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The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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## Wednesday

HOMEcomings WEEK!

### 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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### National Mud Pack Day

**Dress Up Day:** Black & Gold

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice or milk.

**School Lunch:** Tailgate Menu.

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

**Anniversary:** Rich & Tami Zimney

**Birthdays:** • Dustin Dinger • Caitlin Hoots • Tanya Torguson

1:00pm: Homecoming Parade

7:00pm: FB: hosts Sisseton



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## Bus Drivers Wanted

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

## Class of 1966

The class of 1966 will be celebrating their "50" year class reunion September 30th at 4 p.m. at Olive Grove golf course and October 1st at 8:30 pm at the American Legion in Groton. Friends and family are welcome to come and visit at either location.

## Groton Kiwanis Club

Eleven members were present for the Groton Kiwanis Club's weekly dinner meeting.

Cindy Litch is the club's chef.

Tom Mahan, president; led the short business session. Lori Giedt, chairman of the homecoming tailgate supper, reported that supper will be served from 6-7:30 pm, at the football field.

The club will furnish paper products for the city sponsored pumpkin fest, set for Oct 8.

For the program, Marc Nelson, from Ab erdeen, addressed the group on Kiwanis goals, and installed the newly elected officers.

Those installed were Tom Paepke, president; Reed Litch, vice president; and Kathy Sundermeyer, secretary.

Next week's program chairman is Lee Schinkel, followed by Mike Ehreshmann.

## Bates Township Right-Of-Way Notice

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

Bates Township Board of Supervisors  
Betty Geist  
Township Clerk  
(0928.1005)

## THE CIRCUS SPORTS BAR & GRILL



## World Famous Wings have come to Groton!

Serving Mondays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

6 Wings	\$5.99
12 Wings	\$10.99
20 Wings	\$16.99
100 Wings	\$74.99

For orders of 20  
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## Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the Golden Living Center for their September 19, meeting hosted by Linda Anderson and Marj Overacker. Eleven members and one guest, Kristen Kenny answered roll call with a fall activity. The pledges were recited in unison. It was decided to weed and water the park circle on September 21, at 1:00. The group met at Wells Fargo on September 27, at 1:00 to make fall planters for main street. The Smokey Bear-Woodsy Owl poster contest will be held in October instead of December. The next meeting will also be at the Golden Living Center October 17, at 5:30p.m. Eunice McColister and Elda Stange or Deb Olson will assist. Linda Anderson will give the program. Following supper and the meeting Linda Gengerke gave the program on decorating Pumpkins.

## Conde National League

**Team Standings:** Pirates 9, Colts 9, Braves 7, Giants 6, Cubs 3, Mets 2.

**Men's High Games:** Lance Frohling 227, Keith Hanlon 202, Larry Frohling 201.

**Men's High Series:** Lance Frohling 578, Larry Frohling 535, Justin Kesterson 448.

**Women's High Games:** Vickie Kramp 190, Mary Larson 177, Michelle Johnson 176.

**Women's High Series:** Mary Larson 488, Vickie Kramp 487, Michelle Johnson 486.

### Bates Township Mowing Notice

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

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

Bates Township Board of Supervisors

Betty Geist

Township Clerk



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GROTON

JUNGLE DAY BAZAAR

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

11AM TO 3PM



Food- Candy-Crafts- White Elephant Sale



## Worrel Pumpkin Patch



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Saturdays and Sundays  
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Group appointments call  
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## 2017 GROTON DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE NOW!

Licenses due by Dec. 30, 2016  
Fines start after Dec. 30, 2016

Must bring proof of rabies shot information for each dog to City Hall. Spayed or neutered dogs are \$5 per dog, otherwise \$10 per dog. If you no longer have any dogs, please let City Hall know ASAP.

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## Today in Weather History

September 29, 1982: An early snowfall in the Black Hills resulted in the breakage of tree branches and caused power outages in parts of Lead and Nevada Gulch.

1927: An outbreak of tornadoes from Oklahoma to Indiana caused 81 deaths and 25 million dollars damage. A tornado, possibly two tornadoes, cut an eight-mile long path across St Louis, Missouri, to Granite City, Illinois, killing 79 persons.

1959 - A storm produced 28 inches of snow at Colorado Springs, CO. (David Ludlum)

1983 - Heavy rains began in central and eastern Arizona which culminated in the worst flood in the history of the state. Eight to ten inch rains across the area caused severe flooding in southeastern Arizona which resulted in thirteen deaths and 178 million dollars damage. President Reagan declared eight counties of Arizona to be disaster areas. (The Weather Channel)

1986 - A week of violent weather began in Oklahoma which culminated in one of the worst flooding events in the history of the state. On the first day of the week early morning thunderstorms caused more than a million dollars damage in south Oklahoma City. Thunderstorms produced 4 to 7 inches of rain from Hobart to Ponca City, and another round of thunderstorms that evening produced 7 to 10 inches of rain in north central and northeastern sections of Oklahoma. (Storm Data)








1987 - A slow moving cold front produced rain from the Great Lakes Region to the Central Gulf Coast Region. A late afternoon thunderstorm produced wind gusts to 62 mph at Buffalo NY. Warm weather continued in the western U.S. In Oregon, the afternoon high of 96 degrees at Medford was a record for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - High pressure brought freezing temperatures to parts of Vermont and New York State. Burlington VT dipped to 30 degrees, and Binghamton NY reported a record low of 34 degrees. The high pressure system also brought cold weather to the Central Rocky Mountain Region. Alamosa CO reported a record low of 18 degrees, and Gunnison CO was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of just five degrees above zero. (National Weather Summary)

1989 - Seven cities reported record high temperatures for the date, as readings soared into the 80s and low 90s in the Northern Plateau and Northern Plains Region. Record highs included 91 degrees at Boise ID, and 92 degrees at Sheridan WY. The high of 100 degrees at Tucson AZ marked their 51st record high of the year, and their 92nd day of 100 degree weather. (National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Patchy Fog then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 70 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 70 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 74 °F



## Warm And Dry



### Southerly Breezes To Steadily Increase



Highs Warming Generally Into The 70s To Low 80s

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 9/29/2016 4:08 AM Central

Published on: 09/29/2016 at 4:10AM

Mainly dry and warm weather will occur through the weekend as southerly winds develop and steadily increase through Sunday.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 65.2 F at 3:19 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 35.0 F at 7:49 AM**

**High Gust: 13.0 Mph at 10:19 AM**

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 95° in 1897**

**Record Low: 11° in 1939**

**Average High: 67°F**

**Average Low: 40°F**

**Average Precip in Sept.: 2.12**

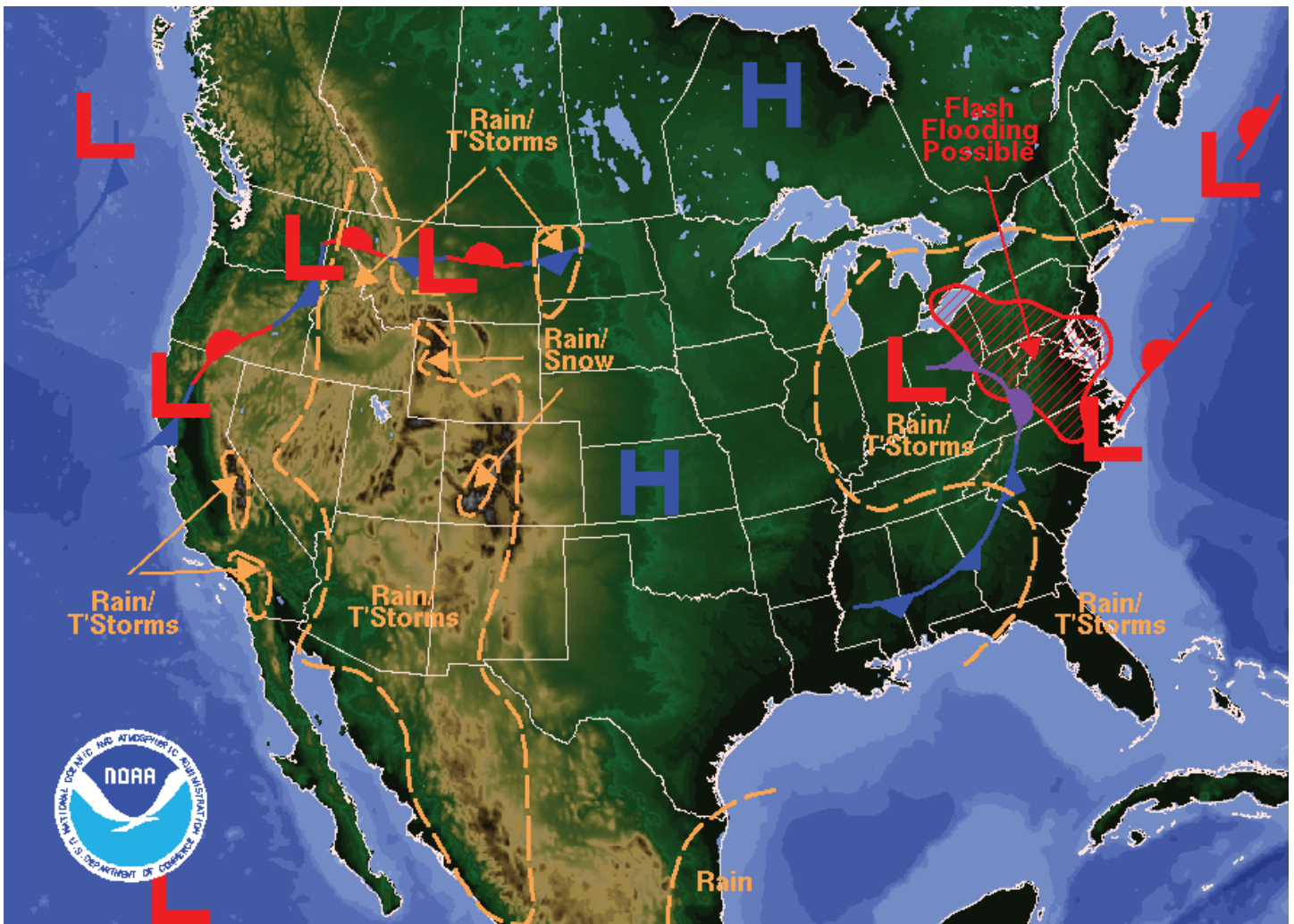
**Precip to date in Sept.: 0.54**

**Average Precip to date: 18.41**

**Precip Year to Date: 13.20**

**Sunset Tonight: 7:16 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:31 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 29, 2016, issued 4:47 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## ANGER AND FORGIVENESS

One of the most esteemed and honored paintings in the world is The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci. It is a marvel of grace and beauty, peace and calmness.

While da Vinci was in the process of painting it, one of his friends came to visit him. As they were talking da Vinci became angry with him. As they continued their conversation he completely lost his temper and lashed out at his guest with bitter words.

After the man left his studio he returned to his canvas to paint the face of Christ. Try as he would he could not bring himself to continue his work on this part of the painting. His anger made him so miserable that he had to stop what he was doing.

Finally, after putting down his brushes he searched out the man he had quarreled with to ask for his forgiveness. The man accepted his apology and da Vinci returned to his easel and completed painting the face of our Lord.

Anger is one of our most destructive emotions. It not only reveals a weakness in us but a true lack of our faith in God. When we act in anger it is because we want to control others, usually to the point of harming them in one way or another. God made all of us different and when we disagree with another person it's not who is right or wrong, but God wanting us to look at ourselves, our anger and the damage it is doing to us.

Prayer: Lord, we need to be patient with others whom You love as much as You do each of us. When we disagree, give us grace to be kind and think carefully. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 37:8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret – It leads only to evil.

The logo for Golden Living, featuring the words "golden" in orange and "living" in blue, with a stylized orange and blue wave graphic below.

**We now accept**

The logo for Avera Health Plans, featuring the word "Avera" in white on a blue background, with a white cross symbol to the right, and "Health Plans" in white below.

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## News from the Associated Press

### **Forest chief opposes land swap for new South Dakota park**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The supervisor of the Black Hills National Forest is opposing a proposed land swap to pave the way for a new South Dakota state park.

Legislation in Congress would authorize an exchange of nearly 2,000 acres of federal land in the areas of Spearfish Canyon and Bismarck Lake for almost 2,000 acres of state-owned land.

Forest Supervisor Mark Van Every tells the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2dmUjuM>) the forest has invested nearly \$1.2 million in improvements at the lake and canyon in recent years.

He says the Forest Service also would lose about \$12,000 in annual net receipts from three campgrounds that would be transferred to the state.

Additional opposition is coming from the Rosebud Sioux and the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association. The Spearfish Canyon Foundation favors the land exchange.

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

### **US House panel heads to Santa Fe for American Indian hearing**

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources is set to hold an oversight hearing in Santa Fe on American Indians and energy development.

The "Tribal Prosperity and Self-Determination through Energy Development" is scheduled Tuesday at the New Mexico State Capitol.

According to the committee, the hearing will review the impact of energy resource development on tribal economies. It also will examine how tribes manage their energy resources and look at obstacles such as federal regulations.

### **Summerset resident claims \$50,000 Powerball prize**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Summerset resident has claimed a \$50,000 Powerball prize that he won over the weekend.

South Dakota lottery officials say Johnny Spelbring has claimed the winning ticket from Saturday's drawing. The ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball to win the game's third prize.

The odds of winning \$50,000 playing Powerball are 1 in about 913,000.

Spelbring's winning ticket was sold at a store in Black Hawk. The store will get \$1,000 for the sale.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot sits at \$60 million for Wednesday's drawing.

### **Capitol flags to fly at half-staff to honor past lawmaker**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has ordered flags at the state Capitol in Pierre to be flown at half-staff on Oct. 3 in memory of former state lawmaker Elaine Elliott.

Elliott died Tuesday at age 71. Her funeral will be held Oct. 3.

Elliott was elected as a state representative in 2008 and served two terms.

## Springfield residents recovering from Labor Day wind storm

SPRINGFIELD, S.D. (AP) — Springfield residents say they're still recovering from wind storm earlier this month that left 70 residents without a home.

Springfield city councilman Steve Green tells the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (<http://bit.ly/2dkaYvt>) that those residents who needed shelter after the Sept. 5 storm now have a place to stay.

Officials said Springfield residents with damaged or destroyed homes can check in to various programs, including some at the state level.

Around a half-dozen homes were destroyed on Sept 5 when a storm with winds exceeding 110 mph raked the southeast part of the city. Winds also damaged dozens of homes and trees.

On Sunday, residents will host a meal to thank hundreds of volunteers who helped recovery efforts after the storm. Green says residents are grateful no one died or suffered major injuries during the storm.

"I've said from the beginning that I'm pretty impressed with anybody who helped, whether they were from the community or from somewhere else," Green said.

But Green notes that the cleanup did result in "some streets being torn up" by heavy equipment. City Finance Officer Ashlea Pruss is checking on available funding to repair the streets.

In addition, the city will replace about a half-dozen tables blown away in Terrace Park.

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Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

## Victim in Woonsocket slaying died from neck stab wound

WOONSOCKET, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities in South Dakota are making public some details of a slaying that happened in late August in Woonsocket, including the victim's cause of death.

The South Dakota attorney general's office tells The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2cChBbI>) that the victim, Woonsocket resident Jennifer Gibson, died from a stab wound to the neck. Her death was ruled a homicide.

Thirty-three-year-old Matthew Novak has been charged with first-degree murder and two other counts in the Aug. 31 death of Gibson. Novak is scheduled to appear in court for motions hearings in November and for trial in January.

Authorities arrested Novak at a home after the incident that prompted a nearby school to go on lock-down.

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

## Nebraska village known for alcohol problems gets broadband

By GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A tiny Nebraska village known for selling beer on the border of an alcoholism-plagued American Indian reservation is getting a new broadband tower that officials say could eventually help connect residents to health care, emergency and distance learning services.

Lawmakers gathered in Whiteclay on Wednesday to announce that a new cell tower will serve the remote village and parts of South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where alcohol is banned. The reservation has struggled for years with aging infrastructure and a rural population spread over an area the size of Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

"How are people kept safe in today's day and age without wireless broadband?" said Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks of Lincoln, who organized a trip to Whiteclay with lawmakers and a Nebraska Public Service Commission member. "How do they obtain access to telehealth and distance learning help fa-

ilitate a move out of poverty?"

It's unclear when the telehealth or other services could begin, but officials at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha are looking into ways they can provide health services in Whiteclay.

Phone messages left with Pine Ridge tribal officials and their spokesman were not immediately returned.

Pansing Brooks said she will continue pursuing initiatives to improve conditions in Whiteclay, where alcohol stores sold the equivalent of 3.5 million cans of beer last year despite having only a dozen full-time residents. Public drunkenness and violence have plagued the town for years, but recently it saw the addition of a new nursing home that will serve elderly Native Americans.

Earlier this year, Pansing and a local task force of Whiteclay residents released nearly identical proposals to address problems in the area.

The proposals include placing full-time Nebraska law enforcement in the area, creating a detoxification and treatment center, getting rid of abandoned buildings and developing a village economic development plan. The plans also include seeking authority from lawmakers to enact ordinances aimed at panhandling and vagrancy, and improving the state's relationship with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, whose members live on the reservation.

Lawmakers have tried to address the problems before, with little success. Legislation that would have allowed tighter restrictions on alcohol sales in Whiteclay have stalled over the last several years amid opposition from the grocery store and alcohol industries.

Pansing Brooks said the idea for a tower came to her during an earlier visit with activists to Whiteclay when she was unable use her cellphone.

She said she met with Public Service Commission members who regulate cellular towers and later contacted Viaero Wireless, a client of her law firm. The wireless provider, which serves a large portion of rural Nebraska, agreed to build a tower in Whiteclay at its own expense.

## **2 men charged in rape of woman in rural Bon Homme County**

TYNDALL, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities in southeast South Dakota say two men are facing charges stemming from the rape of a woman in rural Bon Homme County.

The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2cC9P1B>) reports 18-year-old Avon resident Brendan Anderson and 18-year-old Tyndall resident Johnathan Kopp have been charged with third-degree rape and sexual contact with a person incapable of consent.

Authorities in court records accuse the men of performing sexual acts with an 18-year-old woman on July 23, when she was "incapable of giving consent because of any intoxicating, narcotic or anesthetic agent or hypnosis."

Bon Homme County state's attorney Lisa Rothschadl declined to provide details of the case.

The men have been released from custody on a \$5,000 bond. It wasn't immediately clear Wednesday if they have attorneys who could comment on their behalf.

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

## **Augustana asking to have expelled student's lawsuit tossed**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Augustana University has asked a federal judge to dismiss a second lawsuit filed by a student who was expelled after being charged with rape and other counts.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2daxw37>) reports the school filed the motion to dismiss Monday. Koh Evan Tsuruta (sur-OO'-tah) filed the lawsuit against the university in July seeking damages

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for loss of educational opportunities, emotional injury and future income.

Tsuruta was expelled when he was charged after a woman he had been drinking with in July 2015 said he raped her. The charges were dismissed in March.

Tsuruta first sued the school in October to halt proceedings to expel him until his criminal case was resolved. A federal judge denied his request and the lawsuit was dismissed.

The university says Tsuruta "would like to seek vengeance for his expulsion" but has no case.

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

## Winter wheat planting in South Dakota nears halfway point

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Winter wheat planting in South Dakota is nearing the halfway point, while the corn and soybean harvests are getting underway.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that 42 percent of the winter wheat is seeded, well behind 65 percent last year at this time and the long-term average of 53 percent.

The corn harvest is 6 percent complete and the soybean harvest 13 percent done.

The report says corn silage cutting has wrapped up in the state.

Pasture and range conditions in South Dakota are rated 38 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 72 percent adequate to surplus.

## Rapid City police work to improve race relations in city

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City Police Department is taking several steps to try to improve relations with the city's Native American community.

By November, everyone on the force is to have undergone cultural training. The department also is exploring ways to recruit Native Americans into law enforcement. Officials also have unveiled a new squad car that features a horse-and-feather design done by Native American artist Paul Fiddler.

The department said in a statement that it will use the "Mitakuye Oyasin" patrol car at public events to help teach the community about Lakota culture. The phrase is a Lakota reference to people living in harmony.

A study on race relations in Rapid City last year conducted by University of South Dakota researchers showed friction between the Native American community and the mostly white police force, but also a desire on both sides to improve the situation.

Racial tensions were strained by several incidents, including Native American children being sprayed with beer during a minor league hockey game in January 2015 and the fatal shooting by a white officer of an armed Native American man in December 2014. A state investigation cleared the officer of any wrongdoing.

The police department formed a volunteer community cultural advisory committee in the wake of the study. The group presented a public update during Tuesday night's City Council meeting and plans another progress report Monday at the city's Oyate Community Center.

## Israelis pay respects to Peres, Clinton arrives in Israel

By DANIELLA CHESLOW

JERUSALEM (AP) — Former U.S. President Bill Clinton joined thousands of Israeli mourners Thursday who paid their respects to the late Shimon Peres outside Israel's parliament in Jerusalem, as the country somberly remembered the Nobel-winning politician who helped lead Israel during a remarkable seven-decade career.

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Clinton is among the dozens of current and former world leaders, including President Barack Obama, expected to gather in Jerusalem on Friday for Peres' funeral. The former Israeli president and prime minister died Wednesday, two weeks after suffering a stroke, at the age of 93.

Friday's funeral is expected to be the largest gathering of world leaders in Israel since the funeral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated by a Jewish nationalist in 1995.

In addition to Obama, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Britain's Prince Charles, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg and French President Francois Hollande were expected at the funeral. More than 60 private planes, including the one that carried Clinton on Thursday, were expected to arrive ahead of the ceremony.

Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said some 8,000 officers were deployed to maintain order over the mourning period. He said officers were also monitoring social media for potential attackers.

Peres' casket lay in state outside the Knesset, or parliament, on Thursday, as thousands of people lined up on a warm September day to pay their respects. The casket was covered in a blue and white Israeli flag and watched over by a small honor guard. Mourners slowly walked by, snapping pictures and reciting prayers.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Reuven Rivlin lay wreaths beside the casket in a brief ceremony early Thursday. Later in the day, Clinton, escorted by Rivlin and Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein, stopped by, staring solemnly at the casket without commenting.

Clinton landed in Israel Thursday morning on the private jet of Israeli-American billionaire Haim Saban, according to a spokesman for the Israel Airports Authority. Saban is a major donor to the Democratic party and to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

Clinton was president when Peres helped negotiate a historic interim peace agreement with the Palestinians in 1993. The following year, Peres shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Bill and Hillary Clinton have said they lost "a true and treasured friend" in Peres.

Dr. Rafi Walden, the son-in-law and personal physician of Shimon Peres, said the ex-president left behind detailed plans for Friday's funeral, including requests that his three children speak, along with Netanyahu, Rivlin, a foreign dignitary and an Israeli cultural figure.

Walden said Peres also requested Israeli singer David D'or sing at his funeral. Walden predicted the song would be the prayer "Avinu Malkeinu," or "Our Father Our King." Jews sing the prayer on the Day of Atonement, which falls this year in mid-October.

Peres loved the song. Barbra Streisand sang it to him at a gala marking his 90th birthday.

Peres gained international recognition for his Nobel prize, and late in life, became a virtual celebrity as he traveled around the globe preaching a message of peace and coexistence.

While eulogies poured in from the West, reactions in the Arab world, where Peres had a much more checkered legacy, were largely absent. Many in the Arab world are deeply critical of Peres because of his role in building his country's defense arsenal, supporting Israeli settlements in the West Bank and waging war in Lebanon.

Still, Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, a negotiator in the 1993 agreement, lauded Peres for reaching a "peace of the brave" with Arafat and Rabin.

The foreign minister of Bahrain issued a tribute to Peres early Thursday, a rarity for an Arab leader.

Khalid al-Khalifa tweeted, "Rest in peace President Shimon Peres, a man of war and a man of the still elusive peace in the Middle East."

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## The Latest: Clinton visits Iowa as early voting begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Latest on the 2016 presidential campaign (All times EDTI):

5:00 a.m.

Hillary Clinton is kicking off early voting in Iowa on Thursday with a major effort to boost support in the battleground state.

The Democratic presidential candidate will deliver a speech in Des Moines focusing on the childcare challenges faced by middle class families, according to a campaign aide.

Clinton backers also plan to host events in 10 Iowa cities on Thursday.

Organizing early voting was a key piece of President Barack Obama's strategy four years ago. More than 4 in ten Iowa voters cast ballots before Election Day in 2012.

4:45 a.m.

Third Party presidential candidate Gary Johnson has had another "Aleppo moment"

It happened Wednesday evening as the Libertarian Party standard-bearer appeared with his running mate, William Weld, for a nationally broadcast town hall on MSNBC.

Program moderator Chris Matthews asked Johnson to name any foreign leader he had admired.

"Any one of the continents, any country," Matthews said. "Name one foreign leader that you respect and look up to. Anybody?"

Johnson sighed, saying after a strained pause, "I guess I'm having an Aleppo moment." He was alluding to his failure on a recent "Morning Joe" show to answer when asked "What is Aleppo," a Syrian city caught in the maelstrom of the protracted civil war.

With Weld's intervention, Johnson finally cited Vicente Fox, who was president of Mexico from 2000-2006, saying "he was terrific."

## The Latest: Turkey to clear 'corridor of terror' at border

BEIRUT (AP) — The Latest on the conflict in Syria (all times local):

2:00 p.m.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says his country is determined to eliminate the "corridor of terror" along its border with Syria by clearing the Islamic State group and Syrian Kurdish fighters from the area.

Addressing a group of local administrators on Thursday, Erdogan reiterated that a secure no-fly zone which Turkey would like established in Syria would help end the flow of refugees to Turkey and beyond.

Turkey last month sent troops and tanks into Syria to help Syrian opposition rebels re-take IS strongholds near the Turkish border and curb the advance of Syrian Kurdish militia, which are affiliated with Turkey's outlawed Kurdish rebels.

Erdogan said some 30,000 people had returned to the Syrian town of Jarablus since it was freed from IS by the Turkish-backed rebels last month.

12:40 p.m.

Syria's military has released a video of its new advances in the contested Syrian city of Aleppo, showing destruction and ruins in a neighborhood that is hundreds of years old.

The video released Thursday shows damaged traditional buildings, with arched ceilings and stone walls, in the Farafra neighborhood that rests at the foot of the old citadel in Aleppo city. The video shows mounds of debris, twisted metal bars and broken ceilings with fighters walking past.

Syria's government claimed it had repelled rebels from Farafra Tuesday, in the first such advance in

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old Aleppo. Since last week, the government has waged a major air campaign in Aleppo and threatened a wide ground offensive. The charity Doctors Without Borders says more than 270 civilians have been killed in the advance.

12:00 p.m.

A top Russian diplomat says a United States' threat to halt cooperation with Russia in the Syria conflict constitutes an "emotional breakdown" and says Russia is willing to support a 48-hour cease-fire around Aleppo.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov on Thursday rejected Washington's calls for a seven-day pause in hostilities, but said Russia is willing to support a 48-hour truce for humanitarian purposes.

Ryabkov's comments follow U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's warning that the U.S. will stop coordinating with Moscow unless Russian and Syrian attacks on Aleppo end.

Ryabkov was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying of the U.S. that "a certain emotional breakdown occurred."

He also reiterated Russia's stance that a seven-day pause in the Aleppo offensive would give militant groups time to regroup.

## 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. ISRAELIS PAY RESPECTS TO SHIMON PERES

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu puts down a wreath beside the casket of the Jewish state's ninth president as preparations for his funeral are underway.

### 2. NOTHING EASY FOR PARTISAN CONGRESS

Lawmakers complete their most elementary task after an intense weeklong struggle, finalizing a deal to fund the government just days ahead of a shutdown deadline.

### 3. TIMELINE SHEDS LIGHT ON CALIFORNIA POLICE SHOOTING

It took more than an hour for police to arrive at the shopping center in a San Diego suburb where Alfred Olango had been wandering into traffic, but only a minute until he was shot and killed.

### 4. AMID TRAGEDY, A HERO TURN

A volunteer firefighter stops a teenager who shot three people outside a South Carolina elementary school after killing his father at their home, authorities say.

### 5. PRESIDENTIAL RACE UNDERSCORES ECONOMIC PARADOX

AP finds that financially, black Americans and Hispanics are far worse off than whites. Yet polls show minorities are more likely than whites to believe in the American Dream.

### 6. WHO IS BLAMING WHO FOR CYBERATTACKS

Clinton is accusing Russia of recent U.S. cyber break-ins, while Trump wonders whether to blame overseas governments or overweight hackers working from home.

### 7. PAKISTAN DECRIES 'UNPROVOKED' ATTACK

The military says that Indian troops have killed two of its soldiers on the Pakistani side of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

### 8. HOPE FOR DIABETES PATIENTS

A first-of-a-kind "artificial pancreas" device can help some manage their disease by constantly monitoring their blood sugar and delivering insulin as needed.

### 9. BRAD PITT SHUNS DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE

A producer says "we all respect his privacy" as the actor skips his first public appearance after last week's split with Angelina Jolie.

## 10. RED SOX BACK IN TO CROWN

Boston wins the AL East, clinching the division championship despite blowing a ninth-inning lead in a loss to the New York Yankees.

## California officer guns down man in 'shooting stance'

By **JULIE WATSON** and **BRIAN MELLEY**, Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — The fatal police shooting of a black man who drew something from his pocket and extended his hands in a "shooting stance" happened about a minute after officers in a San Diego suburb arrived where a distraught man was reportedly walking in traffic, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

It took police more than an hour to respond because of other calls, El Cajon Lt. Rob Ransweiler said. Officers arrived at a parking lot next to a Mexican fast-food restaurant about 2:10 p.m. Tuesday, and Alfred Olango, who was unarmed, was shot about a minute later, police said.

Mayor Bill Wells said he was concerned how quickly the shooting took place, though he said video taken by a bystander was enlightening and he didn't think it was "tremendously complicated to figure out what happened."

Police said the man had refused to comply with instructions to remove a hand from his pants pocket and paced back and forth before rapidly drawing an object from the pocket. The item turned out to be an electronic cigarette device, police said late Wednesday.

Some protesters said he was shot while his hands were raised in the air, though police disputed that and produced a single frame from the cellphone video to support their account.

The image showed the man in what police called a "shooting stance." His hands were clasped together and he was pointing directly at an officer who had assumed a similar posture a few feet away. That officer fired his handgun and a second officer, farther away, simultaneously fired his electric stun gun, Chief Jeff Davis said.

Wells was asked how he would feel if it was his child that had been shot.

"I saw a man who was distraught, and a man acting like he was in great pain," Wells said. "And I saw him get gunned down and killed. If he was my son, I would be devastated."

Olango came to the U.S. decades ago as a refugee from Uganda.

An attorney for his family said Olango was distraught over the recent death of his best friend and was having an emotional breakdown.

Olango, 38, had a history of run-ins with the law, including selling cocaine, driving drunk and illegally possessing a 9mm semi-automatic handgun when he was arrested in Colorado in 2005 with pot and ecstasy in his car, according to court records. He pleaded guilty in federal court and was sentenced to nearly four years for being a felon in possession of a gun.

The single photo is all police released depicting the incident that sparked angry protests by demonstrators demanding more information and wanting to know how police could shoot an unarmed man.

Olango's relatives demanded the full video be released, according to Dan Gilleon, a lawyer who says he is representing the family.

"They're cherry-picking part of the video," Gilleon said. "This is exactly what police have said is unfair when only portions of video are released against them."

After dark, scores of people gathered quietly around candles lining a curb in front of bloodstained pavement at the strip mall where Olango was shot.



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The spot in front of fast-food restaurant has become a makeshift altar with a mound of flowers. More than 200 people marched in the streets near the site, yelling "no justice, no peace, no racist police!"

Police in riot gear, some of them with dogs, faced off with protesters occasionally, bringing some tense moments, but mostly kept their distance.

There were no reports of any violence or arrests.

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

Experts said it was too early to conclude whether the California shooting was justified or could have been prevented, though it does raise questions about how police deal with mental illness, which officers are increasingly confronting nationwide.

El Cajon gives officers basic training to deal with mental illness, though a psychiatric clinician on duty was on another call and not available to intervene, police said.

A distraught woman who identified herself as Olango's sister said in a video in the aftermath of the shooting that she had called police three times to help her brother. She had told police he was troubled and not acting like himself.

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

Chuck Drago, a former Florida police chief who consults about police use of force, said officers ideally should have spoken with the sister when they arrived at the scene to learn whether he was dangerous, so they could take measures to avoid a confrontation.

Whether they spoke with the sister or were even told about her by dispatchers, however, is unknown.

Once the man struck the shooting pose, Drago said officers would have had to react quickly if he drew an unknown object from his pocket.

"An officer doesn't have enough time to wait to determine if that's a gun in his hand," Drago said. "If a person is pointing something at an officer and he believes it's a gun and it is a gun and that officer doesn't have his gun out, that officer will lose that gunfight."

Police have not named the officers involved, though Wells said both were 21-year veterans and one was Officer Richard Gonsalves.

Gonsalves was demoted last year after allegations that he sexually harassed a lesbian colleague. The City Council had to defend the move to angry citizens who had called for him to be fired.

Christopher Rice-Wilson, associate director of the civil rights group Alliance San Diego, questioned why one officer felt non-lethal force was appropriate while the other did not. Both officers have been put on administrative leave while the incident is investigated, per department policy.

The FBI and the district attorney also are investigating.

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

Because of the diversity and new arrivals, Wells said the police force is more culturally aware than others in the region.

Agnes Hassan, originally from Sudan, described Olango as an educated man with mental problems. She said she spent time in a refugee camp with Olango and that both of them suffered getting to the United States.

"If somebody has mental problem, how can you not deal with him with mental problem?" she said, wiping away tears and placing her hand on her chest. "This is not right. My heart has just broken."

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Melley reported from Los Angeles.

## **Congress tied up in partisan knots over the most basic duty**

**By ERICA WERNER, AP Congressional Correspondent**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acutely partisan and all but dysfunctional, Congress has completed its most elementary task after an intense weeklong struggle, finalizing a deal to fund the government just days ahead of a shutdown deadline.

The legislation extends existing spending levels a mere 10 weeks, past Election Day, while finally addressing the Zika crisis with \$1.1 billion and providing long-sought help for the residents of Flint, Michigan, as well as flood victims in Louisiana. After a last-minute burst of deal-making, the legislation passed the Senate on a 72-26 vote Wednesday and was backed by the House 342-85 in a late-night vote Wednesday.

It was a conclusion in sight and within reach since lawmakers returned from their summer recess just after Labor Day. But with the Capitol awash in election-year politics and shadowed by the contentious presidential race and engulfed in a fierce battle for control of the Senate, the simplest task became a nearly impossible heavy lift impeded by needless delays and bitter finger-pointing.

Republicans, defending a fragile Senate majority and eager to get a handful of vulnerable incumbents back home to campaign for re-election, accused Minority Leader Harry Reid of holding up a deal to keep GOP lawmakers off the campaign trail.

"The Democrats are determined to keep us here as long as they can," groused one at-risk Republican senator, Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

Democrats denied it but lobbed their own allegations, all but accusing Republicans of racism for holding up money for people affected by lead-tainted water in predominantly black Flint, the final sticking point in the talks.

"All they'd have to do is put Flint in and we'd be out of here in a minute. We want to get out of here. They're the ones holding it up," complained Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York.

Compromise on a \$170 million Flint aid package ultimately gave Democrats a partial victory while the GOP-dominated Louisiana delegation won a down-payment on President Barack Obama's \$2.6 billion request for their state. The Zika deal was the resolution of a long and vexing dispute on that issue after Obama made his initial request for federal money in February.

The situation produced frustration all around as lawmakers of both parties lamented their inability to get their basic work done, even if each party insisted the other was to blame. The gridlock that has kept Congress' approval ratings below 20 percent for years was on vivid display at a moment when the electorate has made crystal clear that it wants an end to Washington's dysfunction and inability to address the many real problems confronting the nation.

Yet even as they stumbled to a messy solution at close to the last possible moment — the deadline was midnight Friday — some lawmakers were already looking ahead to next year, when much weightier tasks await the next Congress and a new president in what may be an even more fraught era of divided government.

A two-year budget deal agreed to a year ago under the former House speaker, Republican John Boehner, pushed a number of major issues into next year, in particular the next fight over raising the government's borrowing limit. The debt limit will need to be raised by around mid-summer of next year, something that has provoked major knock-down, drag-out battles among the Capitol's warring factions and the administration in recent years.

Lawmakers will need to revisit major programs that are ripe for battles including the Children's Health

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Insurance Program under Medicaid, payments to hospitals and community health centers, expiring tax credits for a range of industries, a reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration, the annual defense policy bill, as well as the annual budgeting process. And there is a vacancy to fill on the Supreme Court.

This year, even though getting the appropriations process on track was a top goal for House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Congress deadlocked and couldn't get a budget done while passing just one of the 12 annual spending bills that fund government agencies. The rest of them will need to be lumped together in what's sure to be another messy struggle in the lame-duck session after the election.

Regardless of whether the next president is Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump, the White House will confront numerous tricky cross-currents on Capitol Hill next year. Whichever party controls the Senate, the majority is likely to be razor-thin and senators will likely be focused immediately on the 2018 midterms, when Democrats will be defending tough seats in red states. In the GOP-led House, the number of moderate-minded House Republicans is likely to be reduced, potentially giving more power to the House Freedom Caucus, which frequently opposes routine legislation and impedes deal-making by leadership.

Ryan himself is widely seen as having presidential ambitions in 2020, which may complicate his willingness to cut deals with Clinton or Trump.

Yet with the outcome of the election uncertain, many lawmakers said it remained to be seen whether a new Congress might provide an opening for more productive relations in Washington, or more of the same.

"It depends on what kind of message the voters send," said Democratic Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii. "If they express enough frustration I think you'll have members understanding that they have a responsibility to govern. But the voters have to hold us accountable and it remains to be seen whether or not they will."

## **Clinton vows to retaliate against foreign hackers**

**By TAMI ABDOLLAH, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton is vowing anew to respond to foreign hacking the same as any other attack against the United States. When she openly blamed Russia for recent U.S. cyber break-ins, Donald Trump wondered whether to blame overseas governments or overweight hackers working from home.

"She's saying Russia, Russia, Russia, but I don't — maybe it was. I mean, it could be Russia, but it could also be China," Trump said during this week's presidential debate. "It could also be lots of other people. It also could be somebody sitting on their bed that weighs 400 pounds, OK?"

These are the unanswered questions about how the U.S. government should defend itself after an attack in the internet age: Whether to fire back, how to fire back, and at whom? The Obama administration is still writing its rulebook.

A lingering challenge involves identifying whose hands were on the keyboard: Foreign hacker spies, cybercriminals, disgruntled insiders or bored teenagers? Skilled hackers can cover their tracks, use software tools traceable to others and feign their location across borders or continents.

On Wednesday, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., said during a congressional hearing that it was "now the clear consensus of the intelligence community that the Russian government was behind the hack of the Democratic National Committee and not, as some suggested, somebody sitting on their bed that

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weighs 400 pounds.”

The White House has not officially declared Russia responsible and it's unclear whether or when it might, since blaming Russia — with whom the U.S. is locked in a bitter dispute over fighting in Syria — would probably require plans for a response.

Clinton has raised eyebrows among some cybersecurity experts with her hawkish language on the campaign trail about retaliating with political, economic or even military means. Her aggressive policy proposal is especially notable since the State Department, which she led during President Barack Obama's first term, traditionally has a vested interest in avoiding overt conflict since it might complicate diplomatic efforts.

“We're going to have to make it clear that we don't want to use the kinds of tools that we have. We don't want to engage in a different kind of warfare. But we will defend the citizens of this country,” Clinton said during the presidential debate, when asked how she would respond to cyberattacks.

For the first time, cybersecurity led the national security portion of the presidential debate, demonstrating its political stakes and the fact that the next president will shape 21st century cyberwarfare policies, setting rules about how the U.S. responds to foreign hackers.

Trump has not released an official position on cybersecurity. Clinton tackles the issue in one-and-a-half pages of her 288-page campaign book. At the debate Trump mentioned “the cyber” without detailing specifics.

“We should be better than anybody else, and perhaps we're not,” Trump said. “The security aspect of cyber is very, very tough. And maybe it's hardly doable.”

The high-profile discussion came amid a presidential race that has been punctuated by hacks that cybersecurity firms, Democrats and the Clinton campaign have pinned on Russia, as well as multiple security breaches and data leaks. The White House is grappling over how to respond to hacking that some lawmakers have said is attempting to undermine voter confidence in the election.

“We're in the process now, really the very early stages of developing those norms by virtue of the types of attacks we're seeing,” said Matt Olsen, a former general counsel for the National Security Agency.

Olsen said responding is a challenge: “How do you know who's responsible for the attack (and) to what extent are the cyber actors even susceptible to the normal responses like economic or diplomatic pressure?”

Clinton's cybersecurity stance tracks with work she started while at the State Department. Even back in 2010, she said countries or individuals who hack “should face consequences and international condemnation” and that “an attack on one nation's networks can be an attack on all.” In the State Department, she created the Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues to deal with global diplomacy and cyber rules.

“There was no other office in the world like mine when it was created five years ago,” said Christopher Painter, who's served as the office's coordinator since its inception. “Now we have 25 counterparts around the world and more on the way. That really indicates something that was a huge priority in foreign policy.”

But Clinton is hardly a technology expert herself, once struggling with how to operate a fax machine or connect a new iPad to Wi-Fi. And her cybersecurity record at the State Department is spotty. The FBI said there was no evidence her private email server in her home's basement was hacked, but agents concluded that it was possible that hackers broke into her personal email account. At the end of her term as secretary, Clinton left behind an agency with one of the lowest scores in government for its

compliance with a federal information security law.

Many of the most noteworthy cyberattacks — and the administration's policy for dealing with them — occurred after Clinton left the State Department. The Obama administration has in recent years adopted a "name and shame" policy for state-sponsored hackers. It criminally charged five Chinese military officials with stealing secrets from nuclear power and solar companies and Iranian hackers with attacks on financial institutions and a small New York dam. In 2014, the U.S. publicly accused North Korea of hacking Sony Pictures and placed sanctions on the already isolated nation.

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## **Family, friends of Marlins' Fernandez to attend funeral Mass**

**By CURT ANDERSON, Associated Press**

MIAMI (AP) — A day after fans said goodbye, family members and friends of Miami Marlins pitcher Jose Fernandez were set to attend a private funeral Mass on Thursday.

Fernandez and two friends were killed in a boat crash off South Beach early Sunday morning.

Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria, manager Don Mattingly, hitting coach Barry Bonds and the players including Marcel Ozuna and Giancarlo Stanton wore white T-shirts emblazoned with Fernandez's image and the letters "RIP" as they slowly walked the hearse away from Marlins Park in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood Wednesday. Many in the crowd of about 1,000 chanted "Jose! Jose!" and some waved Cuban flags in honor of the popular Cuban-American player.

Hundreds of fans streamed into St. Brendan's Catholic Church later Wednesday for a public viewing, which was scheduled to last into the night. Many said they felt compelled to come not only because of Fernandez's popularity as a player but also because he was a hero to many in the Cuban-American community.

Inside the church, mourners filed past a closed casket framed by flower arrangements in the shapes of the U.S. and Cuban flags, with a large family photo of Fernandez off to one side. Many touched the casket lightly and crossed themselves.

The cause of the crash is being investigated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. In addition to Fernandez, Emilio Jesus Macias, 27, and Eduardo Rivero, 25, also died in the crash.

Fernandez was an emerging baseball star known for his exuberant personality and style of play. He was National League Rookie of the Year in 2013 and was a two-time All-Star. This year he set a single-season Marlins strikeout record with 253.

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AP Sports Writer Steve Wine in Miami contributed to this report.

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## **5 huge momentum swings from Ryder Cup history**

**By JIM LITKE, AP Sports Writer**

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — Momentum means everything at the Ryder Cup.

Shot to shot, match to match, even era to era, it's swung back and forth between the United States and Europe, sometimes at a glacial pace and occasionally with head-turning speed.

This time, it's the visitors who arrive with the wind at their backs. Europe has won the last three, six of the last seven and eight of the last 10.

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But if the history of that small gold trophy that English seed merchant Samuel Ryder first put up for grabs in 1927 proves anything, it's that momentum is hard to catch and even harder to hold onto.

Here are five key swings in momentum at past Ryder Cups:

1967: "The finest golfers in the world."

Golfers don't come any tougher or more taciturn than Ben Hogan. The United States had largely dominated Ryder Cup play in the preceding four decades — against teams drawing players only from Great Britain and Ireland — but captain Hogan must have sensed his side was about to step on the gas. He listened as counterpart Dai Rees introduced his team at length and in glowing terms to the audience at the Champions Golf Club in Houston. Then Hogan asked his team to stand, read their names and said simply: "Ladies and gentlemen, the United States Ryder Cup team ... the finest golfers in the world." The Americans won 23½-8½ and kept their grip on the cup for the next eight matches in a row.

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1987: First European victory on U.S. soil

Players from continental Europe joined the fray in 1979 and first made their mark with a rare, lop-sided home win at The Belfry in 1985. Many of the young golfers who would become Europe's "golden generation" — Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Jose-Maria Olazabal, Bernhard Langer and Ian Woosnam — were just hitting their stride. But they had to prove their mettle by scoring a first-ever win on U.S. soil — at Muirfield Village, no less, on a course Jack Nicklaus designed. Trailing after two days, a U.S. charge in singles was blunted when Ben Crenshaw, frustrated by a missed putt, broke his putter in half and used his 1-iron or sand wedge on the greens the rest of the way. He lost to Ireland's Eamonn Darcy on the final hole and Europe appeared to be set for a long run of success.

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1991: "War by the Shore"

American golf fans didn't care much about the Ryder Cup when their countrymen were dominating. But the galleries at the Ocean Course on Kiawah Island, South Carolina, for the "War by the Shore" let Europe know how much they wanted it back. Rowdy and close enough to the players on most holes to let those sentiments be heard in explicit terms, the matches came down to the final putt on the final hole of the final singles match between Langer and Hale Irwin. Langer missed a 6-footer for par and a chance to retain the cup.

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1999: What are all those people doing on the green ?

The swing in momentum at Kiawah turned out to be short-lived. The U.S. team won in 1993, but returned to Brookline Country Club after back-to-back losses in 1995 and 1997, and were down 10-6 heading into the final-day singles. Captain Crenshaw wagged his finger at reporters as he walked out of a news conference, saying "I've got a good feeling about this." In the team room that night, future U.S. President George W. Bush read the famed "Victory or Death" letter penned by Col. William Barrett Travis to the team. Americans won the first seven matches, Justin Leonard made a 45-foot birdie putt at the 17th green as teammates, caddies and even some wives stormed onto the green and soon after, the greatest final-day comeback in Ryder Cup history went into the books. Unfortunately for the U.S. team, this swing was even shorter-lived.

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2012: "It ain't over until we say it's over!"

Europe arrived on a roll, having won four of the last five. But back on home soil, it was the Americans who were rolling, leading 10-5 late Saturday and 2-up in the last match on the course. But Englishman Ian Poulter had other ideas. He birdied the last five holes to make it 10-6 and a suddenly resurgent

Europe mowed down the Americans 8 ½-3 ½ in singles. German Martin Kaymer faced a 6-footer — the same length from which countryman Langer had missed almost 20 years earlier — to clinch the win. “I did think about him, especially when I walked around the hole and read the putt from the other side,” Kaymer said. He poured it into the cup.

## **Brad Pitt skips film premiere to focus on ‘family situation’**

**By RYAN PEARSON, AP Entertainment Writer**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A producer says “we all respect his privacy” as Brad Pitt skipped his first public appearance after last week’s split with Angelina Jolie Pitt. He didn’t attend the premiere of Terrence Malick’s new documentary Wednesday night as scheduled.

Pitt, who narrates “Voyage of Time: The IMAX Experience,” said in a statement Wednesday that he’s grateful to have been part of the project, but is “currently focused on my family situation and don’t want to distract attention away from this extraordinary film.”

Producer Sophokles Tasioulis said outside the California Science Center IMAX Theatre that he understood Pitt’s absence.

“Right now, he’s in a very difficult situation personally. And we want people to come here for the movie, not for what is going on behind the scenes in Brad’s personal life,” Tasioulis said. “So I think it was a good decision by him. And we all respect his privacy.”

Pitt is also credited as producer on the film. Malick directed him in the Oscar-nominated 2011 family drama “Tree of Life” and producer Sarah Green said the two are “great friends.” Tasioulis said producers had not been in direct contact with Pitt for more than two weeks.

“We last spoke to him when he was still in France. Because the 90-minute (version of “Voyage of Time”) premiered in Venice, so it was like a one hour hop over from the south of France to Venice. (We asked) whether he would like to come or not,” Tasioulis said. “And he wanted to focus on his family. So he didn’t come there as well.”

Pitt has yet to file a response in the divorce case. Jolie Pitt cited irreconcilable differences in her Sept. 20 filing to end their two-year marriage, and she is seeking sole custody of the couple’s six children.

The FBI says it’s continuing to evaluate whether to investigate Pitt’s reported involvement in a fight aboard a private jet carrying his family on Sept. 14. The incident led to allegations that Pitt was abusive to his 15-year-old son, and several media outlets have also reported the actor is under investigation by a child welfare agency.

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services will not say whether it is investigating the incident.

Jolie Pitt’s divorce filing lists the day after the flight as when the couple separated. Her lawyer said the actress decided to divorce “for the health of the family.”

Pitt’s next film after “Voyage of Time” is Robert Zemeckis’ World War II drama “Allied,” set for release in November.

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Entertainment writers Sandy Cohen and Anthony McCartney also contributed to this report.

## **Authorities: School shooter killed father before rampage**

**By KATE BRUMBACK and JAY REEVES, Associated Press**

TOWNVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A teenager who killed his father at their home Wednesday was stopped by a volunteer firefighter as he opened fire outside a South Carolina elementary school, wounding two students and a teacher, authorities said.

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The teen was apprehended within minutes of the shooting in this rural town about 110 miles north-east of Atlanta. One student was shot in the leg and the other in the foot, Capt. Garland Major with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office said. Both students were male. The female teacher was hit in the shoulder.

"We are heartbroken about this senseless act of violence," said Joanne Avery, superintendent of Anderson County School District 4. She canceled classes at the school for the rest of the week.

Authorities said the shootings began at the teen's house about two miles from the school, where he gunned down his 47-year-old father, Jeffrey Osborne. Authorities have not released the suspect's name or age beyond saying that he's a teen.

Crying and upset, the teen called his grandmother's cellphone at 1:44 p.m., Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore said. The grandparents couldn't understand what was going on, so they went to his home just 100 yards away. When they got there, they found Osborne had been shot and their grandson was gone.

About one minute later, authorities received a 911 call from Townville Elementary School.

Sheriff John Skipper said the shooter drove a vehicle into the school parking lot and immediately started firing a handgun as he got out and moved toward the school. He did not know who the vehicle was registered to, and he declined to say how many shots were fired.

The shooter never entered the school building, though, and was apprehended by firefighter Jamie Brock, a 30-year veteran of the Townville Volunteer Fire Department.

Television images showed officers swarming the school after the report of an active shooter. Some were on top of the roof while others were walking around the building. Students were driven away on buses accompanied by police officers.

Skipper didn't have specifics on how Brock stopped the teen: "I think he just took him down."

He said the fire station is close to the school and Brock arrived before other officers responding to the dispatch.

"Firefighter Brock is absolutely a hero," said Scott Stoller with Anderson County Emergency Management. But he says Brock "wants to remain humble and quiet about it" as he believes "he did nothing any of the other volunteer firefighters wouldn't have done."

Authorities did not release a motive for the shooting and said they weren't sure if the students and teacher were targeted. The sheriff said the teen had been homeschooled.

"There are no racial undertones there. There's no terrorism involved," Major said. "We're confident we have the sole shooter and no one else is involved."

Skipper said the teen's mother was at work at the time of the shooting.

One of the students and the teacher were released from the hospital, AnMed Health spokeswoman Juana Slade said. Greenville Health System spokeswoman Sandy Dees said the other student, Jacob Hall, remained in critical condition Wednesday evening.

The students were bused to a nearby church where they hugged and kissed their parents as they reunited.

The rural school surrounded by working farms has about 300 students in its pre-kindergarten to sixth-grade classrooms.

"This is the country," Brandi Pierce, the mother of a sixth-grader, told The Associated Press as she began to cry. "You don't have this in the country. It just don't exist out here."

Jamie Meredith, a student's mother, said some of the children went into a bathroom during the shooting.

"I don't know how they knew to go in the bathroom, but I know her teacher was shaken up. I know



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all the kids were scared. There was a bunch of kids crying. She didn't talk for about 5 minutes when I got her," she told WYFF.

Gov. Nikki Haley released a statement shortly after the shooting.

"As we work together with law enforcement to make sure they have the support they need to investigate what happened in Townville, Michael and I ask that everyone across South Carolina join us in praying for the entire Townville Elementary School family and those touched by today's tragedy."

The town is situated along Interstate 85 near the Georgia-South Carolina state line.

## Congress clears stopgap spending bill, \$1.1B to fight Zika

By ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Averting an election-year crisis, Congress late Wednesday sent President Barack Obama a bill to keep the government operating through Dec. 9 and provide \$1.1 billion in long-delayed funding to battle the Zika virus.

The House cleared the measure by a 342-85 vote just hours after a bipartisan Senate tally. The votes came after top congressional leaders broke through a stalemate over aid to help Flint, Michigan, address its water crisis. Democratic advocates for Flint are now satisfied with renewed guarantees that Flint will get funding later this year to help rid its water system of lead.

The hybrid spending measure was Capitol Hill's last major to-do item before the election and its completion allows lawmakers to jet home to campaign to save their jobs. Congress won't return to Washington until the week after Election Day for what promises to be a difficult lame-duck session.

The bill caps months of wrangling over money to fight the mosquito-borne Zika virus. It also includes \$500 million for rebuilding assistance to flood-ravaged Louisiana and other states.

The White House said Obama will sign the measure and praised the progress on Flint.

The temporary spending bill sped through the House shortly after the chamber passed a water projects bill containing the breakthrough compromise on Flint. The move to add the Flint package to the water projects bill, negotiated by top leaders in both parties and passed Wednesday by a 284-141 vote, was the key to lifting the Democratic blockade on the separate spending bill.

The deal averts a potential federal shutdown and comes just three days before deadline. It defuses a lengthy, frustrating battle over Zika spending. Democrats claimed a partial victory on Flint while the GOP-dominated Louisiana delegation won a down payment on Obama's \$2.6 billion request for their state.

The politicking and power plays enormously complicated what should have been a routine measure to avoid an election-eve government shutdown.

The temporary government-wide spending bill had stalled in the Senate Tuesday over Democrats' demands that the measure include \$220 million in Senate-passed funding to help Flint and other cities deal with lead-tainted water. Democrats were initially unwilling to accept promises that Flint funding would come after the election, but relented after they won stronger assurances from top GOP leaders like House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and agreed to address the city's crisis in the separate water development bill.

The Flint issue arose as the final stumbling block after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., added the flood aid for Louisiana to the spending bill.

Democrats argued it was 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 played a strong hand in the negotiations and had leverage because Republicans controlling the House and Senate were eager to avoid a politically harmful shutdown six weeks before

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the election.

Behind-the-scenes maneuvering and campaign-season gamesmanship between Republicans and Democrats had slowed efforts to pass the temporary spending measure, once among the most routine of Capitol Hill's annual activities. A longstanding stalemate over Zika funding spilled on to the measure, which many GOP conservatives disliked because it guarantees a lame-duck session that's likely to feature post-election compromises that they'll oppose.

McConnell has made numerous concessions in weeks of negotiations, agreeing, for instance, to drop contentious provisions tied to Zika funding that led Democrats to block prior Zika measures. 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. Democrats relented on a \$400 million package of spending cuts.

Many House Republicans have opposed helping Flint, arguing that the city's problems are a local issue and that many cities have problems with aging water systems.

Flint's drinking water became tainted when the city, then under state control, began drawing from the Flint River in 2014 to save money. Regulators failed to ensure the water was treated properly and lead from aging pipes leached into the water supply. As many as 12,000 children have been exposed to lead in water, officials say.

Democratic Rep. Dan Kildee, Flint's congressman, had accused Republicans of ignoring the plight of the predominantly black city after Republicans initially would not permit a vote.

But Wednesday morning Kildee issued a statement that called the upcoming vote on the non-binding, \$170 million promise for Flint — an amendment in his name that's less generous than he originally asked for — "a step forward to ensuring that Flint families get the resources they need to recover from this crisis."

There were other winners and losers in the scramble to produce the legislation.

Democrats and some Republicans were thwarted in an attempt to allow the Export-Import Bank to approve export deals exceeding \$10 million even though it lacks a quorum. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, failed to win a provision to block the U.S. government from transferring the Commerce Department's role in governing the internet's domain name addressing systems to a nonprofit consortium known as ICANN.

And Democrats failed to use the bill to reverse a ban engineered last year by McConnell on proposals to allow the Securities and Exchange Commission to require publicly-traded corporations to disclose political spending permitted under the Supreme Court's 2010 decision allowing unlimited political spending by businesses.

The spending bill also includes full-year funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs. That measure permits veterans with war injuries to receive in vitro fertilization treatments. A longtime ban on such treatments — demanded in the early 1990s by anti-abortion lawmakers concerned about destroyed embryos — has been lifted.

## **Despite harsh reviews, Trump resists new debate approach**

**By STEVE PEOPLES and LISA LERER, Associated Press**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) — Unmoved by harsh debate reviews, a defiant Donald Trump renewed his attacks against a former Miss Universe winner on Wednesday, showing no sign of making big changes to his message or debate preparation before his second faceoff with Hillary Clinton. The outspoken Republican nominee instead pressed ahead with an aggressive strategy focused on speaking directly to his white, working-class loyalists across the Midwest.

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Democrat Clinton, meanwhile, pushed to improve her standing among younger voters with the help of the president, Sen. Bernie Sanders and other key allies, 48 hours after a debate performance that seemed to spark badly needed enthusiasm.

Those closest to Trump insisted the Republican presidential nominee was satisfied with Monday night's debate, even as prominent voices within his own party called for more serious preparation next time following an opening confrontation marked by missed opportunities and missteps.

"Why would we change if we won the debate?" former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a key Trump ally and traveling partner this week, told The Associated Press.

The next debate is 11 days away.

While his plan forward is far from set, Trump is not planning to participate in any mock debates, although he is likely to incorporate what one person described as "tweaks" to his strategy.

Specifically, Trump is likely to spend more time working on specific answers and sharpening his attacks after spending much of the first meeting on defense, said that person, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal campaign strategy.

That may not be enough to satisfy concerned Republicans.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Trump should have been better prepared and he recommended that the candidate work harder with skilled coaches. He said, "What you need is people who are professional debaters."

South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham said simply, "The only advice I could give him, and take it for what it's worth: Prepare better."

The New York businessman was on the defensive throughout the debate, particularly when Clinton highlighted his description of a former Miss Universe winner as "Miss Piggy" because she had gained weight.

Trump condemned former Miss Universe Alicia Machado again Wednesday night in an interview on Fox News, suggesting he was trying to save her job by shaming her into losing weight in the late 1990s. He also cited unsubstantiated reports that she threatened a Venezuelan judge more than a decade ago.

Machado says Trump humiliated her by inviting reporters to her gym sessions and calling her "Miss Piggy."

"I helped somebody and this is what you get for helping somebody," Trump told Fox on Wednesday.

Throughout his outsider presidential bid, Trump has refused to deviate from a strategy hinged on an ambitious travel schedule packed with massive rallies that draw overwhelmingly white crowds.

Clinton, meanwhile, sought Wednesday to parlay her widely praised debate performance into stronger support from women, young Americans and other critical voter groups. She got help from her party's biggest stars.

President Barack Obama hammered the billionaire over his business practices and treatment of women in an interview aired on Steve Harvey's radio show, which is particularly popular among black audiences. The Democratic president said his own legacy was "on the ballot" in November. He also suggested Clinton wasn't getting enough credit, possibly because she's a woman.

And his wife, first lady Michelle Obama, accused Trump of trying to undermine her husband's presidency for years by questioning his birthplace. Trump publicly admitted the president was born in America for the first time earlier in the month after spending years raising questions about the authenticity of Obama's birth certificate.

"Trust me, a candidate is not going to suddenly change" once in office, Mrs. Obama said at a rally for Clinton in Pennsylvania.

Hoping to broaden her appeal among "millennials," Clinton joined her primary rival, Vermont Sen.

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Sanders, on the trail for the first time since they held a "unity" rally in July in an attempt to heal divisions within the Democratic Party. Since then, Clinton has struggled to win over young Americans who formed a critical pillar of the coalition that twice elected Obama.

Flanked by campaign signs promoting Clinton's college affordability proposal, Sanders and Clinton touted a plan they developed to make college debt-free for millions of students from middle-class and low-income families.

"None of this will happen if you don't turn out and vote," Clinton said at the University of New Hampshire, after a quick hug with Sanders. He declared, "It is imperative that we elect Hillary Clinton as our next president."

Trump struggled to attack Clinton consistently on the debate stage Monday night, but he lashed out at her aggressively Wednesday in campaign stops in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Among other charges, he mocked her lighter campaign schedule.

The Democrat conceded during the debate that she had taken some time away from the campaign trail to prepare for their first debate.

"You see all the days off that Hillary takes? Day off, day off, day off," Trump told supporters at a rally in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

He added a swipe at his opponent's recent bout with pneumonia, which nearly caused her to collapse. "All those days off and then she can't even make it to her car, isn't it tough?"

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Lerer reported from Durham, New Hampshire. Associated Press writers Josh Lederman in Washington, Jonathan Lemire and Jill Colvin in New York and Bill Barrow in Atlanta contributed to this report.

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## US soda-tax battle bubbles up in San Francisco Bay Area

By JANIE HAR, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The national fight over sugary soda is bubbling up in the San Francisco Bay Area, where voters in November will consider a tax on the drinks that many health experts say contribute to diabetes, obesity and tooth decay.

Backers of the campaign say a penny-per-ounce tax is needed in San Francisco, Oakland and tiny Albany to curb consumption of sweetened cola, sports drinks and canned teas that people gulp without thinking, adding empty calories.

Opponents, however, say a "grocery tax" will lead to higher prices on other goods, hurting small businesses and customers struggling to survive in one of the country's most expensive places. They also warn that city leaders can use the money however they want, despite talk of putting it toward health programs.

"We work so hard to keep the price low as much as possible, and we work every day to continue to stay in business," said Adel Alghazali, who recently talked to reporters at his produce market in the low-income Mission District.

Only a couple of other U.S. cities have adopted such a tax.

Voters in Berkeley approved a penny-per-ounce soda tax in 2014. And Philadelphia did so in June, taxing diet drinks as well. The American Beverage Association is suing to prevent the 1.5-cent-per-ounce tax from taking effect in January.

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Bay Area success this fall could tip the national conversation, said Lawrence Gostin, a global health law professor at Georgetown University and tax supporter. Voters in Boulder, Colorado, also will decide on a soda tax measure Nov. 8.

"Not long ago, it would have been unthinkable to tax soda, and now, not only are we thinking about it, we're doing it," Gostin said.

The Bay Area campaign battle is costly, with opponents funded largely by the American Beverage Association reserving nearly \$10 million in television ad time. Meanwhile, soda tax advocate and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has donated about \$1.7 million to the San Francisco campaign and more than \$2 million to the Oakland campaign.

This is San Francisco's second try at a soda tax. In 2014, a similar proposal failed to get enough votes for a "dedicated" tax, which requires a two-thirds approval. This year, backers went for a "general" tax, which requires a simple majority and doesn't stipulate how the revenue is spent.

The beverage industry, which spent more than \$9 million to defeat the 2014 measure, has pounced on that difference with mailers saying the money "could be spent on anything."

They've also infuriated tax advocates by calling it a "grocery tax," arguing business owners will be forced to raise prices on other items to spread the cost. The tax is on distributors and is not paid by customers who buy the drinks.

Tax proponents have fought back with their own nonstop ads, clarifying that voters would be approving a small tax on soda — not on everything else at the store — that will improve the health of children and families.

Both sides are courting low-income and minority voters, who tend to drink more sweetened beverages.

Soda tax backers, for example, have stepped up outreach to voters in historically black and Latino neighborhoods that rejected the tax two years ago. In turn, the beverage industry has enlisted the help of store and restaurant owners in diverse and impoverished pockets of the bay.

Clem Howard was among campaign volunteers canvassing the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood on a hot Saturday, checking her clipboard as she knocked on doors.

Howard, who is African-American, said her mother was diagnosed with diabetes but couldn't give up drinking several cans of cola a day. She said her baby sister and brother-in-law are diabetic but still drink pop, even though her brother-in-law lost a toe to the disease.

"So this is very personal for me," Howard said. "That's why I'm out here working so hard, sharing my story and trying to just spread the word about the impact of sugary drinks."

Roughly 13 percent of African-American and Latino adults are diagnosed with diabetes, compared with 7.6 percent for whites, according to a 2014 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The American Heart Association recommends children consume less than six teaspoons of added sugar a day. A 12-ounce can of regular Coca-Cola contains nearly 10 teaspoons of sugar and 140 calories.

## The Latest: Obama orders flags at half-staff for Peres

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

4 a.m.

President Barack Obama has ordered all U.S. flags on federal property to be flown at half-staff in the memory of former Israeli President and Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who died Wednesday.

Obama's order covers all federal buildings and grounds throughout the United States and its territories, as well as U.S. embassies, military bases and other facilities abroad.

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The order directs flags to be flown at half-staff through sunset Friday.

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11:19 p.m.

The White House says President Barack Obama will lead a delegation to Jerusalem to attend Friday's funeral for former Israeli President Shimon Peres.

Peres died Wednesday due to complications from a stroke. The former Israeli prime minister was 93. Obama said in a statement that Peres had changed the course of human history by expanding the "moral imagination" and forcing people to expect more from themselves.

Obama was scheduled to travel to Jerusalem on Thursday. He was to go to the White House on Friday following the ceremony.

The White House didn't identify other members of the U.S. delegation that will accompany Obama.

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8:30 p.m.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is remembering former Israeli statesman Shimon Peres as a man of peace and a friend to Canada.

Trudeau says Peres, who died early Wednesday at the age of 93, was an internationally respected statesman.

He recalled visiting Peres in Israel when he was Israel's president, saying the former leader regaled him with stories of his friendship with his father, former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Trudeau says Peres expressed deep affection for Canadians.

Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion said he met Peres in 1999. Dion says Peres attached his name to the goal of peace and should be an inspiration for all.

Trudeau says he will attend a memorial service Friday in Israel.

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6 p.m.

Pope Francis has praised the late Israeli statesman Shimon Peres for his "tireless efforts in favor of peace."

The Vatican released a text of a telegram Wednesday, in which Francis expressed deep sadness at Peres' death and offered heartfelt condolences to all the people of Israel.

Said the pope: "As the State of Israel mourns Mr. Peres, I hope that his memory and many years of service will inspire us all to work with ever greater urgency for peace and reconciliation between peoples."

In that way, "his legacy will truly be honored and the common good for which he so diligently labored will find new expressions, as humanity strives to advance on the path toward enduring peace."

Francis assured his prayers for all those who grieve, especially the Peres family, and invoked "the divine blessings of consolation and strength upon the nation."

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4:45 p.m.

Italy's foreign minister, recalling Shimon Peres as a "tireless supporter" of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is hailing the late Israeli leader as a "symbol of peace."

Paolo Gentiloni said Peres "is the history of Israel, from a young immigrant to an elderly president, a Nobel prize winner, a symbol of peace of this country."

Italian Premier Matteo Renzi noted he had met Peres earlier this month at the annual political and economic gathering in Cernobbio, northern Italy. He says "we all recall him with affection and gratitude."

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Peres, a former president and prime minister whose political career spanned seven decades, died early Wednesday after suffering a massive stroke earlier this month.

He shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 for his role in the negotiations that led to the Oslo accords with the Palestinians the previous year.

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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."

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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.

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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.

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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, acknowledged 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.

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.



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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.

"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.

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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."

## Man rescued at sea was suspected in grandfather's slaying

By DENISE LAVOIE, AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A 22-year-old man rescued from a life raft after a fishing trip that left his mother missing and presumed dead had been a suspect in the still-unsolved 2013 slaying of his rich grandfather, adding to the multitude of questions swirling around him and what happened at sea.

Nathan Carman was picked up by a freighter Sunday 100 miles off the Massachusetts coast after what he said was a week adrift that began when his 31-foot aluminum fishing boat inexplicably sank during a mother-and-son outing.

Coast Guard officials interviewed Carman, and police searched his home in Vermont as part of an investigation into the ill-fated trip. He has not been charged with anything.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, he said he had "absolutely nothing" to do with his grandfather's killing and did everything he could to find his mother, 54-year-old Linda Carman, of Middletown, Connecticut, as their boat went down. He said he blew a whistle and called out frantically for her for hours.

"I was yelling, 'Mom! Mom!'" Carman said. He added: "I loved my mother and my mother loved me."

According to court documents, Carman came under suspicion in the slaying three years ago of his maternal grandfather, 87-year-old John Chakalos, a wealthy real estate developer who was found shot to death in his Windsor, Connecticut, home.

A 2014 search warrant obtained by the AP said that Carman was the last person known to have seen Chakalos alive; that Carman had bought a rifle consistent with the one used in the crime; and that he discarded his hard drive and GPS unit used around the time of the shooting.

Carman was never charged. According to court papers, police submitted an arrest warrant to a pros-

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ecutor, but it was returned unsigned with a request for more information.

In his will, Chakalos left an estate worth more than \$42 million to his four adult daughters, including Carman's mother.

Windsor police Capt. Thomas LePore said Wednesday that the case is still open and that Carman remains a "person of interest."

"My grandfather was like a father to me, and I was like a son to him," Carman told the AP. "He was the closest person in the world to me, and I loved him and he loved me, and I had absolutely nothing to do with his death."

In the course of investigating the killing, authorities said in court papers that they learned from family members that Carman had a history of violence as a child, including one incident in which he allegedly held another child "hostage" with a knife. The documents also said Carman had several alarming episodes while he was a high school student, although no details of those incidents were given.

Authorities would not discuss the investigation into the boating trip.

Mother and son set off from a marina in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, on Sept. 17, authorities said. Carman told the AP that their boat sank in a matter of minutes around noon the next day after he heard a "funny noise" in the engine compartment and saw water pouring in.

He said he saw his mother in the cockpit and then saw her pulling in the fishing lines. He said he grabbed three bags containing food, flares and life jackets. But when he looked back, his mother was no longer there, he said.

"One minute I was standing on the deck, the next minute I was in the water," he said.

Carman said the life raft self-inflated, and he swam to it, about 15 to 20 feet away, and began calling for his mother.

On Monday, authorities searched Carman's home in Vernon, Vermont, and seized a modem, a SIM card and a letter. Their search warrant indicated investigators think that Carman was handling some boat motor repairs himself and that the vessel might not have been seaworthy.

"The investigation has also revealed that Nathan had intended to go fishing further off-shore in a different location than what were his mother's intentions and understanding," the warrant said.

Family members have said Carman has Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism that can be characterized by social awkwardness and repetitive behavior. Experts say people with Asperger's are no more likely than others to commit violent crimes.

His attorney, Hubert Santos, said that Carman cooperated fully with the Coast Guard and that his mother's death was a "tragic accident."

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Associated Press writers Michael Melia in Hartford, Connecticut; and Jennifer McDermott in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, contributed to this report.

## After 170 years, remains of US troops return from Mexico

By RANDALL CHASE, Associated Press

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Remains thought to be those of U.S. troops who died in the Mexican-American War have been flown to a military mortuary in Delaware in an effort to determine whether they belonged to militia members of a Tennessee regiment known as "The Bloody First."

An Army twin-engine turboprop bearing two aluminum cases topped by American flags arrived Wednesday afternoon at Dover Air Force Base, home to the nation's largest military mortuary. White-gloved members of the 3rd Infantry "Old Guard" unit, which stands vigil at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Ar-

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lington National Cemetery near the nation's capital, solemnly transferred the cases to a vehicle bound for the mortuary.

The Armed Forces Medical Examiner System will work with a team of scientists to analyze the remains, discovered in 2011, in the hopes of gleaning more information. The scientists will use DNA testing, elemental analysis, forensic dentistry and other methods in examining the commingled bones, which officials say appear to be those of at least 11, and possibly 13, individuals.

"We don't know how much we can get, but we have a number of experts who can try a number of different things," said Hugh Berryman, a forensic anthropologist and director of the Forensic Institute for Research and Education at Middle Tennessee State University.

Berryman, who is leading a team of more than 20 scientists and historians that will work with the Army, acknowledged that the odds of actually identifying the remains are "very remote."

"But if it can be done, it's spectacular, and we're going to see if we can do that," he said.

Troops from several states, including Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas, fought in the Battle of Monterrey in 1846. Berryman said the skeletal remains were found in an area of the Mexican battlefield where a large number of Tennesseans had died.

"We're hopeful that they're going to be found to be Tennessee men, and then we're going to bring them home to Tennessee as Volunteers," said U.S. Rep. Diane Black, part a Tennessee contingent that traveled to Dover to witness the repatriation of the remains.

The Battle of Monterrey, a U.S. victory in which more than 160 Americans were killed or reported missing, was part of a larger conflict waged from 1846 to 1848 that marked America's first extended conflict in another country. The war significantly altered geographical boundaries, with the U.S. adding about 1 million square miles of territory that today include the states of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas. The conflict also proved to be a training ground for a host of West Point graduates who later fought on both sides during the Civil War.

Berryman suggested that skeletal analysis could help scientists determine what was in the water the men drank as they grew up, which could help narrow the possible locales where they had lived.

Army Col. Louis Finelli, chief medical examiner and director of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System, said analyzing the remains will take at least a couple of months. He expects that the effort will be able to determine the number of individual remains but said it's difficult to say whether it will result in identifying particular individuals.

"We can do everything in our power to generate unique sequences for DNA, but without references and accurate family genealogies, we may not be able to put a name to it," he said. "Like fingerprints, like dental exams, we have to have a reference to compare, otherwise we just have sequences and numbers."

## **Congress rebukes Obama, overrides veto of 9/11 legislation**

**By RICHARD LARDNER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a resounding rebuke, Democrats joined with Republicans Wednesday to hand Barack Obama the first veto override of his presidency, voting overwhelmingly to allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. courts for its alleged backing of the attackers.

Both the House and Senate voted decisively to reverse Obama's decision to scuttle the legislation. Democrats in both chambers abandoned the president in large numbers despite warnings from Obama and top national security officials that flaws in the bill could put U.S. interests, troops, and intelligence personnel at risk.

The Senate vote was 97-1, with only Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., backing the presi-

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dent. The House vote a few hours later was 348-77, with 123 Democrats rebuffing the president and voting to override. Obama said during a CNN interview that overriding his veto was a mistake that may set a "dangerous precedent."

Lawmakers said their priority wasn't Saudi Arabia, but the 9/11 victims and their families who continue to demand justice 15 years after attackers killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, the Washington, D.C., area, and Pennsylvania. Fifteen of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis.

"Overriding a presidential veto is something we don't take lightly, but it was important in this case that the families of the victims of 9/11 be allowed to pursue justice, even if that pursuit causes some diplomatic discomforts," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., a chief sponsor of the bill.

Speaking at a forum in Washington, CIA Director John Brennan said he was concerned about how Saudi Arabia, a key U.S. ally in the Middle East, would interpret the bill. He said the Saudis provide significant amounts of information to the U.S. to help foil extremist plots.

"It would be an absolute shame if this legislation, in any way, influenced the Saudi willingness to continue to be among our best counterterrorism partners," Brennan said.

On CNN, Obama said that a few lawmakers who backed the bill weren't aware of its potential impact. He didn't name them. "And, frankly, I wish Congress here had done what's hard," he said. "It was, you know, basically a political vote."

But Republicans and Democrats said the White House had been slow to respond to the bill and miscalculated lawmakers' intent to act on the legislation along with the 15th anniversary of the terror attacks. When Obama and senior national security officials such as Defense Secretary Ash Carter finally weighed in, it was too late.

The Senate passed the bill by voice vote in May. The Obama White House then made the mistake of thinking the bill would stall in the Republican-controlled House. In August, 9/11 families pressured Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., while he was on a campaign swing in New York.

On Sept. 9, two days before the 15th anniversary of 9/11, the House passed the bill by voice vote with little debate.

Despite reversing Obama's decision, a bipartisan group of 28 senators led by Bob Corker, R-Tenn., suggested that defects in the bill could open a legal Pandora's box, triggering lawsuits from people in other countries seeking redress for injuries or deaths caused by military actions in which the U.S. may have had a role.

Corker, the chairman of Foreign Relations Committee, chided the White House for being outraged over the outcome when the administration did so little to sustain the president's veto.

"There was zero desire to sit down and talk about a way to get to a better outcome. Zero," Corker told The Associated Press. "To my knowledge, I don't know of a call from Obama to a single senator over this."

In a letter sent Tuesday to Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, Obama said the bill would erode sovereign immunity principles that prevent foreign litigants "from second-guessing our counterterrorism operations and other actions that we take every day."

But proponents of the bill dismissed Obama's concerns as unpersuasive. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the Senate's No. 2 Republican, and other supporters said the bill is narrowly tailored and applies only to acts of terrorism that occur on U.S. soil.

Families of the victims and their attorneys dismissed concerns over the legislation as fearmongering. "We rejoice in this triumph and look forward to our day in court and a time when we may finally get more answers regarding who was truly behind the attacks," said Terry Strada, national chair of the 9/11 Families & Survivors United for Justice Against Terrorism.

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The legislation gives victims' families the right to sue in U.S. court for any role that elements of the Saudi government may have played in the 2001 attacks. Courts would be permitted to waive a claim of foreign sovereign immunity when an act of terrorism occurred inside U.S. borders, according to the terms of the bill.

Obama vetoed the measure last week, telling lawmakers the bill would make the U.S. vulnerable to retaliatory litigation.

In a separate letter sent Monday to a senior House member, Defense Secretary Ash Carter described the potential for foreign litigants to seek classified intelligence data and analysis and sensitive operational information to establish their cases in what could be an "intrusive discovery process."

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 29, the 273rd day of 2016. There are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 29, 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with the strength of several hundred men.

On this date:

In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

In 1907, the foundation stone was laid for the Washington National Cathedral.

In 1910, the National Urban League had its beginnings in New York as The Committee on Urban Conditions Among Negroes.

In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders concluded the Munich Agreement, which was aimed at appeasing Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1943, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Italian Marshal Pietro Badoglio signed an armistice aboard the British ship HMS Nelson off Malta.

In 1955, a one-act version of the Arthur Miller play "A View From the Bridge" opened in New York. (Miller later turned it into a two-act play.)

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, creating the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts.

In 1978, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1982, Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with deadly cyanide claimed the first of seven victims in the Chicago area. (To date, the case remains unsolved.)

In 1986, the Soviet Union released Nicholas Daniloff, an American journalist confined on spying charges.

In 1990, the Washington National Cathedral, begun in 1907, was formally completed with President George H.W. Bush overseeing the laying of the final stone atop the southwest pinnacle of the cathedral's St. Paul Tower.

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In 2005, John G. Roberts Jr. was sworn in as the nation's 17th chief justice after winning Senate confirmation.

Ten years ago: U.S. Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., resigned after being confronted with sexually explicit computer messages he'd sent to former House pages. A Gol Airlines flight crashed in the Brazilian jungle after clipping a private jet, killing all 154 people aboard (the private jet landed safely). Rhode Island nightclub owner Michael Derderian was sentenced to four years in prison and his brother, Jeffrey, to probation under a plea agreement, angering relatives of the 100 people who had died in a 2003 fire at The Station.

Five years ago: Germany kept alive hopes that the 17-nation euro currency could survive the debt crisis as lawmakers in Europe's largest economy voted overwhelmingly in favor of expanding the powers of the eurozone's bailout fund. Phillip Matthew Hannan, the former New Orleans archbishop who eulogized President John F. Kennedy and who served more than three decades as the popular leader of his Roman Catholic archdiocese, died on the 47th anniversary of his ordination.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, hosting a U.N. gathering of world leaders, pledged all possible tools military, intelligence and economic to defeat the Islamic State group, but acknowledged the extremist group had taken root in Syria and Iraq, was resilient and was continuing to expand. Former National Security Agency worker Edward Snowden, who'd leaked classified documents about government surveillance, joined the social networking service Twitter. NCAA banned the SMU men's basketball team from the postseason and suspended coach Larry Brown for nine games, saying he had lied to investigators and ignored a case of academic fraud by a player.

Today's Birthdays: Conductor Richard Bonyngé is 86. Writer-director Robert Benton is 84. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 81. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., is 74. Actor Ian McShane is 74. Jazz musician Jean-Luc Ponty is 74. Nobel Peace laureate Lech Walesa (lehk vah-WEN'-sah) is 73. Television-film composer Mike Post is 72. Actress Patricia Hodge is 70. TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 68. Rock singer-musician Mark Farner is 68. Rock singer-musician Mike Pinera is 68. Country singer Alvin Crow is 66. Actor Drake Hogestyn is 63. Broadcast journalist Gwen Ifill is 61. Olympic gold medal runner Sebastian Coe is 60. Singer Suzzy Roche (The Roches) is 60. Comedian-actor Andrew "Dice" Clay is 59. Rock singer John Payne (Asia) is 58. Actor Roger Bart is 54. Singer-musician Les Claypool is 53. Actress Jill Whelan is 50. Actor Luke Goss is 48. Rock musician Brad Smith (Blind Melon) is 48. Actress Erika Eleniak is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Devante Swing (Jodeci) is 47. Country singer Brad Cotter (TV: "Nashville Star") is 46. Actress Emily Lloyd is 46. Actress Natasha Gregson Wagner is 46. Actress Rachel Cronin is 45. Country musician Danick Dupelle (Emerson Drive) is 43. Actor Alexis Cruz is 42. Actor Zachary Levi is 36. Country singer Katie McNeill (3 of Hearts) is 34. Rock musician Josh Farro is 29. Actor Doug Brochu is 26. Singer Phillip Phillips is 26. Actress Clara Mamet is 22.

Thought for Today: "Wars teach us not to love our enemies, but to hate our allies." — W.L. George, English writer (1882-1926).