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## Friday, Oct. 21

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.  
School Lunch: Hamburger, French Fries, fruit, romaine salad.  
Senior Menu: Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, Tomato spoon salad, oatmeal raisin cookie.  
End of First Quarter

## Saturday, Oct. 22

8:00 am: ACT Testing in Groton  
State Cross Country Meet in Huron  
Oral Interp at NSU  
Robotics at GHS Gym

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## La Nina Making an Encore Appearance

BROOKINGS, S.D. - La Niña is forecast to make an appearance on the Northern Plains this fall and winter according to the latest National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Climate Outlook released on October 20, 2016.

"There is about 70 percent certainty that La Niña will affect the U.S. climate this fall, according to the Climate Prediction Center," explained Laura Edwards, Acting State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

Edwards added that forecasters are about 55 to 60 percent sure that La Niña will carry through the winter season.

The latest national temperature and precipitation outlook reflects a typical La Niña signature over the U.S. for the winter season.

"In South Dakota, this has historically meant colder than average temperatures, especially in December and January," Edwards said.

As far as precipitation is concerned, she said there is less certainty in the Dakotas. "In the past, it has been wetter in the northern Rockies and over the Great Lakes region, with La Niña," Edwards said. "One thing is for sure, this year's La Niña is forecasted to be a weak event, which means less certainty in the winter climate outlook."

In the meantime, warmer than average temperatures are more likely through November, before potentially turning colder. "The next couple of weeks may be wet, but then much of the eastern Dakotas are likely to turn drier or end up closer to average precipitation through the end of November," Edwards said.

### Other Factors

Edwards pointed out that there are many other factors which can affect our wintertime climate. "Particularly the temperatures in the Arctic or northern regions of Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. These can affect where the jet stream settles in this winter," she said, explaining that generally, these shorter-term climate patterns set in for a few weeks at a time. "This makes them difficult to project months in advance."

So far this fall, South Dakota has enjoyed warmer than average temperatures, and generally dry conditions.

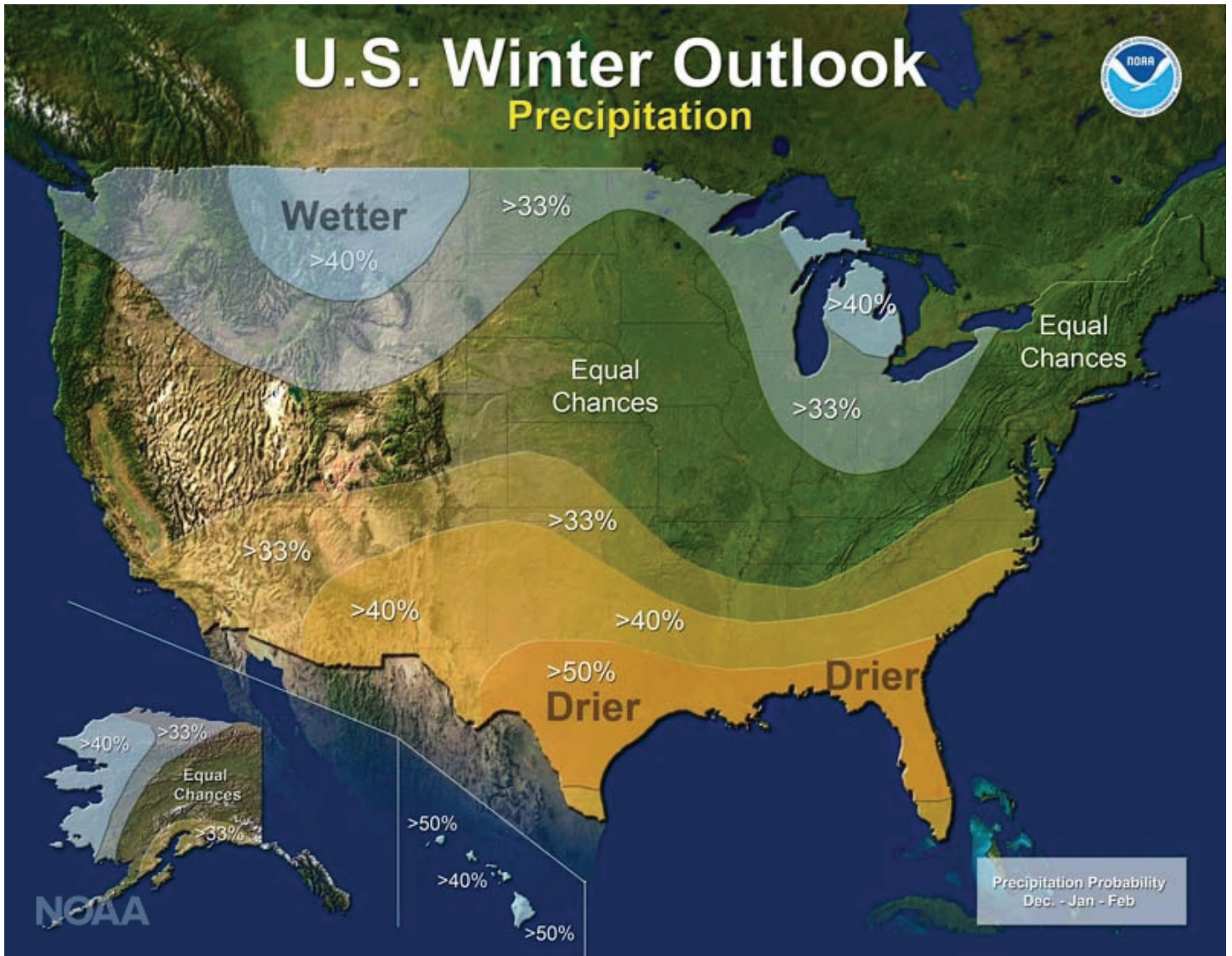
"This has been good news for corn and soybean farmers, especially those in the southeast who had some wet weather late in the season," Edwards said.

Fire danger has also increased due to these same dry and warm conditions.

The Cottonwood Fire on October 17-19, 2016 was unofficially the fifth largest in the state's history, with a total burn area of more than 41,000 acres.

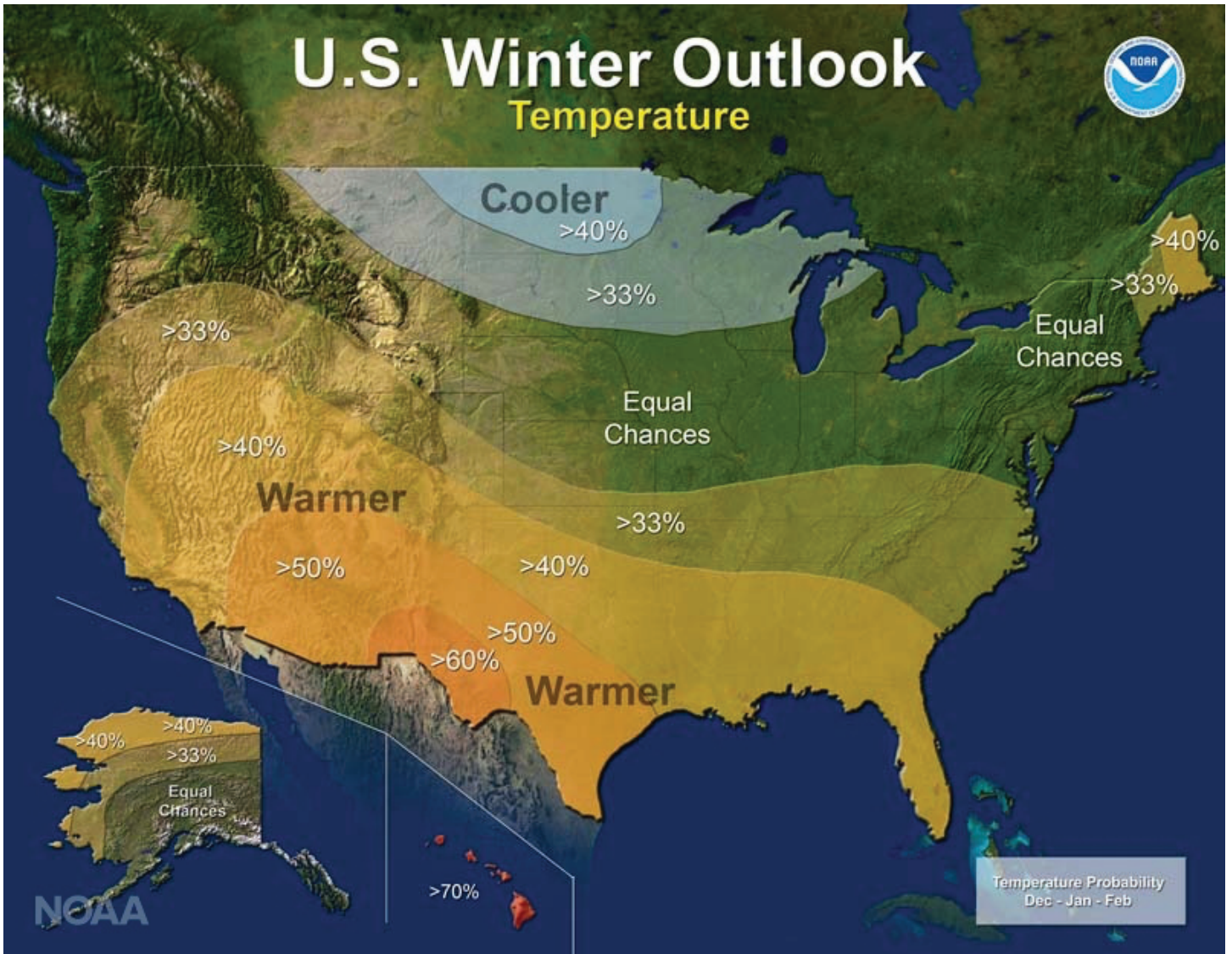
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## Parkston hands Tiger gridiron first loss

Groton Area suffered its first loss of the season Thursday night as the Parkston Trojans took advantage of two interceptions and recovered fumble on an on-side kick. The Trojans jumped out to a 26-0 lead at half time. The Tigers shut down the scoring machine, but scrambled to score two touchdowns of their own in the second half. Groton outscored Parkston, 14-8, in the second half. Parkston went on to win, 34-14.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with over 1,300 viewers. Sponsors of the game were Simon Insurance and Auction Service, Harry Implement of Ferney, James Valley Telecommunications, Groton Ford, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson of Groton, Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls of Groton, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc. of Groton, Subway of Groton, Leading Edge Industries with Shawn Gengerke, Bahr Spray Foam of Groton, Doug Abeln Seed Company of Groton, McKiver Collision of Groton, Blocker Construction, Pro Ag Supply of Aberdeen, and Ken's Food Fair of Groton.

Parkston took the opening kickoff and marched 65 yards on seven plays and had four first downs as Blake Beitz scored on a six yard run. The two-point PAT failed and with 9:42 left in the first quarter, Parkston took a 6-0 lead.

Groton's first possession was short lived for on third and 13, the Tiger's first pass was intercepted and Parkston started its drive at its own 29 yard line. The Tiger defense prevented Parkston from getting a first down.

Groton's next drive was thwarted by a penalty. On second and four, Trevor Pray had a long catch putting the Tigers deep into Trojan territory, but a Tiger penalty recalled the play and it was second and 16 instead. Groton ended up punting on fourth and nine.

Parkston would take six and half minutes, have six first downs and marched 71 yards before Kellan Colbert would score on a three-yard run with 10:02 left in the first half. Blake Beitz ran in the PAT and it was 14-0.



**Bennett Shabazz would leap over his defender on his way to the endzone to score in the fourth quarter. These photos were lifted from GDILIVE.COM. You can fast forward the video to 2:27 to see the action at GDILIVE.COM.**

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Groton kept the game on the ground, securing three first downs as the Tigers marched down the field. On fourth and 13 at the Parkston 24, a pass into the endzone was intercepted and the Trojans had the ball on their own 26 yard line. Quickly Parkston would be threatening again as a big pass put the Trojans on the Groton five yard line. On fourth and two, Dawson Semmler would score from five yards out with 55 seconds left in the half. The PAT run failed and it was 20-0.

Parkston had an on-side kickoff which bounced off of a Groton player and the Trojans pounced on the ball with 55 seconds left in the half. Two plays later, Kyler Holzbauer would score on a six-yard run with 30 seconds left in the half. The PAT run failed and Parkston took a 26-0 lead at half time.

Groton's third quarter scoring opportunity took less than two minutes with three first downs as Trevon Tuggles would score on a one-yard run with 4:57 left in the third quarter. The two-point PAT failed and was 26-6.

Parkston would take nearly six minutes off the clock on its next scoring drive, starting at its own 37 yard line, getting five first downs and culminating with a four-yard run by Kyler Holzbauer with 10:13 left in the game.

Groton would start its next scoring drive from its own 49 yard line. Trevor Pray got a first down and the Tigers got two more first downs. On second and nine, Bennett Shabazz would fly over his defender into the endzone for a 15-yard touchdown. Bennett Shabazz would run in the PAT with 5:49 left in the game and that would be the last scoring drive of the game.

**First Downs:** Groton Area 13, Parkston 20.

**Rushing:** Groton Area 28-173 (Bennett Shabazz 20-81, Trevon Tuggles 7-61, Trevor Pray 1-31), Parkston 49-218 (Kyler Holzbauer 20-100, Dawson Semmler 13-65, Blake Bietz 9-43).

**Passing:** Groton Area: Bennett Shabazz 5 of 9 for 24 yards, 2 interceptions (Receivers: Trevor Pray 2-17, Trevon Tuggles 1-1, Jackson Oliver 1-2, Brandon Keith 1-4), Parkston: Kellan Culbert 6 of 7 for 146 yards (Receiver: Jordan McKean 4-90).

**Fumbles:** Groton Area: Had 1, lost 1; Parkston: had 1, lost 0.

**Penalties:** Groton Area: 5-40, Parkston: 5-44.

**Defense:** Groton Area: Bennett Shabazz 14 tackles, Patrick Gengerke 11 tackles, Trevor Pray 9 tackles. Parkston: Brady Albrecht 9 tackles, Blake Beitz 5 tackles, Jordan McKean 5 tackles, Kellan Culbert 6 tackles.

**Record:** Groton Area 7-1, Parkston: 5-3.

**Next Game:** Playoffs on Tuesday: Groton Area hosts Redfield/Doland, Parkston at Winner.

- Paul Kosel

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## 11AAA - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 CONTESTS

Rank	School	Record	Points	@	Rank	School	Record	Points
#8	RC Stevens*	3-6	38.333	@	#1	SF Washington	9-0	46.333
#7	SF Lincoln	3-6	39.000	@	#2	SF Roosevelt	8-1	44.444
#6	RC Central*	3-6	39.000	@	#3	Brandon Valley	6-3	42.667
#5	Aberdeen Central	4-5	39.556	@	#4	SF O'Gorman	6-3	42.000

## 11AA - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 CONTESTS

Rank	School	Record	Points	@	Rank	School	Record	Points
#8	Sturgis	0-9	35.333	@	#1	Mitchell	8-1	43.111
#7	Yankton	3-6	38.667	@	#2	Harrisburg	7-2	42.889
#6	Huron	4-5	39.222	@	#3	Spearfish	5-4	40.778
#5	Pierre*	4-5	39.222	@	#4	Douglas	4-5	39.556

## 11A - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 CONTESTS

Rank	School	Record	Points	@	Rank	School	Record	Points
#8	West Central	5-4	41.444	@	#1	Tea Area	9-0	47.000
#7	Hot Springs	7-2	41.556	@	#2	St. Thomas More	9-0	45.667
#6	Milbank Area	6-3	43.000	@	#3	Madison	8-1	45.111
#5	Dell Rapids	7-2	43.556	@	#4	SF Christian	8-1	44.111

## 11B - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONTESTS

Region 1								
#4	Redfield/Doland	2-6	38.000	@	#1	Groton Area	7-1	43.000
#3	Mobridge-Pollock	4-4	40.375	@	#2	Aberdeen Roncalli	5-3	42.125
Region 2								
#4	Flandreau*	2-6	37.250	@	#1	Sioux Valley	5-3	41.000
#3	McCook Central/Montrose	4-4	39.625	@	#2	Tri-Valley	4-4	40.000
Region 3								
#4	Parkston	5-3	41.750	@	#1	Winner	8-0	47.250
#3	Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan	5-3	42.125	@	#2	Chamberlain	5-3	42.375
Region 4								
#4	Custer	2-6	38.375	@	Bennett County/Red Cloud - Seeds TBD Friday			
#3	Lead-Deadwood	3-5	39.375	@	based on upcoming Out-of-State Game			

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## 9AA - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONTESTS

### Region 1

#4	Garretson	3-5	40.500	@	#1	Webster Area	8-0	46.875
#3	Clark/Willow Lake	4-4	40.750	@	#2	Britton-Hecla	7-1	44.500

### Region 2

#4	Deuel	5-3	42.125	@	#1	Baltic	8-0	46.125
#3	Canistota	7-1	43.000	@	#2	Chester Area	7-1	44.125

### Region 3

#4	Kimball/White Lake	4-4	42.250	@	#1	Wolsey-Wessington	7-1	44.125
#3	Bon Homme	5-3	42.875	@	#2	Mt. Vernon/Plankinton	7-1	43.750

### Region 4

#4	Woonsocket/WS/San Cent	5-3	41.750	@	#1	Gregory	8-0	47.250
#3	Hill City	5-3	42.125	@	#2	Stanley County	6-2	44.625

## 9A - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONTESTS

### Region 1

#4	Eureka/Bowdle	2-6	38.375	@	#1	Potter County	8-0	46.500
#3	Castlewood/Estelline	7-1	43.375	@	#2	Warner	8-0	46.125

### Region 2

#4	Irene-Wakonda	2-6	39.125	@	#1	Colman-Egan	7-1	43.750
#3	Parker	4-4	40.750	@	#2	Gayville-Volin	6-2	42.375

### Region 3

#4	Platte-Geddes	2-6	38.000	@	#1	Scotland	4-4	40.750
#3	Newell	2-6	38.375	@	#2	Hanson	2-6	38.750

### Region 4

#4	New Underwood	4-4	41.500	@	#1	Sully Buttes	7-1	44.500
#3	Lemmon/McIntosh	5-3	42.500	@	#2	Philip	6-2	43.500

## 9B - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONTESTS

### Region 1

#4	Leola/Frederick	4-4	40.375	@	#1	Langford Area	7-1	43.750
#3	Faulkton Area	4-4	41.875	@	#2	Hamlin	6-2	43.500

### Region 2

#4	Dell Rapids St. Mary	3-5	39.375	@	#1	Oldham-Ramona/Rutlan	5-3	40.625
#3	Alcester-Hudson	3-5	39.750	@	#2	Howard	3-5	40.125

### Region 3

#4	Burke/South Central	3-5	39.000	@	#1	Corsica-Stickney	8-0	46.125
#3	De Smet	3-5	39.375	@	#2	Colome	7-1	44.125

### Region 4

#4	Faith	4-5	39.889	@	#1	Harding County	8-0	46.875
#3	Bison	6-2	42.750	@	#2	Wall	6-2	43.500



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## Notes:

- 11AAA - RC Central over SF Lincoln on head to head
- 11AAA - RC Stevens over Watertown on head to head
- 11AA - Pierre over Huron on head to head
- 11B - Flandreau over Beresford on Head to Head
- 11B - Region 4 Seeding for 1/2 between Bennett Co & Red Cloud TBD based on out-of-state game played Friday night
- 9A - Eureka over Kadoka & Newell based on Avg. Seed Points of opponents
- 9A - Newell over Kadoka on Avg. Seed Points of opponents
- 9B - DRSM over DeSmet on Head to Head
- 9B - Burke/SC over SBA on Avg. Seed Points of opponents

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## New South Dakota commercial, trailer and dealer license plates to be reissued in 2017

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Motor Vehicle division is reissuing commercial, dealer and trailer license plates beginning Jan. 1, 2017.

The new commercial and trailer plates will be available through local county treasurer offices and electronically at all 10 self-service terminals (SSTs) throughout the state, or from the Motor Vehicle customer portal at <https://MySDCars.sd.gov>.

Trailers weighing less than 3,000 pounds will receive a 6-inch license plate and trailers weighing 3,000 pounds and more will receive a 12-inch standard sized license plate.

Dealer plates included in the reissue are the standard dealer 77 plates, the commercial dealer 88 plates, auction dealer 99 plates, and manufactured home, trailer and motorcycle dealer plates. Dealer plates will continue to be obtained through the Motor Vehicle Division's online dealer system or at the county treasurer office. New for 2017, the dealer plate number will be the dealer license number.

"With the last reissue of commercial, trailer and dealer plates taking place in 2007, it is time to replace the old design and number sequence on the road for better readability and enforcement," Lisa Weyer, director of the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle division said. "Approximately 375,000 plates will be included in the 2017 reissue."

Owners of commercial, dealer and trailer license plates with a January 2017 renewal will receive their annual registration renewal notice next month, and can renew their license plates up to 180 days in advance of their registration expiration. The new license plate designs will not be available until Jan. 1.

The license plates will continue to be made at Pheasantland Industries located in the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, S.D.



Commercial Plate



Trailer  
3,000 pounds and more



Trailer  
Less than 3,000 pounds



Dealer Plates

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## Today in Weather History

October 21, 1987: Cold arctic air continued to invade the central U.S. Eleven record lows were reported in the Great Plains Region, including lows of 12 degrees at Valentine, Nebraska, and 9 degrees at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Temperatures warmed rapidly during the day in the Southern and Central Plains Region. Goodland, Kansas warmed from a morning low of 24 degrees to an afternoon high of 75 degrees.

1934 - A severe windstorm lashed the northern Pacific coast. In Washington State, the storm claimed the lives of 22 persons, and caused 1.7 million dollars damage, mostly to timber. Winds, gusting to 87 mph at North Head WA, produced waves twenty feet high. (David Ludlum)

1957 - The second in a series of unusual October storms hit southern California causing widespread thunderstorms. Santa Maria was drenched with 1.13 inches of rain in two hours. Hail drifted to 18 inches in East Los Angeles. Waterspouts were sighted off Point Mugu and Oceanside. (20th-21st) (The Weather Channel)








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1988 - Joan, the last hurricane of the season, neared the coast of Nicaragua packing 125 mph winds. Joan claimed more than 200 lives as she moved over Central America, and total damage approached 1.5 billion dollars. Crossing more than 40 degrees of longitude, Hurricane Joan never strayed even one degree from the 12 degree north parallel. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Unseasonably cold weather continued to grip the south central and southeastern U.S. Twenty cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Calico AR with a reading of 26 degrees, and Daytona Beach FL with a low of 41 degrees. Squalls in the Great Lakes Region finally came to an end, but not before leaving Marquette MI buried under 12.7 inches of snow.

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 62 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 66 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 57 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 58 °F

## Dry Through the Weekend



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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



NWS Aberdeen



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Updated: 10/21/2016 4 am Central

Published on: 10/21/2016 at 4:18AM

Well above normal temperatures will top out in the 60s today, and in the 60s to mid 70s on Saturday. The warmest readings will be across central South Dakota. Dry weather will continue through the weekend.

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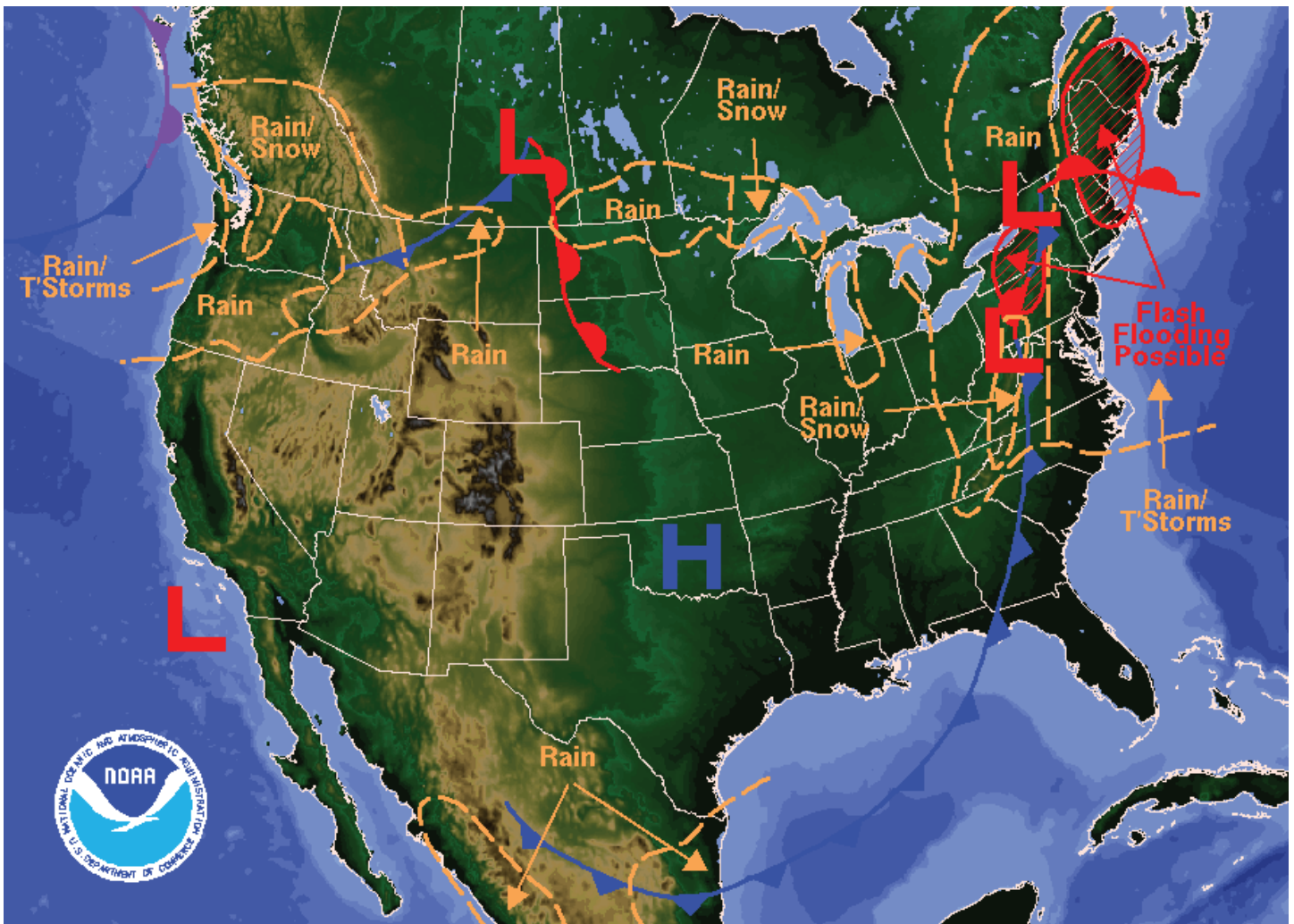
## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 48.8 F at 6:09 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 27.5 F at 12:41 AM**  
**High Gust: 16.0 Mph at 12:45 PM**

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 86° in 1947**  
**Record Low: 9° in 1987**  
**Average High: 55°F**  
**Average Low: 31°F**  
**Average Precip in Oct.: 1.49**  
**Precip to date in Oct.: 0.63**  
**Average Precip to date: 19.97**  
**Precip Year to Date: 13.83**  
**Sunset Tonight: 6:36 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:59 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Fri, Oct 21, 2016, issued 4:47 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## THIS ISN'T WORKING EITHER!

It was Mom's "Day-A-Way" and Jake and Dad were having the time of their lives. As soon as she left the games began and were non-stop until it was time for lunch.

After lunch it was time for a nap. But the activities of the morning were so intense that Jake could not settle down. Shades drawn and lights out were not enough. He'd climb out of his bed and look for Dad expecting the fun and games to start again.

Finally, in desperation, Dad decided to lay down with Jake, expecting eyes to become heavy and sleep to come to his rescue. After a few moments, Jake sat straight up in bed and said proudly, "This isn't working either, is it?"

God in His eternal wisdom gave each of us a conscience - a moral compass that signals what is right or wrong. No matter where we go in the world, from one culture to another, people know deep inside what is right or wrong. All societies have laws that keep people together and set limits on what is appropriate or how to treat others.

And even though we, as well as others, know what is right and what is expected of us, we seem to want to do what is wrong. God has planted His standards on everyone's heart and when any heart becomes troubled - for whatever reason - it is His Holy Spirit beginning to do His work to begin convicting us of our unrighteousness and God's holiness.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for "early warning signals" that alert us to Your standards. Make our hearts very sensitive to Your laws and convict us when we do wrong. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Romans 2:15 Since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.



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News from the  Associated Press

## Winner mourns 16-year-old boy killed in farm accident

WINNER, S.D. (AP) — The town of Winner is mourning a 16-year-old boy who died in a farm accident. Winner High School junior Taylor Watzel became trapped in a grain bin Tuesday and died the following day, School Superintendent Bruce Carrier told The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2eA4IQM>). Counselors and ministers were made available to students Wednesday and Thursday.

"Why Taylor? Why such a good kid? And honestly, a lot of my staff members are struggling with that same thing," Principal Gerald Witte said. "Today's the day where there's probably a lot more life lessons than academic lessons."

Watzel was a lineman and linebacker on the high school football team. The team displayed his No. 66 jersey on the sideline during a Thursday win over Jones County/White River. Fans also signed a large poster in his memory, and a moment of silence was held before kickoff.

"This is a really big win for us, considering what has happened here the last couple days," senior Cameron Kuil said. "It has been hard on all of us, hard on the community. We just looked forward to coming out here tonight."

Funeral services are set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Winner Armory, according to Mason Funeral Home.

## 1-vehicle crash in Marshall County kills 25-year-old woman

LANGFORD, S.D. (AP) — A one-vehicle crash in Marshall County killed a 25-year-old woman.

The Highway Patrol says the woman was driving a car that went into the ditch off a county road north-east of Langford, struck a telephone pole and rolled several times.

The crash happened about 4 p.m. Wednesday. The woman died later of her injuries. She wasn't immediately identified. She was alone in the vehicle.

## Thursday's Scores By The Associated Press

### PREP FOOTBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 35, Mobridge-Pollock 0  
Alcester-Hudson 46, Avon 14  
Baltic 62, Irene-Wakonda 13  
Bennett County 50, St. Francis Indian 0  
Bison 60, Faith 16  
Bon Homme 15, Canistota 12  
Brandon Valley 31, Aberdeen Central 6  
Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 17, Sioux Valley 14  
Britton-Hecla 54, Tri-State 22  
Burke/South Central 50, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 0  
Castlewood/Estelline 28, Arlington/Lake Preston 14  
Chamberlain 52, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 12  
Chester 35, Parker 0  
Clark/Willow Lake 70, Florence/Henry 19  
Colman-Egan 52, DeSmet 6  
Colome 44, Scotland 0  
Corsica/Stickney 56, Gayville-Volin 6  
Dakota Valley 42, Wagner 6  
Dell Rapids 56, Lennox 14  
Douglas 42, Belle Fourche 14

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Edgemont 34, Crazy Horse 14  
Elk Point-Jefferson 27, Flandreau 19  
Hamlin 40, Deuel 6  
Harding County 48, Lemmon/McIntosh 6  
Harrisburg 27, Yankton 7  
Herreid/Selby Area 55, Eureka/Bowdle 0  
Howard 40, Hanson 14  
Ipswich/Edmunds Central 28, Northwestern 6  
Kimball/White Lake 36, Platte-Geddes 8  
Langford 59, Tiospa Zina Tribal 0  
Lead-Deadwood 20, Custer 14  
Lyman 42, Kadoka Area 32  
Madison 61, Milbank Area 22  
McCook Central/Montrose 50, Sisseton 12  
Miller 33, Leola/Frederick 16  
Mitchell 59, Huron 0  
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 46, Garretson 28  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 41, Elkton-Lake Benton 8  
Parkston 34, Groton Area 14  
Pierre 55, Sturgis 16  
Pine Ridge 32, Little Wound 12  
Potter County 50, Sully Buttes 14  
Rapid City Central 26, Rapid City Stevens 23  
Red Cloud 69, Crow Creek 0  
Sioux Falls Christian 25, Tri-Valley 22  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 31, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 28  
Sioux Falls Washington 35, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 28  
Spearfish 21, Hot Springs 7  
St. Thomas More 54, Todd County 0  
Stanley County 48, Philip 8  
Tea Area 47, Canton 24  
Timber Lake 68, Lower Brule 32  
Viborg-Hurley 30, Menno-Marion 12  
Wall 64, New Underwood 12  
Warner 35, Faulkton 6  
Watertown 15, Brookings 7  
Waverly-South Shore 31, Great Plains Lutheran 16  
Webster 51, Dakota Hills 0  
West Central 42, Vermillion 13  
Winner 64, Jones County/White River 0  
Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 52, Hitchcock-Tulare 8

## Government horses roam South Dakota lottery winner's land

NEWELL, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man who won a \$232 million Powerball jackpot in 2009 is now getting paid to let government horses roam his land.

More than 900 excess horses chosen from free-roaming herds on Bureau of Land Management ranges in other states are now grazing on a pasture owned by Neil Wanless, reported the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2eVcfxP>).

The land is about 75 miles northeast of Rapid City or 25 miles east of Newell. Wanless bought the land



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with his Powerball proceeds, which totaled \$89 million after taxes.

The horses will be moved around to different parts of the ranch throughout the year to avoid overgrazing. They will have access to drink from dams and a water system Wanless installed. The horses will be able to live mostly free until death. The average age of horses on the Wanless land are 15 to 17 years and some live until they are as old as 34.

In the deal, the government pays Midland-based Spur Livestock LLC a varying rate around \$2 per head each day to ensure the horses are fed, watered and kept relatively wild. In turn, Wanless has an arrangement with the company to keep the horses on his land.

BLM is bound by the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act approved by Congress in 1971, that protect wild free-roaming and burros from capture, branding, harassment or death.

However some wild horses on non-BLM federal lands are not protected by the 1971 law. Those horses are often adopted or rescued by private sanctuaries when they reach unsustainable numbers.

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

## Governor declares disaster in wake of Cottonwood Fire

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has declared an emergency disaster in southwestern Jackson County after a prairie fire burned 64 square miles of grassland and killed scores of livestock.

The state will cover 90 percent of non-federal fire response costs, such as fuel and aircraft expenses, Daugaard said Thursday, two days after he flew over the area affected by the Cottonwood Fire. About 300 firefighters from 10 western counties fought the blaze at its peak, which is now fully contained.

The fire began Sunday afternoon east of Rapid City in the Wall and Cottonwood areas. It scorched private land, state land and part of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland, destroying numerous rural buildings, killing 137 farm animals and injuring many more. No people were hurt.

The wildfire is the largest the state has had in the month of October, according to South Dakota Wildland Fire Deputy Director Jim Strain.

"This prairie fire is the most destructive I have observed for fence loss, cattle loss, hay loss and pasture loss in my 27-year career," he said.

Authorities said the fire was caused by a human, but they're still investigating how it started.

## Crash on edge of Vermillion kills 78-year-old man

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — A two-vehicle crash on the edge of Vermillion has killed a 78-year-old man.

The Highway Patrol says the man was driving a car that went through a stop sign at the intersection of state Highway 19 and the state Highway 50 bypass about 7:40 p.m. Wednesday. The car collided with a semitrailer.

The man's name was not immediately released.

The driver of the semitrailer wasn't hurt.

## Construction wraps up on largest solar facility in Midwest

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Construction has wrapped up on a \$180 million solar farm in Minnesota that's billed as the largest single solar facility in the Midwest and one of the largest in the country.

The North Star Solar project in Chisago County just north of the Twin Cities comprises more than 440,000 solar panels on 1 ½ square miles of land. It's expected to produce enough energy to power more than 20,000 homes, starting in December.

Swinerton Renewable Energy built the facility in about six months, after developers spent more than a year negotiating with landowners and acquiring needed permits. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in January approved the project that Pennsylvania-based Community Energy Solar owns and will operate.

"This project is part of our vision to bring utility-scale solar at a competitive price to Minnesota and the broader Midwest," company President Eric Blank said in a statement. "We were drawn to Chisago County

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as a great combination of available land, welcoming communities and a strong interconnection point that is close to Minneapolis and St. Paul.”

Some area landowners worried about traffic and noise, but others said they are happy to benefit financially by allowing solar panels on what used to be corn and soybean fields.

“There’s no money in farming, not around here anyway,” Clifford Holcomb told Minnesota Public Radio.

Xcel Energy will buy power from the solar farm as part of a 25-year deal, to provide solar energy to customers across the upper Midwest.

Minnesota has seen a wave of planned solar projects, driven in part by a state requirement that investor-owned utilities get 1.5 percent of their electricity from solar by 2020. The Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association projects a 30-fold increase in Minnesota’s solar generating capacity by the end of next year.

## Missouri homicide suspect waives extradition in South Dakota

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man charged in a fatal shooting in Missouri that authorities believe was prompted by road rage has waived extradition in South Dakota.

Thirty-nine-year-old Christopher Taylor, of Independence, Missouri, was arrested Tuesday in Box Elder, South Dakota. He appeared in court Wednesday and said he would not fight a return to his home state to face charges.

Taylor is charged with second-degree murder and armed criminal action in the Sunday death of 22-year-old Whitney Gray, also of Independence.

Court records indicate Gray was shot from a moving vehicle while driving a van with three children inside. The children weren’t hurt.

Taylor is being held without bond while authorities in Missouri make arrangements to transport him to that state.

## Winter wheat seeding wrapping up across South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Winter wheat seeding is wrapping up across South Dakota.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that winter wheat planting is 96 percent complete, with 63 percent of the crop emerged. That’s ahead of the average pace.

The state’s soybean harvest is about three-fourths done and the corn harvest is nearing one-third complete. Both are behind the average pace.

Pasture and range conditions in South Dakota are rated 36 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 71 percent adequate to surplus.

## Another dead farm animal found in south central North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The number of farm animals killed or injured in south central North Dakota’s Sioux County continues to mount.

The North Dakota Stockmen’s Association says a horse was found shot and mutilated on Wednesday. It was in the same pasture where two cows were shot and injured earlier this week, and where five other animals were killed and 30 others went missing in recent weeks.

The incidents are near the site where people have gathered to protest the Dakota Access oil pipeline, but Stockmen’s Chief Brand Inspector Stan Misek (MEE’-sehk) says there is no evidence that there is any connection.

The rancher group is offering a reward of up to \$14,000 for information that helps crack the cases.

## Medical evacuations from Aleppo fail to materialize

By **BASSEM MROUE** and **JAMEY KEATEN**, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian government on Friday opened a new corridor for rebels and civilians who want to leave the besieged eastern neighborhoods of Aleppo, but the U.N. said planned medical evacuations

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haven't begun as planned because of a lack of security assurances from the warring sides.

The evacuations, part of a Russia-announced pause in fighting, were announced a day earlier with great hopes by U.N. officials.

But the spokesman for the U.N.'s humanitarian aid agency, Jens Laerke, described an "astronomically difficult situation," although he declined to specify who was responsible for the breakdown in the plans on Friday.

Speaking to reporters in Geneva, Laerke said that the evacuations couldn't begin "because the necessary conditions were not in place to ensure safe, secure and voluntary" movement of people.

A U.N. official, however, told The Associated Press that Syrian opposition fighters were blocking medical evacuations because the government and Russia were impeding deliveries of medical and humanitarian supplies into the city.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the United Nations was expected to make an official statement about the hold-up in medical evacuations later on Friday, said intense efforts were under way in Damascus, Aleppo, Geneva and Gaziantep, Turkey, to try to move forward on the evacuations.

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said al-Qaida-linked militants in Aleppo were refusing to leave the city along the corridors created by the Russians and Syrian forces. He told reporters in Moscow that Russia is "seriously concerned that, despite the gestures of goodwill from Moscow and Damascus," the fighters from the al-Qaida affiliate previously known as the Nusra Front are "refusing to leave the city."

Aleppo's civilians are also being prevented from leaving the eastern, rebel-held part of the city through the corridors, Lavrov added.

The pan-Arab Al-Mayadeen TV aired live footage from the Castello Road showing bulldozers that had opened the road. Buses and ambulances were parked by the roadside, waiting to take evacuees.

But residents in eastern Aleppo have said many won't take advantage of the corridors because there are no guarantees that the evacuees won't be arrested by government forces.

By midday Friday, no evacuations were seen along the Aleppo corridor.

"No one has left the city so far," said Mohammed Abu Rajab, who works at an eastern Aleppo hospital that was repeatedly hit over the past weeks, knocking it out of service. "People are worried they might be detained. There are no guarantees."

Speaking by telephone, he said any evacuations should be coordinated with the United Nations in order for people to feel they can leave safely.

The pause in Aleppo fighting was announced by Russia to allow for the evacuation of civilians and fighters, as well as the wounded. Rebels have rejected the offer, saying it isn't serious.

Before the pause, Aleppo's besieged districts were subjected to relentless Syrian and Russian airstrikes for weeks.

The U.N. human rights chief, meanwhile, said Aleppo is "a slaughterhouse" and urged the Human Rights Council to set aside "political disagreements" to focus on suffering civilians.

Zeid Ra'ad al-Husein delivered the stark remarks in an address by videoconference to the 47-member U.N.-backed rights body on Friday as it opened a special session on Aleppo called by Britain and others over the crisis in the city.

Zeid, a Jordanian prince, said rights violations and abuses in Syria, in rebel-held eastern Aleppo and beyond "constitute crimes of historic proportions."

He said the "collective failure of the international community to protect civilians and halt this bloodshed should haunt every one of us."

The council was expected to vote later in the day on a resolution that would call for increased monitoring of crimes in Aleppo.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken said that situation in Syria, particularly in Aleppo, was "one of the most complicated situations we see on earth."

Even with the humanitarian pause, he said, the Syrian government has refused to give permission for humanitarian assistance to get into to east Aleppo and many other besieged communities. He spoke to the AP Thursday in Paris, on the sidelines of a ministerial summit.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told an emergency meeting of the U.N. General Assembly on Thursday that nearly 500 people have been killed and almost 2,000 injured since the Syrian government launched its offensive in eastern Aleppo on Sept. 23.

Even as the corridor opened along Aleppo's main artery to the north, the Castello Road, intense clashes and shelling erupted in the Jobar neighborhood in Damascus, activists and residents said. The sound of gunfire and shelling reverberated in the Syrian capital.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said there were casualties both among the rebels and the government forces.

Keaten reported from Geneva. Associated Press writers Howard Amos in Moscow and Jeff Schaeffer in Paris contributed to this report.

## **IS attacks Iraq city of Kirkuk, power plant amid Mosul fight**

**By EMAD MATTI and ADAM SCHRECK, Associated Press**

KIRKUK, Iraq (AP) — Islamic State militants armed with assault rifles and explosives attacked targets in and around the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk early Friday, in an assault that appeared aimed at diverting Iraqi security forces from a massive offensive against the IS-held city of Mosul.

At least 13 workers, including four Iranians, were killed when IS militants stormed a power plant north of Kirkuk and then blew themselves up.

Multiple explosions meanwhile rocked the city and gun battles were ongoing, said witnesses in Kirkuk, speaking on condition of anonymity as they were concerned for their safety. Much of the fighting was centered on a government compound in the city. They said the streets were largely deserted out of fear of militant snipers.

IS said its fighters targeted the provincial headquarters. The claim was carried by the IS-run Aamaq news agency and could not immediately be verified.

Local Kurdish television channel Rudaw aired footage showing black smoke rising over the city as extended bursts of automatic gunfire rang out. It quoted Kirkuk Gov. Najmaddin Karim as saying that the militants had not seized any government buildings.

The fighting raged late into the afternoon, and heavy smoke billowed up from the area of the provincial headquarters, where clashes were underway, according to live footage on the local Terkmeneli TV channel. It was unclear what caused the blaze.

In the power plant attack, which took place in Dibis, a town north of Kirkuk, three IS suicide bombers stormed the facility and killed 13 workers, including four Iranians, before blowing themselves up as police arrived, said Maj. Ahmed Kader Ali, the Dibis police chief.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Ghasemi condemned the Kirkuk assault, which he said killed four Iranians and wounded three others, according to the official IRNA news agency. It was not immediately clear if Iranians were targeted in other attacks.

There was no immediate word on casualties among civilians or Kurdish forces in Kirkuk city.

Kirkuk is some 170 kilometers (100 miles) from the Islamic State-held city of Mosul, where Iraqi forces have been waging a wide-scale offensive since Monday.

IS has in the past resorted to suicide bombings in and around Baghdad in response to battlefield losses elsewhere in the country. But the complex assault in Kirkuk more closely resembled those carried out by the Taliban in the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Kirkuk is some 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad and southeast of Mosul. The oil-rich city is claimed by both Iraq's central government and the country's Kurdish region. Kurdish forces assumed full control of Kirkuk in the summer of 2014, as Iraq's army and police crumbled in the face of a lightning advance by IS.

Kemal Kerkuki, a senior commander of Kurdish peshmerga forces west of Kirkuk, said the town where his base is located outside the city also came under attack early Friday, but that the base was now under

control.

He said IS maintains sleeper cells in Kirkuk and the surrounding villages. "We arrested one recently and he confessed," he said, adding that the attackers may have posed as displaced civilians in order to infiltrate the city.

Kirkuk province has absorbed hundreds of thousands of displaced people since IS first overran wide stretches of northern and western Iraq in the summer of 2014, capturing Mosul, the country's second largest city.

Iraqi and Kurdish forces backed by a U.S.-led coalition launched a multi-pronged assault this week to retake Mosul and surrounding areas from IS. The operation is the largest undertaken by the Iraqi military since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Iraqi officials said they had advanced as far as the town of Bartella, 15 kilometers (nine miles) from Mosul's outskirts, by Thursday.

Lt. Gen. Talib Shaghatai of Iraq's elite forces held a press conference Friday a kilometer (half a mile) away from the town and insisted the special forces had "full control." He said special forces were clearing explosives and contending with some snipers who remained in the town. Gunfire could be heard in the distance.

Elsewhere in Iraq, the country's top Shiite cleric called on forces taking part in the Mosul offensive to protect civilians, and for residents of Mosul, a mainly Sunni city, to cooperate with security forces.

"We stress today upon our beloved fighters, as we have before on many occasions, that they exercise the greatest degree of restraint in dealing with civilians stuck in the areas where there is fighting," the reclusive Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani said in a Friday sermon read by an aide. "Protect them and prevent any harm to them by all possible means."

Some 3,900 people, or about 650 families, have fled Mosul and the nearby Hamdaniyah district since the operation began this week, according to Adrian Edwards of the U.N. refugee agency.

Ravina Shamdasani, of the U.N. human rights office, said it had "verified information" that IS had forced 550 people to relocate to Mosul from the nearby villages of Samalia and Najafia on Monday, part of an "apparent policy of preventing civilians from escaping to areas controlled by Iraqi security forces."

Shamdasani reiterated concerns IS could use civilians as human shields, and said the office was investigating reports that the group had killed at least 40 civilians for suspected disloyalty. She declined to elaborate on the reports, citing "security reasons."

Schreck reported from Irbil, Iraq. Associated Press writers Susannah George in Irbil, Ahmed Sami and Joseph Krauss in Baghdad, Qassim Abdul-Zahra in Bartella, Iraq, Bassem Mroue in Beirut, Amir Vahdat in Tehran, Iran and Jamey Keaten in Geneva contributed to this report.

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## Trump, Clinton trade caustic barbs as roast turns bitter

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner, a white-tie gala in New York that is often the last time the two presidential nominees share a stage before Election Day, is traditionally a time when campaign hostilities are set aside.

Not this year.

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton traded sharp barbs and brutal takedowns Thursday, the night after their final debate, with many in the well-heeled crowd turning on the Republican nominee midway through his remarks and showering him with jeers.

Trump, who had drawn big laughs earlier in the speech, appeared to lose the room as he repeatedly dug in with caustic swipes at Clinton, drawing rare boos at a charity event meant to raise money for impoverished children throughout New York.

He appeared to straddle the line when he talked about how "listening to Hillary rattle on and rattle on"

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has made him better appreciate his longtime nemesis Rosie O'Donnell. But he then seemed to cross it when he referred to her as "corrupt" during a lengthy riff on the FBI's investigation into her use of a private email server as secretary of state.

"Hillary is so corrupt she got kicked off the Watergate Commission. How corrupt do you have to be to get kicked off the Watergate Commission? Pretty corrupt," he said to loud boos and at least one call demanding he get off the stage.

He then almost appeared to segue into the standard attack lines of his rally speeches, setting aside jokes to bring up material contained in hacked Clinton campaign emails.

"Hillary believes that it's vital to deceive the people by having one public policy and a totally different policy in private," he said to growing jeers. "Here she is tonight, in public, pretending not to hate Catholics."

Clinton also veered into personal digs, making one joke in which she said the Statue of Liberty, for most Americans, represents a symbol of hope for immigrants.

"Donald looks at the Statue of Liberty and sees a '4,'" Clinton joked. "Maybe a '5' if she loses the torch and tablet and changes her hair."

Trump and Clinton sat one seat apart for the evening, with New York's Cardinal Timothy Dolan acting as the only buffer. And when they entered and took their seats, they did not greet each other or make eye contact, though they did shake hands at the conclusion of the roast.

Dolan later called his seat "the iciest place on the planet."

Most eyes were on Trump, who infamously glowered through President Barack Obama's jokes at his expense during the 2011 White House Correspondents Dinner and is not known for being self-deprecating.

Some of his jokes landed well, drawing laughs from both the crowd and Clinton.

His biggest laughs came as he talked about Michelle Obama getting rave reviews for a recent speech. "They think she's absolutely great. My wife Melania gives the exact same speech, and people get on her case," he said to whoops and laughs.

And some of his attack lines flashed a sense of humor that has been mostly absent from the grueling campaign. Clinton was the first one to laugh when Trump joked that she had bumped into him earlier in the night "and she very simply said 'Pardon me'" — an unsubtle reference to the Republican nominee's frequent declarations that his opponent should go to jail.

Clinton, meanwhile, was more self-deprecating than Trump, joking that she's taken a break from her "usual nap schedule" to attend and suggesting that the audience should be pleased she's not charging her usual fee for speaking in front of potential donors.

But she also got in some digs at Trump, a few of which drew scattered jeers. Clinton said she understood why Trump was leery of teleprompters because they can be difficult to follow and "I'm sure it's even harder when you're translating from the original Russian."

The dinner is named after the former New York governor, who was the first Catholic to receive a major party nomination for president when he unsuccessfully ran in 1928. And fittingly for an event named after a man nicknamed "The Happy Warrior," the occasion has produced dozens of memorable presidential jokes — and sincere moments of goodwill that have remained largely absent from the 2016 campaign.

"I can't wish my opponent luck," John McCain said in 2008, turning toward Obama, "but I do wish him well."

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## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

### 1. TRUMP, CLINTON TRADE BARBS AS ROAST TURNS BITTER

Many at the annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner turn on the Republican nominee midway through his remarks and shower him with jeers.

### 2. MILITANTS ATTACK POLICE COMPOUND IN NORTHERN IRAQ

The assault in Kirkuk is claimed by the Islamic State group and likely aimed at diverting the authorities' attention for the battle to retake Mosul.

### 3. EGYPT'S FIGHT AGAINST ISLAMIC MILITANCY MAKES ENEMIES

The decision to make fighting Islamic militants its overriding foreign policy objective brings Cairo closer to the Syrian president, Russia and Iran, in turn antagonizing its traditional Arab allies like Saudi Arabia.

### 4. BLACK PANTHERS LOOK BACK AT PARTY'S FOUNDING

Its 50th anniversary comes as the U.S. grapples anew with fatal encounters between African-Americans and law enforcement.

### 5. WHERE SAMARITANS PROVIDE A SANCTUARY

In a tense corner of the West Bank, a village of Samaritans connects Israelis and Palestinians even as violence drives them apart.

### 6. WHICH COUNTRY TO WITHDRAW FROM INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

South Africa decides to leave the tribunal following a dispute over a visit by the Sudanese president, who is wanted by the ICC.

### 7. WHO BREAKS DOWN BARRIERS TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE

Toy companies are working harder to think outside their usual box by offering items like dolls with disabilities, female superhero figures and characters with a range of skin tones.

### 8. 'QUEEN OF KATWE' STIRS HOPE IN SLUM WHERE FILM WAS BORN

Poverty in Kampala can drive young people to despair or even violence, but chess is seen as a way out, and some locals cheer "a truly Ugandan story of hope."

### 9. RAISING VEGAN BABY

Parents who are raising their kids vegan say cases of abuse are not about veganism, but about neglect.

### 10. MASCOT HALL OF FAME GIVES CHEERLEADERS A SPOTLIGHT

At the Mascot Hall of Fame in Whiting, Indiana six candidates will be put on a ballot for induction at a groundbreaking ceremony.

## 50 years later, Black Panthers look back at party's founding

By JANIE HAR, Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Black Panthers emerged from this gritty Northern California city 50 years ago, declaring to a nation in turmoil a new party dedicated to defending African-Americans against police brutality and protecting the right of a downtrodden people to determine their own future.

In the group's short life, it launched an ambitious breakfast program for children and opened free health clinics to screen for sickle-cell anemia. At the same time, party members scared mainstream America with their calls for revolution that were at odds with Martin Luther King Jr.'s insistence on peaceful protest.

The Panthers eventually imploded, weakened by internal fighting and by a government effort to undermine the group. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the party represented the nation's "greatest threat to internal security." The Nixon administration moved to shut it down.

The anniversary comes as new tensions between black communities and law enforcement have given rise to another social-justice movement with Oakland ties — Black Lives Matter.

Hundreds of Panthers from around the world are expected in Oakland for a four-day conference that started Thursday. Two days later, co-founder Bobby Seale will celebrate his 80th birthday with a roast

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sponsored by the National Alumni Association of the Black Panther Party.

Nationally, African-Americans continue to lag whites in jobs, housing and health. And Oakland, once a heavily black city, is losing its African-American population as soaring home prices propelled by the technology boom drive out poorer residents.

"The only change is that time has passed," said Elaine Brown, a former party chairwoman who remains politically active in the San Francisco Bay Area. "We are the poorest. We have the least economic interests in the country, and consequently we are an oppressed people. We remain an oppressed people."

Bobby McCall was 20 when he left Philadelphia for Oakland to help give away 10,000 sacks of free food. He agrees that conditions have not improved.

"That's why we have the movement Black Lives Matter," McCall said. "Only they're not as organized as we were. They don't have a free breakfast program like we had. They have to start developing programs."

The generally accepted date of the party's founding is Oct. 15, 1966, although Seale said it was a week later, on his birthday.

It was an era of Vietnam War and civil rights protests when Seale and Huey P. Newton drafted the party's 10-point platform. The document called for decent housing and employment. It demanded black self-reliance.

They named their group the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense after a black civil rights group in Alabama, adopted the beret worn by the French resistance to Hitler and launched armed patrols.

In response, California lawmakers in 1967 repealed the law that allowed people to carry loaded weapons in public. The Panthers gained national attention when they carried guns into the state Capitol in protest.

White Americans were used to King's nonviolent campaign against racism, but they were not accustomed to seeing black Americans with guns.

Today, a tart-tongued Seale bristles at all the talk of free breakfasts and firearms without what he calls critical context. He formed the party, he said, to elect minorities to political seats. The "survival programs" such as food and clothing giveaways were linked to voter registration drives, he said.

As for the violence that included shootouts with police, he said, "The power structure was violent. The Ku Klux Klan was violent. They came and they attacked us. If you shoot at me, I'm shooting back. So are you going to call this right to self-defense or are you going to call this aggressive violence? It's not aggressive violence."

The Oakland Museum of California's exhibit "All Power to the People: Black Panthers at 50" documents the party's reign from 1966 to 1982. The party's decline included Nixon administration efforts to undermine the group with informants and misinformation.

"The FBI inspired raids on Panther offices. There was a general campaign to portray them as a negative, violent organization," said Rene de Guzman, the museum's director of exhibition strategies and senior curator of art.

Members, including Seale and Newton, cycled in and out of jails and prisons. Seale left the party in 1974. Newton dissolved it in 1982, shutting down the community school and newspaper. He was later shot dead by an alleged drug dealer.

Many see the party's influence in the youth movements of today, especially Black Lives Matter, which also protests police brutality. It started as a hashtag and love letter to blacks posted on Facebook by a young Oakland activist named Alicia Garza in 2013, after George Zimmerman was acquitted of fatally shooting 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in Florida.

Seale would like to see Black Lives Matter organize people to seek political office and create an environmental jobs program for youth.

Robbie Clark, a 35-year-old housing organizer and Black Lives Matter activist who grew up in Oakland, said the movement already does just that. The founders, for example, work on behalf of domestic workers and immigrants.

Some activists, Clark said, want to focus on elections and others want to go outside the political system. Many insist the movement needs both.

"We can shift some of those conditions by having the right people in office," Clark said, "but it's with the understanding that having different people in those seats doesn't make the system change overnight."



## Trump mocks critics: I'll accept election results \_ if I win

By JULIE PACE, JOSH LEDERMAN and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

DELAWARE, Ohio (AP) — Mocking his critics, Donald Trump pledged Thursday to fully accept the outcome of next month's presidential election — if he wins. The Republican said he reserved the right to contest questionable results, deepening his unsubstantiated assertions that the race against Hillary Clinton could be rigged against him.

Trump's comments came a day after his stunning refusal in the final presidential debate to say whether he would concede to Clinton if he loses. His resistance, threatening to undermine the essence of American democracy, was roundly rejected by fellow Republicans.

Arizona Sen. John McCain, the 2008 GOP nominee, called the peaceful transfer of power "the pride of our country."

"I didn't like the outcome of the 2008 election. But I had a duty to concede, and I did so without reluctance," McCain said in a lengthy statement. "A concession isn't just an exercise in graciousness. It is an act of respect for the will of the American people, a respect that is every American leader's first responsibility."

With the presidential race slipping away from him, Trump has repeatedly raised the specter of a rigged election, despite no evidence of widespread voter fraud heading toward Election Day or in previous presidential contests. His top advisers and running mate Mike Pence have tried to soften his comments, only to watch helplessly as he plunges ahead.

Asked in Wednesday's debate if he would accept the election results and concede to Clinton if he loses, Trump said: "I will tell you at the time. I will keep you in suspense."

Clinton slammed Trump's comments as "horrifying," and fellow Democrats piled on Thursday.

"That undermines our democracy," President Barack Obama said while campaigning for Clinton in Florida. "Our democracy depends on people knowing their vote matters."

His wife, first lady Michelle Obama, told 7,000 Clinton supporters in Republican-voting Arizona Thursday that Trump was threatening to "ignore our voices and reject the outcome of this election." She said that's the same as "threatening the very idea of America itself."

Trump's comments overshadowed his attempts to diminish Clinton's credibility during the debate. He entered the contest desperate to reshape the race and attract new voters who are deeply skeptical of his brash temperament and fitness for office, but it appeared unlikely he accomplished those goals.

Campaigning Thursday in must-win Ohio, Trump tried to make light of the situation.

"I would like to promise and pledge to all of my voters and supporters and to all of the people of the United States that I will totally accept the results of this great and historic presidential election," he said. After letting that vow hang in the air for a few seconds, he added, "If I win."

The Republican nominee said he would accept "a clear election result" but reserved his right to "contest or file a legal challenge" if he loses. He brushed off the likelihood of that happening with a confident prediction that "we're not going to lose."

Yet numerous Republican leaders concede Trump is heading for defeat barring a significant shift in the campaign's closing days. The GOP's top concern now is salvaging its majority in the Senate, followed closely by worries over the Republicans' once comfortable grip on the House.

"The landscape has gotten a lot tougher for Republicans in the House," said Liesl Hickey, a Republican strategist involved some of those races. In Pennsylvania, Sen. Pat Toomey said Trump's comments were "irresponsible."

Maine Gov. Paul LePage called Trump's comments an "absolute stupid move" and advised him to "take your licks and let's move on."

U.S. elections are run by local elected officials — Republicans, in many of the most competitive states.

Trump's campaign pointed to Al Gore and George W. Bush in 2000 as an example of why it would be premature for Trump to say he'd acquiesce on Nov. 8. That election, which played out for weeks until the Supreme Court weighed in, didn't center on allegations of fraud, but on proper vote-counting after an extremely close outcome in Florida led to a mandatory recount.

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Trump tried to turn the tables on Clinton by accusing her of “cheating” and suggesting she should “resign from the race.” He cited a hacked email that showed her campaign was tipped off about a question she’d be asked in a CNN town hall meeting during the Democratic primary.

“Can you imagine if I got the questions? They would call for the re-establishment of the electric chair, do you agree?” Trump said at a rally in Ohio.

Trump’s effort to shift the conversation back to Clinton focused on an email from longtime Democratic operative Donna Brazile to Clinton’s campaign in March with the subject line “From time to time I get the questions in advance.” It contained the wording of a death penalty question that Brazile suggested Clinton would be asked.

Brazile, now the acting Democratic National Committee chairwoman, was a CNN contributor at the time she sent the email, one of thousands disclosed publicly by WikiLeaks after Clinton’s campaign chairman’s emails were hacked. Clinton’s campaign has said Russia was behind the hack.

The rivals toned down the vitriol a little Thursday night at the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner in New York, a white-tie gala in which politicians are expected to be light-hearted and funny. Still, Trump drew some jeers for calling Clinton “corrupt,” while Clinton got personal with jokes about Trump’s treatment of women and connections to Russia.

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## For first lady, Trump is he who shall remain nameless

By THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — First lady Michelle Obama has emerged as perhaps the most effective Donald Trump critic in the Democrats’ lineup, and she’s done it without ever uttering two key words: Donald Trump.

In her six campaign trail speeches for Hillary Clinton, the first lady has never said the Republican nominee’s name. She’s talked about “this candidate” and dedicated much of her time to a searing indictment of his words and positions. But throughout her buzzworthy takedowns, Trump remains the man who shall remain nameless.

Mrs. Obama didn’t depart from her rhetorical dismissal of Trump in Phoenix Thursday. Her appearance in Arizona was a mission to crack open new territory in a GOP-leaning state polls show is now competitive.

The Clinton campaign and Mrs. Obama’s staff are reluctant to discuss motives for the obvious omission. But Mrs. Obama’s rhetoric shows her trying to balance her position as first lady — a figure long viewed as out of the political fray — while also holding little back in a race she clearly feels strongly about.

At the rally in Arizona, she referred to Trump dozens of times, but in the abstract. “When a presidential candidate threatens to ignore our voices and reject the outcome of this election, he is threatening the very idea of America itself,” she told roughly 7,000 raucous supporters at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Trump said he would withhold judgment on accepting the outcome of the election.

She also spoke in deeply personal terms, suggesting that Trump’s life in a Manhattan tower keeps him from seeing the humanity in people who are different from him. And that, she suggested, is why he speaks so harshly of African-American communities and insults Muslims, women, people with disabilities, Mexicans and more.

“Maybe that’s why he calls communities like the one where I was raised, ‘hell,’” she said. “Because he can’t see all the decent, hardworking folks like my parents.”

Political speakers are often coached to avoid using opponents’ names or titles, to deny them any measure of extra publicity or credibility.

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It's a time-worn demonstration of disdain by denial, said Mary E. Stuckey, a scholar of political oratory at Georgia State University. By marginalizing him personally, Mrs. Obama also aims to marginalize what he stands for as a candidate.

It may just be coincidence, but Mrs. Obama's speech Thursday was at the downtown convention center in Phoenix where Trump issued a reaffirmation of his immigration policy proposals, which Clinton sharply opposes.

"Naming, of course, is a form of power. It defines things and makes them real," Stuckey said. "To refuse to name is also to refuse to recognize something."

But others see additional possible motives in Mrs. Obama's rhetoric.

Where previous first ladies have typically played the role of loyal spouse and burnished their husbands' records while campaigning, Mrs. Obama has taken a different tack, said Anita McBride, who was chief of staff to first lady Laura Bush.

"Her speeches have been more political," McBride said. "Her speeches at the Democratic National Convention and in New Hampshire last week were sharper, more targeted and more cutting than anything I've seen in a previous first lady."

Mrs. Obama spoke at length at the Manchester rally about the release this month of a video from a 2005 "Access Hollywood" interview, where Trump said into a microphone, which he didn't know was live, that he used his celebrity to make sexual advances on women without their consent.

In the weeks that followed, nine women have accused Trump over the past 30 years of kissing and groping them against their will.

Mrs. Obama's response was an effort to starkly refer to Trump as "this candidate actually bragging about sexually assaulting women. I can't believe I'm saying that."

Trump has made a habit of retaliating against his critics. The only time he has mentioned Mrs. Obama during the campaign has been to attempt to poke holes in her support for Clinton by reminding voters of the fierce fight for the 2008 Democratic nomination Clinton fought against President Barack Obama.

Clinton's daughter, Chelsea, has not followed Michelle Obama's example. Speaking at Arizona State University Wednesday, she sprinkled Trump's name throughout her 30-minute speech and a question-and-answer session with more than 500 supporters on the campus in Tempe.

That leaves some former Obama administration staff and others suggesting that the first lady finds Trump so objectionable that she refuses to utter his name as a way of denying him credibility.

"I wonder in some ways if she finds his politics and rhetoric so distasteful she can't bring herself to say his name," said McBride. "Clearly, there's a great deal of passion in these speeches."

## Cleveland's fairytale year gets better as Indians in Series

By TOM WITHERS, AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — The grueling four-month championship drought could soon be over.

Cleveland, yes, Cleveland, a city kicked around for years and where sports heartbreak was engrained in the collective DNA of generations of fans and misery was a fumble or John Elway touchdown pass away, is on deck for another title celebration.

This year, everyone else is playing for second place. It's Cleveland's turn in the spotlight.

The empty cups and bottles had barely been cleaned up from the summer-long party after LeBron James and the Cavaliers stormed back to win the win the NBA Finals, when along come these improbable Indians, a team that has defied the odds all season and advanced to the World Series for the first time since 1997.

And in a perfect sports storm almost unimaginable to the most optimistic fan, the Cavs will receive their diamond-studded rings Tuesday night at Quicken Loans Arena and become the first Cleveland team since 1964 to hoist a world championship banner as the Indians throw out the first pitch in Game 1 next door at Progressive Field.

"Is there any better way?" asked James, the star whose return home in 2014 triggered a wave of hope across Northeast Ohio. "I don't know, having an ice cream truck outside both arenas at the same time as

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well. It's great. We get to host the World Series and we get our rings on the same night — at the same time.

"If we had a retractable roof it would be probably the loudest (sound) we ever heard, so it's pretty special," he said.

For years, Cleveland was little more than a punchline to outsiders — a city dubbed The Mistake On The Lake.

These days, the joke's on everyone else. Cleveland is undergoing a 21st century renaissance that intensified when the Cavs stopped the city's dry spell without a major pro sports championship at 52 years.

Now the city's abuzz about the Indians, who haven't won the World Series since 1948.

On Thursday, the final World Series tickets sold out in 15 minutes and fans endured long lines to buy merchandise commemorating the AL pennant.

Claudia Beal was one of them, and as she waited patiently at a sporting goods store in suburban Westlake, the mother of three boys was savoring every second.

"When I moved here, people thought I was crazy. They were like, 'Oh, Cleveland,'" she said, rolling her eyes. "And now they see what it's like and we're getting our turn. I think everyone now realizes what a great city it is. It has this bad rap. I didn't know I was going to move here, and once I got here, I was like, this is amazing."

And as Cleveland's image changes, so does its people.

By winning it all, the Cavs inspired confidence in fans who grew to expect the worst in big moments. They'd been tortured by Elway beating the Browns in AFC championship games, Michael Jordan knocking down a game-winning shot to sink the Cavs and the Indians losing Game 7 to Florida in '97.

But James and his teammates, who have rallied behind the Indians at playoff games this October, gave fans the belief anything is possible. They also took some of the pressure off the city's other teams.

"That's part of my whole mindset is to inspire as many people as I possibly can — from kids growing up in my inner city to professional athletes in our city," James said.

Cavs coach Tyronn Lue has entrenched himself into Cleveland since arriving two years ago. Even now, months after his team's historic comeback, he's stopped by fans basking in a title that was always out of reach.

"I don't know why, but they do come up to me and thank me," Lue said, smiling. "We're champs and they carry themselves like that and rightfully so."

Anne Balk feels grateful. Like so many Cleveland fans, she's enjoying this 2016 joyride. Her journey, though, has deeper meaning.

As the Cavs marched toward a championship, she gave birth and spent many nights in front of the TV watching playoff games along with her baby boy, Bodhi.

In a few years, Balk, who shopped for souvenirs while wearing a black hoodie that said, "Ohio Against The World," will tell her son the amazing story of his first seasons as a Cleveland fan.

"You know," she said. "This has been quite year for us."

## Final debate is third most-watched presidential match ever

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The final faceoff between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump reached 71.6 million television viewers, meaning two of the three most-watched presidential debates in history occurred during this campaign.

The debate from Las Vegas, moderated by Fox News Channel's Chris Wallace, exceeded the 66.5 million people who watched the second debate. The first time these two candidates met on stage in September, the audience of 84 million set a viewership record, the Nielsen company said.

The 1980 debate between Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, the only time they met that fall, was seen by 80.6 million people. That was the only previous debate to compare to this year's matchups in popularity.

By contrast, both of the debates that Clinton's husband Bill had while running for re-election in 1996 against Bob Dole reached a little over 36 million people.

NBC may have been responsible for Wednesday's debate passing the one moderated by Anderson Cooper and Martha Raddatz in popularity. The network didn't televise the second debate, showing an NFL football game instead, but was back this time.

Wednesday's third debate had a subdued, substantive start with more fireworks as the evening went on. TiVo reported that the moment Donald Trump talked about how "nobody has more respect for women than I do" — and Wallace had to shush some audience members from laughing — was when more viewers stopped and rewound to take a second look than any other.

During the debate, the Republican candidate was mentioned in 3.9 million tweets, while his Democratic rival was mentioned in 1.9 million, Nielsen said.

With Wallace as the sole moderator, Fox News Channel led all networks with 11.3 million viewers during the debate. ABC had 11 million, NBC had 10.4 million, CBS had 10.1 million, CNN had 8.7 million, Fox broadcasting had 6.6 million and MSNBC had 5.5 million, Nielsen said.

## Turkey ramps up fight against Kurdish fighters in Syria

By SARAH EL DEEB and SUZAN FRASER, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Turkey escalated its offensive Thursday against Kurdish fighters in northern Syria, pounding them with airstrikes and artillery, and complicating the battle against the Islamic State group by Ankara and Washington, both NATO allies.

In the fight for Aleppo, meanwhile, the Syrian military used a lull in violence to urge residents and rebels to evacuate the besieged opposition-held part of the city.

Turkey's state-run Anadolu news agency said as many as 200 members of the Kurdish-led forces were killed in Syria's Aleppo province by the Turkish bombing and shelling.

A senior commander with the main Syria Kurdish militia confirmed the Turkish attack on his forces north of Aleppo but disputed the casualty toll, saying that no more than 10 fighters were killed.

Like in Iraq, where Kurdish fighters are at the forefront of the offensive to retake the city of Mosul from the Islamic State group, Kurdish forces in Syria also have been battling IS militants and made significant territorial gains in Aleppo province. That has dismayed Turkey, which is dealing with a homegrown Kurdish insurgency and trying to prevent an expansion of Kurdish influence in Syria.

"We will not back down," senior Kurdish commander Mahmoud Barkhadan of the People's Protection Units told The Associated Press by telephone from the region.

"We are fighting Daesh. Why are they striking at us?" he asked, using the Arabic acronym for IS.

Barkhadan accused Turkey of aiding IS militants by turning the fight into a Turkish-Kurdish battle.

Turkish artillery also hit near Afrin, a Kurdish enclave in northwestern Syria, he said, adding that his forces have not retreated but that Turkey's actions allowed IS fighters to wage a counteroffensive.

More than 10 fighters were killed and 20 wounded in over 30 aerial attacks that began Wednesday night, he said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 14 Kurdish fighters were killed and four were missing.

Anadolu, quoting military officials, reported the raids were carried out late Wednesday night on 18 targets in the Maarraat Umm Hawsh region in northern Syria. Between 160 and 200 militia fighters were killed, it said. The targets struck areas that Syrian Kurdish forces recently took over as they pressed a campaign to drive IS militants from areas north of Aleppo.

The Syrian Kurdish forces have been a source of tension between Turkey and the United States. The U.S. considers the militia group — the People's Protection Units, known as the YPG — to be the most effective force against the IS group in Syria. Turkey calls it an extension of its own outlawed Kurdish militants who have carried out deadly attacks in Turkey and considers it a terrorist organization.

A U.S. defense official in Washington said the Syrian Kurdish fighters targeted by Turkish airstrikes Wednesday are not among the Kurdish groups that U.S. forces are advising and assisting, so there were no U.S. troops with those Kurds when they came under attack.

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The official said Thursday, however, that since the Kurds who were targeted are affiliated with U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters, the Turkish attacks were problematic and have angered the U.S.-backed Kurds. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

In August, Turkey sent troops and tanks into northern Syria to help opposition forces drive IS away from Turkish-Syrian border areas and to curb the Syrian Kurdish forces' territorial expansion.

Ilham Ahmed, a senior Syrian Kurdish official, said the Turkish attack was an aggression on her people's aspiration for self-administration in a contiguous territory in the north as well as a threat to the U.S.-led anti-terrorism fight there.

The Turkish moves threatens a possible campaign against IS in the group's de-facto capital of Raqqa in eastern Syria, Ahmed said. Kurdish forces are the main partner in such a fight, but Ankara has said it is ready to act without Kurdish participation.

Ahmed said Turkey is taking advantage of U.S. attention being focused on its presidential election to push back against the Kurds and advance in northern Syria.

Washington is "asked to put a stop and take a clear and direct position regarding this Turkish aggression. Otherwise, the project of combatting terrorism may be delayed or totally fail in Syria," she said, speaking from Sulaimaniyah, Iraq.

Anadolu said the 18 Syrian Kurdish targets hit included nine buildings used as headquarters, meetings points, shelters or arms depots, along with five vehicles.

The pause in the fighting in Aleppo is part of a humanitarian cease-fire announced by Russia in the contested city to allow for the evacuation of civilians and fighters, as well as the wounded. Rebels have rejected the offer to evacuate, saying it wasn't serious.

Clashes were heard at one of the safe corridors announced by the Syrian military.

"Talk of fighters or non-fighters leaving is denied and groundless," said Ammar Sakkar, spokesman for Fastaqim, one of the largest rebel groups operating in Aleppo. "The rebels' decision has not and will not change. It is to be steadfast."

Eastern Aleppo, besieged by government troops, has been subjected to intense and relentless airstrikes by Syrian and Russian aircraft in recent weeks.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told an emergency meeting of the U.N. General Assembly that nearly 500 people have been killed and almost 2,000 injured since the Syrian government launched its offensive in eastern Aleppo on Sept. 23.

Ban said the city's besieged district has seen "the most sustained and intensive aerial bombardment" since the conflict began 5 1/2 years ago.

He warned that "food rations will run out by the end of the month."

The secretary-general said the bombing pause will hopefully allow urgent medical evacuations and delivery of emergency medical and humanitarian supplies, but he stressed that "this is the bare minimum."

At a checkpoint in the rebel-held east, government loudspeakers blared: "Our dear people in Aleppo districts, let the wounded and sick leave. ... We guarantee you safe passage. Seize the opportunity and protect your families' lives." They offered a warm meal and medical help along the way.

"There is no point in continuing to fight. Your positions and bases and warehouses are known to us precisely. Don't use civilians as human shields," the announcements said.

But there were no takers Thursday, with residents saying they did not trust the promise in the absence of international monitors.

U.N. Syria envoy Staffan de Mistura insisted a unilateral cease-fire aims only to allow medical evacuations and is not part of a broader plan that he has laid out for Aleppo, countering an assertion by Syrian President Bashar Assad that most civilians want to leave.

But de Mistura told the General Assembly later that "in this current lull in bombardment, we hope this is more than just a temporary initiative."

If it is temporary, "which is what we have been so far told, then we do fear that if the previous level of bombing resumes ... eastern Aleppo could end up being destroyed before Christmas and the end of this year," he said.

Senior U.N. aid official Jan Egeland told the AP that the U.N. received verbal assurances for the extension of the three-day pause by another day until Monday to allow for the U.N.-supervised medical evacuation of wounded from the city.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu confirmed an extension but only mentioned the pause was being prolonged by one day. The discrepancy between the statements could not immediately be reconciled.

Egeland said talks are continuing with armed opposition groups on the deal. He said he expects medical supplies to be allowed in.

Ibrahim al-Haj, a resident of eastern Aleppo and a volunteer with the White Helmets team of first responders in the city, said no one trusts safe passages without U.N. supervision.

"If there is no corridor with international supervision, it is impossible anyone would leave," al-Haj said, adding that shots were fired over the heads of some who approached the crossing Thursday. He blamed government snipers.

Fraser reported from Ankara, Turkey. Associated Press writers Jamey Keaten in Geneva, Robert Burns in Washington, Vladimir Isachenkov in Moscow and Edith M. Lederer at the United Nations contributed.

## **Iraqi special forces join battle for Mosul, US soldier dies**

**By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA and SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press**

BARTELLA, Iraq (AP) — In a significant escalation of the battle for Mosul, elite Iraqi special forces joined the fight Thursday, unleashing a pre-dawn assault on an Islamic State-held town east of the besieged city, and the U.S. military announced the first American combat death since the operation began.

U.S. officials said the American service member died Thursday from wounds sustained in a roadside bomb explosion north of Mosul. More than 100 U.S. special operations forces are embedded with Iraqi units in the offensive, and hundreds more are playing a support role in staging bases.

The American had been operating as an explosive ordnance disposal specialist in support of the Iraqi Kurdish force known as the peshmerga, the U.S. officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss details.

Roadside bombs and other improvised explosive devices pose a particular danger to advancing Iraqi forces and the U.S. advisers who are with them. The Islamic State group, which has occupied Mosul for more than two years, has prepared extensive defenses in and around the city.

As they charged toward the town of Bartella, nine miles (15 kilometers) from Mosul's outskirts, the Iraqi special forces faced another favored weapon in the IS arsenal: armored trucks packed with explosives and driven by suicide bombers. The militants' signature battlefield tactic, the weapons offered a glimpse at what Iraqi forces can expect as they close in on the extremists' biggest urban bastion.

The pre-dawn assault on Bartella was part of a multi-pronged operation on eastern approaches to Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city. Attack helicopters strafed militant positions as they advanced amid a hail of gunfire.

The U.S.-trained special forces, officially known as the Counter Terrorism Service, are widely seen as Iraq's most professional and least sectarian fighters, and have served as the shock troops in previous campaigns against IS. They are expected to lead the charge into Mosul.

IS militants unleashed at least nine suicide car and truck bombs against the advancing troops, eight of which were destroyed before reaching their targets, while the ninth struck an armored Humvee, Lt. Col Muntadhar al-Shimmari told The Associated Press.

He did not give a casualty figure, but another officer said five Iraqi soldiers were wounded. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release information.

"After we break them in Bartella, everywhere else, they will crumble," said Maj. Gen. Fadhil Barwari. He said IS had few defenses in the town, which was almost completely empty of civilians. "They just left some snipers and suicide car bombs," he said.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Kurdish forces announced a simultaneous attack, with peshmerga fighters deployed on mountains northeast of Mosul descending from their positions and charging toward the front line.

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Under cover of mortar and gunfire, the Kurdish troops used bulldozers and other heavy equipment to fill trenches dug by the militants as part of their defense of the IS-held village of Barima, then advanced with their armored vehicles toward the extremists' positions.

Military operations also appeared to be underway in the town of Bashiqa, northeast of Mosul, where thick smoke could be seen billowing up. A day earlier, Bashiqa was pounded by airstrikes and mortar fire from peshmerga positions high above.

Lt. Gen. Talib Shaghatai told a news conference late Thursday that the special forces had succeeded in retaking Bartella. But Iraqi forces were still facing stiff resistance inside the town shortly before he spoke, and past advances against IS elsewhere in Iraq have often proved fleeting.

Soldiers stationed a few miles (kilometers) from Bartella said they watched as some 20 car bombs exploded in the town over the course of the day, each one sending a plume of smoke into the air. By late afternoon the skies over Bartella were black.

IS has used the tactic in past battles to wreak havoc among front line troops, but Iraqi forces have become better at stopping the suicide attackers.

"We destroyed the bombs with tanks," Sgt. Maj. Qusay Rashid said. "They are sending all these car bombs now because we're at the beginning of this huge battle. They are trying to put up their best defense."

After Bartella, Iraqi forces advancing toward Mosul will begin to hit villages and suburbs where civilians still live, a factor that will further complicate military operations that rely heavily on artillery and airstrikes to clear territory.

Mosul is home to more than a million people, and rights groups fear a potential humanitarian crisis.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi said Mosul may fall sooner than expected. The campaign to retake the city, which began Monday, had been expected to last weeks, if not months.

Speaking by video transmission to a conference in Paris focused on post-liberation planning for Mosul, the Iraqi leader said the Iraqi "forces are currently pushing forward ... more quickly than we thought, and more quickly certainly than we established in our plan of campaign."

The Islamic State group captured Mosul and the surrounding area during a lightning advance across northern Iraq in the summer of 2014, and IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi announced the formation of a self-styled caliphate from the pulpit of a Mosul mosque.

Iraqi forces crumbled that summer, beating a humiliating retreat and leaving weapons and vehicles behind. But the special forces held together and fought back, and since then they have played a central role in retaking cities and towns from the extremist group.

The force was created by U.S. Special Forces shortly after the 2003 invasion to hunt down top insurgents and stage commando raids, but its mandate has since expanded. Its members include Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds, and its human rights record is better than other forces taking part in the operation.

Mosul is a Sunni majority town, and many fear the involvement of state-sanctioned Shiite militias in the operation could stoke sectarian tensions. The Shiite militias have said they will not enter the city itself.

But even among the special forces there are traces of sectarian fervor. Many of the black Humvees that rode into battle in Bartella were decked with Shiite religious banners in addition to Iraqi flags.

Ali Saad, a 26-year-old special forces soldier, said Kurdish forces had asked them to take down the religious banners, but they refused.

"They asked if we were militias. We said we're not militias, we are Iraqi forces, and these are our beliefs," he said.

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## Most Syrian refugees arriving in US are kids; schools adapt

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO, Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — Seated at his desk at a suburban San Diego middle school, 12-year-old Abdulhamid Ashehneh tries not to let his mind wander to the painful memories of his life in civil war-torn Syria.

His father disappeared suddenly four years ago and, the family believes, was killed. Months later, Abdulhamid's mother boarded a bus with her six children, the youngest 2, and fled to Jordan, the sound of bombs ringing in the distance.

"I think about my Dad a lot," Abdulhamid said recently after practicing English at Cajon Valley Middle School, which has received an influx of Syrian children. "I wish he would come back."

Abdulhamid is like many of the Syrian refugees arriving today in the U.S. Nearly 60 percent of the more than 11,000 Syrian arrivals over the past year were children, according to the U.S. State Department.

That's a larger percentage than some refugee groups, in part because Syrians tend to have larger families and many have managed to stay together despite displacement, according to resettlement agencies helping the families acclimate to the U.S.

Many of those children are enrolling in public schools around the country, including Chicago; Austin, Texas; New Haven, Connecticut; and El Cajon, which received 76 new Syrian students the first week of school.

Syrian children face many of the same challenges as other young refugees — limited English, an interrupted education — but they are somewhat distinct in the level of trauma they have experienced, school leaders and resettlement workers said.

"The truth is, a lot of them have seen some pretty nasty stuff," said Eyal Bergman, a family and community engagement officer for the Cajon Valley Union School District. "But I also see incredible resilience."

In response to the influx, school districts are beefing up English instruction and making extra efforts to reach out to parents unfamiliar with the U.S. school system. In El Cajon, one-on-one orientations introduce families to the school's teachers and staff and show them basics like how to read the district's academic-year calendar.

Some refugee students are enrolled in "newcomer" classes where they are provided intense English instruction before being placed in mainstream classrooms. Others go directly into classes with English-fluent peers but are assigned to smaller groups for individual instruction. Teachers are trained in identifying trauma, and on-site counselors help students who need extra attention.

"I've had students tell me that maybe some of their family members passed away," said Juanita Chavez, a second-grade teacher. "But I think a lot of them just want to focus on here, on learning. A lot of them don't focus on the negative things that have happened to them."

At night, Arabic-speaking staff and teachers hold a "parent academy" where newly arrived moms and dads are given bilingual children's books in English and Arabic and guided on how to help improve literacy at home.

The rising number of Syrian refugee students comes amid a heated presidential campaign. During the second debate, Donald Trump called Hillary Clinton's plan to expand the Obama administration's refugee program and accept 65,000 Syrian refugees the "great Trojan horse of all time."

Last November, in response to the deadly Paris attack believed carried out by operatives who fought and trained in Syria, nearly 30 states vowed to deny entry to Syrian refugees.

Resettlement agencies and school staff worry inflamed rhetoric about Muslims and Syrian refugees will trickle into the classroom. A report last year by the California chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations found 50 percent of Muslim students surveyed were subjected to mean comments or rumors because of their religion.

"This is a concern of ours, to be watching that they do not feel shunned or stigmatized because of their national origin," said Ellen Beattie, a senior director with the International Rescue Committee.

El Cajon, a city of roughly 104,000 people 15 miles east of San Diego, has become a melting pot of refugees from Uganda to Afghanistan. The first Middle Eastern immigrants were Chaldean Christians fleeing persecution in Iraq in the 1970s. Those earlier, now established waves of migrants are playing a role in helping settle the new arrivals from Syria.

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"Most of them tell us the only reason they accepted the whole immigration process is really for their kids," said Anas Kayal, who emigrated to the U.S. from Syria in 2001 and is a physician in San Diego. "They are OK with their own lives being disrupted by the war and crisis, but they are hoping their kids can have a better life."

Watching her children learn English and adapt to U.S. schools has been redeeming for Abdulhamid's mother after two years in Jordan, where she often struggled to feed them and at one point lived in a feeble tent that would blow apart in the wind.

"We're still trying to cope with this emotionally," said Amena Alshehneh, 37. "But it's the reality. We have to face the reality and get on our feet."

As Abdulhamid assimilates, he still pines for his homeland and the life he left behind.

He remembers the Damascus home where he wrestled and practiced reading with his father. He remembers playing soccer and hide-and-seek with his best friend, and wonders what happened to him.

He also thinks about his computer and a remote-control car — cherished toys his father gave him and that he had to abandon.

"I feel so sad I left Syria," said Abdulhamid, whose expression quickly shifts from joy to grief. "Because it's my country. My home."

This story has been corrected to show nearly 60 percent, not 80 percent, of Syrian refugees are children, based on new figures provided by the U.S. State Department.

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## **US: Ex-contractor committed 'breathhtaking' theft of secrets**

**By ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former National Security Agency contractor's theft of top secret government information was "breathhtaking in its longevity and scale," federal prosecutors said in a court filing Thursday aimed at keeping the man locked up as the case moves forward. They said he took enough classified material to fill roughly 200 laptop computers.

The Justice Department also said it anticipated bringing additional charges against Harold T. Martin III, including charges under the Espionage Act, which would expose him to far harsher penalties if convicted. It described the evidence against him as "overwhelming" and said Martin admitted to investigators that he was illicitly storing classified materials.

The court papers offered new details about the enormous volume of information prosecutors believe Martin stole and revealed the Justice Department's concern that Martin is or could be in contact with a foreign government. Prosecutors said Martin has had online communication in Russian and — raising the specter of a situation akin to previous NSA leaker Edward Snowden — said that if Martin were freed he "could seek refuge with a foreign government willing to shield him from facing justice."

"Given the nature of his offenses and knowledge of national secrets, he presents tremendous value to any foreign power that may wish to shelter him within or outside of the United States," prosecutors said.

A detention hearing was scheduled for Friday afternoon in Baltimore. Martin's attorneys said he never intended to betray his country and does not pose a danger or flight risk. They said Martin, a former lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, does not have a valid passport and dismissed as "fantastical scenarios" concerns that he might flee.

Martin was arrested at his Maryland home in August around the same time as federal officials acknowledged an investigation into a cyberleak of purported hacking tools used by the NSA. Those documents were leaked by a group calling itself the "Shadow Brokers," but there is nothing in court filings that explicitly connects Martin to that group.

Prosecutors said agents who searched Martin's home and car seized dozens of computers and electronic

devices, then found classified government materials from 1996 to 2016 and some 50 terabytes of information — or enough to fill 200 laptops. One document marked as “Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information” included “specific operational plans against a known enemy of the United States,” according to the court filing.

The information includes an email chain marked as “Top Secret” that appeared to have been printed from an official government account. On the back of the document, prosecutors said, were handwritten notes describing the NSA’s classified computer infrastructure. The notes, which include basic concepts about classified information, appear “intended for an audience outside of the Intelligence Community,” the government said.

Prosecutors also cited Martin’s use of technologies designed to encrypt communication and allow for online anonymity. They said Martin, who had been trained in computer security and at the time of his arrest was enrolled in a doctoral program on information security management, appeared to be trying to connect to the internet anonymously using a specialized operating system.

The government was likely referring to Tails, a Linux-based operating system that appears similar to Microsoft Windows — but makes web browsing practically anonymous. It also vanishes once the computer restarts.

Because systems like Tails direct internet traffic through a global network called Tor, it’s harder for authorities to trace a user’s internet address or capture identifying information about them. The operating system and the Tor network itself are largely used by journalists, activists and others who have a safety interest in keeping their web browsing habits a secret.

Martin, a former contractor at Booz Allen Hamilton, had access to classified information since 1996, the government said.

His arrest was a further blow to the NSA, coming three years after Snowden — another NSA contractor who also worked at Booz Allen — disclosed to journalists details about government surveillance programs. Snowden, who now lives in Moscow, was charged in his absence under the Espionage Act.

“The evidence is overwhelming that the defendant abused this trust and chose to repeatedly violate his agreements, his oaths and the law, and to retain extremely sensitive government information to use however he wished,” prosecutors said.

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## Watchdog: EPA delayed for 7 months in Flint water crisis

By MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency had sufficient authority and information to issue an emergency order to protect residents of Flint, Michigan, from lead-contaminated water as early as June 2015 — seven months before it declared an emergency, the EPA’s inspector general said Thursday.

The Flint crisis should have generated “a greater sense of urgency” at the agency to “intervene when the safety of drinking water is compromised,” Inspector General Arthur Elkins said in an interim report.

Flint’s drinking water became tainted when the city began drawing from the Flint River in April 2014 to save money. The impoverished city of 100,000 north of Detroit was under state control at the time. Regulators failed to ensure water was treated properly and lead from aging pipes leached into the water supply.

Federal, state and local officials have argued over who’s to blame as the crisis continues to force residents to drink bottled or filtered water. Doctors have detected elevated levels of lead in hundreds of children.

A panel appointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder concluded that the state is “fundamentally accountable” for the lead crisis because of decisions made by state environmental regulators and state-appointed emergency managers who controlled the city.

Even so, Snyder and other Republicans have faulted the EPA for a slow response.

“As Gov. Snyder has stated all along, what happened in Flint was the result of failure of government at all levels,” spokeswoman Anna Heaton said Thursday.

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State agencies have undergone “culture changes” and updated procedures to prevent a recurrence, so “it’s encouraging to see other agencies undergoing evaluations that can result in improvements to help people here and across the nation,” Heaton said.

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver called the report “deeply troubling.”

Weaver, a Democrat who took office after the Flint crisis emerged, said agencies such as the EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are “in place to help ensure the well-being and safety of men, women and children, yet they failed when it comes to the man-made water disaster in Flint. Those responsible must be held accountable.”

The report by the inspector general says officials at the EPA’s Midwest region did not issue an emergency order because they concluded that actions taken by the state prevented the EPA from doing so. The report calls that interpretation incorrect and says that under federal law, when state actions are deemed insufficient, “the EPA can and should proceed with an (emergency) order” aimed at “protecting the public in a timely manner.”

Without EPA intervention, “the conditions in Flint persisted, and the state continued to delay taking action to require corrosion control or provide alternative drinking water supplies,” the report said.

Michigan officials declared a public health emergency in October 2015; the EPA declared an emergency three months later.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy has acknowledged that her agency should have been more aggressive in testing the water and requiring changes, but told Congress that officials “couldn’t get a straight answer” from the state about what was being done in Flint.

Spokeswoman Monica Lee said Thursday that EPA issued an order in the Flint case “as soon as it became apparent that the city and state were failing to address the serious problems with the Flint drinking water system.”

The director of the EPA’s Midwest regional office stepped down Feb. 1 amid withering criticism that the agency failed to act sooner to address lead contamination in the predominantly African-American city.

The official, Susan Hedman, denied wrongdoing, but said she was leaving to avoid becoming a distraction.

In a memo from June 2015, Miguel Del Toral, a scientist in the EPA’s Midwest office, had warned of dangerously high levels of lead. He later criticized the agency for not taking swift action.

The inspector general’s office said a final report on Flint is still being developed. Separately, criminal investigators with the IG’s office are assisting in an ongoing probe of the Flint crisis being led by the U.S. attorney’s office.

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## **AP FACT CHECK: Sharp contrast between Gore in 2000 and Trump**

**By ALAN FRAM, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump, who’s railed for months about a “rigged” political system, used the final presidential debate to defiantly say he won’t decide until the election ends whether he will accept its results.

Pressed on that remarkable challenge to a keystone of the democratic process, his defenders have drawn a parallel to Democrat Al Gore’s contest of the disputed 2000 presidential election.

A comparison of what the Republican presidential candidate and his allies said to what happened 16 years ago:

**TRUMP:** Asked last month during his first debate against Democrat Hillary Clinton whether he would accept the election outcome, Trump said, “The answer is, if she wins, I will absolutely support her.”

Asked virtually the same question Wednesday by debate moderator Chris Wallace, Trump answered differently.

"I will look at it at the time. I'm not looking at anything now," he said. Pressed by Wallace, he said, "I will tell you at the time. I'll keep you in suspense."

**TRUMP'S DEFENDERS:** Several allies said Trump's stance recalled the 2000 challenge by Gore, the sitting vice president, to an election eventually won by Republican George W. Bush.

"Al Gore did not accept the results of the elections, and he said he would," said Kellyanne Conway, Trump's campaign manager. "He actually conceded to George W. Bush on election night in 2000 and then called and retracted his concession."

**THE FACTS:** Comparing Trump's before-the-fact, implied threat to challenge a "rigged" election to Gore's contest of the 2000 race is faulty on several levels.

Gore's challenge was rooted not on unfounded suspicions but actual events — Florida's knife-edge thin vote results. It also followed a legal process that saw each political party fully engaged in backing its candidate, unlike the calls that Trump has faced from many Republicans to honor the upcoming election, which polls show he seems likely to lose.

Most of Florida's polls closed by 7 p.m. on Election Night 2000. Within the hour the television networks and some other news organizations projected Gore the victor in the state, seemingly giving him enough Electoral College votes to win the election.

As additional Florida votes were actually counted, Bush took a lead of around 50,000 votes out of 5.8 million cast, prompting some news organizations to reverse themselves and proclaim Bush the winner. Gore even placed a post-midnight call to Bush to concede.

That decision also proved flawed.

By 2 a.m., Bush was ahead by less than 1,000 votes — a margin that automatically triggered a recount under Florida law. News organizations changed their reporting to reflect a race that was too close to call, and Gore called Bush back to retract his concession.

With the White House at stake, the recount and legal battles between the two parties lasted 36 days. A riveted nation watched a spectacle that included Florida election officials wielding magnifying glasses to determine whether "hanging chads" — dangling bits of paper punched into voting cards — should count.

Numerous lawsuits were filed. On Dec. 9 the Supreme Court ordered a halt to a statewide hand recount of "undervotes" — ballots on which electronic counting equipment had not registered a vote for president.

Three days later, the justices voted 5-4 to overturn the Florida Supreme Court's ruling that had ordered the recount — in effective giving Bush the presidency by 537 Florida votes.

"While I strongly disagree with the court's position, I accept it," Gore said.

## Half a year after 8 relatives killed, no answers or arrests

By **ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS, Associated Press**

PIKETON, Ohio (AP) — Six months after someone shot eight members of an extended family to death in their homes, surviving relatives are still waiting — for an explanation, for an arrest, for a hint of closure.

"I just want to know why?" said Tajianna Mead, of Waverly, whose 44-year-old father, Kenneth Rhoden, was among the victims.

When the slayings were discovered the morning of April 22, rural Pike County in the Appalachian foothills of southern Ohio was coming to life with the colors of greening hardwoods and the white petals of dogwood trees. Half a year later, colors are changing again as leaves turn to burnt yellow and red across the thickly wooded hills.

Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader told WCPO-TV this week that he now believes the killers were local. Union Hill Road, where seven of the victims were found on three properties, is open again to traffic. "Private Property: No Trespassing" signs are posted at the end of the homes' driveways. Porches sit stranded in yards, their steps leading nowhere: In May, investigators moved the mobile homes where the killings occurred to a secure location as the investigation continued.

Leonard Manley, who lost his daughter, Dana Rhoden, and three grandchildren, lives on Union Hill Road near all the crime scenes. He spends his days tinkering after retiring two years ago from cutting timber.

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He doesn't know who committed the crime and questions whether it will be solved in his lifetime.

Manley, 65, has long thought the killers knew the properties intimately, in part because Christopher Rhoden Sr. had a security system, as well as a pit bull and bulldog, that would have been hard for a stranger to get past.

"You wake up at night, and you wonder. I get up of a night, 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. Can't go back to sleep, thinking about things," Manley said.

The victims were Kenneth Rhoden, 44; Christopher Rhoden Sr., 40; his ex-wife, 37-year-old Dana Rhoden; their three children, 20-year-old Clarence "Frankie" Rhoden, 16-year-old Christopher Rhoden Jr. and 19-year-old Hanna Rhoden; a cousin, 38-year-old Gary Rhoden; and Frankie Rhoden's fiancée, 20-year-old Hannah Gilley, whose 6-month-old son with Frankie Rhoden was unharmed.

Two other children, Hanna Rhoden's 4-day-old daughter and Frankie Rhoden's 3-year-old son, also were unharmed. Adding to the family's pain is a legal fight involving three family members seeking custody of the two youngest children. A Pike County judge is shielding public access to those court hearings and records.

Most of the victims were shot multiple times in the head and, in the case of Christopher Rhoden Sr., in his upper body and torso, as well. Some bodies showed signs of bruising, as if they'd been beaten. Kenneth Rhoden's body was found at his trailer a few miles away from the properties on Union Hill Road.

Kendra Rhoden, Tajianna's sister, says her father, Kenneth Rhoden, was a wise man who taught her lessons about dealing with life, heartbreak and all. The 19-year-old is studying to be a licensed practical nurse. Like others, she believes someone in the community knows what happened but is afraid to come forward.

Regardless of the delays and the mystery surrounding the deaths, Kendra Rhoden believes the case will be solved.

"My dad taught me to have hope," Rhoden said.

Early on, authorities disclosed a large-scale illegal marijuana growing operation at one of the crime scenes and said pot was being cultivated at some of the other homes, too, leading to suggestions Mexican cartels might have been involved.

Large marijuana operations are common in southern Ohio. Investigators in 2012 said the seizure of about 1,200 plants in Pike County could be related to a Mexican drug cartel.

Attorney General Mike DeWine, overseeing the investigation along with the sheriff, will say only that the killers had to be familiar with land around the properties, as well as the properties themselves.

Though many residents of the rural county about 80 miles south of Columbus also believe the killers are local, most aren't worried about their safety. They believe the family members were specifically targeted.

"I don't think nobody's going to come forward and say, 'Oh, I know who did this,'" said Dana Lansing, who lives with her husband about 3 miles from the main crime scene and who was a longtime friend of Dana Rhoden. "Because it's too big. They would fear for their own lives if they did."

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## Ohio mom's confession details how she smothered 3 young sons

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio woman accused of suffocating her three young sons over a 13-month period says in a recorded police interview that she smothered each boy with a blanket because she didn't want to see them suffering.

Brittany Pilkington also said she was depressed and worried her sons would eventually become abusive toward women, The Columbus Dispatch reported on Wednesday.

"I wish I would have did it to myself instead," Pilkington can be heard saying to police on the recording.

A Logan County judge has been reviewing Pilkington's statements while considering a request to exclude her confession in the potential death penalty case. Her lawyers argue it was obtained unconstitutionally.

Defense attorney Marc Triplett said police were aware of Pilkington's lack of mental acuity and she didn't understand when she signed a form waiving her Miranda rights.

Prosecutors said the 24-year-old Bellefontaine woman knowingly agreed to be interviewed without a lawyer

and she was advised of her rights by officers at the police station and then again at the sheriff's office.

Pilkington's tested IQ is 94, according to court records.

Logan County children services' records state that Pilkington functioned on the level of an 11- or 12-year-old at age 18. She's reportedly a high school graduate.

Authorities allege Pilkington killed the toddler and two infants out of jealousy at the attention her husband gave them.

Pilkington told officers she let her husband find the bodies when he returned home from his second-shift job because she was too scared to tell him what she'd done.

She has pleaded not guilty to three counts of aggravated murder.

## Hacked emails: Clinton pushed for charity meeting in Morocco

By **STEPHEN BRAUN** and **MICHAEL BIESECKER**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hacked emails reveal internal disagreement among top aides to Hillary Clinton about her determination to hold a Clinton Foundation summit in Morocco that later drew attention over its reliance on large financial pledges from foreign governments.

Clinton aide Huma Abedin bluntly wrote in the January 2015 email that "if HRC was not part of it, meeting was a non-starter" and then warned: "She created this mess and she knows it."

It was an uncharacteristic remark from a confidant known for her abiding loyalty to Clinton over the years.

The hacked email was among more than 4,000 messages posted Thursday on the website of the WikiLeaks organization. The emails were stolen from the accounts of John Podesta, Clinton's campaign chairman.

In Wednesday's final presidential debate, Donald Trump said he doubted the conclusion by U.S. intelligence officials that the Russian government is behind a string of recent targeted cyberattacks and subsequent leaks to influence the election. Clinton sharply criticized the Republican nominee for using the stolen emails to attack her, as well as a past statement encouraging hackers to leak more.

Podesta has warned that some emails may have been edited or altered by the hackers prior to release, though the Clinton campaign has yet to publicly identify an instance of that happening.

In her email, Abedin told Podesta and current Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook that the lavish May 2015 meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative was based on a \$12 million pledge from Moroccan King Mohammed VI to host the event.

"The King has personally committed approx. \$12 million both for the endowment and to support the meeting," Abedin wrote.

Clinton Foundation records do not show any direct pledge of funding from the king or government of Morocco to the charity. Commitments to the charity's CGI program are agreements only to aid the program's international projects, not to directly fund the Clinton Foundation itself.

Clinton was no longer serving as secretary of State at the time of the meeting in Marrakesh. Sponsor donations have sometimes been used to defray the costs of meetings for CGI, the foundation's program of worldwide charity and development projects.

Politico has reported that the meeting was partly supported by a pledge of at least \$1 million from OCP, a Moroccan phosphate export firm whose directors at the time included several top Moroccan government ministers, including the heads of the nation's foreign affairs and interior ministries.

Among the other listed attendees were several corporate figures who had met with Clinton when she was secretary of state or were long-time political fundraisers.

They included entertainment magnate Haim Saban and his psychologist wife, Cheryl, who are bundlers for Clinton's presidential campaign and met with her several times during her State Department tenure. Other philanthropic attendees included political backers Jay Snyder and Steven Wozencraft.

The internal email exchange between Abedin, Mook and Podesta reveals that there was internal disagreement ahead of time over Clinton's push for the Moroccan meeting.

"Came up on our call with HRC. John flagged the same issues we discussed, Huma. HRC says she's still considering," Mook wrote.

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The Clinton campaign was not immediately available to comment on the newly released WikiLeaks email. In her message, Abedin said that Clinton's personal appearance at the planned meeting was a key element in the Moroccan decision to host the event.

"The condition upon which the Moroccans agreed to host the meeting was her participation," Abedin wrote. She added that "CGI also wasn't pushing for a meeting in Morocco and it wasn't their first choice."

But days after OCP's role in the Marrakesh meeting was publicized, Clinton decided not to attend. Her decision came despite a November 2014 email in which Abedin insisted "no matter what happens, she will be in Morocco hosting CGI on May 5-7, 2015. Her presence was a condition for the Moroccans to proceed so there is no going back on this."

A week after the donation from OCP was revealed in April, the Clinton Foundation announced it was tightening its policy on donations from foreign governments, agreeing to allow financial gifts only from six nations that had previously supported the foundation's health, poverty and climate change programs. Those nations were Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom.

In August, former President Bill Clinton said that if his wife is elected, the family's foundation would no longer accept any donations from foreign governments or corporations, or from U.S. companies.

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## Asian shares mixed, dollar rises on ECB stimulus hopes

By **KELVIN CHAN, AP Business Writer**

HONG KONG (AP) — Asia stock markets drifted Friday as oil prices slid. The dollar rallied after Europe's central bank kept the door open for more monetary stimulus, leaving investor sentiment mixed.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index rose 0.3 percent to 17,285.53 but South Korea's Kospi lost 0.3 percent to 2,032.85. The Shanghai Composite Index in mainland China fell 0.1 percent to 3,080.52 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 0.2 percent to 5,434.00. Benchmarks in Southeast Asia were mixed. Hong Kong's stock market was closed due to a typhoon.

ECB STIMULUS: At a news conference on Thursday, the head of the European Central Bank kept alive the possibility that it could extend its stimulus program beyond March, the earliest possible end date. Mario Draghi said a decision on the 1.7 trillion euro (\$1.9 trillion) bond-buying program would not come until December, which was widely expected. But he added it's unlikely there would be an "abrupt end" to the program. That sent the euro lower.

ANALYST INSIGHT: "Despite the numerous past measures taken, such as quantitative easing and cutting interest rates to negative territory, there have been little signs of improvement," said Alex Furber, a senior sales trader at CMC Markets in Singapore. "The key question has now become what else can the ECB do to spur growth in the region."

WALL STREET: Major U.S. benchmarks ended little changed. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 0.2 percent to 18,162.35. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 0.2 percent to 2,141.34. The Nasdaq composite index crept 0.1 percent lower to 5,241.83.

ENERGY: Oil futures extended losses. Benchmark U.S. crude lost 23 cents to \$50.40 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$1.17, or 2.3 percent, to close at \$50.43 a barrel on Thursday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, slid 19 cents to \$51.19 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar increased to 104.17 yen from 104.08 on Thursday. The euro weakened to \$1.0901 from \$1.0927. The official exchange rate for the Chinese currency yuan fell to a six-year low against the dollar of 6.7558 yuan as investors bet that an eventual interest rate hike in the U.S. will boost the dollar.



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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, Oct. 21, the 295th day of 2016. There are 71 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 21, 1966, 144 people, 116 of them children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and some 20 houses in Aberfan, Wales.

On this date:

In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.

In 1805, a British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

In 1892, schoolchildren across the U.S. observed Columbus Day (according to the Gregorian date) by reciting, for the first time, the original version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy for The Youth's Companion.

In 1917, members of the 1st Division of the U.S. Army training in Luneville (luhn-nay-VEEL'), France, became the first Americans to see action on the front lines of World War I.

In 1941, superheroine Wonder Woman made her debut in All-Star Comics issue No. 8, published by All-American Comics, Inc. of New York.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen (AH'-kuhn).

In 1959, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, opened to the public in New York.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate in New York.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon nominated Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court. (Both nominees were confirmed.)

In 1985, former San Francisco Supervisor Dan White — who'd served five years in prison for killing Mayor George Moscone (mah-SKOH'-nee) and Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights advocate — was found dead in a garage, a suicide.

In 1986, pro-Iranian kidnappers in Lebanon abducted American Edward Tracy (he was released in Aug. 1991).

In 1991, American hostage Jesse Turner was freed by his kidnappers in Lebanon after nearly five years in captivity.

Ten years ago: Al-Jazeera television aired an interview with State Department official Alberto Fernandez, who offered a striking assessment of the Iraq war, saying in Arabic that the United States had shown "arrogance" and "stupidity" in Iraq. (Fernandez issued an apology the next day.) Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, visiting Moscow, delivered a symbolic rebuke to Russia over shrinking press freedoms, even as she courted President Vladimir Putin for help punishing Iran over its nuclear program. The St. Louis Cardinals cruised past the Detroit Tigers 7-2 win in Game 1 of the World Series.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama declared that America's long and deeply unpopular war in Iraq would be over by the end of 2011 and that all U.S. troops "will definitely be home for the holidays."

One year ago: Vice President Joe Biden announced he would not be a candidate in the 2016 White House campaign, solidifying Hillary Rodham Clinton's status as the Democratic front-runner. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels, 79, died in Los Angeles. The New York Mets finished an NL playoff sweep of the Chicago Cubs to advance to the World Series as the Mets brushed aside the Cubs 8-3. The Blue Jays beat the Kansas City Royals 7-1 to close to 3-2 in the best-of-seven AL Championship Series.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joyce Randolph is 92. Author Ursula K. Le Guin is 87. Rock singer Manfred Mann is 76. Musician Steve Cropper (Booker T. & the MG's) is 75. Singer Elvin Bishop is 74. TV's Judge Judy Sheindlin is 74. Actor Everett McGill is 71. Musician Lee Loughnane (LAHK'-nayn) (Chicago) is 70.

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Actor Dick Christie (TV: "The Bold and the Beautiful") is 68. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is 67. Actress LaTanya Richardson Jackson is 67. Musician Charlotte Caffey (The Go-Go's) is 63. Movie director Catherine Hardwicke is 61. Actress-author Carrie Fisher is 60. Singer Julian Cope is 59. Rock musician Steve Lukather (Toto) is 59. Actor Ken Watanabe (wah-tah-NAH'-bee) is 57. Actress Melora Walters is 56. Rock musician Che (chay) Colovita Lemon is 46. Rock singer-musician Nick Oliveri (Mondo Generator) is 45. Christian rock musician Charlie Lowell (Jars of Clay) is 43. Actor Jeremy Miller is 40. Country singer Matthew Ramsey (Old Dominion) is 39. Actor Will Estes is 38. Actor Michael McMillian is 38. Reality TV star Kim Kardashian (kahr-DASH'-ee-uhn) West is 36. Actor Matt Dallas is 34. Actress Charlotte Sullivan is 33. Actor Aaron Tveit (tuh-VAYT') is 33.

Thought for Today: "Happiness is not a horse; you cannot harness it." — Russian proverb.