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NATIONAL

US election voted top news story of 2016

NEW YORK (AP)

The turbulent U.S. election, featuring Donald Trump's unexpected victory over Hillary Clinton in the presidential race, was the overwhelming pick for the top news story of 2016, according to The Associated Press' annual poll of U.S. editors and news directors.

The No. 2 story also was a dramatic upset — Britons' vote to leave the European Union. Most of the other stories among the Top 10 reflected a year marked by political upheaval, terror attacks and racial divisions.

Here are 2016's top 10 stories, in order:

1. **US ELECTION:** This year's top story traces back to June 2015, when Donald Trump descended an escalator in Trump Tower, his bastion in New York City, to announce he would run for president. Widely viewed as a long shot, with an unconventional campaign featuring raucous rallies and pugnacious tweets, he outlasted 16 Republican rivals to be



This Thursday, November 10, 2016 file photo shows the front pages of various British newspapers in London reporting on Donald Trump winning the U.S. presidential election.

become his party's nominee, and then win the bid for the White House over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

2. **BREXIT:** Confounding pollsters and oddsmakers, Britons voted in June to leave the European Union, triggering

financial and political upheaval. David Cameron resigned as prime minister soon after the vote, leaving the task of negotiating an exit to a reshaped Conservative government led by Theresa May.

3. **BLACK MEN KILLED BY POLICE:** One day apart, police in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, fatally shot Alton Sterling after pinning him to the ground, and a white police officer shot and killed Philando Castile during a traffic stop in a suburb of Minneapolis.

4. **PULSE NIGHTCLUB MASSACRE:** The worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history unfolded on Latin Night at the Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando. The gunman killed 49 people over the course of three hours before dying in a shootout with SWAT team members.

5. **WORLDWIDE TERROR ATTACKS:** Across the globe, extremist attacks flared at a relentless pace throughout the year. Among the many high-profile attacks were those that targeted airports in Brussels and Istanbul, and the seafont boulevard in Nice, France, where 86 people were killed when a truck plowed through a Bastille Day celebration.

The other five stories that rounded out the Top 10 were: 6. Attacks on Police, 7. Democratic Party Email Leaks, 8. Syria, 9. Supreme Court and 10. Hillary Clinton's Emails.

Stories that did not make the top 10 included Europe's migrant crisis, the death of longtime Cuban leader Fidel Castro, and the spread of the Zika virus across Latin America and the Caribbean.

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STATE

4 Washington state electors to be fined \$1,000 for vote



Electors fill out their ballots during a meeting of Washington state's Electoral College, Monday, December 19, 2016, in Olympia, Washington.

OLYMPIA, Washington (AP)

Four Washington state electors who cast their vote for someone other than Democrat Hillary Clinton will each be fined \$1,000 next week, the secretary of state's office said last Thursday.

David Ammons, a spokesman for Secretary of State Kim Wyman, told The Associated Press that the electors will have 60 days to pay the fine, and said the office is putting together an appeals process in case of a challenge.

Clinton won the state's popular vote last month, earning her 12 electoral votes. Under state law, presidential electors — who are chosen by their party at their state convention — sign a pledge to vote for their party's nominees for president and vice president. But during Monday's Electoral College vote in Olympia, Clinton got just eight votes, while former Secretary of State Colin Powell got three and Native American tribal elder and activist Faith Spotted Eagle got one vote.

Republican Donald Trump finished with 304 votes — winning all but two of the Electoral College votes he claimed on Election Day — and Clinton had 227 after losing five — the four in Washington state and one in Hawaii. It takes 270 Electoral College votes to win the presidency.

A group called the Hamilton Electors, co-founded by Washington elector Bret Chiafalo, had sought to block Trump by encouraging both Democratic and Republican electors in every state to unite behind an alternate Republican candidate.

Texas put Trump over the top, despite two Republican electors casting protest votes.

Chiafalo, along with electors Esther John and Levi Guerra voted for Powell and elector Robert Satiacum voted for Spotted Eagle. The four also voted for someone other than Clinton's running mate, Sen. Tim Kaine, for vice president. John voted for Maine's Republican U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, Chiafalo voted for Democratic Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Satiacum cast his vice presidential vote for Native American and environmental activist Winona LaDuke, and Guerra voted for Democratic Washington U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell.

The last time an elector broke from the popular vote in Washington state was in 1976, when Mike Padden of Spokane Valley, who is currently a Republican state senator, voted for Ronald Reagan in 1976 instead of Gerald Ford, who had won the state.

The fine — which has never previously been imposed — was first established by the Legislature following Padden's vote.



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Jason Bottoms

Jessica Cuevas

Jessica has been part of WA Beef since April 1, 2015. Jessica works in the Offal department. Her supervisor Fernando Macias says that Jessica is a good employee. She likes to help the employees whenever they need it and is a great influence to her co-workers. Jessica makes sure her job is done according to the highest standards of quality. Jessica is a very responsible person and has a great attendance record. Jessica is a great asset to our company. WA Beef provides her and her family with a full time job, she likes her job and the schedule. The people and supervisors she works for are great people. In her spare time she likes to spend time with her children, and take little vacations when time permits.



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IMMIGRATION

Cities and counties create immigrant legal aid funds

CHICAGO, Illinois (AP)

Major U.S. cities and counties are beefing up legal services for immigrants to help them fight deportation and avoid fraudulent lawyers in the wake of Donald Trump's election and his hard-line immigration enforcement promises.

Tapping local government funds to represent immigrants in federal proceedings provides an early example of the type of pushback the Republican incoming president will receive in Democratic strongholds. Advocates call it a matter of justice and smart economics, but some question whether it's a fair use of taxpayer money.

Chicago has approved a \$1.3 million legal fund. Los Angeles elected officials said Monday they are working with private foundations to set up a \$10 million fund, while some California state lawmakers have proposed spending tens of millions of dollars to provide lawyers to immigrants facing deportation. New York is mulling a public-private legal fund, building on New York City's public

defender program that's considered a national model.

"We need to be able to stand by people who are fearful," Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, a former White House chief of staff, said after the measure passed the City Council last week.

Trump's pledges to build a border wall and deport the estimated 11 million people living in the country without legal permission have triggered uncertainty in immigrant circles. He has since scaled back the deportee number, but not detailed his platform.

Since his win, a lack of legal representation for immigrants has become a growing concern. It was the top issue raised by a Chicago task force of leaders, including Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin,



In this December 16, 2016 photo, Esperanza Villalobos, a "community navigator," works at her office at The Resurrection Project in Chicago.

convened after the election. Los Angeles County supervisor Hilda Solis said she's especially worried about the fate of unaccompanied minors and young immigrants who filed personal information with the federal government to obtain work permits under the Obama administration.

In Chicago — where an estimated

150,000 people do not have permanent legal status — the money will be divided among two nonprofits. One will focus on poor immigrants facing deportation. The other will employ 200 "community navigators" who will network through churches, schools and community events to find immigrants who are in the country illegally and help them figure out if they have avenues to stay.

"People are nervous," said Esperanza Villalobos, who already does the job in Mexican-heavy Chicago neighborhoods. She reports a surge

in immigrants seeking her out since the election.

Immigrants aren't guaranteed a lawyer in immigration court and only about 37 percent of those in deportation proceedings have legal representation, according to a September American Immigration Council report.

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SPORTS

Seattle's Tyler Lockett has surgery for broken leg

RENTON, Washington (AP)

Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Tyler Lockett has undergone surgery after breaking two bones in his lower right leg in Saturday's loss to the Arizona Cardinals.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll said during his weekly radio show on KIRO-AM in Seattle on Monday that Lockett underwent surgery late Saturday night for a broken tibia and fibula in his right leg.

Lockett was injured in the second quarter of the 34-31 loss, making a one-handed catch near the goal line, but had an Arizona defender fall awkwardly on his leg. Lockett had an air cast placed on the leg on the field and was taken off on a cart.

Carroll said the surgery ended around 4



Seattle Seahawks' Tyler Lockett, right, tumbles to the turf and injures his right leg as Arizona Cardinals' Brandon Williams tackles him in the first half of an NFL football game, on Saturday, December 24, 2016, in Seattle, Washington. Photo by Braulio Herrera

a.m. on Sunday morning and Lockett has a chance to be up and moving in four to six weeks.

Carroll also said he's uncertain of the status of running back Thomas Rawls for the regular-season finale at San Francisco after he bruised his shoulder.

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Data breach exposes info of over 380,000 Community Health Plan members

SEATTLE, Washington

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The Seattle-based nonprofit sent letters last Wednesday to affected individuals notifying them of the breach and the steps to take to protect their data.

The incident began on Nov. 7, when an individual left a voice message with CHPW saying there was a vulnerability in the network of the firm that provides the organization technical services. The firm is a subsidiary of NTT Data.

CPHW Chief Operating Officer Marilee McGuire said that she doesn't have any information on the caller's identity.

The organization hired a forensic investigation team and notified the FBI and state regulators that confirmed the breach on Nov. 30. Officials confirmed



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hackers accessed names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers and information regarding health claims.

The organization hired cybersecurity firm Kroll to help its members determine a course of action if they suspect their data has been stolen. McGuire said all members will receive a customized letter with a number assigned by Kroll and can sign up for a year of free credit monitoring.

"Our members put our trust in us and this has been very upsetting to me personally," McGuire said.

As for the delay in notifying members, McGuire said, "We wanted to make sure all those logistics were in place. Those things take time unfortunately."

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Dear John,

You can definitely find your wife a good used car for what you've got in the bank. However, leaving yourselves with no savings whatsoever is not a good plan.

I realize no one enjoys driving a beater, but that's what I'd do right now. Just look at it as a rental car. If you spend \$1,500 on a little used something, you will have \$5,500 left in your savings account. Just act as your own insurance company for a while. Then, when the big guys pay up, you could just plug it back into your savings account.

Even if they don't pay, you'll still have a nice chunk of change sitting there. And it wouldn't take long to save up enough to upgrade that little hootie to something nicer and more reliable while still keeping the majority of your savings intact! — Dave

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