished, making it unclear whether database misuse was always the sole reason for discipline.

Agencies uncover some violations during audits, or during investigations into other misconduct. Some emerge after a citizen, often the target of a search, finds out or grows suspicious. A Jacksonville, Florida, sheriff's officer was found to have run queries on his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend after she raised concerns she was being harassed, an internal affairs report says.

The AP sought to focus on officers who improperly accessed information on others but also counted some cases in which officers divulged information to someone not authorized to receive it, or ran their own names for strictly personal purposes, including to check their car registrations.

The tally also includes some cases in which little is known about the offense because some agencies provided no details — only that they resulted in discipline.

The AP tried when possible to exclude benign violations, such as new employees who ran only their own names during training or system troubleshooting. But the variability in record-keeping made it impossible to weed out all such violations.

Agencies in California, for instance, reported more than 75 suspensions, resignations and terminations between 2013 and 2015 arising from misuse of the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, state records show. But because the records didn't identify officers or specify the allegations, it's unclear whether multiple violations were committed by the same person or how egregious the infractions were.

Colorado disclosed about 35 misuse violations without specifying punishment. Indiana listed 12 cases

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of abuse but revealed nothing about them. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reported about 400 violations in 2014 and 2015 of its Driver and Vehicle Information Database, or DAVID, but didn't include the allegations or punishment.

The FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division offers training to state and local law enforcement agencies on NCIC use, and conducts audits every three years that include a sample of local departments, said spokesman Stephen Fischer.

But it doesn't track how often NCIC information is misused. Violations, which are not required to be reported directly to the FBI, are inconsistently disclosed to the federal government. The FBI relies on local agencies to address violations that are identified, Fischer said.

The AP requested records from large police departments and state agencies tasked with administering NCIC usage within their districts. The responses included cases where officers misused motor vehicle data, including driver's license and registration information, and also more sensitive criminal history records.

Officers are only occasionally prosecuted, and rarely at the federal level.

One recent exception is a former Cumming, Georgia, officer charged in June with accepting a bribe to search a woman's license plate number to see if she was an undercover officer. Another involved Ronald Buell, a retired New York Police Department sergeant who received probation for selling NCIC information to a private investigator for defense attorneys.

At his July sentencing, Buell said he hoped other officers would learn "to never put themselves in the position I'm in."

It's unsettled whether improper database access is necessarily a federal crime and whether it violates a trespass statute that criminalizes using a computer for other than authorized purposes.

A federal appeals court last year reversed the computer-crime conviction of ex-NYPD officer Gilberto Valle, whom tabloids dubbed the "cannibal cop" for his online exchanges about kidnapping and eating women and who improperly used a police database to gather information. Valle argued that as an officer, he was legally authorized to access the database. The court deemed the statute ambiguous and said it risked criminalizing a broad array of computer use.

Misuse has occasionally prompted federal lawsuits under a statute meant to protect driver's license data.

A Florida Highway Trooper, Donna Watts, accused dozens of officers of searching her in the state's driver database after she stopped a Miami-Dade officer for speeding in 2011. She alleged in lawsuits that she was harassed with prank calls, threatening posts on law enforcement websites and unfamiliar cars that idled near her home.

Each unlawful access, she said in a court document, "has either caused or worsened anxiety, depression, insomnia, and other medical/physical/psychological conditions I suffer."

Law enforcement officials have taken steps to try to limit abuse, though they say they know of no foolproof safeguard given the volume of inquiries and the need for officers to have information at their fingertips.

"There's no system that could prohibit you from looking up your ex-wife's new boyfriend, because your ex-wife's new boyfriend could come in contact with the criminal justice system," said Peggy Bell, executive director of the Delaware Criminal Justice Information System.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety said it changed the way officers access a state driver database after a 2013 legislative audit found over half of the 11,000 law enforcement personnel who use it made searches that appeared questionable. The audit was conducted after a former state employee was charged with illegally viewing thousands of driver's license records.

In Florida, a memorandum of understanding this year increased the amount of field audits law enforcement agencies must undergo regarding DAVID usage. Troopers in the Florida Highway Patrol sign usage warnings when they access the DAVID system and a criminal sanctions acknowledgment. Users are audited and instructed to select a reason for a search before making inquiries.

Denver's independent monitor, Nicholas Mitchell, argued for strong policies and strict discipline as a safeguard, especially as increasing amounts of information are added to databases. His review found most of the 25 Denver officers punished for misusing databases over 10 years received at most reprimands.

Miami-Dade police cracked down after the Watts scandal and other high-profile cases. The department now does quarterly audits in which officers can be randomly asked to explain searches. A sergeant's duties have been expanded to include daily reviews of proper usage and troubleshooting, said Maj. Christopher Carothers of the professional compliance bureau.

Even if the public is unaware of the amount of available information, Carothers said, "The idea that police would betray that trust out of curious entertainment or truly bad intent, that's very disturbing and unsettling."

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Disabled man gets license, shows driverless tech's potential

By DEE-ANN DURBIN, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Former Indy Racing League driver Sam Schmidt has done a lot in the 16 years since an accident left him paralyzed from the neck down. He runs a racing team and a foundation. He's raced a sailboat using his chin. But the man who raced in the Indianapolis 500 hasn't been able to drive around his neighborhood — until now.

On Wednesday, Schmidt is set to receive the first license restricted to an autonomous vehicle in the U.S. The license allows him to drive on Nevada roads in his specially modified Corvette, which requires no hands on its steering wheel or feet on its pedals. Schmidt uses head motions to control the car's direction.

Fully driverless cars — several steps beyond the car that Schmitt is driving — are expected to reach U.S. roads in the next five to ten years, and the disabled community is eager for their arrival. More than 4 million people in the U.S. need assistance with daily tasks like eating or leaving home, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Others have less severe disabilities but are still unable to drive.

Disabled people are less likely than the non-disabled to be employed and are more likely to experience poverty, the bureau says. But that could change with the arrival of self-driving cars.

"It's coming. We're looking for something to help us get that level of independence," Schmidt told The Associated Press.

Schmidt is the bridge to that future. His car isn't fully autonomous; it uses four cameras to monitor his head and transmit his movements to the tires. He breathes into a tube to accelerate and sucks the air out when he wants to brake.

The car isn't practical for most people. Centennial, Colorado-based Arrow Electronics bought and modified Schmidt's \$80,000 2016 Corvette Z06. It spent an additional six figures on cameras, sensors and computers and even more to add a steering wheel and brake pedals on the passenger side.

Schmidt's license requires that a licensed driver accompany him in the passenger seat to take over

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in case of emergency. When he drives, Schmidt must follow a pilot car. He can't drive in ice or snow. Those restrictions could eventually be eased, Nevada officials say.

Some in the disabled community would like to move directly to fully self-driving cars which wouldn't require licenses at all, says Henry Claypool, policy director of the Community Living Policy Center at the University of California, San Francisco.

"There are some people who are just so isolated that it really compromises their ability to enjoy their basic civil rights," Claypool said.

But Claypool says it's important to be patient and work with the industry now so when autonomous vehicles do arrive, they're accessible.

"There are real barriers to transportation and we need to be clear about what those are and make sure we leverage the technology to address them," said Claypool, who is wheelchair-bound but drives a \$62,000 modified minivan.

Many companies are thinking inclusively. Google has worked closely with the blind while developing its self-driving cars. Tesla Motors has said it's working on an urban transport vehicle that would accommodate wheelchairs. Arrow is working on other projects, including a modified bicycle for a paraplegic athlete.

"Sam is our astronaut," said Joe Verrengia, Arrow's global director of social responsibility.

Arrow is making its design and software freely available in the hope that other companies will build on what it has done. Over the next 18 months, Schmidt hopes to modify a more advanced, semi-autonomous car that could drive itself for short stretches and could help him override potential mistakes. Right now, for example, he could accidentally turn the car if he looks to the side when he means to go straight. A car that was watching the road ahead could correct that.

But for now, the license means an end to 16 years in the passenger seat of a conversion van for trips around town.

"My wife hates driving that van. It makes us look like we're 75 and retired," said Schmidt, 52.

Schmidt is thrilled by the pace of improvement in technology. Within the first year of his partnership with Arrow, in an earlier version of his Corvette, Schmidt completed qualifying laps at the 2014 Indianapolis 500. Earlier this year, he raced to the summit of Pike's Peak.

"Me driving is a lifetime-old problem and these people came together and solved it in seven months," he said. "When you have the right people and the right resources and everyone concentrates on the goal, it gets done."

Schmidt, who co-owns the racing team Schmidt Peterson Motorsports and is chairman of the Conquer Paralysis Now foundation, can hardly narrow the list when asked where he wants to drive first. One stop is the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, where he won a race in 1999. He'd also like to cruise down the Las Vegas strip.

And one simple pleasure: A trip to the drive-thru at In-N-Out Burger.

"It might be kind of fun just to sit there in line with 15 other people," he said.

As Clinton cheers, Donald Trump digs in after debate

By LISA LERER and STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A defensive Donald Trump gave Hillary Clinton plenty of fresh material for the next phase of her presidential campaign on Tuesday, choosing to publicly reopen and relitigate some her most damaging attacks.

The day after his first general election debate, Trump blamed the moderator and a bad microphone and said he was holding back to avoid embarrassing Clinton. Next time, he threatened, he might get

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more personal and make a bigger political issue of former President Bill Clinton's marital infidelities.

Things are already getting plenty personal. On Monday night, Trump brushed off Clinton's debate claim that he'd once shamed a former Miss Universe winner for her weight. But then he dug deeper the next day — extending the controversy over what was one of his most negative debate night moments.

"She gained a massive amount of weight. It was a real problem. We had a real problem," Trump told "Fox and Friends" about Alicia Machado, the 1996 winner of the pageant he once owned.

The comments were reminiscent of previous times when Trump has attacked private citizens in deeply personal terms. Earlier this month, he was interrupted by the pastor of a traditionally African-American church in Flint, Michigan, after breaking his agreement not to be political in his remarks. Though Trump abided by her wishes, he went after her the next morning on TV saying she was "a nervous mess" and that he thought "something was up."

In July, Trump assailed the parents of Humayun Khan, a Muslim U.S. soldier who was killed in Iraq in 2004, after the young man's father spoke out against the Republican at the Democratic National Convention.

"I watched her very carefully and I was also holding back," Trump said of Clinton, reflecting on the debate at an evening rally Tuesday in Melbourne, Florida. "I didn't want to do anything to embarrass her."

It's unclear whether a Trump attack on Bill Clinton's infidelities may help or hurt his appeal.

But Trump's latest comments about Machado were striking in that they came just as he was working to broaden his appeal among minority voters and women — key demographic groups he's struggling to win.

Clinton aides on Tuesday acknowledged they'd laid a trap for Trump.

"He seemed unable to handle that big stage," said Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta. "By the end, with kind of snorting and the water gulping and leaning on the lectern that he just seemed really out of gas."

Clinton interrupted a discussion of foreign policy in the final moments of the debate to remind viewers that Trump had called Machado "Miss Piggy" and "Miss Housekeeping." A video featuring Machado, a Clinton supporter, was released less than two hours after the debate finished.

Aiming to capitalize on Trump's renewed focus on a woman's weight, Clinton's campaign also dispatched Machado to tell reporters how she spent years struggling with eating disorders after being humiliated publicly by Trump.

"I never imagined then, 20 years later I would be in this position, I would be in this moment, like, watching this guy again doing stupid things and stupid comments," Machado said. "It's really a bad dream for me."

Both campaigns knew the first debate, watched by some 80 million people, could mark a turning point six weeks before Election Day with Trump and Clinton locked in an exceedingly close race.

Clinton moved quickly to capitalize on her performance, launching new attacks on Trump's failure to release his tax returns and profiting from the subprime mortgage crisis.

As Trump courted Hispanic voters in Miami, Clinton hammered on an allegation she'd leveled the night before: that he is refusing to release his returns because he goes years without paying any federal taxes. "That makes me smart," was Trump's coy response in the debate, but on Tuesday, Clinton insisted it was nothing to brag about.

"If not paying taxes makes him smart, what does that make all the rest of us?"

Trump's campaign aides had worked hard in recent weeks to keep him on message — and away from personal attacks — persuading him to use teleprompters and reach out to minority audiences.

Their moderate success in scripting Trump came to a halt Tuesday. Though he insisted he'd done

"very well," Trump accused moderator Lester Holt of going harder on him than Clinton. He insisted he had "no sniffles" and no allergies despite the #snifflegate speculation that had exploded on social media. He suggested he'd been given a microphone with lower volume than Clinton's.

Her cheerful reaction: "Anybody who complained about the microphone is not having a good night."

The Trump campaign plans to spend \$100 million on television advertising before Election Day, spokesman Jason Miller told The Associated Press. Of the \$20 million in TV airtime his campaign had already scheduled, \$13 million is aimed at Florida voters, according to Kantar Media's political ad tracker.

Clinton's campaign announced Tuesday that she had gained the support of former Virginia Sen. John Warner, a Republican who also served as Navy secretary in the 1970s. Warner is scheduled to appear at an event Wednesday in Northern Virginia with Clinton running mate — and current Virginia senator — Tim Kaine.

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Many women say Trump showed too much testosterone at debate

By TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Constant interruption. A condescending tone. Eye-rolling.

For many women, the presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump was a case study in *deja vu*. For more than 90 minutes on a national stage, they said Tuesday, Trump subjected the first female presidential candidate from a major party to indignities they experience from men daily, in the workplace and beyond.

Tweeted Chicago-based writer Britt Julious: "Thoughts & prayers to every woman watching the #debates & getting painful flashbacks to dudes talking over them at work, school, home, etc."

"The sad thing," said Christina Emery, an author from Swansea, Illinois, "is that I'm so used to men interrupting women — especially when they want to change the subject — that I didn't pay much attention to Trump's behavior. I was focused on Clinton and how she handled herself."

In the course of the debate, Trump interrupted Clinton 51 times, while she interrupted him 17 times.

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, a professor of communication who is director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, said Trump's frequent interruptions of Clinton conformed with research concluding that men in group meetings interrupt women more than vice versa.

"The question for the audience — did they interpret that as an attempt of a male candidate to disadvantage a female candidate," said Jamieson. "If so, that hurts Donald Trump."

Speaking on her campaign plane, Clinton said Trump's "demeanor, his temperament, his behavior on the stage could be seen by everybody and people could draw their own conclusions."

Asked about the interruptions and whether Trump might change his style in the next debate, his spokeswoman Hope Hicks praised his showing.

"Mr. Trump gave a stellar performance and showed a comprehensive understanding of the issues voters are most interested in including trade, economic development, and job creation," she wrote in an email.

The exchanges between the candidates underscored how different they are. Unlike previous presidential debates, where there has been a thin veneer of respectful discourse between two men, this was a stark conversational divide.

And, some said, a gender divide, one that's all too familiar to women.

"It's frustrating in women's lives," said Deborah Tannen, a linguistics professor at Georgetown Univer-

sity who has written several books about how conversation affects relationships. "And to see it up there in a dramatic way, it's a little bit of PTSD. You're seeing the things you suffered from. It brings it back."

Clinton's deportment is consistent with her experience as a Washington insider, first lady and former secretary of state.

But Trump, whose roots are in reality TV and the male-dominated construction world, has always had an in-your-face style — and not just with women, as others pointed out on Tuesday. At debates during the Republican primaries, Trump was far from mannerly in his treatment of his opponents, male and female.

Jessica Light, a sophomore at the University of Toledo from Berea, Ohio, said Trump's interruptions didn't bother her: "She was being harsh and he was just standing up for himself," she said.

Others found his behavior at the debate to be unnerving.

"Many women watching Trump's treatment of Clinton feel a sickening sense of familiarity with patronizing behavior directed at them during every work day," said Dr. Janet Scarborough Civitelli, a vocational psychologist in Austin, Texas. "Women become exhausted by the experience that no matter how much they accomplish or how hard they work, a man with a fraction of their knowledge and achievements stands ready to critique them."

Some said Trump was condescending from the start of the debate.

"In all fairness to Secretary Clinton — yes, is that OK?" Trump said. Clinton smiled and nodded. "Good. I want you to be very happy. It's very important to me."

At a debate watch party in St. Petersburg at The Queenshead bar, that remark was met with groans in the audience.

"I think she looked great when she talked, and I think she looked even better when he talked," said Trish Collins of St. Petersburg.

For others, like author Tyler King of Orlando, the debate marked a moment when a highly visible woman turned a spotlight on something that's been happening for eons.

"Even if we don't say it out loud, we share those looks across the conference table. We see it. And little by little, more women are reaching the limits of their patience and speaking out," she said.

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2 men charged in California killings

By AMY TAXIN, Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — An Army private and another young man were charged Tuesday with murder in the slayings of a California couple and family friend who were discovered after the couple's 6-year-old daughter called police.

Army Pfc. Joshua Acosta, 21, and Frank Felix, 25, were each charged with three counts of murder, and Acosta also faces possible sentencing enhancements for personal discharge of a firearm causing death, the Orange County district attorney's office said.

Acosta and Felix were friends with the couple's daughter and attended "furry" events where some participants dress up in colorful animal costumes, according to friends and their social media pages.

Prosecutors allege that Acosta was the gunman in the killings of Jennifer Yost, 39, her husband, Christopher Yost, 34, and their friend Arthur Boucher, 28.

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A district attorney's statement says the killings occurred when Acosta and Felix entered the Yosts' Fullerton home early Saturday.

An arraignment initially set for Tuesday was postponed until Oct. 28. Neither man has been reachable for comment while being held in jail since the weekend.

The district attorney's office made no mention of a 17-year-old girl who was also taken into custody by Fullerton police in the case.

After the bodies were discovered Saturday, police said Jennifer Yost's 17-year-old daughter, Katlynn Goodwill Yost, was missing. When the teen's arrest was announced, police also said the daughter had been located but did not say whether she was the teen in custody.

Police were summoned to the home Saturday by the couple's younger daughter. She was not harmed, nor was her 9-year-old sister.

Melinda Giles said she became friends with Jennifer Yost after meeting her and her daughter last year at a gathering of "furies."

She said she also saw Felix and Acosta at furry events, and had met Felix at the Yost family home.

She said Jennifer Yost told her several weeks ago that she had forbidden Felix from seeing her daughter.

Giles said Jennifer and Christopher Yost were warm and generous and recently helped her move into her new home.

Boucher was staying with the Yosts at the time of the killings.

Goodwill Yost is a high school senior and member of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Her social media pages show she is active in the furry community, where she was known as "Daydreamer," and many photos are posted.

She is seen wearing her military uniform in one, and others show a gray fox-wolf costume.

Felix is from Sun Valley, California.

A wheeled-vehicle mechanic, Acosta has been assigned to Fort Irwin, California, since last October, said Wayne V. Hall, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon. Acosta entered the service in March 2015 and previously was assigned to Fort Lee, Virginia, and Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Contact information for his family was not immediately available.

Reason to cringe: Female voters react to Trump

By JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. (AP) — When Donald Trump challenged Hillary Clinton's stamina on the debate stage, Pennsylvania voter Patricia Bennett said she heard a "dog whistle" that smacked of unmistakable sexism.

"Why doesn't he just say that she needs more testosterone?" said Bennett, a 69-year-old independent from the Philadelphia suburbs who plans to vote for Clinton in November.

Across the country, Lisa Lowe, a Colorado Democrat who was lukewarm about Clinton before Monday's debate, said Trump behaved like a "negative bully." Kris Stotler, an undecided Virginia Republican, was disappointed by Trump's jarring criticism of a former beauty queen's weight, comments Clinton forcefully condemned during the faceoff.

"It's incredibly distasteful, and it doesn't stop," Stotler, 48, said of Trump. "Even if you thought that, why would you say that?"

Bennett, Lowe and Stotler were among two dozen female voters from battleground states who spoke with The Associated Press on Tuesday. Nearly all expressed concerns with Trump's critical and often demeaning comments about women, as well as his approach toward Clinton in the debate.

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The concerns were shared, too, by some women who plan to vote for Trump in November, though his supporters were far more forgiving in their assessments.

"He needs to be more careful, but he needs to be who he is," said Lilia Morraz, a 58-year-old Republican from Miami. "Sometimes the truth hurts."

While Clinton has held a lead in preference polls among female voters throughout her general election contest with Trump, she aims to widen that margin as much as possible to offset her weakness with men. She also needs to urgently energize younger female voters, who have been more skeptical of the first woman nominated for the White House by a major U.S. political party.

After Monday's debate, Clinton's team believes it has all the ammunition it needs to rally women in the campaign's closing weeks.

That's due in part to strong execution by Clinton, who arrived at the debate armed with numerous past statements Trump has made about women. She was particularly assertive in calling him out for once labeling 1996 Miss Universe winner Alicia Machado "Miss Piggy" after she gained weight.

But Trump also did himself few favors. He interrupted Clinton repeatedly during the debate, at times leaning into his microphone to declare "wrong!" as she was talking. And he perplexingly stood by his criticism of Machado the morning after the debate, saying in an interview on Fox News Channel that Machado was one of the "worst we ever had" in the beauty contest he used to own.

"She gained a massive amount of weight," Trump said. "It was a real problem. We had a real problem."

Clinton's campaign quickly lined up Machado for a conference call with reporters. The Venezuelan-born Machado, now a U.S. citizen, said she hoped her story would "open eyes" about Trump in the election.

Debby Bower, a 41-year-old Democrat who lives in the Denver suburbs, said Trump's taunting of the former beauty queen was "painful to my soul."

"It hurts my heart when I hear the hateful, spiteful language that Mr. Trump uses," Bower said.

According to a recent Associated Press-GfK poll of registered voters, 64 percent of women have an unfavorable opinion of Trump, while 58 percent of men view the Republican nominee negatively. Women were also more likely than men to say they'd be afraid or angry if Trump is elected in November.

Among likely voters, Clinton leads Trump among women in overall support, 51 percent to 34 percent. That puts her behind the 55 percent of women President Barack Obama won in the 2012 election, according to exit polls — though Trump also trails the 44 percent of women Republican Mitt Romney carried in his losing effort that same year.

At times, Clinton has been reluctant to play up the historic nature of her candidacy or call out perceived sexism that can color how she is judged on the nation's biggest political stage. But her campaign aides showed no such reluctance in the hours after the debate, moving swiftly to cast Trump's aggressive posture toward Clinton in front of a massive television audience as no different from how women often find themselves treated by men.

"His constant interruption of her probably was reminiscent of the way a lot of women feel about bullies in their lives," said John Podesta, Clinton's campaign chairman. "I thought it was kind of unbecoming and he couldn't stop himself."

Victoria Widergren, a Republican from Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, agreed. The 46-year-old builder and architect was planning to vote for Trump, but changed her mind after Monday's debate.

Widergren said she was particularly appalled to learn that the billionaire businessman hadn't paid contractors who worked for him. But as the 90-minute debate stretched on, she, too, grew frustrated with Trump's interruptions of Clinton, a view she said was shared by colleagues she'd spoken to after the debate.

"He just doesn't understand when to stop," she said.

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Password breach could have ripple effects well beyond Yahoo

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LONDON (AP) — As investors and investigators weigh the damage of Yahoo's massive breach to the internet icon, information security experts worry that the record-breaking haul of password data could be used to open locks up and down the web.

While it's unknown to what extent the stolen data has been or will be circulating — or how easy it would be to use if it were — giant breaches can send ripples of insecurity across the internet.

"Data breaches on the scale of Yahoo are the security equivalent of ecological disasters," said Matt Blaze, a security researcher who directs the Distributed Systems Lab at the University of Pennsylvania, in a message posted to Twitter .

A big worry is a cybercriminal technique known as "credential stuffing," which works by throwing leaked username and password combinations at a series of websites in an effort to break in, a bit like a thief finding a ring of keys in an apartment lobby and trying them, one after the other, in every door in the building. Software makes the trial-and-error process practically instantaneous.

Credential stuffing typically succeeds between 0.1 percent and 2 percent of the time, according to Shuman Ghosemajumder, the chief technology officer of Mountain View, California-based Shape Security. That means cybercriminals wielding 500 million passwords could conceivably hijack tens of thousands of other accounts.

"It becomes a numbers game for them," Ghosemajumder said in a telephone interview.

So will the big Yahoo breach mean an explosion of smaller breaches elsewhere, like the aftershocks that follow a big quake?

That seems unlikely given that Yahoo says the "vast majority" of its passwords were stored in an encrypted form believed to be difficult to unscramble. On the other hand, Yahoo said the theft occurred in late 2014, meaning that hackers have had as many as two years to try to decipher the data.

Ghosemajumder said he didn't see a surge in new breaches so much as a steady increase in attempts as cybercriminals replenish their stock of freshly hacked passwords.

The first hint that something was wrong at Yahoo came when Motherboard journalist Joseph Cox started receiving supposed samples of credentials hacked from the company in early July. Several weeks later, a cybercriminal using the handle "Peace" came forward with 5,000 samples — and the startling claim to be selling 200 million more.

On Aug. 1 Cox published a story on the sale , but the journalist said he never established with any certainty where Peace's credentials came from. He noted that Yahoo said most of its passwords were secured with one encryption protocol, while Peace's sample used a second. Either Peace drew his sample from a minority of Yahoo data or he was dealing with a different set of data altogether.

"With the information available at the moment, it's more likely to be the latter," Cox said in an email Tuesday.

The Associated Press has been unable to locate Peace. The darknet market where the seller has been active in the past has been inaccessible for days, purportedly due to cyberattacks.

At the moment it's not known who holds the passwords or whether a state-sponsored actor, which Yahoo has blamed for the breach, would ever have an interest in passing its data to people like Peace .

Even if the hack was a straightforward espionage operation, Gartner security analyst Avivah Litan said that wouldn't be a reason to relax. Spies can mine trivial-seeming data from apparently random citizens to tease out their real targets' secrets.

"That's how intelligence works," Litan said in a phone call.

Meanwhile Yahoo users who recycle the same password across the internet may still be at risk. While people can always change the passwords across all the sites they use, Yahoo's announcement that some security questions were compromised too means that the risks associated with the breach are likely to linger.

A password can be changed, after all, but how do you reset your mother's maiden name?

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Debate reaches 84 million viewers, toppling record

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The showdown between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump was the most-watched presidential debate ever, with 84 million viewers.

The Nielsen company said the viewership, over 13 different networks, toppled a record that had stood for 36 years. The previous record for presidential debate viewership was the 80.6 million people who saw the only debate in 1980 between incumbent Democrat Jimmy Carter and his Republican challenger Ronald Reagan.

At the time of the Carter-Reagan debate, the U.S. population was 226 million. Now, it is 324 million, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

No debate since then had exceeded 70 million viewers.

Social media was humming, too, with Nielsen saying there were some 17.1 million Twitter interactions involving 2.7 million people on Monday. Tivo said that the moment during the debate that caused more people to pause their television and play back what was said came near the end, when Trump said that he will "absolutely support" Clinton if she is elected president.

Clinton has some bragging rights at home. When final results are in, the audience for her first presidential debate will more than double what her husband, former President Bill Clinton, received for his last presidential debate in 1996 (36.3 million viewers).

Only the Super Bowl annually commands a television audience of that size. The biggest audience in U.S. television history was the 114.4 million people who watched the 2015 Super Bowl between New England and Seattle.

The news was particularly good for NBC. Not only did it have more viewers than any other network showing the debate, but "Nightly News" anchor Lester Holt's reviews as moderator were more positive than Matt Lauer received for his interviews with the candidates at a national security forum earlier this month, or CNBC anchors when they did a GOP debate last fall.

Watching the debate was nerve-wracking for NBC Universal chief executive Steve Burke because of the pressure on Holt. Burke said at an appearance in London on Tuesday that Holt "ended up doing a

very good job.”

Holt was not available for an interview on Tuesday.

Some Republicans were unhappy with Holt, suggesting that he was unfair because he asked tougher questions of Trump, and challenged his facts on issues like Trump’s support for the war in Iraq and a court case involving the “stop-and-frisk” method of policing.

That may account for an overnight change of thinking by the candidate. Interviewed by reporters immediately after the debate, Trump said that “I thought Lester did a really good job” and that he thought Holt brought up the topics he wanted.

Several hours later, on Fox News Channel’s “Fox & Friends,” Trump said he thought Holt earned a C or a C-plus for his debate performance, and that he asked unfair questions.

The second of three scheduled debates will be Oct. 9. The “town hall”-style forum will be moderated by CNN’s Anderson Cooper and ABC News’ Martha Raddatz.

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Senate blocks stopgap bill to prevent shutdown this weekend

By **ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A must-do bill to prevent the government from shutting down this weekend and to fund the fight against the Zika virus is stalled in the Senate, held up by bipartisan opposition as the clock ticks toward a Friday deadline.

Democrats, demanding money so Flint, Michigan, can address its lead-contaminated water crisis, overwhelmingly opposed the measure in a Senate test vote Tuesday. So did a dozen of the Senate’s most conservative members.

The 45-55 vote ties up the stopgap funding bill — for now at least. The GOP defections left Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., short of a simple majority, much less the 60 votes needed to clear a filibuster hurdle. McConnell is looking for a way out of the legislative box canyon that doesn’t include capitulating on Flint, which GOP leaders fear would start a revolt among House tea party conservatives.

Instead, senior congressional leaders are scrambling for a compromise solution on the Flint water issue that would satisfy Democrats. The Senate has passed \$220 million worth of aid to Flint and other cities grappling with lead-tainted water and want the package added to the temporary spending bill.

Republican leaders are promising to address the Flint issue after the election in endgame talks on a separate water resources bill, but Democrats refuse to take them at their word.

“Trust me, we will consider Flint later’ — that’s like nothing to me,” said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

But House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said talks continued. “There might be an element (on Flint) we could do,” McCarthy told reporters.

Democrats say it’s unfair that the water crisis in Flint has gone on for more than a year with no assistance, while Louisiana and other states are getting \$500 million for floods that occurred just last month. Democrats have played a strong hand in the negotiations and know they have leverage because Republicans controlling the House and Senate are eager to avoid a politically harmful shutdown at midnight Friday.

“Democrats have been clear that Congress should not leave Flint and other lead-tainted communities out of any (stopgap spending) negotiation that includes emergency disaster funding,” said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and other top Democrats in a Tuesday morning letter to McConnell.

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McConnell characterized the Democratic position as “no Flint, no flood” and indicated he is considering dropping the flood aid. Both sides hope to avert that.

The stopgap spending bill would keep the government running through Dec. 9 and provide \$1.1 billion in long-delayed funding to fight the spread of the Zika virus and develop a vaccine and improved tests to detect it. Zika can cause grave birth defects.

McConnell has made numerous concessions in weeks of negotiations on the measure, agreeing, for instance, to drop contentious provisions tied to Zika funding that led Democrats to filibuster prior Zika measures this summer and earlier this month. A provision to make Planned Parenthood ineligible for new anti-Zika funding for Puerto Rico was dropped, as was a provision to ease pesticide regulations under the Clean Water Act. A \$400 million package of spending cuts added to the measure is no longer controversial.

The measure also includes a popular full-year spending bill that provides a 4 percent budget increase for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“Can it really be that Democratic leaders have embraced dysfunction so thoroughly that they’d tank a noncontroversial, 10-week funding bill over — well, what exactly?” McConnell asked, as he opened the Senate on Tuesday. “It’s almost as if a few Democratic leaders decided long ago that bringing our country to the brink would make for good election-year politics.”

Republicans say the Flint issue will be handled in a separate measure to authorize water development projects. House floor debate began Tuesday on that measure — without Flint money — but Republicans are telegraphing it will be included in any final measure handled in a postelection session. But GOP leaders on Monday night blocked Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Mich. — who represents Flint — from getting a vote on the Senate measure.

Kildee noted that Flint is a predominantly African-American city and that other areas of the country are often quick to win help when disaster strikes.

“There’s something about this poor community — this poor, majority-minority community — that exempts them from the kind of help that we have provided time and time again to people in crisis in this country,” said Kildee, who is white. “I hate to come to the conclusion that there’s something about these people that causes this Congress to decide they don’t deserve that help. That is a shame.”

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Tuesday that the water development bill “is the better place to address this.”

The White House, which has not transmitted an official request for Flint aid, poked at Ryan for excluding it from the water projects bill.

“The speaker of the House says he opposes adding funding for Flint to the continuing resolution and believes that it should be handled in the water resources bill. But it’s not included in the water resources bill that’s advancing through the House. And then he has the nerve to suggest that it’s Democrats who are the ones causing problems,” said White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest.

Senators press FBI director on response to terrorism threat

By **MATTHEW DALY** and **ERIC TUCKER**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican senators pressed FBI Director James Comey on Tuesday about whether anything more could have been done to prevent recent acts of extremist violence, including the Orlando nightclub massacre and the Manhattan bombing this month. Comey said the FBI admits mistakes when it makes them, but he did not agree that anything should have been done differently or that any red flags were missed.

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The questions arose because the FBI has said it investigated Orlando gunman Omar Mateen a few years before the June shooting and interviewed him as part of that probe. The FBI in 2014 also looked into Ahmad Khan Rahami, the Afghan-born U.S. citizen accused in the explosion, but found nothing that tied him to terrorism.

Two senators, in particular, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, said they were alarmed that both individuals had at one point been on the FBI's radar but were not intercepted.

"What more do we need to do? What are the lessons learned, and if you need additional support, we need to know about it very quickly," Ayotte said at a hearing of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Paul, one of the Senate's leading civil liberties champions, said he was troubled that the FBI appeared to often seek new tools but didn't seem to adequately use the ones they had. Ayotte said she thought it was "obvious" that FBI agents in their earlier investigation of Mateen should have checked to see if he was saying anything online about terrorism, which Comey said he didn't believe had been done — though he did note that the FBI had used other investigative methods to keep tabs on him.

Comey pushed back against the criticism, telling Paul that he had his facts wrong in characterizing the FBI's investigations into both Mateen and Rahami. He said he had commissioned a review of the FBI's past interactions with Mateen, who killed 49 people inside a gay nightclub, and would be doing the same with Rahami.

He declined to discuss specifics of the Rahami case since it's pending in court.

"We're going to go back and look very carefully at the way we encountered him, and we will find the appropriate (forum) to give you that transparency about what we did well, what we could've done better, what we've learned from it," Comey said.

The FBI opened an assessment on Rahami in 2014 following a domestic incident. His father has said he warned the FBI that his son was drawn to terrorism, though law enforcement officials say he never discussed with them his son's apparent radicalization or any interest in terror propaganda. The FBI searched its databases and found no terrorist connections, and the review was closed within weeks.

Rahami, the main suspect in the New York bombing, faces federal terrorism charges after a shootout with police. Prosecutors say the 28-year-old planned the explosion as he bought components for his bombs online and set off a backyard blast. They say he wrote a journal that praised Osama bin Laden and other Muslim extremists, fumed about what he saw as the U.S. government's killing of Muslim holy warriors and declared "death to your oppression."

Comey said Tuesday that Rahami's actions do not point to a larger terror cell.

Separately, the FBI director said the U.S. remains concerned violent extremists will eventually flow out of Syria and Iraq and into other countries in hopes of carrying out attacks.

The number of Americans traveling to Syria to fight alongside the Islamic State group has slowed to a trickle in the last year, but as the so-called caliphate is "crushed," many militants from Western nations who are already there will stream out of the region and create new security threats.

"There will be a terrorist diaspora sometime in the next two to five years like we've never seen before," Comey said.

Comey was testifying alongside Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and Nicholas Rasmussen, director of the National Counterterrorism Center, at a hearing examining threats to national security 15 years after the 9/11 attacks. The hearing took place just over a week after the explosions in New York and New Jersey and a separate stabbing attack at a Minnesota mall.

Johnson said terrorist threats have evolved, moving from terrorist-directed attacks "to a world that also includes the threat of terrorist-inspired attacks" in which individuals who live in the U.S. are "self-

radicalized" to attack their own country.

Johnson said that by their nature, terrorist-inspired attacks and terrorist-enabled attacks are difficult to detect by intelligence and law enforcement communities, can occur with little or no notice and in general make for a more complex homeland security challenge.

The panel's chairman, Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., said the threat of "militant Islamic terrorist attacks to the United States remains significant," citing the Sept. 17 attacks in the New York region and Minnesota, as well as deadly attacks in San Bernardino, California, and Orlando.

"In all, Islamic extremist terrorists have killed 63 people on U.S. soil since our committee last held its annual hearing to consider threats to the homeland," the chairman said in a prepared statement.

Two years after President Barack Obama stated a goal of defeating the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS, "we have made little progress," said the senator, who is not related to the Homeland Security chief.

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Debate renews attention on Trump's tax returns

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JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Donald Trump says "you don't learn that much from tax returns," a dubious assertion that has renewed attention on his refusal to release documents that could shed light on his tax rate, charitable giving and foreign business ties.

Trump's Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, was happy to seize on the issue, questioning in the first presidential debate what Trump is trying to hide by bucking decades of campaign tradition in keeping his 1040s private. She referred to the several years in which it is known that Trump paid nothing in federal taxes.

"So if he's paid zero, that means zero for troops, zero for vets, zero for schools or health," Clinton said.

Republican Trump responded by saying avoiding taxes "makes me smart," adding whatever money he did pay "would be squandered" anyway.

Trump told CNN after the Monday night debate that "of course" he's paid federal taxes in other years, but Democrats pounced just the same.

"So what does that make the rest of us? Suckers, unintelligent, dumb?" asked Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat from Nevada.

Since 1976, all major party nominees for president have released their tax returns. Clinton has disclosed nearly 40 years' worth. Both of the candidates for vice president, Democrat Tim Kaine and Trump's running mate, Mike Pence, have released theirs, too.

A recent Associated Press-GfK poll found that 45 percent of likely but undecided voters said it was very or extremely important for candidates to release their tax returns. But voters are divided along party lines. While more than six in 10 Democrats said it was very or extremely important, fewer than three in 10 Republicans said the same.

The billionaire New Yorker has said for months that because his tax returns are under a "routine audit" and have been for nearly 15 years, he is following the advice of his attorneys by keeping them private.

Former IRS officials have expressed skepticism that anyone would be audited so frequently, and they and other tax experts say there's no prohibition on Trump releasing his returns even if he is.

Trump's son, Donald Jr., recently told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that the audits weren't the real issue. Releasing the documents, he said, would lead to "every person in the country asking questions

that would distract" from his father's "main message."

Indeed, tax experts say the documents could provide significant insight about the Republican nominee, including an assessment of whether Trump has overstated — or understated — his income. The documents would also reveal how Trump has used various deductions, write-offs and loopholes in his stated effort to pay "as little" in taxes "as possible."

The returns would also shed light on the extent to which Trump is an "ardent philanthropist," as his company's website once claimed.

Trump's charitable giving has come into question during the campaign. He has made no personal contributions to his foundation since 2008, and The Washington Post has found instances where he may have used the charity to pay off expenses incurred by his businesses.

Trump told the AP early in the campaign that he does most of his giving in his own name, rather than through his foundation. The only way to verify that would be through the itemized charitable donations listed on his tax returns, which would also reveal details about Trump's foreign business dealings and offshore bank accounts.

The 2012 GOP nominee, Mitt Romney, wrote in a Facebook post in May: "While not a likely circumstance, the potential for hidden inappropriate associations with foreign entities, criminal organizations, or other unsavory groups is simply too great a risk to ignore for someone who is seeking to become commander in chief."

Romney resisted releasing his own tax returns before relenting during his campaign, and Trump has suggested that decision was a mistake. He told The Washington Post in August that Romney had been "treated very unfairly" after releasing his returns "because people don't understand returns that are complicated and complex."

"Mitt had perfect returns, they did absolutely nothing wrong," yet critics "took a couple of lines" to make him look bad, Trump said. "And his returns are very much smaller than my returns."

Trump added a wrinkle during the debate, saying he'd be willing to ignore his lawyers' advice to keep the returns private if Clinton released 33,000 deleted emails from the private system she used as secretary of state.

"As soon as she releases them, I will release," Trump said.

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Battle for besieged Syrian city of Aleppo intensifies

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BEIRUT (AP) — With international diplomacy in tatters and the U.S. focused on its election, the Syrian government and its Russian allies are seizing the moment to wage an all-out campaign to recapture Aleppo, unleashing the most destructive bombing of the past five years and pushing into the center of the Old City.

Desperate residents describe horrific scenes in Syria's largest city and onetime commercial center, with hospitals and underground shelters hit by indiscriminate airstrikes that the U.N. said may amount to a war crime.

Debris covers streets lined with bombed-out buildings, trapping people in their neighborhoods and hindering rescue workers. On Tuesday, activists reported at least 23 people killed in airstrikes on two

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districts in the rebel-held part of Aleppo.

The battle for Aleppo is unlikely to be an easy one for government forces because the isolated rebels say they are determined to "fight until the end" to defend their neighborhoods. Insurgents outside the city could also attack government troops to try to reduce pressure on comrades trapped inside.

If government forces and their allies capture the rebel-held eastern neighborhoods, it would be a turning point in the 5½-year-old civil war that has killed more than 250,000 people and displaced half of Syria's population.

Over the course of the conflict, the government has slowly regained control of major cities. Its aim appears to be securing what some analysts call "useful Syria" — a portion containing the four largest cities of Aleppo, Damascus, Homs and Hama, along with its Mediterranean coast.

Aleppo is the last of the major cities still being contested, and it could take government forces between six months and a year to capture it, unless they aim to "annihilate" the politically significant city, a Western diplomat told The Associated Press. The envoy, who is familiar with the cease-fire talks that have faltered, spoke on condition of anonymity because of his government's regulations.

Once all of "useful Syria" is in government hands, international diplomacy would have to determine the fate of the jihadi-controlled northwest and those areas dominated by the main Kurdish militia and the Islamic State militant group.

President Bashar Assad "doesn't want a negotiation," the diplomat said, adding that "the Russians wouldn't or couldn't stop him" from attacking Aleppo.

In Russia, Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov told Syria's ambassador that Moscow has "a firm intention to continue providing assistance to the Syrian government in fighting terrorism and to help achieve the soonest possible political settlement of the Syrian crisis."

Opposition forces control almost half of Aleppo, the only major city where rebels hold such a large area. The U.N. says more than 250,000 people live in the rebel-held areas, while more than 1 million are in the government-controlled part that is usually subjected to shelling.

Assad's government controls the capital of Damascus, except for two small neighborhoods. It also controls all of Homs and Hama, the third- and fourth-largest cities.

Since the one-week cease-fire brokered by Russia and the U.S. ended Sept. 19, Aleppo has been under intense Russian and Syrian airstrikes, killing more than 200 civilians, knocking down entire buildings, disrupting water supplies and targeting Civil Defense centers. At least one of the eight remaining clinics in the city was put out of service.

Had the cease-fire held, the U.S. and Russia were supposed to announce the establishment of a Joint Implementation Center to coordinate attacks against the Islamic State group and al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, formerly known as the Nusra Front.

Attempts to revive the cease-fire during the U.N. General Assembly failed, and U.S. Ambassador Samantha Powers harshly criticized Russia, saying Moscow was practicing "barbarism."

Hilal Khashan, political science professor at the American University of Beirut, said the decision to escalate the fighting occurred because Russia believes the U.S. has not been forthcoming in cooperating on coordinated attacks against the Nusra Front.

Last week, the Syrian army ordered civilians to stay away from rebel positions, saying a ground offensive would begin. On Tuesday, government forces captured the rebel-held central neighborhood of Farafra near the Old City.

Residents are stunned by the intensity of the bombing on areas that have seen a sharp increase in food prices due to the siege, which tightened earlier this month.

Ibrahim Alhaj, a member of the Syrian Civil Defense, said his parents' house was shelled, and he was

able to save them only because he lives nearby.

Assad "listens to no one — not the United Nations, not anyone," a desperate and exhausted Alhaj said. "Is there no humanity in this world?"

Clinics have been flooded with casualties in the past week. Many had to be treated on white-tiled floors covered with blood.

Online amateur video showed people running to the site of the airstrikes, screaming the names of their relatives as they searched for them.

Several thousand rebels from different factions are believed holed up in eastern Aleppo, with the largest being the Nour el-Din el-Zinki group.

"The regime and its allies know very well the high price they will pay if they try to storm liberated Aleppo," said Yasser Alyousef, a spokesman for the group, referring to the rebel-held sector. "The rebels have become experts in street warfare and ways to drain the enemy."

Residents, fearing further targeting, deny the presence of any al-Qaida-affiliated fighters inside the besieged area.

Brita Hassan Haj, head of the Aleppo council in the area, said the government's aim was to drive residents out. On Monday, 25 of eastern Aleppo's 63 neighborhoods were bombed, he said.

"Bunker-buster bombs are penetrating underground shelters, leaving no one safe," he said. "The main roads are closed, the civil defense can't operate, and people are dying. ... It is like judgment day."

The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah group, which has thousands of gunmen in Syria fighting alongside Assad's troops, was quoted by Lebanese newspapers Tuesday as saying: "There are no solutions (for Syria) on the horizon. It will be decided on the battlefield."

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Colombia's road to peace marred by multiple obstacles

By JOSHUA GOODMAN, Associated Press

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — The contrast couldn't be more dramatic: As Colombia's president and the head of its largest guerrilla movement were putting their signatures on a historic peace deal, a 6-year-old boy was killed when he chased a soccer ball into a field and stepped on a land mine left behind during the half-century conflict.

Even as this nation celebrates the end of hostilities with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, the harsh reality that fueled the long conflict is settling in. From the security challenges posed by surging coca crops and dangerous criminal gangs to the difficult task of removing land mines and reintegrating guerrillas blamed for numerous atrocities, the work ahead is daunting.

The first test is getting sufficient political support to implement the lofty accords, signed Monday in this Caribbean resort city despite widespread distrust of the guerrillas. Polls show that a referendum on the deal is expected to pass Sunday. But the margin of victory is still in play and nobody expects the sort of strong turnout that would put the war-torn country firmly on the path to reconciliation.

Most of Colombia's challenges are in its vast, long-neglected countryside, where the guerrilla group long held sway and criminal activity remains rampant. The challenge is made all the more difficult by stiff opposition to the peace deal from the country's powerful former president, Alvaro Uribe, architect of the U.S.-backed military offensive that forced the rebels to the negotiating table, and a collapse in oil prices that has drained government coffers.

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"The smooth part is going to end pretty abruptly," said Adam Isacson, a long-time observer of Colombia and analyst at the Washington Office on Latin America. "When you hit the second half of 2017 and you really do kind of fall off the edge of the Earth, it's going to get very confusing."

The land mine tragedy took place Monday in a plantain field in the town of Algeciras in southern Colombia, one of 700 settlements where land mines have been detected, most planted by the rebels and blamed for more than 11,000 deaths since 1990. Besides killing 6-year-old Yorman Gonzalez, whose body was riddled with shrapnel, the blast injured his friend, who is recovering in a nearby hospital.

"This saddens us and obviously tarnishes the happiness we feel over the signing of the accord," said Javier Rivera, the town's mayor.

Much of Colombia's attention has focused on the creation of special peace tribunals to judge the crimes of the rebels and state actors. For many families touched by the violence, the accord's provision sparing the rebels jail time if they confess to their crimes and surrender their weapons is an insult too far. It's also unclear to what extent the FARC will cooperate and compensate victims, as called for by the deal, following the poor example given by far-right paramilitary troops that disarmed a decade ago.

But if healing the wounds from a conflict that has left 220,000 people dead and almost 8 million homeless isn't daunting enough, there's the challenge of preventing the next outbreak of violence.

The FARC is the most powerful and best-organized illegal armed group in Colombia but it isn't the only one. Authorities say there's already evidence that criminal gangs and a smaller guerrilla group, the National Liberation Army, are moving into areas being vacated by the FARC.

They are drawn by Colombia's lucrative cocaine trade, which shows no sign of losing steam. The FARC has long demanded hefty payments from coca growers in areas they dominated in exchange for providing protection from U.S.-backed forced-eradication efforts. The drug profits strengthened the group even as other leftist insurgencies in Latin America were defeated.

As part of the peace deal, FARC leaders have committed to assisting the government in alternative development and eradication. But there's fear that some rebels, especially mid-level commanders who have no real political future, will resist abandoning the cash cow. And even if they do, others are willing to step in.

Getting it right matters beyond Colombia's borders. The world's largest supplier of cocaine, the country saw six straight years of declining or steady production reversed when the amount of land under coca cultivation jumped by 39 percent in 2014 and by another 42 percent last year, to 392,000 acres (159,000 hectares), according to U.S. government figures.

For those among the FARC's estimated 7,000 fighters who do disarm, the journey back to gainful employment and acceptance by society is likely to be a long one. The experience following the defeat of insurgencies in neighboring Central America is a cautionary tale: many former rebels, whose only marketable skill was firing an assault rifle, ended up joining criminal gangs.

Despite the many hurdles and uncertainties, Colombians for now can hold their head high, says Michael Shifter, president of the Washington-based Inter-American Dialogue.

"The fact that the military and FARC will no longer be killing each other is a big deal. It opens up a real opportunity to transform Colombia," said Shifter, who was present at Monday's signing ceremony. "Whether the country will rise to the occasion and take advantage of the opportunity remains to be seen."

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Baby born with DNA from 3 people, first from new technique

By MALCOLM RITTER, AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists say the first baby has been born from a controversial new technique that combines DNA from three people — the mother, the father and an egg donor.

The goal was to prevent the child from inheriting a fatal genetic disease from his mother, who had previously lost two children to the illness.

The birth of the boy is revealed in a research summary published by the journal Fertility & Sterility. Scientists are scheduled to present details at a meeting next month in Salt Lake City.

The magazine New Scientist, which first reported the birth, said the baby was born five months ago to Jordanian parents, and that they were treated in Mexico by a team led by Dr. John Zhang of the New Hope Fertility Center in New York. It's not clear where the child was born.

The technique is not approved in the United States, but Zhang told the magazine, "To save lives is the ethical thing to do."

A spokesman for the fertility center said Zhang was not available for further comment on Tuesday. Others involved in the research referred questions to Zhang.

The mother carries DNA that could have given her child Leigh syndrome, a severe neurological disorder that usually kills within a few years of birth. Her two previous children died of the disease at 8 months and 6 years, the research summary said.

The technique involved removing some of the mother's DNA from an egg, and leaving the disease-causing DNA behind. The healthy DNA was slipped into a donor's egg, which was then fertilized. As a result, the baby inherited DNA from both parents and the egg donor.

The technique is sometimes said to produce "three-parent babies," but the DNA contribution from the egg donor is very small.

People carry DNA in two places, the nucleus of the cell and in features called mitochondria, which lie outside the nucleus. The technique is designed to transfer only DNA of the nucleus to the donor egg, separating it from the mother's disease-causing mitochondrial DNA.

The research summary identified the mother as a 36-year-old woman and said her pregnancy was uneventful. One of the five eggs the researchers treated was suitable for use.

Critics question the technique's safety, saying children would have to be tracked for decades to make sure they remain healthy. And they say it passes a fundamental scientific boundary by altering the DNA inherited by future generations. Mitochondrial DNA is passed from women to their offspring.

Still, last year, Britain became the first country in the world to allow creation of human embryos with the technique. In the U.S., a panel of government advisers said earlier this year that it's ethical to test the approach in people if initial experiments follow certain strict safety steps.

That report was requested by the Food and Drug Administration, which is currently prevented by Congress from considering applications to approve testing the technique in people.

Shroukhrat Mitalipov, who has worked with the approach at the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, said that given the panel's conclusion, "We believe it's time to move forward with FDA-approved clinical trials in the United States."

Henry Greely, who directs the Center for Law and the Biosciences at Stanford University, said Tuesday he sees nothing wrong with using the technique if it is safe and is aimed at diseases clearly caused by faulty mitochondrial DNA.

But he called the research leading to the newly reported birth "unethical, unwise, immoral." He said the approach "hasn't been sufficiently proven safe enough to try to use to make a baby."

Dieter Egli of the New York Stem Cell Foundation, who has done work in the area, was cautious about the implications of the new report.

"I wouldn't go out there at this point and tout the accomplishment because we don't have enough information," he said Tuesday. "We do not know exactly what was done."

"We have to wait" for a fuller report, he said.

The child is not the first to inherit DNA from three people. In the 1990s, some children were born after researchers used a different technique. But federal regulators intervened, and the field's interest now has passed to the new approach.

This version corrects Greely affiliation to Stanford University, not Harvard

Online:

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Ex-ally: Gov. Christie seemed happy about bridge gridlock

By DAVID PORTER, Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Gov. Chris Christie was told about the epic 2013 traffic jam at the George Washington Bridge while it was underway, seemed happy about it and joked sarcastically that there was nothing political going on, a former loyalist testified Tuesday in the scandal that helped destroy Christie's White House ambitions.

David Wildstein, a former executive at the agency that oversees New York-area bridges and tunnels, took the stand for the prosecution at the trial of two one-time Christie allies accused of engineering the four days of gridlock to punish a Democratic mayor for not endorsing Christie. Wildstein has pleaded guilty.

Wildstein's account was the first testimony to suggest Christie knew about the scheme as it was unfolding.

Christie has repeatedly denied that and has not been charged with a crime.

On Tuesday, the Republican governor said: "All kinds of stuff is going on up in a courtroom in Newark. I want to be really clear: I have not and will not say anything different than I've been saying since January 2014. No matter what is said up there, I had no knowledge prior to or during these lane realignments."

Bridget Kelly, Christie's former deputy chief of staff, and Bill Baroni, a former executive at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, are on trial, charged with conspiracy, fraud and civil rights deprivation in the alleged political revenge plot.

Wildstein, a former high-ranking official at the Port Authority, testified that he was present when Christie was told about the traffic in Fort Lee on the third day of the gridlock during a Sept. 11 memorial event in New York.

Wildstein said Baroni told Christie there was "a tremendous amount of traffic in Fort Lee" that morning and that Mayor Mark Sokolich was "very frustrated" he wasn't getting his phone calls returned. Baroni then told the governor that Wildstein was watching over the situation, Wildstein testified.

"Well, I'm sure Mr. Edge would never be involved in anything political," Christie responded sarcastically, and then laughed, according to Wildstein. "Wally Edge" was a pseudonym Wildstein used while running a New Jersey politics website.

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Prosecutors showed the jury several photographs of Baroni, Wildstein and Christie talking that day. Federal prosecutor Lee Cortes asked Wildstein if he and Baroni were bragging about the traffic jams. "Yes, very much so. This was our one constituent," Wildstein replied, referring to Christie. "I was pleasing my one constituent. I was happy that he was happy."

Christie's name is on a list of potential witnesses at the trial.

The closing of two of three access lanes to the George Washington Bridge caused bumper-to-bumper traffic in Fort Lee, held up school buses and emergency vehicles, and left drivers fuming for hours at one of the busiest spans in the world. The bridge connects New Jersey to New York City.

For months afterward, Port Authority officials insisted the lane closings were part of a traffic study. But the scandal broke wide open with the release of emails and text messages, including one from Kelly to Wildstein in which she said: "Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee."

At the time of the traffic jams, Christie was running for re-election, and his campaign was trying to secure endorsements from local Democratic officials like Sokolich in order to win a big landslide victory and demonstrate the governor's broad appeal as a potential candidate for president.

In the end, the scandal helped sink Christie's White House campaign. Christie once topped the national polls ahead of the 2016 GOP primaries but dropped out after New Hampshire and said recently that the scandal probably influenced Donald Trump's decision not to pick him as his running mate.

Trump said last December that Christie "totally knew" about the lane closings. The GOP presidential candidate has since tapped Christie to lead his transition team.

The scandal has brought to light some of the hardball tactics used by the Christie administration and reinforced his reputation as a bully.

Last week, Wildstein testified Christie's office used the rich and powerful Port Authority to reward local officials whose endorsements were sought during the 2013 re-election campaign.

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AP-GfK poll: Voters more confident in Trump's health

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and EMILY SWANSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "stamina," the "look": A new poll suggests voters are buying in to Donald Trump's insinuations about Hillary Clinton's health. They're ignoring the medical reports.

Voters — especially men — have more confidence that Trump is healthy enough for the presidency than Clinton, according to the Associated Press-GfK poll.

It's a disconnect considering Clinton has released more medical information than Trump, and that outside doctors who've looked at the available data say both candidates seem fine. But it shows the political points Trump scored after the Democratic nominee's much-publicized mild case of pneumonia.

Another gender divide: Nearly half of women but just 4 in 10 men think Clinton's health is getting too much attention, found the poll, which was taken before the presidential candidates' debate on Monday.

"Everybody gets sick," said Sherri Smart, 56, of New York. She said she hasn't decided who to vote for but wishes the candidates would discuss issues instead of sniping about who's most vigorous.

"What's important is, what are you going to do for me?" Smart said.

The AP-GfK poll found 51 percent of voters are very or extremely confident that Trump is healthy enough to be president. In contrast, just over a third of voters — 36 percent — had the same confidence in Clinton's health.

Men are more likely to question Clinton's physical fitness for the job, with 45 percent saying they're only slightly or not at all confident compared to 34 percent of women. Men and women are about

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equally likely to express confidence in Trump's health. More Democrats are confident of Trump's health than Republicans are of Clinton's.

Health is a legitimate issue as the nation is poised to elect one of its oldest presidents. Trump, 70, for months held off disclosing much about his own fitness while stoking questions about a woman in the White House with his assertion, repeated on national TV Monday, that Clinton lacks the look and stamina for the job. (As for his apparent sniffles during Monday's debate, he blamed a bad microphone.)

"Stamina is a code word for maybe not physically up to the job," said New York University bioethicist Arthur Caplan, who has called for an independent panel to certify the health of presidential candidates. "There's something of a bias about men versus women that subtly Trump has played to, that men are more fit, tough enough to do the job."

Clinton, 68, last year released more detail about her own health history only to buy trouble earlier this month by refusing to take a sick day until a public stumble forced her to reveal the pneumonia diagnosis. But Monday she rebutted Trump's talk of stamina by wondering if he could match her grueling schedule as a secretary of state — traveling to 112 countries, negotiating peace deals, spending 11 hours testifying before a congressional committee.

What exactly do we know about their health? Neither has released their actual medical records, just a summary from their personal physicians with no way to know if anything important was left out.

Yet another disconnect: The AP-GfK poll found nearly 4 in 10 voters don't consider such a release important, and another 2 in 10 say it's only moderately important.

Trump's gastroenterologist in December released a four-paragraph letter saying the GOP nominee would be "the healthiest individual ever elected." Earlier this month, Trump took to "The Dr. Oz Show" to say he felt great, while releasing a bit more detail, such as his cholesterol levels and cancer screenings.

Bottom line: Trump takes a cholesterol-lowering statin medication and a baby aspirin, has some mild plaque in his arteries and is overweight — but was declared generally in good health.

Last summer, Clinton's internist released a two-page letter detailing her family history, prior exams including lab test results, and some prior ailments that have healed — including a 2012 concussion and blood clot Clinton suffered after becoming dehydrated from a stomach virus and fainting. This month, a second letter outlined the mild pneumonia and revealed some updated check-up results.

Bottom line: Clinton takes a blood thinner as a precaution given a history of blood clots, as well as a thyroid medication and allergy relievers — but also was declared generally in good health.

Some doctors say just watching how the candidates handle a physically demanding campaign trail and the cognitive finesse needed to debate can give voters a good idea of health.

But while the public may not pay attention to cholesterol tests and EKGs, it was hard to miss that image of Clinton stumbling.

"The public is feeding off the impressions they've received, but that's not borne out by the letters of health," said Dr. Howard Selinger, chair of family medicine at Quinnipiac University.

The AP-GfK Poll of 1,694 adults, including 1,476 registered voters, was conducted online Sept. 15-19, using a sample drawn from GfK's probability-based KnowledgePanel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points, and for registered voters is plus or minus 2.7 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using telephone or mail survey methods and later interviewed online. People selected for KnowledgePanel who didn't have access to the internet were provided access for free.

Online:

Poll results: <http://ap-gfcpoll.com>

AP FACT CHECK: Trump, Clinton deny their own words in debate

By CALVIN WOODWARD and CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all of his occasional restraint, Donald Trump offered debate viewers a greatest-hits collection from his history of mangled facts, with some new ones thrown in. For all of her policy sobriety, Hillary Clinton was far from flawless.

People who had somehow avoided the campaign until the opening presidential debate heard with fresh ears Trump's bogus claims that he opposed the Iraq war before it started and that he never branded climate change a made-in-China hoax. For people who've been paying attention, everything old was new again.

A sampling of the statements from Monday night and how they stack up with the facts:

TRUMP, when Clinton said he paid no income tax for several years: "That makes me smart."

THE FACTS: Savvy tax planning was why he avoided paying taxes in those years. It was because he was losing money.

For at least two years in the early 1990s, the businessman posted losses that were large enough to cancel out any gains he would have had to report from his creditors writing down his debts. That is known because Trump had to show tax returns then to New Jersey gaming regulators to get a casino license. He's otherwise refused to make his returns public.

CLINTON: "When I became secretary of state, Iran was weeks away from having enough nuclear material to form a bomb. They had mastered the nuclear fuel cycle under the Bush administration. They had built covert facilities. They had stocked them with centrifuges that were whirling away."

THE FACTS: Not so. Iran moved to being as close to weeks away from bomb-making capability during the Obama administration, when she was secretary of state, not under President George W. Bush.

On the day Clinton was confirmed as secretary, David Albright, a former chief U.N. weapons inspector, wrote that "Iran appears to need at least another few months to accumulate enough low-enriched uranium to have a break-out capability." And some U.S. intelligence officials at the time were estimating that Iran could be still a year away from such capability. U.S. officials only began citing a time-frame of weeks as they closed in on a final deal with Iran in 2015.

TRUMP, when asked why he continued to raise questions about Barack Obama's country of birth even after the president produced his birth certificate in 2011: "Nobody was pressing it, nobody was caring much about it."

THE FACTS: Trump himself continued to press false theories about Obama's birthplace after they were debunked. His claim that the matter faded when the birth certificate came out belies his efforts to keep the myth alive.

"Was it a birth certificate?" he asked in a 2012 interview. "He was perhaps born in Kenya. Very simple, OK?" Trump said in 2014. "Who knows about Obama?" Trump asked in January 2016.

TRUMP, denying Clinton's accusation that he supported the Iraq war: "Wrong. Wrong." Later: "That is a mainstream media nonsense put out by her... I was against the war in Iraq."

THE FACTS: There is no evidence Trump expressed public opposition to the war before the U.S. in-

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vaded, despite his repeated insistence that he did. Rather, he offered lukewarm support. He only began to voice doubts about the conflict well after it began in March 2003.

His first known public comment on the topic came on Sept. 11, 2002, when he was asked whether he supported a potential Iraq invasion in an interview with radio host Howard Stern. "Yeah, I guess so," Trump responded. On March 21, 2003, just days after the invasion, Trump said it "looks like a tremendous success from a military standpoint."

Later that year he began expressing reservations.

CLINTON: "We're working with NATO, the longest military alliance in the history of the world, to really turn our attention to terrorism."

THE FACTS: When it comes to longevity, NATO takes a back seat to the Anglo-Portuguese Alliance, the Peloponnesian League and numerous other military alliances.

The Anglo-Portuguese Alliance, still in effect, is either 643 years old or 376 years old, depending on whether the start date is considered to be before or after a rupture along the way.

The Peloponnesian League, organized and led by Sparta, lasted 200 years, from the 6th to 4th centuries BC.

NATO is 67 years old.

CLINTON, denying Trump's accusation that she called the Trans-Pacific Partnership the "gold standard" of trade agreements: "No ... I did say I hoped it would be a good deal."

THE FACTS: Trump is correct. On a 2012 trip to Australia as secretary of state, Clinton said the deal taking shape "sets the gold standard in trade agreements." She championed it in other venues around the world. She did not merely express the hope it would turn out well.

Clinton flip-flopped into opposing the trade deal in the Democratic primary when facing Bernie Sanders, who strongly opposed it. She said the final version of the deal didn't address her concerns. But the final version actually had been modified to try to make it more palatable to liberal critics.

TRUMP, when Clinton accused him of calling climate change a hoax invented by the Chinese: "I did not. I did not."

THE FACTS: He did, he did, in the form of a 2012 tweet: "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive." He later claimed he was kidding, but he's also repeated the claim that climate change is a hoax, and one that benefits China.

He tweeted in January 2014: "Snowing in Texas and Louisiana, record setting freezing temperatures throughout the country and beyond. Global warming is an expensive hoax!"

CLINTON called for "making college debt-free so more young people can get their education."

THE FACTS: Clinton has proposed making college tuition free for in-state students who go to a public college or university. But tuition-free doesn't equate to debt-free.

Under her plan, the government would pay for in-state tuition at public colleges and universities for students from families earning less than \$125,000 a year. That would leave students still bearing the cost of room and board, which makes up more than half of the average \$18,943 sticker price at a four-year public university, according to the College Board.

TRUMP to Clinton: "You've been fighting ISIS your entire adult life."

THE FACTS: Hillary Clinton was born in 1947 and is 68 years old. She reached adulthood in 1965. The

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Islamic State group grew out of an al-Qaida spinoff, al-Qaida in Iraq in 2013, the year Clinton left the State Department.

TRUMP: "My father gave me a very small loan in 1975."

THE FACTS: Trump got a whole lot more than a small loan. Aside from \$1 million in financing from his father, Trump received loan guarantees, bailouts and a drawdown from his future inheritance. Tim O'Brien noted in a 2005 book that Trump not only drew an additional \$10 million from his future inheritance during hard times, but also inherited a share of his father's real estate holdings, which were worth hundreds of millions when they were eventually sold off.

TRUMP: "You don't learn that much from tax returns."

THE FACTS: Americans stand to learn plenty if he releases his tax returns like other presidential candidates have done.

They would provide vital information about his wealth, taxes paid, tax avoidance efforts, exact amounts of real estate holdings and charitable donations that can't be gleaned from any other source. For these reasons, every major party candidate for the last 40 years has released at least a few years of recent tax returns.

TRUMP: "Our jobs are fleeing the country. They're going to Mexico. They're going to many other countries. ... Ford is leaving ... thousands of jobs leaving Michigan, leaving Ohio."

THE FACTS: There are no official data on job flows between countries. However, the U.S. economy has added nearly 14.9 million jobs since 2010, when the economy bottomed out after the recession.

Since GM and Chrysler declared bankruptcy, the auto industry in particular has recovered and resumed hiring. The industry has added 300,000 jobs since June 2009, when the recession ended. Ford has announced it is moving production of small autos to Mexico, but says it won't cut any U.S. jobs because it will make other vehicles at the affected plant.

CLINTON: "Independent experts have looked at what I've proposed and looked at what Donald's proposed, and basically they've said this, that if his tax plan...were to go into effect, we would lose 3.5 million jobs and maybe have another recession. They've looked at my plans and they've said...we will have 10 million more new jobs."

THE FACTS: Those numbers come from one expert, Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi, a widely respected analyst but one who has also donated to Clinton's campaign. His estimate that Trump's plan would cost 3.5 million jobs was issued in June 2016, and Trump has altered his tax cut proposals and other policies since then. And Zandi estimated Clinton's policies would actually create 3.2 million more jobs over 10 years, not 10 million. An additional 7.2 million would be created under current law, Zandi calculated.

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Neither Trump, Clinton exactly right about stop-and-frisk

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump says the police tactic known as stop-and-frisk led to a drop in murders in New York City, while Hillary Clinton says it has been ruled unconstitutional.

At the first presidential debate, neither was quite right.

The New York Police Department's use of stop-and-frisk, an approach to policing in which officers can stop and search anyone they deem suspicious, emerged as a flashpoint Monday night for the two New Yorkers.

Trump painted a dark picture of violence in the United States' inner cities and suggested the solution would be "you do stop-and-frisk," adding it "worked very well" in the nation's largest city.

"In New York City, we had 2,200 murders, and stop-and-frisk brought it down to 500 murders," Trump said, praising former Mayor Rudy Giuliani for his embrace of the tactic. The Republican nominee said it was "continued on by Mayor (Michael) Bloomberg. And it was terminated by current mayor. But stop-and-frisk had a tremendous impact on the safety of New York City. Tremendous beyond belief."

Murders have plunged in New York, and the drop did begin under Giuliani in the 1990s, with the number of homicides falling to fewer than 600 a year by 2002. But while the tactic officially known as stop-question-and-frisk was part of the strategy used by the NYPD in the 1990s, it didn't become a major police tool until the next decade.

The peak use of stop-and-frisk, under Bloomberg and his police commissioner, Raymond Kelly, was in 2011. That year, police made around 685,000 stops and there were 515 murders and 106,000 felonies committed in the city.

Trump also claimed that, after the use of stop-and-frisk was dramatically curbed, "murders are up. All right. You check it."

He's half right.

The number of stops has fallen nearly 97 percent since 2011, according to NYPD statistics. But the number of murders has fallen since then, too.

Bill de Blasio was elected mayor in 2013 on a promise to rein in the use of stop-and-frisk, and murders in New York fell to a record-low 333 in 2014, his first year in office.

The number of homicides ticked up to 352 last year, but has dropped so far in 2016. As of Sept. 18, there have been 246 homicides in New York, down from 257 at the same time last year.

Trump "literally does not understand what he's talking about," de Blasio, a Democrat, said recently. "He's either ignorant of the history of the city or he's lying about it."

De Blasio is among the critics of the tactic who say it disproportionately targeted black and Latino men. Clinton and debate moderator Lester Holt said Monday the practice itself has been ruled unconstitutional.

"Stop-and-frisk was found to be unconstitutional and, in part, because it was ineffective," Clinton said. "It did not do what it needed to do."

In 2013, U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin ruled stop-and-frisk violated the rights of minorities and its implementation in New York was unconstitutional, because the police were making stops due to race and not because they held a reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing. She ordered a federal monitor to oversee broad reforms of the police department.

But the tactic itself remains legal. Giuliani, a top Trump ally, said there's "absolutely no question it's constitutional."

"It is still good law, as us lawyers say," Giuliani said. "And it is being done right this very minute in just

about every part of the United States.”

The tactic is still used in New York, but at a dramatically reduced rate: In 2015, there were 23,000 stops.

Trump was also largely right when he asserted the case “was taken away” from the judge who made the initial ruling on its use in New York.

The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit criticized Judge Scheindlin, saying she “ran afoul” of the judiciary code of conduct by giving the appearance of bias and maneuvering to hear the lawsuit. The appeal court removed her from the case and granted a stay of her ruling.

But in 2014, de Blasio announced that he was dropping the city’s appeal of her initial ruling and would agree to her recommended reforms.

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Unhappy Target customers send strong message on pill bottles

By TOM MURPHY, AP Health Writer

Longtime customers of Target’s pharmacies are finding a change in pill bottle design hard to swallow. After CVS began operating Target’s drugstores earlier this year, distraught customers have been asking — in some cases begging — the drugstore chain to bring back the retailer’s red prescription bottles, which came with color-coded rings, labeling on the top and prescription information that was easier to read.

Some customers also took more drastic steps.

Vivian Ruth Sawyer went fishing through her trash to rescue the old Target bottles soon after opening her stapled prescription bag to find the dowdy, white-capped amber vials that are common in most medicine cabinets. She has since poured refills of her thyroid medicine into the old Target bottles, even though they don’t have the right expiration dates. It’s worth it, she said, because those bottles make it easier to tell her prescriptions apart when she looks in her drawer for them.

“This is really inconvenient and irritating,” the Louisville, Kentucky, resident said.

CVS says it is working on designing a new system for dispensing prescriptions and helping people stay on their medications, but spokeswoman Carolyn Castel declined to share details or say whether that might involve an updated bottle design.

Meanwhile, shoppers continue to mourn the loss of a bottle that was considered groundbreaking when it debuted about a decade ago and was once on display at New York’s Museum of Modern Art.

Target flipped bottle design on its head in 2005 when it introduced a red container with the opening on the bottom. That allowed the label to wrap around the top so it could be seen from above. It included a flat surface that customers found easier to read than the curve of a typical pill bottle, and it came with color-coded rings for the neck to help family members quickly tell their medicines apart.

Deborah Adler devised the new approach as part of her master’s thesis at New York’s School of Visual Arts. She was inspired to try something different after her grandmother mistakenly took her grandfather’s prescription. Adler now runs her own design business and is working with CVS on its new prescription system.

The red bottles were important to Christina Mihalek, of Cincinnati, because she accidentally took her mom’s high blood pressure medicine instead of an antibiotic when she was in high school, and she

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passed out in the lunch line that day. Mihalek took to Twitter to voice her displeasure, telling CVS in a post with the hashtag #redbottlesrock that "perfection was at your fingertips."

Shelley Ewalt of Princeton, New Jersey, also tweeted to the drugstore chain, asking if there was any chance they might return to the "vastly superior design" of the Target bottles, which she found easier to open.

Woonsocket, Rhode Island-based CVS Health Corp., which runs the nation's second-largest drugstore chain, started operating Target pharmacies earlier this year as part of a \$1.9 billion deal the companies announced in 2015.

CVS's Castel said the company stopped using Minneapolis-based Target Corp.'s bottles because it's more efficient to fill prescriptions with the same bottle at all of its 9,600 pharmacies.

Customer visits to Target's in-store pharmacies slipped in the second quarter. Castel said CVS doesn't see a connection between that and the change in prescription bottles.

But the bottle switch might have influenced a small percentage of customers to shop elsewhere, according to Marshal Cohen, chief retail analyst with market researcher NPD Group. He said the second quarter was tough for many retailers, but he also noted that regular customers to pharmacies don't like change.

"When you start tinkering with things ... the consumer kind of gets a little testy," he said.

Patients can buy prescription bottle caps that glow or beep when it's time to take their medicine. But Purdue University pharmacy professor Alan Zilich hasn't seen much of an evolution in the design of pill containers used by pharmacies because it just isn't worth it, financially.

"Even though drugs cost a lot, pharmacies don't make much off each individual prescription," he said.

Sawyer still holds out hope that any new system CVS adopts might include features from the old Target bottles to replace the amber bottles, which she describes as a "ghastly" leftover from the 1950s.

"Everyone else uses the same stupid bottle," she said.

Pence breaks with Trump, says humans affect climate change

By SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's running mate is breaking with the Republican nominee's claim that climate change is not the result of human activity.

Vice presidential nominee Mike Pence said Tuesday "there's no question" that human activity affects both the climate and the environment.

At Monday's presidential debate, Democrat Hillary Clinton challenged Trump's views, saying: "Donald thinks that climate change is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese. I think it's real." Trump interrupted with "I did not, I do not say that."

But in 2012, Trump tweeted that the "concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive." He later claimed he was kidding, but he's also repeated the assertion that climate change is a hoax benefiting China. And in 2014, Trump tweeted: "Snowing in Texas and Louisiana, record setting freezing temperatures throughout the country and beyond. Global warming is an expensive hoax!"

Trump's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, tried to move discussion away from those comments Tuesday, saying on CNN that Trump believes "that climate change is naturally occurring" but the causes are not man-made.

The world's scientific organizations say the Earth's climate is changing because of the buildup of heat-trapping gases, especially carbon dioxide, from the burning of coal, oil and gas.

Pence, appearing separately on CNN, said, "let's follow the science," but he warned against rushing

into environmental restrictions that drive jobs out of the country and put Americans out of work.

"What Donald Trump said was a hoax is that bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., can control the climate of the Earth," Pence said. "There's no question that the activities that take place in this country and in countries around the world have some impact on the environment and some impact on climate."

Conway dismissed Trump's previous tweets on climate change.

She questioned how "we're supposed to understand all of his policies" based on tweets or casual remarks he gave before entering politics — such as expressing support for the Iraq war on the Howard Stern show.

But she emphasized that Trump does not believe climate change is man-made.

"He believes climate change is naturally occurring. We don't know what Hillary Clinton believes because nobody ever asks her," Conway said. She derided Clinton's response in the debate, where she said that climate change is real, as "canned" and "scripted."

Clinton has proposed spending \$60 billion to switch from dirty fossil fuels to cleaner energy. She promises to deliver on President Barack Obama's pledge that by 2025 the U.S. will be emitting 30 percent less heat-trapping gases than in 2005.

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Asian stock markets turn lower after Wall Street gains

By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Major Asian stock markets were lower Wednesday after investors were reassured by trade-friendly Hillary Clinton's performance in a U.S. presidential debate with rival Donald Trump.

KEEPING SCORE: Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index fell 1.5 percent to 16,426.61 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 0.6 percent to 23,440.18. The Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.2 percent to 2,990.97 and benchmarks in Singapore and Indonesia also declined. Sydney's S&P ASX 200 gained 0.4 percent to 5,497.40 and Seoul's Kospi advanced 0.9 percent to 2,017.94. Bangkok, Manila and New Zealand also gained.

THE TRUMP EFFECT: Investors sold gold and other assets they had bought as hedges against a possible victory by the Republican Trump, who has called for controls on trade and immigration. Markets also have been unnerved by Trump's tax and economic plans. They were reassured by what some commentators saw as his poor showing in a nationally televised debate with the Democrat Clinton, who is seen as more favorable to trade and continuity in U.S. economic policy.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "The strong performance by Hillary Clinton against Donald Trump in the first presidential debate had a major impact on markets as some of the Trump-related hedges saw a pullback," said Angus Nicholson of IG Markets in a report. "A number of safe haven assets had been bid up during the Trump poll surge as investors worried about what Trump would mean for the global economy, and particularly the global security risks he poses. Gold saw its biggest one-day decline in more than a month losing 0.8 percent as Trump's probability of becoming president was seemingly diminished after his poor showing in the debate."

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks rebounded after a Conference Board survey showed consumer confidence is at a nine-year high, a sign Americans will keep spending in the months to come. Technology and consumer stocks made the largest gains. Technology companies jumped, and solid results from cruise line operator Carnival sent travel-related companies higher. Energy companies slumped with oil prices as hopes for an international cut in fuel production faded. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 133.47 points, or 0.7 percent, to 18,228.30. The Standard & Poor's 500 index picked up 13.83 points,

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or 0.6 percent, to 2,159.93. The Nasdaq composite gained 48.22 points, or 0.9 percent, to 5,305.71.
ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude lost 6 cents to \$44.61 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract plunged \$1.26 on Tuesday to close at \$44.67. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 10 cents to \$46.62 in London. The contract dropped \$1.41 the previous session to close at \$46.52.
CURRENCY: The dollar gained to 100.56 yen from Tuesday's 100.29 yen. The euro was unchanged at \$1.12.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 28, the 272nd day of 2016. There are 94 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 28, 1066, William the Conqueror invaded England to claim the English throne.

On this date:

In 1542, Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo arrived at present-day San Diego.

In 1787, the Congress of the Confederation voted to send the just-completed Constitution of the United States to state legislatures for their approval.

In 1850, flogging was abolished as a form of punishment in the U.S. Navy.

In 1914, the First Battle of the Aisne (AYN) during World War I ended inconclusively.

In 1928, Scottish medical researcher Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin, the first effective anti-biotic.

In 1939, during World War II, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed a treaty calling for the partitioning of Poland, which the two countries had invaded.

In 1958, voters in the African country of Guinea overwhelmingly favored independence from France.

In 1967, Walter E. Washington was sworn in as the first mayor-commissioner of the District of Columbia.

In 1976, Muhammad Ali kept his world heavyweight boxing championship with a close 15-round decision over Ken Norton at New York's Yankee Stadium.

In 1989, deposed Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos died in exile in Hawaii at age 72.

In 1991, jazz great Miles Davis died in Santa Monica, California, at age 65.

In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat signed an accord at the White House ending Israel's military occupation of West Bank cities and laying the foundation for a Palestinian state.

Ten years ago: Al-Qaida in Iraq's leader, in a chilling audiotape, called for nuclear scientists to join his group's holy war and urged insurgents to kidnap Westerners so they could be traded for a blind Egyptian sheik serving a life sentence in a U.S. prison.

Five years ago: The Obama administration formally appealed a federal appeals court ruling striking down a key provision of President Barack Obama's health care law requiring Americans to buy health insurance or pay a penalty. (The U.S. Supreme Court later upheld the individual mandate.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin, meeting at the United Nations, agreed to discuss a political transition in Syria but remained at odds about what that would mean for Syria leader Bashar Assad's future. Former prison worker Joyce Mitchell, who'd helped two murderers escape from a maximum-security lockup, said she regretted her "horrible mistake" as she was sentenced in Plattsburgh, New York, to up to seven years behind bars. Trevor Noah debuted as

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host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central. Catherine E. Coulson, 71, an actress best known as the quirky Log Lady in the TV series "Twin Peaks," died in Ashland, Oregon. Frankie Ford, 76, a rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues singer whose 1959 hit "Sea Cruise" brought him international fame at age 19, died in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Brigitte Bardot is 82. Actor Joel Higgins is 73. Singer Helen Shapiro is 70. Movie writer-director-actor John Sayles is 66. Rock musician George Lynch is 62. Zydeco singer-musician C.J. Chenier (sheh-NEER') is 59. Actor Steve Hytner is 57. Actress-comedian Janeane Garofalo (juh-NEEN' guh-RAH'-fuh-loh) is 52. Country singer Matt King is 50. Actress Mira Sorvino is 49. TV personality/singer Moon Zappa is 49. Actress-model Carre Otis is 48. Actress Naomi Watts is 48. Country singer Karen Fairchild (Little Big Town) is 47. Country musician Chuck Crawford is 43. Country singer Mandy Barnett is 41. Rapper Young Jeezy is 39. World Golf Hall of Famer Se Ri Pak is 39. Actor Peter Cambor is 38. Writer-producer-director-actor Bam Margera is 37. Actress Melissa Claire Egan is 35. Actress Jerrika Hinton is 35. Neo-soul musician Luke Mossman (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 35. Pop-rock singer St. Vincent is 34. Rock musician Daniel Platzman (Imagine Dragons) is 30. Actress Hilary Duff is 29. Actor Keir Gilchrist is 24.

Thought for Today: "Sometimes I think we Americans are the loneliest people in the world. To be sure, we hunger for the power of affection, the self-acceptance that gives life. It is the oldest and strongest hunger in the world. But hungering is not enough." — Sherwood Anderson, American author and poet (1876-1941).