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Monday, Oct. 24

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Super nachos, sweet potato tots, fruit, romaine salad.
Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.
6 p.m.: Volleyball at Milbank (C/JV start at 6 p.m., varsity to follow)
Oral Interp at Brookings

Tuesday, Oct. 25

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, links, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Spaghetti, meatsauce, garlic toast, fruit, carrots and dit.
Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, Malibu blend vegetables, cookie, whole wheat bread.
7 p.m.: Football Playoffs - Groton Area hosts Redfield-Doland

Wednesday, Oct. 26

School Lunch: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Cheese stick, tri tater, broccoli and dip, fruit.
Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, Mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie.

Thursday, Oct. 27

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Hot dog, baked beans, fruit, romaine salad
Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, peaches, dinner roll.
1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Parent-Teacher Conferences
6:45 p.m.: Parent Scholarship Presentation
ASVAB Test

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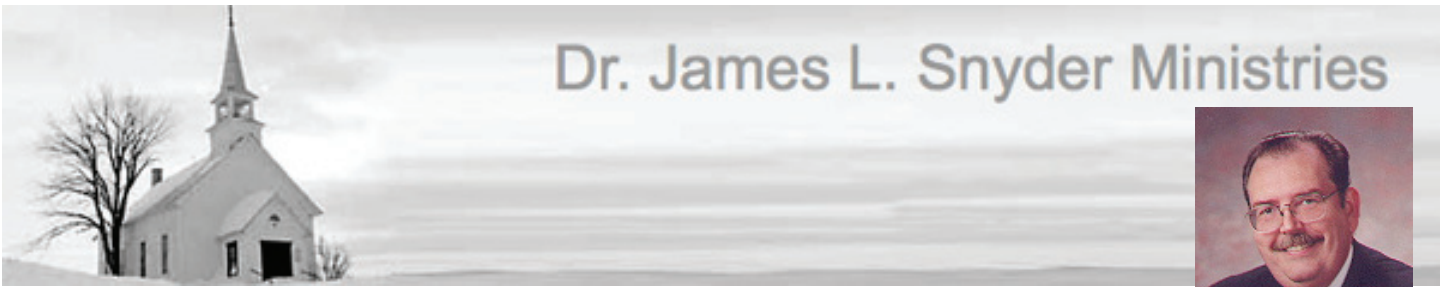
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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



A Cup of Joe Says a Lot About Us

This week I came face-to-face with a genuine dilemma. I had several meetings across town and for some reason I miscalculated and ended up with a 2-1/2 hour gap between meetings. I hate to waste time, but if I drove back to my office, I would simply have to return to my meeting later and with the cost of gas these days, one cannot be too cautious.

You know gas is getting high when it costs more to fill up the car than the car is actually worth. The most valuable thing in my car is in my gas tank.

I remedied the situation by stopping in a small coffee shop for a cup of Joe. As far as I am concerned, there is no bad time to have a cup of coffee, in spite of the price. I ordered my coffee and when the waitress brought it, I began to think about coffee. Why did God give us coffee?

Then my mind went back to my grandfather, whose greatest gift to me was a love of coffee. Nobody loved coffee more. I remember one of his favorite quotes, "You can always tell a man by the coffee he drinks."

Anathema to my grandfather was the idea of instant coffee. No man, in his opinion, would ever drink anything of the kind. "If a man would drink instant coffee," my grandfather perked, "there's no telling what else he would do. Never trust a man who drinks instant coffee."

Making coffee was an art form to my grandfather. There was a right way and a wrong way to make coffee, and he always insisted on the right way. Of course, the right way was his way.

In grandfather's kitchen was an old wood-burning cook stove. My grandmother cooked meals on this ancient apparatus for more than 50 years. On this old-fashioned stove, my grandfather brewed his famous mud broth. He never allowed my grandmother to make the brew; it was his job, which he took seriously.

Once for his birthday, we all chipped in and bought him an electric coffee pot. I had never seen my grandfather so mad. When he saw what it was, he would not even take it out of the box.

He had strong ideas about coffee and how it should be brewed and woe be to the person who contradicted his ideas.

Grandfather always kept a fire in the old wood cook stove and on the back of the stove he kept his coffee pot, a large 2-gallon pot — one of those old-fashioned percolators long since gone out of style. The coffee was always on, and no matter when you stopped in to see him, he always had "fresh" coffee brewing.

When I say, "fresh," I need to explain. Actually, the coffee was only fresh on Sunday. On Saturday night, he routinely emptied the coffee pot and prepared fresh coffee for Sunday morning.

He had an old coffee grinder and ground the coffee beans on Saturday night. He put some other things in the coffee, I have never figured out what. One thing I know he put in was a crushed eggshell. What it did to his coffee, I have no idea but grandfather was sure it was an important ingredient.

The freshly ground coffee beans were put in, the pot filled with fresh water and set on the back of the stove to slowly perk. This coffee would last the entire week. The coffee was so strong on Sunday that if it did not wake you in the morning, you were dead.

In fact, Cousin Ernie died on a Sunday afternoon, so my grandfather tells the story, and one sip of his black coffee roused him and he lived seven more years, which was unfortunate for grandfather, as he had to support him.

Before retiring each evening my grandfather took care of his coffee. He would freshly grind a few cof-

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fee beans, sprinkle it on top of the old coffee grounds and then add a newly crushed eggshell. Then he would refill the coffee pot with water.

His coffee percolated 24/7 and by Saturday it was so strong you needed a half-cup of sugar just to drink one cup. It was thick enough to use as syrup on your pancakes, but so strong, it dissolved your pancakes before you could eat them.

My grandmother once tried washing the coffee pot. When my grandfather saw her, he became furious, "Never wash that coffee pot," he spouted, "you'll ruin its character and a coffee pot needs a lot of character to make good coffee."

When my grandfather died, I looked at his old black coffee pot and discovered two things. One, the original color was blue. And two, although it was originally a 2-gallon pot, it only could take three quarts of water. The "character," so important to my grandfather, had built up so much over the years its capacity was diminished.

In pondering my grandfather, I thought about my Heavenly Father and His gifts. The Bible puts it this way; "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

I really do not know why God gave us coffee, but I do know God's character is of such a nature that it never diminishes His ability to bless me each day.

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Today in Weather History

October 23, 1995: A major fall storm hit Central and Northeast South Dakota and dropped from four inches to one foot of wet snow. The heavy wet snow combined with high winds gusting up to 50 mph snapped several thousand power poles and downed hundreds of miles of line in the counties of Buffalo, Hand, Spink, Roberts and Grant. In Day and Lyman Counties, a few poles were downed with some short lived power outages. Marshall County had no reports of damage or power outages. Several thousand people were left without power for several hours up to several days. Power was not restored to some people until the fourth of November. Portions of Interstate 90 and Interstate 29 were closed from the evening of the 23rd until the morning of the 24th leaving hundreds of motorists stranded. There were also numerous school delays and closings. Many trees and some crops were also damaged as a result of the weight of the snow and high winds. Some snowfall amounts included, 4 inches near Reliance, at Doland, and near Victor, 5 inches southeast of Stephan and at Sisseton, 6 inches south of Ree Heights and at Eden, eight inches at Waubay and Grenville, 9 inches at Clear Lake, 10 inches at Watertown, and 12 inches at Summit and Milbank. This storm was the third damaging storm to the rural electric cooperatives this year and has been called the worst natural disaster in the history of the rural electrics. The total damage estimated for the rural state electrics was \$9.5 million.

1091: The earliest known tornado in Britain, possibly the most severe on record, hit central London. The church at St. Mary le Bow was severely damaged. Four rafters, each 26 feet long were driven into the ground with such force that only four feet protruded above the surface. Other churches in the area were also demolished along with over 600 houses.

1878: One of the most severe hurricanes to affect eastern Virginia in the latter half of the 19th century struck on October 23, 1878. This storm moved rapidly northward from the Bahamas on October 22nd and hit the North Carolina coast late that same day moving at a forward speed of 40 to 50 mph. The storm continued northward passing through east central Virginia, Maryland and eastern Pennsylvania. The barometric pressure fell to 28.78". The five minute sustained wind reached 84 mph at Cape Henry. During the heaviest part of the gale, the wind at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina registered 100 mph. The instrument itself has finally blown away and therefore no further record was made.






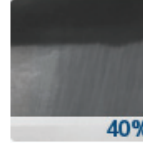

1920: Famed research meteorologist Theodore Fujita, was born on this date in Kitakyushu City, Japan. Fujita, known as "Mr. Tornado" after developing the international standard for measuring tornado severity, also discovered microbursts.

1947: Fish fell from the sky in Marksville, LA. Thousands of fish fell from the sky in an area 1,000 feet long by 80 feet wide possibly due to a waterspout.

2015: On this day, Hurricane Patricia became the most powerful tropical cyclone ever measured in the Western Hemisphere as its maximum sustained winds reached an unprecedented 200 mph (320 kph) and its central pressure fell to 879 millibars (25.96 inches of mercury). Hurricane Patricia became the strongest Pacific hurricane on record shortly after midnight CDT early on Oct. 23. Air Force Hurricane Hunters had flown through the eye of Patricia and reported a sea-level pressure of 894 millibars as measured by a dropsonde inside the eye itself. Wind measurements suggested that the pressure measurement was not in the exact center of the eye and was probably not the absolute lowest pressure, prompting NHC to estimate the minimum central pressure at 892 millibars in its special 12:30 a.m. CDT advisory. Tropical cyclone strength comparisons are typically based on minimum central pressure. At 892 millibars, Patricia shattered the Eastern Pacific basin's previous record of 902 millibars set by Hurricane Linda in 1997. While a number of typhoons in the western North Pacific have been stronger, Patricia is now by far the strongest hurricane on record in any basin where the term "hurricane" applies to tropical cyclones – namely, the central and eastern North Pacific basins and the North Atlantic basin, which includes the North Atlantic Ocean itself plus the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy then Slight Chance Rain	Chance Rain	Chance Showers	Mostly Cloudy
High: 55 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 45 °F	High: 54 °F	Low: 42 °F	High: 56 °F

Seasonably Cool



Today
53-62

Tonight
30s

Monday
55-66

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE - ABERDEEN, SD
Updated: 10/23/2016 5:01 AM Central 

Published on: 10/23/2016 at 5:02AM

Cooler air on north to northwesterly winds will be the rule for today, as high pressure slowly settles in from the northwest. Highs today will range from 53 to 62, with the highest temperatures across central South Dakota. Chilly readings in the 30s are expected tonight, with dry weather continuing through Monday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 69.5 F at 3:31 PM

Low Outside Temp: 30.0 F at 7:21 AM

High Gust: 19.0 Mph at 2:13 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 80° in 1963

Record Low: 5° in 1895

Average High: 54°F

Average Low: 30°F

Average Precip in Oct.: 1.61

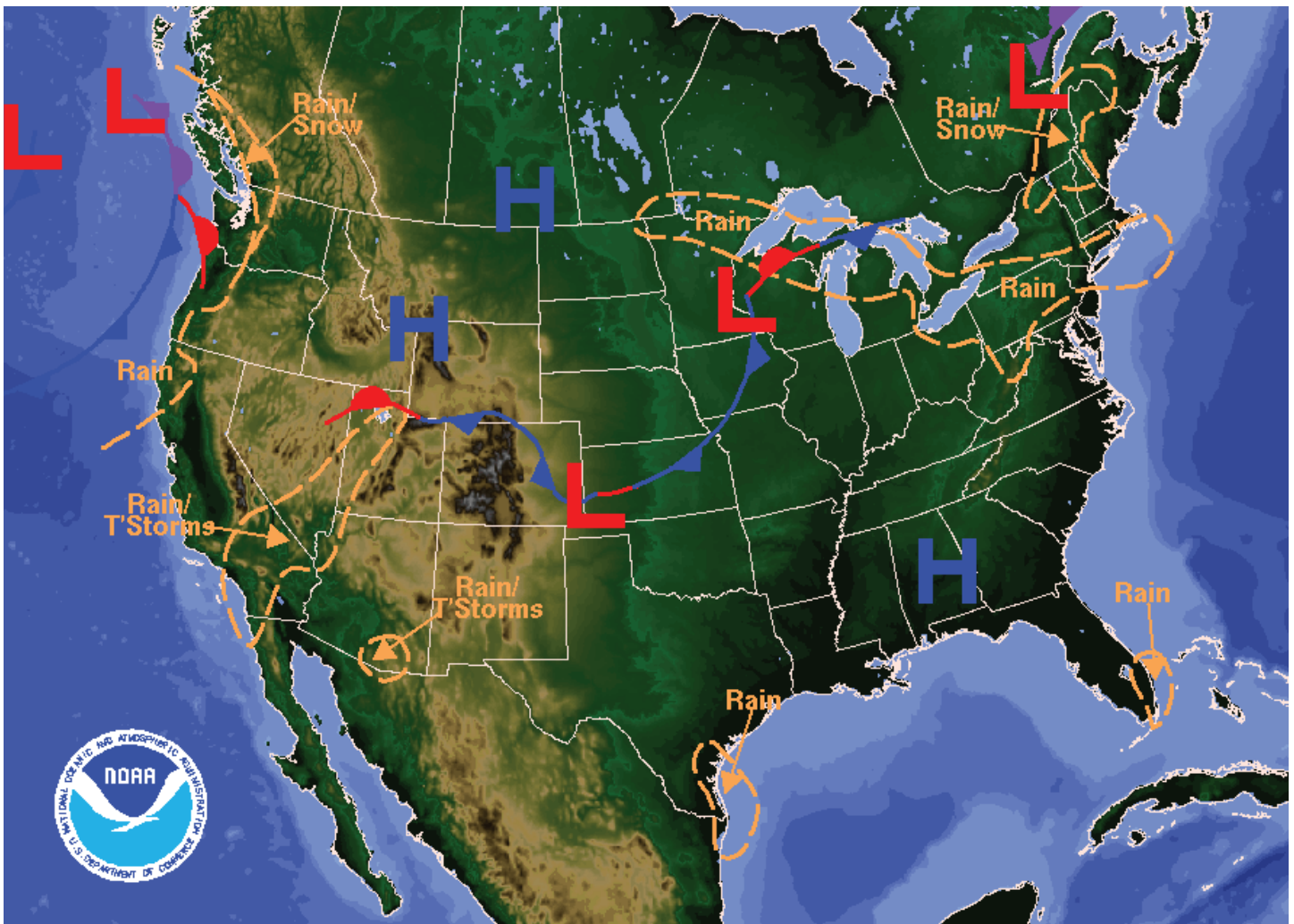
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.63

Average Precip to date: 20.09

Precip Year to Date: 13.83

Sunset Tonight: 6:33 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:02 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Oct 23, 2016, issued 4:39 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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TIME OUT!

One morning in a small town in Switzerland the clock in the tower stopped. Children unaware of what happened naturally thought that they had more time to stop and enjoy the lovely spring day. Secretaries on their way to work stopped to visit with their friends in the little shops that surrounded the square. Men reading their newspapers took some extra time to enjoy their stories. After about thirty minutes, the clock started again and the children, the secretaries and the businessmen, noticing that the hands were moving, ran off to their appointments. These people were late because the clock they trusted pointed to the wrong time.

Each of us has a personal clock ticking inside of us. It has a specific number of "ticks" that God has allocated to each of us that will determine how long we will live. There are times when we think that our clock is pointing to a great number of days that we cannot see nor count on. We may have a year in mind when we plan to retire and begin to live a life of ease and do things we have delayed doing.

God's Word reminds us, however, that "None of us live for ourselves." God has given each of us the power to make plans and dream dreams and to look forward to the future. But the most important thing we must do is to include God in our plans. Do not forget that "while we live, we live to please the Lord and when we die, we go to be with Him."

Prayer: Help us, Father, to listen to the "tricking" of our clock - to always be aware of the fact that we have no assurance of tomorrow. May we make each day count for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 14:7-8 For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

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News from the  Associated Press

South Dakota St grinds down Youngstown St in 24-10 win

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Taryn Christion threw for 189 yards on an efficient 15 of 21 passing with two touchdowns and South Dakota State sailed to a 24-10 win over Youngstown State on Saturday.

The win gives the Jackrabbits sole possession of first place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Dallas Goedert caught six passes for 108 yards and Brady Mengarelli added 74 yards rushing with a touchdown for South Dakota State (5-2, 4-0 Missouri Valley). The Jackrabbits have won four consecutive games.

South Dakota State scored twice in the first five minutes of the game and Chase Vinatieri added a 20-yard field goal for a 17-3 Jackrabbits lead at the break.

Christion threw a 3-yard TD pass to Jake Wieneke early in the third to put the game away.

Tevin McCaster scored the Penguins (5-2, 3-1) lone TD on a 2-yard run with 1:46 left.

Ricky Davis threw for 115 yards for Youngstown State.

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 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>

South Dakota's portion of oil pipeline nearly finished

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Work on the four-state pipeline whose construction has sparked protests in North Dakota is nearly finished in South Dakota.

The Dakota Access pipeline operator, Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners, in a report filed Friday with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission said that 100 percent of the pipe is underground in the state, including beneath waterways such as the Big Sioux River, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2dYO8KC>) reported. The \$3.8 billion, 1,200-mile pipeline will carry oil from North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to Illinois.

The PUC approved construction of the 272-mile stretch last December. It required the operator to submit quarterly reports and water permits, as well as the use of a third-party compliance monitor.

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The operator in the report filed Friday said the pump station in Redfield is 85 percent complete. The company is working on erosion control and testing.

Earlier, the company filed proof of the temporary water use permits it obtained, which allow crews to pull water from the Big Sioux and other sources to run it through the lines for testing.

The pipeline's construction has drawn thousands of protesters over the past several weeks to an area in North Dakota near the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Opponents worry about potential effects on drinking water on the reservation and farther downstream because the pipeline will cross the Missouri River, as well as destruction of cultural artifacts.

The number of arrests in connection with the protests reached more than 220 on Saturday, when more than 80 people were taken into custody after a demonstration at a construction site.

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

78-year-old man who died in crash in Vermillion identified

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol has identified the 78-year-old man who died in a two-vehicle crash on the edge of Vermillion earlier this week.

The Highway Patrol says the victim was Vermillion resident Keith Hangman.

Authorities says Hangman 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 driver of the semitrailer wasn't hurt.

North Dakota pipeline protest prompts more than 80 arrests

MANDAN, N.D. (AP) — More than 80 people protesting the Dakota Access pipeline were arrested Saturday during a demonstration that gathered about 300 people at a construction site in North Dakota and prompted law enforcement officers to use pepper spray.

Morton County sheriff's office spokesman Rob Keller said authorities were called at 5:20 a.m. Saturday to a pipeline construction site located about five miles from an area where protesters have been camping out for weeks near the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball rivers. The confrontation between officers and protesters lasted five hours.

The sheriff's office released a statement, saying officers used pepper spray when some protesters attempted to breach a line that law enforcement officers had formed between demonstrators and construction equipment. The statement said one protester attempted to grab an officer's pepper spray canister, spraying the officer in the face and blinding him for five minutes.

Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said Saturday's incident showed that "this protest is not peaceful or lawful."

"It was obvious to our officers who responded that the protesters engaged in escalated unlawful tactics and behavior during this event," he said. "This protest was intentionally coordinated and planned by agitators with the specific intent to engage in illegal activities."

Protests have drawn thousands of people to the area where Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners is trying to finish building the 1,200-mile pipeline. More than 220 people have now been arrested since demonstrations began in August.

The sheriff's office said four people who attached themselves to a sport utility vehicle parked on private property near construction equipment were among those arrested Saturday. Two of the individuals attached themselves to the outside of the vehicle, one person was attached to the steering wheel, and another had his body outside of the vehicle with his arm fed through a hole in the door and his hand in a bucket of hardened concrete.

Those arrested Saturday are facing charges including assault on a peace officer, engaging in a riot and criminal trespass.

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South Dakota edges Illinois State 27-24

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Backup quarterback Austin Simmons led South Dakota to a 27-24 Missouri Valley Football Conference win over Illinois State on Saturday.

Filling in for injured starter Chris Streveler, backup QB Ryan Saeger started and completed four of seven passes before giving way to Simmons, who threw for two touchdowns.

Simmons, a redshirt freshman, was 13-for-30 for 205 yards. He threw a 15-yard TD pass to Riley Donovan and a 26-yarder to Tacari Carpenter.

"Both of them are obviously capable players," USD coach Bob Nielson said of his quarterbacks. "It was good to see Austin make those kinds of plays. We just have to be more consistent."

Illinois State (3-5, 1-4) outgained the Coyotes 474-370, but a strong fourth quarter down the stretch helped USD (4-3, 3-1) beat the Redbirds for the first time after five losses.

"Credit to our guys in the fourth quarter. What a tremendous job by our defense," Nielson said.

Miles Bergner opened the scoring with a 29-yard field goal to give the Coyotes a 3-0 lead with 12:36 to play in the first quarter.

But the Redbirds came right back to take the lead on James Robinson's 17-yard run.

Michael Fredrick's 5-yard TD run with 6:59 left in the quarter gave the Coyotes a 10-7 lead and Simmons followed with a 15-yard TD pass to Donovan.

Simmons' second TD pass, a 26-yarder to Carpenter, staked SDSU to 24-7 lead. But the Redbirds weren't done.

Sean Flattery kicked a 44-yard field goal with 3:00 left in the half to make it 24-10 and Corbin scored on a 2-yard run with 41 seconds left to make it 24-17.

Bergner extended the lead to 27-17 with a 39-yard field goal with 4:46 remaining in the third period.

Illinois State missed an opportunity to cut into the lead when Corbin broke free on a 42-yard run but was chased down from behind and stripped of the ball as he neared the goal line. USD recovered in the end zone for a touchback.

The Redbirds closed within 27-24 on a 42-yard pass from Jake Kolbe to Christian Gibbs with 7:43 to play. But that was the end of the scoring.

Illinois State's last chance ended with a roughing the punter penalty with nine seconds to play.

Kolbe threw for 241 yards for Illinois State. Corbin ran for 108 yards on 12 carries.

Pentagon chief in Irbil for closer assessment of Mosul fight

By LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter visited Irbil on Sunday for a closer assessment of the fight against the Islamic State group in northern Iraq and to hear from Kurdish leaders whose forces launched a new offensive in the operation to wrest Mosul from the militants' control.

Carter met with Kurdish leader Masoud Barzani, as well as U.S. service members who are not far from the battle.

The Pentagon chief praised the efforts of the Kurdish forces, known as peshmerga, and acknowledged their battle losses.

"They fight extremely well. But because they're fighting hard, they suffer ... casualties," said Carter, who spent Saturday in Baghdad getting updates from his military leadership and meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. The U.S. is prepared to provide additional support for the fight if requested by Iraq and U.S. commanders, Carter said in the capital.

Peshmerga Brig. Gen. Hलगord Hekmet, a spokesman for the Kurdish forces, told reporters that 25 of their troops have been killed since the battle to retake Mosul began and a "large number" had been wounded. Speaking through an interpreter, he said the peshmerga have had good coalition air support, but could use more military resources, especially armored vehicles.

He said that most of the fallen peshmerga were riding in regular cars and were more vulnerable. A sec-

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and priority, he said, would be more devices to help detect roadside bombs.

The peshmerga are advancing toward Mosul from the north in long columns of armored vehicles and other trucks. More than 100 U.S. special operations forces are embedded with the Kurds and Iraqi military commandos. Irbil is about 55 miles (90 kilometers) southeast of Mosul.

Mosul is a Sunni majority town, and many worry about the involvement of government-sanctioned Shiite fighters. But they also are suspicious about the Kurds, who have ambitions to expand their self-rule area into parts of Ninevah province, where Mosul is located — although not to the city itself.

U.S. military officials say the peshmerga will stop their advance about 20 miles (30 kilometers) outside of Mosul and hold that territory to ensure the militants don't regroup. Shiite militias have said they will not enter the city itself.

Carter fueled debate in Iraq on Friday when he met with Turkish leaders and suggested their country should play a role in the Mosul battle. On Saturday, al-Abadi balked at that idea, saying his country's own forces will oust IS from the city.

Some 500 Turkish troops at a base north of Mosul have been training Sunni and Kurdish fighters since December. The Iraqi government says the troops are there without permission and has called on them to withdraw. Turkey has refused and insists it will play a role in liberating the city.

IS captured Mosul and the surrounding area during a lightning advance across northern Iraq in the summer of 2014.

2 explosions hit Japanese city, killing 1; suicide suspected

TOKYO (AP) — Two apparent explosions hit the Japanese city of Utsunomiya back-to-back Sunday, killing one person and injuring three others in what police are viewing as a possible suicide.

Japanese media reports suggest that the victim, believed to be a 72-year-old former military officer, may have set his house on fire, blown up his car in a public parking lot and then blown himself up in a nearby park.

A note found in the clothing of the badly burned victim included the name of the former officer, Japanese broadcaster NHK and other media reported. The name was not disclosed. One of the cars destroyed in a fiery blaze in the parking lot belonged to the retired military man, and his house burned to the ground earlier on Sunday, the reports said.

The back-to-back loud bangs in the park and parking lot shocked bystanders, many heading to a festival at the park on a sunny autumn day. The apparent blasts occurred around 11:30 a.m. within about 200 meters (yards) of each other. The festival was canceled after the incidents.

Two men were seriously injured in the park explosion, and a 14-year-old boy had minor leg injuries. No one was hurt at the small parking lot.

Kyodo News agency said the burned body was found after police received a call saying a person was on fire following what sounded like an explosion.

Bystanders also reported hearing loud blasts from the parking lot. Flames and black smoke shot into the air and repeated bangs could be heard on video posted on the Asahi newspaper's website. Nearby cars also were damaged.

Utsunomiya, the capital of Tochigi prefecture, is a city of some 500,000 people about 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of Tokyo. It is near the popular tourist destination of Nikko.

Trump's lawsuit threat against accusers overshadows agenda

By JOSH LEDERMAN and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Donald Trump is laying out an ambitious agenda for his first 100 days as president but pointedly noting that he will find time to sue the numerous women who have accused him of groping and other unwanted sexual behavior.

"All of these liars will be sued once the election is over," Trump said Saturday during an event near the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg that was meant to be policy-driven. He added: "I look so forward to

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doing that.”

Asked about Trump’s remarks, Hillary Clinton told reporters between rallies in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia that she was done responding to what her Republican opponent is saying as Election Day nears and would instead focus on helping elect other Democrats.

To that end, she attacked Pennsylvania’s Republican senator, Pat Toomey, saying in Pittsburgh that he has refused to “stand up” to Trump as she praised his Democratic challenger, Katie McGinty. Noting Trump’s comments about Mexican immigrants and his attacks on a Muslim-American military family, she said of Toomey: “If he doesn’t have the courage to stand up to Donald Trump after all of this, then can you be sure that he will stand up for you when it counts?”

Toomey spokesman Ted Kwong said Clinton’s comments highlight McGinty’s lack of independence. “Today is just further proof that hyper-partisan, ethically challenged Katie McGinty will be a rubber stamp for everything Hillary Clinton wants to do in Washington,” he said. “Pat Toomey has been, and will continue to be, an independent leader in the Senate on issues ranging from gun safety to ending Wall Street bailouts.”

Clinton rejected Trump’s allegation, offered without evidence, that the dozen or so women who have come forward are being prompted by her campaign or the Democratic National Committee. The accusers emerged after the former reality TV star boasted of kissing women and groping their genitals without their consent. On Saturday, an adult film actress said the billionaire kissed her and two other women on the lips “without asking for permission” when they met him after a golf tournament in 2006.

Trump has denied that all the other allegations, while insisting some of the women weren’t attractive enough for him to want to pursue. His broadside against the women Saturday came at the start of an otherwise substantive speech that sought to weave the many policy ideas he has put forward into a single, cohesive agenda.

The Republican nominee vowed to lift restrictions on domestic energy production, label China as a currency manipulator and renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, familiar themes to supporters who have flocked to his rallies this year.

“This is my pledge to you, and if we follow these steps, we will once again have a government of, by and for the people,” Trump said, invoking a phrase from President Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

Though mostly a recap of policies he’s proposed before, Trump’s speech included a few new elements, such as a freeze on hiring new federal workers and a two-year mandatory minimum sentence for immigrants who re-enter the U.S. illegally after being deported a first time. In a pledge sure to raise eyebrows on Wall Street, he said he’d block a potential merger between AT&T and media conglomerate Time Warner.

Throughout the GOP primary, Trump was criticized for shying away from detailed policy proposals. But his speech, which aides said would form the core of his closing argument to voters, underscored how the billionaire has gradually compiled a broad — if sometimes vague — policy portfolio that straddles conservative, isolationist and populist orthodoxies.

Still, any headway that Trump may have made was likely to be diluted by his legal threats against his accusers, just the latest example of Trump stepping on his intended message at inopportune moments. Days earlier, during the final debate, his otherwise well-received performance was marred by an alarming statement near the end that he might not accept the outcome of the election if he loses.

With the debates over, Trump and Clinton have few apparent opportunities to alter the course the race substantially — a reality that benefits Clinton more than Trump. The Republican is trailing his opponent in polls in most of the battleground states while Clinton eyes potential upset victories in traditionally safe GOP territory, with Arizona at the top of the list.

An increasingly confident Clinton on Saturday made what’s become her closing pitch, stressing unity during events in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and asking her backers to carry her message to any Trump supporters they meet.

“I understand that they need a president who cares about them, will listen to them and I want to be their president,” she said.

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AP Top 25 Takeaways: Ohio State still has a playoff path

By RALPH D. RUSSO, AP College Football Writer

Another big game for Lamar Jackson. Another bad game for Charlie Strong. Another non-offensive touchdown for Alabama.

Just when it looked like the college football weekend was going to be filled with more of the same, Penn State pulled off the biggest upset of the season.

Thoughts, takedowns and takeaways from Week 8.

1. As No. 2 Ohio State picks up the pieces from a surprising loss at Happy Valley, the most important thing to know is this: If the Buckeyes win out they will most likely be in the College Football Playoff.

2. And Ohio State-Michigan is still in line to settle the Big Ten East.

3. But every week it gets harder to even imagine somebody beating No. 1 Alabama.

4. The Crimson Tide tore up the No. 6 team in the country without playing its A game.

5. Here's the difference between Alabama and most normal football teams. With most teams, when the 295-pound lineman tries to grab the bouncing loose football, he falls over his own feet and is lucky to just recover the fumble. At Alabama, Jonathan Allen scoops it up like a defensive back and outruns everybody to the end zone.

6. Allen has two of Alabama's 10 defensive touchdowns this season. His score against Texas A&M was the 12th non-offensive touchdown for the Tide this season and made it 10 straight games dating back to the College Football Playoff semifinal against Michigan State with at least one non-offensive score.

7. All that said, the Iron Bowl is starting to look intriguing after the way No. 21 Auburn humiliated No. 17 Arkansas with 543 yards rushing.

8. Feels a little like 2013 for Auburn and Gus Malzahn, when about halfway through the season the offense clicked, the Tigers made a couple miraculous plays and ended up playing in the BCS championship game.

9. Reggie Bush of Southern California had the most decisive Heisman Trophy voting victory of all time, as calculated by percentage of available points received. Bush, whose 2005 award was later vacated because of NCAA infractions, received 91.77 percent of the available points. Troy Smith of Ohio State (91.63) was second best in 2006 and Marcus Mariota of Oregon is third on the list (90.92 in 2014).

10. Might want to keep those numbers handy for Dec. 10 the way Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson is going.

11. Jackson (16 rushing touchdowns and 18 touchdown passes) is closing in on becoming the seventh FBS player and first since Jordan Lynch of Northern Illinois in 2013 to score at least 20 touchdowns and pass for at least 20 touchdowns in the same season. Among the other six are three Heisman winners (Tim Tebow, 2007; Cam Newton, 2010; Johnny Manziel, 2012).

12. The player with the best chance to catch Jackson might be Michigan's Jabrill Peppers, but that's only if the Wolverines are dedicated to giving him enough offensive touches to accumulate stats. And it's still a long shot.

13. Against Illinois, Peppers had six touches for 14 yards. That's not going to get it done.

14. LSU's Leonard Fournette is not going to win the Heisman. But he reminded everyone on Saturday night that he is probably the best running back in the country.

15. Trace McSorley completed eight passes for Penn State in its upset of Ohio State. Patrick Mahomes threw 88 passes in Texas Tech's loss to No. 16 Oklahoma. Football, man.

16. Time seems to be running out for Charlie Strong at Texas. The Longhorns (3-4, 1-3 Big 12) are 14-18 under Strong after losing at Kansas State. At this point, Strong might need to win out to keep his job.

17. There are many ways to highlight Kansas State coach Bill Snyder's greatness, but maybe none better than this: The Wildcats are 7-4 under Snyder against Texas. The 76-year-old Snyder now has 197 career victories. While nobody is looking to run the Wizard out of Manhattan, Kansas, the Wildcats are probably

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looking at another middle of the pack Big 12 finish. Maybe 200 victories will convince Snyder it is time to step aside for good?

18. For the second straight week, No. 12 West Virginia held a Big 12 rival to its lowest scoring output of the season.

19. Colorado is bowl eligible for the first time since 2007 after smothering offensively challenged Stanford. No reason for the Buffaloes (6-2, 4-1 Pac-12) to be content with that. The Pac-12 title game is in sight.

20. Trivia (no Googling): Colorado's last bowl opponent? Answer below.

21. Best graduate transfer this season? Syracuse receiver Amba Etta-Tawo, who left Maryland with 61 career catches for 938 yards and three touchdowns, has 66 receptions for 1,077 yards and seven touchdowns for the Orange. In a victory against Boston College in Saturday, Etta-Tawo had 10 catches for 144 yards and a TD.

22. Poor Rutgers.

23. Jokes about the Civil ConFLICT aside, UCF beat UConn and is now 4-3 after going winless last season. Credit new coach Scott Frost for pulling together a team that had basically quit last year as former coach George O'Leary bailed into early retirement. How closely is Oregon watching what Frost, the Ducks' former offensive coordinator, is doing in Orlando?

24. The quarterback who led South Carolina to a closer-than-expected victory against UMass skipped his entire senior year of high school to enroll in college this year. Eric Bentley threw two touchdown passes in his college debut.

25. Answer (did you think we forgot?): Alabama beat the Buffaloes 30-24 in the Independence Bowl in Saban's first season as Tide coach.

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Cubs beat Dodgers 5-0 to reach 1st World Series since 1945

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN, AP Sports Writer**

CHICAGO (AP) — Anthony Rizzo caught the ball for the final out and Wrigley Field erupted.

"I'm sleeping with this thing tonight," the Chicago Cubs first baseman told the pulsating crowd moments later, kissing the prized souvenir. "Are you kidding me? We're going to the World Series."

Cubs ... World Series? Yes, the Cubbies!

Next up, Game 1 in Cleveland.

With fans chanting, singing and waving those Ws, shaking the century-old ballpark and jamming the streets of Wrigleyville, the Cubs celebrated a moment many of their faithful wondered whether they would ever see.

Kyle Hendricks outpitched Clayton Kershaw, Rizzo and Willson Contreras homered early and the Cubs took their first pennant since 1945, beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-0 Saturday night to win the NL Championship Series in six games.

"Listen to them. Outside before the game was crazy. Inside the game was crazy," Cubs pitcher Jon Lester said.

"These guys have done nothing but support us from Day One. It's been unbelievable to be here and be part of this. Words can't really describe where I'm at right now," he said.

Cursed by a Billy Goat, bedeviled by Bartman and crushed by decades of disappointment, those "Lovable Losers" now have a chance to win it all.

Trying to win their first crown since 1908, manager Joe Maddon's team opens the World Series against Cleveland on Tuesday night.

The Indians haven't won it all since 1948 — Cleveland and Cubs have the two longest title waits in the majors.

"This city deserves it so much," Rizzo said. "We got four more big ones to go, but we're going to enjoy this. We're going to the World Series. I can't even believe that."

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All-everything Javier Baez and Lester shared the NLCS MVP. Baez hit .318, drove in five runs and made several sharp plays at second base. Lester, a former World Series champion in Boston, was 1-0 with a 1.38 ERA in two starts against the Dodgers.

The drought ended when Aroldis Chapman got Yasiel Puig to ground into a double play, setting off a wild celebration. And if they bring home the elusive championship?

"I may make the 'W' a tattoo," said chairman Tom Ricketts, who once lived across the street and met his wife in the bleachers.

Deemed World Series favorites since opening day, the Cubs topped the majors with 103 wins to win the NL Central, then beat the Giants and Dodgers in the playoffs.

The Cubs overcame a 2-1 deficit against the Dodgers and won their 17th pennant. They had not earned a World Series trip since winning a doubleheader opener 4-3 at Pittsburgh on Sept. 29, 1945, to clinch the pennant on the next-to-last day of the season.

The eternal "wait till next year" is over. No more dwelling on a history of failure — the future is now.

"We're too young. We don't care about it," star slugger Kris Bryant said. "We don't look into it. This is a new team, this is a completely different time of our lives. We're enjoying it and our work's just getting started."

Hendricks pitched two-hit ball for 7 1/3 innings. Chapman took over and closed with hitless relief, then threw both arms in the air as he was mobbed by teammates and coaches.

The Dodgers sent the minimum 27 batters to the plate and no one got past first base.

The Cubs shook off back-to-back shutout losses earlier in this series by pounding the Dodgers for 23 runs to win the final three games.

And they were in no way overwhelmed by the moment on Saturday, putting aside previous frustration.

In the 1945 Series, the Billy Goat Curse supposedly began when a tavern owner wasn't allowed to bring his goat to Wrigley. In 2003, the Cubs lost the final three games of the NLCS to Florida, punctuated with a Game 6 defeat when fan Steve Bartman deflected a foul ball.

Even as recently as 2012, the Cubs lost 101 times.

This time, no such ill luck.

Bryant had an RBI single and scored in a two-run first. Dexter Fowler added two hits, drove in a run and scored one.

Contreras led off the fourth with a homer. Rizzo continued his resurgence with a solo drive in the fifth.

That was plenty for Hendricks, the major league ERA leader.

Hendricks left to a standing ovation after Josh Reddick singled with one out in the eighth. The only other hit Hendricks allowed was a single by Andrew Toles on the game's first pitch.

Kershaw, dominant in Game 2, gave up five runs and seven hits before being lifted for a pinch hitter in the sixth. He fell to 4-7 in the postseason.

"This day is never fun, the ending of a season," Kershaw said.

The Dodgers haven't been to the World Series since winning in 1988.

Pitching on five days' rest, Kershaw needed 30 pitches to get through the first. Fowler led off with a double against the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner, and Bryant's single had the crowd shaking the 102-year-old ballpark.

Fans had more to cheer when left fielder Andrew Toles dropped Rizzo's fly, putting runners on second and third, and Ben Zobrist made it 2-0 a sacrifice fly.

The Cubs added a run in the second when Addison Russell doubled to deep left and scored on a two-out single by Fowler.

LINEUP SHUFFLE

Maddon benched slumping right fielder Jason Heyward in favor of Albert Almora Jr.

"Kershaw's pitching, so I wanted to get one more right-handed bat in the lineup, and also with Albert I don't feel like we're losing anything on defense," Maddon said. "I know Jason's a Gold Glover, but I think Albert, given an opportunity to play often enough would be considered a Gold Glove-caliber outfielder, too."

Heyward was 2 for 28 in the playoffs — 1 for 16 in the NLCS.

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Kerry Wood, wearing a Ron Santo jersey, threw out the first pitch and actor Jim Belushi delivered the "Play Ball!" call before the game. Pearl Jam front man Eddie Vedder and actor John Cusack were also in attendance. And Bulls great Scottie Pippen led the seventh-inning stretch.

AT&T's \$85.4B deal for Time Warner: A new bet on synergy

By TALI ARBEL and BERNARD CONDON, AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T's \$85.4 billion purchase of Time Warner represents a new bet on synergy between companies that distribute information and entertainment to consumers and those that produce it.

The acquisition would combine a telecom giant that owns a leading cellphone business, DirecTV and an internet service with the company behind HBO, CNN, and some of the world's most popular entertainment, including "Game of Thrones," the "Harry Potter" franchise and professional basketball. It's the latest big media acquisition by a major cable or phone company — such as Comcast's 2011 purchase of NBC Universal — and aimed at shoring up businesses upended by the internet.

Regulators would have to sign off on the deal, no certain thing. The prospect of another media giant on the horizon has already drawn fire on the campaign trail. Speaking in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump vowed to kill it if elected because it concentrates too much "power in the hands of too few."

Sen. Al Franken, a Minnesota Democrat, said the deal "raises some immediate flags about consolidation in the media market" and said he would press for more information on how the deal will affect consumers.

MEDIA MERGER MANIA

Network-owning companies like AT&T are investing in media to find new revenue sources and ensure they don't get relegated to being just "dumb pipes." In addition to the Comcast-NBC Universal deal, Verizon bought AOL last year and has now proposed a deal for Yahoo to build a digital-ad business.

After its attempt to buy wireless competitor T-Mobile was scrapped in 2011 following opposition from regulators, AT&T doubled down on television by purchasing satellite-TV company DirecTV for \$48.5 billion. AT&T is expected to offer a streaming TV package, DirecTV Now, by the end of the year, aimed at people who have dropped their cable subscriptions or never had one.

The venerable phone company has to contend with slowing growth in wireless services, given that most Americans already have smartphones. And it faces new competitors for that business from cable companies. Comcast plans to launch a cellphone service for its customers next year.

AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson, who will run the combined company, said on a conference call that the deal will allow AT&T to offer unique services, particularly on mobile, though he didn't provide details. Jeff Bewkes, the Time Warner CEO who will stay with the company for an undefined transition period, added that more money will help fund production of additional programming and films.

Both men stressed that it will be easier to "innovate" when the companies are joined and don't have to negotiate usage rights at arm's length. (AT&T, of course, will still have to strike such deals with entertainment conglomerates it doesn't own.) The combined company is also likely to lean more heavily on advertisements targeted at individuals based on their interests and personal details.

Buying Time Warner may be "a good defensive move" against Comcast as the cable giant continues stretching into new businesses, New Street Research analyst Jonathan Chaplin said in a Friday note. Comcast also bought movie studio DreamWorks Animation in August.

POTENTIAL DOWNSIDES

Even if the AT&T deal overcomes opposition in Washington, it's possible that regulators might saddle the combined company with so many conditions that the deal no longer makes sense.

"It's not hard to imagine what you can do on paper. They would keep HBO exclusive for only DirecTV subscribers, or only make TNT or TBS available over AT&T Wireless," said analyst Craig Moffett of research firm MoffettNathanson, referring to Time Warner networks. "But as a practical matter, those kinds of strategies are expressly prohibited by the FCC and antitrust law."

Then there is the \$85 billion that AT&T is handing over to Time Warner, almost 40 percent more than

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investors thought the company was worth a week ago.

"Count me as a skeptic that there is real value to be created," Moffett said.

Amy Yong, an analyst at Macquarie Capital, recalled many celebrated media deals of the past have turned into duds — in particular, Time Warner's disastrous acquisition by AOL in 2001. "If you look at history, it's still an unproven" that big deals make sense, she said. AT&T, she noted, was paying "a huge price."

Still, Yong said that AT&T and other phone companies feel they have to act because the threats to their business seem to be coming from every direction. "At the end of the day, these companies are trying to compete with Google and Facebook and Amazon, not just traditional competitors," she said. "You see Google pivoting into wireless."

John Bergmayer of the public-interest group Public Knowledge, which often criticizes media consolidation, warned of harm to consumers from the AT&T deal. He said, for example, AT&T might let wireless customers watch TV and movies from Time Warner without counting it against their data caps, which would make video from other providers less attractive.

MARKET MOVES

Shares of AT&T, as is typical of acquirers in large deals, fell on reports of a deal in the works on Friday, ending the day down 3 percent. But the prospect of more media acquisitions sent several stocks soaring Friday. Netflix and Discovery Communications each jumped more than 3 percent.

Time Warner rose nearly 8 percent on Friday, and is now up 38 percent since the start of the year.

The company has moved aggressively to counter the threat that sliding cable subscriptions poses to its business. Among other things, it launched a streaming version of HBO for cord-cutters and, alongside an investment in internet TV provider Hulu, added its networks to Hulu's live-TV service that's expected next year.

The deal would make Time Warner the target of the two largest media-company acquisitions on record, according to Dealogic. The highest was AOL's \$94 billion acquisition of Time Warner at the end of the dot-com boom.

In that last deal, AOL paid entirely in its own stock, which then proceeded to crater. This time, Time Warner is playing it safer. It's getting half of the deal in AT&T stock and half in cash.

Emails show Clinton campaign attention to black voters.

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hacked emails from the personal account of Hillary Clinton's top campaign official show some of the attention her team paid to courting black voters.

There were worries about Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' appeal to that historically Democratic voter group. There was angst over whether Clinton should give a speech on race relations. Meanwhile, a South Carolina Democratic Party official voiced concerns that Clinton hadn't visited a particular region of the state.

The emails were among hundreds released Saturday by WikiLeaks. The notes were stolen from the email account of John Podesta, the Clinton campaign's chairman, as part of a series of high-profile computer hacks of Democratic targets that U.S. intelligence officials say were orchestrated by Russia, with the intent to influence the Nov. 8 election.

It was impossible to authenticate each hacked email that WikiLeaks published, but Democrats have openly acknowledged they were hacked and have not pointed to any specific case where an email was altered to inflict political damage.

SPEECH ON RACE

Clinton's campaign debated whether she should give a speech on race.

Her chief speechwriter, Dan Schwerin, emailed Podesta, communications director Jennifer Palmieri and others in February 2016 to say that, as conceived, the speech would demonstrate Clinton's "sustained and comprehensive commitment" to improving race relations and her lifelong sympathy toward the plight of minorities in the U.S.

Both Bill Clinton and candidate Clinton were clear that the speech shouldn't be "a big mea culpa," but the former president also said "we shouldn't try to defend the indefensible."

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Schwerin went on to say that adviser Minyon Moore had raised tough questions about the wisdom of making the speech because it could "unintentionally end up elevating questions that aren't yet being widely asked and introduce new damaging information, especially super predator, to a lot more voters."

In a 1996 speech about Bill Clinton's crime bill when she was first lady, Hillary Clinton described young people in gangs as "super-predators."

Some blacks find the term offensive and have sought during the campaign to hold her accountable for it. Hillary Clinton has said she regrets using the term.

After a "gut check" conversation with Moore and subsequent talks with policy advisers Jake Sullivan and Maya Harris, Schwerin says in the email that the campaign hierarchy is "mostly persuaded" by Moore's concerns. Instead, a decision to push the Supreme Court nomination issue could replace the race speech.

Schwerin ultimately closes his memo with the idea that "if we're slipping fast, maybe it's worth rolling the dice and doing the speech. If we're holding relatively steady, maybe we see if we can ride this out without doing the speech."

Clinton offered a detailed plan to overcome racial disparities in a February speech in Harlem.

PEE DEE REGION

In an apparent effort to court young African-American voters in South Carolina's Pee Dee region, Hillary Clinton staffers promised Jamie Harrison, the state's Democratic Party chairman, that his area would not be overlooked by Clinton. They also offered up some bold names in black entertainment who could stump for votes.

In a Jan. 28, 2016, email, Brynne Craig, deputy director of State Campaigns for Hillary for America, summarizes a conversation with Harrison, who is unhappy that Clinton hasn't visited the Pee Dee region, the northeastern corner of the state and about 100 miles east of Columbia, the state capital.

Craig says he assured Harrison that such a visit is a top priority for the former first lady, or her husband, former President Bill Clinton. (Clinton visited the region in late February and later won the state's Democratic presidential primary.)

Craig says Harrison also mentioned the need to bring younger surrogates into the state, not just well-known, older politicians. He says he offered Harrison a partial list of black entertainers they've asked to travel to the state, including singer Usher, actors Anthony Anderson and Gabrielle Union, and athletes Alonzo Mourning and Grant Hill.

Craig says, "I feel confident we will be able to increase the amount of surrogates we have in South Carolina - more importantly the RIGHT kind."

BERNIE SANDERS

Clinton's campaign worried about Bernie Sanders' appeal to black voters, a key Democratic constituency that Clinton counted on.

In a July 2015 email, Podesta frets to other campaign staffers about Sanders, who had challenged Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination all the way through to the end of the primary process.

The Vermont senator had built his campaign around an anti-Wall Street, anti-establishment message with strong appeal to progressives

In the email, Podesta says of Sanders: "He'll be at Sharpton rallies pretty soon," referring to civil rights activist Al Sharpton. "Still think we should do something with him on VRA Anniversary."

Sanders visited Dallas and Houston in July 2015 for a series of town-hall meetings in Southern cities to help boost his support.

Clinton called in to Sharpton's nationally syndicated radio show on the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act on Aug. 6 to appeal to blacks to turn out to vote during the primaries. Her subsequent support among blacks in the South helped her gain a big delegate advantage over Sanders.

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Attacks on the internet keep getting bigger and nastier

By BREE FOWLER, AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Could millions of connected cameras, thermostats and kids' toys bring the internet to its knees? It's beginning to look that way.

On Friday, epic cyberattacks crippled a major internet firm, repeatedly disrupting the availability of popular websites across the United States. The hacker group claiming responsibility says that the day's antics were just a dry run and that it has its sights set on a much bigger target. And the attackers now have a secret weapon in the increasing array of internet-enabled household devices they can subvert and use to wreak havoc.

MEET THE FIRE HOSE

Manchester, New Hampshire-based Dyn Inc. said its server infrastructure was hit by distributed denial-of-service, or DDoS, attacks. These work by overwhelming targeted machines with junk data traffic — sort of like knocking someone over by blasting them with a fire hose. The attack temporarily blocked some access to popular websites from across America and Europe such as Twitter, Netflix and PayPal.

Jason Read, founder of the internet performance monitoring firm CloudHarmony, owned by Gartner Inc., said his company tracked a half-hour-long disruption early Friday affecting access to many sites from the East Coast. A second attack later in the day spread disruption to the West Coast as well as some users in Europe.

Members of a shadowy hacker group that calls itself New World Hackers claimed responsibility for the attack via Twitter, though that claim could not be verified. They said they organized networks of connected devices to create a massive botnet that threw a monstrous 1.2 trillion bits of data every second at Dyn's servers. Dyn officials wouldn't confirm the figure during a conference call later Friday with reporters.

MAKE THAT, MANY FIRE HOSES

DDoS attacks have been growing in frequency and size in recent months. But if the hackers' claims are true, Friday's attacks take DDoS to a new level. According to a report from the cybersecurity firm Verisign, the largest DDoS attack perpetrated during the second quarter of this year peaked at just 256 billion bits per second.

A huge September attack that shut down of security journalist Brian Krebs' website clocked in at 620 billion bits per second. Research from the cybersecurity firm Flashpoint said Friday that the same kind of malware was used in the attacks against both Krebs and Dyn.

Lance Cottrell, chief scientist for the cybersecurity firm Ntrepid, said while DDoS attacks have been used for years, they've become very popular in recent months, thanks to the proliferation of "internet of things" devices ranging from connected thermostats to security cameras and smart TVs. Many of those devices feature little in the way of security, making them easy targets for hackers.

The power of this kind of cyberattack is limited by the number of devices an attacker can connect to. Just a few years ago, most attackers were limited to infecting and recruiting "zombie" home PCs. But the popularity of new internet-connected gadgets has vastly increased the pool of potential devices they can weaponize. The average North American home contains 13 internet-connected devices, according to the research firm IHS Markit.

Since the attacks usually don't harm the consumer electronics companies that build the devices, or the consumers that unwittingly use them, companies have little incentive to boost security, Cottrell said.

WHAT'S BEHIND THE ATTACKS

Like with other online attacks, the motivation behind DDoS attacks is usually mischief or money. Attackers have shut down websites in the past to make political statements. DDoS attacks have also been used

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in extortion attempts, something that's been made easier by the advent of Bitcoin.

For its part, a member of New World Hackers who identified themselves as "Prophet" told an AP reporter via Twitter direct message exchange that collective isn't motivated by money and doesn't have anything personal against Dyn, Twitter or any of the other sites affected by the attacks. Instead, the hacker said, the attacks were merely a test, and claimed that the next target will be the Russian government for committing alleged cyberattacks against the U.S. earlier this year.

"Twitter was kind of the main target. It showed people who doubted us what we were capable of doing, plus we got the chance to see our capability," said "Prophet." The claims couldn't be verified.

The collective has in the past claimed responsibility for similar attacks against sites including ESPNFantasySports.com in September and the BBC on Dec. 31. The attack on the BBC marshalled half the computing power of Friday's attacks.

A SHIFTING GLOBAL ASSAULT

Dyn said it first became aware of an attack around 7:00 a.m. local time, focused on data centers on the East Coast of the U.S. Services were restored about two hours later. But then attackers shifted to offshore data centers, and the latest wave of problems continued until Friday evening Eastern time.

"Prophet" told the AP that his group actually had stopped its attacks by Friday afternoon, but that others, including members of the hacker collective known as Anonymous, had picked up where they left off. Anonymous didn't respond to a request for comment via Twitter.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is monitoring the situation, White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters Friday. He said he had no information about who may be behind the disruption.

Cottrell noted that there are several firms that offer protection against DDoS attacks, by giving companies a way to divert the bad traffic and remain online in case of an attack. But monthly subscription fees for these services are generally equal to a typical DDoS extortion payment, giving companies little incentive to pay for them.

Meanwhile not much is required in the way of resources or skill to mount a botnet attack, he said, adding that would-be attackers can rent botnets for as little as \$100. Cottrell said the long-term solution lies in improving the security of all internet-connected devices.

This story has been corrected to note that the DDoS attack on the site of security journalist Brian Krebs hit 620 billion bits per second, not million.

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AP Interview: Kaine already reaching out to GOP

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE and ALAN SUDERMAN, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Tim Kaine is sounding a hopeful note that a Democratic White House could work with Republicans to bridge deep divides laid bare by this bitter presidential campaign.

The vice presidential candidate told The Associated Press on Saturday that he and Hillary Clinton have already spoken about how to heal the nation if they should win. He said tackling economic anxieties, finding common policy ground with the GOP and perhaps bringing Republicans into the administration would be elements of unity, though he added that he and Clinton did not discuss Cabinet positions.

"We have not run this campaign as a campaign against the GOP with the big broad brush — we've run it against Donald Trump," Kaine said. He predicted: "We're going to get a lot of Republican votes and that will also be part of, right out of the gate, the way to bring folks back together."

Clinton's campaign has been preparing for the possibility that Trump won't concede the election if he loses, based on his assertions that the contest is rigged. Kaine said he hasn't talked with Clinton about that scenario.

A self-described underdog, Kaine said he only recently began acknowledging the real possibility of vic-

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tory. He's hired Wayne Turnage, a former chief of staff, as his transition director and is considering issues he'd pursue as vice president.

"It's probably only been in the last couple of weeks that I've started to think about, OK, the prospect of winning is such that we better start doing some thinking about practicalities," Kaine said.

As vice president, Kaine said he would hope to be central in forging relationships between the administration and mayors and governors. Kaine served as the mayor of Richmond and governor of Virginia before winning his Senate seat in 2012. He also wants to help shape U.S. policy in Latin and South America, due to his fluency in Spanish and experience as a missionary in Honduras.

Kaine still remains somewhat of an outsider in Clinton's world. She has developed trusted relationships with several aides over decades and Kaine is a new addition to the mix.

He's at times been out of the loop on major developments, such as not knowing about Clinton's pneumonia diagnosis in September until days later. The two campaign together infrequently, but communicate by text message, email and phone. Sometimes they talk every few days, but it could be as infrequent as once a week, Kaine said.

Their scheduled joint appearance in Pennsylvania on Saturday was their first event together since Labor Day.

But Kaine said he's not worried about lacking a voice in a Clinton administration and expects to be a principal adviser to her on the most difficult issues if she wins. He said he thinks Clinton picked him over longtime confidants specifically because he was not a member of the inner circle from way back.

"I'm not worried about, you know, getting my two cents in," he said.

Kaine said his experience as Virginia's lieutenant governor and as Democratic National Committee chairman during President Barack Obama's first term has showed him how to be a strong adviser and asset for Clinton.

Kaine might be well-positioned to work with Republicans, having won three statewide races — lieutenant governor, governor and senator — in historically Republican Virginia, although the state has started going Democratic in presidential contests. Now in his fourth year as a senator, he said he's already talking with Republicans about working together after the election.

Clinton is stepping up efforts to help Democrats recapture Senate control but Kaine didn't make a specific pitch for a Democratic Senate. He said he's more focused on finding policies Republicans and Democrats can agree on.

"I have very good relations with Republicans in the Senate," Kaine said. "There's some people who really want to get some good work done."

Iraq pushes into town near Mosul after IS assault on Kirkuk

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA and EMAD MATTI, Associated Press

BARTELLA, Iraq (AP) — The Iraqi army pushed into a town near the Islamic State-held city of Mosul on Saturday, a day after dozens of IS militants stormed into the northern city of Kirkuk, setting off two days of clashes and killing at least 80 people, mostly security forces.

U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter meanwhile met with Iraq's prime minister and commanders in Baghdad to discuss the offensive to retake Mosul, which the U.S. is supporting with airstrikes and advisers on the ground.

The Iraqi army said the 9th Division has pushed into the town of Hamdaniyah, also known as Qaraqosh and Bakhdida, and raised the flag over its government compound, but the troops were likely still facing resistance in and around the town. Similar past announcements have often proved premature.

The town is around 20 kilometers (12 miles) from Mosul. Iraqi forces launched a wide-scale offensive earlier this week aimed at retaking Mosul, the country's second largest city, which fell to IS in 2014.

Hamdaniyah is believed to be largely uninhabited. IS has heavily mined the approaches to Mosul, and Iraqi forces have had to contend with roadside bombs, snipers and suicide truck bombs as they move closer to the city.

IS said it foiled an attack on Hamdaniyah and seized vehicles and weapons left by retreating Shiite mi-

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litiamen. The claim, carried by the extremist group's Amaq news agency, could not be confirmed.

An Iraqi television station says one of its reporters was shot dead near Mosul, the second journalist in as many days to be killed while covering the conflict.

Alsumaria TV says cameraman Ali Risan was shot in the chest by a sniper Saturday during a battle in the al-Shura area. Journalist Ahmet Haceroglu of Turkmeneli TV was shot dead by a militant sniper Friday, while covering the IS assault on Kirkuk.

Iraqi forces retook the town of Bartella, around 15 kilometers (nine miles) east of Mosul, earlier this week, but are still facing pockets of resistance in the area.

In Kirkuk, meanwhile, some fighting continued a day after the IS assault on the city, some 170 kilometers (100 miles) southeast of Mosul. The wave of attacks in and around Kirkuk appeared to be an attempt to divert attention from Mosul.

Brig. Gen. Khattab Omer of the Kirkuk police said at least 80 people were killed in the assault, mainly Kurdish security forces. Another 170 were wounded, he said, adding that a sundown curfew has been imposed on the city.

Omer said Kurdish security forces recovered the bodies of 56 militants who took part in the attack. The Kurds assumed control of Kirkuk in 2014, when the Iraqi army and police crumbled in the face of a lightning IS advance across northern Iraq.

Iraq's Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said the Kirkuk assault was a terrorist attack and not a military breach.

"Nearly all the terrorists who entered Kirkuk have been eliminated, and we have full control, except for maybe one area where they are being flushed out," he said after meeting with Carter.

As the assault on Kirkuk was underway, an airstrike hit a funeral procession in the town of Daquq to the south, killing 17 people, mainly women and children, and wounding another 50, said Daquq Mayor Amir Khodakram. He said it was not clear who carried out the airstrike and that officials have launched an investigation.

The Russian Defense Ministry blamed the strike on the U.S.-led coalition, saying it had "all the signs of a war crime." Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov, the spokesman for the ministry, said two jets were involved in the raid, and apparently mistook the procession for a gathering of militants.

The U.S. military in Baghdad could not immediately be reached for comment.

Iraq launched a long-awaited operation on Monday aimed at retaking Mosul, its second largest city, which fell to IS in 2014. It is the largest operation undertaken by Iraqi forces since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion and is expected to take weeks, if not months.

Carter's visit comes two days after a U.S. service member was killed outside Mosul, underscoring the risk that American troops are taking as they advise Iraqi forces in the fight.

More than 4,800 U.S. troops are in Iraq and there are more than 100 U.S. special operations forces operating with Iraqi units. Hundreds more American troops are playing a support role in staging bases farther from the front lines.

Elsewhere in Iraq, a burning sulfur plant south of Mosul that was torched by the Islamic State group is releasing large amounts of noxious gas into the atmosphere, draping towns in the area in toxic smoke.

The air has turned a greyish color as it mixes with smoke from earlier oil well fires set by the militants. The fumes make breathing difficult, with residents saying they are suffering from coughing, headaches and nosebleeds from as far as 30 kilometers (18 miles) away. A small area hospital has treated some 250 people for breathing difficulties.

Two U.S. military officials said that while the fire was set two days ago, the winds shifted earlier Saturday, sending the smoke south toward Qayara West air field, a staging area for the Mosul offensive. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

They said troops at the base were wearing protective masks because of the breathing concerns, and estimated it could take two to three days to put the fire out.

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Matti reported from Kirkuk. Associated Press writers Lolita C. Baldor and Joseph Krauss in Baghdad, Adam Schreck and Balint Szlanko in Awsaja, Iraq, Salar Salim in Irbil, Iraq, Maamoun Youssef in Cairo and Vladimir Isachenkov in Moscow contributed to this report.

Nobel academy member calls Bob Dylan's silence 'arrogant'

By JAN M. OLSEN, Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — A member of the Swedish Academy that awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize in literature to Bob Dylan says the American singer-songwriter's silence since receiving the honor is "impolite and arrogant."

Per Wastberg said Dylan's lack of reaction to the honor the academy bestowed on him last week was predictable, but disrespectful nonetheless.

"One can say that it is impolite and arrogant. He is who he is," Wastberg was quoted as saying in Saturday's edition of the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter.

Wastberg said the academy still hopes to communicate with the 75-year-old artist, whose Nobel credits him with creating "new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

"We have agreed not to lift a finger. The ball lies entirely on his half," Wastberg told the newspaper. "You can speculate as much as you want but we don't." He was not immediately available for comments.

The academy said it has failed to reach the tight-lipped laureate since he became the first musician in the Nobel's 115-year history to win the prize in literature. The award was mentioned on Dylan's official Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Dylan spokesman Larry Jenkins did not respond to an email Saturday seeking comment.

The literature prize and five other Nobel Prizes will be officially conferred in Stockholm on Dec. 10, the anniversary of award founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896.

Literature laureates have skipped the ceremony before. In 2004, Austrian playwright and novelist Elfriede Jelinek stayed home, citing a social phobia.

Harold Pinter and Alice Munro missed the ceremony for health reasons in 2005 and 2013, respectively.

Only two people have declined a Nobel Prize in literature. Boris Pasternak did so under pressure from Soviet authorities in 1958 and Jean-Paul Sartre, who declined all official honors, turned it down in 1964.

Although Dylan has not commented publicly on winning the Nobel, privacy and the price of fame have been themes in his music.

It's easy to read a response to Wastberg's remarks in the 1981 song, "The Groom's Still Waiting at The Altar."

"Try to be pure at heart, they arrest you for robbery," part of the lyrics say. "Mistake your shyness for aloofness, your silence for snobbery."

Each of this year's Nobel Prizes is worth 8 million Swedish kronor, or about \$930,000.

Iraqi leader resists US push for Turkish role in Mosul fight

By LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter's push for Iraq to let Turkey play a role in the Mosul battle encountered resistance Saturday from Iraq's prime minister, who said his country's forces will oust Islamic State the militants from the northern city.

"I know that the Turks want to participate, we tell them thank you, this is something the Iraqis will handle and the Iraqis will liberate Mosul and the rest of the territories," Haider al-Abadi said through a translator after meeting with the Pentagon chief in Baghdad.

Iraqi, Kurdish and other local forces will handle the battle for Mosul, al-Abadi said.

"We don't have any problems," he said, adding that if help is needed, "we will ask for it from Turkey or from other regional countries."

He acknowledged that both sides have made recommendations and that they will meet again, suggesting that the door may still be open to some compromise.

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Carter, who arrived in Iraq on Saturday to meet with his commanders and assess the progress in the opening days of the Mosul operation, told reporters that the issue of a Turkish role in the military campaign is a difficult subject.

The U.S. role "is to work with our partners in the coalition and the Iraqi government to try to resolve issues like this and make sure that we're all focused" on fighting IS. "I am confident that we can play a constructive role there."

One day earlier, Carter met with Turkish leaders in Ankara and said "an agreement in principle" for a Turkish role. Carter stressed at the time that any final decision would be up to the Iraqis, while expressing optimism the Turks and Iraqis could settle their differences.

His visit to Iraq came two days after a U.S. service member was killed outside Mosul, underscoring the risk that American troops are taking as they advise Iraqi forces in the fight.

Carter, who already has been to Iraq twice this year, has overseen the steady increase in the number of U.S. forces deployed to the fight and the growth of America's effort to train and advise Iraqi troops. In his two earlier visits, Carter announced White House decisions to increase the U.S. troop level there. There was no such announcement Saturday, but Carter made it clear that the U.S. stands ready to do more, if the Iraqis or his commanders identify a particular need.

Some 500 Turkish troops at a base north of Mosul have been training Sunni and Kurdish fighters since last December. The Iraqi government says the troops are there without permission and has called on them to withdraw. Turkey has refused, and insists it will play a role in liberating the city.

The U.S. service member killed this week was the fourth U.S. combat death in Iraq since the U.S. began military operations against IS in August 2014. It was the first since the Mosul operation began.

The U.S. military said a fire at a sulfur plant in northern Iraq set by IS on Thursday was creating a potential breathing hazard for American forces and other troops at a base south of Mosul that's being used by troops as a staging area.

They said some troops at the base were wearing protective masks, and that air samples were sent to the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency for analysis. Officials estimated it could take two to three days to put the fire out.

U.S. defense and military officials have said that while the offensive has started well, they expect the complex fight for the city to get more difficult. They said they will be watching to see how aggressively the militants fight and whether more leaders flee the city.

"I'm encouraged by what I see so far, it is proceeding according to our plan," Carter told reporters at the end of his day in Baghdad.

Lt. Gen. Steve Townsend, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said enemy resistance has stiffened and has proved "significant." But, he said, "the Iraqis expected this and they're fighting through it."

He said IS forces have used roadside bombs, multiple car bombs, snipers and "even anti-tank guided missiles" against the Iraqi troops.

Asked how long U.S. troops would remain in Iraq once Mosul is retaken, Carter said the U.S. would continue any necessary counterterrorism operations to protect the United States, and that troops could keep training and advising Iraqi forces, if requested by the Baghdad government.

The U.S. estimates there are between 3,000 and 5,000 IS fighters in the Mosul area, but some leaders probably have fled. A key factor will be how long those midlevel commanders stay or whether they decide to leave.

More than 4,800 U.S. troops are in Iraq and there are more than 100 U.S. special operations forces operating with Iraqi units. Hundreds more U.S. forces are playing a support role in staging bases farther from the front lines

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AP Exclusive: 'High threat' Texas border busts aren't always

By PAUL J. WEBER, Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Drivers in Texas busted for drunken driving, not paying child support or low-level drug offenses are among thousands of "high-threat" criminal arrests being counted as part of a nearly \$1 billion mission to secure the border with Mexico, an Associated Press analysis has found.

Having once claimed that conventional crime data doesn't fully capture the dangers to public safety and homeland security, the Texas Department of Public Safety classified more than 1,800 offenders arrested near the border by highway troopers in 2015 as "high threat criminals."

But not all live up to that menacing label or were anywhere close to the border — and they weren't caught entering the country illegally, as Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who is Texas' chairman for GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump, has suggested.

In response to the AP's findings, the Department of Public Safety said it will recommend removing child support evaders from the list and signaled a willingness to stop classifying other arrests as "high threat." However, it defended the data overall, saying it isn't intended to measure border security, even though the figures are included in briefings to lawmakers.

"It's deceptive to say the least," Democratic state Rep. Terry Canales, from the border city of Edinburg, said of the data. "I would say it's shocking that a person arrested with a small amount of cocaine in Odessa is used to show supposedly high-threat criminal arrests on the Texas-Mexico border."

The AP used open records laws to obtain a list of 2015 Texas Highway Patrol arrests classified as "high threat" in a broad 60-county area that the DPS has defined as the border region, then reviewed online court and jail records for cases in Hidalgo and El Paso counties, which had the most such arrests.

Among the "high threat" incidents was a trailer that unlatched from an RV and rolled into oncoming traffic, killing another driver in a town more than 150 miles from the border. Other crimes lumped in with suspected killers and human traffickers were speeding teenagers and hit-and-runs that caused no serious injuries.

Republican leaders have used crime, smuggling and immigration data to justify an intensified deployment of troopers, armored boats and spy planes to the border since 2014. And Trump's promises to wall off the border with Mexico resonate with many in Texas, where Republican lawmakers tripled border security spending last year, and in 2017 will consider approving another \$1 billion.

A threat overview published by DPS in 2013 defined high-threat criminals as "individuals whose criminal activity poses a serious public safety or homeland security threat." But about 40 "high threat" offenses can be overly broad. For instance, nearly half the 2015 arrests were for possession of a controlled substance, but DPS doesn't distinguish between a gram of cocaine and a drug smuggler's 50 pounds of marijuana. And failure to pay child support is included with sex crimes under offenses against the family.

High-threat arrests, which are tracked statewide, are among nearly three dozen "border security related" metrics collected by DPS, according to agency briefings given to lawmakers.

But DPS Director Steve McCraw told the AP that high-threat data isn't used to assess border security but rather is included in briefings for the sake of transparency. McCraw said the term "high threat" was never meant to suggest only the worst of the worst, but rather to distinguish more serious crimes.

"I don't care, we can change the name," McCraw said. "Just so long as, internally, we have a way of differentiating."

Hidalgo County, in the Rio Grande Valley, is one of the busiest corridors for drug and human trafficking in the U.S., and where Texas deployed an influx of troopers, National Guard patrols and camera surveillance. While dozens of 161 high-threat arrests for drug possession were alleged pot smugglers, about 1 in 5 were charged with having less than a gram or other low-level drug charges. Drunken drivers who didn't pull over are also counted the same as fleeing traffickers.

In El Paso County, more than half of 190 high-threat arrests last year were for drug offenses. Of those, about three in 10 were arrests for less than a gram of drugs such as cocaine or small amounts of marijuana.

Some lawmakers, including members of Texas' House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety,

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said they didn't pay attention to high-threat arrests and that the data isn't included in high-level briefings.

But following a border visit in March, Patrick incorrectly tweeted that DPS had arrested about 14,000 high-threat criminals in the previous year. Patrick senior adviser Sherry Sylvester said the lieutenant governor had been "unintentionally unclear," but then herself falsely described the arrests as "criminal illegal aliens" who she said pose a "serious threat to public safety in Texas."

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Oct. 23, the 297th day of 2016. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 23, 1956, a student-sparked revolt against Hungary's Communist rule began; as the revolution spread, Soviet forces started entering the country, and the uprising was put down within weeks.

On this date:

In 1864, forces led by Union Maj. Gen. Samuel R. Curtis repelled Confederate Maj. Gen. Sterling Price's army in the Civil War Battle of Westport in Missouri.

In 1915, tens of thousands of women paraded up Fifth Avenue in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

In 1935, mobster Dutch Schultz, 34, was shot and mortally wounded with three other men during a gangland hit at the Palace Chophouse in Newark, New Jersey. (Schultz died the following day.)

In 1941, the Walt Disney animated feature "Dumbo," about a young circus elephant who learns how to fly, premiered in New York.

In 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein (el ah-lah-MAYN') in Egypt, resulting in an Allied victory.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte (LAY'-tee) Gulf began, resulting in a major Allied victory against Japanese forces.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time, at an auditorium in Flushing Meadow.

In 1963, the Neil Simon comedy "Barefoot in the Park," starring Elizabeth Ashley and Robert Redford, opened on Broadway.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon agreed to turn over White House tape recordings subpoenaed by the Watergate special prosecutor to Judge John J. Sirica.

In 1983, 241 U.S. service members, most of them Marines, were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport in Lebanon; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers. NBC News reporter and anchorwoman Jessica Savitch, 36, and New York Post executive Martin Fischbein, 34, died in a car accident in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

In 1991, Cambodia's warring factions and representatives of 18 other nations signed a peace treaty in Paris.

In 2001, the nation's anthrax scare hit the White House with the discovery of a small concentration of spores at an offsite mail processing center.

Ten years ago: Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling was sentenced by a federal judge in Houston to 24 years, four months for his role in the company's collapse. (In 2013, a federal judge shaved a decade off the sentence.) Police in Budapest clashed with protesters in anti-government demonstrations coinciding with Hungary's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of its uprising against Soviet rule.

Five years ago: Libya's interim rulers declared the country liberated, formally marking the end of Moammar Gadhafi's 42-year tyranny. A 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck eastern Turkey, killing some 600 people. The Texas Rangers evened the World Series at two games apiece, shutting out the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0.

One year ago: Hurricane Patricia roared ashore in a sparsely populated area of southwestern Mexico as

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a Category 5 storm, then quickly abated to a tropical storm. A bus carrying retirees on a day trip through southwest France's wine region hit a truck and went up in flames, killing 43 people. The Justice Department announced that neither Lois Lerner nor any other IRS official would face criminal charges in the political controversy over the processing of applications for tax-exempt status. The Kansas City Royals beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 in Game 6 of the AL championship, earning their second straight trip to the World Series.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer and former U.S. Senator Jim Bunning, R-Ky., is 85. Movie director Philip Kaufman is 80. Soccer great Pele (pay-lay) is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Barbara Ann Hawkins (The Dixie Cups) is 73. ABC News investigative reporter Brian Ross is 68. Actor Michael Rupert is 65. Movie director Ang Lee is 62. Jazz singer Dianne Reeves is 60. Country singer Dwight Yoakam is 60. Community activist Martin Luther King III is 59. Movie director Sam Raimi is 57. Parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 57. Rock musician Robert Trujillo (Metallica) is 52. Christian/jazz singer David Thomas (Take 6) is 50. Rock musician Brian Nevin (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 50. Country singer-musician Junior Bryant is 48. Actor Jon Huertas is 47. Movie director Chris Weitz is 47. CNN medical reporter Dr. Sanjay Gupta is 47. Bluegrass musician Eric Gibson (The Gibson Brothers) is 46. Country singer Jimmy Wayne is 44. Actress Vivian Bang is 43. Rock musician Eric Bass (Shinedown) is 42. TV personality and host Cat Deeley is 40. Actor Ryan Reynolds is 40. Rock singer Matthew Shultz (Cage the Elephant) is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Miguel is 31. Actress Masiela Lusha (MAH'-see-ella loo-SHA') is 31. Actress Emilia Clarke is 30. Actress Briana Evigan is 30. Actress Jessica Stroup is 30. Neo-soul musician Allen Branstetter (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 26. Actress Amandla Stenberg is 18.

Thought for Today: "Three passions, simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life: the longing for love, the search for knowledge and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind." — Bertrand Russell, English philosopher (1872-1970).