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## Thursday, October 25, 2018

All State Chorus and Orchestra at the Rapid City Civic Center

Football: Boys Varsity Playoffs 2nd Round

## Friday, October 26, 2018

All State Chorus and Orchestra at the Rapid City Civic Center

## Saturday, October 27, 2018

ACT Test (Cancelled) Groton Area High School (This testing center has been closed for this test by ACT due to low registration numbers. Students will be notified by ACT of their new testing center assignment.)

All State Chorus and Orchestra at the Rapid City Civic Center

Oral Interp (Pumpkinstakes) at Watertown High School

**Closed:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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## Region 1A Volleyball Tournament

### #1 Groton Area

Scores:

Date: Thurs. 11/1

Time: 7:00 pm

Site: Groton HS

ROUND OF 16 QUALIFIER

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### #4 Milbank

Scores:

Date: Tues. 10/30

Time: 7:00 pm

Site: Milbank HS

Scores:

Scores:

### #5 Webster Area

### #2 Aberdeen Roncalli

Scores:

Date: Tues. 10/30

Time: 7:00 pm

Site: Roncalli HS

Scores:

Scores:

### #7 Tiospa Zina

Date: Thurs. 11/1

Time: 7:00 pm

Site: High Seed

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### #3 Redfield/Doland

Scores:

Date: Tues. 10/30

Time: 7:00 PM

Site: Redfield HS

Scores:

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### #6 Sisseton

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## Building is demolished

The building at 16 N Main St., Groton, has been demolished. The building has been the home of the Blue Bird Cafe, Omer's Cafe and the Groton Independent. The Groton Legion Post #39 now owns the lot and they plan to make a patio area.



## Lot 21, 16 N. Main St.

1890: Miller Brother's Store

1903: Hamm Brewing Company

1916: The Palm Garden

1918: Soft drink parlor and candy and fancy confections

1924: Bluebird Cafe

1947: Omer's Cafe

1973: The Groton Independent

2003: Sold to Clint Jacobson, Jr.

2017: Sold to Groton Legion Post #39

2018: Building demolished







## Doug Fjeldheim County Commission

**A devoted FAMILY MAN,  
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and a Commissioner who will make  
decisions based on COMMON SENSE.**

My fellow taxpayers of Brown County:

I am seeking re-election to the Brown County Commission because I believe I can and have contributed to the greater good by spending our tax dollars wisely.

As a farmer I know how important it is to have good roads and to have a county government that works with the people of the area to protect their interests.

I would be honored to serve another 4 years as a commissioner and treat your tax dollars as my own because just like you, some of them are!

On November 6th, please cast your ballot for Doug Fjeldheim for Brown County Commission.

*Doug Fjeldheim*

Paid for by Fjeldheim for County Commission

## Doug Fjeldheim County Commission

Doug Fjeldheim is seeking to be re-elected to the Brown County Commission. Having over 32 years of management experience in business, 30 years of farming experience, and as the Westport Township Clerk since 2003, Doug is familiar with the challenges each township faces.

As your County Commissioner, Doug Fjeldheim pledges to continue being prudent with how the tax dollars of Brown County are spent.

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## Today in Weather History

October 25, 1954: A storm dumped snow over the region with the highest snowfall amounts at Devils Tower with sixteen inches. Other snowfall totals from the area included four inches in Colony and Faith, eight inches in Custer and Lead, and eleven inches in Spearfish.

1918: The Canadian steamship Princess Sophia carrying miners from the Yukon and Alaska becomes stranded on Vanderbilt Reef. A strong northerly gale hampers rescue attempts the day before. The ship sinks on this day, killing the 268 passengers and 75 crewmen on board.

1921 - A hurricane with 100 mph winds hit Tampa, FL, causing several million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1977 - Dutch Harbor in Alaska reported a barometric pressure reading of 27.31 inches (925 millibars) to establish an all-time record for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1981 - A northbound tornado caused two million dollars damage to Bountstown, FL, in less than five minutes. Fortunately no deaths occurred along its six mile path, which was 30 to 100 yards in width. Radar at Apalachicola had no indication of a tornado or severe weather. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A storm system moving across the Saint Lawrence Valley produced 40 to 50 mph winds east of Lake Ontario. High winds downed some trees around Watertown NY, and produced waves seven feet high between Henderson Harbor and Alexandria Bay. Mason City IA and Waterloo IA tied for honors as cold spot in the nation with record lows for the date of 19 degrees. Severe thunderstorms in Oklahoma and northern Texas produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 65 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Severe thunderstorms erupted over northeastern Texas during the late evening producing softball size hail at Newcastle and Jonesboro. Low pressure over James Bay in Canada continued to produced showers and gale force winds in the Great Lakes Region. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Low pressure over Nevada produced high winds in the southwestern U.S., and spread heavy snow into Utah. Winds gusted to 63 mph at the Mojave Airport in southern California. Snowfall totals in Utah ranged up to 12 inches at Snowbird, with 11 inches at Alta. "Indian Summer" type weather continued in the central and eastern U.S. Twenty cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 77 degrees at Alpena MI and 81 degrees at Saint Cloud MN were the warmest of record for so late in the season. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2008: A storm packing winds of more than 60 mph hits central Alberta. In Edmonton, the strongest October wind ever recorded reaches 64 mph, cutting power to 4,000. The winds blow free sheet metal, parts of billboards, garbage cans and pieces of trees around the city.



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Today



Mostly Cloudy

High: 60 °F

Tonight



Mostly Cloudy

Low: 38 °F

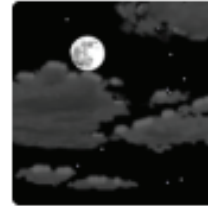
Friday



Mostly Sunny

High: 59 °F

Friday  
Night



Partly Cloudy

Low: 38 °F

Saturday



Mostly Sunny  
then Chance  
Rain

High: 58 °F

## Today

Becoming Partly Cloudy West  
Mild, Highs Approaching 70°  
Wind Becoming Breezy NW

Breezy, Mostly Cloudy East  
Scattered Showers  
Highs in the 50s

National Weather Service  
**Aberdeen, SD**  
Updated: 10/25/2018 3:45 AM Central

Published on: 10/25/2018 at 3:49AM

A system centered over the Central Plains will continue to produce showers over eastern South Dakota, and western Minnesota today. Meanwhile, out west the sun should make a return. Temperatures will range from the 50s east, to 70 or so over the Missouri River valley.

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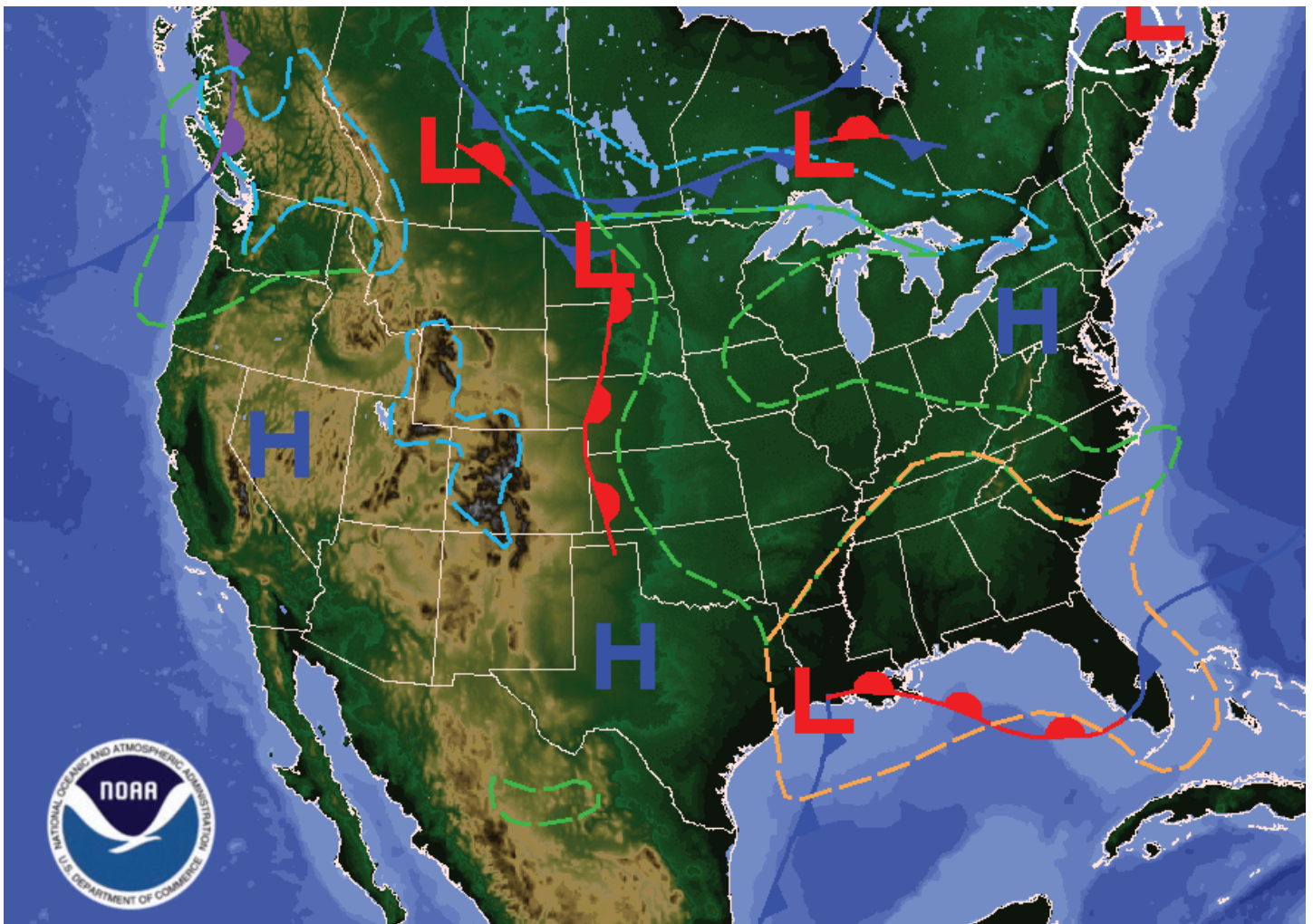
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 60 °F at 5:43 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 37 °F at 12:01 AM**  
**High Gust: 32 mph at 1:31 PM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 81° in 1989**  
**Record Low: 10° in 1942**  
**Average High: 53°F**  
**Average Low: 29°F**  
**Average Precip in Oct.: 1.66**  
**Precip to date in Oct.: 1.42**  
**Average Precip to date: 20.14**  
**Precip Year to Date: 15.03**  
**Sunset Tonight: 6:31 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:05 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Thu, Oct 25, 2018, issued 4:54 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain	Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Rain and T'Storms	Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Rain and Snow	Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Snow	Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



## EMOTIONS

Emotions are a very important part of life. They are a gift from God and have a very important role. Our emotions are an outward expression of what is going on inside of us. We smile when something pleases us. We cry when something saddens us. We rejoice when unexpected gifts are given to us. We groan when we hurt or someone we love hurts. There is no internal feeling that does not have an external result. It is external things that we internalize that force our feelings.

Take sporting events. When teams face one another in a contest, one will win, and the other will lose. If we select the winning team, our emotions will demonstrate feelings of joy and happiness, excitement, and ecstasy. We will stand and shout, lift our arms in victory and jump up and down. If we select the losing team, our emotions will demonstrate feelings of gloom and doom, discouragement and disgust. Unless one gambles on the outcome of the event, all we stand to lose is our pride for making the wrong choice.

Rarely, however, do we see overt emotions expressed when God grants us His blessings. There were times when Christians wept with joy when a lost soul repented or shared their enthusiasm when a prayer request was answered or stood with arms reaching toward heaven for a miracle of healing. We have allowed a ritualistic theology to overcome the joy of doxology.

We need to heed the Psalmist: Let those who trust and love You...be glad...sing for joy...and rejoice in You.

Prayer: Awaken our emotions Lord! Free us from being lukewarm, uninvolved and impassioned about Your grace. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 5:11 Let those who trust and love You...be glad...sing for joy...and rejoice in You.



## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- Nov./Dec./Jan./Feb./Mar. Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/15/2019 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 9/7/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

## News from the Associated Press

### **Trial opens for man accused in ex-girlfriend's death**

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Prosecutors in Stanley County are trying to convince jurors that a man charged with murder killed his former girlfriend.

Authorities say Chance Harruff went to the Dallas home of 38-year-old Kristi Olson in 2017 and punched her, leading to her death the next day. But, the defense during opening statements in Harruff's trial says Olson's injuries were not consistent with a homicide and that she had other medical issues that could have caused her death.

The Daily Republic says jurors will decide whether Harruff is guilty or innocent of first- or second-degree murder or manslaughter in Olson's death. She was the mother of seven children. Authorities say she had an on-and-off again relationship with the 48-year-old Harruff.

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

### **SD Lottery**

**By The Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Wednesday:

Dakota Cash  
03-08-13-14-22  
(three, eight, thirteen, fourteen, twenty-two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$38,000

Lotto America  
04-11-12-19-34, Star Ball: 8, ASB: 3  
(four, eleven, twelve, nineteen, thirty-four; Star Ball: eight; ASB: three)  
Estimated jackpot: \$10.1 million

Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

Powerball  
03-21-45-53-56, Powerball: 22, Power Play: 2  
(three, twenty-one, forty-five, fifty-three, fifty-six; Powerball: twenty-two; Power Play: two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$620 million

### **South Dakota board grants 'compassionate parole' to inmate**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota board has granted compassionate parole to a man sentenced to nearly 60 years in prison for molesting boys while working as a counselor at a former state juvenile correctional center.

The state Board of Pardons and Paroles granted 72-year-old Darwin Heuer the parole last week. Heuer was the first offender to have a hearing under a new "compassionate parole" system for seriously ill and elderly inmates.

The Rapid City Journal reports the board said because of Heuer's prognosis, he can be dealt with in a more "cost effective manner" if he is released and monitored under the new program.

Corrections officials couldn't reveal details of his medical condition, except to say he had a serious illness

from which he's unlikely to recover and needs extensive medical care.

Heuer is a former boot camp counselor who admitted in 1999 to molesting six boys while they were serving time at the now-defunct Custer Youth Corrections Center.

He pleaded guilty to felony charges that included one count of attempted second-degree rape and three counts of sexual contact with a child under 16. Heuer was sentenced to 57 years in prison for a term that would end in 2057, with an initial parole eligibility date in 2030.

Officials said Heuer has been in a nursing home since the end of July under a different program called extended confinement, which gives inmates access to specialized medical care.

Department of Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk has said "he is no longer a danger to society."

South Dakota passed its compassionate parole bill this year, putting it among at least 45 states with a medical parole law, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The move came at a time when prison health costs have grown in recent state budget years.

It's not clear how much money the program will save the state.

## South Dakota ethics measure supporters outrage opponents

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Supporters of a South Dakota government ethics constitutional amendment have significantly outraised their opponents ahead of Election Day.

State campaign finance reports show Represent South Dakota received over \$500,000 in cash and donated goods or services from mid-May through Monday in support of Constitutional Amendment W. Opposition group W is Wrong raised about \$124,000.

The ballot question would tighten campaign finance and lobbying restrictions and create an ethics commission. Major contributors to Represent South Dakota included Washington D.C.-based political action committee End Citizens United, Massachusetts-based anti-corruption organization Represent.Us and filmmaker J.J. Abrams and executive Katie McGrath.

Initiative opponents have highlighted supporters' out-of-state funding in the campaign. W is Wrong's top donors included the South Dakota Bankers Association and Americans for Prosperity, a Virginia-based conservative group backed by the billionaire philanthropist Koch brothers.

## Tour seeks paranormal experience in Deadwood's Adams House

By CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK, Rapid City Journal

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — The snow falling on the roads on a recent Saturday evening didn't scare off Matt Phelps, who drove with family for two hours from Kyle to Deadwood for the paranormal investigation at the Adams House.

"I bought these tickets in August," said Phelps, who stood in the visitor center adjacent the Victorian mansion off Sherman Street, warming himself. "Does the weather bring out the ghosts?"

"We'll find out," said Maurice "Mo" Miller, lead investigator of Black Hills Paranormal Investigations.

Ghost-hunting is serious business in historic Deadwood. A few years ago, the Travel Channel series "Ghost Adventures" descended on the Bullock Hotel and the Fairmont Hotel with gadgets and night-vision cameras. They even re-enacted the shooting of Wild Bill Hickok. But don't get the team of Black Hills Paranormal, which runs the Adams House haunting hunts this October, started on cable television ghost-hunters.

"They blow things way out of proportion," said case manager Scott Remboldt, who stood in the doorway prior to the sold-out investigation. "None of us have ever been possessed."

"Never say never," said Phelps' girlfriend, Tony.

For two weekends this October, four times a night, approximately 30 amateur paranormal investigators split into two groups and entered the Adams House, the Rapid City Journal reported. Rose Spiers, communications director for Deadwood History Inc., accompanies the groups as well to set the historical scene.

The Queen Anne home was the culmination of the empire of W.E. Adams, a grocery store magnate and multiple-term mayor of Deadwood. Dumbwaiters, oaken smoking rooms for the gentleman, stained-glass windows and heavy drapes became part of the tour.



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"Are those curtains moving?" asked an unnerved participant, as Miller's group entered the dining room. "Possibly," Miller said. "Someone likely brushed past them, though. It's our job to debunk things."

His voice recorder on, Miller prompted the crowd to supernatural solicitations.

"It may feel weird to speak into thin air," he said.

"Are you intimidated when the house is full of guests?"

No (audible) response.

Another woman asked, "Do you like using that light?"

"Yes, we do," answered Dani Jo Butler, a psychic medium.

But Miller interrupted. "I think she was asking the air."

The air, the spirits, the lingering presence. It can be confusing at first. But for 90 minutes, the tours cycle through the downstairs and upstairs, often with the paranormal investigators — "the professionals" as Miller reminds people — directing people toward common "hot spots." A corridor. Steps to the attic, where a fire once burst out. The wallpaper.

Phelps' sister-in-law ran the EVP reader, like a digital price-checker that reads electricity levels, over the table as the lights flickered.

"That's likely the boiler underneath the floor," Butler said.

Heads nodded, and the dozen or so people shuffle into the next room.

This Halloween season, the public is welcome to ghost tours at the Fairmont and the Bullock. There's also a haunted house in Keystone. In its sixth year, tours with the Adams House cost \$35 (and includes a complimentary black T-shirt). Spiers tells the group no one's ever been injured or demonically possessed, though a photographer with a local television crew had to repeatedly make the sign-of-the-cross as he entered the local room. Miller warned every one of shadow figures on the wallpaper.

"Has anyone passed here?" asked Phelps, as the group entered the fireplace lounge.

"Yes, Mr. Adams was in bed for nine days before passing," Spiers said.

In an adjacent room, some guests inspected the sheet music still on the stand for the ghosts to accompany each other.

Floorboards creaked. A ParaScope — multi-colored tubes in a circle that reads static electricity — briefly blinks up blue.

"Knock if you are with us," Butler said.

Quietly, there's what sounds like a knock on a wall. The room excitedly lights up.

"No, I think that's the tour group upstairs," said Miller, who gets used to being a kill-joy.

Before the tour, there were a number of ground rules provided. No whispering, which can confuse the investigators' "slam EVP sessions." No cellphones (save for a reporter's for note taking). And lastly, no one would be dressed up like zombies.

"If you hear anything, see anything, feel anything, or smell anything," said Miller, "let us know."

Upstairs, in Adams' bedroom, Mary Ellis Potts of Rapid City did just that, interrupting Spiers' talk.

"Oh my gosh," said Potts. "Something just slid my earring off."

She held up her earring

Murmurs rippled through the group.

Ghosts usually aren't malicious to humans, the investigators maintained — just occasionally playful. Later, seated near the bed, Potts feels a dark energy near the bed.

"I was going to tell you that Mr. Adams is standing there," Butler said. "But you've figured that out already."

In Mr. Adams' study, spooky sightings now building, an ordinary Maglite flashlight that has been rigged up to respond to the feather-light nudge of a ghost's presence was set on the mantel overlooking Adams' desk, while Spiers gathered onlookers around the desk. Then, without warning, the flashlight inexplicably turned on.

A wave of excitement passed once again over the group.

"Wow, cool!" exclaimed Spiers. "I've been doing this for years, and only once before has this flashlight turned on."

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When the light turned off, Butler asked, "How many spirits are here with us? One, tw — "  
At "one," the flashlight turned back on and off.

"Thank you," Butler replied, calmly, complimenting the tricks of the ghost like a trainer at SeaWorld might pat an Orca on the beak after raising its fin. "It's nice having you here, Mr. Adams."

The tour is not ghoulish, spine-tingling (though one woman is escorted out), or filled with stunts. It's just plenty of talking, few lights, and the heightened perceptions of strangers standing in a room waiting for the slightest sign.

"Have you ever tried singing them a song?" asked Phelps. "Could we whistle?"

There's silence, and then a participant softly whistled.

"No whispering or whistling!" Miller said. "That throws off the investigation."

And with no more noises (and a long line outside for the next tour), the group made its way back down the stairs and outside. Standing outside, bundling up with coats, snow still falling, Potts stood with a man near her.

"I've never been, but I'd sure go back," she said.

"Things happen to you like that all the time," the man said.

"Oh stop," Potts said.

The two held onto each other, as they slowly walked down the icy sidewalk. Nearby, the wipers on the Phelps' windshield pushed away the slurry, as the frightening prospect of returning home on the roads, eerily came into the foreground.

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

## Pickup driver killed in crash with semi near Brookings

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the driver of a pickup truck died when he rear-ended a semi carrying hazardous material in Brookings County.

The patrol says the 47-year-old pickup driver crashed into the semi on Highway 14 Tuesday afternoon near Brookings as the semi driver pulled away from a railroad crossing and had its hazard lights activated.

Authorities say damage to the semi caused about a gallon of sodium hydroxide, or lye, to spill. It was contained by emergency responders. The semi driver wasn't hurt.

## Body found in Missouri identified as Kimball man

CHAMBERLAIN, S.D. (AP) — Authorities a body found in the Missouri River is that of a Kimball man.

A passer-by saw the body in the water Monday afternoon and called police. The Daily Republic says authorities do not suspect that foul play was involved in the death of the 73-year-old man, who they say had an extensive medical history. But, an autopsy is being conducted.

The Chamberlain Police Department, Lyman County Sheriff's Office and Missouri Valley Ambulance all responded to the scene.

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

## The Latest: Suspicious package addressed to DeNiro

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Latest on pipe bombs sent to prominent Democrats and CNN (all times local): 7:40 a.m.

A New York City police bomb squad has recovered a suspicious package addressed to Robert DeNiro, and investigators say it may contain a device similar to others sent to Democratic figures, a law enforcement official tells The Associated Press.

Security personnel at Tribeca Productions summoned police at around 5 a.m. on Thursday.

The bomb squad removed the package and took it to a police facility in the Bronx at around 6:30 a.m.

Investigators say it appears to be from the same sender.

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The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly.  
By Michael R. Sisak

7:10 a.m.

A New York City police bomb squad has removed a suspicious package from a Manhattan building associated with Robert DeNiro.

A law enforcement source tell The Associated Press that the device found Thursday appeared to be linked to the others sent to Democratic figures and CNN's New York City hub. The package looked similar to the others and had a similar device inside, the source said.

The NYPD says the device was taken from 375 Greenwich Street in the Tribeca neighborhood around 6:30 a.m. Thursday.

A spokesman said police were called for a report of a suspicious package at the location around 5 a.m.  
By Michael R. Sisak in New York

6:40 a.m.

New York police say they're responding to reports of a suspicious package.

It's unclear if the report is related to pipe bombs sent to prominent Democrats including Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

The New York Police Department says Thursday's report involves the Tribeca neighborhood in Manhattan. A bomb squad unit on Thursday morning drove in a caravan through the city after leaving the neighborhood.

Authorities said on Wednesday the pipe bombs were packed with shards of glass and were intercepted. None of the seven bombs detonated, and nobody was hurt as authorities in New York, Washington, D.C., Florida and California seized the suspicious packages.

One of the explosives was sent to CNN, which prompted the evacuation of the Time Warner Center in Manhattan, where CNN has offices.

1 a.m.

A series of pipe bombs sent to prominent Democrats including Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton has deepened political tensions and fears two weeks before national midterm elections.

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The targets of the bombs were some of the figures most frequently criticized by President Donald Trump, who still assails Clinton at rallies while supporters chant "lock her up." Trump also often singles out CNN as he rails against the "fake news" media.

Trump took a softer tone at a rally in Wisconsin on Wednesday, saying, "Let's get along."

## AP Investigation: Hospital patients held hostage for cash

By MARIA CHENG, AP Medical Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The Kenyatta National Hospital is east Africa's biggest medical institution, home to more than a dozen donor-funded projects with international partners — a "Center of Excellence," says the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The hospital's website proudly proclaims its motto — "We Listen ... We Care" — along with photos of smiling doctors, a vaccination campaign and staffers holding aloft a gold trophy at an awards ceremony.

But there are no pictures of Robert Wanyonyi, shot and paralyzed in a robbery more than a year ago. Kenyatta will not allow him to leave the hospital because he cannot pay his bill of nearly 4 million Kenyan shillings (\$39,570). He is trapped in his fourth-floor bed, unable to go to India, where he believes doctors



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might help him.

EDITOR'S NOTE: First in a two-part series on hospitals that detain patients if they cannot pay their bills.

At Kenyatta National Hospital and at an astonishing number of other hospitals around the world, if you don't pay up, you don't go home.

The hospitals often illegally detain patients long after they should be medically discharged, using armed guards, locked doors and even chains to hold those who have not settled their accounts. Mothers and babies are sometimes separated. Even death does not guarantee release: Kenyan hospitals and morgues are holding hundreds of bodies until families can pay their loved ones' bills, government officials say.

Dozens of doctors, nurses, health experts, patients and administrators told The Associated Press of imprisonments in hospitals in at least 30 other countries, including Nigeria and Congo, China and Thailand, Lithuania and Bulgaria, and others in Latin America and the Middle East.

The AP investigation built on a report last year by the British think-tank Chatham House; its experts found more than 60 press reports of patient detention in 14 countries in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

"What's striking about this issue is that the more we look for this, the more we find it," said Dr. Ashish Jha, director of the Harvard Global Health Institute, who was not involved in the British research. "It's probably hundreds of thousands if not millions of people that this affects worldwide. It is not something that is only happening in a small number of countries, but the problem is that nobody is looking at this and it is way off the public health radar."

Some examples:

—In the Philippines, Annalyn Manalo was held at Mount Carmel Diocesan General Hospital in Lucena City for 1½ months starting last December following treatment for heart problems. Administrators refused initially to allow her family to pay in installments — and the cost of each extra day in detention was added to the bill.

"We were treated like criminals," said Manalo's husband, Sigfredo. "The security guards would come and check on us all the time."

—In Congo's second city of Lubumbashi, the AP visited more than 20 hospitals and clinics and found that all but one routinely detained patients who failed to pay, even though the practice is illegal there.

—In Bangalore, India, Emmanuel Malagi was detained in a private hospital for three months after he was treated for a spinal tumor, according to his brother, Christianand. Prevented from seeing him, his family scrambled unsuccessfully to pay his nearly 1.4 million rupee (\$19,281) bill — and when he died, the hospital demanded another 10 lakh (\$13,771) to release the body.

—In Malaysia, a medical student from the Netherlands on a diving trip got the bends. He couldn't afford his decompression treatment; the hospital locked him in a room for four days, with no food or drink, until he was able to get the money, according to Saskia Mostert, a Dutch academic who has researched hospital detentions.

—In Bolivia, a government ombudsman reported that 49 patients were detained in hospitals or clinics in the last two years because they couldn't pay, despite a law that prohibits the practice.

During several August visits to Kenyatta National Hospital, The Associated Press witnessed armed guards in military fatigues standing watch over patients, and saw where detainees slept on bedsheets on the floor in cordoned-off rooms. Guards prevented one worried father from seeing his detained toddler. All despite a court ruling years ago that found the detentions were illegal.

Health experts decry hospital imprisonment as a human rights violation. Yet the United Nations, U.S. and international health agencies, donors and charities all have remained silent while pumping billions of dollars into these countries to support splintered health systems or to fight outbreaks of diseases including AIDS and malaria.

"It's the dirty underbelly of global health that nobody wants to talk about," said Sophie Harman, a health academic at Queen Mary University of London.

"People know patients are being held prisoner, but they probably think they have bigger battles in public

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health to fight, so they just have to let this go.”

Hospital detentions, some experts argue, can be traced to policies pushed decades ago by the World Bank, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and others who made loans to developing countries on condition that they charge patients fees for medical services. Without explicit protections in place to protect the poor, they say, the policies gave countries the freedom to extract health care payments however they saw fit — including detaining patients.

The practice appears to be most prevalent in countries with fragile, underfunded health systems where there is little government accountability. But the problem has also surfaced in wealthier countries, with patients being detained in hospitals in countries including India, Thailand, China and Iran.

In many countries when patients cannot afford to pay for health care, they are usually either sent to a public hospital where treatment is covered by the state or refused help altogether. In some hospitals in Cameroon and elsewhere, for example, the problem of patient imprisonment was solved by some institutions by simply demanding payment upfront.

Where patients are imprisoned, hospitals acknowledge it is not necessarily profitable. But many say it often leads at least to partial payment and serves as a deterrent.

Unlike many hospitals in developed countries, African hospitals don't always provide food, clothing or bedding for patients, so holding onto them does not necessarily incur a significant cost. Detained patients typically rely on relatives to bring them food while those without obliging family members resort to begging for help from staff or other patients.

Dr. Festus Njuguna, a pediatric oncologist at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, about 300 kilometers northwest of Nairobi, said the institution regularly holds children with cancer who have finished their treatment, but whose parents cannot pay. The children are typically left on the wards for weeks and months at a time, long after their treatment has ended.

“It's not a very good feeling for the doctors and nurses who have treated these patients, to see them kept like this,” Njuguna said.

Still, some officials openly defend the practice.

“We can't just let people leave if they don't pay,” said Leedy Nyembo-Mugalu administrator of Congo's Katuba Reference Hospital. He said holding patients wasn't an issue of human rights, but simply a way to conduct business: “No one ever comes back to pay their bill a month or two later.”

At many Kenyan hospitals, including Kenyatta, officials armed with rifles patrol the hallways and guard the hospital's gates. Patients must show hospital guards a discharge form to prove they're allowed to leave and even visitors must sometimes surrender their identification cards before seeing patients.

In its 2016 financial report, Kenyatta's auditor-general said the hospital lost more than \$470,000 in fees from patients who “absconded” without paying. That year, the hospital reported total revenue of more than \$115 million.

Patient detentions at Kenyatta have been flagged for years, among other concerns. In January, demonstrators called for an investigation into allegations of rape and sexual harassment of patients at the hospital. Kenya's Human Rights Commission attempted to conduct an audit of Kenyatta, but officials refused to cooperate and have ignored all requests for information about detained patients.

“This is something that hospital authorities have been trying to keep under wraps,” said George Morara, vice chairperson of the country's national commission on human rights. He said the number of Kenyans imprisoned in hospitals is “disturbingly high” and that the practice is “ubiquitous in public and private hospitals.”

He said patients have been held at Kenyatta for up to two years, and it was reasonable to suspect that hundreds of patients could be detained there at any time.

Kenya's ministry of health and Kenyatta canceled several scheduled interviews with the AP and declined to respond to repeated requests for comment.

After she was elected to Kenya's Parliament, Esther Passaris visited Kenyatta last December to check on

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supporters who were injured in election violence. She was stunned to find that patients were incarcerated. "There was one lady I met in the corridor and she was crying, 'please let me go home,'" Passaris said. The woman had hurt her back and hip. She had been medically cleared to leave, but wasn't allowed to go home because she hadn't paid her bill. "I just thought, 'Oh my goodness, it's almost Christmas, how can these people not go back to their families?'"

Passaris started an online campaign to have the patients released. Just before the holidays, Kenya let more than 450 leave — a victory, Passaris says, though the problem remains.

"Unfortunately," she said, "you can't get water from a rock, so some of these patients stay for a year because they don't have the money."

Foreign agencies and companies that operate where patients are held hostage typically have very little to say about it. Some experts said the international health community's failure to address the issue has undermined its own goals.

"Aid money becomes ineffective and useless in an environment where people are terrified they're going to be locked up," said Robert Yates, a health policy expert at Chatham House, the British think tank that reported on imprisoned patients. "It's very embarrassing for the global health community that these detentions have become so embedded into countries that they seem normal, and so the whistle needs blowing on all of us."

Said Harvard's Jha: "There are basic human rights abuses that we cannot ignore in the 21st century. It is not too much to ask that when private companies like pharmaceuticals or federal agencies like the CDC become aware that their partners engage in such a fundamental violation of human rights, that they hold them accountable and work to end these practices."

The CDC provides about \$1.5 million every year to Kenya and Pumwani Maternity Hospital, via funding from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, or PEPFAR. At Kenya, the CDC covers treatment costs for patients with HIV and tuberculosis, trains health workers and helps with HIV testing, among other programs. The agency declined to comment on whether it was aware that patients were regularly detained at Kenya and Pumwani or if the agency condones the practice.

Among its other partnerships, Kenya has been working with the University of Washington for more than 30 years. Dr. Carey Farquhar, director of the university's Kenya Research and Training Center, said she didn't recall seeing any detained patients at Kenya, though was not surprised that it happened — she knew of no hospitals there that did not detain patients.

"It does make me uncomfortable," she said.

Farquhar said the issue "doesn't cross our radar as much" since her university is focused on medical research, rather than patient care. She added that she might raise the issue with her colleagues at Kenya but that "the solution has to come from within."

The drugmaker Novartis also partnered with Kenya for several years, helping pay for some of its doctors to study kidney transplant techniques at a Barcelona hospital. Novartis declined to comment on whether its staffers had seen detained patients at Kenya or whether it approved of the practice.

Dr. Agnes Soucat of WHO said the U.N. agency was aware of hospital detentions and confirmed they happened "quite frequently."

"We do not support this in any way, but the problem has been documenting where it happens," said Soucat, director of WHO's department of health systems, financing and governance. To date, WHO has made no attempt to collect data on hospital detentions and says such information is hard to find. The AP obtained patient lists, records and bills from about a dozen hospitals in Congo detailing imprisonment practices.

And though WHO has issued hundreds of health recommendations — from treating AIDS to Zika — the agency has never published any guidance advising countries not to imprison people in their hospitals.

Soucat said WHO officials in more than a dozen countries had expressed their concerns about detained patients to ministers of health, but that those discussions were private.



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One international organization did fight publicly for detained patients.

Researchers for the Center for Reproductive Rights, which acts to support women's health around the world, were conducting a study of maternal health care in Kenya in early 2012 when they learned of the cases of Maimuna Awuor Omuya and Margaret Oliele.

Unable to pay her bill at Pumwani Maternity Hospital after the delivery of her sixth child, Omuya and her baby were imprisoned along with more than 60 other women in a damp ward, in September 2010. She often slept on the wet ground next to a flooded toilet. Mother and child were released after nearly a month, but only when one of Omuya's friends appealed to the mayor to intervene.

Two months later, Oliele arrived at Pumwani. During a botched cesarean section, doctors left a pair of surgical scissors inside Oliele's stomach; a second surgery was needed to remove the scissors and she later suffered a ruptured bladder and a blood infection. When she couldn't pay her hospital fees, Oliele was taken to a detention ward.

"I tried to escape, but when I got to the main gate, I was taken by the security guards," Oliele told AP. "I had no clothes on and still had the catheter in my stomach. The guards then forcefully took me back to the hospital where they handcuffed me to a bed, while claiming that I had gone mad." She was held for six days.

Center for Reproductive Rights lawyers resolved to take up the cause of detained patients, bringing suit on behalf of Omuya and Oliele.

"These were two very appalling cases and their treatment was very degrading," said Evelyne Opondo, a senior regional director at the center who oversaw the case.

They won. In September 2015, Kenya's High Court ruled the women's detention violated numerous human rights enshrined in the constitution and was therefore illegal. The High Court described the women's detention as "cruel, inhuman and degrading." The court further ordered the Kenyan government to "take the necessary steps to protect all patients from arbitrary detention in health care facilities."

But three years later, it appears little has changed.

"People are still being detained," Oliele said. "They should stop treating people like animals and treat them as fellow human beings."

Opondo said detentions continue because nobody has asked hospitals "to provide answers, because they've not been held accountable." She estimated there could be many thousands of people across the country detained, based on information received by the center and news reports.

Although the court instructed the government to produce guidelines on how hospitals should waive fees for patients unable to pay, Opondo said the proposed fixes have not gone far enough. A program that provides free maternity care is only available at a select number of private hospitals and does not include post-delivery care.

Earlier this month, Kenya's High Court ruled again that imprisoning patients "is not one of the acceptable avenues (for hospitals) to recover debt." The case involved a man detained at Nairobi Women's Hospital since June 25; the judge ordered his immediate release despite the outstanding bill. Kenyan politicians also will soon debate a proposed amendment to the country's health law that will explicitly make patient detentions illegal.

The latest amendment was submitted by MP Jared Okelo, a member of Parliament who described the imprisonment of mothers as "rampant."

Omuya is still scarred by her detention at Pumwani. She says she developed chronic pneumonia after being held in the damp, cold conditions there and has not been able to work full-time since.

Neither Omuya nor Oliele have been paid the damages awarded to them by the court: Omuya was to receive 1,500,000 shillings (\$14,842) from the hospital while Oliele was to receive 500,000 shillings (\$4,948).

And Omuya's family has had another run-in with a Nairobi hospital.

Several months ago, Omuya's youngest brother was admitted to Mbagathi District Hospital after falling ill and collapsing.

"We don't know what it was, but the doctors told us he needed many medications to treat, that it was

a poisoning," she said.

Doctors completed their treatment and presented her brother with a bill of about 134,000 shillings (\$1,326).

When Omuya and her family were unable to raise the necessary funds, the situation took an unwelcome but familiar turn: her brother was imprisoned. Hospital managers asked the family to pay at least half the outstanding amount, but after about a month and a half, they had only scraped together about \$120. Omuya said her brother was freed only when his doctor negotiated his release.

"Detentions still go on because there are no rights here," she said. "What I suffered, I want no one else to suffer."

Desmond Tiro in Nairobi and Paola Flores in La Paz, Bolivia contributed to this report.

Online:

A selection of some of the hospital detention records obtained by the AP:

<https://www.documentcloud.org/search/projectid:41082-Hospital-Hostages>

## Bomb threats put spotlight on vitriolic political rhetoric

By STEVE PEOPLES and KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The discovery of pipe bombs targeting prominent Democratic politicians and CNN is raising the threat of election-season violence largely unknown in the U.S. — and prompting uncomfortable questions about the consequences of leaders' increasingly vitriolic rhetoric.

Coming two weeks before midterm elections, the thwarted attacks Wednesday caused renewed soul-searching — and finger pointing — about whether President Donald Trump has fanned passions to dangerous levels. Democrats swiftly pointed to his remarks seeming to condone violence against reporters and belittling political opponents, including some apparently targeted by the devices. Trump decried all political violence and issued a broad call for unity.

Some voters expressed concern the country was spiraling into new territory.

"It almost seems like we're in the middle of a civil war without the shots being fired," said Bobby Dietzel, a 45-year-old information technology worker from Kansas City who is registered with neither party. From a Denver coffee shop, he said he watched the political conflict with alarm. "It's almost scary to talk politics with people."

Law enforcement officials did not comment on the possible motives behind the crimes or whether political ideology may have played a role. Those involved have all been targeted by Trump and the right.

The thwarted attacks — revealed in rapid succession Wednesday — added volatility to midterm elections poised to be a referendum on Trump's tumultuous two years in office.

Long before the explosives were discovered, violent rhetoric had emerged as a central theme in the closing days of the midterm elections, particularly for the GOP. Republicans derided protesters for disrupting GOP lawmakers or Trump officials at restaurants or other public places. While campaigning, Trump and leading Republican candidates have increasingly warned of a rising Democratic "mob" prepared to inflict physical harm upon its adversaries.

But even some Trump allies saw the events of Wednesday as a moment for reflection and urged Trump to tone it down.

"You gotta calm it down," said Anthony Scaramucci, a prominent Trump supporter who briefly worked in his administration. "The president has grown in the job. He now has to take another transcendental step and realize that he's got to dial down the rhetoric."

On the other end of the political spectrum, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat, offered a message to "all public officials of all partisan affiliations." "Don't encourage violence," he said. "Don't encourage hatred. Don't encourage attacks on media."

De Blasio added: "That has to start at the top."

The White House's political arm, the Republican National Committee, released a video less than two

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weeks ago entitled, "The Left: An Unhinged Mob" that featured liberal protesters banging on doors backed by aggressive rhetoric from several prominent Democrats, including Rep. Maxine Waters of California and Hillary Clinton.

Waters in June called on supporters to harass Trump's cabinet members in public, while Clinton this month said: "You cannot be civil with a political party that wants to destroy what you stand for, what you care about."

Clinton is among a handful of top Democrats, including former President Barack Obama and his Attorney General Eric Holder, who were targeted with explosive devices, authorities said Wednesday. The New York offices of CNN, the cable network frequently attacked by Trump and his supporters, was evacuated after receiving an explosive device and an envelope containing white powder. Billionaire Democrat George Soros, a regular focus of conservative conspiracy theories, was targeted on Monday.

In a written statement, CNN President Jeff Zucker decried what he called "a total and complete lack of understanding at the White House about the seriousness of their continued attacks on the media."

For a moment, at least, Trump offered a somewhat conciliatory message during a Wednesday evening political appearance in Wisconsin.

"There is one way to settle our agreements. It's called peacefully at the ballot box," Trump said while reading from the teleprompter. He later described Wisconsin's Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin as a "radical far-left" socialist and said "our country is assaulted" by a caravan of thousands of Latin American immigrants, still about 1,000 miles away.

The president is expected to continue an aggressive campaign schedule in the midterm season's final days.

For virtually his entire political career, Trump has embraced inflammatory and often deeply personal attacks against his opponents. He repeatedly encouraged supporters to physically attack liberal protesters during the campaign, offering to pay for their legal bills. He regularly calls media outlets such as CNN "the enemy of the people."

Yet the rhetoric has sometimes turned darker in recent weeks.

"The Democrats are willing to do anything, to hurt anyone, to get the power they so desperately crave," Trump declared at a Minnesota rally this month. "They want to resist, they want to obstruct, they want to delay, demolish. They want to destroy."

He warned this week, without proof, that terrorists had infiltrated a caravan of Central American immigrants headed toward the U.S. border. He also praised a Republican congressman from Montana for body slamming a reporter.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate crimes, believes there is no "moral equivalence" between the violent rhetoric of the two parties, according to Heidi Beirich, the head of the organization's Intelligence Project.

"The fact of the matter is that the people who have received these bombs — the Clintons, Obama and George Soros — have been horrifically demonized by the right. Not just in terms of neo-Nazis, but also from people like Donald Trump," Beirich said. "There tends to be a relationship between demonizing rhetoric and violence."

Yet Republican voters across the country are equally convinced that Democrats pose the real threat. And Republican candidates are going out of their way to reinforce that message.

At a weekend campaign appearance at a Florida retirement community, GOP gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis attacked Waters and Holder by name for calling on Democrats to harass Republicans. He also recalled the 2017 Capitol Hill shooting that left several wounded, including Republican Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana.

"We don't want the state of Florida to be the petri dish of George Soros and the radical left," DeSantis charged. "You look at the stuff that's going on with these mobs and the violence that they're doing."

Clinton, speaking at a Florida fundraiser for congressional candidate Donna Shalala, thanked the U.S. Secret Service for intercepting the package before it reached her suburban New York City home. But she called it a "troubling time" and a "time of deep divisions, and we have to do everything we can to bring

our country together.”

Voters in key midterm battlegrounds are fed up, and frightened.

Ariana Hendricks, a 40-year-old massage therapist in Denver, said violence in politics has always been something people thought about.

But because of Trump, she said, “now they think it’s OK.”

Thomas reported from Washington. AP writers Nick Riccardi in Denver, Thomas Beaumont in Des Moines, Iowa, Matthew Daly in Washington and Bill Barrow in Atlanta contributed to this report.

## Sickness, fear, harassment in Mexico whittle away at caravan

By MARK STEVENSON, Associated Press

HUIXTLA, Mexico (AP) — Little by little, sickness, fear and police harassment are whittling down the migrant caravan making its way to the U.S. border, with many of the 4,000 to 5,000 migrants camped overnight under plastic sheeting in a town in southern Mexico complaining of exhaustion.

The group, many with children and even pushing toddlers in strollers, planned to depart Mapastepec at dawn Thursday with more than 1,000 miles still to go before they reach the U.S. border.

But in recent days a few hundred have accepted government offers to bus them back to their home countries.

Jose David Sarmientos Aguilar, a 16-year-old student from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, was one of at least 80 migrants waiting in the town square of Huixtla, where the rest of the caravan departed Wednesday morning, for four buses that would take them back to Honduras.

Sarmientos Aguilar said it was partly the spontaneous nature of the caravan — many people joined on the spur of the moment — as well as the rumors of migrants dying that did him in.

He joined the march “without thinking about what could happen and the consequences it could bring,” he said. He said the death of a migrant who fell off a truck Monday — and vague rumors of two migrants killed in Huixtla — also pushed him to return.

“There have been a lot of tragedies. It’s not necessary to go on losing more lives to reach there (the U.S.),” he said. “I am a little sick in the chest. I have a cough. And so instead of risking getting sicker and something happening to me, it’s better to go home.”

Carlos Roberto Hernandez, of Yoro province in Honduras, has a rumbling cough. For him, it was the scorching heat during the day and the evening rains that led him to drop out.

“We got hit by rain, and ever since then I’ve had a cold,” Hernandez said. Asked if he would make another attempt to reach the U.S., he said emphatically: “No. I’m going to make my life in Honduras.”

For Pedro Arturo Torres, it appeared to be homesickness that broke his determination to reach the U.S.

“We didn’t know what lay ahead,” said Torres. “We want to return to our country, where you can get by — even if just with beans, but you can survive, there with our families, at peace.”

The Mexican federal government’s attitude has also played a role in wearing down the caravan.

All the food, old clothes, water and medicine given to the migrants have come from private citizens, church groups or sympathetic local officials.

The federal government hasn’t given the migrants on the road a single meal, a bathroom or a bottle of water. It has reserved those basic considerations only for migrants who turn themselves in at immigration offices to apply for visas or be deported. Officials say nearly 1,700 migrants have already dropped out and applied for asylum in Mexico.

Sometimes federal police have interfered with the caravan.

In at least one instance, The Associated Press saw federal police officers force a half-dozen passenger vans to pull over and make the drivers kick migrants off, while leaving Mexican passengers aboard. In a climate where heat makes walking nearly impossible at midday, such tactics may eventually take a toll on migrants’ health.

In Mapastepec, where the main group stayed Wednesday night, it appeared the size of the caravan had



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diminished slightly. The United Nations estimated earlier in the week that about 7,000 people were in the group. The Mexican government gave its own figure Wednesday of "approximately 3,630."

Parents say they keep going for their children's futures, and fears of what could happen to them back home in gang-dominated Honduras, which was the main motivation for deciding to leave in the first place.

"They can't be alone. ... There's always danger," said Ludin Giron, a Honduran street vendor making the difficult journey with her three young children. "When (gang members) see a pretty girl, they want her for themselves. If they see a boy, they want to get him into drugs."

Refusing either demand can be deadly. Honduras has a homicide rate of about 43 per 100,000 inhabitants, one of the highest in the world for any country not in open war.

On Wednesday, Giron crammed with her children, 3-year-olds Justin and Nicole and 5-year-old Astrid, into the seat of a motorcycle taxi meant for only two passengers. Also perched on the perilously overcrowded motorbike were Reyna Esperanza Espinosa and her 11-year-old daughter, Elsa Araceli.

Espinosa, a tortilla maker from Cortes, Honduras, said there was no work back home. "That's why we decided to come here, to give a better future for our children," she said.

Such caravans have taken place regularly, if on a smaller scale, over the years, but U.S. President Donald Trump has seized on the phenomenon this year and made it a rallying call for his Republican base ahead of the Nov. 6 midterm elections.

Trump has blamed Democrats for what he says are weak immigration laws, and he claimed that MS-13 gang members and unknown "Middle Easterners" were hiding among the migrants. He later acknowledged there was "no proof" of the claim Middle Easterners were in the crowd. But he tweeted Wednesday that the U.S. "will never accept people coming into our Country illegally!"

Associated Press journalists traveling with the caravan have met throngs of Hondurans, as well as Guatemalans, Salvadorans and Nicaraguans, but no one from the Mideast. Many were young people traveling with their families. Again and again, they cited poverty and violence in their countries as reasons for leaving.

Another, smaller caravan earlier this year dwindled greatly as it passed through Mexico, with only about 200 making it to the California border. Those who do make it into the U.S. face a hard time being allowed to stay. U.S. authorities do not consider poverty, which many cite as a reason for migrating, in processing asylum applications.

Carmen Mejia from Copan, Honduras, carried 3-year-old Britany Sofia Alvarado in her arms, and clutched the hand of 7-year-old Miralia Alejandra Alvarado, also sweaty — and feverish.

Mejia said she was worn out. Still, she pledged to go on. "I've walked a long way. I don't want to return. I want a better future for my children."

## As political strain grows, pipe bombs target Democrats, CNN

By MICHAEL BALSAMO, ERIC TUCKER and COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pipe bombs packed with shards of glass were intercepted en route to several prominent Democrats, including former President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, in an unnerving wave that deepened political tensions and fears two weeks before national midterm elections.

None of the seven bombs detonated Wednesday, and nobody was hurt as authorities in New York, Washington, D.C., Florida and California seized the suspicious packages.

On Thursday, New York police said they were responding to reports of a suspicious package in the Tribeca neighborhood in Manhattan. Police said the package was found at Greenwich and Franklin streets, where a restaurant owned by Robert De Niro is located.

A bomb squad unit on Thursday morning drove in a caravan through the city after leaving the neighborhood. It was not immediately clear if the development was related to the pipe bombs sent to the prominent Democrats.

One of the explosives was sent to CNN, which prompted the evacuation of the Time Warner Center in Manhattan where the news outlet has its offices.

The targets of the bombs were some of the figures most frequently criticized by President Donald Trump,

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who still assails Clinton at rallies while supporters chant "lock her up" — two years after he defeated her and she largely left the political scene. Trump also often singles out cable news network CNN as he rails against the "fake news" media.

Trump took a softer tone at a rally in Wisconsin Wednesday night.

"Let's get along," he said. "By the way, do you see how nice I'm behaving tonight? Have you ever seen this?"

The attacks overtook other news in an already-tense political season that could reshape Congress and serve as a referendum on the first two years of Trump's presidency. The actions, which caused panicked building evacuations and reports of additional explosives that later proved unfounded, are bound to add to fears that overheated rhetoric could lead to deadly violence as the parties engage in bitter fights over immigration, the Supreme Court and the treatment of women.

The bombs, each with a small battery, were about six inches long and packed with powder and broken glass, said a law enforcement official who viewed X-ray images and spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation.

The official said the devices were made from PVC pipe and covered with black tape.

The first crude bomb to be discovered had been delivered Monday to the suburban New York compound of George Soros, a liberal billionaire and major contributor to Democratic causes.

The FBI said an additional package was intended for former Attorney General Eric Holder, but that one ended up at a Florida office of Democratic Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, whose return address was on it.

Later Wednesday, the FBI said two additional packages addressed for Rep. Maxine Waters had been intercepted that were similar in appearance to five others.

The White House condemned the attacks aimed at Democrats and other perceived foes of the administration.

"Acts or threats of political violence have no place in the United States," Trump said. "This egregious conduct is abhorrent."

Other Republican leaders said the same. But Democratic Senate and House leaders Chuck Schumer of New York and Nancy Pelosi of California said such words "ring hollow" when coming from Trump. They noted the president's recent praise of a GOP congressman who body-slammed a reporter, among other Trump statements.

Law enforcement officials said all the packages were similar: manila envelopes with bubble-wrap interior bearing six stamps and the return address of Florida Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz. She is the former chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee who was accused by Clinton rivals of secretly helping the party's eventual presidential nominee.

The package intended for Holder had the wrong address and was forwarded to Wasserman Schultz.

The devices all were sent to an FBI lab in Virginia to be studied. Officials provided no details on a possible suspect or motive.

"Suffice it to say, it appears an individual or individuals sent out multiple, similar packages," said John Miller, the New York Police Department's head of intelligence and counterterrorism, who briefed reporters.

The U.S. Secret Service intercepted the bomb that was addressed to Hillary Clinton at the Chappaqua, New York, home she shares with former President Bill Clinton, and another that was sent to Obama at his home in Washington.

A police bomb squad removed still another from CNN's New York office, which was evacuated. The CNN package was addressed to former CIA Director John Brennan, who has publicly clashed with Trump and is a regular television contributor.

Speaking at an event in Austin, Texas, Brennan called the spate of pipe bombs "a very unfortunate turn of events," particularly if he and others are being targeted for their public comments.

"Unfortunately, I think Donald Trump, too often, has helped to incite some of these feelings of anger, if not violence, when he points to acts of violence or also talks about swinging at somebody from the press, the media," Brennan said.

Overhead TV shots showed a truck carrying that device being driven away. The package sent to CNN

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contained a live explosive, with wires and a black pipe, and an envelope with white powder, officials said. The powder was tested and determined to have been harmless, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation.

New York City Police Commissioner James O'Neill says investigators are reviewing security video to see if they can identify a courier believed to have delivered the pipe bomb package to CNN's office. O'Neill said in an appearance on CNN that he was "pretty sure those images will be caught on video, and we'll be able to find out where that person came from before they entered the building and where they went to after."

Waters, whom the president has denigrated as a "low-IQ individual," reported Wednesday afternoon that she was the target of a suspicious package. Though the FBI did not initially include her on a list of targeted individuals, the bureau later said two packages addressed to her and similar to the five others had been found. One was intercepted at a Los Angeles mail facility.

Neither Clinton nor Obama received the packages sent to them, and neither was at risk because of screening procedures, the Secret Service said.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement, "These terrorizing acts are despicable, and anyone responsible will be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law."

But while stopping short of blaming Trump's rhetoric for inspiring the attacks, Jeff Zucker, the president of CNN Worldwide, contended there was a "total and complete lack of understanding at the White House about the seriousness of their continued attacks on the media."

"The president, and especially the White House press secretary, should understand their words matter. Thus far, they have shown no comprehension of that," he said.

Hillary Clinton was attending campaign events for Democrats in Florida and was not at the family's New York residence when the bomb was intercepted. But Bill Clinton was at the family's Chappaqua home, said a person familiar with his schedule. The person said the device was screened at a Westchester County facility — not near their residence — and never reached the Clintons' home.

A law enforcement official told the AP that the package discovered at Soros' home appeared to be a pipe bomb and was in a package placed in a mailbox outside the gates of the compound. A Soros employee opened it just inside the gates, not near Soros' quarters, said the official, who insisted on anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation.

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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. PIPE BOMBS TARGET DEMOCRATS, CNN

The crude explosives were intercepted en route to several prominent Democrats — including Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton — deepening political tensions and fears before the midterm elections.

### 2. 'IT'S ALMOST SCARY TO TALK POLITICS WITH PEOPLE'

With harsh rhetoric by politicians on the rise, some voters are expressing concern the country is spiraling into new territory.

### 3. HOSPITALS AROUND GLOBE ILLEGALLY IMPRISON PATIENTS

Hospitals are unlawfully detaining patients who cannot pay their medical bills in Kenya and over 30 countries, including Congo, India and China, an AP investigation finds.

### 4. WHERE KHASHOGGI PROBE IS TURNING

Turkey is focusing on a well in the garden of Saudi Arabia's consulate as part of its investigation into the killing of the journalist, whose body is missing.

### 5. WALL STREET VOLATILITY BACK WITH A VENGEANCE

Investors are worried about rising interest rates and trade tensions, which could affect corporate profit

growth and stock prices.

## 6. HARSHIPS HITTING MIGRANT CARAVAN

Sickness, fear and police harassment is leading to attrition as thousands continue their exodus toward the U.S. border, with many complaining of exhaustion.

## 7. FREED JAPANESE HOSTAGE WAS LIVING IN 'HELL'

Freelance journalist Jumpei Yasuda, 44, is back in Tokyo after spending three years in captivity by al-Qaida's branch in Syria.

## 8. WHAT CHINA BUILDING BOOM HAS UNCOVERED

Rapid construction is churning up a motherlode of new dinosaur fossils, turning one paleontologist into a star.

## 9. SOME STATES GIVE COVER TO JACKPOT WINNERS

South Carolina and seven other states allow anonymity to Mega Millions winners, so the winner of the \$1.537 billion prize in Simpsonville can keep their identity hidden forever.

## 10. FROM PLAYOFF FLOP TO WORLD SERIES ACE

David Price earns his second postseason victory in a row and moves the Boston Red Sox halfway to yet another Series title after a 4-2 win over the Dodgers.

## Experts: Bomber likely left behind a mass of forensic clues

By **MICHAEL BIESECKER** and **LISA MARIE PANE**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators examining the explosive devices sent to high-profile targets in Washington and New York will be working to glean forensic clues to help identify who sent them, gathering fingerprints and DNA evidence while tracking the origin of the packages and the components used to make the bombs.

Larry Johnson, a former head of criminal investigations for the U.S. Secret Service who also served as a special agent in charge of the presidential protective detail, said that bomb makers usually leave evidence behind. "If there is a human involved, there is a high probability you're going to get somewhere investigatively," he said. "There will be no stone left unturned."

Johnson said it is highly likely that the person or people who built the bombs have been previously flagged by law enforcement. The Secret Service maintains an extensive database of individuals and groups who have made past threats against presidents or other top political leaders, either through letters, emails or on social media.

"A good percentage of the time, this is not the first time whoever is responsible for this will have stuck their neck out," Johnson said. "Those looking to do revenge or harm to someone, it doesn't just come to them one day."

Among the first steps for investigators will be retracing the path of the packages through the postal system or courier service used to deliver them.

The U.S. Postal Service operates a sophisticated imaging system that photographs the outside of each piece of mail processed across the country and can be used to determine the specific location of where it was sent. That's how federal officials were led to a woman who sent the poison ricin through the mail to President Barack Obama and then-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg in 2013.

The envelopes and packaging materials themselves will also be closely scrutinized.

"It will be a treasure trove of forensic evidence," said Anthony Roman, a private security and investigations consultant. "As human beings, we are filtering off our DNA everywhere we walk, everywhere we sit."

Even the most careful bomber is likely to leave behind genetic material that could be used to identify them, especially traces of sweat, saliva or skin cells. There may also be fingerprints or hair.

Roman said investigators will also be collecting all available video camera footage taken from where the packages were mailed and delivered, as well as interviewing any potential witnesses in the area.

Because the devices were intercepted before they exploded, forensics experts will be able to carefully disassemble the devices and examine the components. They'll examine the wiring, the initiating system,



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any timing device and seek to identify what type of pipe. The design of the bomb will be compared to other explosive devices recovered in the past.

Adam B. Hall, director of the Core Mass Spectrometry Facility at the Barnett Institute of Chemical and Biological Analysis at Northeastern University, said most devices are made from easily available materials regardless of what specific type of device it is.

It will have three primary components: the pipe, the explosive filler and an "initiator," or mechanism to set it off. The initiator will help identify how sophisticated the bomb maker is, whether it's a timing device or a remote trigger.

"Your typical pipe bomb, it's not very sophisticated," said Hall, who previously worked in the Massachusetts State Police crime laboratory and was involved in the Boston Marathon bombing investigation. "A lot of the directions for this are available on the internet. ... This is not something that would require days or weeks of planning in order to execute."

Still, there are likely innumerable telltale signs that could help authorities track down how and where it was made, said Jimmie Oxley, the co-director of the University of Rhode Island's Center of Excellence in Explosives, Detection, Mitigation and Response.

Some explosives can be homemade, which will make them more difficult to trace. But other materials must be purchased and can help narrow down where and how a device was made. Smokeless powder, for example, is virtually guaranteed to have been purchased. Black powder can be commercial grade or homemade, but it's easy to discern which is which.

"All of these are signatures," she said.

There are times, such as with the recent spate of bombings in Austin, Texas, as well as with the notorious Unabomber, when each device will have a different "signature" in an attempt to throw off authorities or as the person making the devices tests and finesses their technique.

Oxley said there will still likely be some commonalities that will allow law enforcement to zero in on a suspect or suspects.

"It's not an insurmountable task," Oxley said. "There's a ton of evidence out there. Unless this is a really, really smart person, they will find out who did this."

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## Northern Marianas brace for slow recovery after typhoon

By **CALEB JONES** and **JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER**, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands were bracing for months without electricity or running water in the aftermath of the strongest storm to hit any part of the U.S. this year.

Super Typhoon Yutu crossed over the U.S. territory early Thursday local time.

Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan, the commonwealth's delegate to U.S. Congress, said the territory will need significant help to recover from the storm, which he said injured several people.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Saipan, Sablan said he has heard reports of injuries and that people are waiting at the island's hospital to be treated. He could not provide further details or official estimates of casualties.

"There's a lot of damage and destruction," Sablan said. "It's like a small war just passed through."

Sablan said the entire island sustained damage, but there are areas that are worse than others. He has not been able to reach officials on the territory's neighbor islands of Tinian and Rota because phones and electricity are out.

"It's going to take weeks probably to get electricity back to everybody," he said.

Sablan says colleagues in Congress have reached out to offer help. He expects there will be a presidential

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disaster declaration put in place.

As the storm continues to move away from the Mariana Islands, Sablan said in a tweet Thursday evening that the typhoon warning for Saipan and Tinian was canceled.

The electricity on Saipan, the largest island in the commonwealth about 3,800 miles (6,115 kilometers) west of Hawaii, went out at 4 p.m. Wednesday, resident Glen Hunter said.

"We probably won't have power for months," he said, recalling how it took four months to restore electricity after Typhoon Soudelor in 2015.

Maximum sustained winds of 180 mph (290 kph) were recorded around the eye of the storm, which passed over Tinian and Saipan early Thursday local time, said Brandon Aydlett, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

"At its peak, it felt like many trains running constant," Hunter wrote in a Facebook message to The Associated Press. Hunter lives on Saipan, the largest island in the commonwealth, which is a U.S. territory about 3,800 miles (6,115 kilometers) west of Hawaii.

"At its peak, the wind was constant and the sound horrifying," he wrote.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries.

Tinian suffered a direct hit. Saipan and Tinian will be unrecognizable, Aydlett said, adding that the weather service received reports that Yutu's catastrophic winds ripped roofs from homes and blew out windows.

"Any debris becomes shrapnel and deadly," he said.

Fallen trees could isolate residents, and power and water outages could last weeks, the weather service warned.

It was still dark when Hunter peeked outside and saw his neighbor's house, made of wood and tin, completely gone. A palm tree was uprooted.

Hunter, 45, has lived on Saipan since childhood and is accustomed to strong storms. "We are in typhoon alley," he wrote, but added this is the worst he has experienced.

The roof flew off the second floor of Del Benson's Saipan home.

"We didn't sleep much," he wrote to the AP in a Facebook message. "I went upstairs and the skylight blew out. Then the roof started to go. We got the kids downstairs."

Recovery efforts on Saipan and Tinian will be slow, Aydlett said.

"This is the worst-case scenario. This is why the building codes in the Marianas are so tough," he said. "This is going to be the storm which sets the scale for which future storms are compared to."

Dean Sensui, vice chair for Hawaii on the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, was in Saipan for a council meeting. He hunkered down in his hotel room, where guests were told to remain indoors because winds were still strong Thursday morning.

"From around midnight the wind could be heard whipping by," he said in a Facebook message. "Down at the restaurant it sounded like a Hollywood soundtrack with the intense rain and howling wind."

Because he's in a solid hotel, it wasn't as scary as living through Hurricane Iniki in 1992, which left the Hawaiian island of Kauai badly damaged, he said.

"The fact that we still have internet access proves how solid their infrastructure is," he said. "Hawaii and others should study the Marianas to understand how to design and build communication grids that can withstand a storm."

## **Buckle up: Wall Street volatility is back with a vengeance**

**By MARLEY JAY, AP Markets Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the market.

If you're an investor who was lulled to sleep by the stock market's calm, steady gains this summer, you're wide awake by now. Stocks have swooned over the last three weeks as investors worried about a sea of troubles, including rising interest rates and the trade tensions between the U.S. and China. Both could impair profit growth for U.S. companies.

The S&P 500 index has plunged 9.4 percent in just three weeks, with two separate six-day losing streaks.

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It hadn't had a streak of losses that long since November of 2016. With five trading days left in October the index is on track for its worst month in a decade.

Another loss Thursday will likely push the index into what Wall Street calls a "correction" — a drop of 10 percent or more from the latest high.

For market favorites like technology and consumer-focused companies it's been even worse. As of Wednesday's close, five of the six most valuable U.S. companies had suffered a correction: Amazon, Microsoft, Alphabet, Berkshire Hathaway and Facebook are all down sharply from their recent highs, although some of those declines began this summer.

The VIX, an index called Wall Street's "fear gauge" because it measures how much volatility traders expect, is the highest it's been since February.

The current skid for stocks is the third big swoon for the markets this year. The first was a dramatic downturn in late January and early February, when the S&P 500 lost 10 percent in just nine days as worries about a sharp slowdown in China's economic growth rattled markets around the world. That was followed by a less severe stumble in March.

But more recently stocks had been placid. Between late June and early October, the market didn't rise or fall as much as 1 percent in a single day. That was similar to the gains stocks made in 2017, when the market drifted higher gradually and finished up 19.4 percent.

Soaring corporate profits, fueled by sweeping corporate tax cuts, powered the market's recovery this spring and summer. S&P 500 companies delivered second-quarter earnings growth of 25.2 percent, well ahead of forecasts. That helped send the S&P 500 to a new all-time high in September, erasing the losses from its "correction" in February.

But now doubts are emerging that a similar surge in earnings growth will rally markets out of their latest skid.

Companies began reporting their results for the third quarter last week. And while earnings growth for S&P 500 companies is expected to be around 22 percent, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence, some companies are painting a less-than-rosy outlook.

Several big companies, including AT&T and United Parcel Service, have reported earnings or revenue this week that fell short of expectations. And some company executives are warning of rising costs related to the U.S.-China tariffs and inflation.

The absence of a tax-cut boost and the likelihood of higher interest rates, which can raise borrowing costs for businesses, are also giving investors reasons to worry that company earnings growth will slow.

That likely means more volatility for stocks.

"The ability to repeat what we had this year is not going to happen," said Terry DuFrene, global investment specialist at J.P. Morgan Private Bank. "We all agree about that."

AP Business Writer Alex Veiga contributed to this report from Los Angeles.

## Saudi financial clout over media helps in Khashoggi affair

By HAMZA HENDAWI, Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Saudi Arabia's financial clout among the Arab media has given it an influential tool as it grapples with the international outcry over the death of Saudi writer and dissident Jamal Khashoggi.

From the time Khashoggi vanished into the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2, newspapers and television stations across the region allied with Riyadh have echoed the Saudi denial of any knowledge of his fate. Or they weaved alternative scenarios of an alleged plot by Saudi Arabia's top rivals Qatar and Turkey to destabilize the kingdom.

After more than two weeks of international pressure, the kingdom last weekend acknowledged Khashoggi's death inside the consulate, claiming he was killed by accident in an interrogation gone awry, and promised to punish those responsible.

The loyal media immediately switched gears to praise the kingdom's sense of justice and the decisive-

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ness of its monarch, King Salman. Some even commended the kingdom for its transparency.

"Simply put, our (Arab) media are financed by regimes that commit a crime every day that is no less gruesome than the one committed against Jamal Khashoggi," read an editorial Sunday in Daraj, an independent online news site. "What happened should offer us an opportunity to consider just how much we need an independent media."

The media's treatment of the affair reflected decades of checkbook diplomacy adopted by the oil-rich Saudis to secure allies and silence criticism of their policies.

The kingdom has spent millions of dollars over the years to influence newspapers and television stations from Morocco to Iraq. Sometimes it has invested in media outlets but more often it has provided funds to help them stay afloat. It has also provided perks and cash directly to individual writers and television personalities.

The inner workings of that policy were laid bare in 2015 when WikiLeaks published thousands of cable exchanges between Saudi diplomatic missions and the Foreign Ministry in Riyadh.

The exchanges revealed the extent of Saudi spending on news outlets and journalists across the Arab world and how keen many of them were to secure Saudi funding, often under the pretext of countering smear campaigns targeting the kingdom.

The kingdom itself has powerful mouthpieces of its own. The newspaper Asharq al-Awsat and the 24-hour television news channel Al-Arabiya have a wide reach across the Arab world. Both are owned by Saudis close to the royal family.

Abdul-Rahman al-Rashed, a one-time editor of Asharq al-Awsat and head of al-Arabiya, acknowledged in an unusually candid op-ed this week that Saudi money is one of Riyadh's most effective foreign policy assets in the Arab world.

He called criticism of the kingdom over the Khashoggi affair "media aggression" and pointed out that the kingdom bankrolled many of the region's "states and institutions."

"In a nutshell, weakening Saudi Arabia will broaden the region's circles of unrest and failures," he wrote in Asharq al-Awsat on Sunday.

The embrace of the Saudi agenda is seen in Jordan's state media, some of Lebanon's television channels and smaller newspapers and virtually across the board in Riyadh's close Gulf Arab allies like Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. Perhaps the most potent example of the influence of Riyadh's big spending is seen in the media of Egypt, one of the kingdom's closest allies.

Under the rule of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the Egyptian government and affiliated state agencies have almost completely brought the local media, both state and privately owned, under their control, turning what at best were vehicles of diverse views into loyal organs of the state.

At the same time, el-Sissi's government has received billions of dollars from the Saudis since 2013 to shore up Egypt's battered economy.

Powerful pro-Saudi talk show hosts often remind viewers that as many as 3 million Egyptians work in Saudi Arabia, sending home billions of dollars in remittances every year.

So, when the Khashoggi affair erupted, Egyptian media staunchly stood by the kingdom's initial denials of any wrongdoing. Commentators also strongly promoted the idea that Qatar and Turkey were somehow conspiring to undermine Saudi Arabia.

Egypt's government shares Saudi Arabia's rivalry with those two countries because of their support of the Muslim Brotherhood, an outlawed Islamist group.

"There is a strong will from multiple parties to blackmail Saudi Arabia," wrote Makram Mohammed Ahmed, Egypt's chief media regulator and a career newspaper journalist.

Ahmed Musa, possibly the closest television talk show host to the government, had initially insisted that Qatar kidnapped Khashoggi from the consulate. Then in the wake of Riyadh's acknowledgment of his death in the consulate, he gushed over the kingdom's handling of the affair.

"We never thought for a moment that the kingdom could possibly engineer a cover-up for anyone who took part in that crime," he said. He called Khashoggi's death "a horrible crime that cannot be accepted



by anyone in this world.”

In one of the few remaining somewhat independent voices left in Egyptian media — the Al-Masry Al-Youm newspaper — there were some signs of criticism, albeit cautious.

“It is deeply regrettable that the media have abandoned their basic principles now that they are under state control again,” Waheed Hamed — one of Egypt’s top movie script writers — wrote in a front-page op-ed on Sunday. Still, he did not mention the Khashoggi case.

A cartoonist went further Monday.

A cartoon on the paper’s back page showed a school art teacher praising a young pupil to his mother. “Touch wood, your son seems to be following current affairs. He drew a butcher’s shop when I asked him to draw a consulate.”

Even in Saudi Arabia itself, there were some voices not in complete sync with the state, though they treaded carefully.

Faisal J. Abbas, editor of the English-language Arab News, wrote Sunday that some of the Saudi media’s handling of the Khashoggi story was a “disgrace to the profession” and even directed some of the blame on the government.

“Some of my colleagues will blame the absence of official information, which is indisputably a problem; we cannot be talking about reforms and a new culture of accountability in this country if official phones go silent the moment a big story breaks,” he wrote.

“Yes, authorities needed time to complete their investigation, but in the world of fast-breaking news, two weeks is an eternity. Officials need to learn that if they don’t tell their story, someone else will — more often than not, the enemies of the Kingdom.”

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## **Guilty verdicts set precedent in fighting shady recruiting**

**By JOHN MARSHALL, AP College Basketball Writer**

A federal jury found three men guilty of fraud charges for channeling secret payment to the families of top-tier recruits to influence their choices of schools, apparel companies and agents.

Wednesday’s verdicts place the blame firmly on the men for exposing the universities to NCAA sanctions, essentially portraying the schools as victims.

The NCAA may view the verdict differently.

In fact, the organization that oversees college athletics may now have a deeper reach when it goes after rogue programs. The decision essentially turns amateurism into federal law, possibly giving future NCAA bylaws more bite and ability to dole out punishment.

“I think anybody who breaks the rules in any aspect of our society, you’d like to see them held accountable,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “If the jury found them guilty of breaking rules, then they should be held accountable. But yeah, that’s why we have a jury system and that’s good. It’s always good when, if someone does something wrong, they’re found out, and they’re held accountable for it.”

Former Adidas executive James Gatto, business manager Christian Dawkins and amateur league director Merl Code were convicted of conspiracy to commit wire fraud for funneling money and recruits to Louisville and Kansas.

All three will be sentenced on March 5, but the corruption case doesn’t end there. Former NBA star and Auburn assistant Chuck Person will stand trial in February. Former assistant coaches Emmanuel Richardson of Arizona, Tony Bland of Southern Cal and Lamont Evans of Oklahoma State go to trial in April.

All are accused of funneling apparel company money to recruits and their families.

They could be facing a difficult defense with Wednesday’s verdict now that a precedent of fraud has been set. So could the schools.

The first trial revealed text messages and recorded conversations between coaches and the fixers, though nothing to definitively connect them to paying recruits.

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The prosecution argued the schools, which receive federal funds, were not aware of the secret payments, including \$100,000 promised to top recruit Brian Bowen Jr.

When put on the stand and facing long prison sentences, the four assistant coaches may tell a different story. At minimum, they will certainly pull back the curtain even further on what had been college basketball's worst-kept secret.

"I hope that the truth prevails and I mean that with all sincerity," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said. "There's so much stuff being floated out there, I hope what's true will be found out if there's stuff going and in the long run it will make a difference and help the game."

The game has already been blemished, first with the arrests of 10 people in September 2017 through the three-week trial that concluded on Wednesday.

More than two dozen schools have been ensnared since the arrests a year ago, for everything from paying for meals to six-figure payments to recruits' families.

Duke, Oregon, North Carolina State, Creighton and Texas were among the schools mentioned in testimony during the trial. More schools and coaches could be caught up when the next two trials take place, each day of testimony becoming another round of the "who's next" that played out in New York over the past three weeks.

The NCAA has already adopted a reform package to curb some of the seedy recruiting practices and could be headed toward more reforms now that a legal precedent of federal fraud has been set.

"There's been many things throughout my 30 years, however many it has been, when things came out, 'this will be awful for college athletics' and 10 years later that wasn't as awful at all," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "We may be better off for it."

As the trials move forward and more information comes out, the depth of the pay-to-play corruption could become clearer. More schools could be involved or, as some coaches have said, the shady recruiting practices could be limited to a few bad seeds at the top.

"I think it's easy to paint all of college basketball with a dark brush and that's not fair; there's lot of great kids and great coaches and terrific schools involved in it," Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said. "Are there bad operators out there? Yeah, there are bad operators out there. Some of them are inside schools, some of them are outside schools, but they're not the vast majority. And, at this point, I don't know who it is and who it isn't because the NCAA has not run its process yet."

AP Sports Writers Dave Skretta in Kansas City, Aaron Beard and Pete Iacobelli in Charlotte contributed to this story.

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## Price pitches Red Sox past Dodgers 4-2 for 2-0 Series lead

By JIMMY GOLEN, AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — From playoff flop to October ace in two legacy-shifting starts, David Price earned his second postseason victory in a row and moved the Boston Red Sox halfway to yet another World Series title.

The Red Sox left-hander pitched six innings of three-hit ball, and major league RBI leader J.D. Martinez broke a fifth-inning tie during another two-out rally to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-2 on Wednesday night.

Game 3 is Friday in Los Angeles. The Dodgers need a win to avoid an 0-3 deficit that no World Series team has ever recovered from.

"This is the biggest stage in baseball," Price said after his longest postseason outing since signing a seven-year, \$217 million contract to come to Boston in 2016. "To be able to do that, it feels good, for sure. I'm pumped for myself, pumped for all my teammates and coaches for us to be two wins away."

Mookie Betts had three hits for the Red Sox, who have won 14 of their last 16 World Series games dating

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to a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals in 2004. They have won two more championships since then, in '07 and '13.

Not bad for a team that went the previous 86 years without a title.

And Price had battled a curse of his own.

The one-time Dodgers draft pick has pitched like an ace in the regular season but was 0-9 in his first 10 postseason starts before this October. Whether with Tampa Bay, Toronto, Detroit or Boston, his team had never won a playoff game he started before this year.

But the Red Sox have now won his last three postseason starts, including the ALCS Game 5 clincher against the defending World Series champion Astros in which he pitched six shutout innings.

"I get it, the numbers and all that. But this guy is a great pitcher," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "He's been one of the best pitchers in the big leagues for a while, and he cares."

On a frigid night at Fenway Park, Price held the highest-scoring team in the NL hitless through three innings and retired the last seven batters he faced. He struggled only in the fourth, loading the bases with nobody out on two singles and a walk as the Dodgers took a 2-1 lead — their first of the Series.

"I'm so happy for him and proud of him," Martinez said. "Going through all that criticism that he's been getting here, to bounce back to what he's been doing."

And the Red Sox batters did what they've been doing: scoring with two outs.

In an uncanny stretch of clutch hitting that's been their hallmark throughout their 108-win season, the Red Sox scored all their runs in Game 2 with two outs, including a three-run rally in the fifth that only started after Hyun-Jin Ryu set down Ian Kinsler and Jackie Bradley Jr.

Christian Vazquez singled, Betts did the same and Andrew Benintendi worked the count full before walking to load the bases, chasing Ryu. Ryan Madson walked Steve Pearce to tie the game before Martinez, who had 130 RBIs in the regular season, dropped a flare in front of right fielder Yasiel Puig for a two-run single that gave Boston a 4-2 lead.

## BIG FINISH

Price and three relievers retired the last 16 Los Angeles batters, with Craig Kimbrel closing out the Dodgers in the ninth for his sixth save this postseason. Not since Don Larsen's 1956 perfect game for the Yankees against the Brooklyn Dodgers has an AL team retired as many consecutive hitters to finish a World Series game, according to STATS.

"We had him. We had him on the ropes," Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said. "The difference is they got the big hit when they needed, and we didn't."

Boston's other run came on Kinsler's two-out single in the second. The Red Sox, who led the majors in two-out runs in the regular season, have scored 36 of their 68 runs this postseason — and nine of their 12 in the Series — with two outs.

## IN A HOLE

The last 10 teams to win the first two games of the World Series — and 16 of the last 17 — have gone on to win it all. And the NL West champions will need to do it against a team that has won six straight postseason games and five in a row on the road.

"We're just in the middle of the World Series," Dodgers first baseman David Freese said. "We're down 2-0, we get that. We just understand that Game 3 is a necessity, just like Game 2."

## GREAT CATCH

One night after getting four hits, Red Sox left fielder Andrew Benintendi made a leaping, spread-eagle catch to rob Brian Dozier of an extra-base hit leading off the fifth. With the ball tailing away from him toward the corner, Benintendi jumped, kicked and pulled it in a few feet in front of the Green Monster scoreboard.

"Me and Mookie work on our ballet a lot, especially in spring training," Benintendi said.

Dodgers center fielder Cody Bellinger may have done him one better, sliding under Martinez's long drive to make a nice grab in the eighth.

## UP NEXT

The teams head to the West Coast for Game 3 at Dodger Stadium on Friday. Rookie right-hander Walker

Buehler is scheduled to pitch for Los Angeles against likely Boston starter Rick Porcello.

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## Killer of Utah student called himself womanizing manipulator

By **BRADY McCOMBS** and **LINDSAY WHITEHURST**, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A sex offender who killed a University of Utah student he briefly dated once said at a parole hearing that he was a womanizer who manipulated women to get what he wanted.

Melvin Rowland said he was attracted to teenage girls and vulnerable women, and sought to manipulate those he met in person or online, according to a recording of the 2012 hearing released by Utah state authorities.

Police said Rowland, 37, fatally shot 21-year-old Lauren McCluskey of Pullman, Washington, on Monday night on the university campus and then killed himself in a church as officers closed in.

The victim's mother, Jill McCluskey, said her daughter had broken off her monthlong relationship with Rowland after learning he had lied about his name, age and criminal history.

Lauren McCluskey later filed a harassment complaint with campus police, who were building a case against Rowland at the time of the killing.

The recordings of five parole hearings from 2010 to 2018 released by the Utah Board of Parole and Pardons show that officials repeatedly expressed concerns about Rowland's manipulative behavior and his inability to stop going online to meet women.

At a hearing earlier this year, Rowland painted a portrait of a changed man. He said being a peer leader in prison and a father had helped him tap into his empathy and learn to follow the rules.

"There's a different perspective now than what I had in the past," Rowland said. "I was a very selfish, narcissistic man. It was all about me."

Two months later, he was granted an early release from prison.

Rowland spent nearly a decade in prison after pleading guilty in 2004 to trying to lure an underage girl online and attempted sex abuse charges, according to court records.

He had been caught in an online sex crimes sting when a police officer posed as a 13-year-old girl. After he was charged, a woman came forward to report he had sexually assaulted her after a separate online meeting a few days earlier.

Rowland was sent back to prison twice for parole violations that included possessing pornography and failure to complete therapy.

The recordings of the hearings show that Rowland was born in New York and adopted by an older couple who died when he was young. He was sent to a state-run group home and later placed in a private boarding school in Colorado, where he earned a high school diploma.

He spent time in a Buddhist institute in Berkeley, California, joined Jobs Corps, took classes at Salt Lake Community College and got a job as a certified nurse assistant.

He said during the parole hearing in February that he was a pre-med student at the University of Utah. However, he was only a part-time student at the school for two semesters in 2003-2004 and didn't declare a major, university spokesman Chris Nelson said.

Rowland said at one hearing that he hoped to become a doctor, but his addiction to "internet sexual activity" had ruined his life.

He often blamed his "thinking errors" for the actions that kept sending him back in prison.

The only mention of any possible violent behavior came during a 2016 hearing when an officer mentioned that Rowland had said he might become violent if he received another visit from a parole officer. Rowland later said he didn't mean it, and the officer told the parole board it seemed like an empty threat.

Several parole board members expressed concerns with Rowland's behavior and inability to complete treatment and stay out of trouble.

Hearing officer Pegeen Stewart said at the 2016 hearing that she saw a pattern of manipulative behav-



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ior, with Rowland using a jail employee to get internet access and being kicked out of a jail program for manipulating and lying.

In one incident, he wrote to a female inmate who had been released and tried to get her to wear "provocative clothing" across the street from the prison so he could see her, Stewart said.

A vigil was held Wednesday night on campus to honor McCluskey, a track athlete who was majoring in communication.

Hundreds of students wearing red lined up to leave flowers and candles under a picture of McCluskey on the steps of the Park Building as many of her track teammates wiped away tears, including senior Mesa Weidle.

"She was an amazing, genuine and caring person, and she will be really missed," Weidle told the Salt Lake Tribune.

Flags were flown at half-staff at the university, and a fund has been set up to help with scholarships for track and field athletes.

The Utah football team will have a winged-foot logo with McCluskey's name on their helmets this weekend.

The school's soccer team will wear wristbands with a heart logo that includes McCluskey's initials in Thursday night's home game versus UCLA while Utah's cross country team will wear black uniforms and a patch of the heart logo at Friday's Pac-12 Cross Country Championships at Stanford.

## 'I'm trying to be nice': Trump tells media to end 'hostility'

By ZEKE MILLER and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

MOSINEE, Wis. (AP) — President Donald Trump decried the threat of political violence and called on the media to end its "hostility" hours after authorities intercepted bombs sent to a news network and prominent Democrats who have been the targets of some of his sharpest barbs.

Trump's pleas for harmony came as law enforcement officials scrambled to find the perpetrator of the thwarted bomb attacks against former President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, CNN and others. The scripted message was a dissonant one for the president, who has repeatedly blasted his political opponents as criminals and argued that they will destroy the country if they win control of Congress in the midterms.

"We want all sides to come together in peace and harmony," he said at a campaign rally in Wisconsin. "Any acts or threats of political violence are an attack on our democracy itself."

The president noted the unusually subdued tone of his remarks.

"By the way, do you see how nice I'm behaving tonight?" he said. "Have you ever seen this?"

Law enforcement authorities have ascribed no motive to the crimes. Still, news of the bombs prompted immediate debate over whether increasingly personal and hard-edged rhetoric has contributed to a potentially dangerous political climate. Trump's critics have blamed him for the tone.

The president did not take any responsibility.

Those "engaged in the political arena" must "stop treating political opponents as being morally defective," he said. He also referenced high-profile incidents in which conservatives have been accosted in restaurants and public spaces by political critics.

He added: "The media also has a responsibly to set a civil tone and to stop the endless hostility and constant negative and oftentimes false attacks and stories."

Trump has frequently labeled stories he doesn't like as "fake news" and many reporters as "enemies of the people." He has also denounced his political enemies in deeply personal terms and even described those who tried to thwart his second Supreme Court nominee as "evil."

Trump spoke to thousands of supporters in a central Wisconsin rally as he looked to boost struggling Republican candidates less than two weeks before the midterm elections. He visited the tiny city of Mosinee, which has a population of 4,000. He won that part of the state by double digits in 2016.

Republicans in the state have been growing increasingly nervous about the prospects of holding onto the governor's office, held by Scott Walker, let alone state Sen. Leah Vukmir's chances of picking up a U.S. Senate seat held by a well-positioned Democratic incumbent, Tammy Baldwin.

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Mindful of the news, Trump refrained from delivering some of the most pointed riffs of his regular routine, including steering clear of two of his favorite targets: Clinton and California Rep. Maxine Waters, whose office appears to have been a target of two of the mail explosives.

Trump also skipped his usual litany of insults against his potential 2020 rivals, including former Vice President Joe Biden, whom he often jokes he would easily beat in a fistfight.

But he had harsh words for Baldwin, branding her Vukmir's "radical far-left opponent" who "wants a socialist takeover of health care."

"You know I'm trying to say that very nicely," he told the crowd with a smile. "Normally I'd scream, 'They want a socialist takeover!'" he said, mimicking his own bellicose delivery. "Now I say, 'Wants a socialist takeover,'" he said, feigning a professorial tone. "I'm trying to be nice."

And even though Trump refrained from mentioning Clinton, his crowd couldn't resist. They burst into a "Lock her up!" chant before he arrived.

Colvin reported from Washington.

## Asia shares extend losses after rout on Wall Street

By ELAINE KURTENBACH, AP Business Writer

BANGKOK (AP) — Asian shares skidded Thursday after another torrent of selling on Wall Street sent the Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeting more than 600 points, erasing its gains for the year.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index sank sharply on the open. By early afternoon it was down 3.3 percent at 21,369.48. The Shanghai Composite index slipped 1.4 percent to 2,566.21 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index skidded 1.8 percent to 24,794.60.

"If people are struggling to find a driver I suggest, they wake up and smell the coffee," Stephen Innes of OANDA said in a commentary.

"With the worrisome prospect of U.S. tax cuts having a much shorter shelf life than expected and with the asynchronous global growth sinkhole expanding, equities will have no place to go except into the tank taking global risk sentiment along with it," he said.

Charts for the entire region were awash in red, but the declines were mostly in the 2 percent to 3 percent range.

Elsewhere in Asia, South Korea's Kospi fell 2 percent to 2,053.75 and the S&P ASX/200 dropped 2.2 percent to 5,701.80. India's Sensex fell 0.7 percent to 33,781.56.

In Hong Kong, airline Cathay Pacific's shares dropped as much as 6.5 percent after it said it had discovered a data breach affecting 9.4 million passengers.

Some market observers appeared to be taking the latest volatility in stride.

"I think the Hong Kong market is really very close to bottom, because when you look at the value, it's very extremely cheap. So how low can it get? Maybe it will reach 24,000 before we find the bottom," said analyst Francis Lun of Geo Securities.

New York trading overnight saw the Nasdaq composite with its hefty roster of tech stocks bear the brunt of the sell-off. It has now fallen more than 10 percent below its August peak in what Wall Street calls a "correction," losing 4.4 percent on Wednesday to 7,108.40. That was its biggest drop since August 2011 but it is still up 3 percent for the year.

The S&P 500 lost 3.1 percent to 2,656.10 and has lost about 9.4 percent from its Sept. 20 peak. The Dow tumbled 2.4 percent to 24,583.42. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 3.8 percent to 1,468.70 and is down 4.4 percent for the year.

Disappointing quarterly results and outlooks are stoking investors' jitters over future growth in corporate profits. Bond prices rose, sending yields lower as traders sought safe-haven investments.

"Investors are on pins and needles," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer at Wells Fargo Private Bank. "There has definitely been a change in sentiment for investors starting with the volatility we had last week. The sentiment and the outlook seems to be turning more negative, or at the very least, less rosy."

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Investors are increasingly concerned that corporate America's tax cut-fueled earnings growth this year will fade in coming months amid rising inflation, uncertainty over the escalating trade conflict between the U.S. and China and the likelihood of higher interest rates. Recent signs that the housing market is cooling are fueling speculation that U.S. economic growth will start to slow next year.

Bond prices rose, sending the yield on the 10-year Treasury note down to 3.12 percent from 3.16 percent late Tuesday. The slide in bond yields came as traders sought out lower-risk assets.

Technology stocks and media and communications companies accounted for much of the selling. Banks, health care and industrial companies also took heavy losses, outweighing gains by utilities and other high-dividend stocks.

Most companies that missed earnings expectations or issued cautionary outlooks were punished.

AT&T sank after reporting weak subscriber numbers, and chipmaker Texas Instruments fell 8.2 percent after reporting slumping demand.

Shares in iRobot plunged 12.3 percent to \$80.49 after the robotics technology company said tariffs will reduce its profitability in the fourth quarter.

United Parcel Service slid 5.5 percent to \$107.93 after the shipping company reported weak international revenue, while the strong dollar and high fuel prices also hurt its results.

About 24 percent of the companies in the S&P 500 had reported third-quarter results as of Wednesday. Of those, 57 percent delivered earnings and revenue results that topped Wall Street's forecasts.

High-flying companies like Netflix and Amazon took some of the biggest losses Wednesday. Netflix gave back 9.4 percent to \$301.83 and Amazon dropped 5.9 percent to \$1,664.20.

AT&T was among the big decliners in the media and communications sector, dropping 8.1 percent to \$30.36 after the communication giant's latest quarterly results fell short of Wall Street's expectations.

Boeing was one of the few gainers Wednesday. It rose 1.3 percent to \$354.65 after the defense contractor's latest quarterly results topped analysts' forecasts. The company also raised its estimates for the year, citing faster orders for aircraft.

In other trading, benchmark U.S. crude lost 50 cents to \$66.34 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Wednesday it edged up 0.6 percent to settle at \$66.82 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, declined 42 cents to \$75.75 a barrel.

The dollar weakened to 112.06 yen from 112.23 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1408 from \$1.1393.

Katie Tam in Hong Kong and AP Business Writer Alex Veiga and AP Economics Writer Paul Wiseman contributed.

## Targeted by pipe bomb, CNN denounces White House's rhetoric

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN's president on Wednesday denounced the White House for its "total and complete lack of understanding" of the consequences of attacks against the media after the cable news network's New York office and several prominent Democrats were sent pipe bombs.

Feelings were raw over a perceived reluctance by the administration to mention that CNN was sent one of the crude devices, which also went to Hillary Clinton, former President Barack Obama and others. A fundraising email attacking CNN sent out as the story unfolded deepened that perception. Trump's campaign later apologized for the email.

"The president, and especially the White House press secretary, should understand their words matter," said Jeff Zucker, president of CNN Worldwide. "Thus far, they have shown no comprehension of that."

CNN has been a frequent target of Trump's "fake news" barbs, and a "CNN sucks" chant broke out at a Monday campaign rally. Amid that backdrop, some at CNN were angered by an initial tweet by White House press secretary Sarah Sanders that condemned "the attempted violent attacks recently made against President Obama, President Clinton, Secretary Clinton and other public officials," but omitted any reference to CNN. An hour later she sent another tweet that said the White House's condemnation "certainly

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includes threats made to CNN as well as current and former public servants.”

The president, who has labeled reporters “enemy of the people,” condemned the threat of political violence at a campaign rally in Wisconsin on Wednesday evening, and called on the media to end its “hostility.”

“The media also has a responsibility to set a civil tone and to stop the endless hostility and constant negative and oftentimes false attacks and stories,” Trump said.

The CNN attack was in one respect a case of mistaken identity. The package that included the explosive device and an envelope containing white powder was addressed to former CIA director John Brennan, a frequent Trump critic. Brennan is actually a contracted analyst at NBC News, but the package was sent to the Time Warner Center in New York, where CNN’s offices are.

CNN’s Jim Sciutto and Poppy Harlow were on the air shortly after 10 a.m., conducting a live interview about the devices sent to politicians when the whooping sound of an alarm went off.

“Excuse me, that sounds like a fire alarm here. We’ll keep you posted on that,” Sciutto said. He continued the interview, but after one more question cut to a commercial.

After the break, he and Harlow were gone. They had evacuated, and correspondent Rene Marsh was hurriedly put on air from a Washington studio. Wolf Blitzer, who was pulling in to a parking garage in Washington as this was happening, soon joined her.

Sciutto and Harlow then reported by phone from the street, then through a video stream, and then through a full CNN crew. CNN employees milled about in the streets, along with shoppers in the Time Warner Center mall, which was also evacuated.

Zucker was not among the evacuees. He was at the network’s Atlanta headquarters on Wednesday, where he helped direct coverage from a control room.

Trump did not mention CNN or any of the officials targeted by the device during an afternoon appearance at the White House.

“No one is mentioning the name (CNN),” said network analyst Gloria Borger after Trump’s appearance. “It’s as if it can’t roll off the tongue unless you’re complaining about it.”

Less than two hours after the CNN offices were evacuated, Trump’s campaign sent a fundraising email to some supporters that specifically targeted CNN and urged recipients to fight back against the “fake news” attacks and bias against hardworking Americans.”

Campaign chairman Brad Parscale later apologized, saying it was a pre-programmed message that was not caught before news of the pipe bomb came out. Parscale said the campaign does not condone violence against CNN or anyone else.

CNN anchor Chris Cuomo, reporting from the street outside the Time Warner Center as employees began filing back in Wednesday afternoon, mentioned the many messages of support he had received online and in person.

“You should take good where you find it,” Cuomo said, “and you see a country that seems to be universally appalled by what has happened.”

## AP Explains: Why the world’s biggest lottery jackpot wasn’t

By SCOTT McFETRIDGE, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Call it the world’s largest lottery prize that wasn’t.

The Mega Millions jackpot that had been announced as the biggest ever at \$1.6 billion ended up being the second-biggest at \$1.537 billion. It’s a difference that likely means little to the lucky person who bought the ticket in South Carolina and won Tuesday night’s drawing, but it raises questions about how lottery officials make estimates and whether they were influenced by a desire to claim the jackpot amount surpassed all others.

HOW DO THEY ESTIMATE THE JACKPOT?

Although Mega Millions is sold in most states, 11 of them largely run the game and are in charge of determining the estimated jackpot, according to Gordon Medenica, director of the Maryland lottery, one of the key 11 states. When jackpots grow especially large, lottery officials from those states compare notes



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daily about sales figures and combine that information with historical data to make an initial estimate and then decide whether it needs updating.

WHY WERE THEY WRONG THIS TIME?

Actually, they're wrong every time. That is, it's an estimate and because the exact jackpot is determined by sales figures across 44 states plus Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands, there is no way to hit the exact figure. Usually no one notices, but when you scream that the prize is the biggest ever, then mumble that it's actually the second-biggest, people notice.

Officials note, however, that the reason jackpots grow so dramatically when prizes get enormous is because people who don't normally play decide to buy a few tickets. That's great for lottery sales but makes it more difficult for officials to estimate how many irregular players will participate and how many tickets they'll buy, adding further complications to the jackpot estimate.

OK, BUT MISSING THE MARK BY \$63 MILLION?

Yes, there's a big difference between the estimate and the actual prize, but in part that's because the prize is so huge. The estimate doesn't sound so wrong if you frame it as being off by about 4 percent. If the prize was estimated as a more common \$100 million and the payout was \$96 million, would anyone notice?

Given the missed estimate, the top prize remains a \$1.586 billion Powerball jackpot shared by winners in California, Florida and Tennessee in January 2016.

MARKETING, MARKETING, MARKETING

The explanations are all fine and good, but officials acknowledge the "biggest ever" status enabled them to draw an incredible amount of attention to the Mega Millions drawing.

Peggy Stover, a marketing professor at the University of Iowa's business college, said it's invaluable to trumpet something as being the first or the best. As Stover puts it, "Whether it's your first kiss or first time on a roller coaster, people tend to remember the first of anything much more vividly than the second."

Put another way, "It is tough when you market yourself as the second best."

SKEPTICISM FROM A GAMBLING EXPERT

Richard McGowan, a Jesuit priest and gambling expert at Boston College, agreed that estimating big jackpots isn't an exact science, but he said officials are under increasing pressure to tout big prizes as the percentage of people playing lotteries has declined over the years. Many people won't even notice a jackpot unless they hear it's the largest ever, he said.

"Anything to spruce up the excitement factor, they're going to use," said McGowan who consults for lottery organizations and groups opposed to gambling. "Just think how much free publicity they got."

McGowan notes that media outlets also like to run stories about "biggest-ever" prizes.

LOTTERY PLAYERS, DO YOU CARE?

David Kramer, an attorney in Omaha, Nebraska, said he buys a lottery ticket when the jackpot soars for "the three days of daydreaming it gives me of what I'd do with the money if I won."

Any outrage that a prize advertised as the world's largest was actually one spot down the list?

"Does it make a difference to somebody this morning that when they thought they were going to win \$1.6 billion and they only won \$1.537 billion?" he asked. "I think the answer is a resounding, 'No.'"

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AP writer Margery A. Beck contributed to this report from Omaha, Nebraska.

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For the AP's complete coverage of the lottery: <https://apnews.com/Lottery>

## Willa dissipates, but evacuations continue, towns cut off

By MARCO UGARTE, Associated Press

MAZATLAN, Mexico (AP) — Emergency workers and federal troops struggled to reach beach towns left incommunicado by a blow from Hurricane Willa, and the storm continued to force evacuations Wednesday due to fear of flooding even as it dissipated over northern Mexico. Thousands of homes were still without

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power.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or missing people, but the storm's 120 mph (195 kph) winds damaged a hospital, knocked out power, toppled wood-shack homes and ripped metal roofing off other houses in the Sinaloa state municipality of Escuinapa when it came ashore Tuesday evening.

Nearly 102,000 homes in Sinaloa lost electricity after the storm made landfall, the head of the state electricity company said on Twitter. Service had been restored to about 62 percent of those.

The state civil defense office said the hospital's ceiling and some other areas were damaged in Escuinapa.

The worst damage was expected to be in the handful of coastal communities that were cut off by road and without communications. Workers were trying to remove toppled power poles and trees blocking the roads.

In the farming neighborhood of Pueblo Nuevo, a half mile (kilometer) from Escuinapa's center, neighbors cried when describing how the wind swept up their tin roofs and wooden house frames while they sheltered under their heaviest furniture.

Ruben Avila and his wife, Juana, told The Associated Press they were disappointed that government officials had not yet arrived with help, as they sat among their scattered belongings under pouring rain Wednesday. Mattresses and remains of their belongings lay soaked on the ground.

Meanwhile, pictures on social media depicted plastic-wrapped mattresses supposedly donated to Sinaloa residents after the storm in the name of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, the jailed leader of the Sinaloa Cartel. The Mexican drug lord was extradited to New York in 2017 to face trafficking charges.

In neighboring Nayarit state, Gov. Antonio Echevarria asked the federal government to send a helicopter, boats and rescue equipment. He said the state was trying to evacuate people in communities at risk of flooding. A government-run hospital shared pictures of a baby delivered in Acaponeta as the storm passed through.

The Interior Department announced late Wednesday that 12,000 soldiers, 3,800 sailors and 120 federal police officers had been sent to help. It said federal aircraft also were being deployed.

Before hitting the mainland near Isla del Bosque, Willa swept over an offshore penal colony about 60 miles (100 kilometers) out in the Pacific. Federal authorities declined to comment on precautions that were taken at the prison, citing security concerns, but said the safety of inmates was a priority.

Willa peaked as a Category 5 storm with winds of 155 mph (250 kph) over the Pacific on Monday. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said the storm rapidly lost force and dissipated over northern Mexico Wednesday morning. Rain from Willa continued to fall across 10 Mexican states after the cyclone was downgraded to a tropical storm.

Concern about rains led Durango state to say it was evacuating 200 people threatened by possible spills from the Santa Elena dam. In Nayarit, the fire department urged residents in villages near the Acaponeta river to "evacuate immediately" as the river rose to dangerous levels.

Willa came ashore about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of Mazatlan, a resort city that is home to high-rise hotels and about 500,000 people, including many U.S. and Canadian expatriates.

Torrential rains began in the afternoon, and emergency officials said they had evacuated more than 4,250 people in coastal towns and set up 58 shelters ahead of the storm. Schools were ordered closed.

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Associated Press writer Isabella Cota in Mexico City contributed to this report.

## For Honduran migrants in caravan, the journey is personal

By MARK STEVENSON and SOFIA ORTEGA, Associated Press

HUIXTLA, Mexico (AP) — A deportee from the United States trying to get back to the life he spent more than a decade building. A woman whose soldier husband already is in the U.S. with their 4-year-old son. A teenager desperate to earn money to support his diabetic mother back home.

The caravan of Central American migrants traveling through southern Mexico — estimated at around 7,000 people, nearly all Hondurans — has attracted headlines in the United States less than two weeks

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before Nov. 6 midterm elections.

But most of those walking through blistering tropical temperatures, sleeping on the ground in town squares and relying on donated food from local residents are unaware of U.S. political concerns or even that there's a vote coming up.

While they commonly cite the same core reasons for migrating — poverty, violence — their stories are deeply personal.

## "MY RECORD IS CLEAN"

David Polanco Lopez, 42, is a former anti-narcotics officer from Progreso, Honduras. He's traveling north in the caravan with his daughter Jenifer, 19, and his 3-year-old granddaughter, Victoria, whom the adults take turns pushing in a stroller.

Polanco came to the United States 13 years ago and applied for asylum after he was threatened by drug traffickers over his police work. He was given a court date, but he acknowledges he never showed up — in part because he didn't understand the court document's instructions, which were in English.

Polanco put down roots in Arizona: He married, and got a home. He thought that as long as he stayed out of trouble, he'd be fine.

"If they catch me committing a felony, then go ahead and kick me out," Polanco said. "But my record is clean."

He came to the attention of U.S. immigration authorities three months ago when he caught a ride to work with a friend and Arizona police stopped them. Immigration officers later visited his home, he said, asked him to come outside and arrested him.

After being deported, he immediately turned around and headed back toward the United States with the caravan in hopes of rejoining his wife, who is from Mexico.

"I came (to the United States) fleeing the drug traffickers. The U.S. police know that. They told me I qualified for asylum. But they didn't give it to me," Polanco said as he rested in the shade of a gas station in the far southern Mexican state of Chiapas. "I can't live in Honduras because my life is in danger."

Polanco said he will never give up on trying to return to the U.S. That's where his home, his family, his land are. He said he's been paying U.S. taxes for 13 years and never invested a cent in Honduras because "it's unlivable, dangerous."

"If they deport me I'll just come back," Polanco said, "because my place is there."

## "IT'S TOO MUCH"

It's been seven months since Alba Rosa Chinchilla Ortiz, a 23-year-old from Amapala in Honduras' Valle department, has seen her 4-year-old son.

The boy's father is an ex-soldier who — like Polanco — received death threats because of his job. Three times he survived attempts to kill him, Chinchilla said. He has applied for asylum in the United States and she's trying to join him and their son.

Life on the road has been demanding. At one point, Chinchilla worried she was too exhausted to go any farther. She's still moving forward, but fears dangers that may lie ahead — such as Mexican cartels, which have been known to kidnap, hold for ransom and kill migrants.

The separation has been almost more than she can bear.

"The desire to see my son is too much," she said, speaking in the Mexican city of Huixtla, surrounded by dozens of fellow migrants and Mexican Red Cross workers.

Breaking into sobs, she wiped tears from her eyes with her thumb and forefinger.

"It's the only thing that drives me," Chinchilla said, "my son."

## 'TREATMENT FOR MY MOTHER'

Reuniting with family in the U.S. is something those on the road north frequently speak of. Marel Antonio Murillo Santos is doing the opposite — leaving his loved ones behind in Copan, Honduras.

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After his parents separated five years ago, Murillo became the primary breadwinner for the family at age 13. His mom is diabetic, leaving her weak and missing a toe on each foot.

Dressed in a brown V-neck T-shirt, Murillo said he left with just 500 lempiras (about \$20) in his pocket, a bit of clothing and a spare pair of shoes. He heard about the caravan from a friend, and decided on the spot to take off for the United States where he hopes to spend five years working and saving.

"What I want more than anything is to pay for treatment my mother needs for her health," Murillo said. "Build a home for her, have a bit of money in the bank and also, if I'm able, invest in something or start a business for my mother to run."

Mile after mile, this baby-faced young man, now 18 with a wispy black chin-beard, is constantly thinking of home and his mom and 5-year-old brother.

"When I go to eat, I wonder if they have eaten, where they are, if they are in good health," Murillo said. "I spend all day thinking about them, until I close my eyes and sleep."

## 'THEY'RE GOING TO KILL YOU'

If there's any doubt about Honduras being a dangerous place, one need only talk to Joshua Belisario Sanchez Perez, a soft-spoken young man who worked odd jobs in the capital, Tegucigalpa. Back home, he had the misfortune of living in one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in a city full of them.

He spoke with The Associated Press in an interview this week that aired on TV back home, and afterward gang members showed up at his mother's home angry that he had talked about the violence that forced him to flee.

"Because I had talked about all the gangs, and all the crime," Sanchez said.

"My mother said, 'They came to the house and they saw you on the news,'" he continued. "If you come back they're going to kill you."

## Today in History By The Associated Press

### Today in History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2018. There are 67 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

### On this date:

In 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men charged the Russian army, suffering heavy losses.

In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown went on trial in Charles Town, Va., for his failed raid at Harpers Ferry. (Brown was convicted and hanged.)

In 1910, "America the Beautiful," with words by Katharine Lee Bates and music by Samuel A. Ward, was first published.

In 1945, Taiwan became independent of Japanese colonial rule.

In 1954, a meeting of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Cabinet was carried live on radio and television.

In 1962, during a meeting of the U.N. Security Council, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson II demanded that Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin confirm or deny the existence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba; Stevenson then presented photographic evidence of the bases to the Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Ronald Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

In 1986, in Game 6 of the World Series, the Boston Red Sox lost to the New York Mets, 6-5, on a wild pitch and an error in the tenth inning, forcing a seventh game, which the Mets ended up winning.

In 1994, Susan Smith of Union, South Carolina, claimed that a black carjacker had driven off with her two young sons (Smith later confessed to drowning the children in John D. Long Lake, and was convicted



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of murder). Three defendants were convicted in South Africa of murdering American exchange student Amy Biehl. In 1998, all three were granted amnesty by South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

In 2001, a day after the House signed on, the Senate sent President Bush the U-S-A Patriot Act, a package of anti-terror measures giving police sweeping new powers to search people's homes and business records secretly and to eavesdrop on telephone and computer conversations.

In 2002, U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., was killed in a plane crash in northern Minnesota along with his wife, daughter and five others, a week and a-half before the election. Actor Richard Harris died in London at age 72.

Ten years ago: Arkansas television anchorwoman Anne Pressly, 26, died five days after she was found beaten in her home. Game 3 of the World Series began in Philadelphia at 10:06 p.m. Eastern time after being delayed by rain; the Phillies went on to beat the Tampa Bay Rays, 5-4, for a 2-1 Series lead in a matchup that finished at 1:47 a.m.

Five years ago: Indignant at reports of U.S. electronic espionage overseas, the leaders of France and Germany said they would insist the Obama administration agree by year's end to limits that could put an end to alleged American eavesdropping on foreign leaders, businesses and innocent civilians. Death claimed British actor Nigel Davenport, 85, Hollywood stunt double Hal Needham, 82, and actress-comedian Marcia Wallace, 70.

One year ago: Two women who said they had been lost at sea for nearly six months were rescued by a U.S. Navy ship in the Pacific. (The women said they had set out from Honolulu for what was supposed to be an 18-day journey to Tahiti in May but that they encountered a storm; records showed no severe weather in the area at the time, and other inconsistencies in their story came to light in the days after their rescue.) CBS News named correspondent Jeff Glor as anchor of the "CBS Evening News." The U.S. government announced that all incoming flights to the United States would be subject to new security screening procedures before takeoff.

Today's Birthdays: Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 94. Actress Marion Ross is 90. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Knight is 78. Pop singer Helen Reddy is 77. Author Anne Tyler is 77. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 74. Political strategist James Carville is 74. Singer Taffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 74. Rock musician Glenn Tipton (Judas Priest) is 71. Actor Brian Kerwin is 69. Actor Mark L. Taylor is 68. Movie director Julian Schnabel is 67. Rock musician Matthias Jabs is 62. Actress Nancy Cartwright (TV: "The Simpsons") is 61. Country singer Mark Miller (Sawyer Brown) is 60. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers; Chickenfoot) is 57. Actress Tracy Nelson is 55. Actor Michael Boatman is 54. Actor Kevin Michael Richardson is 54. Actor Mathieu Amalric is 53. Singer Speech is 50. Actress-comedian-TV host Samantha Bee is 49. Actor Adam Goldberg is 48. Actor-singer Adam Pascal is 48. Rock musician Ed Robertson (Barenaked Ladies) is 48. Actress Persia White is 48. Country singer Chely (SHEL'-ee) Wright is 48. Violinist Midori is 47. Actor Craig Robinson is 47. Actor Michael Weston is 45. Actor Zachary Knighton is 40. Actress Mariana Klaveno is 39. Actor Mehcad (muh-KAD') Brooks is 38. Actor Ben Gould is 38. Actor Josh Henderson is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Young Rome is 37. Pop singer Katy Perry is 34. Rock singer Austin Winkler is 34. Singer Ciara is 33. Actress Krista Marie Yu (TV: "Dr. Ken") is 30. Actress Conchita Campbell is 23.

Thought for Today: "You can tell the size of a man by the size of the thing that makes him mad." — Adlai E. Stevenson II, American statesman (1900-1965).