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Mall was locked down during manhunt.

Four dead in Milwaukee day spa shooting Police believe shooting related to domestic dispute; gunman kills three before turning weapon on himself. **3A**

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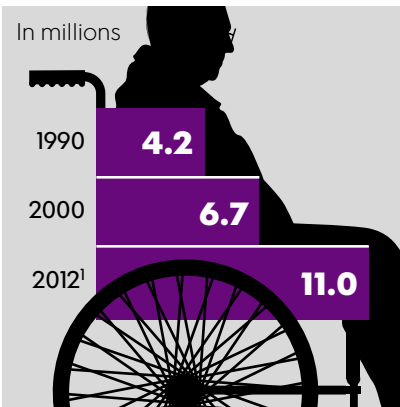
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COVER STORY APPRECIATION
GEORGE McGOVERN 1922-2012

The McGovern few knew




2001 PHOTO BY TOM DEMPSTER, (SIOUX FALLS, S.D.) ARGUS LEADER

George McGovern, pictured with Ursa in Rome, spent his later years of public service fighting child hunger.

"George was a statesman of great conscience and conviction, and Michelle and I share our thoughts and prayers with his family."

President Obama
in a statement



1972 AP PHOTO

Sen. George McGovern, center, arrives in Little Rock, met by Bill Clinton, left, and Joe Purcell, state Democratic chairman.

"Ann and I extend our condolences to the family of George McGovern, the unwavering standard bearer of his party and a hero of World War II."

Mitt Romney
in a tweet

"Although he and our father were political rivals, they had much in common: a deep love of country; an abiding passion for the issues about which they cared; an unwavering commitment to serve the American people."

President Nixon's daughters, Tricia Nixon Cox and Julie Nixon Eisenhower
in a joint statement

TIMELINE OF HIS LIFE, 2A

GOP has edge in overall cash on hand

Fredreka Schouten and Christopher Schnaars
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, the Republican Party and a constellation of outside GOP groups entered the final campaign stretch with a nearly \$46 million cash advantage for the last-minute advertising and get-out-the-vote push in this nail-biter election, a USA TODAY analysis of new campaign reports shows.

The candidates and political parties collectively have raised close to \$2 billion through the end of September, giving Romney and President Obama ample cash to devote legions of staffers to swing states. Both men and their allies readied a fresh round of advertising over the weekend ahead of tonight's third and final debate in Boca Raton, Fla.

A Romney ad released Sunday describes him as a bipartisan problem

solver as Massachusetts governor. A new Obama ad in Ohio, a manufacturing state with 18 Electoral College votes, faults Romney for not supporting the federal auto bailout.

"There's certainly no shortage of cash to do the things they need to do between now and Election Day," said Costas Panagopoulos, a Fordham University political scientist. "As helpful as money can be in an election, it can also have the potential to backfire given how concentrated it is in battleground states."

"In places that have been targeted for months, there are some people who just can't wait for this election to be over," he said.

The campaign-finance reports filed over the weekend show Obama's camp spent heavily to deploy staffers throughout the country and to blister Romney on the airwaves in September. The president's campaign employed 974 staffers to Romney's 434 last month and outspent Romney

by more than 2-to-1 on advertising, mailings and postage.

Filings show Romney rewarded his staffers with bonuses, handing out more than \$217,000 to 10 top aides

Candidates, parties have raised \$2 billion for both campaigns

last month. The biggest check, \$37,500, went to political director Rich Beeson. The payments marked the second round of bonuses to staffers for helping Romney secure his party's nomination. More than \$207,000 in bonuses had been paid out in August.

The Republican has ramped up his advertising spending in recent weeks, aided by a fundraising surge after his strong performance in the first of three presidential debates on Oct. 3. Romney raised more than \$27 million online during the first two weeks

of October — more than the campaign had previously collected on the Internet in a single previous month, campaign aides said this weekend.


"Our campaign has the resources and organization to win," Romney spokeswoman Andrea Saul said.

Obama campaign officials said the president scored the most lucrative day of campaign fundraising of his political career Oct. 17, a day after the candidates' second, feisty debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. The campaign said it has amassed more than 4 million donors.

Campaign spokesman Adam Fetcher said the money is being plowed into the ground game, which he said is leading to large numbers of Democrats turning out to vote early in swing states. In a bid to promote early voting, Obama plans a whirlwind campaign tour, starting Wednesday, that will take him to six battleground states in 48 hours and end with him casting an early ballot in Chicago.

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A native of South Dakota, USA TODAY reporter Chuck Raasch covered Sen. McGovern's final campaign for the Sioux Falls Argus Leader in 1980.



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