Information Gives Little Insight On Colo. Shooter

DENVER (AP) — The suspect in the Aurora movie shooting case mailed "burnt currency," along with a notebook, to his psychiatrist before the attack. He threatened a professor and was banned from a university campus before withdrawing from its neuroscience graduate program. His defense team has added a psychiatrist.

Those were the few tidbits of information in hundreds of pages of heavily-redacted court documents released Friday, which serve as the best chance the public has to understand what happened before James Holmes allegedly opened fire at a midnight screening of the new Batman movie more than two months ago.

The documents shed little light on Holmes' possible motives or whether the university ignored warning signs about him. That's partly because Arapahoe County District Judge William B. Sylvester continued to keep under seal the key documents in the case — the affidavit that lays out prosecutors' case against Holmes, and the search warrants that allowed them to gather evidence against him.

Holmes, 24, faces 152 charges in the July 20 shooting that killed

12 people and injured 58 others.

Some of the documents are entirely blacked out. In others, Sylvester's rulings on legal disputes, references to years-old case law and even copies of newspaper articles are redacted, along with information about the investigation.

Syria Rebels Launch Push For Top City

BEIRUT (AP) — Rebels on Friday pressed their broadest assault yet to drive Président Bashar Assad's forces out of Syria's largest city, activists said, with fierce fighting erupting in an Aleppo neighborhood that is home to Kurds, an ethnic minority that has mostly stayed out of the civil war.

In Washington, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said intelligence suggests Assad has moved some of Syria's chemical weapons to better secure them. Panetta said the main sites are believed to be secure, though his comments indicated that there are lingering questions about what happened to some of the weapons.

On the diplomatic front, top representatives from Western nations and Middle East allies met Friday at the U.N. to urge Syria's fractured opposition to unite. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told the Friends of Syria group that the U.S. would deliver an additional \$15 million in non-lethal aid and \$30 million in humanitarian support, on top of more than \$175 million already given to political opposition.

Diplomacy has been largely sidelined in the 18-month-old Syria conflict because a key tool — U.N. Security Council action — has been neutralized by vetoes from Assad allies Russia and China.

The military battle for control of the country has also been locked in a stalemate, most visibly in Aleppo, a northern city of 3 million. Since a rebel offensive on Aleppo two months ago, each side has controlled about half of the city and has repeatedly tried — but failed — to capture the rest. Aleppo would be a major strategic prize, giving the victor new momentum.

US Seeks To Rally Syrian Opposition

NEW YORK (AP) — The Obama administration moved Friday to rally Syria's opposition with pledges of \$45 million in new nonlethal and humanitarian assistance as the administration and other world leaders lamented the failure of diplomatic efforts to push Syrian President Bashar Assad from power.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. would contribute an additional \$15 million in non-lethal gear — mostly communications equipment — to the civilian opposition trying to oust Assad as well as \$30 million in new humanitarian assistance to help those affected by the continuing violence.

She also delivered a new, stark warning to Iran that it must stop arming and supporting the Assad regime.

"It is no secret that our attempts to move forward at the U.N. Security Council have been blocked repeatedly, but the United States is not waiting," Clinton said as she announced the new aid at a gathering of the Friends of Syria group that she hosted at a New York hotel on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. She and other foreign ministers from the group met with nine Syrian opposition figures, including several who traveled from Syria to attend Friday's session, to discuss strategy.

With U.N. action blocked by Russia and China, Clinton said the rest of the world must support the Syrian opposition. She also said it was urgent that the fractured foes of the regime unite around plans for a political transition that could put an end to more than three decades of Assad family rule. Activists say the current 18month long conflict has led to more than 30,000 deaths.

NYC Ferris Wheel Project Has Big Backers

BY DAVID B. CARUSO **Associated Press**

NEW YORK — The Ferris wheel may be a steam-age invention, but it is back in vogue in New York, where a development group is making a \$230 million bet that the old ride can be a powerful eco-

City officials announced Thursday that a new company called New York Wheel has been given approval to build the world's tallest Ferris wheel on the waterfront in Staten Island.

The people behind the project include some heavy hitters. The primary financial backers include World Trade Center developer Lloyd Goldman, Jordache apparel co-founder Joseph Nakash, and the Feil Organization, a real estate powerhouse.

New York Wheel CEO Richard Marin says the heft in the investment group shows it shows it isn't just blindly following a trendy tourism gimmick.



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Election Shifts Focus To Fundraising

BY STEVE PEOPLES AND KEN THOMAS

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PHILADELPHIA — For a day, the presidential contest was almost all about money money to wage the presidential contest, that is. Mitt Romney promised to help Americans earn more, but he and President Barack Obama focused mostly on private fundraisers and big checks to fuel their 40-day sprint to

Obama courted donors in Washington on Friday, while his Republican challenger did the same in Philadelphia and Boston, both men trading swing-state rallies for fundraising in places unlikely to play a significant role in the election of the next president on Nov. 6.

Romney admitted as much during a fundraiser at Philadelphia's exclusive Union League Club. The former Massachusetts governor said it would surprise everyone if he carried Pennsylvania, a state that hasn't supported a Republican presidential candidate in nearly a quarter century.

We really would shock people if early in the evening of Nov. 6 it looked like Pennsylvania was going to come our way and actually did come our way. That can happen," Romney told about 200 donors who paid between \$2,500 and \$50,000 to hear his remarks.

"My priority is job creation and growing incomes," Romney continued. "My priority is not trying to punish people who have been

The former businessman's remarks came at the first of three private fundraisers sand-

wiched around a midday rally. Obama kept close to Washington with a schedule of three fundraisers of his own.

After a midafternoon fundraiser at a downtown Washington hotel, Obama joined about 90 people who paid \$20,000 apiece to attend an event hosted by Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va. The setting was Rockefeller's home, one of Washington's grandest mansions sitting behind a long, winding driveway near leafy Rock

Obama said that Democrats tend to either think "the sky is falling" or "everything is

"This is going to be a competitive race all the way down to the wire," Obama said. "I don't want anybody to feel we're done six

As the candidates asked for cash, their campaigns prepared for next week's highstakes meeting on the debate stage — the first of three presidential debates and perhaps Romney's best chance to reverse the recent Obama gains suggested by opinion polls.

Both men worked international affairs into their politicking Friday with separate telephone calls to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Romney criticized Obama for not meeting with Netanyahu this week during his visit to the United Nations, where the prime minister declared the world has only until next summer to stop Iran from building a nuclear bomb. Aides to both candidates did not mention that dire declaration in their reports of the calls.

But money was largely the focus of the day.

have collected more than \$1 billion, each campaign has committed millions more they haven't yet raised to help blanket key states with television ads, drive national voter turnout operations and support massive teams of paid staff and consultants. Private events at places like the Union League Club, where dress codes prohibit wrinkled clothes and huge crystal chandeliers hang from ceilings, are regular occurrences for campaigns seeking the modern-day lifeblood of presidential politics.

Romney and the Republican Party had raised about \$536 million through the end of August, the most recent reporting data available. Obama and the Democratic Party had collected about \$655 million through the same

Both camps have been spending furiously, mostly on expensive television advertising in battleground states. That doesn't count the hundreds of millions of dollars likely to be spent by "super" political committees, which can raise and spend unlimited sums. Republican-leaning super PACs and Romney's campaign have outspent efforts for Obama's

re-election since mid-July, ad data show. Fundraising can present image risks for

During the 2008 campaign, Republican John McCain's campaign aired advertising calling Obama the "biggest celebrity in the world," showing his image along with Britney Spears and Paris Hilton. Obama's brushes with fame and fortune have only grown in the years

Voter Registration Problems Widening In Florida

BY GARY FINEOUT

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — What first appeared to be an isolated problem in one Florida county has now spread statewide, with election officials in nine counties informing prosecutors or state election officials about questionable voter registration forms filled out on behalf of the Republican Party of Florida.

State Republican officials already have fired the vendor it had hired to register voters, and took the additional step of filing an election fraud complaint against the company, Strategic Allied Consulting, with state officials. That complaint was handed over Friday to state law-enforcement authorities.

A spokesman for Florida's GOP said the matter was being treated seriously.

"We are doing what we can to find out how broad the scope is,' said Brian Burgess, the spokesman.

Florida is the battleground state where past election problems led to the chaotic recount that followed the 2000 presidential election.

The Florida Democratic Party called on the state to "revoke" the ability of state Republicans to continue to register voters while the investigation continues. Oct. 9 is the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 6 presidential election.

"It is clear that the Republican Party of Florida does not have the institutional controls in place to be trusted as a third-party, voter registration organization," said Scott Arceneaux, executive director of the Florida Democratic Party.

The Republican Party of

Florida has paid Strategic Allied Consulting more than \$1.3 million, and the Republican National Committee used the group for work in Nevada, North Carolina, Colorado and Virginia.

The company said earlier this week that it was cooperating with elections officials in Florida. It said the suspect forms were turned in by one person, who has been fired.

"Strategic has a zero-tolerance policy for breaking the law," Fred Petti, a company attorney, said Thursday.

An email request to the company seeking additional comment, following the company's instructions, was not immediately returned Friday.

In Florida, it is a third-degree felony to "willfully submit" any false voter registration information, a crime punishable by up to five years in prison.

In recent years, Florida's Republican-controlled Legislature citing suspicious voter registration forms turned in by the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN — has cracked down on groups holding voter registration

The League of Women Voters filed a federal lawsuit against some of the restrictions and Florida agreed earlier this month to drop a new requirement to turn in registration applications within 48 hours after they are signed. The state has reinstated a 10-day deadline.

The questionable forms tied to the Republican Party have showed up in South Florida, including Miami-Dade, as well as counties in southwest and northeast Florida as well as the Florida Panhandle.



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Dr. Irwin treats patients in all aspects of heart care including coronary heart disease, rhythm disturbances such as atrial fibrillation, heart failure, and preventative cardiology. He has particular interest in valvular heart disease and stress testing to aid in the diagnosis and management of coronary artery disease.

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Dr. Garry performs general surgery procedures such as laparoscopic hernia, stomach, colon, adrenal and splenectomy surgery; colonoscopies; esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGDs); "Painless" hemorrhoid surgery; and minimally invasive parathyroidectomy.

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