

## Differing Messages On Found Wing Flap

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The Malaysian government was certain: The airplane part found on an Indian Ocean island came from Malaysia Airlines Flight 370. Investigators in France weren't so sure quite yet. And those differing approaches created confusion and anguish Thursday for the families of those aboard the ill-fated flight.

"From our first observation, the color tone and all maintenance records that we have, we know," Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said. "Our records show that it's the same as MH370."

He added that there are "many other technical details that I do not have to reveal" that confirm the part is from Flight 370.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak announced early Thursday that the piece of debris, known as a flap-eron, came from the doomed aircraft, but authorities in France, the U.S. and Australia have stopped short of full confirmation.

## Attacker At Theater Had Propane Tank

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The disturbed homeless man who attacked a movie theater with a pellet gun, an ax and pepper spray also had a propane tank and lighter fluid and may have been planning to set off an explosion, authorities said Thursday.

Vincente David Montano, 29, was shot to death by a SWAT unit Wednesday during the matinee showing of "Mad Max: Fury Road" at a Nashville-area multiplex.

Metro Nashville Police spokesman Don Aaron said investigators had not established a motive for the attack, but he said Montano had been committed for psychiatric treatment at least four times, twice in 2004 and twice in 2007.

According to police reports, his mother said he had a long history of mental problems, including hearing voices. "This individual has had significant psychiatric or psychological issues," Aaron said.

## Suspect 'Hanging Out' When Arrested

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A man accused of killing a Shreveport police officer was arrested Thursday after a round-the-clock manhunt, police said.

Grover Cannon, 27, was in a backyard detached garage not far from the house where Officer Thomas LaValley was killed Wednesday when officers acting on a tip arrested him shortly after 3 p.m. Thursday, Shreveport police spokesman Cpl. Marcus Hines said.

"He was sitting in the back of the garage, just hanging out. ... He may have been consuming a hard beverage. I'm not sure what it was," Hines said.

He said Cannon was taken into custody without incident.

The capture was the result of efforts by the FBI, the Shreveport Police Department, the U.S. Marshals Service, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police. The FBI offered a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to Cannon's arrest.

## Jon Stewart Taking His Final Barbs

NEW YORK (AP) — Jon Stewart says goodbye on Thursday, after 16 years on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" that established him as America's foremost satirist of politicians and the media.

Stewart, 52, announced last winter that he was getting restless and it was time to move on. Trevor Noah replaces him as host next month.

Armed with a razor-sharp wit and research team adept at finding video evidence of hypocrisy or unintentional comedy among the nation's establishment, Stewart turned a sleepy basic-cable entertainment show into a powerful cultural platform. Though guests for Thursday's show weren't announced, Bruce Springsteen, who has appeared on "The Daily Show" multiple times, and members of The E Street Band were seen entering the studio before the taping for the final show began.

He turned the spotlight on himself during his penultimate show Wednesday, noting how institutions he had supposedly eviscerated were stronger than ever.

"The world is demonstrably worse than when I started," Stewart wailed. "Have I caused this?"

## Emails Suggest Ecuador Spied Illegally

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Ecuadorean opposition activist Dr. Carlos Figueroa was being pursued by the state when his email and Facebook accounts were hacked. Several dozen of his colleagues have similarly had their digital lives violated. All blamed President Rafael Correa's government, but no one had proof.

The Associated Press has found compelling evidence that Figueroa was indeed hacked by Ecuador's domestic intelligence agency, with software tailor-made by an Italy-based company called Hacking Team that outfits governments with digital break-in tools.

That would tag Figueroa as the first publicly identified target from a catalogue of more than one million company emails stolen by an unknown hacker and leaked online last month.

AP's finding also casts doubt both on Hacking Team's claims that its intrusion tools, which intercept phone calls, collect emails and record keystrokes, are for use against serious criminals, not dissidents, and on assertions by Ecuadorean officials that they do not spy on domestic opponents.

The purloined Hacking Team emails have thrown back the curtain on state-sponsored hacking across the world, drawing outrage in South Korea — where a spy caught up in the scandal killed himself — and Cyprus, whose intelligence chief resigned following the disclosures.

## Egypt Unveils Suez Canal Extension

ISMAILIA, Egypt (AP) — In a defining moment of his young presidency, Egypt's Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi presided Thursday over the unveiling of a major extension of the Suez Canal that he hailed as a historic feat needed to revive the country's ailing economy after years of unrest.

Upbeat and clearly relishing the pomp-filled occasion, el-Sissi nevertheless conceded that the \$8.5 billion project will not bring a quick economic windfall to a country roiled by violence and unrest since 2011. Its completion, he said, was but the first of a 1,000-step journey Egyptians must take toward economic recovery.

"Egyptians have made a huge effort so as to give humanity this gift for development and construction," el-Sissi said, his words interrupted at times by the horns of container ships using the new extension — a sound that brought a smile to his face and cheers from those in attendance.

The magnitude of the project, its completion on schedule 13 months into his presidency and the large high-level foreign representation at its unveiling were likely to bolster el-Sissi's already high standing among many Egyptians — pushing aside, at least for a time, his reputation as an authoritarian leader with little regard for human rights or liberties.

Playing into his hands is a clear shift by many Egyptians away from the need for democratic freedoms and toward economic survival as a top priority — not surprising in a country where nearly half the population is below or hovering just above the poverty line.

# Trump Refuses To Rule Out Third-Party Run In GOP Debate

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CLEVELAND — A combative Donald Trump, the billionaire businessman-turned-presidential candidate, jolted the first Republican debate of the 2016 campaign by warning he might run as an independent if denied the GOP nomination. His startling declaration left his onstage rivals scrambling to compete for attention the rest of the night.

Asked in the debate's opening minutes whether he could rule out a third-party run, Trump declared Thursday night, "I will not make the pledge at this time." He also refused to apologize for making crude comments about women, defended his changing policy positions and repeatedly tangled with the debate moderators.

While Trump was characteristically bombastic, most of the contenders standing alongside him clamored for their piece of the spotlight without engaging him directly. They quarreled over immigration, terrorism and gay marriage, each casting himself as the strongest to take on Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The closest, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, a favorite of the party's moderate, establishment wing, came to tangling with Trump was a gentle critique of the businessman's over-the-top rhetoric.

"Mr. Trump's language is divisive," Bush said. "We're not going to win by doing what Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton do every day — dividing the country."

On immigration, one of the main topics of the night, Bush defended his call for a path to legal status for some of the people living in the

U.S. illegally, an unpopular position among some Republican voters who equate legal status with amnesty.

"The great majority of people coming here have no other option," Bush said.

Trump in particular has pushed the issue of immigration throughout the summer, drawing criticism for saying Mexican immigrants are rapists. He said Thursday that he had been told that by border patrol agents, and he took credit for immigration being an issue in the campaign.

"If it weren't for me, you wouldn't even be talking about illegal immigration," he said, despite the fact that immigration has been a hot-button issue in presidential campaigns for years.

Trump's blunt style was in line with the approach he's taken to his campaign throughout the summer, appealing to voters frustrated with career politicians and perplexing his rivals. He entered the first debate leading the polls in a field filled with governors and senators.

Seventeen Republicans are seeking the party's nomination, but only 10 were invited by debate host Fox News to participate in the main event based on their showing in recent polls. The remaining seven were relegated to a pre-debate forum.

On stage in his home state, Ohio Gov. John Kasich sought to raise his profile by striking an optimistic tone on the economy, saying all Americans need an opportunity to "share in this great American dream." He said that while he favored traditional marriage, he had recently attended a same-sex wedding and would support his children if they were gay.

A raucous crowd cheered the candidates on throughout the debate in Cleveland,

the same city where Republicans will nominate their general election candidate next summer. No Republican has ever won the presidency without winning Ohio.

The first debate highlighted deep divisions within the party, with Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul representing a segment of GOP voters frustrated with military action overseas and what they see as infringements on personal liberties.

In a lengthy exchange with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Paul defended his opposition to the USA Patriot Act and laws giving government access to Americans' phone records. Christie, a former U.S. attorney, said he was the only person on the stage who had filed applications under the Patriot Act and gone before secretive courts for authority.

"I will make no apologies ever for protecting the lives and the safety of the American people," he said, arguing the government needs more tools, not fewer.

Paul was also the most aggressive in taking on Trump, challenging him early on his refusal to commit to supporting the party nominee.

"He's already hedging his bets because he's used to buying politicians," Paul said.

Also on stage Thursday was Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, whose victories over unions in his home state created his national profile. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, the youngest candidate in the field at age 44, is trying to carve out a niche as a foreign policy authority, but has struggled to break through this summer — particularly since Trump's surge.

Sen. Ted Cruz, surgeon and tea party favorite Ben Carson and former Arkansas

Gov. Mike Huckabee rounded out the debate lineup.

The crowded field meant limited talking time for candidates, many of whom were introducing themselves to Americans for the first time.

"I wasn't sure I was going to get to talk again," Carson quipped when the moderators came back to him at one point.

The remaining seven candidates were relegated to a pre-debate forum, a low-key event in a largely empty arena, where candidates avoided debating each other and largely stuck to scripted responses on domestic and foreign policy.

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry and businesswoman Carly Fiorina opened the early event with biting criticisms of Trump.

Perry — whose failed 2012 White House campaign was damaged by an embarrassing debate stumble — accused Trump of using "his celebrity rather than his conservatism" to fuel his run for president.

Fiorina, the only woman in the GOP field, said that Trump had tapped into Americans' anger with Washington, but she challenged the businessman as lacking policy positions. "What are the principles by which he would govern?" she asked.

While the candidates pitched their visions for the Republican Party's future, they also made the case that they would present the strongest general election challenge to Clinton.

Clinton, in Los Angeles, told said in Los Angeles she's often left in a "state of disbelief" by what she hears from some of her 2016 rivals.

Thursday's debate was the first of six party-sanctioned forums scheduled before primary voting begins in February. Fox News used national polls to determine which 10 candidates would be on the stage, and several candidates were grouped together in the single digits — most separated by a number smaller than the polls' margin of error.

## Obama Marks 50th Anniversary Of Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marking the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, President Barack Obama remembered the African-American men and women across the South who won their rights through persistence and courage, and he urged citizens today not to give up that hard-earned power of the ballot.

Americans owe a great debt, Obama said, to the

"thousands, many of them unnamed, who were courageous enough to walk up and try to register time and time again."

"Sharecroppers, maids, ordinary folks — had it not been for them awakening the consciousness of the nation, the president could not have mustered the political support that was required to ultimately get this seminal law passed," Obama said.

He appeared at a White House event alongside Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who was among the civil rights protesters who marched with Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Ala., in 1965. News broadcasts showing police beating protesters — especially live coverage of the "Bloody Sunday" attack at the Edmund Pettus Bridge — stirred outrage that helped President Lyndon

Johnson push the Voting Rights Act through Congress.

Obama, the nation's first black president, said the right to vote is accepted now, "in the abstract, at least," but has been eroded by voter ID laws, bans on voting by felons and other measures that fall hardest on minorities, the poor, students or the elderly.

## Activists Want More Transparency SDNG In Counterterrorism Efforts

BY PHILIP MARCELO AND AMY FORLITI  
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BOSTON — Muslim groups and civil rights activists across the nation Thursday called for greater transparency in a program by President Barack Obama's administration that's aimed at countering homegrown terrorism.

Organizers, including representatives from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Council on American-Islamic Relations, spoke out at coordinated events in Boston, Los Angeles and Minneapolis — the three cities where the Countering Violent Extremism program is being piloted.

Among their concerns is that organizers still refuse to share basic information about what the localized efforts will actually look like. They also object to federal authorities conducting invitation-only discussions about the program, referred to as CVE, to the exclusion of dissenting groups.

Last week, more than 200 academics, terrorism experts and government officials gathered for a conference in Arlington, Virginia, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice. It was

titled "Radicalization and Violent Extremism: Lessons Learned from Canada, the UK and the U.S."

Among the attendees and panelists were leaders of the CVE efforts in the pilot cities, according to a copy of the program provided to The Associated Press.

"This isn't a community-based process," Nadeem Mazen, a city councilor in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and board member of the local CAIR chapter, said during a small gathering in front of Boston City Hall. "This is a whole different level of federally coordinated assault on our civil liberties."

The Homeland Security Department in Washington said it was committed to participating in the CVE effort "at all levels," noting that Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson had personally taken part in meetings in communities across the country.

"As we have often said, CVE efforts are best pursued at the local level and we will continue to support efforts across the country toward this goal," said spokeswoman Marsha Catron.

In Los Angeles, opponents announced Thursday they've filed public records requests

of federal, state and local authorities in an effort to obtain all available information about the operation of the program in California. Boston opponents said they, too, were crafting a similar request.

In Minnesota, opponents speaking at a Somali marketplace delivered a message shared by their Boston and Los Angeles counterparts — that Muslims are being unfairly targeted by the pilot programs.

"We believe it is morally and democratically repugnant to single out a community based solely on its religious affiliation and ethnic makeup," said Kassim Busuri, education director at the Da'wah Institute in St. Paul, speaking at an event.

Family members of some of the men who face trial for conspiring to go to Syria to join the Islamic State group were in attendance and said they were opposed to the CVE program.

Minneapolis' pilot program focuses on its sizeable Somali community, which has been a target for terror recruiters in recent years, first for al-Shabab and now for the Islamic State group.

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providing engineer support in the construction of base camps and internment facilities. The unit is also capable of constructing, repairing and maintaining other vertical infrastructures in support of units within a brigade combat team, division or corps.

The 155th has a wide variety of occupational specialties including carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry services.

The unit will report to Fort Bliss, Texas, to complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas.

This will be the second mobilization for the 155th, which deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Noble Eagle in 2002-03.

### Thank You

Thank you to all of our family and friends for all the cards and gifts we received for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We appreciated it very much.

Ruth & Jerry  
Wuebben

### 25th Anniversary Celebration



**Mr. and Mrs. Becker**  
Kenny and Sheree Becker of Hartington, NE, will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 10, 2015. An open house will be hosted by their children on Saturday, August 8, at Nissen Wine, located at 88973 Hwy 57, Hartington, NE, from 4 - 8 p.m.

### 25th Anniversary Celebration



Kim and Tina Lee of Irene, SD will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 11, 2015. The couple was married on August 11, 1990 at St. Columbia Catholic Church. Their children are Morgan, Taylor and Dallas Lee. We would like to wish them a happy 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and many more wonderful years together.

The family requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to:  
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