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## 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

## School issues all-call

Groton Area School Superintendent Joe Schwan issued an all-call last night about a potential safety threat. After investigating the issue, Schwan said that they have no reason to believe that any actual threat was made. He went to thank those who expressed concern and said, "As the slogan goes, if you see something, say something."

## Groton Coffee Cup

**Oct. 22 Team Standings:** James Valley 21 ½, Biker Chix 15 ½, Kens 14, Ten Pins 13.

**High Games:** Mary Jane Jark 175, 166, 165; Sam Bahr 173; Joyce Walter 159.

**High Series:** Mary Jane Jark 506, Sam Bahr 445, Joyce Walter 453.

## Conde National

**Oct. 22 Team Standings:** Tigers 17, Braves 17, Pirates 16, Cubs 15, Mets 13, Giants 6.

**Men's High Games:** Topper Tastad 191, Russ Bethke 189, Lance Frohling 184.

**Men's High Series:** Lance Frohling 506, Russ Bethke 489, Larry Frohling 461.

**Women's High Games:** Vickie Kramp 216, Joyce Walter 165, Mary Larson 157, Alice Severson 157.

**Women's High Series:** Joyce Walter 459, Vickie Kramp 458, Alice Severson 446.

## **OPEN:** 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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## Halloween Horrors: Distracted and Drunk Drivers Pose Dangers for Trick-or-Treaters

Oct. 26, 2018 – A good scare is in good fun on Halloween, but not when it comes to child pedestrian safety. According to Safe Kids Worldwide, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than any other day of the year.

Creative costumes, trick-or-treating and bags full of goodies become top Halloween priorities, but safety often becomes an afterthought. Excited trick-or-treaters often forget about safety, so drivers, party-goers and parents must be even more alert, as the risk of kids being injured by moving vehicles increases greatly.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that Halloween is consistently one of the top three days of the year for pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

“With an increased risk of pedestrian crashes on Halloween night, AAA South Dakota urges parents to take the time to make trick-or-treaters and their costumes safer and more visible to motorists,” said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. “In addition, motorists must eliminate distractions, slow down and watch for children, as well as have a completely sober designated driver if drinking is part of a Halloween celebration.”

Halloween is also a statistically dangerous night for drunk driving. Although Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year, many parties will be held the weekend before. Drivers must also take into consideration that some neighborhoods have scheduled trick-or-treating for that weekend as well. The combination of drinking and increased pedestrian traffic on Halloween has been a deadly combination.

Tragically, Halloween drunk-driving fatalities are on the rise. From 2012-16 there were 168 drunk driving fatalities nationwide on Halloween night. During that period 44 percent of all people killed in motor vehicle crashes on Halloween night were in crashes involving a drunk driver, according to NHTSA statistics. Children out trick-or-treating and those accompanying them are also at risk, as 14 percent of pedestrian fatalities on Halloween night involved drunk drivers. Younger people are most at risk: The 21- to 34-year-old age group accounted for the most fatalities (46 percent) in drunk-driving crashes on Halloween night in 2016.

### AAA Halloween Safety Tips Motorists

Do not use your phone while behind the wheel, so you can focus on the road and trick-or-treaters. Slow down in residential neighborhoods and obey all traffic signs and signals. Drive at least 5 mph below the posted speed limit to give yourself extra time to react to children who may dart into the street. Look for children crossing the street. They may not be paying attention to traffic and may cross the street mid-block or between parked cars.

The graphic features the AAA logo in the top left corner. The title "HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS" is in large, bold, orange and white letters. Below the title, there are three main sections: 1. A blue car with a yellow beam of light shining on two white ghost costumes. Text: "DRIVERS! Watch for children walking on streets, medians and curbs. Excited kids, often in dark costumes, may cross between parked cars." 2. A green and purple trick-or-treat bag with a green banner that says "PARENTS". Text: "ADD REFLECTIVE TAPE to costumes and treat buckets and bags to increase visibility of your trick-or-treaters." 3. A mummy costume with a bandage over one eye. Text: "Have children try on costumes and shoes in advance to check fit. Check that wigs or other accessories DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE CHILD'S VIEW."

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Carefully enter and exit driveways and alleys, taking extra care if you are backing up or turning. Turn your headlights on to make yourself more visible – even in the daylight. Broaden your scanning by looking for children left and right into yards and on front porches.

## **Parents**

Make sure Halloween costumes are flame-retardant and light in color to improve visibility.

Be bright at night – have trick-or-treaters use glow sticks or wear retro-reflective tape on costumes and on treat buckets.

Ensure that disguises don't obstruct vision, and avoid facemasks. Instead, use nontoxic face paint. Also, watch the length of billowy costumes to help avoid tripping.

Ensure any props are flexible and blunt-tipped to avoid injury from tripping or horseplay.

Ask an adult or older child to supervise children under age 12.

Instruct children to travel only in familiar areas and along established routes.

Teach children to stop only at well-lit houses and to never to enter a stranger's home or garage.

Review trick-or-treating safety precautions, including pedestrian and traffic safety rules.

## **Trick-or-Treaters**

Stay on sidewalks and avoid walking in streets if possible.

If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

Look both ways and listen for traffic before crossing the street.

Watch for cars turning or backing up.

Cross streets only at the corner, using traffic signals and crosswalks, and never cross between parked vehicles or mid-block.

Trick-or-treat in a group if someone older cannot go with you.

Tell your parents where you are going.

Carry a flashlight containing fresh batteries. Never shine flashlights into the eyes of oncoming drivers.

## **Party Goers**

Arrange a safe ride home and/or designate a driver before partaking in any festivities.

Always designate a sober driver.

If you are drunk, take a taxi or ride share service, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation.

Before leaving for a party, load ride share apps or put numbers of local cab companies or your designated driver(s) into your phone.

Walking impaired can be as dangerous as drunk driving. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.

If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.

If you know someone who is about to drive or ride impaired, take their keys and help them make safe travel arrangements to where they are going.

AAA provides automotive, travel, and insurance services to 59 million members nationwide and nearly 97,000 members in South Dakota. AAA advocates for the safety and mobility of its members and has been committed to outstanding road service for more than 100 years. AAA is a non-stock, non-profit corporation working on behalf of motorists, who can now map a route, find local gas prices, discover discounts, book a hotel, and track their roadside assistance service with the AAA Mobile app (AAA.com/mobile) for iPhone, iPad and Android. For more information, visit [www.AAA.com](http://www.AAA.com).



## Doug **Fjeldheim** County Commission

**A devoted FAMILY MAN,  
a FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE leader,  
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*

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## 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 26, 1919: Record cold occurred across the area on this day in 1919. Temperatures fell below zero at many locations across central and northeast South Dakota and into west central Minnesota. The record lows were 3 degrees below zero at Aberdeen, 4 degrees below zero at Wheaton, 5 degrees below zero at Kennebec, 8 degrees below zero at McIntosh, and a much below normal low of 10 degrees below zero at Miller.

October 26, 1996: A rare and significant late season tornado outbreak took place as a low-pressure system trekked across the North-Central US. A series of low-topped supercells during the morning and afternoon hours produced a total of 26 tornadoes; 3 in Nebraska, 9 in northeastern South Dakota, and 14 across west central and central Minnesota. Five of these were rated F2, and while no fatalities resulted, 15 people were injured, and there was a good deal of property damage. To help put the extraordinary timing of this event in perspective, in the 66 years of record keeping from 1950-2015 Minnesota has only recorded 15 other October tornadoes, and South Dakota 9.

October 26, 2010: A record breaking surface low-pressure area moved across the Northern Plains and brought high winds to all of central and northeast South Dakota from the early morning of the 26th into the early evening of the 27th. Sustained northwest winds of 40 to 50 mph with gusts to 60 to 75 mph caused scattered property damage across the region along with blowing several vehicles off the road. Along with the high winds came snowfall of 1 to 5 inches which resulted in treacherous driving conditions. Several schools started late on the 27th due to the slippery roads and strong winds. The high winds, combined with slick roads at times, blew several semis and other vehicles off the road on Interstate-29 and at several other locations across the region. Only minor injuries occurred with these incidents. The high winds damaged many traffic signs and signals, downed many power lines and poles, along with downing branches and several trees. As a result, several hundred customers were without power for a time across the area. The high winds caused roof and siding damage to many buildings along with damaging some fences. A shed was also destroyed near Sisseton.

1952: There have been thousands of weather reconnaissance and research flights into hurricanes in the Atlantic and Pacific since the mid-1940s. There have been several close calls, but only four flights have been lost. A B-29 Super-fortress flight into Super Typhoon Wilma 350 miles east of Leyte in the Philippines disappeared on this date. No trace was ever found of the plane or crew. At last report, the flight was in the Super typhoon's strongest winds, which were around 160 mph.

1997: An autumn snowstorm pummeled central and south central Nebraska with record early season snows. Wind driven snowfall amounts totaled as much as two feet by storms' end. Several highways were closed, including Interstate 80, as near blizzard conditions developed. Once the snow subsided, the record early season snow totals were tallied. Guide Rock measured twenty-four inches of snow, Clay Center twenty-three inches and Hastings seventeen inches. A fifty-mile wide swath of snow more than fifteen inches fell from near Alma to York. Amounts further north averaged from four to eight inches. The heavy, wet snow was responsible for many power outages in the area as tree limbs broke and fell on power lines. At one point, the town of Hardy had no power, and could not be accessed by vehicle due to the snow. Numerous schools and businesses remained closed several days following the storm. Many highways, including Interstate 80, were closed at the height of the storm. On Highway 136 east of Alma, road crews worked for ten hours carving through a ten-foot drift which covered the road. Record cold accompanied the snow as temperatures dropped to the single digits the morning of the 26th.

1998: Hurricane Mitch, the second deadliest hurricane in the Atlantic Ocean, reached Category 5 strength on this day.

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Today



Patchy Fog  
then Mostly  
Sunny

High: 63 °F

Tonight



Partly Cloudy

Low: 37 °F

Saturday



Mostly Sunny  
then Chance  
Rain

High: 59 °F

Saturday  
Night



Chance Rain  
and Breezy

Low: 37 °F

Sunday



Sunny

High: 56 °F

Nice End to the  
Work Week

55 to 70°

breezy  
northwest winds of  
10 to 25 mph

National Weather Service  
Aberdeen, SD  
Updated: 10/26/2018 5:20 AM Central

Published on: 10/26/2018 at 5:21AM

Mild temperatures will continue today with highs reaching the mid-50s, in western Minnesota, to around 70 degrees, in central South Dakota.

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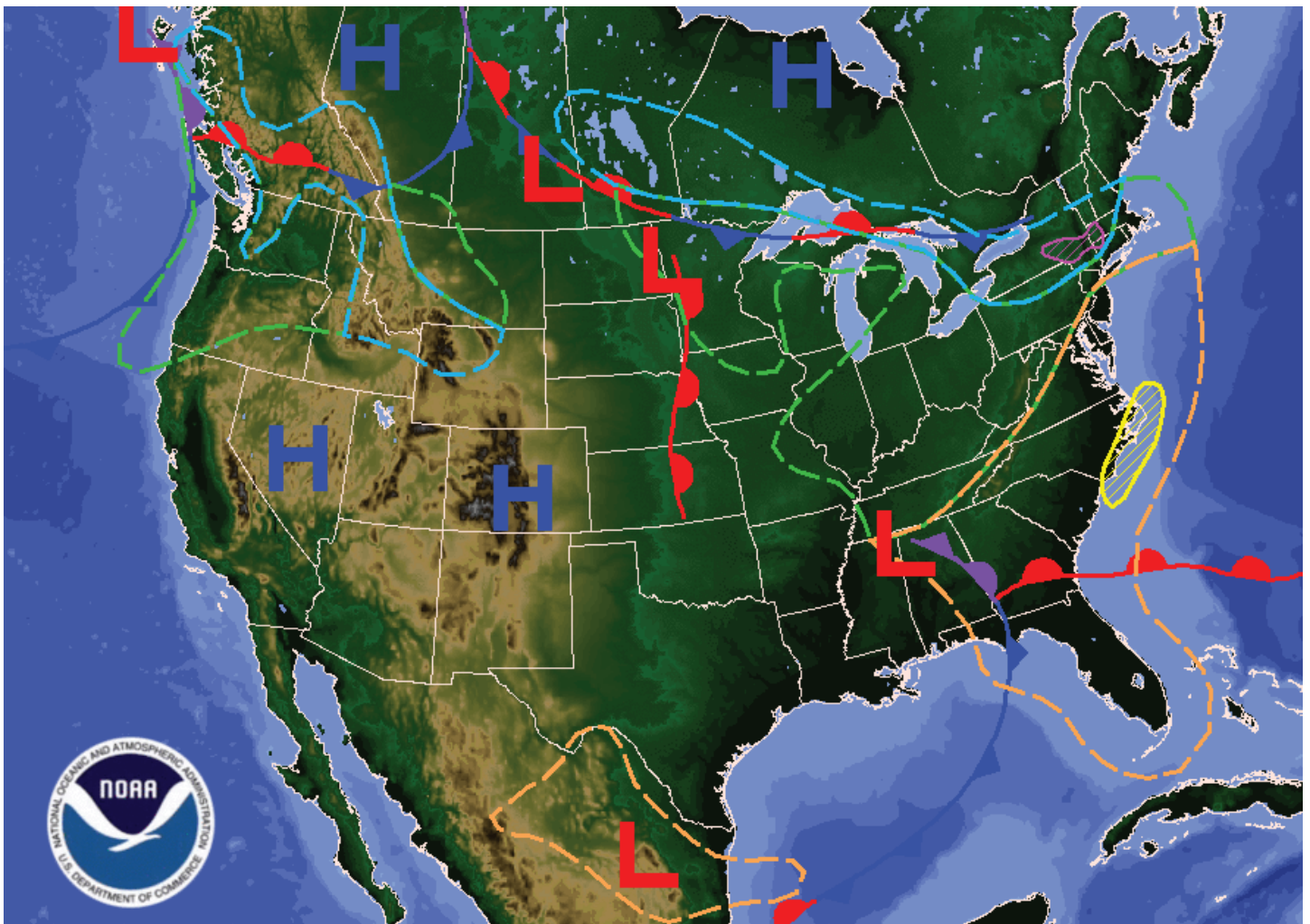
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 61 °F at 4:30 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 47 °F at 10:28 PM**  
**High Gust: 28 mph at 6:27 AM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 83° in 1922**  
**Record Low: -3° in 1919**  
**Average High: 52°F**  
**Average Low: 29°F**  
**Average Precip in Oct.: 1.72**  
**Precip to date in Oct.: 1.42**  
**Average Precip to date: 20.20**  
**Precip Year to Date: 15.03**  
**Sunset Tonight: 6:30 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:06 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Fri, Oct 26, 2018, issued 5:01 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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



## PRAYER DOES WORK!

Jeb, asked Steve, do you ever pray?

Pray? thought Jeb. Nope. I dont pray, and I dont carry a rabbits foot. Neither one works.

David had a different opinion. The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer.

Do you remember the prayer of Noah? God spoke to him and told him that He would destroy the world with a flood. During their conversation, God advised him to build an ark that would save him and his family. He listened to God, and when the flood came, they were saved.

Moses prayed and asked God to part the waters of the Red Sea. God answered his prayer, the seas were parted, and God saved His people from destruction by the enemy.

Samson prayed one last time for enough strength to accomplish one last task. God granted him that request.

Solomon prayed for God to grant him wisdom. And we see the answer to that prayer on the pages of the Bible and in the lives of the people he ruled.

Elijah was hungry. He asked God for food, and God heard his prayer and gave him food for his body.

Daniel was thrown into a den filled with hungry lions. He asked God to protect him and He sealed their mouths.

Hezekiah was on his deathbed when he asked God to extend his life. God responded, and he lived for fifteen more years.

A thief prayed on a cross, and God saved him.

Prayer: Your Word, Lord, assures us that You not only hear our prayers, but will answer them. Teach us to pray! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 6:9 The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer.



## 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

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## News from the Associated Press

### Thursday's Scores By The Associated Press

#### PREP FOOTBALL

##### **Class 11AAA Quarterfinal**

Brandon Valley 47, Rapid City Central 8

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 76, Sioux Falls Lincoln 14

Sioux Falls Roosevelt 55, Aberdeen Central 14

Sioux Falls Washington 49, Watertown 14

##### **Class 11AA Quarterfinal**

Brookings 17, Mitchell 7

Huron 20, Harrisburg 7

Pierre 54, Spearfish 14

Yankton 23, Sturgis 22

##### **Class 11A Quarterfinal**

Dakota Valley 46, St. Thomas More 30

Dell Rapids 14, Madison 13

Tea Area 33, Hot Springs 0

West Central 49, Todd County 8

##### **Class 9AA Quarterfinal**

Bon Homme 14, Gregory 12

Garretson 44, Webster 29

Kimball/White Lake 29, Arlington/Lake Preston 0

Wolsey-Wessington 78, Irene-Wakonda 28

##### **Class 9A Quarterfinal**

Britton-Hecla 58, Corsica/Stickney 6

Canistota 44, Alcester-Hudson 14

Howard 8, Warner 7

Timber Lake 38, New Underwood 6

##### **Class 11B Quarterfinal**

Bridgewater-Emery 47, Mobridge-Pollock 6

Canton 40, Aberdeen Roncalli 7

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 46, Lead-Deadwood 0

Sioux Falls Christian 14, Winner 12

##### **Class 9B Quarterfinal**

Colome 58, Colman-Egan 8

Faulkton 36, Burke 15

Sully Buttes 52, Kadoka Area 0

Wall 28, Castlewood 20

Some high school football scores provided by Scorestream.com, <https://scorestream.com/>

## South Dakota prison job fair aims to reduce recidivism

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF, The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan

SPRINGFIELD, S.D. (AP) — As Mike Durfee State Prison inmates, Chad Elkins and Lucas Thaelke know they'll be looking for a job after their release.

But on a recent Monday, the employers and jobs came looking for them.

Around 325 inmates met with 15 employers at the medium-security prison's job fair, according to MDSP workforce development instructor Monica Wepking.

"This is part of a pilot program aimed at reducing recidivism," she said, referring to the rate of inmates who return to the prison.

The inmates were taking advantage of the job opportunities and their new life after prison.

Thaelke plans to return to his hometown of Sioux Falls after his release.

"I have a support system and family back there," he said. "I do have some family in Arizona, but I think it's easier to stay here and get a job in welding."

On the other hand, Elkins doesn't plan to return to Rapid City. Instead, he and his wife plan to reside in Yankton.

"I want a new environment," he said. "I want a good job that pays well and a career worth pursuing."

Both men have completed the MDSP welding program. Thaelke has received American Welding Society (AWS) certification, while Elkins can receive the certification shortly after his release, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reported.

The two inmates expressed optimism about their job prospects after attending the career fair. They were handed applications, and the starting hourly wages ran in the \$18-21 range.

"They (employers) greeted us with open arms," Elkins said of the enthusiastic welcome provided by the job fair participants.

The job fair marked the second such event for the prison. MDSP hosted its initial fair last April, and its success led to the Oct. 15 event.

Thaelke noted this job fair has come closer to his release date, adding to its importance for his future.

"I could be out in January, which is only three months away," he said. "I'm getting more applications and more attention."

For Thaelke, getting a job ahead of his release would be more than a relief. It would provide him with an important springboard for securing all the other things he will need on the outside, such as housing.

"I want to get a job and make as much money as I can," he said.

A job on the outside provides a powerful tool in avoiding a return to prison, Elkins said.

"A lot of people get out of prison, and they end up on the streets," he said. "They come back to prison because they can't find a job. Without a job, you're set up to fail."

Thaelke was already filling out applications at the recent fair.

"I had one business tell me that, if I get out January 28, to give them a call," he said. "That's a huge confidence builder."

In turn, Thaelke encouraged others to have confidence in the inmates.

"We've made mistakes, but we've learned from those mistakes," he said. "Don't judge us on our past. Give us a chance, and you may find we are some of the best and hardest-working employees you've got."

Wepking said she was pleased with the turnout of both inmates and businesses. The numbers were consistent with the first job fair last April, which was attended by 18 businesses.

"Most of the inmates attending (the recent) job fair were within 30 days of release," she said. "They were required to sign up ahead of time for the fair and were divided into three shifts of about 45 minutes each."

At one table, Masaba human resources manager Wendy Sommervold spoke excitedly about her experience at the job fair. For her, the event provided an opportunity to fill slots at the Vermillion business, which produces mining equipment, among other things.

Many businesses are facing a workforce shortage, and the inmates can provide valuable skilled workers, she noted.

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"This is my first time at the job fair, and the reception I received (from the inmates) has been wonderful," she said. "The inmates seemed very eager and interested in our positions. They were so engaged and asked a lot of questions about the jobs, the wages, the people and the environment."

How serious was Sommervold about hiring inmates upon their release?

"You be sure to call us!" she shouted out to one departing inmate, who flashed a smile and held up the company's materials and application forms.

The recent job fair tied in with the prison's vocational programs, according to MDSP associate wardens Alex Reyes and Rebecca Schieffer.

Reyes noted the job fairs are geared toward prisoners nearing their release date, but other inmates are allowed to participate if they are part of the vocational programs.

"We like to give them the opportunity (to interview) after they have earned their certificate in programs like construction technology, welding and automotive," he said. "When we send out the notice (about the job fair), we let the employers know what skill sets the inmates have (achieved)."

The job fair provides inmates with an important connection to employers for life outside of prison, Reyes said.

"It's an incredibly important part of our goal of getting them back into society," he said. "We provide programming and education to rehabilitate the inmates. This job fair gives them extra (resources) to get them acquainted with the outside — the society they will be joining and a workforce that will be a very important part of their lives."

Schieffer pointed to the "soft skills" that inmates acquire by attending the fair.

"You have guys with limited job experience, and this (fair) provides valuable interview skills," she said. "The more you can interview, the better you can get at it."

In addition, the inmates receive assistance with creating resumes and filling out job applications, Schieffer said.

In that respect, the job fair was for real, she added.

"This is not a mock exercise," she said. "Some of these (inmates) can be hired. These employers are looking to hire. If something works out and inmates can get a job, it's the best thing we can do."

Schieffer admitted MDSP officials weren't sure what to expect when they launched the job fairs.

"The first one was a little uncharted territory. We didn't know if we would have a good turnout of employers at the fair, and we did. We didn't know for sure if the inmates were willing to participate, but we had a lot of them," she said.

Some new employers showed up at the recent job fair, Schieffer said.

"The word is getting around. Monica (Wepking) gets a healthy number of different employers, not just from Yankton but from places like Huron and Sioux Falls," she said. "We have a wide variety of businesses, and we also have the Department of Labor and the Veterans Administration."

Schieffer thinks the number of participants can grow even more for future job fairs.

"That's true especially if we can get more employers from a wider distance," she said. "If an inmate plans to go to Rapid City after his release and there aren't any Rapid City employers here (at the job fair), why would that inmate attend? But if you have a good variety of employers, I think it might help with getting more inmates to attend the job fair and apply for jobs."

Thoelke saw the job fair as an encouraging sign for inmates.

"When you're close to getting out (of prison), you're nervous about whether you are going to find a job. Being a felon can make it that much harder," he said. "But then you have all these businesses show up and give us applications. They also gave us words of hope and encouragement, telling us that we can contact them when we get out and we're almost guaranteed an interview."

Elkins offers a word of thanks to MDSP for the vocational training and job fair. Inmates completing the programs can receive a reduction in their sentences, he added.

"This gives us a goal when we get out of prison," he said. "It shows we can make something of ourselves rather than go down the same road as before."

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

## **Governor requests flags at half-staff to honor Turbiville**

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has asked that flags across South Dakota be flown at half-staff Monday to honor Deadwood mayor and state Rep. Chuck Turbiville.

Turbiville's funeral is scheduled Monday at Deadwood Mountain Grand Event Center. A military burial follows at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis.

Deadwood commissioners held a special meeting Wednesday and voted to appoint Commissioner David Ruth Jr. to serve the remainder of Turbiville's term as mayor, which expires in April.

Turbiville died last weekend of an apparent stroke. The 75-year-old Republican lawmaker had been mayor of Deadwood for six years. He also served 10 years in the Legislature. He faced re-election to the Legislature and his name will remain on the Nov. 6 ballot. If he is re-elected, the new governor will appoint a replacement.

## **Sutton's formula puts Democrats within reach in South Dakota**

**By JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — With a cowboy's appeal and a carefully tailored image as a moderate, Democrat Billie Sutton is waging a surprisingly successful campaign that's put his party within striking distance of winning South Dakota's governorship for the first time in over four decades.

Sutton, a state senator and former professional rodeo rider, on Thursday unveiled new GOP and independent endorsements. The move came just a day after an Argus Leader and KELO-TV poll showed Sutton running even with Republican Rep. Kristi Noem in a contest in which she had long been regarded as the favorite.

"I think that's why it's so competitive, is because we are pulling a lot of Republicans, a lot of independents, and that's what it's going to take to win," Sutton said after Thursday's event. "We need people that are going to bring us together, not divide us."

A recent Sutton television ad features Republicans touting their support for a "different kind of leader." In another spot, a registered GOP voter tells viewers that with all the corruption in the state capital of Pierre, the "last thing we need is Kristi Noem for governor." Sutton in June named a Republican businesswoman (she switched parties) to be his running mate.

In his first television ad, Sutton emphasized his cowboy roots and described his move into public service after a 2007 rodeo accident left him unable to walk. Sutton — a self-described "pro-life and pro-Second Amendment" moderate — has downplayed his party, casting himself as an anti-corruption crusader who would buck the status quo in the wake of financial misconduct scandals that grabbed South Dakota headlines.

For David Volk, a registered Republican and former state treasurer, it's in part a belief that Sutton will bring unity to the state Capitol that spurred his support. Volk said he doesn't see a great deal of philosophical difference between the candidates and likes Sutton's demeanor.

"He has a personality and ability to bring us together, and I think that's important in this day and age," Volk said. "I've been a Republican all my life, but I'm a South Dakotan first."

Sutton's appeals across party lines have earned him some support, with 19 percent of Republican and 57 percent of independent and unaffiliated poll respondents saying they would vote for him. By comparison, 10 percent of Democrats and 32 percent of independents polled favored Noem.

Noem has fought back by reminding voters of Sutton's Democratic affiliation and trying to tie him to 2016 Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. She also has asserted — over Sutton's denials — that Sutton backs a state income tax for South Dakota, one of seven states without an individual income tax. In their first debate this week, she took aim at Sutton's trustworthiness, saying his background and votes in the Legislature don't match his campaign rhetoric.

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"If Billie believed everything that he said in this campaign, he'd be a Republican, but he's not. He's a Democrat," Noem said.

Their second debate was set for Thursday evening.

The state Republican Party emailed supporters Wednesday after the poll came out, urging them to engage in the race between Noem, a "rock-solid conservative" and "liberal Democrat" Sutton.

Noem and Sutton each had support from 45 percent of respondents, with 9 percent undecided. Florida-based Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy's telephone poll of 500 likely South Dakota voters was conducted Oct. 18-22 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

Noem said in a statement that her campaign is feeling good.

"Everywhere we go, I can feel the momentum building," Noem said. "People are tuning in, and they're getting excited about bringing home a win on Nov. 6."

The four-term congresswoman has some significant strengths: a nearly 98,000-voter GOP advantage, experience running statewide campaigns and support from the state's dominant political party and its top officials. Noem has also significantly outraised and outspent Sutton, though he reported a banked cash advantage in a campaign finance report that went through Oct. 17.

Since then, Noem has reported taking in more than \$450,000 — including \$300,000 from the Republican Governors Association-funded RGA Right Direction PAC — while Sutton has raised more than \$94,000.

Sutton's campaign got a boost recently with endorsements from the Rapid City Journal and the Sioux Falls Argus Leader. At the Thursday event, Sutton received the backing of some current and past officials, including former Republican U.S. Sen. Larry Pressler, who ran for Senate as an independent in 2014 and endorsed Clinton in 2016.

"This is a historic opportunity that we may not have again soon," he said.

Noem has touted endorsements from Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds and Attorney General Marty Jackley. They wrote in an endorsement letter that Noem would continue to deliver "tremendous Republican leadership for our state."

Jackley lost the Republican primary to Noem under a barrage of negative ads and told the Rapid City Journal last week that he had not decided which candidate he would support in the general election. He endorsed Noem days later.

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## Authorities say collision fatally injured pickup passenger

ANSLEY, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a South Dakota man was fatally injured in a collision between a semitrailer and a pickup truck in central Nebraska.

The accident occurred around 11:15 a.m. Tuesday at a Custer County road intersection with U.S. Highway 183, about 12 miles (20 kilometers) south of Ansley (ANNZ'-lee).

A Nebraska State Patrol report says the eastbound semi driven by 66-year-old David Skeels, of Ansley, didn't halt at a stop sign and collided on the highway with the southbound pickup being driven by 43-year-old Wyatt Torticill, of Baltic, South Dakota.

The pickup passenger was killed. The patrol identified him as 23-year-old Brandon Massmann, who lived in Brandon, South Dakota. The patrol says Torticill was taken to a Kearney hospital. The patrol report didn't list any injuries for Skeels.

## China-Japan drawing closer amid trade pressure from US

By **CHRISTOPHER BODEEN** and **EMILY WANG**, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Shared trade friction with the U.S. appears to be drawing longtime Asian rivals China and Japan closer, with Chinese President Xi Jinping telling Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Friday that the two countries are “sharing more common interests and concerns.”

China-Japan relations have undergone turbulence but are now “back to a normal track,” Xi told Abe during the first formal visit to Beijing by a Japanese leader in nearly seven years.

“Under the new situation, our interdependence with each other has deepened. Also, we are sharing more common interests and concerns in multilateral and wider areas,” Xi said.

Abe’s visit highlights the improvement in ties after they hit a low in 2012 during a dispute over East China Sea islands controlled by key U.S. ally Japan but claimed by China.

While that feud remains unresolved, trade and investment have recovered and companies from the two sides are exploring joint investments in third countries such as Thailand.

China has come under increasing pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump’s move to impose punitive tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese products and attempt to limit Chinese access to American technology. Beijing has responded with tariffs of its own on U.S. goods such as soybeans, and no swift resolution to the standoff appears likely.

Trump has also raised tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum from Japan and other countries, and is threatening tariffs on Japanese autos and auto parts. That seems to be prompting both countries to look for alternative markets and cooperate on foreign investments where their interests converge, despite their longstanding disagreements.

“In the past several years, the China-Japan relationship has experienced ups and downs. With the efforts made by both parties, our relationship has been straightened out and come back to a normal track,” Xi said.

Abe responded that Japan believes the two countries should take a free and fair trade system to “a new level.”

“Based on these principles, Japan and China need to work together and contribute to what the world in a sense expects of us, toward the peace and stability of the region, and that of the world,” Abe said.

Prior to meeting Xi, Abe met twice with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang to discuss issues ranging from the East China Sea dispute to trade cooperation and human rights, according to Abe spokesman Takeshi Osuga.

Speaking to reporters afterward, Li said 500 business agreements worth \$18 billion had been signed between Chinese and Japanese companies during the visit, displaying the “bright future” for cooperation between the sides. Osuga said he could not confirm that figure, saying they were purely commercial arrangements reached by the companies involved.

Abe, who has been accompanied on his visit by a 500-strong business delegation, expressed hopes for closer ties and a shift in relations from “competition to cooperation,” an apparent reference to the rifts that until recently have muted Japanese business interests in China.

The visit, which featured Japanese flags hung in the heart of Beijing, marks a dramatic outward improvement in ties from six years ago.

Anti-Japanese riots broke out in China after Tokyo nationalized the islands, called Senkaku by Japan and Diaoyu by China, and Beijing froze high-level contacts. Tourism, trade and investment dropped off and Japanese-brand vehicles and other products were vandalized or destroyed.

Ties have also been dogged by enduring Chinese resentment over Japan’s invasion and occupation last century and a political, military and economic rivalry for influence in Asia and beyond.

Speaking at a briefing for reporters, Osuga said ties had recovered from what had been “not normal relations with a neighboring country,” but said differences remained. That is particularly true in the East China Sea, where in addition to the islands, China and Japan are at odds over the exploitation of natural gas and other resources.

“Prime Minister Abe reiterated his view that, without stability in the East China Sea, there will not be a true improvement of the relationship,” Osuga said.

“The two leaders shared the view that there needs to be concrete progress in the field of maritime

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domain as balancing the security field, to build a constructive relationship and to get rid of the mutual distrust between the people of the two countries," he said.

To further that, the sides agreed to hold a meeting by the end of the year to discuss ways to avoid confrontations in the air and at sea, and also signed an agreement on search and rescue cooperation, Osuga said.

He declined to give details about the leaders' discussions on the territorial dispute, human rights and other sensitive issues.

Japan this year terminated four decades of government assistance to China, considered by some as a type of reparations for the damage caused during its invasion and occupation. As China's economy surged past Japan's to become the world's second largest, such assistance appeared increasingly anachronistic, although Japan had continued to provide funds for problems such as health and air pollution that affect the region as a whole.

For now, however, Asia's two largest economies appear to have shelved differences in favor of business ties. China is already Japan's largest trading partner and Japanese companies from carmakers to department stores play a major role in the Chinese economy.

Abe, who also attended a third-country investment conference and met with students at elite Peking University, is to return to Japan on Saturday. The last such visit was in late 2011.

Xi is expected to visit Japan next year, with Abe returning to China to attend a trilateral summit of the leaders of China, Japan and South Korea.

## Turkey to Saudi Arabia: Where is Khashoggi's body?

By SUZAN FRASER and CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA, Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The Saudi officials who killed journalist Jamal Khashoggi in their Istanbul consulate must reveal the location of his body, Turkey's president said Friday in remarks that were sharply critical of the kingdom's handling of the case.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also said Saudi Arabia's chief prosecutor will arrive in Turkey on Sunday as part of the investigation and will meet with Turkish counterparts. On Thursday, Saudi prosecutors said Khashoggi's killing was premeditated, citing Turkish evidence and changing the country's account again to try to ease international outrage over the slaying of a prominent critic of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Turkey has other "information and evidence" about the killing by Saudi officials after Khashoggi entered the consulate on Oct. 2, and it will eventually reveal that information, Erdogan said without elaborating.

"There is no point in being too hasty," he said in an indication that Turkey is prepared to maintain pressure on Saudi Arabia, even as the kingdom struggles for ways to end the crisis.

CIA director Gina Haspel was in Turkey earlier this week to review evidence, and she briefed U.S. President Donald Trump in Washington on Thursday.

What Trump called "one of the worst cover-ups in the history of cover-ups" was revealed to the world by Turkish leaks of information, including references to purported audio recordings of the killing, and security camera footage of the Saudi officials who were involved as they moved around Istanbul. Key mysteries remaining include whether the killing was carried out with the knowledge of the crown prince, who denies it, and the location of Khashoggi's body.

"It is clear that he has been killed but where is it? You have to show the body," Erdogan said Friday during an address to Turkey's ruling party leaders.

The Turkish president criticized initial Saudi statements that claimed Khashoggi had left the consulate unharmed after going there for paperwork related to his planned marriage to a Turkish woman.

"He will leave the consulate and not take his fiancée with him? Such childish statements do not go hand in hand with statesmanship," said Erdogan, again urging Saudi Arabia to turn over 18 suspects that the kingdom said it had arrested and would punish for the crime.

"If you cannot get them to speak ... then hand them over to us and let us put them on trial," he added.



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Meanwhile, Khashoggi's son, Salah, left Saudi Arabia after the kingdom revoked a travel ban, allowing him to travel to the United States.

State Department spokesman Robert Palladino said Washington welcomes the decision to have Salah Khashoggi and his family leave Saudi Arabia. His U.S. destination was not immediately known but his late father lived in the Washington area.

Palladino said Thursday that U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had discussed Jamal Khashoggi's son during his recent visit to Riyadh and "made it clear" to Saudi leaders that Washington wanted him free to leave the kingdom.

"We are pleased that he is now able to do so," Palladino said. Saudi media had showed Khashoggi's son meeting Tuesday with the crown prince, who reportedly expressed his condolences.

The statement from Saudi prosecutors that evidence showed Khashoggi's killing was premeditated contradicted an earlier Saudi assertion that rogue officials from the kingdom had killed Khashoggi by mistake in a brawl. That assertion, in turn, backtracked from an initial statement that Saudi authorities knew nothing about what happened to the columnist for The Washington Post.

The shifting explanations indicate Saudi Arabia is scrambling for a way out of the crisis that has enveloped the world's largest oil exporter and a major U.S. ally in the Middle East. But a solution seems a long way off, partly because of deepening skepticism in Turkey and elsewhere that the brazen crime could have been carried out without the involvement of Prince Mohammed, the kingdom's heir apparent.

At a conference in Riyadh on Wednesday, the crown prince said the killing was a "heinous crime that cannot be justified" and warned against any efforts to "manipulate" the crisis and drive a wedge between Saudi Arabia and Turkey, which are regional rivals but also diplomatic and business partners.

Khashoggi's death has derailed the powerful prince's campaign to project a modern image of the ultra-conservative country, instead highlighting the brutal lengths to which some top officials in the government have gone to silence its critics. Khashoggi, who lived in self-imposed exile in the United States for nearly a year before his death, had written critically of Prince Mohammed's crackdown on dissent.

Torchia reported from Istanbul.

## Bomb scare rattles those touched by past political violence

By DAVID CRARY, AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — No one has been hurt or killed — at least, not yet. But the wave of mail bombs targeting prominent Democrats this week has angered and dismayed some of the people affected personally by past acts of political violence in the United States.

In the past 60 years alone, there have been scores of deadly incidents motivated by ideology. The perpetrators range from Ku Klux Klan racists to members of the far-left Weather Underground to anti-abortion extremists who killed abortion-providing doctors.

The mail-bomb scare has reopened old wounds for Lisa McNair, whose life was shaped by a deadly blast that occurred a year before she was born: the Klan bombing that killed four black girls at 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on Sept. 15, 1963. Her sister, Denise, just 11 years old, was the youngest victim.

"It's like, 'Ugh, again.' When are we going to get this right?" McNair said. "It's been 55 years since Denise was killed. Why do we keep going there in America? Why do we keep going there as a world and human beings?"

The United States, founded in a war that began as a political rebellion, likes to pride itself on a political system that discourages violence and emphasizes dialogue — no matter how loud and contentious. But in times of deep division throughout American history, angry words have occasionally turned to angry acts and left devastated citizens in their wakes.

Some of those directly impacted by political violence say they struggle to remain optimistic in this contentious era. Others say their perspectives have evolved over time, and they believe they have insights

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to share.

The Rev. Rob Schenck was a fiery leader in the anti-abortion movement 20 years ago when an extremist's bullet killed abortion provider Dr. Barnett Slepian as he heated soup in the kitchen of his home outside Buffalo, New York.

The killing changed Schenck. He concluded that the language of his cause — "innocent, deliberately hyperbolic rhetoric meant to drive home a point"— produced deadly consequences.

Schenck said he'd thought in recent weeks about sending a memo to President Donald Trump, to convey the lesson he'd learned firsthand and recommend a toning down of vitriolic oratory.

"The president may honestly believe that no one who supports him is capable of acting with lethal violence, but the sad fact is he can never know that," Schenck said.

Hearing about the pipe bombs "sickened" him.

"My first thought was, 'Here we go again.' In the worst possible way," he said.

Another abortion provider, Dr. George Tiller, was shot dead by an abortion opponent in Wichita, Kansas, in 2009.

One of Tiller's colleagues, Julie Burkhart, currently operates abortion clinics in Wichita, Oklahoma City and Seattle. She says the mail-bomb scare has prompted her to doublecheck security measures.

"I'm scared to death for this country," Burkhart said in a telephone interview.

"The gulf between Republicans and Democrats, pro-choice and anti-choice — it's a huge canyon now," she said. "There's all this pent-up anger and frustration, and we're going to be taking it out on each other even more."

Similar concerns came from U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise, a Louisiana Republican wounded last year by a gunman who attacked a GOP baseball practice. He lamented "the disturbing frequency of politically motivated threats and violence."

"Too many Americans are becoming isolated and obsessed by what divides us," Scalise wrote in an opinion piece for Fox News. "If we are to stem the tide of violence and violent rhetoric, then it is crucial we all do our part to break down the divisions in our country and reach out to those with different beliefs than our own."

Optimism is elusive for Andrea Chamblee, the widow of sports writer John McNamara. He was one of five employees of The Capital newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland, who were killed in June by a gunman with a history of harassing the paper's journalists.

"We allow ourselves to be misrepresented by politicians who are too divided and blinded by hatred, greed and self-interest to work together," she said. "We're making it harder for people in the middle to be heard, not easier, and I don't see how it can get any better."

The mail-bomb scare felt unnervingly familiar to Mohamed Omar. He is executive director of the Dar Al-Farooq Islamic Center, a mosque in the Minneapolis suburb of Bloomington that was attacked by a pipe bomb in August 2017.

The center was bombed just before morning prayers when the attackers broke a window to the imam's office and threw a pipe bomb containing black powder inside, sparking a fire that caused extensive damage. Three men from Illinois were charged in the attack; according to charges, one of them said the purpose was to "scare" Muslims out of the United States.

Omar said the new mail-bomb case and the attack on his mosque were both intended to "create fear and terrorize people."

"It's very difficult for us to go through what we went through — and now it's more difficult. It's becoming the norm," he said. "Nobody died. But the hope died and the sense of security died."

Cleve Jones's close encounter with political violence came in 1978. Working as a student intern, he returned from lunch to find the bloody body of his boss, San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, on the floor, shot several times by former Supervisor Dan White in a double assassination that also killed Mayor George Moscone. Milk was a prominent gay-rights activist, and Jones saw him as a father figure.

"I had never seen a dead person before," Jones, 64, said in a phone interview Thursday. "The sheer

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horror of seeing up close what bullets do to flesh and bone and brain... I think I was in shock for months.”

Jones says news of the pipe bombs— coming after the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, the constant calls by Trump to discredit the media, and deadly clashes last year at a white nationalists’ rally in Charlottesville, Virginia— serves as another reminder of the violence he experienced.

“It’s just very real to me, and it just makes me want to take people by the shoulders and shake them and scream at them, ‘Don’t you see where this is going?’” Jones said.

Pam Simon also experienced traumatic violence firsthand . She’s a survivor of the 2011 rampage outside an Arizona grocery store where a gunman killed six people and wounded then-U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords and 12 others.

Simon, a Giffords staffer who was shot in the wrist and chest, remembers the political atmosphere growing sour in the years preceding the shooting. She recalled Giffords getting booed at public meetings, and her office being vandalized after she voted for Barack Obama’s health care overhaul.

“I remember a sinking feeling in my stomach, thinking, ‘What’s happening in this country?’” Simon said.

There was a brief call for more political civility immediately after the Arizona attack.

“After that moment of self-reflection, it seems to have gotten worse,” Simon said.

While some incidents of political violence quickly fade from public awareness, others have been memorialized.

In Oklahoma City, for example, there’s an outdoor memorial and a museum commemorating the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which killed 168 people.

In Birmingham, the 16th Street Baptist Church is a somber tourist attraction now, and just one of the convicted bombers remains alive in prison. But echoes of the crime still follow the McNair family.

“That will be something we will always carry, and it will be in our family,” said Lisa McNair “It will never leave us.”

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Associated Press writers Brian Witte in Annapolis, Maryland; Amy Forliti in Minneapolis, Jay Reeves in Birmingham, Carolyn Thompson in Buffalo, New York, Janie Har in San Francisco and Jacques Billeaud in Phoenix contributed to this report.

## AP Investigation: Congo hospitals openly jail poor patients

By **MARIA CHENG, AP Medical Writer**

LUBUMBASHI, Congo (AP) — The most surprising thing about the fact that Congolese hospitals detain patients who fail to pay their bills is that it’s no secret: Administrators, doctors and nurses openly discuss it, and the patients are held in plain sight.

An Associated Press investigation found that only one of more than 20 hospitals and clinics visited in the copper-mining metropolis of Lubumbashi did not routinely imprison patients. Though government officials condemn the illegal practice, and say they stop it when they can, a Ministry of Health official in Kinshasa noted that “health officials cannot be everywhere.”

The only ones who claim they don’t know what’s happening in Congo, it seems, are more than a dozen major health donors and agencies who invest billions of dollars in the country and have major operations there — including the European Union, UNICEF, the International Committee of the Red Cross, PATH, Save the Children, the U.S. Agency for International Development and World Vision. They all told the AP they had no knowledge of patient detentions or insufficient information to act.

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EDITOR’S NOTE — Second of two stories on hospital detentions.

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But such imprisonment practices would be obvious to anyone who follows a long, dark corridor at the Kabuba Reference Hospital to a grimy, roach-infested room that houses the hospital’s longest-staying residents: Kimenua Ngoie, who has been there for nearly four months since losing her first baby in a complicated cesarean section and Gabriel Mutamba, in his 80s, who arrived with a broken leg more than a year ago.

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Though Ngoie and Mutamba are now healthy enough to be discharged, they have been effectively imprisoned because they cannot pay. Ngoie's bill stands at \$360 while Mutamba's is \$1,477.

"There is a God so I'm not afraid to give birth again," said Ngoie, 22. "But my deepest desire right now is just to leave the hospital."

Such detentions are not unusual, in Congo, across much of Africa or in places ranging from the Philippines to Bolivia.

"When we detain patients, this is not something that is unique to our hospital," said Leedy Nyembo-Mugalu, administrator of the Katuba Reference Hospital. "This happens everywhere."

For the hospitals, holding patients is mostly an act of financial desperation. Most lack basic drugs, running water and regular electricity. Bed shortages are often so severe that two patients must squeeze onto a single mattress. At the Katuba Reference Hospital, sterilizing surgical tools means placing them in a pot of boiling water.

"It's very hard when we have to detain somebody, but we have to recuperate the costs of the products we use, or else we can't treat other patients," said Dr. Veronique Kashala at the Centre Medicale de la Victoire .

Kashala recalled a baby girl who was held for a month this spring after being treated for meningitis, when her family failed to pay \$63.

The infant's parents finally brought in their pastor, who contributed about \$50. That was enough to convince the clinic to release her.

Mike Ahern, Congo field coordinator for the International Rescue Committee, was touring a Goma hospital with which the IRC was partnering when he saw about a half-dozen women sitting on the ground in a room that had bed frames, but no mattresses. He asked why they were on the floor.

"The response was very simple: 'We make them sit on the floor to encourage them to pay,'" he recalled, adding that one woman had been there more than a month and all of them owed between \$50 and \$200.

Ahern arranged for the IRC to pay to get the women released, within the confines of its project. It was, he said, "only a Band-Aid solution"; once IRC left, the problem would inevitably resurface.

Given how brazenly transparent hospitals are about imprisoning patients in Congo, it is difficult believe that international agencies in Congo could be unaware of patient detentions.

At Lubumbashi's Sendwe Hospital, Columbia University's ICAP and other partners run an AIDS program funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (known as PEPFAR). The program is housed in a separate, recently built unit on the hospital grounds — just a short walk away from the hospital's maternity center. There, seven women who couldn't pay their delivery charges were being detained with their babies in early August in a ward with gaping holes in the ceiling.

Dr. Juliana Soares Linn, ICAP's principal investigator in Congo, said the program had been working in the country on AIDS since 2010 and has "very close relationships" with hospital directors. She declined to comment on whether ICAP had ever seen patient detentions in Congo; PEPFAR, which has invested about a half a billion dollars in Congo's health system since 2004, also declined comment.

At Lubumbashi's Hopital General de Reference Kenya , where stickers showed that many of the computers, printers and even office fans were paid for by USAID, administrator Aimerance Kapapa said some detained patients sweep hallways, mop corridors or mow the grass to offset their debt.

A spokesman for USAID, speaking only on condition of anonymity, would only say the agency was working to ensure that "unexpected (health) costs do not cause undue financial burden on families." The agency did not respond to questions about whether it was aware of hospital detention practices in Congo or elsewhere.

Some organizations, such as the Global Fund, make grants contingent on countries upholding certain standards. The fund has invested about \$1.5 billion in Congo, mostly for programs for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, including hospitals and health centers, and its contracts specify that medical detentions "are to be used only as a last resort."

Nicolas Farcy, who runs the fund's Congo portfolio, says fund staffers have never encountered hospital

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detentions.

Karen Cowgill, an assistant professor at the University of Washington who has studied patient detentions in Congo, said external agencies should at least acknowledge publicly that patient detentions occur, so that the issue can be addressed by the wider community.

The donors, she said, tend to stick to specific programs, like those for AIDS, rather than investing in general health care. "It's really tough because donors are worried about their funds disappearing in a broken system, so they just focus on how their particular program is working," she said.

Robert Yates, a health policy expert at the British think tank, Chatham House, said the World Health Organization could at the very least issue a resolution condemning the practice; the agency issued 16 such statements at their annual meeting this year, including some on snake bites and rheumatic fever.

"As part of their drive for universal health care, WHO could sit down all the health ministers and say we publicly commit to ensuring we're not illegally locking up people in our health facilities," he said. "As uncomfortable as this might be for everyone, the U.N., governments and donors need to confront this issue as a human rights abuse and then actively monitor this so that it can be officially banned and ended."

But it is admittedly challenging for such institutions to ensure that hospitals like the Centre de Sante Masaidizi — a facility built and paid for by the United Nations — are sufficiently funded so they can operate without holding patients for ransom, as they effectively did with Alice Kabeya, a young mother detained there with her newborn daughter in August. She said the clinic's doors were locked every afternoon and that she could not walk more than about 10 feet outside without being reprimanded by nurses.

Administrators at the Polyclinique Medicare said they would have to shut their doors if patients like 3-year-old Adrielle Nyembwe didn't pay. The boy was being held at the central Lubumbashi clinic in August after being treated for sickle-cell anemia. He had been medically cleared to be released, but had an outstanding bill of \$850.

"Nobody in our family has the money to pay," said Adrielle's 23-year-old mother, Ado Ntanga, cradling him in her arms. "I hope we can find someone to help us soon. Because if it's up to the hospital, we will never be free."

More than two months later, Adrielle is still being detained at the clinic.

For some, the fear that a hospital stay might be interminable seems very real. At Sendwe Hospital, Lubumbashi's biggest public institution, a few surgical patients were detained for five to six years, according to Abel Ntambue, a Congolese doctor at the University of Lubumbashi. Ntambue said the patients lacked the means to pay for their treatment and that Sendwe eventually released them when they needed the space.

At the Polyclinique Goschen, medical director Dr. Disashi Tshimpuki described the case of a former soldier who was detained for nearly two years. Both of his legs had been amputated after he developed gangrene; his family had paid only a fraction of the \$9,290 bill.

"At first, he had a lot of family that came to visit him," Tshimpuko said, "but then they deserted him."

Online:

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

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

## A short-lived call for unity shelved for political barbs

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It didn't last.

With the country on edge over a widening pipe-bomb scare, talk of national unity quickly gave way to finger-pointing. President Donald Trump cast blame on the media for fomenting anger in society, while candidates across the country traded partisan broadsides.

Less than two weeks before midterm elections, the discovery of pipe bombs sent to prominent Democrats — an episode that might have prompted national reflection in another era — hardly made a ripple on the campaign trail. Attack ads remained on the air. Attack lines stayed in stump speeches. The president

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did not deliver a speech from the Oval Office or reach out to his predecessor, one of the targets of the threat. He did return to his favorite punching bag.

"A very big part of the Anger we see today in our society is caused by the purposely false and inaccurate reporting of the Mainstream Media that I refer to as Fake News," Trump wrote on Twitter Thursday. "It has gotten so bad and hateful that it is beyond description. Mainstream Media must clean up its act, FAST!"

The reaction was more evidence of the new politics of the Trump era, where unity is overrated, a news cycle moves on fast and there seems to be little incentive for either party to seize the high road. Instead, what might have been a moment for a deeply divided country to come together becomes the latest fodder for Democrats and Republicans to blame each other for America's shortcomings.

Aides at the national Democratic and Republican Senate campaign arms said they were seeing nothing to suggest candidates were adjusting their messages or schedules because of the explosives scare. But many candidates were beginning to move into their closing election messages, which are typically more positive.

Indiana Republican Senate candidate Mike Braun was airing a new ad equating Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly to one of the inflatable dancing devices used to attract attention at car dealerships, describing him as a "say-anything, do-nothing senator."

Other candidates, such as Wisconsin's Republican Senate candidate Leah Vukmir and the Democratic senator she's trying to unseat, Tammy Baldwin, were plowing ahead as well. Vukmir linked Baldwin to Hillary Clinton on Wednesday amid chants of "Lock her up!" at an evening rally with Trump. Baldwin was planning to go ahead with an event Friday with former President Barack Obama in Milwaukee.

Some Trump critics have blamed him for setting a harsh tone and not taking responsibility for contributing to the poisonous political atmosphere.

"Nobody else is being as divisive and inciteful as Donald Trump and so to suggest otherwise is completely wrong," said former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro, who is considering a 2020 Democratic presidential campaign. "We wouldn't even be having this conversation with any other president, Republican or Democrat, because they would be big enough to avoid this kind of hateful and inciteful rhetoric."

Trump on Thursday had yet to call Obama or Clinton about the packages sent their way, but he had spoken to Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, the state where many of the packages were delivered.

Trump has insisted that those on the right have been victims of harassment as well, pointing to high-profile incidents in which conservatives have been accosted in restaurants and public spaces by political critics. A number of his allies, including his eldest son, Donald Jr., and conservative commentator Lou Dobbs, have used social media to promote the idea that the bombs may be a Democrat-run hoax.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina tweeted in Trump's defense: "I didn't blame Bernie Sanders when a Bernie supporter shot Congressman Steve Scalise. And I'm not going to blame President @realDonaldTrump for this nut job."

That was a reference to the 2017 shooting that badly injured Scalise and others. The gunman, James Hodgkinson, had posted social media messages suggesting he targeted Republicans.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders called it "disgraceful" to suggest the president bears any responsibility for the packages sent to his opponents. She told reporters Thursday that there's a big difference between "comments made and actions taken." She, too, cited the Scalise shooting.

Asked whether the president intended to tone down his rhetoric and personal attacks, she said the president would "continue to lay out the case in the differences between Democrats and Republicans" ahead of the midterm elections next month.

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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. NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR PERPETRATOR OF MAIL BOMB PLOT

Investigators have been searching coast-to-coast for the culprit and motives behind the series of explosive devices sent to critics of the president, with fresh focus on a postal facility in Florida.

### 2. POLITICS QUICKLY OVERSHADOW HOPES FOR ACCORD

With the country on edge over a widening pipe-bomb scare, talk of national unity quickly gave way to finger-pointing. President Trump blamed the media for fomenting anger in society, while candidates traded partisan broadsides.

### 3. HOW INFIRMARIES BECOME PRISONS IN AFRICA

It's no secret that hospitals in Congo detain patients who cannot pay their bills. The only ones who claim they don't know what's happening there it seems, are the major health donors and agencies who invest billions of dollars in the country, the AP finds.

### 4. NO LIGHTS, NO WATER, NO SEWERS

More than two weeks after the powerful eyewall of Hurricane Michael, rural parts of Florida's Panhandle still lack basic services.

### 5. JOURNALIST'S MURDER CASE FAR FROM SOLVED

Saudi Arabia's chief prosecutor will arrive in Turkey on Sunday as part of the investigation into the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, while his has been allowed him to come to the U.S.

### 6. MIGRANT CARAVAN GETS A LITTLE HELP FROM THE LOCALS

In the Mexican town of Pijijiapan, residents turned out in force to aid the travelers as they streamed in on foot, offering shelter, food and medical treatment.

### 7. YOUNG KIDS TARGETED BY ASSAILANT IN CHINA

A knife-wielding, 39-year-old woman who injured 14 children at a kindergarten in the western Chinese city of Chongqing on Friday was taken into custody but her motives were not yet known.

### 8. REMAINS OF LGBTQ MOVEMENT FIGURE BEING INTERRED IN DC

The ashes of Matthew Shepard, whose brutal murder in the 1990s became a rallying cry for the gay rights movement, will be laid to rest in Washington National Cathedral.

### 9. IRISH SINGER CONVERTS TO ISLAM

Sinead O'Connor says she has changed her name to Shuhada' Davitt and is now a Muslim.

### 10. DODGERS' HOPES REST ON ROOKIE RIGHT-HANDER

Walker Buehler will try to yank Los Angeles out of a 2-0 deficit against the Boston Red Sox when the World Series shifts to Dodger Stadium for Game 3 on Friday.

## Investigators search for person who sent mail bombs, motive

By MICHAEL BALSAMO, COLLEEN LONG and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators have been searching coast to coast for the culprit and motives behind the bizarre mail bomb plot aimed at critics of the president, analyzing the innards of the crude devices to reveal whether they were intended to detonate or simply sow fear two weeks before Election Day.

Three more devices were linked to the plot Thursday — two addressed to former Vice President Joe Biden and one to actor Robert De Niro — bringing the total to 10 in an outbreak of politically loaded menace with little if any precedent. Authorities warned there might well be more.

Law enforcement officials told The Associated Press that the devices, containing timers and batteries, were not rigged like booby-trapped package bombs that would explode upon opening. But they were uncertain whether the devices were poorly designed or never intended to cause physical harm. A search

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of a postal database suggested at least some may have been mailed from Florida, one official said. Investigators are homing in on a postal facility in Opa-locka, Florida, where they believe some of the packages originated, another official said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, in an interview Thursday night with Fox News Channel, acknowledged that some of packages originated in Florida.

New details about the devices came as the four-day mail bomb scare spread nationwide, drawing investigators from dozens of federal, state and local agencies in the effort to identify one or more perpetrators.

The targets have included former President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, CNN and Rep. Maxine Waters of California. The common thread among them was obvious: critical words for Donald Trump and frequent, harsher criticism in return.

Trump claimed on Friday he was being blamed for the mail bombs addressed to his critics, complaining in a tweet sent before dawn: "Funny how lowly rated CNN, and others, can criticize me at will, even blaming me for the current spate of Bombs and ridiculously comparing this to September 11th and the Oklahoma City bombing, yet when I criticize them they go wild and scream, 'it's just not Presidential!'"

At a press conference Thursday, officials in New York would not discuss possible motives or details on how the packages found their way into the U.S. postal system. Nor would they say why none of the packages had detonated, but they stressed they were still treating them as "live devices."

"As far as a hoax device, we're not treating it that way," police Commissioner James O'Neill said.

Details suggested a pattern — that the items were packaged in manila envelopes, addressed to prominent Trump critics and carried U.S. postage stamps. The devices were being examined by technicians at the FBI's forensic lab in Quantico, Virginia.

The packages stoked nationwide tensions and fears as voters prepared to vote Nov. 6 to determine partisan control of Congress — a campaign both major political parties have described in near-apocalyptic terms. Even with the sender still unknown, politicians from both parties used the threats to decry a toxic political climate and lay blame.

"A very big part of the Anger we see today in our society is caused by the purposely false and inaccurate reporting of the Mainstream Media that I refer to as Fake News," Trump said on Twitter. "It has gotten so bad and hateful that it is beyond description. Mainstream Media must clean up its act, FAST!"

Former CIA Director John Brennan, the target of a package sent to CNN, fired back.

"Stop blaming others. Look in the mirror," Brennan tweeted. "Your inflammatory rhetoric, insults, lies, & encouragement of physical violence are disgraceful. Clean up your act....try to act Presidential."

CNN didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment before business hours Friday.

The list of bombing targets spread from New York, Delaware and Washington, D.C., to Florida and California.

The explosive devices were packed in envelopes with bubble-wrap interiors bearing six American flag stamps and the return address of Florida Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the former chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee.

The bombs seized Wednesday were about 6 inches (15 centimeters) long and packed with powder and broken glass, according to a law enforcement official who viewed X-ray images. The official said the devices were made from PVC pipe and covered with black tape. At the New York briefing, authorities confirmed that at least some of the packages were distributed through the U.S. mail, and cautioned that there could be additional devices in the postal system. They said investigators searching for more suspicious parcels had not found any during the previous eight hours.

David Chipman, a retired federal ATF agent and now senior policy adviser for the Giffords Center, said the details revealed telltale signs that could help guide investigators.

The tape on the pipe is "an investigator's dream," he said, recalling a case in Texas that was solved because the fibers on the tape were traced to the bomber's dog. He said bombers tend to plot methodically.



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"This is someone sitting down and spending time thinking about what they're going to do to someone else. And some people like to relish that," he said.

The new packages discovered Thursday set off a new wave of alarm.

A retired New York police detective working in security in De Niro's Manhattan office called police after seeing images of a package bomb sent to CNN and recalling a similar package addressed to the actor, officials said.

The packages addressed to Biden were intercepted at Delaware mail facilities in New Castle and Wilmington, according to a law enforcement official who, like others, wasn't authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Like earlier targets, both Biden and De Niro have been sharply critical of Trump. The actor dropped an expletive insult at Trump at this year's Tony Awards and apologized to Canadians for the "idiotic behavior of my president." Biden said last week that the president may not "know what he's doing" and coddles dictators.

Trump has called Biden "Crazy Joe" and "mentally weak."

On Thursday, during a campaign trip to suburban Buffalo, Biden said: "We've got to get off this hate machine. We've got to come together."

The packages were "clearly an effort to terrorize people politically, to choose people for political purposes and attack them because of their beliefs," New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said.

The first crude bomb to be discovered was delivered Monday to the suburban New York compound of George Soros, a liberal billionaire and major contributor to Democratic causes. Soros has called Trump's presidency "dangerous."

Similar packages addressed to Clinton and Obama were intercepted on their way to Clinton's New York home, where she lives with former President Bill Clinton, and to Washington, where Obama lives with his wife, Michelle Obama. The Secret Service said neither package reached its intended recipient.

Other packages were sent to frequent Trump critics Waters, D-Calif., and former Obama Attorney General Eric Holder. His ended up at the Sunrise, Florida, office of Wasserman Schultz, who was listed as the return address.

A police bomb squad removed the package addressed to Brennan on Wednesday from CNN's New York office, which was evacuated.

In response to the events, Trump decried political violence but also joked about moving to more polite speeches.

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

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For the AP's complete coverage of the mail-bomb scare: <https://apnews.com/PipeBombAttacks>.

## Woman with knife injures 14 children at western China school

BEIJING (AP) — A knife-wielding assailant injured 14 children at a kindergarten in the western Chinese city of Chongqing on Friday, police reported. The attacker, a 39-year-old woman, was taken into custody and no motive for the assault was immediately publicized.

A report posted on the police force's microblog said the attack at the Xinshiji Kindergarten in the city's outskirts took place at 9:30 a.m. as the children were returning to classes.

It said all were receiving treatment in a hospital. A doctor who answered the phone at the city's Banan People's Hospital confirmed the children were there but declined to give any details or his name, referring questions to the local government.

No other information about the attacker was given, other than her surname, Liu. Video posted on social

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media showed injured children walking to ambulances from the school gate, with some being placed on gurneys.

China has suffered a number of such incidents in recent years, blamed largely on the mentally ill or people bearing grudges.

In June, a man used a kitchen knife to attack three boys and a mother near a school in Shanghai, killing two of the children. Police said the assailant was unemployed and carried out the attack "to take revenge on society."

Chinese law restricts the sale and possession of firearms, and mass attacks are generally carried out with knives or homemade explosives.

Almost 20 children were killed in school attacks in 2010, prompting a response from top government officials and leading many schools to add gates and security guards.

## Volunteer nurses, doctors pitch in to help migrant caravan

By **CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN** and **JULIE WATSON**, Associated Press

PIJJIAPAN, Mexico (AP) — The main plaza in Pijijiapan quickly became a makeshift triage center as thousands of Central Americans trudged into this southern Mexico town.

A severely dehydrated woman connected to an IV line sat on a plastic chair in the gazebo. Nearby, volunteer nurses took temperatures and treated coughs, handing out donated medicine as migrants lined up.

Two weeks of walking have taken a toll on a caravan of migrants now estimated at more than 4,000 as it slowly marches through Chiapas, Mexico's southernmost state that is far from their goal of reaching the United States.

In the first four hours Thursday, Dr. Jesus Miravete treated more than 120 people. Many had burns on their feet from walking in plastic sandals on the steaming highway.

"So many tell me: 'I can't rest. I have to go on,'" Miravete said. "It's really hard. I feel overwhelmed, above all by the number of dehydrated children I have seen."

Yet the migrants were planning what would be their most ambitious single-day trek since they crossed into Mexico, setting their sights for Friday on reaching Arriaga, about 62 miles (100 kilometers) up the coast.

Like in many places in Chiapas, residents in Pijijiapan turned out in force to aid the travelers as they streamed in on foot, offering shelter, food and medical treatment. Some people offered rides to the plaza. Others showed up with used clothes and boxes of sandwiches.

The caravan was earlier welcomed in a similar fashion into Mapastepec, a municipality of 45,000 residents 30 miles to the south where city officials put up tents around the main square offering everything from medical attention to donated clothing to baby formula. Local churches offered free showers and set up food distribution points.

"They are human beings. You have to do something to help them," said Cesar Cabuqui, who handed out dozens of homemade bean and cheese sandwiches and bags of water.

Chiapas is home to some of Mexico's poorest communities. Yet the towns on the migrants' route have organized to offer them shelter, medical treatment and donations as best they can.

Grateful for the hospitality, many of the migrants have tried to be respectful visitors.

Jose Reyneri Castellanos, from El Progreso, Honduras, hung back behind the rest of the caravan with his wife and two young sons to help sweep and tidy up in Mapastepec — as they've done at each stop, figuring it will help ensure a continued warm reception as they head north.

"I think it is important to leave the community and the city clean," Castellanos said.

Many of the migrants say they are dreaming of finding better lives in the United States. They say they have been driven to leave their homelands by severe poverty and rising gang violence.

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. He has been warning about this caravan and illegal immigration, repeating hitting Democrats on the issue as the U.S. heads into the hotly contested Nov. 6 midterm elections.

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Defense Secretary Jim Mattis was expected to sign an order to send 800 or more additional troops to the southern border to support the Border Patrol, according to a U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly because the details had not yet been finalized.

The caravan is still some 1,000 miles from the nearest border crossing at McAllen, Texas, but the journey could be twice that if the migrants head to the Tijuana-San Diego crossing. That was the destination of a smaller caravan earlier this year, and only about 200 in the group made it.

This group also has begun to thin. Authorities say 1,740 have applied for refuge in Mexico and hundreds more have taken up offers of bus rides back to Honduras. Sickness, exhaustion and police harassment have helped whittle down their numbers.

Immigration officials appeared to be intervening more aggressively with the migrants' movements amid the sweltering 90-degree heat.

A taxi driver in Mapastepec said he had seen immigration agents force migrant passengers out of cabs at a checkpoint.

An official from the country's Human Rights Commission said migrants could go through if they were in vans or trucks that offered them free rides, but if they had paid they would have to get out because of insurance regulations.

On Thursday, the long column stretched for miles along the highway. Families with young children packed sidewalks asking for donations and rides.

Candy Guillermo, 37, said she had heard from others in the caravan about Trump intending to send U.S. troops to the border. A single mother of four, she was puzzled that the leader of such a powerful country would find her and the families traveling alongside her a threat.

"It surprises me because there are children here. President Trump should be more humanitarian," Guillermo said, wiping sweat from her brow. "We only want to give our kids a better future."

## Trump sends troops to border as response to 'caravan'

By **ROBERT BURNS** and **JILL COLVIN**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is planning to dispatch 800 or more active duty troops to the southern border at the direction of a president who has sought to transform fears about immigration into electoral gains in the midterms as a caravan of thousands of migrants makes its way through Mexico.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is expected to sign an order sending the troops to the border, bolstering National Guard forces already there, a U.S. official said Thursday. The action comes as President Donald Trump has spent recent days calling attention to the caravan of Central Americans slowly making their way by foot into southern Mexico, but still more than 1,000 miles from U.S. soil.

Trump, who made fear about immigrants a major theme of his 2016 election campaign, has been eager to make it a top issue heading into the Nov. 6 midterm elections, which will determine control of Congress. The president and senior White House officials have long believed the issue is key to turning out his ardent base of supporters.

The additional troops would provide logistical and other support to the Border Patrol, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a plan that had not yet been finalized and formally announced.

It's not unusual for the National Guard to help with border security. Although active duty troops are sometimes called on for domestic emergencies like hurricanes or floods, they rarely deploy to the southern border. Fears of militarizing the border were fanned by a May 1997 incident in which a Marine on a counter-narcotics mission shot to death an 18-year-old who was herding goats in Redford, Texas.

In the current situation, active duty troops will not be on armed security missions that could lead to a similar incident.

The additional members of the military would assist the Border Patrol by providing things such as vehicles, tents and equipment. There already are about 2,000 National Guard troops there under a previous Pentagon arrangement.

Trump has used the caravan to bolster his election-season warnings that the U.S. is being infiltrated by

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illegal immigrants “pouring across the border,” whom he has painted with a sinister brush.

He has claimed without any apparent basis in fact that “Middle Easterners” were among the shirking group. At rallies and on Twitter, Trump has tried to portray the Democrats as pro-illegal immigration, even claiming, with no evidence, that Democrats had organized and paid for the caravan.

He tweeted Thursday that, “Democrat inspired laws make it tough for us to stop people at the border” and said he was using the military to respond to what he called a “National Emergency.”

The migrants in the sprawling caravan — once estimated by the United Nations to number more than 7,000 — are hoping to make it to the United States. Most are Hondurans, seeking to escape the poverty and violence that plagues the region.

The caravan swelled dramatically soon after crossing the Mexican border on Oct. 19, but sickness, fear and police harassment have whittled down its numbers. Since entering Mexico at its southernmost tip, the group has advanced roughly 95 miles.

Trump tweeted a direct message to the migrants Thursday, urging them to return home.

“To those in the Caravan, turnaround,” he wrote. “We are not letting people into the United States illegally. Go back to your Country and if you want, apply for citizenship like millions of others are doing!”

The migrants have largely been disconnected from news reports about them while on the road. When asked about Trump’s tweets critical of the caravan and his vows to keep them out, they have generally responded that he should stop attacking them and said they would keep trying to reach the United States.

Trump earlier this year ordered the deployment of National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border to respond to a spike in illegal border crossings. But those members remain under the control of the governors of the states where they’re positioned, and their activities are limited to supportive roles, such as providing surveillance.

The addition of 800 or more active duty troops, if approved, as expected, by Mattis, is in response to a request from the Department of Homeland Security, which manages the Border Patrol, a U.S. official said.

DHS asked for help in various forms, the official said, including air transport and other logistical assistance. It was not immediately clear why active duty forces were chosen, since National Guard troops can perform the same functions. Earlier this year Mattis authorized Pentagon funding for up to 4,000 National Guard troops on the border and thus far only a little over 2,000 have been used.

Federal law prohibits the use of active duty service members for law enforcement inside the U.S. unless specifically authorized by Congress.

Trump had tweeted Monday that he’d alerted Border Patrol and the military that the caravan was “a National Emergency,” but the Pentagon said then that they’d received no new orders to provide troops for border security.

But Trump told a rally crowd in Wisconsin on Wednesday that moves were underway.

“Wait’ll you see what happens over the next couple of weeks. You’re going to see a very secure border. You just watch,” he told the crowd. “And the military is ready. They’re all set.”

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## Asian shares mostly lower despite US markets rally

By YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Asian shares have turned lower after early gains, despite the overnight jump on Wall Street. Worries over corporate earnings, trade and the outlook for growth weighed on sentiment.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan’s benchmark Nikkei 225 lost 1.1 percent to 21,026.97 on Friday, while South Korea’s Kospi plunged 2.6 percent to 2,010.46. Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 gave up 0.4 percent to 5,640.60. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng sank 1.5 percent to 24,609.81 and the Shanghai Composite shed 0.5 percent to 2,589.65. Shares rose in Indonesia but fell in Taiwan and elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

WALL STREET: The rally wiped out a large part of the market’s plunge from the day before. The S&P 500 index jumped 1.9 percent to 2,705.57. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.6 percent to 24,984.55

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and the Nasdaq surged 3 percent to 7,318.34 after its biggest drop in seven years.

**MARKET WORRIES:** Investors are worried that rising interest rates and disputes with trading partners could hurt economic growth and corporate profits. They get more insight into how the American economy is doing later in the day when the U.S. government reports on economic growth during the third quarter.

**THE QUOTE:** "Despite the relief stemming from gains on Wall Street, the leads are mixed for Asia into Friday," Jingyi Pan of IG said in a commentary. "One notable trend that would add to the pressure for Asia markets this morning had also been the strengthening greenback."

**ENERGY:** Benchmark U.S. crude fell 66 cents to \$66.67 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It gained 51 cents to \$67.82 on Thursday. Brent crude, the benchmark for international oil prices, dipped 53 cents to \$76.37.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar fell to 112.17 yen from 112.43 yen. The euro fell to \$1.1367 from \$1.1375.

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## **Typhoon crumbles homes, kills 1 in Northern Mariana Islands**

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

The strongest storm to hit any part of the United States this year crumbled concrete houses, smashed cars and killed at least one person in the Northern Mariana Islands, shocking residents and officials used to riding out monster storms in the U.S. territory in the Pacific.

A day after Super Typhoon Yutu slammed into the territory that is home to 50,000 people, residents on Friday picked through destruction ranging from collapsed houses — including some built to withstand typhoon winds — to snapped utility poles blocking waterlogged roads. They braced for months without power or running water.

Maximum sustained winds of 180 mph (290 kph) were recorded around the eye of the storm, which passed over the islands of Tinian and Saipan early Thursday, the National Weather Service said.

A 44-year-old woman taking shelter in an abandoned building died when it collapsed in the storm, the governor's office Facebook page said. Officials couldn't immediately be reached for additional details.

The territory's only hospital in Saipan, the most populated island, said it received 133 people in the emergency room Thursday, and three patients had severe injuries that needed surgery.

Officials toured villages in Saipan and saw cars crushed under a collapsed garage, the ground ripped clean of vegetation and people injured by spraying glass and other debris.

But residents "were stoic and still smiling, and they were just thankful to be alive," said Edwin Propst, a member of the territory's House of Representatives.

Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan, the islands' delegate to Congress, said most of the structures in the southern part of Saipan lost their roofs and many, including a high school, were "completely destroyed."

"This damage is just horrendous. It's going to take months and months for us to recover," he said by phone.

Even the plants were torn up, he said: "There are no shrubs, they're all gone. There are no leaves."

On the smaller island of Tinian, which took a direct hit, most of the houses were destroyed, and even some concrete ones were reduced to rubble, resident Juanita Mendiola said.

"We had to hide inside the bathroom because the house felt like it was going to blow apart," she said. "It was literally shaking — a concrete house shaking."

More than 800 people were in shelters across the territory, and space was running out, officials said. Electricity and running water shut down Wednesday, residents said. Cellphone coverage was spotty.

A military plane was bringing food, water, tarps and other supplies, U.S. Federal Emergency Manage-

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ment Agency spokesman David Gervino said.

The agency had already significant water and food in place because it had stored more than 220,000 liters of water and 260,000 shelf-stable meals at a distribution center on nearby Guam to prepare for Typhoon Mangkhut, which struck last month. Mangkhut's effects turned out to be not as bad as expected, so those supplies are still available.

The agency is focused on helping restore power, opening sea and air ports and ensuring cell towers can operate on emergency power until utility power returns, Gervino said.

One change the agency adopted because of Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm that struck Puerto Rico last year, is it has created task forces to tackle different areas such as transportation, communications, food and water and energy and fuel.

Federal and territory officials are in constant communication to address each of these areas, he said.

Nadine Deleon Guerrero, a spokeswoman for the territory's emergency management department, said all of Saipan (population 50,000) and Tinian (population 3,000) islands are without electricity.

Commercial flights won't be operable for some time, she said.

The Saipan hospital was running on backup generators but otherwise operating normally, said Esther Lizama Muna, CEO of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. She said she expects more patients to seek medical help Friday and worried they could run out of medical supplies.

"From my experience with previous typhoons, people tend to wait to care for their health as they focus on their homes and others," Muna said. "So we do expect more injuries trickling in."

A health center on Tinian sustained damage but was operating normally.

The islands' emergency management agency said it was trying to clear roadways so first responders could help residents who lost their homes and people could get medical care and head to shelters.

"At its peak, it felt like many trains running constant," Saipan resident Glen Hunter wrote in a Facebook message. "At its peak, the wind was constant and the sound horrifying."

Hunter peeked outside and saw his neighbor's house, made of wood and tin, completely gone.

The 45-year-old has lived on Saipan since childhood and is accustomed to strong storms but said Super Typhoon Yutu is the worst he has experienced. Hunter said he doesn't expect to get power back for months, recalling how it took four months to restore electricity after Typhoon Soudelor in 2015.

"I have never seen anything like this in my life, and I have been through major typhoons," said Sablan, the congressional delegate.

He said the territory will need significant help to recover and that colleagues in Congress have offered aid. Sablan expects a presidential disaster declaration to free up resources for storm relief.

Recovery efforts on Saipan and Tinian will be slow, said Brandon Aydlett, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

"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."

Propst, the lawmaker, said he has lived through dozens of typhoons but "this is the first time I feared for my life."

He, his wife and their four children huddled in a bedroom as the storm ripped storm shutters from the windows of his concrete home, shattered a glass sliding door and flooded the floors.

Some poor families can't afford homes that conform to building codes, Propst said. Some build houses with concrete foundations and walls but that have wooden and tin roofs.

"We're hoping for some clear skies and some sun so we can dry out," Propst said. "We want people to remember we are Americans and we exist."

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Jones and Kelleher reported from Honolulu.

## Trump says new proposal will lower some US drug prices

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less than two weeks before the midterm elections, President Donald Trump on Thursday announced a plan to lower prices for some prescription drugs, saying it would stop unfair practices that force Americans to pay much more than people in other countries for the same medications.

"We are taking aim at the global freeloading that forces American consumers to subsidize lower prices in foreign countries through higher prices in our country," Trump said in a speech at the Department of Health and Human Services.

"Same company. Same box. Same pill. Made in the exact same location, and you would go to some countries and it would be 20 percent of the cost of what we pay," said Trump, who predicted the plan will save Americans billions. "We're fixing it."

But consumers take note:

— The plan would not apply to medicines people buy at the pharmacy, just ones administered in a doctor's office, as are many cancer medications and drugs for immune system problems. Physician-administered drugs can be very expensive, but pharmacy drugs account for the vast majority of what consumers buy.

— Don't expect immediate rollbacks. Officials said the complex proposal could take more than a year to put into effect.

In another twist, the plan is structured as an experiment through a Medicare innovation center empowered to seek savings by the Affordable Care Act. That's the law also known as "Obamacare," which Trump is committed to repealing.

Trump has long promised sweeping action to attack drug prices, both as president and when he was running for the White House. He made his latest announcement just ahead of the Nov. 6 elections, with health care high among voters' concerns.

Under the plan, Medicare payment for drugs administered in doctors' offices would gradually shift to a level based on international prices. Prices in other countries are lower because governments directly negotiate with manufacturers.

Drugmakers immediately pushed back, arguing the plan amounts to government price-setting.

"The administration is imposing foreign price controls from countries with socialized health care systems that deny their citizens access and discourage innovation," Stephen Ubl, president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, said in a statement. "These proposals are to the detriment of American patients."

Trump is linking the prices Americans complain about to one of his longstanding grievances: foreign countries the president says are taking advantage of U.S. research breakthroughs.

Drug pricing expert Peter Bach of Memorial Sloan Kettering's Center for Health Policy and Outcomes called the plan "a pretty substantive proposal" but one that faces "serious political challenges."

"The rhetoric about finally dealing with foreign freeloading suggests that we are going to take steps to get other countries to pay their fair share for innovation," Bach added. But that's "quite literally the opposite of what is being proposed. What is being proposed is that we freeload off of other countries' ability to negotiate more effectively."

Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill were dismissive. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California said if Trump wants to save seniors money he should seek congressional approval for Medicare to negotiate prices for its main prescription drug program, "Part D." Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said "it's hard to take the Trump administration and Republicans seriously about reducing health care costs for seniors two weeks before the election."

The health insurance industry, at odds with drugmakers over prices, was pleased with the administration's action.

Matt Eyles, president and CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans, said: "Drug prices are out of control, and we commend the Administration for its continued commitment to reduce drug prices."

As an experiment, the proposal would apply to half the country. Officials said they're seeking input on

how to select the areas that will take part in the new pricing system. HHS Secretary Alex Azar said politics would have nothing to do with it.

In advance of Trump's speech, HHS released a report that found U.S. prices for the top drugs administered in doctors' offices are nearly twice as high as in foreign countries. The list includes many cancer drugs. Medicare pays directly for them under its "Part B" coverage for outpatient care.

Physician-administered drugs cost Medicare \$27 billion in 2016. HHS says the plan would save Medicare \$17.2 billion over five years. Beneficiaries would save an estimated \$3.4 billion through lower cost-sharing.

The plan could meet resistance not only from drugmakers but from doctors, now paid a percentage of the cost of the medications they administer. However, HHS officials said the plan is designed so it would not cut into doctors' reimbursements.

Azar said more plans are being developed on drug costs.

"This is not the end of the road, the end of the journey," he said. "There is more coming."

Trump has harshly criticized the pharmaceutical industry, once asserting that the companies were "getting away with murder." But it's largely been business as usual for drugmakers even as Trump has predicted "massive" voluntary price cuts.

A recent Associated Press analysis of prices for brand-name drugs found far more increases than cuts in the first seven months of this year. The analysis found 96 price hikes for every price cut. The number of increases slowed somewhat and they were not quite as steep as in past years, the AP found.

The Trump administration proposal is open for public comment for 60 days.

## 2 Yosemite National Park visitors die in fall from overlook

By **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ, Associated Press**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two visitors died in a fall from a popular overlook at Yosemite National Park that allows people to walk to the cliff's edge, where there is no railing, an official said Thursday.

Park rangers were trying to recover the bodies of a female visitor and a male visitor spotted by another tourist Wednesday, spokesman Scott Gediman said. Officials are still investigating when the pair fell and from what spot at Taft Point, which is 3,000 feet (900 meters) above the famed Yosemite Valley floor, he said.

Railings only exist at a small portion of the overlook, which is popular for its breathtaking views of the valley, Yosemite Falls and El Capitan and fissures on the granite rock that plunge to the valley floor.

More than 10 people have died at the park this year, some from natural causes and others from falls, Gediman said.

Last month, an Israeli teenager fell hundreds of feet to his death while hiking near the top of 600-foot-tall (180-meter-tall) Nevada Fall. The death of 18-year-old Tomer Frankfurter was considered an accident, the Mariposa County coroner's office said.

Taft Point is also where world-famous wingsuit flier Dean Potter and his partner, Graham Hunt, died after leaping from the cliff in 2015. The pair experienced at flying in wingsuits — the most extreme form of BASE jumping — crashed after trying to clear a V-shaped notch in a ridgeline.

BASE jumping — which stands for jumping off buildings, antennas, spans (such as bridges) and Earth — is illegal in the park.

An investigation concluded that the deaths were accidental. Despite video and photos of the jump, officials consider the specific reason why Potter and Hunt died a mystery.

## Investigators dig for bomb motive, warn more could be found

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO, COLLEEN LONG and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators searched coast-to-coast Thursday for the culprit and motives behind the bizarre mail-bomb plot aimed at critics of the president, analyzing the innards of the crude devices to reveal whether they were intended to detonate or simply sow fear two weeks before Election Day.



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Three more devices were linked to the plot — two addressed to former Vice President Joe Biden and one to actor Robert De Niro — bringing the total to 10 in an outbreak of politically loaded menace with little if any precedent. Authorities warned there might well be more.

Law enforcement officials told The Associated Press that the devices, containing timers and batteries, were not rigged like booby-trapped package bombs that would explode upon opening. But they were still uncertain whether the devices were poorly designed or never intended to cause physical harm. A search of a postal database suggested at least some may have been mailed from Florida, one official said. Investigators are homing in on a postal facility in Opa-locka, Florida, where they believe some of the packages originated, another official said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, in an interview Thursday night with Fox News Channel, acknowledged that some of packages originated in Florida.

New details about the devices came as the four-day mail-bomb scare spread nationwide, drawing investigators from dozens of federal, state and local agencies in the effort to identify one or more perpetrators.

The targets have included former President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, CNN and Rep. Maxine Waters of California. The common thread among them was obvious: critical words for Donald Trump and frequent, harsher criticism in return.

At a press conference Thursday, officials in New York would not discuss possible motives, or details on how the packages found their way into the U.S. postal system. Nor would they say why none of the packages had detonated, but they stressed they were still treating them as "live devices."

"As far as a hoax device, we're not treating it that way," said Police Commissioner James O'Neill.

Details suggested a pattern — that the items were packaged in manila envelopes, addressed to prominent Trump critics and carried U.S. postage stamps. The devices were being examined by technicians at the FBI's forensic lab in Quantico, Virginia.

The packages stoked nationwide tensions and fears as voters prepared to vote Nov. 6 to determine partisan control of Congress — a campaign both parties have described in near-apocalyptic terms. Even with the sender still unknown, politicians from both parties used the threats to decry a toxic political climate and lay blame.

"A very big part of the Anger we see today in our society is caused by the purposely false and inaccurate reporting of the Mainstream Media that I refer to as Fake News," Trump said on Twitter. "It has gotten so bad and hateful that it is beyond description. Mainstream Media must clean up its act, FAST!"

Former CIA Director John Brennan, the target of a package sent to CNN, fired back.

"Stop blaming others. Look in the mirror," Brennan tweeted. "Your inflammatory rhetoric, insults, lies, & encouragement of physical violence are disgraceful. Clean up your act....try to act Presidential."

The list of bombing targets spread from New York, Delaware and Washington, D.C., to Florida and California.

The explosive devices were packed in envelopes with bubble-wrap interiors bearing six American flag stamps and the return address of Florida Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the former chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee.

The bombs seized Wednesday were about six inches long and packed with powder and broken glass, according to a law enforcement official who viewed X-ray images. The official said the devices were made from PVC pipe and covered with black tape. At the New York briefing, authorities confirmed that at least some of the packages were distributed through the U.S. mail, and cautioned that there could be additional devices in the postal system. They said investigators searching for more suspicious parcels had not found any during the previous eight hours.

David Chipman, a retired federal ATF agent and now senior policy adviser for the Giffords Center, said the details revealed telltale signs that could help guide investigators.

The tape on the pipe is "an investigator's dream," he said, recalling a case in Texas that was solved because the fibers on the tape were traced to the bomber's dog. He said bombers tend to plot methodically.

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"This is someone sitting down and spending time thinking about what they're going to do to someone else. And some people like to relish that," he said.

The new packages discovered Thursday set off a new wave of alarm.

A retired New York police detective working in security in De Niro's Manhattan office called police after seeing images of a package bomb sent to CNN and recalling a similar package addressed to the actor, officials said.

The packages addressed to Biden were intercepted at Delaware mail facilities in New Castle and Wilmington, according to a law enforcement official who, like others, wasn't authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Like earlier targets, both Biden and De Niro have been sharply critical of Trump. The actor dropped an expletive insult at Trump at this year's Tony Awards and also apologized to Canadians for the "idiotic behavior of my president." Biden said last week that the president may not "know what he's doing" and coddles dictators.

Trump has called Biden "Crazy Joe" and "mentally weak."

On Thursday, during a campaign trip to suburban Buffalo, Biden said: "We've got to get off this hate machine. We've got to come together."

The packages were "clearly an effort to terrorize people politically, to choose people for political purposes and attack them because of their beliefs," New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said.

The first crude bomb to be discovered was delivered Monday to the suburban New York compound of George Soros, a liberal billionaire and major contributor to Democratic causes. Soros has called Trump's presidency "dangerous."

Similar packages addressed to Clinton and Obama were intercepted on their way to Clinton's New York home where she lives with former President Bill Clinton and to Washington, where Obama lives with his wife, Michelle. The Secret Service said neither package reached its intended recipient.

Others were sent to frequent Trump critics Waters, D-Calif., and former Obama Attorney General Eric Holder. His ended up at the Sunrise, Florida, office of Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who was listed as the return address.

A police bomb squad removed the package addressed to Brennan on Wednesday from CNN's New York office, which was evacuated.

In response to the events, Trump decried political violence but also joked about moving to more polite speeches.

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

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For the AP's complete coverage of the mail-bomb scare: <https://apnews.com/PipeBombAttacks> .

## Long odds and slow lines await migrant caravan at US border

By ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — A woman arrived just after sunrise at the Mexican entrance to the busiest border crossing into the U.S. and was quickly surrounded by nearly 100 migrants. She opened a tattered, hardcover notebook bound with silver duct tape and began shouting out numbers from a handwritten list.

Migrants came forward when their numbers were called, the signal that they could proceed to San Diego on the American side and ask for asylum in the United States. Most of them had been waiting more than a month in Tijuana for that moment to come.

"We are nervous but happy because — so many days waiting," said an overjoyed 22-year-old Maria Yuliza Soreque, whose turn came on Tuesday after she and her mother and 2-year-old daughter had bided their

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time in this city for five weeks. Soreque abandoned the family store in the Mexican state of Michoacan to escape violence and hoped to settle with a friend in Florida, where she has a restaurant job waiting.

It's a waiting game that plays out each day in Tijuana, giving a glimpse of what the thousands of Central American migrants in the giant caravan now moving through Mexico could face if they reach the U.S. border, probably weeks from now at the earliest.

While it is not clear exactly where or how the migrants intend to come across, they are certain to encounter an immigration system already strained by a surge of families arriving at the U.S. border in recent months.

At border crossings in Texas, asylum seekers camp at the midpoints of bridges connecting the two countries, waiting for days for U.S. border inspectors to say their turn has come. At Tijuana, the wait is more than a month, giving rise to an informal take-a-number system apparently run by volunteers who are themselves asylum seekers. The system spares migrants from having to wait in line or sleep out in the open.

New arrivals in Tijuana give their names to the keeper of the notebook and are issued numbers. Then they wait in the city's migrant shelters or other places in town, returning every morning to hear the day's numbers read off when it looks as if their turn is near.

Those seeking asylum in the U.S. undergo an initial interview on the American side in which they try to show they have a "credible fear" of harm in their home countries. Seventy-seven percent of migrants passed their credible-fear screenings between September 2017 and last June, the latest figures available.

After that, asylum seekers may be held in immigration jails until their cases are decided by an immigration judge, which can take as little as a month or two. Many other immigrants are released into the U.S., often with ankle-monitoring bracelets, while they await a ruling that can take years — a practice the Trump administration has condemned as "catch and release."

The odds of ultimate success for the caravan members appear slim.

Mexicans fared worst among the 10 countries that sent the largest numbers of asylum seekers from 2012 to 2017, with a denial rate of 88 percent, according to an analysis of public records by Syracuse University's Transactional Records Action Clearinghouse. El Salvadorans were close behind with a 79 percent denial rate, followed by Hondurans at 78 percent and Guatemalans at 75 percent.

On top of that, Attorney General Jeff Sessions ruled in June that fleeing gang or domestic violence is generally not considered grounds for asylum.

On Tuesday, Paula Cabrera, 22, had been in Tijuana for three weeks while she waited for the opportunity to apply for asylum along with her grandmother and 3-month-old daughter. She came every morning to check her status.

Cabrera, who abandoned the family ranch in Michoacan because of threats from a gang and hoped to settle with an uncle in Palo Alto, California, said the shelter where she was staying was overcrowded and she was anxious to move on.

The keeper of the notebook announced there was room for 19 people to claim asylum that morning. An hour later, after speaking with Mexican immigration officials in a white pickup truck nearby, she told the crowd that 40 more could go that afternoon.

Sila Noemi Felix, 45, took a bus from Guatemala with her 13-year-old son, a U.S. citizen who threatened to make the journey on his own if she didn't join him. A Tijuana couple let her stay in their home in exchange for paying a share of the utility bills.

After she had spent more than four weeks in Tijuana, her number was called. She hopes to join family in Rogers, Kansas, and eventually raise enough money to bring her two older sons, also U.S. citizens, from Guatemala.

"I want a better future for them," she said.

## A short-lived call for unity shelved for political barbs

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It didn't last.

With the country on edge over a widening pipe-bomb scare, talk of national unity quickly gave way to finger-pointing. President Donald Trump cast blame on the media for fomenting anger in society, while candidates across the country traded partisan broadsides.

Less than two weeks before midterm elections, the discovery of pipe bombs sent to prominent Democrats — an episode that might have prompted national reflection in another era — hardly made a ripple on the campaign trail. Attack ads remained on the air. Attack lines stayed in stump speeches. The president did not deliver a speech from the Oval Office or reach out to his predecessor, one of the targets of the threat. He did return to his favorite punching bag.

"A very big part of the Anger we see today in our society is caused by the purposely false and inaccurate reporting of the Mainstream Media that I refer to as Fake News," Trump wrote on Twitter Thursday. "It has gotten so bad and hateful that it is beyond description. Mainstream Media must clean up its act, FAST!"

The reaction was more evidence of the new politics of the Trump era, where unity is overrated, a news cycle moves on fast and there seems to be little incentive for either party to seize the high road. Instead, what might have been a moment for a deeply divided country to come together becomes the latest fodder for Democrats and Republicans to blame each other for America's shortcomings.

Aides at the national Democratic and Republican Senate campaign arms said they were seeing nothing to suggest candidates were adjusting their messages or schedules because of the explosives scare. But many candidates were beginning to move into their closing election messages, which are typically more positive.

Indiana Republican Senate candidate Mike Braun was airing a new ad equating Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly to one of the inflatable dancing devices used to attract attention at car dealerships, describing him as a "say-anything, do-nothing senator."

Other candidates, such as Wisconsin's Republican Senate candidate Leah Vukmir and the Democratic senator she's trying to unseat, Tammy Baldwin, were plowing ahead as well. Vukmir linked Baldwin to Hillary Clinton on Wednesday amid chants of "Lock her up!" at an evening rally with Trump. Baldwin was planning to go ahead with an event Friday with former President Barack Obama in Milwaukee.

Some Trump critics have blamed him for setting a harsh tone and not taking responsibility for contributing to the poisonous political atmosphere.

"Nobody else is being as divisive and inciteful as Donald Trump and so to suggest otherwise is completely wrong," said former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro, who is considering a 2020 Democratic presidential campaign. "We wouldn't even be having this conversation with any other president, Republican or Democrat, because they would be big enough to avoid this kind of hateful and inciteful rhetoric."

Trump on Thursday had yet to call Obama or Clinton about the packages sent their way, but he had spoken to Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, the state where many of the packages were delivered.

Trump has insisted that those on the right have been victims of harassment as well, pointing to high-profile incidents in which conservatives have been accosted in restaurants and public spaces by political critics. A number of his allies, including his eldest son, Donald Jr., and conservative commentator Lou Dobbs, have used social media to promote the idea that the bombs may be a Democrat-run hoax.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina tweeted in Trump's defense: "I didn't blame Bernie Sanders when a Bernie supporter shot Congressman Steve Scalise. And I'm not going to blame President @realDonaldTrump for this nut job."

That was a reference to the 2017 shooting that badly injured Scalise and others. The gunman, James Hodgkinson, had posted social media messages suggesting he targeted Republicans.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders called it "disgraceful" to suggest the president bears any responsibility for the packages sent to his opponents. She told reporters Thursday that there's a big difference between "comments made and actions taken." She, too, cited the Scalise shooting.

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Asked whether the president intended to tone down his rhetoric and personal attacks, she said the president would "continue to lay out the case in the differences between Democrats and Republicans" ahead of the midterm elections next month.

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## Trump sending troops to border, an issue that fires up base

By **ROBERT BURNS** and **JILL COLVIN**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is planning to dispatch at least 800 active-duty troops to the southern border at the direction of a president who has sought to transform fears about immigration into electoral gains in the midterms as a caravan of thousands of migrants makes its way through Mexico.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is expected to sign an order sending the troops to the border, bolstering National Guard forces already there, an official said Thursday. The action comes as President Donald Trump has spent recent days calling attention to the caravan of Central Americans slowly making its way by foot into southern Mexico but still more than 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) from U.S. soil.

Trump, who made fear about immigrants a major theme of his 2016 election campaign, has been eager to make it a top issue heading into the Nov. 6 midterm elections, which will determine control of Congress. The president and senior White House officials have long believed the issue is key to turning out his base of supporters.

The additional troops would provide logistical and other support to the Border Patrol, said the U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a plan that had not been finalized and formally announced.

It's not unusual for the National Guard to help with border security. Active-duty troops, however, are rarely deployed within the United States except for domestic emergencies like hurricanes or floods. Fears of militarizing the border were fanned by a May 1997 incident in which a Marine on a counter-narcotics mission shot to death an 18-year-old who was herding goats in Redford, Texas.

Troops being sent at Trump's direction would not be on armed security missions. They would assist the Border Patrol by providing things such as vehicles, tents and equipment. There already are about 2,000 National Guard members there under a previous Pentagon arrangement.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said in an interview with Fox News on Thursday that the Department of Homeland Security had asked the Department of Defense to "bolster" their capabilities with air support, vehicle barriers, engineering and other logistical assistance. National Guard troops can perform those same functions, so it was not immediately clear why active-duty forces were sought.

Asked if the troops would be armed, Nielsen said Mattis would decide the rules of engagement, but added: "We do not have any intention right now to shoot at people. They will be apprehended, however."

Trump has used the caravan to bolster his election-season warnings that the U.S. is being infiltrated by immigrants "pouring across the border" illegally.

He has claimed, without any apparent basis in fact, that "Middle Easterners" were among the group. At rallies and on Twitter, Trump has tried to portray Democrats as pro-illegal immigration, even claiming, with no evidence, that Democrats organized the caravan.

He tweeted Thursday that "Democrat inspired laws make it tough for us to stop people at the border" and said he was using the military to respond to what he called a "National Emergency."

Many migrants in the sprawling caravan — once estimated by the United Nations to number more than 7,000 — are hoping to make it to the United States. Most are Hondurans, seeking to escape poverty and violence, and include families with children.

The caravan swelled dramatically soon after crossing the Mexican border on Oct. 19, but sickness, fear

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and police harassment have whittled down its numbers.

Trump tweeted a direct message to the migrants Thursday, urging them to return home.

"To those in the Caravan, turnaround," he wrote. "We are not letting people into the United States illegally. Go back to your Country and if you want, apply for citizenship like millions of others are doing!"

The migrants have largely been disconnected from news reports about them. When asked about Trump's tweets, they have generally responded that he should stop attacking them and said they would keep heading north.

Candy Guillermo, a 37-year-old migrant in the caravan who had heard about the plan to deploy troops, was surprised she and the children in the group would be considered a threat.

"Trump should be more humanitarian," she said. "We only want to give our kids a better future."

Migrants who do reach the U.S. border can claim asylum under U.S. and international law. Those who clear an initial screening are often released until their cases are decided in immigration court, which can take several years.

But Nielsen warned: "This caravan cannot come to the United States. They will not be allowed in. They will not be allowed to stay."

In 2017, the U.S. had 331,700 asylum claims, more than any country in the world, according to the U.N. Refugee Agency. That's nearly double the asylum claims the U.S. fielded in 2015 and nearly quadruple the claims in 2013.

Trump ordered the deployment of the National Guard earlier this year to respond to an increase in illegal crossings. Those troops are under the control of state governors and are limited to support roles such as providing surveillance.

The planned deployment of active-duty troops is in response to a request from the Department of Homeland Security, which manages the Border Patrol. Earlier this year, Mattis authorized Pentagon funding for up to 4,000 National Guard troops on the border. So far, only a little over 2,000 have been used.

Federal law prohibits the use of active-duty service members for law enforcement inside the U.S. unless specifically authorized by Congress.

Trump hinted at the troop announcement at a rally in Wisconsin on Wednesday. "Wait'll you see what happens over the next couple of weeks. You're going to see a very secure border," he said. "You just watch."

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## Saudi Arabia again changes its story on Khashoggi killing

By **AYA BATRAWY** and **CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA**, Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Signaling a major pivot in its narrative, Saudi Arabia on Thursday said evidence shows that the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi was premeditated, an apparent effort to ease international outrage over the death of a prominent critic of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

The Saudi prosecutors cited Turkish evidence that the slaying was planned, contradicting a Saudi assertion just days ago that rogue officials from the kingdom killed him by mistake in a brawl inside their Istanbul consulate. That earlier assertion, in turn, backtracked from an initial statement that Saudi authorities knew nothing about what happened to the columnist for The Washington Post, who vanished after entering the consulate Oct. 2.

The shifting explanations indicate Saudi Arabia is scrambling for a way out of the crisis that has enveloped the world's largest oil exporter and a major U.S. ally in the Middle East. But a solution seems a long way off, partly because of deepening skepticism in Turkey and elsewhere that the brazen crime could have been carried out without the knowledge of Prince Mohammed, the kingdom's heir apparent.

At a conference in Riyadh on Wednesday, the crown prince said the killing was a "heinous crime that cannot be justified" and warned against any efforts to "manipulate" the crisis and drive a wedge between Saudi Arabia and Turkey, which are regional rivals but also diplomatic and business partners.

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On Thursday, Prince Mohammed attended the first meeting of a committee aiming to restructure the kingdom's intelligence services after the killing of Khashoggi, the state-run Saudi Press Agency said.

Khashoggi's death has derailed the powerful prince's campaign to project a modern image of the ultra-conservative country, instead highlighting the brutal lengths to which some top officials in the government have gone to silence its critics. Khashoggi, who lived in self-imposed exile in the United States for nearly a year before his death, had written critically of Prince Mohammed's crackdown on dissent.

A statement by Saudi Attorney General Saud al-Mojeb attributed the latest findings of a joint Turkish-Saudi investigation to information from Turkish counterparts. The evidence of Turkish investigators "indicates that the suspects in the incident had committed their act with a premeditated intention," the Saudi government statement said.

After the journalist disappeared, Saudi Arabia initially insisted Khashoggi had walked out of the consulate after visiting the building. It later dropped that account for a new one, saying it had detained 18 people for what it described as an accidental killing during a "fistfight."

What U.S. President Donald Trump called "one of the worst cover-ups in the history of cover-ups" was revealed to the world by Turkish leaks of information, including references to purported audio recordings of the killing, and security camera footage of the Saudi officials who were involved as they moved around Istanbul.

Saudi officials told The Associated Press this week that the kingdom sent a team to Turkey that included a forensics expert and a member whose job was to dress in the 59-year-old writer's clothes and pretend to be him — though they were insisting as late as Tuesday that his death was an accident.

As the shocking revelations mount, Turkey is pushing Saudi Arabia for more detail.

"Jamal Khashoggi's body still hasn't been found. Where is it?" Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said at a news conference with his Palestinian counterpart.

"There is a crime here, but there is also a humanitarian situation. The family wants to know and they want to perform their last duty," Cavusoglu said, referring to hopes for a burial.

CIA Director Gina Haspel on Thursday briefed Trump on the evidence about Khashoggi's death that she reviewed during a trip to Turkey. The White House did not release any details of their meeting.

Also on Thursday, Human Rights Watch said that Khashoggi's son, Salah, and his family have left Saudi Arabia for the United States after a travel ban on them was lifted. Saudi media showed Salah Khashoggi meeting Tuesday with the crown prince, who reportedly expressed his condolences.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo "made it clear to Saudi leaders that he wanted Salah Khashoggi to return to the United States, and we are pleased that he is now able to do so," State Department spokesman Robert Palladino said.

Conflicting reports surfaced about whether Turkish investigators had searched a well in the garden of the Saudi diplomatic compound as part of their probe.

Investigators emptied the well and are awaiting the results of an analysis of the water to determine whether any human remains were dumped there, according to Yeni Safak, a pro-government Turkish newspaper. But Sabah, another pro-government newspaper that has published leaks about the case from Turkish officials, said Saudi Arabia had yet to give Turkish authorities permission for a search.

Turkish media have also published a security camera image allegedly showing a vehicle belonging to the Saudi Consulate "scouting" a forest in the outskirts of Istanbul before Khashoggi was killed. The image, obtained by state television TRT and other media, shows a black car with a diplomatic license plate at an entrance to Belgrade Forest.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said Saudi officials made "reconnaissance" trips to the forest as well as the city of Yalova a day before Khashoggi was killed. Turkish officials have told AP that investigators were looking into the possibility that the journalist's remains may have been hidden at those two locations.

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## Mexican towns rally for migrants, who try to be good guests

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN, Associated Press

MAPASTEPEC, Mexico (AP) — As long lines of migrants shuffled past his cheese shop Thursday on the far-distant journey north, Cesar Cabuqui was ready, handing out scores of homemade bean and cheese sandwiches and bags of water.

He was far from the only one moved to help the masses of women, men and children as they made their way on foot between the far southern Mexican towns of Mapastepec and Pijijiapan — a 30-mile trek. “They are human beings,” Cabuqui said. “You have to do something to help them.”

Southern Mexico’s Chiapas state is home to some of the country’s most impoverished communities. Yet towns suddenly faced with an influx of thousands of people bedding down in overflowing plazas and parks have organized to offer them shelter, medical treatment and donations as best they can.

When an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 migrants walked into Mapastepec on Wednesday, the municipality of 45,000 residents was ready. They had been following the caravan’s progress for days.

The city government erected tents around the main square offering everything from medical attention to donated clothing and baby formula. Local churches offered free showers and set up food distribution points.

Some 110 migrants slept overnight at the Casa de Cultura, where a woman named Concepcion Ponce Aguilar works, and 620 more used its restrooms.

“It is satisfying to have helped them,” Aguilar said. “It leaves a good taste in one’s mouth.”

Grateful for the hospitality, many of the migrants have tried to be respectful visitors.

Jose Reyneri Castellanos, from El Progreso, Honduras, hung back behind the rest of the caravan with his wife and two young sons to help sweep and tidy up — just as they’ve done at each stop, figuring it will help ensure a continued warm reception as they head north.

“I think it is important to leave the community and the city clean,” Castellanos said.

As the migrants departed before dawn Thursday, the garbage left behind was neatly gathered around full bins or littered the ground in places where no receptacles were available. As the sky brightened, a brigade of volunteers together with city workers and migrants swept the trash into mounds and bags that were collected by latex-gloved workers.

Alvaro Ruiz Dominguez was among the residents who welcomed migrants onto his property. Ruiz let them use his bathrooms, and a doctor who occupies one of the five storefronts he owns provided free medical care.

As the last of his one-night guests were gathering their things, Ruiz swept the parking lot and said the migrants had behaved well and made an effort to help clean up. He estimated 250 had slept in the lot and in a side yard. By 5 a.m. there was little sign that so many people had camped there.

“I really doubt they are criminals,” Ruiz said, referring to claims by U.S. President Donald Trump that gang members and “Middle Easterners,” were mixed in with the caravan. Trump later acknowledged there was no proof, and Associated Press journalists traveling with the caravan have seen no sign of that.

Trump has been stoking fears about the caravan and illegal immigration to rally his Republican base ahead of the hotly contested Nov. 6 midterm elections, repeatedly hitting Democrats on the issue.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis was expected to sign an order as early as Thursday to send 800 or more additional troops to the southern border to support the Border Patrol, according to a U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly because the details had not yet been finalized.

The caravan is still some 1,000 miles from the nearest border crossing at McAllen, Texas, but the journey could be twice that if the migrants head to the Tijuana-San Diego crossing, the destination of a smaller caravan earlier this year. Only about 200 in that group ever made it.

This one has begun to thin, with authorities saying 1,740 have applied for refuge in Mexico and hundreds more have taken up offers of bus rides back to Honduras. Sickness, exhaustion and police harassment have also helped whittle down their numbers.



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Mexico's federal government hasn't given the migrants on the road a single meal, bathroom or bottle of water, reserving any aid only for those who turn themselves in to apply for visas or be deported.

Immigration officials appeared to be intervening more aggressively with the migrants' movements amid the sweltering 90-degree heat.

A taxi driver in Mapastepec said he had seen immigration agents force migrant passengers out of cabs at a checkpoint.

An official from the country's Human Rights Commission said migrants could go through if they were in vans or trucks that offered them free rides, but if they had paid they would have to get out because of insurance regulations.

Cesar Antonio Perez Rodriguez, from El Salvador, said agents had forced him, his pregnant wife, Delmy Roxana Martinez, and their 3-year-old son out of a van the previous day. They were brought to an immigration office filled with more than 30 migrants.

Hours passed with no explanation. Several in the group became agitated and pushed their way through a door, he said. In the commotion, Perez managed to flee but his wife and child were left behind. As he ran he looked back to see her holding their son and crying, blocked by agents with batons.

On Thursday, at an internet cafe in Mapastepec, he desperately tried to contact his wife's relatives via Facebook to find out if they had heard from her. He had no money and his wife had their only cell phone, a Mexican number he didn't know.

"I don't want to lose my son," Perez said, choking back tears.

The family left San Salvador more than a month ago after a gang threatened to kill them, Perez said, a tale common to many in the caravan who are fleeing violence and poverty in Central America. They traveled 287 miles to Tapachula, in southern Mexico, before running out of money.

They were surviving on little more than mangos and had applied for refugee status in Mexico when the caravan passed last week, and the family decided joining it was their best chance.

On Thursday, the long column stretched for miles along the highway. Families with young children packed sidewalks asking for donations and rides.

Arriving in Pijjiapan, thousands camped under plastic tarps in front of a church. Volunteer doctors treated dozens for dehydration, injured feet and other ailments.

Such caravans have taken place regularly, if on a smaller scale, over the years, but Trump has seized on the phenomenon this year.

Candy Guillermo, 37, said she had heard from others in the caravan that Trump intended to send more U.S. troops to the border. A single mother of four, she was surprised the leader of such a powerful country would find her and the scores of other families traveling alongside her a threat.

"It surprises me because there are children here. President Trump should be more humanitarian," Guillermo said, wiping sweat from her brow. "We only want to give our kids a better future."

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Associated Press writer Julie Watson in Pijjiapan, Mexico, contributed to this report.

## Pipe bomb scare raises new questions about mail safety

By JIM MUSTIAN, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The wave of pipe bombs addressed to prominent Democrats has raised fresh questions about the ability of the U.S. Postal Service and private delivery companies to intercept explosives and other dangerous items.

Biohazard detection, X-rays and other technologies have had some notable successes in recent years, but officials warn that the sheer volume of mail makes it impossible to catch everything.

"The public should not have the impression that all of our mail is screened like going through security at the airport," said David Chipman, a retired agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "That's not the case, and we know that from a string of cases."

None of the devices so far in this week's scare have detonated. Investigators were still trying to piece

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together where the packages came from and how they reached their respective destinations.

In the meantime, Phillip Bartlett of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service's New York division said hundreds of thousands of postal employees were searching the system for any additional bombs.

While two packages addressed to former Vice President Joe Biden were intercepted at postal facilities in Delaware on Thursday, a pipe bomb addressed to former Attorney General Eric Holder made it so far into the mail stream that it was returned to its purported sender: the Sunrise, Florida office of Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, whose name was on the return address.

Another crude bomb addressed to former CIA Director John Brennan at CNN went through the U.S. mail before a courier took it to the Time Warner Building, where the cable network has its New York offices, according to a law enforcement official who was not authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Most if not all of these packages were sent through the U.S. mail," the official said.

Those deliveries occurred even though the packages had certain suspicious features, including excessive postage, homemade labels and high-profile addressees, security experts said. The parcels also contained a number of misspellings.

"These devices are the poster children of what a suspicious package looks like," said Fred Burton, a former counterterrorism agent with the State Department who serves as chief security officer for Stratfor, a global private intelligence company.

The Postal Inspection Service, which investigates mail-related crimes, said in an email that in screening the mail, the agency relies on a "targeted strategy of specialized technology, screening protocols and employee training," as well as "state-of-the-art equipment to include portable X-ray machines."

The agency pointed to its Dangerous Mail Investigations division, a program created following the 2001 anthrax-by-mail attacks that killed five people and infected several others. The program was part of a costly security overhaul in which the Postal Service added a Biohazard Detection System at its mail-processing centers.

The Inspection Service says on its website that it has investigated "an average of 16 mail bombs over the last few years" while processing more than 170 billion pieces of mail. "That means during the last few years, the chances that a piece of mail actually contains a bomb average far less than one in 10 billion!"

The Postal Service does not have the resources to X-ray every parcel and typically reserves that technology for packages postal inspectors deem suspicious.

While the Postal Service intercepted some of the packages in this week's scare, the developments underscored the limitations of the screening technology in use, said Phil Nater, a former longtime postal inspector in New York.

"There's a lot of human activity involved before mail actually goes through a screening device or system," Nater said. "It's gotten a lot better, but it's not impossible to bypass."

The high cost of screening every parcel also limits the security measures taken by private couriers. A UPS spokesman said the company "has security measures in place, but we do not disclose those methods to maintain their effectiveness." A FedEx spokesman declined to comment.

The Postal Service has successfully intercepted a number of suspicious letters and packages in recent years.

Earlier this month, a Navy veteran in Utah was arrested in connection with several envelopes sent to President Donald Trump and top military chiefs. Authorities said at least two of the envelopes contained castor seeds, the substance from which the poison ricin is derived.

In 2013, a postal inspector in Arizona flagged a suspicious package addressed to then-Sheriff Joe Arpaio, the controversial lawman in Phoenix. Authorities said a possible smokeless powder was leaking from the parcel. A bomb squad later X-rayed the package and discovered gunpowder and other components of an explosive device. The sender was later convicted.

But John Rooney, a retired postal inspector in Philadelphia, said the system's limitations are highlighted by the massive amount of narcotics that goes through the mail every year.

"People don't understand the sheer magnitude of mail the Postal Service handles," he said. "When it comes to drugs, it's impossible. You can't stop it."

## Oregon voters deciding fate of pioneering sanctuary law

By **ANDREW SELSKY, Associated Press**

INDEPENDENCE, Ore. (AP) — Delmiro Trevino, a U.S. citizen born in Texas, was waiting for a meal in a restaurant in Independence, Oregon, in 1977 when three sheriff's deputies and a policewoman demanded he show documents proving he was an American.

"I was ashamed. It wasn't right, what they were doing," Trevino, now 67 with gray hair, said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press.

The incident of racial profiling led to Oregon becoming America's first sanctuary state. But now, Oregonians are deciding in the Nov. 6 election whether to repeal the law, even as some other states, such as Vermont, have adopted sanctuary policies and others, like Texas, have banned towns from approving them.

Measure 105 in Oregon has become the most contentious ballot measure facing voters in the mostly Democratic state.

Rep. Sal Esquivel, one of three Republican state lawmakers who sponsored Measure 105, said states should help enforce federal law.

"Our nation cannot remain sovereign without laws that regulate which foreign nationals come here, when, and in what numbers," Esquivel wrote in the voters' pamphlet.

But among people of color — U.S. citizens and people in the country illegally — it has triggered memories of times when immigration roundups were common and raised fears that they'll be stopped by police.

The measure has split law enforcement.

Sheriff Thomas Bergin of Clatsop County, along Oregon's northern coast, said in a public letter that the sanctuary law "tells illegal immigrants that Oregon considers immigration law violations so inconsequential as to be unworthy of police and sheriffs' attention."

Fifteen sheriffs added their names to the letter. Twenty did not.

Law enforcement officers who oppose the repeal effort, such as Sheriff Pat Garrett of Washington County near Portland, said they need to direct their resources elsewhere instead of going after migrants, and that erasing the sanctuary law would make migrants afraid to report crimes when they're victims or witnesses.

"Throwing out the law would open the door to racial profiling, and would degrade community trust in law enforcement," state Rep. Diego Hernandez, a Portland Democrat, said in an email.

Latinos remember what it was like before the sanctuary law went on the books.

"The culture in the mid-20th century was, 'You can work here, but don't start looking at our girls or going to our churches,'" said Rocky Barilla, the first Latino elected to the Oregon Legislature. "Police were knocking on doors of apartment buildings. They set up roadblocks on Highway 99 and stopped people, especially if they were brown or Latino."

One winter night in 1977, three Polk County deputies and an Independence policewoman went into the Hi-Ho restaurant in the picturesque riverside city and confronted Trevino. Born in Weslaco, Texas, the soft-spoken Trevino had moved to Oregon with his family as a boy. He worked in a plywood mill.

One of the deputies grabbed Trevino by the arm, forcing him to stand as customers looked on. Like most Americans, Trevino didn't routinely carry a birth certificate or other proof of citizenship.

"They asked me if I am an American, and asked me if I had a passport," Trevino recalled.

The officers, acting on behalf of federal immigration agents, let him go after the policewoman said she recognized Trevino as a long-term local. Still, a deputy accosted him later.

Trevino was so bothered that he and his wife Oralia went to a legal aid group. There, they found Barilla, who suggested Trevino sue the law officers and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Trevino felt queasy about taking that step.

"I told my wife, I have to be strong because of what I was going to do, because this was the government. It's not a game," Barilla remembered while sitting in his house in Independence on a recent afternoon.

The lawsuit was settled in federal court in 1978, with the immigration service saying it would not encourage local law enforcement to make arrests on immigration violations, Barilla said.

Still, raids persisted in the state. In the 1980s, Barilla was elected to the Legislature, with the Trevino case strong on his mind. It prompted the Democratic representative to write the sanctuary state bill, which passed with bipartisan support in 1987.

"I worked with Republicans, who wanted a stable labor force," Barilla said in a telephone interview from Belmont, California, where he now lives. "The left saw it as an end to racial profiling. Law enforcement saw it as controlling their own goals and funds."

Barilla said Trevino played a key role in the issue.

"He's the real Rosa Parks of the Oregon sanctuary movement," Barilla said, comparing him to the African-American civil rights icon who refused to sit in the back of a bus in Alabama. "He said 'No mas, ya basta,' meaning 'no more, enough.'"

"He used a couple other colorful words," Barilla added with a laugh.

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

**By MARLEY JAY, AP Markets Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — 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, the trade tensions between the U.S. and China and slowing economies outside the U.S. All of which could impair profit growth for U.S. companies.

As of Thursday, the S&P 500 index had plunged 7.5 percent in about three weeks, with two separate six-day losing streaks. It hadn't had a streak of losses that long since right before the November 2016 presidential election. There have been a few big gains recently, including Thursday, but with four trading days left in October the index is on track for its worst month in seven years.

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

The recent turbulence in financial markets is a contrast to what investors have grown accustomed to in a bull market that has lasted more than 10 years, the longest in history. A hallmark of the past decade has been ultra-low interest rates, which the Federal Reserve used to promote growth in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis.

The Fed has been gradually raising interest rates over the past two years, after not having increased them since the recession. Those higher rates have been one catalyst for recent selling.

Market favorites like technology and consumer-focused companies have borne the brunt of the sell-off. Five of the six most valuable U.S. companies recently 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, recently reached its highest level 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 scenario 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

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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 Amazon, AT&T and Alphabet, 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.

## Even in high-interest election year, top races go unopposed

By MICHELLE R. SMITH, Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A candidate for statewide office in Rhode Island told supporters not to volunteer or donate to his campaign: It was pointless since he had little chance of winning.

A candidate for Congress in Connecticut disappeared from his own campaign, saying he'd rather spend time coaching T-ball. The state Democratic Party in South Carolina, desperate for candidates, resorted to a robo-call asking for people to run.

Even in a year being portrayed as the most important midterm race in a generation, races for some of the most important positions in states across the country aren't even contests. Democrats in red states and Republicans in blue states are failing to field viable candidates for a number of statewide offices and congressional seats, and in some cases they won't have anyone on the ballot for powerful offices such as attorney general.

In Rhode Island, where Republicans have not won statewide office since 2006 and failed to run anyone for an open attorney general seat, GOP candidate for general treasurer Michael Riley told The Associated Press that he asked supporters not to give to his campaign because he didn't want them to spend their hard-earned money on a lost cause.

"If you're running as a Republican, you're going to lose, period. That's how you have to approach it. That's how every Republican here approaches it," said Riley, who also ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 2012.

Riley's only campaign contribution was a \$200 loan he made to himself. He has spent most of his campaign season the same way he would at any other time: working long days in his office as a financial adviser.

In neighboring Connecticut, where Democrats hold both U.S. Senate seats and all five U.S. House seats, Republican congressional candidate Dan Postemski was MIA on the campaign trail. A local newspaper was unable to find any sign of him even maintaining social media accounts. Postemski said he stepped up to run when no one else would against Democratic Rep. Joe Courtney, but then the GOP didn't give him the support they promised.

"They abandoned me, so I abandoned them," Postemski wrote on Facebook this month.

In South Carolina, Democrats in the heavily Republican state had said they planned to field a candidate for all statewide offices. They tried to drum up candidates in a robo-call earlier this year, when the state Democratic Party chairman recorded a message attacking Republicans and urging Democrats to contact the party and sign up to seek office.

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But in the end, several statewide offices in South Carolina will appear on the ballot without a Democratic candidate. Just this month, its nominee for education superintendent withdrew following the revelation of a decade-old felony conviction.

The story is similar in Oklahoma, where Republicans control the legislature, all statewide offices and every congressional seat. The state Democratic Party didn't even field an entire slate of candidates for statewide offices, opting to put most of its energy, and resources, into targeted legislative races and the state's top prize in November — the open governor's seat. That leaves candidates such as Anastasia Pitman, the nominee for lieutenant governor, massively outspent and unlikely to win.

The phenomenon is not limited to statewide office. In 2016, 42 percent of candidates running for state representative ran unopposed by a major-party candidate, although this year the number is lower. Experts say gerrymandered legislative districts drawn to give an advantage to one party or the other can make it difficult for candidates from the minority party.

But gerrymandering doesn't explain why so many candidates for statewide races end up facing no opponent at all, or just token opposition.

In Texas, the last time a Democrat won a statewide race was 1994. The party has a glimmer of hope this year with superstar candidate Beto O'Rourke pulling in record amounts of money in his bid to unseat Republican Sen. Ted Cruz. But elsewhere on the ticket, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Lupe Valdez has failed to run a single TV ad, having raised just a little over \$1 million.

Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University in Texas, said when one party dominates for years like it has in Texas or Rhode Island, the minority party's bench gets depleted to the point that are few viable candidates across the entire state.

The candidates that minority parties manage to scare up are often "much less than middling in terms of their abilities, their experience, their policy positions," he said.

That can cause embarrassing problems for the minority party.

In New Mexico, the Republican candidate for secretary of state bowed out in June amid malpractice lawsuits against her law firm. In stepped failed congressional candidate Gavin Clarkson, who has raised eyebrows by accusing the Democratic incumbent of registering "zombies, aliens and canines" to vote.

Hawaii Republicans are bringing experienced staffers from the mainland to help professionalize campaigns amid a dearth of qualified candidates. The GOP is contesting only about a third of the legislative contests statewide.

The Illinois GOP this year couldn't find a candidate to run in the 3rd Congressional District in Chicago, a district that's been safely Democratic for decades. At the last minute, a Holocaust denier and Nazi sympathizer filed as a Republican. The GOP condemned him, but he'll still appear on the Nov. 6 ballot as a Republican.

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## In migrant caravan, a Nicaraguan family flees persecution

By MARK STEVENSON, Associated Press

HUIXTLA, Mexico (AP) — Amid thousands of mostly Honduran migrants hoping to make it to the United States, the Velasquez Gonzalez family from Nicaragua is something of an outlier.

While most joined spontaneously as word of the caravan spread in the last 12 days or so, the long, terrible journey for the Velasquez Gonzalez family began in early July when the Nicaraguan government launched a crackdown on opposition protests demanding President Daniel Ortega leave office.

But they share something in common with many of their Central American brethren fleeing poverty and gang violence: a very real fear that, back home, death awaits.

For the Velasquez Gonzalez family, it's been months of running and hiding since they fled their home in

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the Nicaraguan city of Diriamba. After all that, walking through Mexico — still at least 1,000 miles from the nearest U.S. border crossing — almost seems like the end of the journey, rather than the beginning.

Nicaraguan security forces and armed, pro-government militias violently dislodged opposition roadblocks, leaving several hundred dead since April and sending the Velasquez Gonzalez men, who had taken part in the protests, fleeing into the mountains, where they hid for 12 days.

Then came weeks of hunkering down in a string of five safe houses in Managua, the capital, before the family slipped across the border into Honduras.

When they caught up with the migrant caravan a week ago in Guatemala, it was a relief. Those who have opposed Ortega have faced prison, death and other forms of persecution.

"We cannot return to Nicaragua, we simply cannot return ... because we know what would happen to us," said Lester Javier Velasquez Gonzalez, 38.

Lester, his wife Idania Molina Rocha, their 14-year-old son Axel and their 9-year-old daughter Alexa have brought their dreams with them. Alexa has carried her favorite doll, Sofia, through five countries, and hopes to one day play in the snow in the United States — it's something she has never seen in her tropical hometown.

They're carrying their nightmares as well. Axel saw his best friend shot to death in the streets of Diriamba when police and pro-Ortega paramilitaries broke up a roadblock on July 8.

"They came in with heavy weapons, sharpshooters," Axel said, recalling how the intense gunfire kept him from reaching his friend as he bled out from a wound in the abdomen. "They killed my best friend, Josie Mojica ... right in front of me."

Axel was hit in the leg by what was perhaps a police tear gas canister; he described it as a "bomb they shoot through a tube." The wound is still visible on his femur, and he's walked from Nicaragua through Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and now southern Mexico on crutches, still limping badly.

Nicaraguans seek asylum in the U.S. in far lower numbers than people from Central America's "Northern Triangle" of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, but their denial rates are similarly high. It's too early to tell, but Ortega's crackdown may give some Nicaraguans an opening if they can show they are being targeted for their political beliefs. Already, Ortega's government has been hit by U.S. sanctions

Qualifying for asylum in the U.S. requires proving a well-founded fear of persecution on one of five grounds: race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. That last category is the most difficult to define, and it's how many Central Americans try to get in, claiming they are victims of domestic or gang violence. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who oversees immigration courts, said in June that domestic and gang violence would generally no longer qualify.

The Velasquez Gonzalezes may stand a better chance than many others in the caravan.

They are carrying photos, newspaper clippings and documents from a Nicaraguan rights group describing their ordeal. They even have copies of "wanted" posters that appeared on lampposts in Diriamba calling for their capture dead or alive.

Idania choked up as she showed a photo that appeared in a local newspaper.

"This is our house," she said. "The gate is full of bullet holes, and there are slogans painted on the facade saying "wanted," "give them lead" and "long live Daniel!" — a reference to Ortega.

In the far southern Mexican town of Huixtla, they spent the night huddled on a sidewalk beneath a Nicaraguan flag they proudly hung from a wall. Lester went to buy a bit of plastic sheeting to shield them from the elements as they sat down for a donated meal of rice and beans.

This — the road — was now their home.

Some Hondurans in the caravan have also said they are fleeing political reprisals, from conservative President Juan Orlando Hernandez's government, though most talk about the danger of living among hyper-violent gangs.

Edwin Enrique Jimenez Flores, a 48-year-old truck driver from Tela, Honduras, said a gang attacked his brother and threatened him with death after he called police about four months ago.

"I spent four months in hiding" in a relative's house, he said. "I couldn't even go out on the street. I

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can't go back."

But because the threats were verbal, Jimenez Flores has no documents to prove his plight.

Migrants also face violence or even death at the hands of Mexican gangs as they make their way north to the U.S. border.

Roberto Mauricio Vasquez, a 33-year-old electrician from Choluteca, Honduras, said he was kidnapped by a Mexican gang in the border city of Reynosa as he tried to reach the United States 13 years ago. He said he was held at a two-story home where gang members beat and tortured migrants to get them to hand over the telephone numbers of relatives who lived in the U.S., so they could demand ransom payments of around \$2,000.

"I saw how they killed one guy," Vasquez recalled as he stood outside a migrant encampment on a basketball court near Huixtla. "They thought we were trying to escape and they blamed him, so they beat his head against a wall until they cracked his skull. Then they beat him with an iron bar until the blood spattered, and tossed him into a basement crawl space where they held wounded people. When they died they went out and tossed their bodies on the border."

Vasquez's relatives paid, and he made it across the border — and was immediately deported back to Honduras, where gangs there demanded protection payments from him.

Vasquez says he wants no special treatment because of his horrific experience.

"We are only asking for a chance to work," he said.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 2018. There are 66 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 26th, 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River.

On this date:

In 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia.

In 1881, the "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" took place in Tombstone, Arizona, as Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and "Doc" Holliday confronted Ike Clanton's gang. Three members of Clanton's gang were killed; Earp's brothers and Holliday were wounded.

In 1942, Japanese planes badly damaged the aircraft carrier USS Hornet in the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands during World War II. (The Hornet sank early the next morning.)

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte Gulf ended in a major Allied victory over Japanese forces, whose naval capabilities were badly crippled.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed a measure raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

In 1972, national security adviser Henry Kissinger declared, "Peace is at hand" in Vietnam.

In 1979, South Korean President Park Chung-hee was shot to death by the head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Jae-kyu.

In 1984, "Baby Fae," a newborn with a severe heart defect, was given the heart of a baboon in an experimental transplant in Loma Linda, California. (Baby Fae lived 21 days with the animal heart.)

In 1994, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali of Jordan signed a peace treaty during a ceremony at the Israeli-Jordanian border attended by President Bill Clinton.

In 2000, the New York Yankees became the first team in more than a quarter-century to win three straight World Series championships, beating the New York Mets 4-to-2 in game five of their "Subway Series." (The Yankees matched the Oakland Athletics' three in a row from 1972-74, and won their fourth title in five years.)

In 2001, President George W. Bush signed the USA Patriot Act, giving authorities unprecedented ability



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to search, seize, detain or eavesdrop in their pursuit of possible terrorists.

In 2006, a wildfire in Southern California killed five firefighters (investigators later determined the cause of the blaze was arson).

Ten years ago: U.S. military helicopters launched a rare attack on Syrian territory, killing eight people in a strike Damascus condemned as "serious aggression." Tony Hillerman, author of the acclaimed Navajo Tribal Police mystery novels, died in Albuquerque, N.M., at age 83.

Five years ago: A Phoenix man went on a rampage, shooting to death four members of a family who lived next door to him, along with their two dogs, before turning the gun on himself; authorities speculated that the incessant noise of barking dogs drove Michael Guzzo to kill. Third baseman Will Middlebrooks tripped Allen Craig for a game-ending obstruction call on Jon Jay's ninth-inning grounder, giving the St. Louis Cardinals a bizarre 5-4 win over the Boston Red Sox and a 2-1 World Series lead.

One year ago: MSNBC said Mark Halperin had been suspended from his role as a network contributor following charges from five women who claimed he sexually harassed them while he was an ABC News executive. President Donald Trump declared opioid abuse a national public health emergency and announced new steps to combat what he described as the worst drug crisis in U.S. history. At the request of the FBI and CIA, the president blocked the release of hundreds of records on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy while allowing 2,800 other files to come out. After a decade as manager that produced just one World Series title, Joe Girardi was fired by the New York Yankees.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Shelley Morrison is 82. Actress Jaclyn Smith is 73. TV host Pat Sajak is 72. Hillary Rodham Clinton is 71. Musician Bootsy Collins is 67. Actor James Pickens Jr. is 66. Rock musician Keith Strickland (The B-52's) is 65. Actor D.W. Moffett is 64. Actress-singer Rita Wilson is 62. The president of Bolivia, Evo Morales, is 59. Actor Patrick Breen is 58. Actor Dylan McDermott is 57. Actor Cary Elwes is 56. Singer Natalie Merchant is 55. Actor Steve Valentine is 52. Country singer Keith Urban is 51. Actor Tom Cavanagh is 50. Actress Rosemarie DeWitt is 47. Actor Anthony Rapp is 47. Writer-producer Seth MacFarlane (TV: "Family Guy") is 45. TV news correspondent Paula Farris is 43. Actress Lennon Parham is 43. Actress Florence Kasumba is 42. Actor Hal Ozsan is 42. Actor Jon Heder is 41. Singer Mark Barry (BBMak) is 40. Actor Jonathan Chase is 39. Olympic silver medal figure skater Sasha Cohen is 34. Rapper Schoolboy Q is 32. Actor Beulah Koale (TV: "Hawaii Five-0") is 27.

Thought for Today: "Time sometimes flies like a bird, sometimes crawls like a snail; but a man is happiest when he does not even notice whether it passes swiftly or slowly." — Ivan Turgenev, Russian author (1818-1883).