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MONEY NEW HONDA CIVIC OUT SOON

The Honda Civic is the most popular compact car in the U.S. and is expected to arrive in the U.S. next month after missing its debut during the recent Auto Show a week ago. This is the first time Honda will offer the Civic in the United States.

LIFE

PRINCE GEORGE READY FOR TAKEOFF

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Will and Kate, just finished up their tour of Canada with stops in Prince Charles, L. and Prince George, B.C. Saturday the first city of their trip. George was seen pressing his face up against the window of a seaplane while taking off from Victoria Harbor.

Nation & World Watch

Hoboken, N.J.: Data: 150 transit accidents in 5 years

New Jersey Transit trains have been involved in more than 150 accidents that caused more than \$1.8 billion in damage to tracks or equipment since 2011, and the commuter rail line paid more than \$200 million to settle safety violations, according to federal data. Federal Railroad Administration information shows that N.J. Transit has settled 182 safety violations — ranging from employee drug and alcohol use to violations of railroad operating rules or practices — since Jan. 1, 2011.

Los Angeles: Protesters call for transparency

Activists on Sunday called on police to publicly name the officers involved in the deadly shooting of a 18-year-old black man near his home and to conduct a quick and transparent probe.

Police said Sunday that a handgun was found at the scene where Scott died after a chase. Other details of the shooting have not been made public, but rumors have swept the community.

"He was just in my house, and we got a phone call that said the police shot him five times in the back," Smithy mother, Monica Morgan, said Sunday night.

Philadelphia: Stomped at religious event kills 52

Dozens of people were crushed to death Sunday in a stampede after police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse an anti-government protest that grew out of a large religious festival, witnesses said. The Ontario religious group confirmed the death toll at 52. The region has seen months of sometimes deadly demonstrations.

Trump, allies try to contain story about tax avoidance

\$916M loss in '95 means he might not have paid for up to 18 years

David Jackson and Paul Singer

Donald Trump and his allies scrambled Sunday to contain the fallout from a stunning New York Times story suggesting the Republican presidential nominee might have avoided paying federal taxes for years.

They argued that it proves Trump is best qualified to fix the tax system.

"Oh, for gosh sakes," New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said on "Fox News Sunday." "No apologies for complying with the law."

Trump himself, in a tweet Sunday morning, said "I know our complex tax laws better than anyone who has ever run for president and am the only one who can fix them."

The Times reported that based on tax documents it obtained, Trump declared a \$916 million loss in the 1995 income — a declaration that could have allowed him to legally avoid paying federal income taxes for up to 18 years.

Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and other Democrats pounced on the story, saying Trump has refused to release his tax returns because they



Donald Trump, shown at a rally Saturday in rural Mannheim, Pa., has promised to rid the tax code of loopholes he has used to his advantage, hucker Chris Christie says.

would show he hasn't paid any federal taxes in some years.

"This bombshell report reveals the colossal failure of Donald Trump's past business failures and just how long he may have avoided paying any federal income taxes whatsoever," said a statement from the Clinton campaign.

"To call that 'smart,'" the campaign said. "Now that the jig is up, why doesn't he go ahead and release his returns to show us all how 'smart' he really is?"

Trump and his surrogates, meanwhile, tried Sunday to turn the story into an asset, saying that reports he avoided paying taxes for years prove his business acumen and deep knowledge of the tax system.

"He's a genius at how to take advantage of legal loopholes that can help your company survive and grow," former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani said on ABC's "This Week."

Christie, "Fox News Sunday" that it was a "very, very good story" for Trump and noted that "he's already promised to fix the tax code to change many of these special interest loopholes and get rid of them so we don't have this kind of situation."

Did crime scene access taint Avery murder case?

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MANITOWIC - After Teresa Halbach's Toyota RAV4 was found in 2005 on the Avery family property, authorities installed a mobile command center post while square cars blocked public access on several nearby roads.

Customers of the Avery salvage business, the Avery family and television news trucks were restricted from the site by Manitowic and Calumet County sheriff's deputies.

Nothing out of the ordinary there. They were standard measures to protect the integrity of the crime scene.

But what happened next was not normal or typical.

Authorities inexplicably opened their crime scene to a few outsiders — the same people whose contact and whereabouts around the time of Halbach's disappearance was overlooked by law enforcement. As a result, records reviewed by USA TODAY NETWORK Wisconsin revealed, Detective Lt. James Leuk and Sgt. Andrew Colborn of the Manitowic County Sheriff's Department made Steven Avery the sole focus of the investigation, at the expense of other viable suspects.

Crime scene logs kept at the search site on the Avery property identified at least seven confirmed visits inside the crime scene perimeter by a handful of people who ordinarily wouldn't be privy to an open market investigation.

At about 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 5, volunteer searcher Paul Sturm discovered Halbach's vehicle, prompting an eight-day evidence search that ended Nov. 12, 2005. Halbach disappeared without a

trace on Halloween — five days before her vehicle was found. Her mother reported her missing on Nov. 3.

Non-law enforcement individuals were — at Halbach's disappearance, Radandt, then 31, operated the large quarry behind Avery Salvage. Hilliges, then 25, was the missing quarry operator. Blooden, then 26, was a close friend of Hilliges who lived with Halbach in rural Calumet County.

Here's a deeper look at several events preceding Avery's arrest that coincided with the outsiders' admittance into the crime scene.

Nov. 5, 2005
When: 5:25 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.
Circumstances: Hours after volunteer searcher Paul Sturm of DeBere alerted authorities to Halbach's vehicle, covered with tree branches on the outer edge of Avery Salvage, Radandt, the adjacent quarry's owner, signed into the crime scene log. At 5:30 p.m., reports reflect, Radandt wrote the following statement: "On Oct. 31 at approximately 4:30 p.m. I drove up to my deer camp off of Kase Road (through my gravel pit) and observed a fire going in the proximity of Steve Avery's home on Avery property. The fire appeared to be contained to a 50' (square) area."

Nov. 7
When: 6:59 a.m. until 7:10 a.m.
Circumstances: Radandt's third consecutive day of visiting the crime scene. Schetter, then 3, was in the Manitowic County Sheriff's Department was one of the highest-ranking officials at the scene when Radandt came by. Minutes after the quarry operator left, a large contingent of Manitowic sheriff's deputies arrived for their shift, including Leuk, Colborn, Detective Dennis Jacobs, Lt. Todd Hermann, and Schetter's

predecessor, Mike Bushman, who had recently retired but remained a part-time reserve deputy.

Zeller filing: Radandt accessed the quarry from the quarry four times that morning, after it had been closed to the public. (Radandt) accused the property within minutes of officers Colborn and Leuk on Nov. 7 and twice on November 7. Mr. Avery is requesting DNA testing on the burnt material found at the Radandt deer hunting camp west of the Avery Salvage Yard to determine whether there are any items of evidentiary value at the deer camp.

When: 9:03 a.m. to 9:53 a.m.
Circumstances: Hilliges and Blooden, who came from 40 minutes away, spent nearly an hour at the secured scene. That morning, Bushman agreed to lead a four-member evidence search party of fellow Manitowic sheriff's deputies, Deputy Dave Siders later testified he came across Avery's burnt barrel and removed a heavy metal tire rim from inside. Remnants of a Motorola emblem for a cellphone and debris from a camera were identified. Authorities insisted the charred debris was Halbach's camera and cell phone.

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the Motorola phone located in the victim's residence would demonstrate that it was the phone placed in the burnt barrel by law enforcement.

When: 11:51 a.m. until 12:29 p.m.
Circumstances: Radandt returned to the crime scene for the second time that morning. He came by shortly after Colborn, Leuk and Calumet Sgt. Bill Tyson finished walking through the sprawling salvage yard, apparently to check for vehicles that were overlooked the day before.

When: Times unknown until 4:28 a.m.
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