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12:30 p.m.: MathCounts in GHS Gym
School Lunch: Quesadilla, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.
School Breakfast: Cheese omelette, fruit, juice, milk.
Senior Menu: French dip sandwich, macaroni salad, seasoned cabbage, pears.

Thursday, Oct. 6

School Lunch: BBQ, baked beans, romaine salad, fruit.
School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.
Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.
Juniors post-high planning day in Aberdeen
3:30 p.m.: NEC Cross Country meet in Webster
4:30 p.m.: 7th and 8th grade volleyball match with Clark/Willow Lake in Groton. JV match to follow at 6 p.m. (No C Match). Varsity to follow.

Friday, Oct. 7

School Lunch: Soft shell taco, lettuce and tomato, fruit, broccoli and dip.
School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.
7 p.m.: Football at Wagner

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Bus Drivers Wanted

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

Bates Township Mowing Notice

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

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

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
Betty Geist
Township Clerk

Bates Township Right-Of-Way Notice

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

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Netters shake off Titans in fifth game

Groton Area needed all five games to shake off Leola-Frederick in volleyball action Tuesday night in Frederick, 3-2. Game scores for Groton Area were 25-20, 7-25, 25-20, 21-25 and 15-6.

Groton Area was 115 of 116 in sets with 30 assists. Katie Koehler was 102 of 103 with 27 assists and Paityn Bonn was nine of nine with two assists. Leola-Frederick was 118 of 123 with 29 assists. Keely Podoll was 96 of 101 with 22 assists.

In attacks, Groton Area was 157 of 183 with 37 kills. Gia Gengerke was 40 of 50 with 10 kills and Taylor Holm was 28 of 30 with nine kills. The Titans were 124 of 147 with 20 kills. Cassandra Hinz was 30 of 34 with four kills and April Hoffman was 25 of 31 with five kills.

The Tigers were 58 of 62 in serves with 11 ace serves. Katie Koehler was 20 of 21 with three ace serves and Miranda Hanson was 17 of 18 with three ace serves. Leola-Frederick was 76 of 81 with three ace serves. April Hoffman was 28 of 28 with two ace serves and Brianna Erdmann was 17 of 18.

Groton Area had more digs, 72-64, with Jessica Bjerke and Payton Maine each having 20 for Groton Area and Cassandra Hinz having 14 and April Hoffman 12 for the Titans.

The Tigers had four blocks with Gia Gengerke having all four. The Titans has seven blocks with Cassandra Hinz having five.

The Titans won the junior varsity match by game scores of 21-25, 27-25 and 15-9.

Groton Area, now 9-3, is currently in third place in the region. The Tigers will host Clark/Willow Lake on Thursday. Leola/Frederick, also third place in the regional seedings, is now 6-8 on the season and will host Waubay-Summit on Saturday.

Groton Coffee Cup

October 3 Team Standings: Jungle Lanes 7, James Valley 7, Ten Pins 6, Kens 4.

High Games: Joyce Walter 162; Penny Stolle 162; Vicki Walter 160, 160; Nancy Radke 158.

High Series: Vicki Waler 474, Penny Stolle 465, Nancy Radke 458.

Conde National League

October 3 Team Standings: Braves 11, Giants 10, Pirates 9, Colts 9, Mets 6, Cubs 3.

Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 243, Larry Frohling 196, Justin Kesterson 160.

Men's High Series: Butch Farmen 559, Larry Frohling 477, Justin Kesterson 434

Women's High Games:

Michelle Johnson 252, 196; Joyce Walter 197; Mary Larson 188.

Women's High Series: Michelle Johnson 580, Joyce Walter 504, Vickie Kramp 481, Alice Severson 481.

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Groton City Oct. 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, Flihs, Blackmun, McGannon, Glover, Peterson, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Justin Olson, Kathy Sundermeier, Dwight Zerr, Shawn Lampertz, and Terry Herron.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Peterson and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll 369.40 salaries; Administrative Payroll 6,311.17 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 13,544.00 salaries; Public Works Payroll 18,857.26 salaries; Culture & Recr Payroll 7,772.25 salaries; 1st State Bank 7,769.95 wh & ss; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; City of Groton 614.13 dep refunds, postage, util; Jeff Bailey 186.88 dep refund; Syndi Ernzen 161.76 dep refund; Iver & Mary Finnesand 159.80 dep refund; US Post Office 201.45 postage; 1st National Bank 4,344.69 sewer crossing loan; 1st National Bank 6,975.69 west sewer loan; April Abeln 72.30 dep flex; Branden Abeln 11.00 lunch; AmeriPride 31.70 rug rent; Border States 373.73 tools, supplies; Chase Visa 309.27 supplies; Clark Engineering 2,595.05 drainage study; Dakota Electronics 118.00 batteries; Dakota Pump & Control 2,420.82 pump repairs; Peryn & Angela Dobbins 200.00 Heartland rebate; Ecolab 98.96 pest control; Groton Area School 1,600.00 Heartland rebate; HD Supply 342.78 tool, supplies; Heartland Waste 6,376.34 garbage hauling; Terry Herron 11.00 lunch; James Valley Tele 512.53 phone, internet; Drew Johnson 975.00 legal services; Jerry Johnson 200.00 Heartland rebate; Locators & Supplies 152.29 uniforms; Anita Lowary 284.47 mileage, med flex; NW Energy 10.54 nat gas; Olson Backhoe 6,991.02 digging, trenching; S&S Lumber 538.25 supplies; SD Dept of Health 241.00 testing; SD Fed Surplus Prop 99.95 supplies; SD Public Assur Alliance 40,925.47 insurance; SD Retirement 8,083.36 retirement; Share Corp 276.17 cleaners, sprayers; St Paul Stamp Works 118.73 dog tags; Ultramax 857.58 ammunition; USA BlueBook 187.81 sensor; Verizon Wireless 41.81 communication; WEB Water 13,587.63 water; Dale & Karen Wolter 100.00 Heartland rebate

Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, and Shawn Lambertz gave department reports. Herron reported that the 4th St water main replacement was complete. A ten foot plow for the payloader available from SD Federal Surplus property was approved for purchase on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye. Dwight Zerr reported that sewer cleaning starts next week and street sweeping to remove the leaves continues. Lambertz reported on electric projects and the need for bucket truck tires. Herron, Zerr, and Lambertz leave the meeting at this point.

Lowary reported on the Heartland Power CCC meeting she attended. Load management settings were discussed. Council was reminded of the Heartland meeting in Langford on Oct 19.

2nd Reading to Ordinance No. 707, Designating Finance Officer as Employee, was given on a motion by Glover and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Pumpkin Festival plans were discussed. City is cooperating with the school for band festival plans.

ICS classes were discussed and Glover will check his certificates for the classes.

Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to adjourn into executive session on legal matters 1-25-2-(3) at 7:45pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

Groton City FO to be no longer appointed

Ordinance No. 707

An Ordinance Entitled: "An Ordinance Amending the 2012 Revised Ordinances For the City of Groton As It Pertains To Appointed Officials."

Be It Ordained By The City of Groton that the following paragraphs be amended to read as follows:

1-1-2 Appointive Officers, Salaries, Bonds. The following offices or positions of the city, as hereinafter created, are continued, and the amounts of salaries to and bonds to be finished by them shall be fixed by resolution of the city council and shall be adjusted as deemed necessary by resolution of the city council of the City of Groton and said amounts shall be on file at the office of the finance officer: attorney, and such other officers as may be prescribed by ordinance or state statute.

The salaries of such designated officers shall be paid monthly and that of the city attorney shall be paid an hourly rate on a monthly basis.

1-1-3 Employees Other Than Appointive. In addition to appointive officers, the mayor with the majority vote of the city council shall hire such other personnel, professional and otherwise, required and necessary for municipal purposes. The compensation of such employees shall be fixed by resolution at anytime regardless of the time when any city employee may have been hired.

The salaries of such employees shall be paid an hourly rate on a biweekly basis except that of the finance officer and police department who shall be paid semi-monthly.

Passed First Reading - 9/6/16

Passed Second Reading - 10/3/16

Published - 10/5/16

Effective Date - 10/25/16

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Attest:

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

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The Life of Harvey Flihs, Sr.



Harvey Flihs, Sr., 92, of Groton fell asleep on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen. Private family services were held.

Harvey Richard Flihs was born on June 30, 1924 at home near Athens, Wisconsin to Richard and Bertha (Rose) Flihs. He was baptized at home on the date of his birth and confirmed at the Christ Evangelical Church at Athens, Wisconsin. Harvey attended school through 8th grade in the Wisconsin Public School system of Marathon County. He was a WWII Army veteran and served from January 13, 1944 through March 2, 1946 as a truck driver and interpreter. In 1947, he started farming in the Groton area and continued until his death. On September 27, 1947 he was united in marriage to Bernice Arlene Schmidt at the First English Lutheran Church in Groton. They later became members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Together, Harvey and Bernice celebrated 65 years of marriage before her passing in October of 2012.

Celebrating his life are his children, Judy Feser; Joan (Jerry) Johnson; Harvey (Sue) Flihs, II, all of Groton, grandchildren: Aaron (Chasity) Feser, Heather Feser, Carrie (Chuck) Cole, Adam (Amanda) Feser, Jerry Ray (Becky) Johnson, Lyndsey Flihs and Trey (Becah) Flihs. Harvey is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren, his brother, Richard (Judy) Flihs of Groton, a sister, Doris (Carlmon) Briggs of Tucson, Arizona, his half-siblings, Duane (Rhonda) Flihs of Groton, Diane Hickenbotham of Aberdeen, Dale (Claire) Flihs of Groton, Sharon (Mike) Dell of Rapid City and a sister-in-law, Mary Flihs of Groton.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, and infant sister, Irene, two sisters, Betty Ann Flihs and Arvilla Goss and his son-in-law, Richard Feser and his half-brother, Darrel Flihs.

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Today in Weather History

October 5, 1982: Strong thunderstorms developed across central South Dakota and raced into portions of southwest Minnesota. The storms were prolific lightning producers in South Dakota setting several structures on fire. An electrical substation was damaged near Salem, an elementary school was set ablaze in Aberdeen, and several homes in Sioux Falls were struck as well. One home in Sioux Falls had a hole knocked in a wall by a lightning strike.

Numerous fires were also started in southern Minnesota by the same line of storms. Strong thunderstorm winds leveled several buildings, damaged a house, and moved a hog shed off its foundation on three separate farms near Worthington. The winds also turned over railroad cars near Pipestone. Worthington narrowly escaped damage as a small tornado touched down two miles southwest of town and moved southeast. Fortunately, the tornado's damage was confined to trees and crops.

October 5, 2013: A historic blizzard pounded western South Dakota with record-setting snowfall and high winds for almost 48 hours from the evening of October 3 through the afternoon of October 5. One to two feet of snow was reported over the plains of western South Dakota, with three to five feet of snow falling over the northern and central Black Hills. Wind gusts to 70 mph across the plains produced significant blowing and drifting snow, with visibilities near zero for much of the day on October 4. The heavy wet snow and strong winds downed trees and power lines, causing prolonged outages and impassable highways. The roofs of several businesses, a middle school, and community center collapsed from the heavy snow. Thousands of livestock were killed from hypothermia, suffocation, or drowning. The South Dakota Animal Industry Board received reports of over 21,000 cattle; over 1300 sheep; 400 horses; and 40 bison deaths from the storm. Tree and debris removal costs were several million dollars. An unyielding low-pressure area moving across the region brought an early fall blizzard to most of the counties west of Missouri River on October 4th and 5th. The snowfall and blizzard conditions occurred mainly along the western parts of the counties. The snowfall amounts varied broadly from 1 to 2 inches to as much as 22 inches in far western Corson County. Very strong northwest winds of 30 to 50 mph with gusts to 60 mph brought blizzard conditions and significant travel problems. Interstate-90 was closed from Murdo to the Wyoming border from 7 pm on October 4th to the evening of the October 8th. No travel was advised on all roads west of the Missouri River. Many cattle were also lost in western Corson County due to the storm. The heavy snow along with strong winds resulted in some power outages along with some downed tree branches. The snowfall began in the late morning hours of the 4th and ended in the early afternoon hours of the 5th. Some snowfall amounts that occurred were 1 inch at Murdo; 2 inches at Timber Lake and 5 miles west of Hayes; 4 inches at McIntosh; 16 inches southeast of Morrystown; and 22 inches southwest of Keldron.

1638 - The journal of John Winthrop recorded that a mighty tempest struck eastern New England. This second severe hurricane in three years blew down many trees in mile long tracks. (David Ludlum)

1786 - The famous "Pumpkin Flood" occurred on the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers. Harrisburg PA reported a river stage of twenty-two feet. The heavy rains culminated a wet season. (David Ludlum)








1917 - The temperature at Sentinel, AZ, soared to 116 degrees to establish an October record for the nation. (The Weather Channel)

1972 - Heavy rains, mostly the remnants of Tropical Storm Joanne, fell across much of Arizona. It was believed to be the first time in Arizona weather history that a tropical storm entered the state with its circulation still intact. The center was over Flagstaff early on the 7th. (3rd-7th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - It was another day of scorching heat for the southwestern U.S. Afternoon highs of 102 degrees in Downtown San Francisco, and 104 degrees at Monterrey, established all-time records. The high of 101 degrees at San Jose was a record for October. Sacramento tied their record for October for the third time in the month, with a reading of 102 degrees. The high for the nation was 111 degrees at San Luis Obispo and Palm Springs. Twenty cities in the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Knoxville TN with a reading of 34 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear then Patchy Frost	Patchy Frost then Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy then Patchy Frost	Frost then Sunny	Areas Frost	Areas Frost then Mostly Sunny
High: 61 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 53 °F	Low: 30 °F	High: 51 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 54 °F

Cold & Windy Today

Today

Highs: 50s & 60s

Tonight

Lows: 30s

Hard Freeze Possible Next Few Nights

Thursday & Friday Night Lows:

Upper 20s & Low 30s



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 10/5/2016 5:27 AM Central

Published on: 10/05/2016 at 5:31AM

Colder air is here and will stick around for the rest of the work week. Expect the next few mornings a few spots will have sub-freezing temperatures.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 68.3

Low Outside Temp: 50.4

High Gust: 28

Precip: 0.63

Today's Info

Record High: 96° in 1963

Record Low: 19° in 1935

Average High: 63°F

Average Low: 37°F

Average Precip in Oct.: 0.40

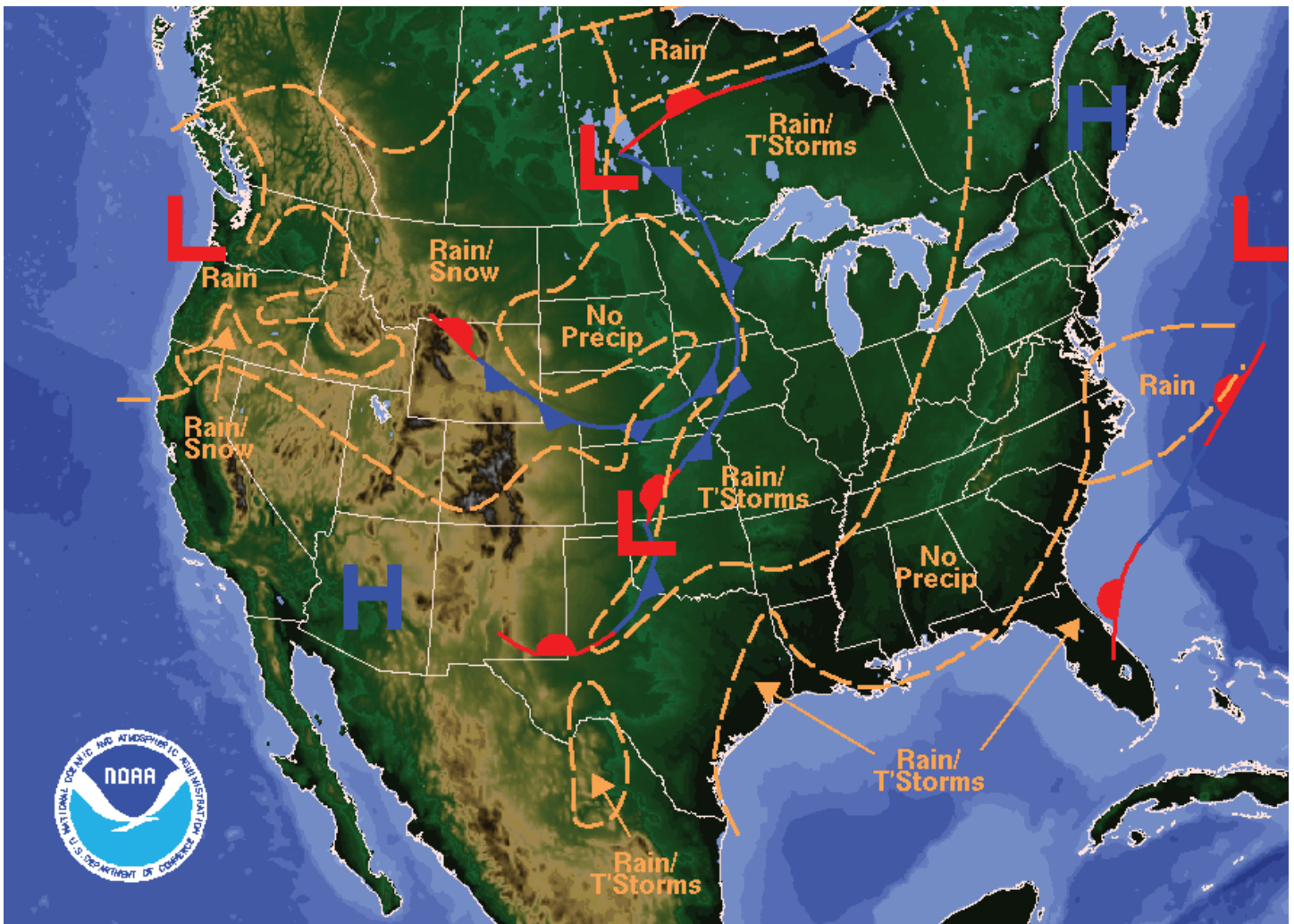
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.63

Average Precip to date: 18.88

Precip Year to Date: 13.83

Sunset Tonight: 7:05 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:38 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Oct 05, 2016, issued 4:50 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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FINDING LIFE'S SECRETS

Charlie Brown was having a serious conversation with Lucy in one of the "Peanuts" cartoons. Said Charlie, "I've made a giant step forward in unraveling the mysteries of the Old Testament, Lucy!"

"What's that?" asked Lucy, bursting with interest.

"I started reading it," he replied.

Many people view the Bible as a collection of fables, myths or tales and unintelligent stories about a god who hides himself in deep, unfathomable messages. Some say that it is a "book beyond human understanding – its Truth" unintelligible. True, it is a book written by humans but it is not a "human book." It is the story of God making Himself known through Himself, through His words and "The Word," and His beloved Son. It is not beyond the ability of humans to understand its contents. God Himself will make its message clear when people ask Him to speak to them through His Holy Spirit.

Through the Holy Spirit, God revealed His Person and plan of redemption and reconciliation - the Gospel Message. The authors of the God's revelation in Scripture were inspired by His Spirit to speak on His behalf. God wanted to make Himself known because He wants us to know Him, to love Him and to trust Him.

If we want to know and understand God we need, as Charlie Brown did, to "start reading" His Word.

Prayer: You have spoken to us, Lord, through Your Word. If we seek Your truth and want to know You and please You with our lives, Your Word will show us how. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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News from the Associated Press

Second suspect sentenced in Pine Ridge Reservation slaying

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Another of the six Pine Ridge men charged in the killing of a 30-year-old man last year has been sentenced to 17 ½ years in prison.

Terry Goings III earlier had pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the July 12, 2015, death of Ferris Brings Plenty. He was sentenced Tuesday in federal court in Rapid City.

Authorities allege the men killed Brings Plenty on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with a machete, a stick, a bat and a cinder block. They say Brings Plenty was visiting his mother and didn't know his attackers.

Another suspect, Steven Steele, was sentenced in August to 17 ½ years behind bars, the maximum sentence. Cases against other suspects are ongoing.

Tuesday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Christian def. Edmunds Central, 25-20, 25-23, 25-22
Alcester-Hudson def. Baltic, 25-13, 25-17, 22-25, 25-8
Arlington def. Deuel, 25-12, 25-12, 25-9
Avon def. Burke/South Central, 25-15, 23-25, 25-11, 20-25, 15-10
Belle Fourche def. Sturgis Brown, 25-20, 25-20, 25-21
Bennett County def. Red Cloud, 25-15, 26-24, 25-20
Bison def. Faith, 25-16, 25-23, 25-20
Brookings def. Yankton, 25-14, 25-22, 25-17
Canistota def. Menno, 26-24, 23-25, 25-23, 31-29
Castlewood def. Florence/Henry, 25-14, 18-25, 19-25, 26-24, 15-9
Chadron, Neb. def. Hot Springs, 25-16, 25-16, 25-13
Chester def. Tri-Valley, 25-15, 25-11, 25-8
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Little Wound, 25-23, 25-15, 25-23
Clark/Willow Lake def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-21, 26-24, 22-25, 25-14
Colman-Egan def. Flandreau, 25-13, 25-17, 25-13
Crow Creek def. Marty Indian, 25-21, 25-13, 25-17
Dell Rapids def. Vermillion, 27-25, 14-25, 27-25, 25-22
Ethan def. Wessington Springs, 25-16, 25-15, 25-20
Faulkton def. Ipswich, 27-25, 25-21, 25-19
Gayville-Volin def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-16, 25-18, 25-9
Groton Area def. Leola/Frederick, 25-20, 7-25, 25-20, 21-25, 15-6
Harding County def. Lead-Deadwood, 25-23, 17-25, 25-19, 25-17
Herreid/Selby Area def. Potter County, 25-21, 25-19, 25-23
Kimball/White Lake def. Chamberlain, 25-13, 28-26, 25-16
Lyman def. Kadoka Area, 18-25, 19-25, 25-18, 25-17, 15-12
Madison def. Tea Area, 18-25, 27-25, 25-17, 25-19
McCook Central/Montrose def. Howard, 25-18, 25-21, 25-12
Milbank Area def. Deubrook, 25-21, 25-14, 13-25, 25-21
Miller def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-16, 11-25, 25-15, 25-10
Mitchell def. Huron, 25-18, 25-21, 25-22
Northwestern def. Webster, 25-14, 25-17, 25-12
Parker def. Lennox, 25-18, 25-19, 25-17
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Rapid City Central def. Douglas, 25-17, 25-15, 25-22
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-7, 25-6, 25-8
Sioux Falls Christian def. Canton, 25-8, 25-5, 25-9
Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Watertown, 25-18, 25-13, 25-21
Sioux Valley def. Hamlin, 25-20, 25-12, 25-23
St. Thomas More def. Hill City, 19-25, 25-9, 25-16, 25-20
Sully Buttes def. Highmore-Harold, 25-11, 25-14, 25-7
Timber Lake def. Lemmon, 25-18, 20-25, 23-25, 25-13, 15-11
Tiospa Zina Tribal def. Flandreau Indian, 25-20, 25-7, 25-19
Wagner def. Scotland, 25-20, 25-17, 25-12
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West Central def. Beresford, 21-25, 25-14, 25-19, 25-19
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Winner def. Gregory, 25-21, 25-15, 25-21
Wolsey-Wessington def. Iroquois, 25-13, 25-12, 25-7
Stuart Tournament
North Central, Neb. def. Colome, 25-17, 25-4, 25-7
Stuart, Neb. def. Colome, 25-21, 25-17, 25-13

Dakota Access pipeline case set to be heard by DC court

WASHINGTON (AP) — A three-judge federal appeals court panel is set to hear a dispute over the \$3.8 billion four-state Dakota Access oil pipeline.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is being asked to keep a temporary stop of construction in place while the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe appeals a lower-court ruling from September that didn't block the pipeline.

The same appeals court earlier issued a temporary injunction against construction for 20 miles on either side of the Missouri River at Lake Oahe (oh-AH'-hee) to give it time to consider the tribe's request. The pipeline is otherwise nearly complete.

The tribes say the construction and operation of the pipeline, which is being built by Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, would damage and destroy sites of historic, religious and cultural significance.

US Justice Department backs Nevada tribes on voting test

By SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Justice Department sided with two Nevada tribes' interpretation of a key part of the U.S. Voting Rights Act and a judge said she will issue a ruling Friday in the native Paitues' legal battle with state and county officials over minority access to the polls.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du listened to arguments during a daylong hearing Tuesday in Reno on whether to grant the tribes' request for an emergency order establishing satellite voting sites on their Pyramid Lake and Walker River reservations in northern Nevada's high desert.

The tribes accuse Nevada's Republican Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske, Washoe and Mineral counties of illegally denying tribe members voting access afforded to people in wealthier, mostly white neighborhoods. Members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe living in Washoe County say they must travel 96 miles roundtrip to register to vote or to cast ballots in person in Sparks. Members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe in rural Mineral County say they have to go 70 miles roundtrip to Hawthorne.

The lawsuit says that's nearly twice as far as voters on Lake Tahoe's affluent north shore would have to travel to vote if the county had not set up a satellite poll in upscale Incline Village.

The Nevada counties argue the tribal members who don't want to drive that far to cast ballots in person can still vote by mail or on the internet. Their lawyers said Tuesday that white voters in isolated rural areas

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face the same travel challenges as the tribal members, especially in Washoe County, which covers 6,500 square miles stretching to the Oregon line — an area three times the size the state of Delaware.

"There's no racial bias," Washoe County Deputy District Attorney Michael Large said Tuesday. "This is pure geography."

The counties say the sudden change would present a huge, costly technical challenge at such a late date and the state argues it has no authority to intervene.

"Even if we must do this, we couldn't functionally do it," Large said. "It's just a practical impossibility."

The suit filed Sept. 7 is the latest in a series brought by Native American tribes challenging access to the polls in a number of mostly western states, including Arizona, Utah, Montana, Alaska and the Dakotas.

Du peppered both sides with a series of questions Tuesday about their take on the legal standards that are evolving in those cases.

She said she found "very helpful" the "statement of interest" Justice Department lawyers filed late Monday explaining their view of the proper balancing test, including criticism of what they said were previous "misstatements" by the state and counties.

Du said she disagreed with Cegavske's position she has no power to force the counties to act.

"She has the authority to ensure compliance with federal law," the judge said. But she also said the temporary injunction the tribes seek is a "pretty drastic" remedy.

Nevada's Republican attorney general wrote in defense of Cegavske's opposition to the lawsuit last week that the smaller, rural Mineral County especially will "likely suffer financial and staff impacts that it cannot afford in these pressing times of a presidential election."

"While it may be somewhat inconvenient for residents of the Indian communities ... to travel to a place where they can register to vote and vote in person, it is more than a matter of inconvenience for the local elections officials there," senior deputy Attorney General Lori M. Story wrote on behalf of Attorney General Paul Laxalt.

"This is a hotly contested and unique presidential election which has put voters and candidates on edge, bringing challenges and questions that might otherwise not be present in a general election and taking staff time and resources to resolve," she said.

Justice Department lawyers said in their filing they are not taking sides, but want to make clear that the state and counties have "inaccurately" stated the legal standard used to judge voting rights violations. They said the U.S. government has a "substantial interest" in the "proper interpretation and uniform enforcement" of the 1965 law nationwide.

"Defendants suggest that access to in-person early voting and in-person voter registration opportunities are merely a 'voting convenience'" and therefore not protected by the law, wrote Vanita Gupta, principal deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

Gupta said other misstatements include claims that the tribes must prove "outright denials of the ability to vote or participate" and "an inability to elect candidates of their choice."

"These arguments are without merit and should be rejected," Gupta wrote.

The Latest: Ruling Friday on Nevada tribal voting rights

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Latest on a federal court hearing in Nevada about access to voting on two Indian reservations (all times local):

6:50 p.m.

A federal judge in Nevada says she intends to decide Friday whether to grant an emergency order sought by two Paiute (PEYE'yewt) tribes who say the state and two counties are discriminating against them ahead of the November election in violation of the U.S Voting Rights Act.

A lawyer for the Pyramid Lake and Walker River tribes said Tuesday during a daylong hearing in Reno that a temporary injunction mandating satellite polling places on the two reservations is critical to ensuring their members' equal access to the ballot box.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du said the emergency order they're seeking is a "pretty drastic" remedy. She peppered both sides with a series of questions about their take on the legal standards that are evol-

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ing in similar cases in a number of Western states.

Washoe County Deputy District Attorney Michael Large said even that if the voter registrar in Reno is ordered to set up a satellite site at Pyramid Lake, the registrar doesn't have the functional capability to pull it off before the election. He said it's a "practical impossibility."

1:35 p.m.

A hearing on tribal voting rights is underway in federal court in Nevada, where a judge is being asked to order election officials to put satellite polling places on two Indian reservations.

Lawyers for the Paiute Pyramid Lake and Walker River tribes told U.S. District Judge Miranda Du in Reno on Tuesday that tribe members are being denied equal access to the ballot box.

The attorneys say the state, Washoe and Mineral counties are violating the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 by refusing their request to set up satellite polls similar to those provided in wealthier, mostly white neighborhoods.

Lawyers for the state and counties deny any discrimination. They say it's simply too late to accommodate the request, with the election just five weeks away.

12:05 a.m.

The Justice Department is siding with two Nevada tribes' interpretation of a key part of the U.S. Voting Rights Act at issue in a legal battle with state and county officials over minority access to the polls.

Lawyers for the Paiute tribes are scheduled to go before a federal judge in Reno Tuesday with their emergency request for a court order establishing satellite voting sites on their reservations before the November election.

They accuse Nevada's secretary of state, Washoe and Mineral counties of illegally denying tribe members voting access afforded to people in wealthier, mostly white neighborhoods.

The counties say the sudden change would cost too much, and the state says it has no authority to intervene. But the Justice Department said in a new filing Monday they appear to be confusing voting rights with "voting convenience."

75-acre prescribed burn on Sheep Mountain Table rescheduled

INTERIOR, S.D. (AP) — A 75-acre prescribed burn on Sheep Mountain Table that's part of a research project has been rescheduled.

The National Park Service says the fire is planned for the week of Oct. 9. The prescribed burn is being conducted for a research project on controlling non-native Cheatgrass.

The information will help determine management options for controlling the invasive plant in Badlands National Park.

Deputy shoots tiger that bit Spearfish sanctuary employee

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — A Lawrence County deputy has shot a tiger that bit an employee at the Spirit of the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in Spearfish.

A sanctuary employee reported to authorities late Monday that the tiger was loose.

Authorities found an employee bitten several times by the tiger when they arrived. Officials say a deputy shot the tiger to prevent it from escaping through an open gate.

The bitten employee was taken to Spearfish Regional Hospital. A telephone message left by The Associated Press at the wildlife sanctuary wasn't immediately returned.

The Lawrence County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is removing 11 animals from the sanctuary. An agency spokeswoman tells the newspaper that officials have been at the facility since Sept. 28.

Polygamist leader: Communal living key part of religion

By BRADY McCOMBS, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A polygamous sect leader who is among a group of people accused of carrying out a multiyear food stamp fraud scheme said Tuesday not sharing the food would prevent him and others from living their religion and being prepared for heaven.

Seth Jeffs' testimony came as he and 10 other suspects accused of fraud and money laundering tried to persuade a Utah judge they were following religious tenets of communal living, not breaking the law.

His testimony offered a rare glimpse into the mindset of the secretive group that practices religious principles rooted in the early Mormonism of the 19th century. Members of the group based in a remote community on the Utah-Arizona border don't usually talk with outsiders at the behest of their leaders.

Seth Jeffs, who runs the group's South Dakota compound and is a brother of the group's imprisoned leader, Warren Jeffs, was only the defendant to take the stand.

The Salt Lake City courtroom was packed with lawyers, defendants and onlookers. About 20 members of the sect sat in one corner, the women wearing their typical prairie dresses and updo hairstyles. Because each suspect has at least one attorney, there were about 15 lawyers before the judge, making for unique interchanges and exchanges during questioning of the witnesses.

Seth Jeffs testified that they believe everything on earth belongs to God, which is why members must donate everything they own to a community storehouse to follow the "law of consecration." The group's leaders decide how best to redistribute the goods to people who are "living the law," he said.

"Every person has the privilege to turn in everything they have in because we believe all is not ours. All belongs to Heavenly Father," said Seth Jeffs, wearing jail jumpsuit with his hands and feet in cuffs. "I believe the law of consecration is lived in heaven. I'm preparing for that now."

In a sometimes testy cross-examination of Seth Jeffs, prosecutor Robert Lund went through a long list of food stamp rules to establish Seth Jeffs understood the parameters of the program. When Lund asked him if he asked for a religious accommodation from the federal government, Seth Jeffs said he didn't know he had to do so.

Prosecutors argue that the defendants knowingly broke the law by not only donating food to a storehouse but diverting funds to front companies and to pay for a tractor, truck and other items. They say sect leaders lived lavishly while low-ranking followers suffered.

U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart in Salt Lake City is weighing whether food stamp rules burden the suspects' sincerely held religious beliefs. He didn't rule Tuesday.

He warned defense attorneys twice that he is struggling to understand how the suspects had a burden if they didn't personally receive food stamps. Defense attorneys say some of their client's family members, who include multiple wives and many children, receive the benefits.

One important person not in attendance was Lyle Jeffs, the highest-ranking leader ensnarled in the bust. He has been a fugitive for more than three months since he slipped out of a GPS ankle monitor and escaped home confinement in the Salt Lake City area. The FBI has a \$50,000 reward for finding him.

Before Seth Jeffs took the stand, an expert on early Mormonism testified that members of the sect hold beliefs strikingly similar to Mormons in the 1800s. Mormon history expert Lyndon Watson Cook said early Mormons would have worried about their eternal salvation if they didn't follow the communal living guidelines.

"Their language is the language of the 19th century Mormon," Cook said. "That's the way they thought and talked."

Federal prosecutors, though, pointed out that Cook isn't an expert on the sect, and he acknowledged his opinion is based solely on his reading of affidavits submitted in this case.

Defense attorneys grilled prosecution witness Jeffrey Cohen of the U.S. Department of Agriculture into acknowledging that there are no precise, written regulations that prohibit sharing goods purchased with food stamps. Federal public defender Kathy Nester also pointed that the government has made food stamp accommodations for many unique groups, including an Alaskan tribe that is allowed to purchase arrows for hunting and supplies for fishing.

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Cohen said he's not sure if similar accommodations could be made for the polygamous sect, but he said changes would have to go through Congress. Speaking generally, Cohen said the agency's believes the overarching rules imply that goods bought by food stamps are only for the eligible household.

The sect, known as the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, is based on the Utah-Arizona border. They believe polygamy brings exaltation in heaven — a legacy of the early Mormon church. The mainstream Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints abandoned the practice in 1890 and strictly prohibits it today.

The 11 defendants have pleaded not guilty to food stamp fraud and money laundering.

Mitchell woman pleads guilty to aggravated assault

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A Mitchell woman who faced an attempted murder charge for allegedly trying to kill a man with a vehicle has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2dtikPp>) reports that Roberta Woodside pleaded guilty Tuesday to felony aggravated assault. She has also pleaded guilty to ingestion of methamphetamine in September 2015.

Authorities allege Woodside hit Joseph Vasquez in a field on Feb. 24, turned the vehicle around and hit him a second time, then drove over him before leaving the scene. The man suffered broken bones.

Charges in the case of attempted first-degree murder and two alternate counts of aggravated assault have been dismissed.

An attorney for Woodside didn't immediately return a telephone message from The Associated Press requesting comment.

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

South Dakota man dies in crash with Nebraska trooper's car

GORDON, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska State Patrol says a person has died after a car fled a traffic stop and later collided with a trooper's cruiser in northwestern Nebraska.

The patrol says in a press release Tuesday that the crash happened Monday night on state Highway 27 north of Gordon. The patrol says a trooper saw a car run a stop sign and tried to pull it over, but it fled. A short time later, the car and cruiser collided, sending the car into a ditch.

The patrol says the car's driver, 32-year-old Antoine Ladeaux, of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was thrown from the car and died. Three passengers in the car were treated and released from a local hospital.

State law requires a grand jury investigation anytime someone dies while fleeing police.

State education department releases 2016 report card

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota education officials have released the state's 2016 Report Card.

The report shows performance information, including how schools and school districts in the state scored on the Smarter Balanced tests in English language arts and math. The tests given to students in grades 3-8 and 11 are designed to evaluate whether students are on track to be college and career ready.

Scores show that the percentage of South Dakota students in those grades at or above Level 3 "proficient" was 52.6 percent in English language arts, up from 49.5 percent in last year's report card, and 44.3 percent in math. That's compared to 41.3 percent last report card.

The report card also shows 34 of 660 schools earned the "exemplary" distinction based on the School Performance Index, while 453 were labeled as "progressing."

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South Dakota Prep Polls

By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Sportswriters Association high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points and last week's ranking. With first-place votes in parentheses and total points:

Class 11AAA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Sioux Falls Roosevelt	(7)	6-0	43	1
2. Sioux Falls Washington	(2)	6-0	38	2
3. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	-	4-2	27	3
4. Brandon Valley	-	4-2	18	4
5. Aberdeen Central	-	3-3	5	5

Others receiving votes: Rapid City Stevens 3, Sioux Falls Lincoln 1.

Class 11AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Harrisburg	(7)	4-2	43	1
2. Mitchell	(2)	5-1	38	2
3. Huron	-	4-2	23	3
4. Yankton	-	2-4	14	4
5. Pierre	-	2-4	13	5

Others receiving votes: Spearfish 4.

Class 11A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Madison	(8)	6-0	44	1
2. St. Thomas More	(1)	6-0	37	2
3. Tea Area	-	6-0	27	4
4. SF Christian	-	5-1	18	3
5. Milbank Area	-	5-1	7	5

Others receiving votes: Hot Springs 1, Dakota Valley 1.

Class 11B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Winner	(9)	6-0	45	1
2. Groton Area	-	6-0	33	2
3. Tri-Valley	-	4-2	21	3
4. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan	-	3-3	15	4
5. Chamberlain	-	4-1	13	5

Others receiving votes: Mobridge-Pollock 2, Parkston 2, Sioux Valley 2, Aberdeen Roncalli 1, McCook Central-Montrose 1.

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Class 9AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Canistota	(7)	5-0	42	1
2. Gregory	(1)	6-0	33	2
3. Webster Area	(1)	5-0	23	T4
4. Mount Vernon-Plankinton	-	4-1	17	3
5. Wolsey-Wessington	-	5-1	16	T4

Others receiving votes: Baltic 3, Woonsocket-Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 1.

Class 9A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Sully Buttes	(7)	5-0	43	1
2. Warner	(2)	5-0	37	2
3. Potter County	-	5-0	21	3
4. Castlewood-Estelline	-	5-0	12	T4
5. Scotland	-	4-1	10	T4

Others receiving votes: Philip 9, Lemmon-McIntosh 2, Colman-Egan 1.

Class 9B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Corsica-Stickney	(7)	5-0	41	1
2. Harding County	(2)	5-0	36	T2
3. Hamlin	-	5-0	25	4
4. Langford Area	-	5-0	22	T2
5. Colome	-	1-1	8	5

Others receiving votes: Leola-Frederick 2, Faulkton Area 1.

South Dakota Volleyball Polls

By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Here is the South Dakota Sportswriters Association volleyball poll for the week of Oct. 3, 2016. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, points and previous ranking:<

Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Harrisburg	(9)	13-1	45	1
2. Roosevelt	-	11-5	28	2
4. Stevens	-	17-3	25	4
5. O'Gorman	-	12-3	22	5
3. Huron	-	10-5	10	3

Others receiving votes: Mitchell 11-4.<

Class A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. S.F. Christian	(9)	15-3	45	1
2. Dakota Valley	-	18-2	36	2
3. Bon Homme	-	18-2	25	3
4. Custer	-	24-0	18	4
5. West Central	-	15-2	10	T5

Others receiving votes: Mobridge-Pollock 17-3.<

Class B

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. Northwestern;(9);18-1;45;1

2. Warner;-;18-4;30;2

2. Chester Area;-;15-5;27;3

4. Sully Buttes;-;20-1;20;4

5. Parker;-;15-5;13;5Others receiving votes: None.<

Growing number of South Dakota law graduates fail bar exam

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The percentage of University of South Dakota School of Law graduates who fail to pass the state bar exam has increased from about 10 percent in 2013 to about 50 percent this year.

The trend is prompting fears that a shortage of lawyers in rural South Dakota could get worse. Most lawyers in the South Dakota hail from the university, which is the state's only law school.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2dGCyEb>) reported the South Dakota Board of Bar Examiners' decision to increase the minimum core needed in order to pass the bar contributed to the failure rate. South Dakota's minimum score is equal to or greater than the score required by 30 other states.

According to Law School Transparency, the demand for law schools declined nationally during the Great Recession. In order to keep the schools running, administrators began accepting "higher risk students," students with lower grade point averages or LSAT scores.

The group published a report last year that stated 30 law schools in 2010 admitted classes with at least 25 percent "higher risk" and by 2014 the number rose to 74 law schools and 37 law schools had admitted at least 50 percent of classes with students considered high risk.

"I think law schools need to take a look at their decisions to take these risks and ask why they're doing it," said Kyle McEntee, the executive director of Law School Transparency.

Law school dean Thomas Geu said USD is stepping up admittance requirements, updating curriculum and hiring a director of academic support and bar preparation.

According to McEntee law schools have to meet certain passage rates however no school has ever lost accreditation for not meeting them.

The Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar will meet next month to discuss a proposal that would require ABA accredited schools to meet bar passage rates.

According to the Argus Leader South Dakota Bar Associate officials did not respond for comment.

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

Sisseton woman's death declared suspicious; autopsy pending

SISSETON, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation has identified a Sisseton woman whose death has been deemed suspicious.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says the body of 32-year-old Kristine Hart was found in a residence on Sunday. Results of an autopsy are pending.

Jackley says investigators believe the death is an isolated incident and that there is no danger to the public.

Prosecutors consider criminal charges in Yankton dog attack

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — The Yankton County State's Attorney's Office is deciding whether to file criminal charges against the owner of two dogs that attacked and injured a Yankton woman and threatened a sheriff's deputy.

Tonnya Juhnke told the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan newspaper (<http://bit.ly/2dAVoiH>) that she was bitten on her left arm and her legs while trying to protect her own dog from two pit bulls that had escaped

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from a neighbor's yard on Sept. 25.

"One was on one arm and the other attacked my legs. It felt like they were trying to take me down," she said. "I thought my kids were going to watch me die."

She fought off the dogs by kicking and punching them, and later went to a hospital emergency room for treatment. She had 23 stitches on her arm. Her dachshund was killed.

The dogs also charged at a deputy, who shot and killed both of them, Sheriff Jim Vlahakis said.

"(The deputy) filed a report outlining the circumstances — he was being attacked," Vlahakis said. "That's sufficient. (The pit bulls) already killed another dog and attacked a person."

The investigation has now been turned over to county prosecutors to decide whether to file charges against the dogs' owner.

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

Officials worried about complacency as Matthew nears Florida

By TERRY SPENCER and JENNIFER KAY, Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Florida canceled classes along its Atlantic coastline and theme parks kept a watchful eye as Hurricane Matthew headed toward the East Coast.

In South Carolina, Gov. Nikki Haley contemplated whether she will order some 1 million people to leave the coast and planned to release details of her plan Wednesday morning. The evacuation is scheduled to take effect at 3 p.m.

Meanwhile, traffic was bumper-to-bumper on Interstate 26 heading out of the Charleston, South Carolina, area as residents evacuated in advance of the hurricane. Gasoline was hard to come by during morning rush hour, with at least half a dozen stations out of fuel and lines at others. The state's attorney general warned stations against price gouging.

A message on Walt Disney World's website Wednesday says all of its theme parks and resorts are "currently operating under normal conditions" as officials continue to monitor the storm. They advised those who plan on visiting Disney to monitor news outlets for the latest weather information.

Officials at SeaWorld in Orlando announced on its website that officials "anticipate altered hours due to Hurricane Matthew."

Government officials are worried about complacency, especially in South Florida, which hasn't seen a major hurricane in 11 years.

In Miami-Dade County, the state's largest school district, officials said they'll monitor the storm on Wednesday morning before making a decision on whether to cancel classes Thursday and Friday. The county remains under a tropical storm warning.

From Broward County to the Space Coast — where hurricane warnings are in effect — officials already have closed schools for the rest of the week. Some school districts are sending students home early on Wednesday, and after school activities are canceled.

Most colleges and universities in the warning areas have also canceled classes starting Wednesday evening.

A dangerous Category 3 storm with sustained winds of 115 mph, Matthew was bearing down on the southern Bahamas early Wednesday amid forecasters' predictions it would be very near Florida's Atlantic coast by Thursday evening. Already the hurricane was spreading high winds, heavy rain and a dangerous storm surge ahead of it on its approach to the Bahamas, forecasters said.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Matthew — recently a Category 4 storm and at one brief point a fierce Category 5 — will remain a powerful storm at least through Thursday night. It added that while maximum winds decreased slightly in recent hours, the fluctuation in intensity was expected and some slight strengthening is forecast in coming days.

Officials hope to avoid a repeat of Hurricanes Wilma and Katrina, which caused major damage to South Florida in 2005, and Hurricane Andrew, a Category 5 storm, leveled much of the city of Homestead in

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1992. The latter storm was on the minds of some officials Tuesday — both Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Jean Monestime and U.S. Rep. Carlos Curbelo mistakenly called the current hurricane “Andrew” during a news conference, drawing nervous laughter.

Curbelo, a Republican, said he wants assurances that the federal, state and local governments are working together.

“We just can’t take it for granted that that’s always going to happen,” Curbelo said.

The Miami forecasters issued a hurricane warning for the area north of Golden Beach near Fort Lauderdale to Sebastian Inlet, meaning hurricane force winds of 74 mph or higher are expected within two days. A hurricane watch is also in effect from Sebastian Inlet to Fernandina Beach, meaning hurricane force winds could occur.

During rush hour Tuesday, long lines formed at gas stations in Charleston, South Carolina, snarling traffic as lines snaked out of gas stations and into travel lanes. At one gas station in Mount Pleasant, the line reached about a quarter mile down the street.

In South Florida, lines at grocery stores were heavier than usual and some essentials were in short supply. When Simone Corrado and her husband tried to buy water at their Publix in Davie near Fort Lauderdale, they mostly found empty shelves. There were a few bottles of high-end water brands, but there was so much empty shelf space that Corrado lay down and fully stretched out on the bottom shelf.

“I got scared because all that was left at Publix was just the pricey water,” said Corrado, who lived through 1992’s catastrophic Hurricane Andrew, which practically leveled the nearby city of Homestead. “They really put the fear into you here. On the television screen every few minutes is the ‘beep, beep, beep’ storm alert.”

Florida Gov. Rick Scott warned residents they must be prepared to take a direct hit and evacuation orders could be issued as early as Tuesday.

“Don’t take a chance. Leave before it’s too late,” he said. “We have to be prepared to be hit by a catastrophic hurricane.”

Hurricane Hermine became the first to strike Florida since Wilma in 2005 when it hit the eastern Panhandle on Sept. 2 as a Category 1 storm, causing one death, storm surge damage to beachfront homes and downed trees and powerlines. That 11-year lull between storms hitting Florida was the longest on record.

The last storm to hit Florida from the Atlantic side was Katrina, which struck on its way to devastating the Gulf coast.

Wilma made landfall as a Category 3 storm with 120 mph winds, killing five people as it pushed from southwest Florida, through the Everglades and into the Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach area, causing an estimated \$21 billion in damage and leaving thousands of residents without power for more than a week. It concluded a two-year span when a record eight hurricanes hit the state.

Governors in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina declared states of emergency, and the White House said President Barack Obama canceled a campaign and health care events in Florida on Wednesday and would instead visit the headquarters of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for an update.

Some airlines let passengers change travel plans without penalty if their trip might be affected by Matthew.

Haley said state officials would reverse lanes on major evacuation routes in South Carolina. It would be the first major evacuation since Hurricane Floyd in 1999, when the governor at the time didn’t reverse the lanes and Interstate 26 became a parking lot. A typically two-hour drive from Charleston to Columbia turned into a 24-hour nightmare.

Kay reported from Miami Beach. Associated Press reporters Jeffrey Collins, Jack Jones and Meg Kinnard in Columbia, South Carolina; Bruce Smith in Charleston, South Carolina; Mike Schneider in Orlando, Florida; Freida Frisaro in Miami and Martha Waggoner in Raleigh, North Carolina, contributed to this report.

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3 win Nobel chemistry prize for world's tiniest machines

By KARL RITTER, Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Three scientists won the Nobel Prize in chemistry on Wednesday for developing the world's smallest machines, work that could revolutionize computer technology and lead to a new type of battery.

Frenchman Jean-Pierre Sauvage, British-born Fraser Stoddart and Dutch scientist Bernard "Ben" Feringa share the 8 million kronor (\$930,000) prize for the "design and synthesis of molecular machines," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

Machines at the molecular level are 1,000th the width of a human hair and have taken chemistry to a new dimension, the academy said. Molecular machines "will most likely be used in the development of things such as new materials, sensors and energy storage systems."

Stoddart has already developed a molecule-based computer chip with 20 kB memory. Researchers believe chips so small may revolutionize computer technology the way silicon-based transistors once did, the academy said.

Feringa's research group in 2011 built a "nanocar," a minuscule vehicle with four molecular motors as wheels.

The academy said the laureates' work has also inspired other researchers to build increasingly advanced molecular machinery, including "a robot that can grasp and connect amino acids" in 2013. Researchers are also hoping to develop a new kind of battery using this technology.

Sauvage, 71, is professor emeritus at the University of Strasbourg and director of research emeritus at France's National Center for Scientific Research. Sauvage's wife choked back tears as she absorbed the news. "Jean-Pierre won the Nobel prize," she said, her voice trembling as she spoke on multiple telephones at once ringing with news of the prize.

Speaking later to French TV channel itele, Sauvage called it a memorable moment and a big surprise. "I have won many prizes, but the Nobel Prize is something very special, it's the most prestigious prize, the one most scientists don't even dare to dream of in their wildest dreams," he said.

Officials at the University of Strasbourg, where Sauvage is a professor emeritus in the Institute of Science and Supramolecular Engineering, were overwhelmed and honored by the news, and said they were trying to reach him to celebrate his victory.

Stoddart, 74, is a chemistry professor at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. His daughter Alison said he was "absolutely ecstatic" at the honor.

Feringa, 65, is a professor of organic chemistry at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands.

"I don't know what to say, I'm a bit shocked," Feringa told reporters in Stockholm by telephone. "I'm so honored' and I'm also emotional about it."

Molecular machines are molecules with controllable movements, which can perform a task when energy is added, the academy said.

It said Sauvage made the first breakthrough in 1983 when he linked two ring-shaped molecules together to form a chain.

Stoddart took the next step in 1991 by threading a molecular ring onto a molecular axle, while Feringa was the first to develop a molecular motor in 1999 when he got a molecular rotor blade to spin continuously in the same direction.

The academy said the molecular motor is at the same stage now as the electric motor was in the 1830s.

Donna Nelson, president of the American Chemical Society, said the winners met the challenge of not only making the machines, but also demonstrating that they worked as they were supposed to. Since they were operating on such a tiny scale, it's "a truly remarkable feat," she said.

The award "will generate a lot of interest in this field," Nelson said. And given the topic, "children are

going to love it. ... They're the scientists of tomorrow."

The chemistry prize was the last of this year's science awards. The medicine prize went to a Japanese biologist who discovered the process by which a cell breaks down and recycles content. The physics prize was shared by three British-born scientists for theoretical discoveries that shed light on strange states of matter.

The Nobel Peace Prize will be announced on Friday, and the economics and literature awards will be announced next week.

The Nobel Prizes will be handed out at ceremonies in Stockholm and Oslo on Dec. 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896.

Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, wanted his awards to honor achievements that delivered the "greatest benefit to mankind."

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Teen activist back in Hong Kong after Thailand denies entry

By NATNICA CHUWIRUCH and KELVIN CHAN, Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Thailand stopped Hong Kong teen pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong from entering the country to give a talk and sent him home, raising questions about whether it acted at China's behest. An activist and a Thai immigration official said Bangkok responded to a request from Beijing, though a Thai government spokesman denied that.

Wong, a 19-year-old activist who rose to global prominence spearheading huge 2014 street protests against Beijing's plan to restrict elections, arrived late Tuesday at Bangkok's main airport. He said he was immediately taken into custody by 20 police and immigration officers and then put on a flight back to Hong Kong about 12 hours later.

He was due to give a talk at Chulalongkorn University about lessons from Hong Kong's "Umbrella Movement" protests as part of Oct. 6 commemorations of a Thai government crackdown on student demonstrators 40 years ago.

Netiwit Chotipatpaisal, a Thai activist who had planned to greet him at the airport, said police informed him that Wong was detained after Thailand received a notice from the Chinese government.

The deputy commander of Suvarnabhumi Airport's immigration office, Pruthipong Prayoonsiri, said at a news conference that Wong was blacklisted after China asked the Thai government to deny him entry, according to a report in The Nation newspaper. The report was confirmed by an officer at the airport department who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Wong, who turns 20 next week, was one of the high-profile student leaders behind pro-democracy protests two years ago that marked the former British colony's most turbulent period since China took control in 1997. In August, a Hong Kong court sentenced him to community service for his role in the protests, which brought parts of the city to a standstill for months.

Wong told reporters that he was held in a windowless holding cell at the Bangkok airport. He said he was not given a clear explanation for his detention and was not allowed to contact his family or a lawyer.

"I actually had a lot of discussion with a Thai official, but because he didn't speak English very well, I couldn't hear him very well. But there was one word I heard very clearly: blacklist," he told reporters after arriving back in Hong Kong.

Wong, who last year was prevented from entering Malaysia, said he was relieved he did not end up like five Hong Kong booksellers who disappeared and later turned up in custody in mainland China. One of them, Chinese-born Gui Minhai, who is a naturalized Swedish citizen, vanished from his holiday home in Thailand.

"If I hadn't returned to Hong Kong, I can't imagine what kind of situation I'd be in," Wong said. "Fortunately, I did not become another missing person."

The bookseller case and other incidents have intensified fears in Hong Kong that Beijing is overstep-

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ping its boundaries and undermining a "one-country, two systems" formula that governs the territory's relationship with the mainland.

If it's true Beijing leaned on Thailand, "it will seriously damage the reputation of the Chinese government and it will show a very bad example of how the Chinese government deals with human rights defenders in Hong Kong," said Nathan Law, who co-founded the political party Demosisto with Wong earlier this year. Law, 23, was elected Hong Kong's youngest legislator last month. Their party wants a referendum on "self-determination" on the future status of Hong Kong, which is in the middle of a 50-year transition period to Chinese rule.

Amnesty International said the decision to block Wong, who inspired student activists in Thailand, "underscores the government's willingness to suppress the right to freedom of expression and raises serious concerns about how China is using its influence over Thai authorities."

China's Foreign Ministry said in a brief statement that it was aware of reports of Wong's detention, but did not say whether China had asked Thailand to detain him — only that it respected Thailand's ability to manage the entrance of people into the country "in accordance with law."

"Thailand's arrest of Joshua Wong, a well-known pro-democracy activist in Hong Kong, sadly suggests that Bangkok is willing to do Beijing's bidding. Wong should be freed immediately and allowed to travel and exercise his right to free expression," said Sophie Richardson, China director at Human Rights Watch.

Refusing entry to Wong would also be in line with recent moves by Thailand's military rulers, who seized power in a 2014 coup.

The government has shown zero tolerance for dissent and has cracked down hard on its own student activists who have protested the military rule. It has detained students and stopped speeches from taking place. Last month, Thai authorities threatened to arrest Amnesty International speakers who planned to hold a news conference to release a report detailing allegations of torture at the hands of the military and police, causing the rights group to cancel the event.

Wong was also turned back in May 2015 when trying to enter Malaysia to speak at seminars in four cities. Malaysian officials said Wong was banned from entering the country but did not explain why.

Natnicha reported from Bangkok. AP video journalist Tassanee Vejpongsa in Bangkok and AP researcher Henry Hou in Beijing contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. HOW VP CANDIDATES FARED IN ONLY DEBATE

Republican Mike Pence was calm and steady in the face of Democrat Tim Kaine's fiery and frequent challenges, but the Indiana governor never fully defended Donald Trump.

2. WHERE HURRICANE MATTHEW IS HEADED NEXT

The Category 4 storm takes its dangerous winds toward the southern Bahamas, leaving behind wide-spread damage and human suffering in Haiti.

3. WHAT HAS SOUTHERN OFFICIALS CONCERNED

Hurricane Matthew's slog toward the East Coast has governments worried about complacency, especially in South Florida, which hasn't seen a major hurricane in 11 years.

4. PRO-DEMOCRACY ACTIVIST BARRED FROM THAILAND

Joshua Wong, 19, has been sent back to Hong Kong and a Thai activist says it came at the request of the Chinese government.

5. LAPD CHIEF HASTENS VIDEO RELEASE TO STEM TENSIONS

Charlie Beck has become the latest top cop to expedite the release of video of a deadly confrontation between police and a black man in order to diffuse public angst.

6. SAUDI TEEN'S ONLINE FASCINATION GOES AWRY

"Abu Sin" was arrested over concern his clumsy cyber flirtation with 21-year-old Californian Christina

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Crockett violated the kingdom's conservative norms.

7. 3 AWARDED NOBEL CHEMISTRY PRIZE

Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Fraser Stoddart and Bernard Feringa win for developing the world's smallest machines, work that could revolutionize computer technology and lead to a new type of battery.

8. 'HEY SIRI,' YOU'VE GOT COMPETITION

Amazon, Google and others are pitching simple and cheap gadgets like "smart speakers" intended to colonize the living room with a working equivalent of the Apple personal assistant.

9. NEW BAN ON PANGOLIN TRADE MAY HELP MOST TRAFFICKED MAMMAL

In some parts of Asia, pangolin meat is considered a delicacy, while its scales of keratin, the protein in fingernails and rhino horn, are widely used in traditional Chinese medicine.

10. JAYS BEAT ORIOLES IN BATTLE OF THE BIRDS

Edwin Encarnacion's three-run homer in the 11th inning lifts Toronto past Baltimore 5-2 in the AL wild card game to advance to a Division Series matchup against Texas.

Bahamas next up for Matthew after destructive path in Haiti

By DAVID MCFADDEN, Associated Press

PETIT-GOAVE, Haiti (AP) — Hurricane Matthew churned toward the Bahamas early Wednesday with a spreading mix of high winds, heavy rains and a dangerous storm surge, leaving widespread damage and human suffering behind in Haiti's poor, rural southwestern peninsula.

At least 11 deaths had been blamed on the powerful storm during its weeklong march across the Caribbean, five of them in Haiti. But with a key bridge washed out, roads impassable and phone communications down, the western tip of Haiti was isolated and there was no word on dead and injured.

Forecasters said the high winds, pounding rains and storm surge were already beginning to have an impact in the southern Bahamas as the powerful Category 3 hurricane left Haiti and eastern Cuba behind and marched toward the island chain over open waters Wednesday.

A day earlier, Matthew swept across a remote area of Haiti with 145 mph winds, and government leaders said they weren't close to fully gauging the impact in the vulnerable, flood-prone country where less powerful storms have killed thousands.

"What we know is that many, many houses have been damaged. Some lost rooftops and they'll have to be replaced while others were totally destroyed," Interior Minister Francois Anick Joseph said.

The hurricane also had made landfall Tuesday night near Cuba's sparsely populated eastern tip with no immediate reports of major damage.

By Wednesday it was moving again over open waters on a forecast path expected to take it very near Florida's Atlantic coast by Thursday evening.

At 5 a.m. EDT (0900 GMT) Matthew's eye was about 65 miles (110 kilometers) north-northwest of the tip of eastern Cuba. Matthew had top sustained winds of 125 mph (205 kph) and was heading north at 10 mph (17 kph) as it was taking aim at the Bahamas.

Tropical storm conditions began spreading over the southeastern Bahamas early Wednesday, with hurricane conditions expected to follow later, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

Bahamas Prime Minister Perry Christie voiced concern about the potential impact on the sprawling archipelago off Florida's east coast.

"We're worried because we do not control nature," he said.

The hurricane center said winds had slightly decreased overnight as Matthew dropped from a Category 4 to a still powerful Category 3 storm early Wednesday. But forecasters warned such fluctuations in intensity were expected and that Matthew would remain a powerful and dangerous storm over coming days.

There was growing concern on the U.S. East Coast, which was expected to come under threat after Matthew made a two-day surge up the length of the Bahamas. People raced to supermarkets, gas stations and hardware stores, buying up groceries, water, plywood, tarps, batteries and propane.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott urged coastal residents to prepare for the possibility of a direct hit and line up three days' worth of food, water and medicine. The White House said relief supplies were being moved

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to emergency staging areas in the Southeast.

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said she would issue an evacuation order Wednesday so 1 million people would have time to leave the coast. The Red Cross put out a call for volunteers there.

In Haiti, where international aid efforts were stymied Tuesday because of the lack of access to the hardest-hit areas, many residents of flooded areas seen by Associated Press reporters were wading through shin-high waters.

Muddy rivers and tributaries continued to rise as water flowed down hillsides and mountains, making more flash floods and mudslides possible even Matthew tracked away from the country.

Matthew was at one point a Category 5 storm, making it the most powerful hurricane in the region in nearly a decade. It blew ashore around dawn Tuesday in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and a place where many people live in shacks of wood or concrete blocks.

Mourad Wahba, U.N. secretary-general's deputy special representative for Haiti, said at least 10,000 people were in shelters and hospitals were overflowing and running short of water. Wahba's statement called the hurricane's destruction the "largest humanitarian event" in Haiti since the devastating earthquake of January 2010.

Surging waters ripped away a bridge in the flooded town of Petit Goave, preventing any road travel to the hard-hit southwest. Local radio reported water shoulder high in parts of the southern city of Les Cayes.

Milriste Nelson, a 65-year-old farmer in the town of Leogane, said neighbors fled when the wind tore away the corrugated metal roof on their home. His own small yard was strewn with the fruit he depends on for his livelihood.

"All the banana trees, all the mangos, everything is gone," Nelson said as he boiled breadfruit over a charcoal fire. "This country is going to fall deeper into misery."

Haitian authorities had tried to evacuate people from the most vulnerable areas ahead of the storm, but many were reluctant to leave their homes. Some sought shelter only after the worst was already upon them.

Rainfall totals were predicted to reach 15 to 25 inches in Haiti, with up to 40 inches in isolated places.

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AP FACT CHECK: Claims in the VP debate

By **CALVIN WOODWARD** and **JOSH BOAK**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not all the claims in the vice presidential debate stand up to scrutiny. A look at some of them and how they compare with the facts:

REPUBLICAN MIKE PENCE: "The fact that under this past administration, we've almost doubled the national debt is atrocious. ... Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine want more of the same."

THE FACTS: As a share of the total U.S. economy, the national debt has gone up 35 percent; not a doubling.

Still, the debt has ballooned to \$19.6 trillion. This largely reflected efforts by the Obama administration to stop the Great Recession.

Would Clinton similarly increase the debt? Not according to an analysis by the independent Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

The Clinton plan with its tax increases would increase the gross debt — both privately and publicly held— by \$450 billion over 10 years. Mind you, that is on top of an \$8.8 trillion increase already projected by the government under current law.

As for Donald Trump, the committee says his tax-cut-heavy plan would increase the gross debt by \$4.3 trillion —nearly 10 times more than Clinton's plan would do.

DEMOCRAT TIM Kaine on immigration: "Our plan is like Ronald Reagan in 1986."

THE FACTS: There are similarities for sure but Clinton's proposal would have far broader impact. The

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estimated population of immigrants living in the United States illegally is now roughly 11 million. In 1986, the so-called Reagan amnesty bill legalized the immigration status of about 3 million people.

There are also some notable differences between the law signed by President Reagan and Clinton's proposal. The Reagan law included a provision that made it illegal for businesses to hire workers who don't have the legal right to work in the United States. Enforcement of that provision has never fully materialized. Clinton's plan as laid out in her campaign website does not address workforce enforcement.

KAINE on Trump's tax plan: "The second component of the plan is massive tax breaks for the very top, trillions of dollars of tax breaks for people just like Donald Trump. The problem with this ... is that's exactly what we did 10 years ago and it put the economy into the deepest recession — the deepest recession since the 1930s."

THE FACTS: There's no serious argument that the Bush tax cuts brought on the recession. The recession was driven largely by the bust in the housing market. Critics might blame lax oversight by the Bush administration of the financial markets and of lenders, but the tax cuts were not a major factor in the recession. It's true they failed to spur significant income growth before the housing bubble popped nearly a decade ago, leading to a wave of foreclosures as the economy plunged into its deepest downturn since the Great Depression. But President Barack Obama chose to extend some of them in order to deal with the recession and its aftermath.

DEMOCRAT TIM KAINE, on fighting the Islamic State: "Donald Trump doesn't have a plan."

THE FACTS: Clinton also doesn't have a plan that is materially different than what President Barack Obama is already doing.

She's described a three-part strategy that involves crushing IS "on its home turf" in the Middle East, disrupting its infrastructure on the ground and online, and protecting America and its allies. All are current elements of the Obama administration's strategy, so it's not clear what would change or if she would accelerate any portions of it.

It's also the case that Trump has not laid out a clear plan, though he claims to have a "secret" one that he won't detail.

PENCE: "The Trump Foundation is a private family foundation. They give virtually every cent in the Trump Foundation to charitable causes. Less than 10 cents on the dollar in the Clinton Foundation has gone to charitable causes."

THE FACTS: Rather than send money to other charities, the Clinton Foundation tends to spend its money on its own charitable programs. Pence's claim ignores these internal initiatives, overlooking the Clinton Foundation's work on African farming, climate change and AIDS treatment. Many non-profits spend the bulk of their charitable money on their own efforts rather than on outside charitable groups.

As for Trump's foundation, multiple questions have been raised about its namesake's generosity.

Money has been used to buy paintings of Trump and a signed football helmet that belonged to Tim Tebow. Money from the foundation has also helped settle legal cases against Trump's for-profit businesses, according to The Washington Post. Trump even paid the IRS a \$2,500 penalty this year after it was uncovered that the foundation broke tax laws by giving a political contribution to Florida's attorney general.

PENCE, calling Clinton the "architect of the Obama administration's foreign policy," says the crisis in Syria was the result of a "failed and weak foreign policy that Hillary Clinton helped lead."

THE FACTS: Clinton, as secretary of state, actually pushed for increased U.S. intervention after Syrian President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons against rebels. But Obama is the commander in chief and nothing has swayed him thus far. Whatever her failings might be on foreign policy, it's a stretch to accuse her of helping to lead a weak policy on Syria.

PENCE: "Hillary Clinton had a private server in her home that had classified information on it about drone

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strikes. Emails from the president of the United States of America were on there, her private server was subject to being hacked by foreign ...”

KAINE: “A Republican FBI director did an investigation and concluded ... there was no reasonable prosecutor who would take it further.”

THE FACTS: Both are right, but they left out key details. Of 30,000 emails examined from Clinton’s private server, more than 2,000 did contain some classified information. But nearly all were designated classified long after they were either sent or received by Clinton. FBI Director James Comey also said the FBI found that Clinton’s server was vulnerable to hacking by foreign powers but found no evidence that her system was breached.

Comey indeed concluded that no reasonable prosecutor would have recommended that Clinton or others face prosecution in the email probe. As for his being a “Republican FBI director,” he was a Republican for most of his adult life, but says he’s no longer registered with the party.

PENCE: “We’ve seen an economy stifled by more taxes, more regulation, a war on coal.”

THE FACTS: The coal industry’s woes don’t come solely from onerous federal regulations. Pence omitted the effects of steep competition from cheap natural gas.

A string of major coal companies have filed for bankruptcy in recent years, including Arch Coal, Alpha Natural Resources and Peabody Energy. Layoffs and cutbacks have spread economic suffering through coal country in the Appalachians and Wyoming’s Powder River Basin. By contrast, these are boom times for natural gas extraction, mostly due to hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

Still, the Obama administration has implemented rules that aren’t making the coal industry’s life any easier. Obama last year imposed a rule requiring coal-fired power plants to cut their carbon emissions as part of his effort to combat climate change. The rule has been suspended pending a legal challenge. Obama also has halted new coal leases on federal lands until it completes a comprehensive review.

PENCE, saying he’s proud that “the state of Indiana has balanced budgets.”

THE FACTS: True, but that’s not exactly to his credit as governor of Indiana. A balanced budget is required by law, as it is in every state except Vermont.

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Kaine attacks, Pence fights back in vigorous VP debate

By JULIE PACE and THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

FARMVILLE, Va. (AP) — Democrat Tim Kaine aggressively challenged Republican Mike Pence over a long list of Donald Trump’s controversial positions and statements Tuesday night, drawing a vigorous defense of Trump’s tax history. But Pence sidestepped criticism of Trump’s demeaning comments about women, his public doubting of Barack Obama’s citizenship and broader questions about his temperament.

Indiana Gov. Pence and Virginia Sen. Kaine, who have received little attention in a race focused on Trump and Hillary Clinton, faced off for 90 minutes in the only vice presidential debate of the campaign.

With the close White House race perhaps starting to tip in Clinton’s favor, Pence outlined a detailed conservative agenda on tax policy, entitlements and immigration. He was markedly more prepared and more detailed in his answers than Trump was in last week’s first presidential debate. He was also more consistent in painting the Democratic ticket as career politicians unwilling to shake up Washington.

“Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine want more of the same,” Pence said. He also repeatedly accused the Democrats of running an “insult-driven” campaign — an ironic attack line given that Trump has leveled repeated insults against Clinton and his former rivals in the Republican primaries.

There was a striking difference in the two men’s manner. Kaine, Clinton’s usually easygoing No. 2, went on the attack from the start, repeatedly interrupting and challenging Pence. Pence, an equally genial

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politician, was unflappable.

Kaine pressured Pence to answer for some of his running mate's provocative statements, using Trump's own words such as dismissing some women as pigs or slob. He also challenged Pence on Trump's decision to break with decades of campaign tradition by not releasing his taxes.

"Donald Trump must give the American public his tax returns to show he's prepared to be president, and he's breaking his promise," Kaine said.

Asked about reports that Trump might not have paid any federal taxes for years, Pence said his running mate "used the tax code just the way it's supposed to be used, and he did it brilliantly."

Records obtained by The New York Times showed Trump suffered more than \$900 million in losses in 1995 that could have allowed him to avoid paying federal income taxes for as many as 18 years.

Kaine, too, defended his running mate's weaknesses, chiefly the public's questions about her honesty and trustworthiness. He said that while Trump was "selfish," Clinton had devoted her career to helping children and families.

Social issues were a bigger part of the conversation than in the first presidential showdown, reflecting both candidates' religious faith.

Kaine, a Catholic who personally opposes abortion but has consistently voted in favor of abortion rights, said of the Republican nominee, "Why doesn't Donald Trump trust women to make this choice for themselves?" He also pointed to Trump's assertion that women should face some kind of "punishment" for abortion, a comment Trump later walked back.

Pence, raised Catholic but now a Protestant evangelical, stressed his opposition to abortion and said he was "proud to be standing with Donald Trump" on the issue.

On national security, Kaine revived Trump's frequently flattering comments about Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"He loves dictators," Kaine said. "He's got like a personal Mount Rushmore: Vladimir Putin, Kim Jong Un, Moammar Gadhafi and Saddam Hussein."

Pence tried to flip the tables by accusing Kaine's running mate of stoking Russia's belligerence.

"The weak and feckless foreign policy of Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama has awakened an aggression in Russia that first appeared in Russia a few years ago," Pence said. "All the while, all we do is fold our arms and say we're not having talks anymore."

On criminal justice, Kaine argued that Trump's embrace of "stop and frisk" style policing was a mistake. Pence argued that Clinton has used police shootings to argue that there is "implicit bias" in police departments, and he said the Democrats should "stop seizing on these moments of tragedy."

Kaine quickly shot back: "I can't believe you are defending the position that there's no bias."

Tuesday's contest was the only time Kaine and Pence will face off in this election, while Trump and Clinton tangle in three contests.

Clinton was widely viewed as the winner of her opening debate with Trump, rattling the real estate mogul with jabs about his business record and demeaning statements about women, and responding to his attacks with calm rejoinders. New public opinion polls have showed her improving her standing in nearly all battleground states.

At least some of Clinton's bounce is likely attributable to Trump's conduct coming out of the debate. He redoubled his criticism of a beauty queen and her weight, one of the topics Clinton raised in the debate, and went on a pre-dawn Twitter tirade trying to disparage the former Miss Universe.

While Trump has five weeks until Election Day to regain his footing, early voting is already underway in some states.

The vice presidential showdown at Virginia's Longwood University was moderated by Elaine Quijano of CBS News. While last week's first presidential debate was watched by a record-setting television audience of 84 million people, Tuesday's contest was expected to have smaller viewership given Pence and Kaine's lower profiles in the campaign.

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Debate Takeaways: Kaine challenges Pence to defend Trump

By LISA LERER and ALAN SUDERMAN, Associated Press

FARMVILLE, Va. (AP) — Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine repeatedly challenged Mike Pence during Tuesday's vice presidential debate, attempting to tie the Indiana governor to some of Donald Trump's most controversial statements about women, immigrants and foreign policy. Trump's running mate maintained a folksy, soft-spoken demeanor, even as he mounted an uneven defense of the New York billionaire.

Rather than commenting on some of the GOP candidate's most inflammatory comments, Pence attempted to turn the attacks back on Kaine's running mate, Hillary Clinton, repeatedly questioning her trustworthiness and raising questions about her use of a private email server and her family's foundation.

The two men engaged in a surprisingly contentious back-and-forth on the debate stage at Longwood University, a 90-minute exchange that introduced two little-known politicians to the national stage.

Here are the top takeaways from Tuesday's vice presidential debate:

WHO'S ON STAGE?

Hillary Clinton. Donald Trump. Hillary Clinton. Donald Trump.

Most of the debate was dominated by people not on the stage: the presidential candidates. Rather than go after each other, the two men immediately took aim at the tops of their tickets.

In his first response, Kaine took aim at Trump, saying the idea of the Republican nominee as commander in chief "scares" his family "to death."

Pence shot back, saying Americans were right to question Clinton's trustworthiness, citing her use of a private email system while serving as secretary of state. "That's because they're paying attention," he said.

Neither Pence nor Kaine was pressed to defend any issues in their own records, including the policy differences they have with their running mates.

PENCE THE IGNORER

Kaine repeatedly tried to hold Pence accountable for Trump's most explosive statements, opening the debate by calling him "Donald Trump's apprentice."

Pence did defend Trump over a New York Times report that Trump may have avoided paying taxes for nearly two decades. Trump, said Pence, used the tax code "brilliantly" during a "tough time."

But for most of the debate, Pence simply turned the attacks back on Clinton, leaving hanging questions about Trump's criticisms of a federal judge, women and immigrants. Rather than defend Trump's foreign policy positions, he criticized Clinton's "weak and feckless leadership."

At one point, Pence said he is "happy to defend" Trump, but then moved on to a discussion about Russia without addressing numerous issues raised by Kaine.

Kaine kept a tally of Pence's dodges, announcing more than an hour into the debate that Pence had avoided defending Trump six times.

TRUMP'S SOFTER SIDE

Pence tried to turn the tables on the Democratic ticket by presenting Kaine and Clinton as offering an "avalanche of insults" and casting Trump in the model of a traditional GOP candidate.

After Kaine recounted a series of controversial statements Trump has made about President Barack Obama, Mexican immigrants, women and other groups, Pence wondered incredulously, "Ours is an insult-driven campaign?"

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Pence offered softer rhetoric when describing the controversial policies at the core of Trump's campaign — his promises to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border and an early vow to bar foreign Muslims from entering the U.S. He said Trump is eager to work across the aisle to toughen border security and support community policing.

"He's not a polished politician like you and Hillary Clinton," he said when Kaine raised Trump's statement that women should be punished for having abortions.

Even as Pence was defending Trump, however, the businessman was tweeting — and retweeting — insults. "Kaine looks like an evil crook out of the Batman movies," read one tweet that Trump re-posted to his account.

FEISTY VS. FOLKSY

The two vice presidential candidates took different approaches to the debate, with Kaine hectoring Pence on nearly every response. The Republican National Committee, eager to paint Clinton's typically easygoing number two as unlikable, kept a tally of over 70 interruptions.

Pence took a different tack. Between attacks, he sprinkled personal stories and promises to work across the aisle— even offering damning praise for Clinton and Kaine.

"Hillary Clinton and Senator Kaine — God bless you for it, career public servants, that's great — Donald Trump is a businessman, not a career politician," he said.

KAINE'S ZINGERS

Kaine came packing — zingers, that is. He lobbed so many prepared soundbites that Pence called out his "predone lines."

"Did you work on that one a long time? Because that had a lot of creative lines in it," Pence said at one point.

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Hurricane Matthew slams Haiti, takes aim at US East Coast

By DAVID MCFADDEN, Associated Press

PETIT-GOAVE, Haiti (AP) — Hurricane Matthew slammed into Haiti's southwestern tip with howling 145 mph winds Tuesday, knocking down trees and tearing off roofs in the poor and largely rural area, while inundating neighborhoods in floodwaters and mud.

By nightfall, at least 11 deaths had been blamed on the powerful storm during its week-long march across the Caribbean. But with a key bridge washed out, impassable roads and phone communication cut off with Haiti's hardest-hit area, there was no way to know how many people might be dead or injured.

Matthew, slightly weakened but still a dangerous Category 4 storm with 130 mph winds, whipped at Cuba's sparsely populated eastern tip Tuesday night, as it headed for a two-day run up the length of the Bahamas that would take it near the U.S. coast.

Twenty-foot waves pounded the seafront promenade in the Cuban town of Baracoa. Powerful winds rattled the walls of homes and heavy rain caused some flooding. But state media said late Tuesday there were no immediate reports of serious damage.

Hours after Matthew made landfall on Haiti's now-marooned southwestern peninsula, government leaders said they couldn't fully gauge the impact.

"What we know is that many, many houses have been damaged. Some lost rooftops and they'll have to be replaced while others were totally destroyed," Interior Minister Francois Anick Joseph said.

At least five deaths were blamed on the storm in Haiti, including a 26-year-old man who drowned trying to rescue a child who fell into a rushing river, authorities said. The child was saved. The mayor in flooded

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Petit Goave reported two people died there, including a woman who was killed by a falling electrical pole. Four deaths were recorded in the neighboring Dominican Republic and one each in Colombia and in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Forecasters said Matthew could be threatening Florida by Thursday night and would likely push its way up the East Coast through the weekend. The forecast triggered a rush by Americans to stock up on food, gasoline and other emergency supplies.

The storm — at one point the most powerful hurricane in the region in nearly a decade — blew ashore around dawn in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, hitting a corner of Haiti where many people live in shacks of wood or concrete blocks.

Mourad Wahba, U.N. secretary-general's deputy special representative for Haiti, said at least 10,000 people were in shelters and hospitals were overflowing and running short of water. Wahba's statement called the hurricane's destruction the "largest humanitarian event" in Haiti since the devastating earthquake of January 2010.

Matthew left the peninsula that runs along the southern coast of Haiti cut off from the rest of the country. A bridge in the flooded town of Petit Goave was destroyed, preventing any road travel to the hard-hit southwest. Local radio said water was shoulder high in parts of the city of Les Cayes.

Milriste Nelson, a 65-year-old farmer in the town of Leogane, said his neighbors fled when the wind ripped the corrugated metal roof from their home. His own small yard was strewn with the fruit he depends on for his livelihood.

"All the banana trees, all the mangos, everything is gone," Nelson said as he boiled breadfruit over a charcoal fire in the gray morning light. "This country is going to fall deeper into misery."

Haitian authorities had tried to evacuate people from the most vulnerable areas ahead of the storm, but many were reluctant to leave their homes. Some sought shelter only after the worst was already upon them.

Before cellular communications went out in the southwestern town of Jeremie, one resident described seeing panicked people who didn't evacuate coastal homes and were frantically seeking shelter at dawn.

"Some people who lived by the sea are walking with their things through flooded streets looking for somewhere to go," said Iralien St. Louis, a photographer who was hunkered down at his home.

Matthew was expected to drop 15 to 25 inches of rain, and up to 40 inches (100 centimeters) in isolated places of Haiti, along with up to 10 feet (3 meters) of storm surge and battering waves.

"They are getting everything a major hurricane can throw at them," said Dennis Feltgen, a meteorologist with the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Matthew briefly reached the top classification, Category 5, as it moved across the Caribbean late last week, becoming the strongest hurricane in the region since Felix in 2007.

As of 11 p.m. EDT (0300 GMT), the storm's center was moving back into open waters from Cuba's northeastern coast. It was heading north at 8 mph (13 kph). Its sustained winds were 130 mph (215 kph).

In the U.S., Florida Gov. Rick Scott urged coastal residents to prepare for the possibility of a direct hit and line up three days' worth of food, water and medicine. The Red Cross put out a call for volunteers in South Carolina. And the White House said relief supplies were being moved to emergency staging areas in the Southeast.

People raced to supermarkets, gas stations and hardware stores, buying up groceries, water, plywood, tarps, batteries and propane. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said she would issue an evacuation order Wednesday so 1 million people would have time to leave the coast.

In the storm-hardened Bahamas, Prime Minister Perry Christie voiced concern about the looming hurricane. "We're worried because we do not control nature," he said.

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Weird science: 3 win Nobel for unusual states of matter

By MALCOLM RITTER and KARL RITTER, Associated Press

How is a doughnut like a coffee cup? The answer helped three British-born scientists win the Nobel prize in physics Tuesday.

Their work could help lead to more powerful computers and improved materials for electronics.

David Thouless, Duncan Haldane and Michael Kosterlitz, who are now affiliated with universities in the United States, were honored for work in the 1970s and '80s that shed light on strange states of matter.

"Their discoveries have brought about breakthroughs in the theoretical understanding of matter's mysteries and created new perspectives on the development of innovative materials," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

Thouless, 82, is a professor emeritus at the University of Washington. Haldane, 65, is a physics professor at Princeton University in New Jersey. Kosterlitz, 73, is a physics professor at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and currently a visiting lecturer at Aalto University in Helsinki.

The 8 million kronor (\$930,000) award was divided with one half going to Thouless and the other to Haldane and Kosterlitz.

They investigated strange states of matter like superconductivity, the ability of a material to conduct electricity without resistance.

Their work called on an abstract mathematical field called topology, which presents a particular way to describe some properties of matter. In this realm, a doughnut and a coffee cup are basically the same thing because each contains precisely one hole. Topology describes properties that can only change in full steps; you can't have half a hole.

"Using topology as a tool, they were able to astound the experts," the academy said.

For example, in the 1970s, Kosterlitz and Thouless showed that very thin layers of material — essentially containing only two dimensions rather than three — could undergo fundamental changes known as phase transitions. One example is when a material is chilled enough that it can start showing superconductivity.

Scientists had thought phase changes were impossible in just two dimensions, but the two men showed that changes do occur and that they were rooted in topology.

"This was a radically new way of looking at phases of matter," said Sankar Das Sarma, a physicist at the University of Maryland in College Park.

"Now everywhere we look we find that topology affects the physical world," he said.

Haldane was cited for theoretical studies of chains of magnetic atoms that appear in some materials. He said he found out about the prize through an early morning telephone call.

"My first thought was someone had died," he told The Associated Press. "But then a lady with a Swedish accent was on the line. It was pretty unexpected."

Kosterlitz, a dual U.K.-U.S. citizen, said he got the news in a parking garage while heading to lunch in Helsinki.

"I'm a little bit dazzled. I'm still trying to take it in," he told AP.

Michael Thouless, son of David Thouless, told the AP his father wasn't able to give interviews because of medical reasons. In a statement Michael Thouless said his father "was moved and honored to learn of the Nobel Prize, and he was very happy to hear that he would share it with Mike Kosterlitz and Duncan Haldane."

Nobel committee member David Haviland said this year's prize was more about theoretical discoveries even though they may result in practical applications.

"These theoreticians have come up with a description of these materials using topological ideas, which have proven very fruitful and has led to a lot of ongoing research about material properties," he said.

Haldane said the award-winning research is just starting to have practical applications.

"The big hope is that some of these new materials could lead to quantum computers and other new technology," he said.

Quantum computers could be powerful tools, but Kosterlitz was not so sure about the prospects for

developing them.

"I've been waiting for my desktop quantum computer for years, but it's still showing no signs of appearing," he said. "At the risk of making a bad mistake, I would say that this quantum computation stuff is a long way from being practical."

This year's Nobel Prize announcements started Monday with the medicine award going to Japanese biologist Yoshinori Ohsumi for discoveries on autophagy, the process by which a cell breaks down and recycles content.

The chemistry prize will be announced on Wednesday and the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday. The economics and literature awards will be announced next week.

Besides the prize money, the winners get a medal and a diploma at the award ceremonies on Dec. 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896.

Malcolm Ritter reported from New York. Karl Ritter reported from Stockholm. Associated Press writers Keith Moore in Stockholm, Matti Huuhtanen in Helsinki and Shawn Marsh in Trenton, New Jersey, contributed to this report.

Chicago proposal to revamp police misconduct probes advances

By DON BABWIN and MICHAEL TARM, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's plan to create a new agency to better investigate police shootings and misconduct allegations is moving toward approval, even as critics say it's not strong enough to keep a close eye on a police force plagued by a reputation for brutality and experts say it doesn't match efforts of other cities facing similar challenges.

After months of community hearings about the need for an agency with enough money to conduct adequate investigations, the freedom to take those investigations wherever they lead and the need for input from residents, a City Council committee on Tuesday took up an ordinance recommending the creation of Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA).

The aldermen sitting on the committee voted 21-4 late Tuesday to recommend that the new agency be approved by the full City Council on Wednesday.

In a statement, Emanuel praised the committee's action, saying the creation of the new agency is critical to restoring trust between the Chicago Police Department and the city's residents.

"Our residents and our officers deserve certainty about the disciplinary process, and it is up to us to ensure the right tools are in place for thorough and timely investigations of complaints against officers," he said.

But while the ordinance was hailed by aldermen as a major first step, critics who assailed the proposal inside and outside of Tuesday's hearing made clear they felt it fell well short of restoring the public trust in the department that was shattered by the release last year of a video of a white police officer fatally shooting black teenager Laquan McDonald.

Opponents contend the proposal does not immediately include the creation of a new civilian agency that could provide input and oversight, relies on insufficient funding and hinges on a hiring requirement for attorneys that could promote conflict of interest.

"It will be independent and the community will be involved moving forward," said Aldermen Ariel Reboyras, who presided over Tuesday's joint meeting of the council's Committee on Budget and Government Operations and Committee on Public Safety. He said if funding is inadequate, then Council ensure it gets more money.

But opponents weren't buying it.

"No matter how many tears Rahm Emanuel sheds at press conferences, if he is unwilling to promote the substantive changes we demand, the world will know that he is only feigning compassion for communities of color that continue to be victimized by those sworn to serve and protect them," said Brenda Sheriff, of the NAACP's Chicago Southside Branch.

The ordinance would create a new agency to replace the Independent Police Review Authority, which has been criticized for not completing investigations in a timely manner and nearly always siding with officers.

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Under the ordinance, the new board will investigate shootings, incidents when officers used Tasers, allegations of physical and psychological coercion of witnesses by officers, as well as allegations that officers conducted improper searches or denied suspects access to attorneys. And the new board will have to do it much quicker than IPRA did, with the ordinance requiring that COPA complete its investigations within six months or offer an explanation to the mayor and others why it needs more time.

The new ordinance also will create a new deputy inspector general for public safety, who will monitor the police force, and increases the budget of Inspector General Joe Ferguson's office to pay for it. The ordinance proposed Tuesday calls for the new agency to receive a guaranteed budget of 1 percent of the police department's budget, not including grant funding. That's about \$14 million a year, or a little more than \$2 million more than IPRA's budget.

Emanuel's new ordinance also prohibits the new agency from hiring as investigators anyone who has been a Chicago police officer within the last five years — an effort to satisfy reform advocates who worried that people who were recently on the force may not aggressively investigate police officers.

A primary concern among opponents is that Emanuel did not propose immediately creating a new civilian agency that would help select a new head of COPA. Some in the audience accused the city of stalling, but the city's lawyer, Corporation Counsel Steve Patton, said that more community input was necessary in creating what he called a community safety oversight board. He said that the aldermen would be asked to pass a resolution on Wednesday that calls for drafting an ordinance creating the new board by early next year.

One national expert said once the board is created, the public may remain suspicious if the members are selected by city officials.

"The average person doesn't know who these people are, whether they are trying hard or just stooges for people in city government," said Tim Lynch, who directs the Cato Institute's project on Criminal Justice that has studied extensively and written about civilian review boards.

Lynch says he knows of only one city — Detroit — where voters have a say in who sits on its civilian review board.

There is also concern that the money allotted the new investigative agency will fall short of what is needed to conduct thorough investigations. Craig Futterman, a University of Chicago law professor who has extensively studied the police department and its handling of officer-involved shootings and misconduct allegations, said his own analysis shows that the new agency needs about \$9 million more annually to conduct thorough investigations.

"One of the big reasons why IPRA fell short in the past is that it did not have the resources it needed," he said.

Critics say equally troubling is the provision in the ordinance that calls for the new agency to hire its own attorneys from a list of five law firms previously approved by the city's law department.

"These law firms... may have other business with the city, its law department, so there may be some explicit or implicit conflict of interest there," said Lynch.

Samuel Walker, who teaches criminal justice at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and has researched police oversight board's nationwide, said looking outside the city or even the state to fill COPA posts can help ensure evenhandedness and objectivity.

Walker singled out New York City for having a system that includes current police department Inspector General Philip K. Eure, who had previously been executive director of the District of Columbia's Office of Police Complaints.

Video of Los Angeles police shooting shows suspect with gun

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS** and **CHRISTOPHER WEBER**, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Video released Tuesday shows a black man killed by Los Angeles police was armed just before he was shot dead but the footage failed to capture him when officers say he twice turned toward them holding the loaded semi-automatic handgun.

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The video shows the man identified by police as 18-year-old Carnell Snell crouching behind an SUV parked at a strip mall and pulling a handgun from the waistband of his sweatpants.

Snell then tucks the gun back into his waistband and runs around the corner of a strip mall as officers chase him. All then disappear from view because they were no longer within the range of the surveillance camera.

Snell's shooting Saturday came amid heightened tensions over police actions involving black people and other minorities across the country. Snell was the third black man in five days killed in confrontations with Southern California police.

Police said the video — posted to the police department's YouTube channel following pressure by protesters to release it — supports the account LAPD Chief Charlie Beck gave defending the shooting.

Beck said the video showed Snell had an opportunity to get rid of the gun but decided to keep it when he ran around a corner of the strip mall, disappearing from the footage that showed two officers running after him.

"Obviously if you're not seeking confrontation why wouldn't you just discard the weapon?" Beck said.

After Snell ran around the mall's corner and out of range of the camera, he sprinted between two houses and turned toward officers while holding the gun, Beck said.

Officers fired three shots that missed Snell, who then climbed a fence and turned again toward the officers while holding the gun, Beck said. Police fired three more times, hitting Snell in the torso and knee.

The video showing the moments leading up to the shooting was made public just as Black Lives Matter organizers gathered Tuesday morning to protest Snell's killing at a meeting of the Los Angeles Police Commission.

Demonstrators at the civilian oversight board's meeting continuously disrupted Beck and commission members with expletives and insults and ignored repeated requests to maintain order. One woman who said her son had been killed by police threatened to kill officers herself.

No arrests were made but the meeting was closed to the public after protesters refused to stop chanting, "Black lives, they matter here!"

Protester Melina Abdullah accused police of selectively releasing a portion of video of Snell's shooting to "posthumously assassinate" his character.

"I don't care if he had a gun," she shouted. "His life matters."

The release of the video marked the latest example of police departments that have decided to release footage of deadly confrontations amid public pressure.

In North Carolina, Charlotte police released snippets of recordings showing Keith Lamont Scott slowly backing out of an SUV on Sept. 20. Police fatally shot Scott after they say he refused commands to put down a gun.

In the San Diego suburb of El Cajon, police released a still frame showing 38-year-old Alfred Olango with his hands together at chest level and pointed at an officer directly in front of him.

Olango was fatally shot after he swiftly drew an object from his front pocket and pointed at the officer in a "shooting stance," police said. The object turned out to be a 4-inch vape pen — an electronic cigarette device.

The LAPD typically releases video of police shootings only when ordered to do so by courts. Beck told reporters the Snell video was released in the interest of public safety and to correct misinformation.

"This is not done in any way to denigrate Mr. Snell," he said.

Asked whether he thought the video would ease anger among protesters, he said "there are folks that will not believe any narrative" presented by police.

"I think that this video is not for them, the folks that are going to find holes in whatever I present to them," he said. "Unless they were physically present they are not going to believe the police's point of view on this."

Mayor Eric Garcetti, who helped decide to release the video, said in a statement that doing so "contributes to transparency in a case that has raised many hard questions."

The police pursuit of Snell began when officers tried to pull over a car he was in because it had tem-

porary paper license plates that did not match the year of the vehicle. Beck has said that was a possible indication of a stolen car and something commonly seen in vehicles used in drive-by shootings.

Snell, seated in the car's back seat, looked at officers and then ducked down "as if to hide from them" shortly before he jumped out of the car and ran, Beck said.

Los Angeles police last weekend also shot dead an unidentified Hispanic man. Beck said the man pointed a replica that looked like a real gun at police and officers opened fire because they feared for their lives.

Associated Press writers Christopher Weber and John Antczak in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

Clinton reaches out to women while Trump defends taxes

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

PRESCOTT VALLEY, Arizona (AP) — Hillary Clinton appealed to voting mothers Tuesday outlining ways she hopes to curb gun violence as president and provide paid family leave and sick days for struggling working moms. Donald Trump tried to blame his opponent about revelations that his massive financial losses could have allowed him to avoid paying federal income taxes for years.

Clinton, appearing at a family town hall outside Philadelphia, said, "It should not be so hard to be a young parent. And it should not be so hard on the other end of the age spectrum to take care of your loved one."

She was making a case to suburban female voters who have sometimes backed Republicans in past presidential races.

Trump, meanwhile, sought to shore up support in deep-red Arizona during a challenging stretch for his campaign that aides hoped would be steadied Tuesday night by a strong performance by his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, against Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine in the vice presidential debate.

The celebrity businessman — who was also grappling with new allegations of boorish treatment of women and criticism of his comments about veterans' health — resorted to blaming Clinton for the tax code that could have allowed him to not pay taxes for nearly two decades after he apparently lost nearly \$1 billion in 1995.

"Why didn't she ever try to change those so laws so I couldn't use them?" asked Trump in the Republican stronghold of Prescott Valley, before suggesting that Clinton's desire to protect her rich donors prevented her from passing any legislation while she was in the Senate.

Trump has refused to release his tax returns. His tax reform proposals do not call for changing the provision that would have allowed him to avoid paying.

He attempted to change the campaign conversation by seizing on former President Bill Clinton's comments describing the nation's current health system as "the craziest thing in the world."

"Can you imagine what he went through after making that statement? He went through hell," said Trump. "But you know, honestly, there have been many nights when he's gone through hell with Hillary."

Despite frequently depicting Bill Clinton as an abuser of women, Trump said he wanted "to thank him, honestly, for being honest" about Obamacare.

Asked about her husband's comment on Tuesday, Hillary Clinton said she would attempt to "fix what is broken and keep what works" if elected president, adding that Republicans want to repeal the entire health care program. She also condemned Trump's recent comments about veterans, in which he suggested that soldiers who suffer from mental health issues might not be as strong as those who don't.

She said Trump's comments "are not just ignorant, they're harmful."

Trump's campaign said Monday his comments were being misconstrued.

There were signs Trump's troubles were trickling down to other Republicans on the November ballot.

New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, a Republican running for re-election, stumbled on Monday night when she was asked whether she considers her party's nominee to be a role model for children. Ayotte, who is in a close race with Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan, initially answered "absolutely," but then backtracked in a statement afterward saying she had changed her mind.

"I misspoke tonight," the statement said. "While I would hope all of our children would aspire to be

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president, neither Donald Trump nor Hillary Clinton have set a good example, and I wouldn't hold up either of them as role models for my kids."

Ayotte's trouble answering the question underscores Trump's trouble with independent, moderate and college-educated women who are turned off Trump.

Those were precisely the type of voters Clinton was seeking to connect with in suburban Philadelphia's Delaware County, where President Barack Obama earned 60 percent of the vote in both the 2008 and 2012 election but has often served as a swing area in the battleground state.

During the town hall, 15-year-old Brennan Leach, the daughter of Democratic state Sen. Daylin Leach, told Clinton that "body image" was a major issue for girls her age at school, adding, "I see with my own eyes the damage Donald Trump does when he talks about women and how they look."

Responding to how she would "undo some of that damage," Clinton thanked Leach as the crowd cheered, saying she was "so proud of you for asking that question." She said "it's shocking when women are called names."

First lady Michelle Obama joined in, assailing Trump at a rally in Charlotte, North Carolina. She said, "The presidency doesn't change who you are, it reveals who you are."

Thomas reported from Haverford, Pennsylvania. Associated Press writers Mary Clare Jalonick, Kathleen Hennessey and Catherine Lucey contributed to this report from Washington.

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The Latest: Obama to head to Chicago to raise cash for Dems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Latest on the presidential race between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton (all times EDT):

7:37 p.m.

President Barack Obama is headed for his home town of Chicago this weekend to raise some cash for Hillary Clinton's campaign and for Democrats in the U.S. House.

The president also will attend a Sunday campaign event for Democratic Rep. Tammy Duckworth, who's challenging Republican Sen. Mark Kirk.

The White House says Obama will travel to Chicago on Friday and return to the White House on Sunday.

7:28 p.m.

The Republican National Committee is declaring a winner before the vice presidential debate even begins.

A blog post is already available on the party's website claiming victory for Donald Trump's running mate, Mike Pence. The post also offers a preview of what Pence will talk about. It lists his "top moments" as the economy and "highlighting Hillary's scandals."

Pence squares off at 9 p.m. against Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine. It is their only debate of the cycle.

The blog post goes on to call Trump "the other clear winner" of the debate.

7:00 p.m.

Hillary Clinton's campaign is preparing for Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump to project preparedness and reserve at their second debate Sunday in St. Louis.

The Democratic nominee's campaign manager Robby Mook is telling reporters before the vice presidential candidates' debate in Virginia, "We are expecting him to be better prepared."

Mook noted Trump's comments that he plans to introduce criticize former President Bill Clinton's widely publicized infidelity while in the White House 20 years ago.

Trump said after the first debate on Sept. 26 that he had contemplated renewing the topic, calling Clinton "one of the great abusers of the world" and the candidate as "an enabler."

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Mook says the campaign thinks "he understands that's not the right strategy."

5:44 p.m.

Donald Trump is thanking former President Bill Clinton for being "honest" about President Obama's signature health care law.

Trump referenced the former president's comments at a rally in Prescott Valley, Arizona. The former president on Monday described the nation's current health system as "the craziest thing in the world."

Trump said in Prescott Valley, Arizona, that the former president "came out and told the truth about Obamacare," adding that Clinton "absolutely trashed president Obama's signature legislation."

Trump has threatened to discuss the former president's infidelities at his next debate. But on Tuesday, he said of Bill Clinton: "At least he's honest."

He's also joking about how Hillary Clinton must have reacted to the comments. "I'll bet he went through hell last night. Can you imagine?" he asks, adding: "But you know, honestly, there have been many nights when he's gone through hell with Hillary."

5:30 p.m.

Hillary Clinton is attacking Donald Trump for suggesting that soldiers who suffer from mental health issues might not be as strong as those who don't.

Speaking to reporters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Clinton said Trump's comments "are not just ignorant, they're harmful."

Trump was asked Monday about his commitment to programs aimed at preventing suicides and helping soldiers suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and other issues. He said that people coming back from combat "they see things that maybe a lot of the folks in this room have seen many times over, and you're strong and you can handle it. But a lot of people can't handle it."

Clinton said soldiers' wounds "can be visible and invisible," adding that the troops should have a commander in chief who respects their sacrifice.

5:00 p.m.

Hillary Clinton is promising to get rid of the "cowboy culture" on Wall Street that she says has benefited Donald Trump.

In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, Clinton pledged tougher banking regulations. She argued that Trump wants "to eliminate the rules we already have."

Clinton assailed Trump's business record, arguing that he "rooted for the housing collapse" and outsourced jobs to other countries. She stressed a recent New York Times report that he may have avoided paying federal income taxes for nearly two decades after he claimed business losses of more than \$900 million in 1996.

Clinton also noted a story in Newsweek that Trump used Chinese-manufactured steel and aluminum in at least two of his last three construction projects.

Said Clinton: "These stories keep coming out don't they?"

4:46 p.m.

Hillary Clinton's communications chief isn't exactly upset that Donald Trump plans to live tweet tonight's vice presidential debate.

Clinton spokeswoman Jennifer Palmieri said, "Oh good," when informed of Trump's plans. She made the comments Tuesday afternoon at the debate site in Farmville, Virginia, where Clinton's running mate Tim Kaine will take on Trump's No. 2, Mike Pence.

Palmieri said Clinton would be watching the debate from her home in Chappaqua, New York. She wasn't sure whether the former secretary of state would be active on social media.

Trump was campaigning in Colorado on Tuesday. He tweeted earlier in the afternoon that he would be

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"live tweeting the VP debate tonight starting at 830pm est!"

4:13 p.m.

Mike Pence is among the Republicans who have compared Donald Trump favorably with Ronald Reagan. Michael Reagan isn't buying it.

The conservative commentator and son of the 40th president has been using his Twitter account to dismiss suggestions that the billionaire businessman from New York is the coming of a new Ronald Reagan. He's predicted that if Nancy Reagan were still alive, she would vote for Hillary Clinton.

And in reference to Trump, he tweeted that "my father would not support this kind of campaign." He added on Twitter Sunday: "If this is what the Republican Party wants leave us Reagans out."

3:20 p.m.

Hillary Clinton's campaign didn't have anything to do with the release of Donald Trump's taxes, says Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta.

Podesta answered flatly, "No," when asked whether Clinton's campaign was involved in leaking the returns. He spoke to reporters Tuesday afternoon ahead of the vice presidential debate in Virginia.

The New York Times reported over the weekend that Trump may have avoided paying federal income taxes for nearly two decades after he claimed business losses of more than \$900 million in 1996. The Trump campaign has not refuted the report.

It's unclear who leaked the documents. The Republican presidential nominee has broken from decades of tradition by refusing to release his tax returns.

3:10 p.m.

Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman says Indiana Gov. Mike Pence will have to defend Donald Trump's "division" and "bigotry" at tonight's debate.

Chairman John Podesta suggested Tuesday afternoon that Clinton's running mate, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, would press Pence to answer tough questions.

Podesta addressed reporters from the so-called "spin room" at the debate site ahead of the vice presidential debate.

He said Pence would "have to defend what in my view is the indefensible, the division that Donald Trump has shown in this campaign, the bigotry that he has shown."

He added, "I think he's got a very tough road to hoe."

Podesta also raised Pence's record on women's rights and gay rights. He said the Indiana governor has "an extreme record."

3 p.m.

Bill Clinton is shrugging off Donald Trump's threats to bring up the former president's marital infidelity in upcoming debates with Hillary Clinton.

At a stop Tuesday in a Marietta, Ohio, restaurant, Bill Clinton said that Trump has "been making those attacks from the beginning of this campaign, so I don't think that's anything new."

The Republican nominee struggled at times during his first debate performance against his Democratic rival. Since then, Trump has called Bill Clinton as a "one of the great abusers of the world" and cast his wife as "an enabler." Trump has said he's considering renewing those assertions during the next presidential debate on Sunday.

Bill Clinton's relationship with a White House intern was the subject of his impeachment in 1998.

2:30 p.m.

Campaigning for Democrat Hillary Clinton, first lady Michelle Obama says the presidency "reveals who you are."

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The first lady had sharp criticism for Clinton's Republican rival, Donald Trump, in Charlotte.

"The presidency doesn't change who you are, it reveals who you are," she said. "That's the kind of president they will be. And trust me, a candidate is not going to suddenly change once they're in office."

Obama rebuked Trump for his false claim that President Barack Obama wasn't born in the United States, his overnight Twitter tirade about the former Miss Universe and his refusal to release income tax returns. She encouraged the crowd to vote, saying Clinton is "the real deal."

President Barack Obama won North Carolina in 2008, but lost the state to Mitt Romney in 2012.

2:20 p.m.

A day after framing President Barack Obama's signature health care law as crazy, former President Bill Clinton is trying to avoid muddling his message again as he touts Hillary Clinton's plans on the economy.

Bill Clinton only briefly mentioned health care during the Ohio University speech campaigning for his wife. It was a far cry from his comments Monday, when he called the health care law "the craziest thing in the world."

"You've got this crazy system where all the sudden 25 million more people have health care and then the people are out there busting it, sometimes 60 hours a week, wind up with their premiums doubled and their coverage cut in half," he said.

At the White House, spokesman Josh Earnest said Obama still has "strong confidence" in the law.

1:50 p.m.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest says President Barack Obama doesn't think Trump is a role model for Americans, and the president has "made that clear in a variety of settings."

Asked whether Trump might be a role model in any setting, not just as president, Earnest added:

"There are hundreds of millions of Americans that, by the way they live their lives every day, are role models for our kids. Based on the president's deep concern about the rhetoric of the Republican nominee, I feel confident telling you that he would not be comfortable with describing the nominee in that way."

The question came after Republican Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire said Monday that Trump is a role model for kids, then reversed herself, saying he is not.

1:20 p.m.

Republican Sen. Pat Toomey says Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump isn't a role model for his children, nor is his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton.

The Pennsylvania senator's comments come after Republican Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire said Trump is a role model for kids and then reversed herself, saying he is not. Both Toomey and Ayotte are in competitive re-election contests.

On Trump, Toomey said he's not a role model for his children, "but honestly, neither is Hillary Clinton, I mean, the serial dishonesty, the repeated lies to the American people, to the families of Benghazi victims, the list is endless, and the serious ethical challenges."

Toomey, who has declined to endorse Trump, said he is not a role model because of "the vulgarity and gratuitous insults of people."

1 p.m.

Former President Bill Clinton wants voters to know that his wife shouldn't be held responsible for spiking incarceration rates that stemmed in part from a crime bill he signed into law.

Bill Clinton had barely begun his remarks Tuesday at Ohio University when a man at the rally began yelling at him about the 1994 law.

As Hillary Clinton's supporters started to drown out the man, the former president waved them off and engaged him. Bill Clinton said his wife "didn't vote for the bill" or try to put "millions of your people in prison."

He noted Hillary Clinton has called for a criminal justice overhaul.

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The former president did offer one defense of his decision on the 1994 law: He said it was popular at the time across all income and racial lines.

12:55 p.m.

Donald Trump is condemning the "tremendous problem with regulations" that he says are damaging the nation's energy business.

The Republican presidential candidate held a roundtable Tuesday with around a dozen oil and gas industry leaders in Denver. At the event at the Denver Energy Center, he acknowledged that some regulations are needed for safety or environmental reasons.

But he warned that if his opponent, Democrat Hillary Clinton, wins in November, she will "double the regulations and put you all out of business."

He also repeated his promise to protect the nation's mining industry.

Trump's energy plan calls for a reliance on federal fuels and a vow to cut bureaucracy.

12:45 p.m.

President Barack Obama is postponing a planned Florida rally for Hillary Clinton because of Hurricane Matthew.

Obama had been scheduled to appear for Clinton on Wednesday in Miami Gardens. He was expected to emphasize the need for Democrats in Florida to make sure they're registered to vote ahead of Election Day.

But Clinton's campaign says the event is postponed.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center has issued a hurricane watch for South Florida.

12:30 p.m.

Hillary Clinton and daughter Chelsea Clinton are holding a family town hall meeting in Philadelphia's suburbs, pointing to ways the Democratic presidential nominee would try to help children and families.

The Clintons were joined on stage with actress Elizabeth Banks as the former secretary of state vowed to help provide paid family leave and sick days for working mothers.

Responding to a question about Donald Trump's views on women, Hillary Clinton notes that her opponent "insulted Miss Universe. I mean how do you get more acclaimed than that?"

Clinton has made Pennsylvania one of her top targets on the 2016 battleground map and is appealing to women as she tries to become the nation's first female president.

9:50 a.m.

Democrat Tim Kaine has invited civil rights leader Jesse Jackson to be a guest at Tuesday's vice presidential debate.

Kaine has also invited former Virginia state Sen. Henry Marsh, a civil rights attorney and mentor to Kaine; Lily Habtu, a survivor of the 2007 Virginia Tech mass shooting, and Okianer Christian Dark, a law professor who Kaine represented in a fair housing case.

Also joining Kaine will be Carol Schall and Mary Townley, a lesbian couple who were plaintiffs in a lawsuit that led to Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage being overturned. Their daughter, Emily Schall Townley, is also a guest.

Kaine is a former civil rights lawyer and Virginia governor. He is now a U.S. senator.

9:30 a.m.

Donald Trump's campaign manager says Trump has paid "hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes over decades." How much of that was federal income tax, however, remains unclear.

In an interview Tuesday on CBS "This Morning," Kellyanne Conway lists the types of taxes Trump has paid: excise, payroll, real estate, property and state and local taxes.

When the anchor interjects that she left out income taxes, Conway says, "Well, he certainly has, in years

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that he made a profit, like anybody else.”

The New York Times has reported that Trump claimed a loss of nearly \$916 million in a single year on his personal tax filings and this could have allowed him to avoid federal income taxes for nearly two decades. Trump’s campaign has not denied the report.

8:30 a.m.

Vice President Joe Biden is criticizing Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump for remarks suggesting that soldiers who suffer from mental health issues might not be as strong as those who don’t.

Biden says, “How can he be so out of touch.” In a CNN interview Tuesday, the vice president also said Trump is “not a bad man.” But he added: “His ignorance is profound, so profound.”

Trump made the reference Monday as he discussed his commitment to improving mental health services for veterans.

He said, “When people come back from war and combat, and they see things that maybe a lot of the folks in this room have seen many times over, and you’re strong and you can handle it. But a lot of people can’t handle it.”

8:10 a.m.

Donald Trump’s campaign manager says Trump’s running mate will put in a “fiery performance” in the vice presidential debate.

Speaking Tuesday on CBS “This Morning,” Kellyanne Conway says even though Mike Pence is “known as low key,” he will fight to defend the Republican candidate and will go after his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton.

Pence faces off against Clinton’s running mate, Tim Kaine, on Tuesday night in the only vice presidential debate.

Even though Pence and Kaine have campaigned for more than two months, many people say they still don’t have a feel for either man. In a recent Associated Press-GfK poll, more than half of registered voters said they didn’t know enough about Kaine to venture an opinion about him, and about 44 percent said the same for Pence.

5:00 a.m.

Hillary Clinton is campaigning in the Philadelphia suburbs on Tuesday with daughter Chelsea Clinton and actress Elizabeth Banks at an event aimed at making the case to female voters.

Clinton is expected to talk about her agenda to help children and families and take questions from voters in Haverford, Pennsylvania. Her campaign is making a major push in the suburbs around Philadelphia and appealing to college-educated voters who have backed Republicans in past presidential elections.

Clinton will campaign later in the day in Harrisburg. Her campaign is looking to deny rival Donald Trump in Pennsylvania, which has supported a Democratic presidential nominee in every election since 1988.

After riff, Bill Clinton reaffirms health-care law support

By **BILL BARROW**, Associated Press

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Bill Clinton tried to avoid muddling his message again as he campaigned for his wife in battleground Ohio a day after he described President Barack Obama’s health care law and the resulting insurance markets as “the craziest thing in the world.”

This time, Bill Clinton only briefly mentioned health care in multiple appearances Tuesday in eastern Ohio, clearly stating his support for the law and arguing that more still must be done to expand access to insurance.

It was a far cry from the former president’s Monday remarks that continued to reverberate, prompting responses from Hillary Clinton, the White House and Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

“You’ve got this crazy system where all the sudden 25 million more people have health care,” Bill Clinton

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said in Flint, Michigan, "and then the people are out there busting it, sometimes 60 hours a week, wind up with their premiums doubled and their coverage cut in half. It's the craziest thing in the world."

In Ohio on Tuesday, the former president didn't mention his earlier riff but tacitly clarified himself. "I supported the Affordable Care Act," he said at a Steubenville rally, while adding that continued gaps in coverage "must be fixed."

He noted Hillary Clinton's support for a public option" insurance plan to compete with policies from for-profit insurers, while allowing extending Medicare eligibility to anyone 55 or older.

For her part, Hillary Clinton told reporters Tuesday she'd "fix what's broken, keep what works," and she noted Republicans who control Congress want to repeal the law altogether — a political reality that has made it impossible for Obama himself to attempt changes in the law that he signed in 2010, since any alterations require willing partners on Capitol Hill.

Nonetheless, Trump pounced. "President Bill Clinton came out and told the truth about Obamacare," he said in Arizona, adding that Clinton "absolutely trashed" Obama's signature legislative achievement. He thanked Bill Clinton for being "honest."

Separately on Tuesday, the former president also sidestepped reporters' questions about Trump bringing up his marital infidelity.

"He's been making those attacks from the beginning of this campaign, so I don't think that's anything new," Clinton said in Marietta, Ohio.

Bill Clinton's relationship with a White House intern was the subject of his 1998 impeachment. He did not respond to specific questions about Trump's recent suggestion that Hillary Clinton also was not "loyal" in her marriage.

"My job is very limited: I'm supposed to tell people why she's the best choice to be president," Bill Clinton said, seemingly aware he should avoid fanning the flames. Later, he joked in Steubenville, Ohio, "You need your Miranda warnings every time you open your mouth, because anything you say can be held against you."

The exchanges are the latest reminder that the 42nd president is both a tremendous asset and a wild card for his wife's candidacy.

He draws enthusiastic crowds eager to see a former president who is anything but a normal political spouse, but he's also generated unwanted stories, including this summer when he approached Attorney General Loretta Lynch for a private meeting at an airport. The conversation occurred days before the FBI announced that it would not recommend any charges against Hillary Clinton related to her use of a private email server while she served as Obama's secretary of state.

Bill Clinton's aides worked to tamp down the latest flap, casting him as enthusiastically supportive of the health-care law but eager to address lingering gaps in the insurance markets.

At the White House, Obama spokesman Josh Earnest said it was not "exactly clear what argument" Bill Clinton was making in Michigan. Earnest said Obama still has "strong confidence" in the law, and he cited subsidies that still allow "the vast majority" of shoppers in the individual policy market to find affordable coverage.

"President Obama has of course acknowledged that with cooperation from Democrats and Republicans in Congress, there are some things that could be done to further strengthen the law," Earnest said, adding that "Secretary Clinton has vowed to pursue" the same course.

The former president's overall pitch Tuesday focused on why Hillary Clinton would be better for the economy than Trump. Bill Clinton said the GOP nominee plays on working class voters' economic frustrations with lies and empty promises. Trump, he said, impossibly pledges to recreate a bygone manufacturing-and-coal economy, while Hillary Clinton wants new investments in infrastructure, technology and new energy sources.

"Answers work better than anger," Bill Clinton said. "Empowerment better than resentment. Bridges work better than walls."

Associated Press reporters Nancy Benac at the White House, Catherine Lucey in Washington, and Jona-

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Paris climate pact set to enter force after EU greenlight

BRUSSELS (AP) — The landmark Paris climate change pact is poised to enter into force around the world after European Union lawmakers endorsed the agreement.

In the presence of U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, the lawmakers voted Tuesday by 610 to 38 with 31 abstentions for the 28 EU nations to simultaneously ratify the agreement to limit global warming.

The deal cannot take effect until 55 countries, accounting for at least 55 percent of global emissions, have adopted it. Sixty-two countries had done so as of Tuesday but they accounted only for about 52 percent of emissions. On Wednesday, New Zealand became the 63rd nation to ratify the Paris accord.

The EU's fast-track ratification takes the Paris Agreement past the 55 percent threshold. The handover to the U.N. of a legal document formally doing that is expected to happen by Friday.

"With the action taken by the EU parliament, I am confident that we will be able to cross the 55 percent threshold very soon; in a matter of days," Ban told reporters.

The Paris agreement commits rich and poor countries to take action to curb the rise in global temperatures that is melting glaciers, raising sea levels and shifting rainfall patterns. It requires governments to present national plans to reduce emissions to limit global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit).

The EU prides itself on being a leader in the fight against global warming, but it came under heavy criticism after the U.S. and China beat the bloc to enact the accord.

The EU, which accounts for 12 percent of global emissions, originally planned to wait for its member states to approve the deal domestically, but given the slow pace of progress it moved on their behalf.

International momentum has been building to ensure that the deal could enter force by next U.N. climate conference, which starts Nov. 7 in Marrakech, Morocco.

Kardashian West assailants still at large after France heist

PARIS (AP) — French police on Tuesday continued hunting for five people suspected of assaulting Kim Kardashian West in a private Paris residence before robbing her of more than \$10 million worth of jewelry.

Paris police said they were analyzing footage from surveillance cameras to try to identify the assailants, who wore fake police emblems on their jackets.

After forcing their way into the American celebrity's apartment in the chic eighth district, the robbers held her up at gunpoint and locked her in a bathroom before escaping on bicycles in the early hours of Monday. They stole a jewelry box containing items worth 6 million euros (\$6.7 million) as well as a ring worth 4 million euros.

Kardashian West, who was in the French capital to attend fashion week shows, returned to the U.S. Monday

Paris prosecutors on Tuesday declined to answer whether the robbers had received help from the reality TV star's entourage. Kardashian's stylist was also in the residence at the time, and alerted police, but Kardashian's bodyguard was not present, according to the prosecutor's office.

The reality star's two children, 3-year-old North and 10-month-old Saint, were in New York with their father, Kanye West, when the robbery happened.

Interpol declined to comment on reports suggesting the notorious "Pink Panther" jewel thieves could have played a role in the robbery, saying that would be speculation.

According to the world's largest international police organization, that gang has stolen 334 million euros (\$370 million) in jewels from 380 armed robberies between 1999 and 2015.

Google gets aggressive with new phones, other gadgets

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE and BRANDON BAILEY, AP Technology Writers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google ratcheted up its rivalry with Apple and Amazon by unveiling new smartphones, an internet-connected speaker that channels a digital assistant, and other gadgets the company hopes to make indispensable.

The devices announced Tuesday are part of Google's bold move to design and sell its own hardware, instead of just supplying Android and other software for other companies to make products. Google's previous attempts at hardware have had limited distribution and included such high-profile flops as its internet-connected Glass headgear.

This time around, Google is betting that it can design software and hardware to work seamlessly with each other. That's an art Apple mastered over the past 15 years as it turned out finely crafted iPods, iPhones, iPads and Macs.

Borrowing another page from Apple's book, Google is backing its expanded product lineup with the biggest marketing campaign in its 18-year history. The company isn't disclosing how much it will spend, but made it clear the ads touting products "Made by Google" will be ubiquitous during the next few months.

"They have done some advertising in the past, but it's never been with this kind of 'let us take care of everything for you' way," Gartner analyst Brian Blau said. "This is more like Apple's way of doing things."

GADGETS ON PARADE

Google executives showed off a series of gadgets in rapid succession in San Francisco on Tuesday.

The new Pixel phones, starting at \$650, are aimed squarely at Apple's iPhone and could also siphon sales from the biggest manufacturer of Android-powered phones, Samsung.

Android now powers more than 80 percent of the smartphones sold around the world. But Samsung has increasingly been adding more of its own software, including its own mobile wallet, on its phones.

Analysts warned that Google's increased emphasis on its own branded devices runs the risk of alienating Samsung, as well as LG and other longtime partners that make Android gadgets. Google, though, emphasized it still plans to work with other manufacturers, even as it tries to become a bigger player in hardware.

Meanwhile, Google's new Home speaker represents a counterpunch to Amazon's Echo, a similar device that has become a big hit since its release about 15 months ago. Google Home will cost \$129, undercutting Echo by \$50.

Google also announced a virtual-reality headset called Daydream View, a new Wi-Fi router and an update to the company's Chromecast device for streaming video.

THE PHONE

Available in two sizes, the Pixel phones replace Google's previous foray into smartphones with a Nexus brand introduced six years ago. Google never hailed Nexus as its own phone, but instead positioned it as an example of how it believed the Android system worked best.

In promoting the Pixels, Google highlighted a camera it says trumps the latest iPhone, a long-lasting battery and a dedicated headphone jack — a staple that Apple eliminated from the iPhones released last month. And while past Google phones primarily relied on sales through Google's online Play store, the Pixel will also be sold by Verizon in the U.S.

Analyst Patrick Moorhead of Moor Insights & Strategy said in an email that Google was smart to emphasize the performance of the new smartphone cameras, as "consumers care about this a lot." But he said other features in the new phones didn't seem that much different from what Samsung and Apple have offered in their latest devices.

SMART ASSISTANT

The phones and speaker will serve as a showcase for Google's digital helper, Google Assistant. The helper will respond to spoken questions such as "How do you remove wine stains out of the carpet?" and commands to control the volume of the television and other home appliances with internet connections.

Google Assistant escalates the company's battle against Apple, which offers a virtual helping hand through Siri, and Amazon, whose Alexa concierge resides in Echo and other devices.

Google believes its assistant will be more knowledgeable, more personable and more versatile than the competition. Its confidence stems from the more than 70 billion facts that it has stockpiled in a database that it calls a "knowledge graph," as well as the ability of its dominant search engine to quickly scan the web to retrieve a specific piece of information.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai boasts that the assistant will draw upon the company's advances in artificial intelligence to deliver "a personal Google for each and every user." The artificial intelligence programming is designed to learn more about the person using it with each interaction, according to Google.

That's one reason why Google eventually wants the assistant on more devices, though the company currently doesn't have plans to build directly into Android the way Siri is automatically included in Apple's mobile software. Instead, Google will allow other device makers to include the assistant in their products if they want, beginning early next year.

"Search has been Google's golden ticket for the past 20 years of the internet, and now they are hoping artificial intelligence will become the next golden ticket," Blau said.

Still, while Google showed its new Assistant performing a variety of impressive tasks, Moorhead cautioned that similar services such as Siri and Microsoft's Cortana haven't fulfilled their early promises to ingrain themselves into people's lives.

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Syrian government press in their offensive on Aleppo

By **BASSEM MROUE**, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Forces backing Syrian President Bashar Assad pressed their offensive Tuesday on Aleppo's rebel-held zone from the south, after capturing areas on other fronts in recent days. As reinforcements arrived, including Shiite fighters from Iraq, the strategy appeared to be to retake rebel-held areas bit by bit, backed by massive Russian airpower, rather than risk a potentially costly all-out ground battle.

Tuesday's offensive on the city's besieged rebel-held eastern neighborhoods came a day after Washington suspended direct U.S.-Russian talks on a Syria cease-fire — a move U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry blamed on Russia's rejection of diplomacy in favor of helping Assad's government achieve a military victory over the rebels.

The latest tactic of whittling away at rebel-held areas of Aleppo rather than launching an all-out offensive has proved successful in the past: The government reasserted control of the suburbs of the capital, Damascus, and most of the central city of Homs using the strategy.

"The Syrian army and its allies are in a sustained offensive to recapture rebel-held eastern Aleppo," wrote Robert Ford, a veteran diplomat and former ambassador to Syria.

"Unless the balance on the ground drastically shifts, the Assad regime will eventually retake from opposition fighters all of Aleppo and the outlying districts of Damascus," wrote Ford, a fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington. "This may take months, but the balance is certainly in the Syrian government's favor."

"Aleppo is ... the Syrian crisis and its liberation will end plans to divide Syria," agreed Amin Hoteit, a former Lebanese army general and expert on military and strategic affairs.

Syrian troops and their allies have laid siege to rebel-held parts of Aleppo since July 17, except for a few weeks when the militants were able to break it in August, until it was re-imposed in early September. Soon after the government opened a corridor for civilians and fighters to move to government-held parts of the city, and dozens of people and gunmen crossed after a general amnesty was offered by authorities.

Since a cease-fire brokered by the U.S. and Russia ended on Sept. 19, rebel-held neighborhoods where 275,000 people live have been subjected to some of the worst bombardment by Russian and Syrian war-

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planes since fighting began in 2011. Hospitals have been among the hardest-hit targets.

At least 420 people have been killed and more than 1,000 wounded in and around Aleppo since the cease-fire collapsed, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Most of the deaths were in eastern Aleppo, where scores of buildings were demolished by Russian and Syrian airstrikes.

"The regime is bombing civilians because of its inability to storm Aleppo for years," said opposition activist Abu Firas al-Halaby, adding that talk of the imminent arrival of reinforcements was part of a "psychological war" against the rebels.

The Syrian government is backed in the Aleppo battle by Lebanon's Hezbollah, the Palestinian Quds Brigade and Iraq's Shiite al-Nujaba militia, among others.

An official with the al-Nujaba militia said the group had sent some 4,000 fighters in recent weeks in preparation for a battle to storm Aleppo's eastern neighborhoods. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss military strategy, refused to say when such an attack might take place.

Captain Abdel-Salam Abdel-Razek of the Nour el-Din el-Zinki rebel group said a wide ground offensive was unlikely because the government can't match the rebels' advanced street fighting.

"I don't expect that. I expect attrition and attempts on more than one front. But I don't see that it has the capacity to carry out a wide offensive on all fronts," Abdel-Razek said. "As a force on the ground, it is mobilizing and it can possibly later, but not now."

Government forces have made some progress on the ground recently, including last week's capture of the Handarat Palestinian refugee camp north of Aleppo and the nearby Kindi Hospital, which overlooks a key intersection of vital roads. Syrian troops also captured the central neighborhood of Farafra after pushing forward from the Old City.

On Tuesday, government forces and their allies attacked the southern rebel-held neighborhood of Sheik Saeed, opening a third front against the rebels.

An Aleppo-based activist, Baraa al-Halaby, said residents now avoid underground shelters, for fear of bunker-busting bombs that penetrate several floors before exploding. Still, he said government forces will not be able to storm rebel-held neighborhoods of the city.

"Tanks will not be able to advance easily in the streets," said al-Halaby, adding that the Handarat camp was only taken because it is an open area.

Demonstrating Moscow's commitment to backing Assad, the Russian military said it has beefed up its forces in Syria with state-of-the-art air defense missiles.

The Defense Ministry said Tuesday that a battery of the S-300 air defense missile systems has been deployed to Syria to protect a Russian navy facility in the Syrian port of Tartus and Russian navy ships in the area.

The deployment will add punch to the Russian military force in Syria, which has long-range S-400 missile defense systems and an array of other surface-to-air missiles at the Hemeimeem air base in Syria's coastal province of Latakia.

Still, Jennifer Cafarella of the Study of War, a Washington-based institute, said the fight for Aleppo will not end quickly.

"It has taken much of the regime combat power and much of the combat power that Russia has brought to theater in the form of airstrikes, and the Iranian ground reinforcement," she said.

"Those military forces are going to be occupied in Aleppo for some time. But after that I do expect that Damascus can become the focus."

Associated Press writers Qassim Abdul-Zahra in Boston and Sarah El Deeb and Philip Issa in Beirut contributed to this report.

Google scraps 100,00-euro bill run up by Spanish kid

MADRID (AP) — Google has written off a 100,000-euro (\$112,000) bill run up by a 12-year-old Spanish boy who mistakenly believed he was earning money through an advertising account he opened with the internet giant to promote videos of his municipal band.

News reports said the boy from the eastern city of Torrevieja ran up the Google AdWords bill over two months. His mother, Inma Quesada, told the El Pais newspaper that her son, Jose Javier, said he wanted to become a “rich youtuber” but did not realize what he was doing.

The story came to light when the bank notified his parents that Google was looking to charge the amount to the boy’s account.

Google confirmed Wednesday that it studied the case and had canceled the bill.

Asian stocks lower on Fed rate hike expectation

By **YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Asian stock markets were mostly lower on Wednesday as comments from Federal Reserve officials strengthened expectations of a rate hike by the Fed within this year.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan’s Nikkei 225 rose 0.5 percent to 16,821.92 while South Korea’s Kospi was flat at 2,054.30. Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 was down 0.5 percent to 5,454.30. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng index gained 0.4 percent to 23,781.59. Stocks in Southeast Asia and New Zealand were also lower. China’s Shanghai Composite Index was closed for a holiday.

FED WATCH: Comments by several Federal Reserve officials strengthened investor expectations that the Fed would increase interest rates this year. Richmond Federal Reserve President Jeffrey Lacker said rates need to be increased to keep inflation under control, echoing the view held by Cleveland Federal Reserve President Loretta Mester, who said in an interview with Bloomberg that the economy is ripe for an interest rate increase. The Fed is expected by most investors to wait until December to raise rates.

THE QUOTE: “We think Cleveland Fed President Mester’s reiteration of her hawkishness caused investors to re-interpret the implications of the previous day’s manufacturing ISM report as signaling an increased likelihood of a December rate hike,” Tim Condon, head of research in Asia at ING in Singapore, said referring to the Institute for Supply Management manufacturing index. The index rose to 51.5 in September from 49.4 in August, indicating that U.S. manufacturing rebounded last month.

DIMMER US OUTLOOK: The International Monetary Fund lowered its forecast for the U.S. economy this year to 1.6 percent from the 2.2 percent it had predicted in July. It blamed the U.S. investment drought on cutbacks in the energy industry, a strong dollar that’s depressing exports and policy uncertainty surrounding the November elections. The fund left unchanged its forecast for overall global growth this year at 3.1 percent. But the world’s advanced economies are expected to grow 1.6 percent this year, down from the 1.8 percent the fund forecast in July, pulled down by slower expected growth in the United States. The IMF upgraded its forecast for Japanese growth to 0.5 percent this year and for the 19 countries that use the euro currency to 1.7 percent.

WALL STREET: U.S. markets closed lower on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 85.40 points, or 0.5 percent, to 18,168.45. The S&P 500 fell 10.71 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,150.49. The Nasdaq composite fell 11.22 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,289.66.

OIL: U.S. benchmark crude oil added 46 cents to \$49.15 per barrel in New York. The contract fell 12 cents to close at \$48.69 per barrel on Tuesday. Brent crude, the international standard, advanced 44 cents to \$51.31 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The euro strengthened to \$1.1222 from \$1.1207 and the dollar slipped to 102.77 yen from 102.85 yen.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 5, the 279th day of 2016. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 5, 1986, in an incident that helped expose the Iran-Contra affair, a plane secretly ferrying supplies to Nicaraguan Contra rebels was shot down over southern Nicaragua by Sandinista forces. One of the plane's occupants, Eugene Hasenfus, parachuted to safety while three other men were killed. Hasenfus was captured, tried and convicted in Nicaragua, but then was pardoned and allowed to return to the United States.

On this date:

In 1829, the 21st president of the United States, Chester Alan Arthur, was born in North Fairfield, Vermont.

In 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon completed the first non-stop flight across the Pacific Ocean, arriving in Washington state some 41 hours after leaving Japan.

In 1941, former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, the first Jewish member of the nation's highest court, died in Washington at age 84.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman delivered the first televised White House address as he spoke on the world food crisis.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1969, the British TV comedy program "Monty Python's Flying Circus" made its debut on BBC 1.

In 1970, British trade commissioner James Richard Cross was kidnapped in Canada by militant Quebec separatists; he was released the following December.

In 1974, the Irish Republican Army bombed two pubs in Guildford, Surrey, England, resulting in five deaths and dozens of injuries. (Four men who became known as the Guildford Four were convicted of the bombings, but were ultimately vindicated.)

In 1984, the space shuttle Challenger blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center on an 8-day mission; the crew included Kathryn D. Sullivan, who became the first American woman to walk in space, and Marc Garneau, the first Canadian astronaut.

In 1988, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen lambasted Republican Dan Quayle during their vice-presidential debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

In 1990, a jury in Cincinnati acquitted an art gallery and its director of obscenity charges stemming from an exhibit of sexually graphic photographs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe.

In 1999, two packed commuter trains collided near London's Paddington Station, killing 31 people.

Ten years ago: The House ethics committee opened an investigation into the unfolding congressional page sex scandal that resulted in the resignation of U.S. Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla. (The panel later issued a report that was critical of Republican lawmakers and aides, but which also found that no rules had been broken.) Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited Baghdad, where she warned Iraqi leaders they had limited time to settle their differences. NATO took over eastern Afghanistan from U.S.-led forces, assuming control of 12,000 American troops and extending its military role to the entire country.

Five years ago: Steve Jobs, 56, the Apple founder and former chief executive who'd invented and master-marketed ever sleeker gadgets that transformed everyday technology from the personal computer to the iPod and iPhone, died in Palo Alto, California. Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, 89, a civil rights activist who endured arrests, beatings and injuries from fire hoses while fighting for racial equality in the segregated South of the 1960s, died in Birmingham, Alabama.

One year ago: The United States, Japan and 10 other nations in Asia and the Americas reached agreement on the landmark Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal. The Coast Guard concluded that El Faro, a container ship that went missing during Hurricane Joaquin off the Bahamas, had sunk. Irish-born William Campbell, Satoshi Omura and of Japan and Tu Youyou of China won the Nobel Prize in medicine for discoveries that

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helped doctors fight malaria and infections caused by roundworm parasites.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Glynis Johns is 93. Comedian Bill Dana is 92. College Football Hall of Fame coach Barry Switzer is 79. Rhythm-and-blues singer Arlene Smith (The Chantels) is 75. Singer-musician Steve Miller is 73. Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin, D-Md., is 73. Rock singer Brian Johnson (AC/DC) is 69. Actress Karen Allen is 65. Writer-producer-director Clive Barker is 64. Rock musician David Bryson (Counting Crows) is 62. Rock singer and famine-relief organizer Bob Geldof is 62. Designer Maya Lin is 57. Actor Daniel Baldwin is 56. Rock singer-musician Dave Dederer is 52. Hockey Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux is 51. Actor Guy Pearce is 49. Actress Josie Bissett is 46. Singer-actress Heather Headley is 42. Pop-rock singer Colin Meloy (The Decemberists) is 42. Rock musician Brian Mashburn (Save Ferris) is 41. Actress Parminder Nagra (pahr-MIHN'-da NAH'-grah) is 41. Actor Scott Weinger is 41. Actress Kate Winslet is 41. Rock musician James Valentine (Maroon 5) is 38. Rock musician Paul Thomas (Good Charlotte) is 36. Actor Jesse Eisenberg is 33. TV personality Nicky Hilton is 33. Actress Azure Parsons is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brooke Valentine is 31. Actor Kevin Bigley is 30. Actor Joshua Logan Moore is 22. Actor Jacob Tremblay (Film: "Room") is 10.

Thought for Today: "My friends are my 'estate.' Forgive me then the avarice to hoard them." — Emily Dickinson, American poet (1830-1886).