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Tuesday, May 3

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Super nachos, refried beans, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Herbed roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, lemon buttered broccoli, cinnamon apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Kim Weber • Leslie Dinger • Steve Herron • Nancy Radke • Daniel Grenz • Ashley Gustafson • Darlene Finnesand

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

3:00pm: Track at Milbank

7:00pm: Elementary Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 4

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit.

Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Matt & Joni Groeblichhoff

Birthdays: Evan Erickson • Tom Strom • Rochelle Hinkelman • Kelly Brandner

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, May 5

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, cheese sticks at HS, vegetable, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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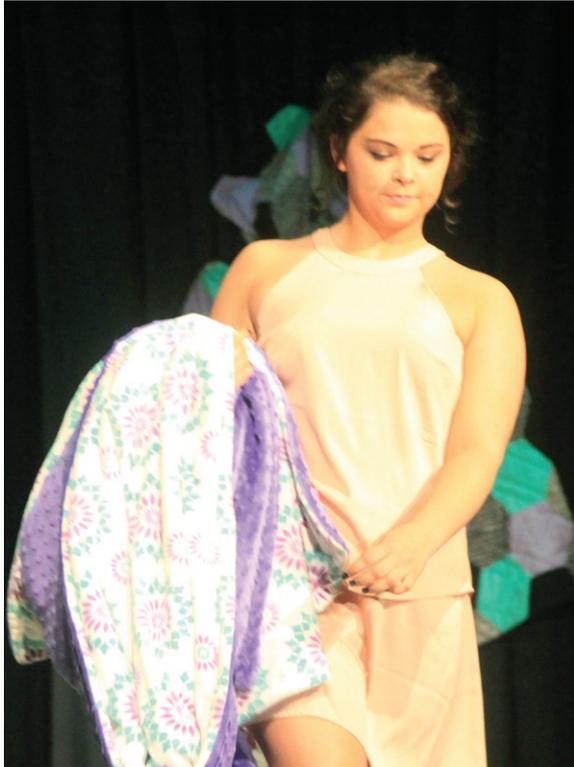
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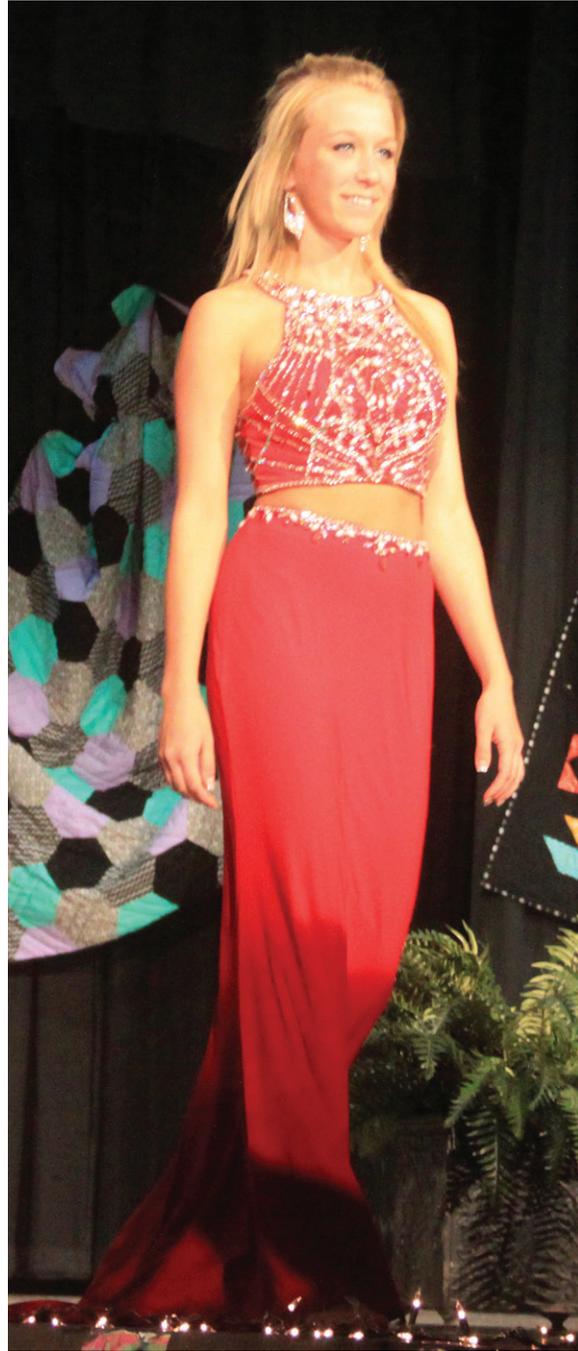
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Kellyn Fluke

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Katie Koehler

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Kellyn Fluke and Jessica Adler were the MCs for the second half of the style show.

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

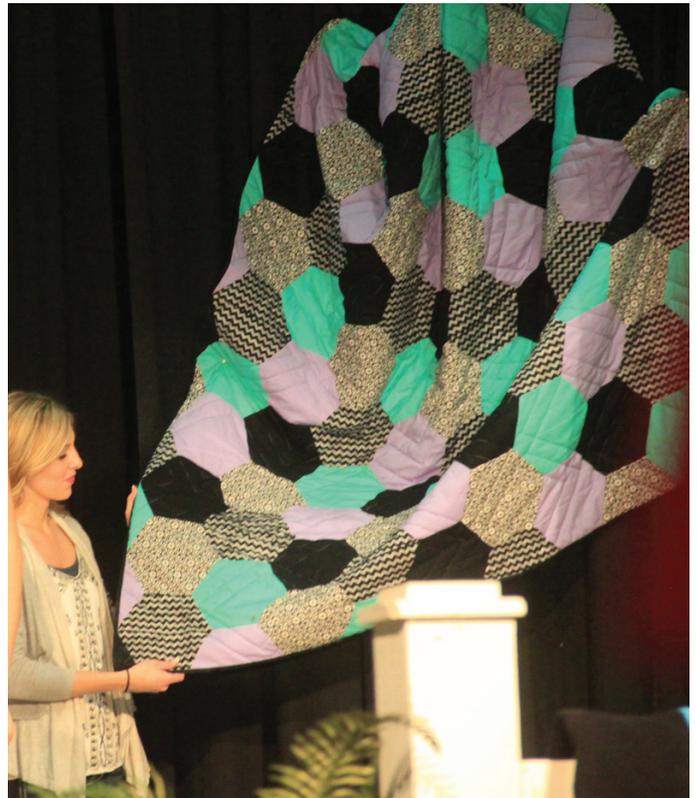
**The FCCLA Style Show was held April 28th.
HD DVDs of the Style Show are available from the Independent for \$26.50 or can be mailed out for \$30.
Call 605-397-7285 or mail check to Independent, 110 N Washington St., Groton SD 57445-2252.**

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Here comes Nicole Fey walking out with her m&m blanket she sewed in FACS I. It took her hours to make, but she says it was definitely worth it. The blanket is so soft and comfortable. The first steps were the hardest she says, trying to match up the fabrics evenly was a challenge, and if you didn't add enough pins the blanket it would stretch, no longer match up, and you would have to start over again! The actual sewing part of it was the most fun and the easiest. Nicole said this is her new favorite blanket and she is going to use it every night. Super duper job Nicole! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Our first quilter is Maggie Simon who also made a honeycomb hexagon quilt. She used black, white, aqua, and purple fabrics. This was Maggie's first experience sewing, so she was excited and nervous at the same time. There were a lot of different pieces that had to be sewed together, so being patient was key. It was difficult to sew the hexagons together to make them fit just right. It took a lot of time and hard work, but the entire experience was very worthwhile. Maggie is very excited to cuddle up with her quilt while attending South Dakota State University next fall to major in Agricultural Business to one day become a crop insurance agent. Superb job Maggie! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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First up is Kari Hanson wearing her royal blue prom dress. This dress has a razored neckline with a sheer beaded waist connecting the top and bottom. The skirt is taffeta with a mermaid style. Kari chose this dress because of the bright color and the intricate beading, she styled it with sparkly silver heels and a two piece boho headband. Kari, you look spectacular! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Here comes Ms. Madison Sippel in her simple navy blue one shoulder dress that she recently wore to Groton's prom. The strap adds a dramatic element to the ensemble. Accenting her waist are rhinestones that add lots of sparkle! She is feeling free in her very movable and comfortable dress! You look fabulous Madison! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Here comes Claire Davidson modeling her two piece bubble gum pink prom dress. It features a sweetheart neckline that is covered in beautiful pastel beading that creates a halter like top and fastens around her neck. The flowy princess like skirt has a matching jeweled waistband. This was her first prom dress and she enjoyed wearing it very much and is looking forward to more proms in the future. So pretty Claire!

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Up next is Hannah Webb with her quilt that has a classic western design. When she was looking for a pattern she knew she wanted to challenge herself, as she is an experienced sewer, and when she saw this western skies pattern she knew it would do just that! Her quilt has a black background and backing. The design colors are in orange, teal, yellow, and silver, she really enjoyed this project and can't wait to do more quilts in the future. In the fall, Hannah plans on going to SDSU to major in Family and Consumer Science Education. **Great job Hannah!** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Taylor Holm is our next seamstress to take the runway with her soft blanket that she made in FACS I. On one side is a turquoise blue ultra-soft "heavenly plush" fabric and on the opposite side a black volleyball polar fleece fabric. She and her sewing buddy, Cassandra Townsend, spent a lot of time outside of the FACS classroom seam-ripping and trying to perfect their blankets. Outside of FACS, Taylor spends her time participating in basketball, volleyball, and track. Looks great Taylor! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 7, 2016

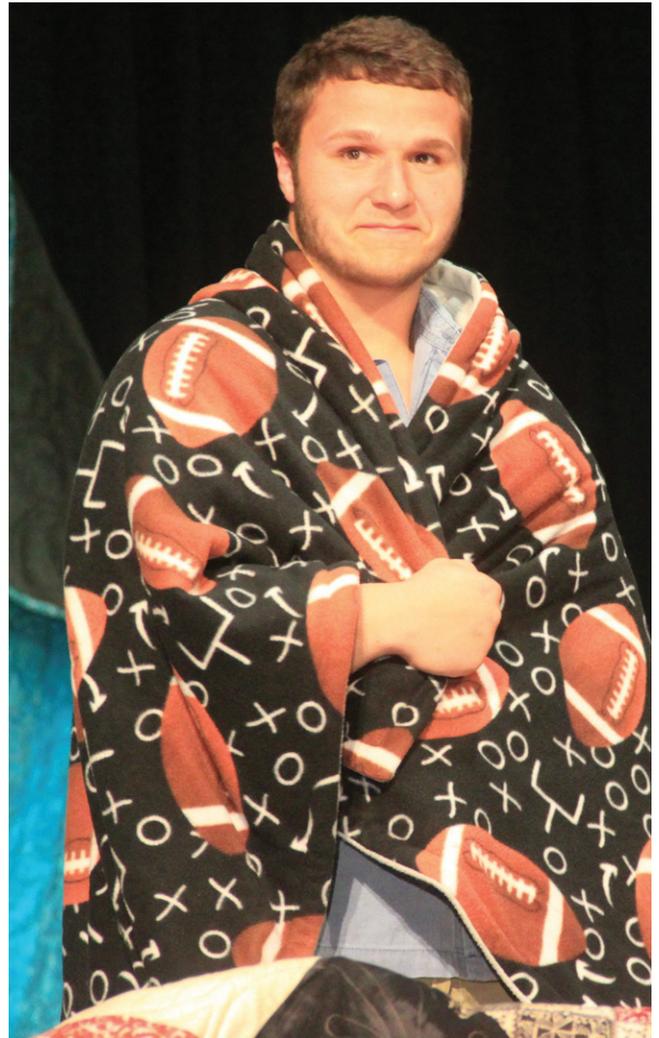
Yardman riding mower, auto drive, 25HP; Murry riding mower, auto drive, 16.5 HP, 8 drawer tool box on wheels; 5 gal. gas can; hand tools, garde tools - some new, bicycles - different sizes, dishes - some new in the box, house vacuum, end table lamps, 30 cup coffee maker, feather pillow, small cooler with radio - electric and battery, 2 - 7.25" electric Skill saws (some new 7.25" blades), 2 wood working benches - 1 nnew in the box, small electric air compressor, new garden hose on reel, new 400 watt generator, electric power washer, electric tile cutter TDH550, Powermate air paint sprayer; new nuts, bolts, etc.; lots more stuff too numerous to mention. Come early at 511 1st Ave. East, Groton, Eddy Opp residence. Some items will be half price from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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Up next is Tia Thompson with her "Trip around the World" quilt. Though she has been in FACS for all four of her high school years, she quickly discovered that she picked too hard of a quilt pattern for her sewing skill level. There were complications with sewing strips on the wrong way and corners not matching up, but several pin pricks later, she finally got it put together and she couldn't be happier with the way it turned out. Tia is certain that she will be taking a break from sewing for a while due to the difficulty of this quilt! Tia's future plans are to attend Lake Area Technical Institute in the fall and major in Law Enforcement. Your hard work paid off, Tia. Your quilt looks fabulous! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Here comes Carter Jondahl with his blanket that he made in FACS 1. One side of the blanket is black polar fleece with footballs on it and the other side is a grey polar fleece. While attending Groton Area, Carter has participated in Football, FFA, and Track and Field. His future plans are to attend Mitchell Tech for Power line Construction and Maintenance. Great job Cater! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

The Life of Brian Sundstrom



Funeral services for Brian Sundstrom, 55, of Groton will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 5-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Brian fell asleep Saturday, April 30, 2016 at his home in Groton.

Brian David Sundstrom was born on October 19, 1960 in Sisseton to Byron Sundstrom and Verla (Fryer) Sundstrom. He was baptized at Zoar Lutheran Church, Grenville. Brian attended One Road Township Country School and continued his elementary years in Peever, SD. He later attended middle school in Sisseton, SD. At a very young age, he began working for Bucklin House Moving. At the age of 14, he worked along side his father at Knight Construction which later became Foothills Contracting. His career with them spanned 41 years. During those years, he became incredibly skilled at operating all

types of heavy equipment and was a Superintendent for Foothills Contracting at the time of his passing. On November 25, 1977 he was united in marriage with the love of his life, Nancy Anderson, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pierpont, SD. They made their home in Watertown, SD from 1977 to 1983, when they moved to Groton and spent the remainder of his years with his wife at this residence.

Brian's family was the pride and joy of his life. Nothing meant more to him than spending time with his children and grandchildren. He spent his life working hard to provide for them. His best memories included time spent celebrating and catching up with his family, extended family members and friends. He loved the outdoors and spent time camping, pulling the kids' water skiing and watching stock car racing. Brian enjoyed deer and pheasant hunting, along with ice fishing. In recent years, he liked to play the online games, such as Candy Crush and Dragonvale. He found great companionship with his beloved dog Hawkaberry (Hawk). Brian was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Nancy of Groton, his mother, Verla of Webster, his children: Todd (Kara) Anderson of Groton, Jennifer (Chad) Little of Aberdeen, Melissa (Jesse) Connolly of Aberdeen, Shanda Sundstrom and her fiancé Chase Hunter of Fayetteville, AR, Brandee (Damian) Buro of Oakes, ND, and his grandchildren: Heather, Brook, Brandyn, Katelyn, Levi, Alivia, Carver, Kayson, Emilee, Boe, Kinzee, Zoe, and Henry. Brian is also survived by his three sisters, Rita Rondell of Lesterville, Tonda (Charlie) Nord of Henry and Heidi (Jeff) Knopf of Baltic.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents John and Bethel Sundstrom and Roy and Mae Fryer and his father Byron Sundstrom.

Honorary Casketbearers will be all of Brian's grandchildren and the Employees of Foothills Contracting.

Casketbearers will be Brook Anderson, Brandyn Anderson, Levi Little, Page Petrich, John Petrich, Wade Anderson, Trent Anderson, Harold Fryer and Gary German.

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WIC Program Announces New Income Guidelines

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Health has released new income guidelines for the WIC Program effective May 1, 2016.

WIC is a special supplemental nutrition program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provided at no cost to eligible moms, babies and children. Its goal is to offer education on healthy eating, nutrition and breastfeeding, make referrals to other services and help improve health by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets.

If your family income does not exceed the following amounts for the size of your family, you could qualify for WIC:

Family Size	185% of Federal Poverty Level	Family Size	185% of Federal Poverty Level
1	\$21,978	6	\$60,273
2	\$29,637	7	\$67,951
3	\$37,296	8	\$75,647
4	\$44,955	9	\$83,343
5	\$52,614	10	\$91,039

To find out if you or your children are eligible for the WIC Program, call for an appointment at your local WIC Office/Community Health Services Office. Offices can be found under the county listings in your phone book or on the web at <http://doh.sd.gov/local-offices/child-family-services/>.

WIC is an equal opportunity provider. More information about the program is available on the Department of Health web site at <http://doh.sd.gov/family/wic/>.

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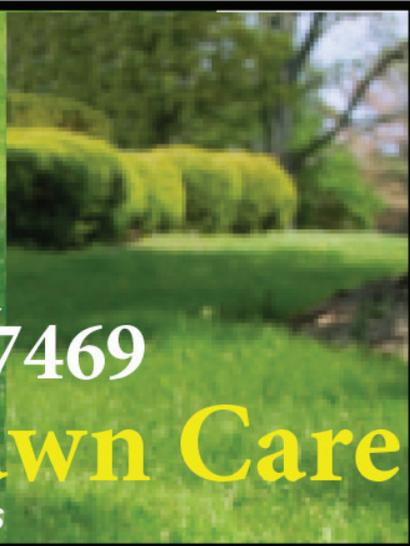
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Gas Prices Climb to Near Six-Month Highs

May 2, 2016 – The national gas price average is at its highest level in more than six months – it has remained above \$2 per gallon for 40 consecutive days. Today's average price of \$2.22 represents increases of eight cents per gallon on the week and 16 cents per gallon on the month. Ample gasoline supplies and relatively lower crude oil costs are helping to sustain year-over-year savings, with today's price 39 cents per gallon below where it was a year ago.

Today's South Dakota pump price average – \$2.149 – is 12 cents more than the price four weeks ago, according to FuelGaugeReport.AAA.com. The statewide average hasn't been this high since Nov. 23, 2015.

"Even with today's higher statewide average, South Dakotans are paying less at the pump than the price from a year ago, when motorists were paying \$2.46," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota.

"Crude oil supply is reportedly building in our region and refineries are continuing to return to production following the spring maintenance season," said Buskohl. "The refinery utilization rate in the region is increasing, which should help stabilize the price at the pump, barring any unexpected disruptions in supply."

	Today	Last Week	Change	Apr. 4	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.123	\$2.013	\$0.110	\$1.991	\$0.132	\$2.540
Brookings	\$2.178	\$2.159	\$0.019	\$2.120	\$0.058	\$2.504
Huron	\$2.310	\$2.138	\$0.172	\$2.049	\$0.261	\$2.435
Mitchell	\$2.143	\$2.064	\$0.079	\$2.048	\$0.095	\$2.440
Pierre	\$2.183	\$2.173	\$0.010	\$2.140	\$0.043	\$2.560
Rapid City	\$2.142	\$2.135	\$0.007	\$1.962	\$0.180	\$2.360
Sioux Falls	\$2.083	\$2.010	\$0.073	\$1.988	\$0.095	\$2.416
Vermillion	\$2.141	\$2.109	\$0.032	\$2.053	\$0.088	\$2.516
Watertown	\$2.188	\$2.174	\$0.014	\$2.072	\$0.116	\$2.523
Yankton	\$2.113	\$2.042	\$0.071	\$1.982	\$0.131	\$2.461
South Dakota	\$2.149	\$2.098	\$0.051	\$2.025	\$0.124	\$2.462

Gasoline demand continues to break seasonal records as low prices motivate Americans to drive more. Additionally, crude oil costs are increasing and recently reached new 2016 highs. Increased demand and more expensive oil costs have helped to push gas prices higher in many parts of the country over the past few weeks, and prices may move even higher leading into the busy summer driving season.

Consumer Attitudes

The lower price environment for gas prices has not only led to drivers taking to the roads at record levels, but is also shifting attitudes about various price points. Attitudes towards gas prices have changed significantly over the past few years, according to a new survey by AAA:

- Half of U.S. drivers now believe gas is "too high" at \$2.50 per gallon. This figure has dropped significantly in relationship to the price of gas. As recently as 2014, half of Americans believed gas was "too high" at \$3.30 per gallon, while last year half of Americans believed it was "too high" at \$3 per gallon. Only nine percent of U.S. stations are selling gas for more than \$2.50 per gallon today.

- More than 35 percent of Americans believe that gas is "too high" based on today's average price, even though gas prices are at the lowest levels since 2009. The vast majority of Americans also do not believe that gas is "cheap" today.

Oil Market Dynamics

Oil is the largest cost associated with producing gasoline, and every \$1 change can increase gas prices by as much as 2.4 cents per gallon. The cost of crude has increased by approximately \$10 per barrel since the beginning of April, attributed to interruptions in global supply and the expectation that demand will rise in the coming months.

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Despite falling U.S. rig counts and weekly decreases in U.S. production, the domestic crude oil market remains well supplied. The latest data from the U.S. EIA shows an increase in both crude oil inventories and gasoline inventories, which should help offset growing demand and keep pump prices relatively low.

A weakening U.S. dollar and expectations that the Fed will increase interest rates is supporting speculations that the global oil market will begin to come into balance sooner than expected. Geopolitical factors are also likely to influence the market in the near term, and attention remains focused on both OPEC and non-OPEC production based on the current glut in global supply.

WTI reached its highest price for 2016 the last week in April as talks of a weakening U.S. dollar, increased demand and falling output surfaced. However, this boost in price was short lived and reports of increased production out of OPEC pushed prices lower to close out the week. At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI was down 11 cents and settled at \$45.92 per barrel.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

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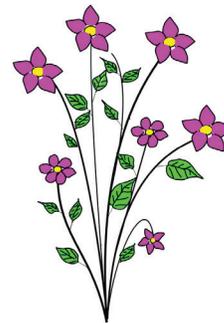
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Today in Weather History

1978 - Persistent thunderstorms caused widespread flooding in southeastern Louisiana and extreme southeastern Mississippi. Rainfall totals of ten to thirteen and a half inches were reported around New Orleans causing the worst flooding in thirty years. The water depth reached three to four feet in several hundred homes, and total property damage was estimated at one hundred million dollars. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Softball size hail was reported at Center Point TX, and a tornado caused three million dollars damage near Satanta KS. Heavy snow blanketed the foothills of eastern Colorado, with 18 inches reported at Divide. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to the drought- stricken central U.S. Evening thunderstorms produced large hail in North Carolina. Baseball size hail was reported west of Mooresville NC. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Southern and Central Plains Region. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 72 mph at Graford TX, and baseball size hail was reported at Graham TX and Lake Kemp TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A stubborn late season storm slowly crawled across southern Colorado the first three days of the month producing heavy snow from the San Juan Mountains to the southeast plains. The storm produced up to three feet of snow in the higher elevations of southern Colorado, and 18 to 22 inches of snow along the eastern slopes of the Central Mountains of New Mexico. Pueblo CO reported a record 10.6 inches of snow for the month as a result of the storm, and a record total for the winter season of 69.6 inches. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1999 - On May 3, 1999, an unusual confluence of atmospheric conditions in Oklahoma spawned dozens of tornadoes that swept across the state in an hours-long parade of destruction. Thousands of homes were damaged or destroyed, and 19 counties became disaster areas. The worst toll was in human lives: 44 dead, including three children. Hundreds more were injured.(<http://newsok.com/may3>)

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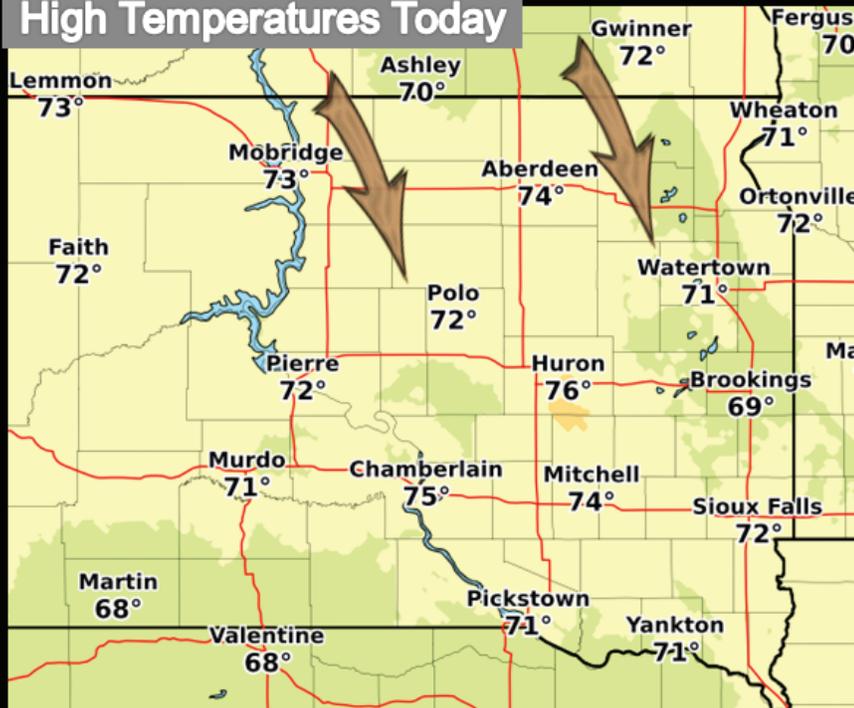
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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Mostly Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny
High: 73 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 82 °F

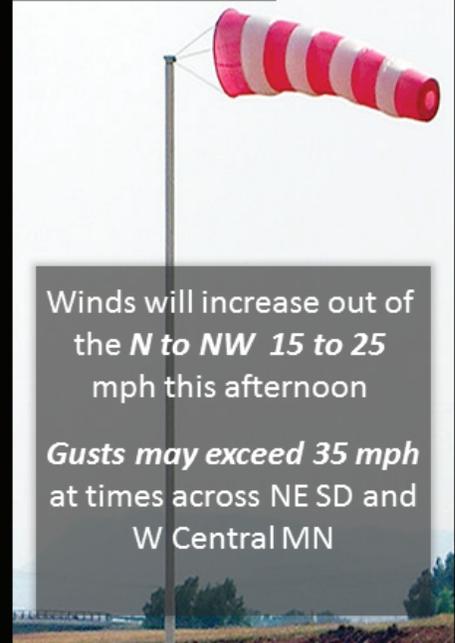
Warmer Today, with Increasing Winds

A cold front sinking across the area today will be dry, but will result in increasing winds this afternoon.

High Temperatures Today



Gusty winds



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 5/3/2016 5:24 AM Central

Published on: 05/03/2016 at 5:27AM

A dry cold front sinking across the region will bring breezy conditions this afternoon, with winds increasing out of the north to northwest at 15 to 25 mph. Gusts may exceed 35 mph at times across Northeastern South Dakota and West Central Minnesota. Otherwise, warm and dry weather will continue through the end of the work week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 65.4 at 1:15 PM

Low: 35.1 at 4:18 AM

High Gust: 20 at 12:37 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 90° in 1952

Record Low: 13 in 2005

Average High: 65°F

Average Low: 39°F

Average Precip in May: 0.30

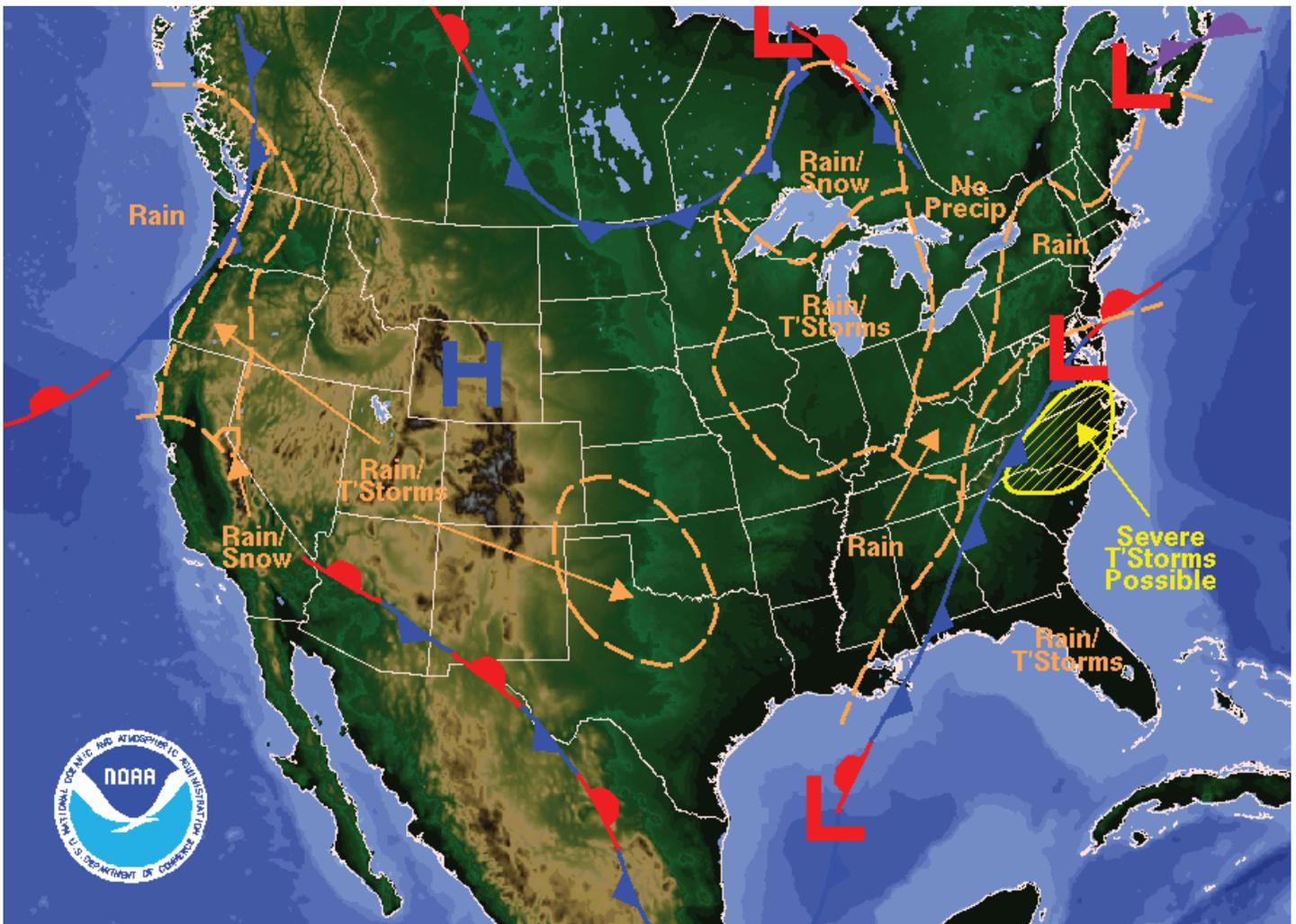
Precip to date in May: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 4.33

Precip Year to Date: 3.39

Sunset Tonight: 8:43 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:16 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, May 03, 2016, issued 4:29 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WHEN WE FEAR

While visiting a Sunday school class, the pastor asked, "How many of you pray every night before going to sleep?"

Every hand in the class went into the air. "That's wonderful," he said. And continued, "How many of you say your prayers every morning before going to school or out to play?" Everyone but George raised their hand.

"George," he asked, "tell me why you don't pray each morning."

Quickly he responded, "Well, it's because I'm not afraid in the day time. I can see everything around me."

Fear can often be very helpful and useful. It usually accompanies a feeling of alarm or an unexpected event that may be something we cannot control. It can help us to be alert to dangers or objects that could do us harm. It might even be caused by guilt or shame for something we have done or not done, reminding us to ask God for His mercy and forgiveness.

David once wrote, "I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?" People can harm us, causing suffering, pain, humiliation and even death. But no one can ever rob us of our soul or the future we can have with our Father. We only need to fear God who controls this life and access to His presence in the life to come.

Prayer: Father, as we place our faith in You, may we live in peace knowing that in Your love we are safe and secure, now and in eternity. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 56:3-4 When I am afraid, I put my trust in thee. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust without a fear. What can flesh do to me?

News from the Associated Press

Police investigating death of Johnson & Wales freshman

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Police in Providence are investigating the death of a Johnson & Wales University freshman who was found unresponsive in a dormitory over the weekend.

Maj. David Lapatin says 24-year-old Andrew Loofbourow was found dead in a bathroom at South Hall at approximately 4:30 a.m. Saturday.

University spokeswoman Miriam Weinstein says Loofbourow was a Rapid City, South Dakota native who had recently enrolled for the spring term in the college of culinary arts.

A statement released by Johnson & Wales over the weekend said Loofbourow's impact on campus was "both positive and memorable among his roommates and classmates."

Lapatin says police are waiting for the medical examiner to determine Loofbourow's cause of death, but no foul play is suspected at this time.

Man accused of killing 2 in Faith pleads not guilty

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of fatally shooting an ex-girlfriend and a friend in the small town of Faith has pleaded not guilty.

Berton Toavs pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree murder Monday in court in Sturgis. He's accused of killing Eliza Edgins and Nathan Gann on April 26 at a residence in the northwestern South Dakota community of Faith. A judge scheduled a May 16 status hearing.

Gann and Edgins worked at a bar and grill in Faith. Toavs has been working at ranches and a livestock auction.

About 430 people live in Faith.

St. Louis jury awards \$55M in Johnson & Johnson cancer suit

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A jury in St. Louis has ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay \$55 million to a South Dakota woman who claimed the company's talcum powder caused her to develop ovarian cancer.

Court records show the jury returned the verdict in favor of plaintiff Gloria Ristesund on Monday. It comes after a St. Louis jury in February awarded \$72 million to the family of an Alabama woman who sued Johnson & Johnson over ovarian cancer she said was caused by using its baby powder and other products containing talcum.

A Johnson & Johnson spokeswoman says the New Jersey-based company is beginning the process to appeal the Monday ruling.

Spokeswoman Carol Goodrich says the decision goes against decades of research that supports the safety of cosmetic talc.

DOJ: South Dakota long-term care system violates federal law

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's unnecessary reliance on nursing facilities to serve people with disabilities isolates those residents from their communities and violates federal law, according to the findings of a U.S. Department of Justice investigation released Monday.

The investigation discovered that thousands of people who depend on the state for services have to live in nursing facilities to receive them. But the Americans with Disabilities Act and a U.S. Supreme Court decision require states to provide services to people with disabilities in the most integrated setting that is appropriate for their needs, the Justice Department said.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard's administration is reviewing the results of the investigation.

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The head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division said people with disabilities deserve privacy, autonomy and dignity. South Dakota's long-term care system fails to give those individuals the choice to live in their own homes or communities, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta said in a statement.

The Justice Department notified the state in August 2014 that it was starting the investigation, which included obtaining documents, touring facilities, meeting with state officials and interviewing nursing facility residents, staff and administrators.

The probe found that many who rely on state services don't know they could opt for community-based services since South Dakota hasn't made them aware of those services. The investigation also discovered that people with disabilities who live in rural areas and on reservations have particular trouble getting home- and community-based services.

At a given time, about 6,340 people live in the state's nursing facilities, including more than 3,400 whose placements are financed by the state through Medicaid, the Justice Department said.

Some nursing home residents told the Justice Department they feel trapped in the facilities or imprisoned. The agency found that a significant number of residents want to live at home or are open to moving out of a nursing facility if their concerns about getting adequate services are addressed.

The state's failure to prioritize home-based services over institutional care "has confined thousands of people with disabilities unnecessarily and indefinitely in nursing facilities and puts many others at serious risk of unnecessary institutionalization," according to a letter the Justice Department sent to Daugaard about the investigation.

The inquiry said the state's community-based services haven't been developed sufficiently to meet the needs of people who are institutionalized unnecessarily.

The department wants to work with South Dakota to create a "more effective, more efficient and more just service system for all," Gupta said. But in the letter, the agency said in the "unexpected event" that a resolution can't be reached, the attorney general could initiate a lawsuit to correct the problems.

The governor said in a statement that he recognizes the state needs to improve in some areas, but that it's making headway.

"Ideally, we want elderly residents and people with disabilities to be able to stay in their communities and receive the services they need without going to a nursing home," Daugaard said. "That can be a challenge for a state like ours which is made up of rural communities."

A spokeswoman for the governor said the administration will not comment beyond the statement because of the ongoing analysis.

Election signs banned in South Dakota highway rights of way

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota transportation authorities are reminding people that political campaign signs cannot be placed in the right of way along state highways.

Jason Humphrey with the Transportation Department says election signs are showing up along the state's roadways in advance of the June election.

Humphrey says the department is asking people to pay attention to where they place signs and make sure they are outside the right of way and in locations that will not create safety hazards or distract drivers.

The use of the right of way is reserved for official highway signs. All signs in the right of way that are not required for traffic control are prohibited and will be removed.

The ban on political signs in highway rights of way applies to candidate and ballot-issue signs.

Daugaard names May 'Noxious Weed Control Awareness Month'

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says May is "Noxious Weed Control Awareness Month" in South Dakota.

The designation is meant to emphasize the importance of managing noxious weeds that negatively impact agriculture, water quality and wildlife.

The Department of Agriculture says it has implemented an aggressive weed management program to protect the state's lands.

For the past two years, the State Weed and Pest Control Commission has distributed \$650,000 a year in grants to help counties and others combat weeds, with the same amount available in budget year 2017.

Ron Moehring is a state weed and pest supervisor. He says noxious weeds threaten the integrity of all lands in South Dakota and asks that residents report any new sightings.

Fireworks likely source of Mount Rushmore water pollution

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Past fireworks displays at Mount Rushmore National Memorial are the likely source of a pollutant found in water within the site in western South Dakota, according to a government report released Monday.

The U.S. Geological Survey findings show the contaminant perchlorate was found in groundwater and surface water within the park. The agency and the National Park Service studied perchlorate and metals associated with fireworks in 106 water and 11 soil samples taken between 2011 and 2015.

Perchlorate is used in fireworks and is a common component of rocket fuels, explosives and some fertilizers.

"The lack of alternative perchlorate sources in the area, such as a military site or agricultural land with applied fertilizers, and the presence of firework debris suggest that past fireworks are the perchlorate source," Galen Hoogestraat, a USGS scientist and the lead author of the report said in a statement. "Our results can help park managers protect water quality at this iconic national landmark."

USGS, however, said the drinking water at Mount Rushmore is safe for public consumption.

Aerial fireworks displays were a staple of the memorial during Independence Days between 1998 and 2009. The fireworks exploding above the faces of U.S. presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt carved into a mountain were shown on national television. But the spectacle ended over concerns that it could spark a wildfire.

The report shows that the highest concentrations of perchlorate were found in samples collected from the northeast side of the memorial. The pollutant also was found in soil where the fireworks were launched and where debris landed.

Data from the report show that a maximum perchlorate concentration of 54 micrograms per liter was measured in a stream sample, which is about 270 times higher than that in samples collected from sites outside the memorial.

High concentrations of perchlorate in drinking water can affect the human thyroid gland, but Dr. Sonali Khachikian said long-term studies as far back as 2005 have shown that people who have been exposed to a concentration of perchlorate as high as 114 to 200 micrograms per liter didn't experience adverse effects.

"There is no reason to panic," said Khachikian, an endocrinologist with Regional Health in Rapid City who was not part of the USGS study. "I want people to be assured that those people who visit South Dakota for one day and visit this great monument are not putting themselves at any kind of increased risk."

The park provides drinking water to about 3 million visitors and personnel every year. Its superintendent, Cheryl Schreier, said Monday that the park will continue to strive to provide drinking water that "meets and exceeds current standards."

"The park is committed to ensuring the safety of the public and all of our employees, and preserving and protecting the natural and cultural resources with which we are entrusted," Schreier said.

Authorities identify victims of weekend car crash near Nemo

NEMO, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities have released the names of two men who died in a one-vehicle crash Sunday in western South Dakota.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the men were 20-year-old Deadwood resident Adam Bau-Cameron and 23-year-old Nemo resident Daniel Alley.

The Highway Patrol says Bau-Cameron lost control of the Honda Prelude, which left the road, became

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airborne and struck a tree early Sunday near Nemo in Lawrence County.

Bau-Cameron and Alley died at the scene. Authorities say Bau-Cameron was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the car. Alley was wearing a seat belt.

The Highway Patrol says the crash remains under investigation.

Police: Vandal causes \$400K in damage at construction site

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) Police in Sioux Falls are looking for the vandal who damaged construction equipment overnight to the tune of \$400,000.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the vandal was able to turn on a backhoe and tipped over a pickup truck, a utility truck, a payloader and a second backhoe. Clemens says the cab and engine of the utility truck were destroyed.

Clemens says a resident called police around 12:30 a.m. Monday to report what sounded like construction equipment running. Clemens says the responding officer saw someone run down into a ditch, get into a car and drive away.

Clemens says police haven't identified a suspect. He says police tried to track down the car using the license plate, but discovered it had been stolen from a dealership and returned some time later.

Manderson man gets 15-year sentence for child sex crime

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Manderson man has been given a lengthy federal prison sentence for molesting a child he was baby-sitting.

Forty-year-old Leonard Rondeau was accused of molesting a child younger than 6 years old multiple times between April 2003 and October 2004.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Rondeau was recently sentenced to serve 15 years in prison and another three years on supervised release.

Daugaard orders flags at half-staff to honor Mehlhaff

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard ordered flags to fly at half-staff at the state Capitol on Monday in honor of former state Rep. Dean Mehlhaff.

Mehlhaff died last Wednesday. His funeral was Monday.

Mehlhaff represented the Eureka area in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1967 until 1977.

Midwest economic survey index figure drops after 3 increases

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A survey of supply managers in nine Midwestern and Plains states released Monday reflected a slight dip in business conditions in April after rising in the three previous months, but it still points to modest economic growth.

The Mid-American Business Conditions Index declined to 50.1 in April from 50.6 in March, the report said. The figure was 50.5 in February and 48.3 in January. The survey results are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth. A score below that suggests decline.

"A somewhat weaker U.S. dollar, making U.S. goods more competitively priced abroad, contributed to stabilizing business conditions across the region," said Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey. "At the same time continuing weakness in the region's agriculture and energy sectors remains an obstacle to improving overall growth."

The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Looking ahead six months, economic optimism, as reflected by the business confidence index, slipped to 51.3, from 51.4 in March.

The regional employment gauge remained below growth neutral, dropping in April to 45.0, from 45.9

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in March. Over the past year, the region's manufacturing sector has lost about 1.9 percent, or roughly 26,000, manufacturing jobs.

"The losses in manufacturing have spilled over into the broader regional economy and reduced overall annualized regional employment growth from 1.5 percent to 0.7 percent over the past year," Goss said. "I expect the broader economy to continue to add jobs but at an even slower pace."

The index for new export orders jumped in April to 57.6, from 50.0 in March. And the import index rose to 58.0, from March's 55.4.

"Recent weakness in the U.S. dollar, making U.S. goods more competitively priced abroad, sent the export reading much higher for the month," Goss said. "At the same time, growth in regional manufacturing, though slight, pushed supply managers to increase buying from abroad."

Pleas entered in meth-smuggling case at state women's prison

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An inmate at the South Dakota women's prison has been sentenced on methamphetamine-related charges and seven others in the case have entered pleas.

Authorities allege that one of the inmates smuggled in the drugs and distributed it to seven other prisoners. Attorney General Marty Jackley says 34-year-old Loretta Flute was recently sentenced to an additional year behind bars. She had pleaded guilty in March.

Thirty-six-year-old Cassandra Bernard, 36-year-old Michaela Mousseau, 21-year-old Shauntel Shangreaux and 26-year-old Mary Sierra all pleaded guilty. They'll be sentenced later.

Twenty-nine-year-old Sylvia Bordeaux, 39-year-old Dawn Mesteth and 24-year-old Britney Aguilar pleaded not guilty. Aguilar is alleged to be the ringleader and faces the most serious charges.

Meade County commissioner faces charges in private dispute

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — A Meade County commissioner is facing criminal charges stemming from a dispute over payment for a private job contract.

A grand jury recently indicted Alan Aker, 52, of Piedmont, on a felony charge of intentional damage to property and a misdemeanor count of trespassing.

Authorities allege that Aker entered a client's property in Deadwood last summer, sawed off part of a deck railing and took it with him.

Aker maintains he did nothing wrong because he hadn't been fully paid for the job.

"When all the facts are known, they will demonstrate that I am innocent of this accusation," he said in a statement.

Property owner William Hegg maintains the project was incomplete and unacceptable because Aker Woods Co. had installed rotten logs in some sections of railing and had spilled stain on the deck and hadn't cleaned it up. Hegg withheld \$2,500 of the total payment of about \$11,500.

Aker is due in state court in Deadwood May 16. The most serious charge against him carries a maximum punishment of five years in prison.

Aker has served on the Meade County Commission since 2009. His current term expires in 2017.

Israel demolishes home of Palestinian who killed 2 Israelis

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The Israeli military says it has demolished the home of a Palestinian attacker who killed two Israelis in front of their children last year.

Ziad Amer, the father of suspected killer Zeid, says dozens of Israeli vehicles raided the town of Nablus early on Tuesday and demolished the family's apartment. He said his appeal to the Israeli Supreme Court against it was rejected.

Israel says it carries out demolition to deter attacks by letting militants know their families will pay a price for their actions. The Palestinians consider it to be a form of collective punishment.

Since mid-September, Palestinian attacks have killed 28 Israelis and two Americans. Some 200 Pales-

tinians have been killed over the same time, the vast majority in what Israel says have been attacks or attempted attacks.

Gaza sewage poisons coastline, threatens Israel

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SHATI REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip (AP) — Each day, millions of gallons of raw sewage pour into the Gaza Strip's Mediterranean beachfront, spewing out of a metal pipe and turning miles of once-scenic coastline into a stagnant dead zone.

The sewage has damaged Gaza's limited fresh water supplies, decimated fishing zones, and after years of neglect, is now floating northward and affecting Israel as well, where a nearby desalination plant was forced to shut down, apparently due to pollution.

"It's certain that Gaza Strip's beaches are completely polluted and unsuitable for swimming and entertainment, especially in the summer," said Ahmed Yaqoubi of the Palestinian Water Authority.

Environmentalists and international aid organizations say that if the problem isn't quickly addressed, it could spell even more trouble on both sides of the border.

But while Israel has a clear interest in Gazans repairing their water infrastructure, that would likely require it to ease restrictions on the import of building materials — which it fears the territory's Hamas rulers could divert for military purposes — and increase the amount of electricity it sells to Gaza.

Poor sewage treatment in Gaza is the result of a rapidly expanding population, an infrastructure damaged during wars with Israel and a chronic shortage of electricity to run the wastewater plants that still function. In 2007, a sewage reservoir overflowed in a village in northern Gaza, drowning five people.

An Israeli blockade that has restricted imports, coupled with Palestinian infighting and mismanagement by the Hamas-run government, has compounded the problems for the enclave's 1.8 million residents. Israel and Egypt have maintained a blockade of Gaza since Hamas, an Islamic militant group committed to Israel's destruction, seized power in 2007.

Nasser Abu Saif said he was once happy to live in a beachfront apartment in Shati refugee camp. Now, he avoids swimming in the fetid water near his house.

"There are mosquitoes in the summer and even in the winter," he said. "It makes our lives unpleasant."

Several aid groups have attempted to solve the sewage problem.

Steen Jorgensen, country director for the World Bank in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said the fatal sewage flood spurred his office to build a \$73 million sewage treatment plant nine years ago. He said the facility, meant to treat at least one-fifth of Gaza's sewage, would already be operational if it had a reliable power supply.

Disagreements between Hamas and the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority over fuel taxes have left Gaza's only power plant functioning at reduced capacity. Electricity from neighboring Israel and Egypt help alleviate the shortages, but usually there are only six to eight hours of power each day.

"That's just not reliable enough for a sewage plant," said Jorgensen. He said foreign donors, including the United States, have offered to fund a power supply to the plant, but he said Israel has not agreed to run a dedicated electricity line. Other options have not been found.

COGAT, the Israeli defense body responsible for Palestinian affairs, said Israel supplies 125 to 140 megawatts of power a day to the Gaza Strip. "The decision of distributing the electricity falls under the responsibility of the Palestinians," COGAT wrote. In all, Gaza needs some 400 megawatts for its daily needs.

Jorgensen said the World Bank plans to start running the plant in the coming months using backup diesel generators, which will increase the cost and leave sewage treatment vulnerable to fuel shortages. He said the plant will also have solar panels, but they will only generate a fraction of the needed power.

"If we don't get this operational, then I think it's going to be very hard to raise money for other necessary projects in Gaza," Jorgensen said.

The German state-owned development bank KfW has funded the \$20 million rehabilitation of an older

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sewage plant in Gaza, according to Jonas Blume, director of its West Bank office. Blume said the plant can only run half-days due to lack of power.

Construction is scheduled to begin in August on an additional facility in central Gaza that could handle the sewage of up to 1 million people, Blume added. But he said Israeli security restrictions have slowed the work.

"At the end we get most of the material in, but it's a struggle, it takes time, and it causes delay, which leads to extra costs," he said.

COGAT said deliveries of cement and wood have been suspended or slowed because Hamas diverts materials for "terror" purposes.

The delays in sewage treatment are exacerbating a water crisis. Years of overdrawing Gaza's underground aquifer have allowed seawater to infiltrate into its only source of drinking water. Sewage flows into the aquifer as well.

"We can say that 100 percent of the water is not potable," said the Water Authority's Yaqoubi. More than 150 private water purification businesses have proliferated across Gaza to offer clean drinking water, he said.

Eitemad Abu Khader lives with her four daughters in a cinderblock home surrounded by corrugated zinc north of Gaza City. Sewage collects in huge ponds next to their neighborhood. Abu Khader said she cannot afford purified water. Instead, she and her daughters drink tap water and bear the consequences.

"I spend my time from doctor to doctor, hospital to hospital," she said. "My daughters always have rashes."

On a recent afternoon, her oldest daughter, six-year-old Fayza, sat scratching her arm as insects hovered around them.

There are signs that the problem is now beginning to affect Israel.

Israeli Water Authority spokeswoman Ilana Keren said a desalination plant near Ashkelon, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) north of Gaza, was shut in January and February "because of the quality of the raw water."

In a statement, Israel's Environment Ministry said it closely monitors the Gaza sewage situation. Most of the waste is consumed by algae but a buildup of algae can block filters at the desalination plant, it said, adding that a recent check of the water quality off Ashkelon found the beaches suitable for bathing.

Gidon Bromberg, the Israeli director of the environmental group EcoPeace Middle East, said "there's no doubt" that waste from Gaza caused the plant's problems. "There's no other source," he said.

Bromberg warned that cholera, typhoid or other pandemic diseases could easily cross into Israel via the shared underground aquifer and the sea.

"It's a single shared bathtub," Bromberg said. "There's 101 different ways for these bacterium to be transferred."

Ashkelon deputy mayor Yoram Shefer said he fears that without a wider political settlement, the sewage issue will not improve, even though he said the water is safe enough to swim in.

"The Mediterranean sea is big. Not all (sewage) goes to Ashkelon," he said.

Bassist: Prince found 'real happiness' as Jehovah's Witness

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MINNETONKA, Minn. (AP) — Music megastar Prince was known for throwing parties that stretched into the wee hours of the morning, but his faith and the Bible could also keep him gabbing until sunrise, according to his longtime friend and "spiritual brother," bassist Larry Graham.

Prince, who died last month at 57, became a Jehovah's Witness later in life, and that helped shape his music as well as his lifestyle, according to Graham, who first met the star decades ago and became a confidante and tour mate.

Prince would knock on doors, talk with visitors at his studio-compound Paisley Park in suburban Minneapolis and even share his faith with small groups after a show, said Graham, the 69-year-old bassist best known for playing in the funk band Sly and the Family Stone and with his own group, Graham Central Station.

"That brought him joy. That brought him real happiness," Graham said in an interview with The Associated Press on Monday.

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Graham said Prince was a private person who didn't discuss his health issues openly. He said he saw Prince three days before he was found dead at Paisley Park and that, besides recovering from a cold, he seemed "pretty normal."

A law enforcement official has told the AP that investigators are looking into whether Prince died from an overdose and whether a doctor was prescribing him drugs in the weeks beforehand. The official has been briefed on the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Graham said he had never seen Prince take any prescription drugs.

The two met while playing separate shows in Nashville, Tennessee, in the mid-1990s and Prince asked Graham, who was a Jehovah's Witness, to come on tour with him. Graham said Prince was deeply interested in the Bible and they would talk about it for hours.

"He asked me questions every day, every week — sometimes we would bring up the sun talking about the Bible," he said.

Later, Prince asked Graham if he would move to Minnesota to continue teaching him about God and his faith. He accepted, and Graham and his family relocated from Jamaica, where they had been teaching Bible school.

Prince's interest in the Bible grew and eventually he came to the conclusion that he, too, wanted to become a Jehovah's Witness, Graham said. Later, Prince began worshipping at a Kingdom Hall just outside Minneapolis. Graham said he considered Prince to be his "spiritual brother."

It was important to Prince, like many artists, to give his fans joy with his music, Graham said. But the most important thing to him was not just giving people a "temporary feeling" from a record or album but being able to share scripture, he said.

"His joy — his biggest joy — was sharing the hope of everlasting life," Graham said.

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The Associated Press

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North Korea is the world's last great master of Cold War-era spectacle and it is likely to deliver a big one when Kim Jong Un's ruling party holds its first congress in 36 years.

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Each day, millions of gallons of raw sewage pour into Gaza's Mediterranean beachfront, damaging its limited fresh water supplies, decimating fishing zones and now affecting Israel.

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The megastar musician cared about his songs but found "real happiness" in his faith, according to long-time friend and tour mate, bassist Larry Graham.

5. PRESIDENT UNFAZED BY COMEDIAN'S LANGUAGE

The White House says Obama wasn't offended by Larry Wilmore's use of a racial slur at the correspondents' association dinner.

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"Ample security" will be on hand at the services for six of the eight people shot in rural southern Ohio in what authorities say was a planned attack targeting one family.

7. SURVEY: BRIBERY RUNS HIGHEST AMONG MIDEAST COURTS

A new report by Transparency International shows that almost a third of the people surveyed in nine Middle East countries have had to pay a bribe to access some kind of public service.

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The Thai owners of the Premier League champions aim to keep the victorious soccer squad together despite expectations that many players will be lured away by lucrative offers from richer clubs.

Funeral will honor 6 of 8 victims in Ohio family shootings

KANTELE FRANKO, Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — There will be "ample security" at the funeral for six of the eight people shot and killed in rural southern Ohio in what authorities call a planned attack targeting one family, Ohio's attorney general said.

The service Tuesday at a West Portsmouth church is the last of three funerals for the victims.

Seven adults and a 16-year-old boy from the Rhoden family were found dead April 22 at four properties scattered across a few miles of countryside near Piketon, about 80 miles east of Cincinnati. All eight were shot in the head, some had other gunshot wounds and bruising, and none of the deaths appeared self-inflicted, authorities said. Three young children were unharmed.

Still trying to determine who killed the victims and why, authorities have conducted nearly 130 interviews and are reviewing about 450 tips and more than 100 pieces of evidence, Attorney General Mike DeWine said Monday. They found a large-scale illegal marijuana growing operation at one of the crime scenes and said pot was being cultivated at some of the other homes, too — something not uncommon in this corner of Appalachia — but they haven't said whether they believe that to be connected to a motive.

DeWine said he wouldn't speculate as to whether a threat to the family remains.

"We have no new information that would indicate that there is a threat to any of the members of the family," he said. "We don't have any information on that. And we did not when we initially said it other than the fact we had eight people killed."

The last funeral honors 40-year-old Christopher Rhoden; his ex-wife, 37-year-old Dana Rhoden; their three children, 20-year-old Clarence "Frankie" Rhoden, 16-year-old Christopher Jr., and 19-year-old Hanna; and Christopher Rhoden Sr.'s brother, 44-year-old Kenneth Rhoden.

The funeral home titled their online obituary simply "The Rhoden Family," with a section listing how each of those victims was linked to the others and their survivors.

Services for a cousin, Gary Rhoden, 38, were held Thursday in South Shore, Kentucky. Mourners remembered Frankie Rhoden's fiancée, 20-year-old Hannah Gilley, at a funeral Saturday in Otway.

Solar plane arrives in Arizona on latest leg of global trip

MATT YORK, Associated Press

BOB SEAVEY, Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — An airplane powered only by sunlight has arrived in a Phoenix suburb after completing the latest leg of its global trip.

The Swiss-made Solar Impulse 2 landed shortly before 9 p.m. PDT Monday at Phoenix Goodyear Airport after a 16-hour flight from Mountain View, California, south of San Francisco.

It began the 10th leg of the trek — that's now over a year old — just after 5 a.m.

SLOW GOING, BUT WHAT VIEWS

Flying without fossil fuel makes for a long trip.

The plane's solar power is captured by 17,000 cells mounted on its wings, which are larger than those of a 747 jetliner. Some of the solar energy is stored in batteries, allowing the plane to fly at night.

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Ideal flight speed is about 28 mph, though that can double during the day when the sun's rays are strongest. The carbon-fiber aircraft weighs over 5,000 pounds, about as much as a midsize truck.

Maybe slow going isn't so bad when you're flying over some of the most scenic places in the U.S., including the Hawaiian islands and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.

LATEST STOP: THE DESERT

After arriving in the Phoenix area Monday night, pilot Andre Borschberg called the trip from California "a beautiful flight."

And he added: "It was a special flight; not a long flight."

For several minutes after arriving, Borschberg remained aboard as powerful winds buffeted the aircraft, forcing the ground crew to hold it down with straps.

"Sometimes it is more difficult to handle the airplane on the ground than in flight," he told reporters later.

Video from cameras aboard the aircraft as well as on the ground at the Goodyear airport showed the Solar Impulse as it flew through the night sky enroute to its safe touch down southwest of Phoenix.

Co-pilot Bertrand Piccard, also of Switzerland, flew the previous leg, a three-day flight to from Hawaii to California.

WHY A SOLAR PLANE?

Inventors wanted to highlight the importance of renewable energy and the spirit of innovation

Pilots have used layovers between flight legs to engage with people along the way to explain the project, and project officials said Monday in a statement released to The Associated Press that they will decide "in the next few days" whether public view of the plane would be possible while it is in Arizona.

The overall project is estimated to cost more than \$100 million and began in 2002.

The single-seat aircraft began its voyage in March 2015 from Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. It stopped in Oman, Myanmar, China and Japan en route to the United States.

The crew was forced to stay on the island of Oahu in Hawaii for nine months after the plane's battery system sustained heat damage on its flight from Japan.

WHERE NEXT?

After Phoenix, the plane will make two more stops in the United States before crossing the Atlantic Ocean to Europe or northern Africa, according to the website documenting the journey.

But project officials say it hasn't yet been decided exactly where the plane will go next in the United States.

"The team is examining a wide range of potential destinations in the mainland to leave a maximum flexibility for route planning," project officials said in a statement released Monday to the AP.

The statement said project officials have flexibility in choosing destinations due to use of an inflatable mobile hangar and "the support and openness of the various airports."

It also isn't known yet when the plane will take flight again.

On its previous layover, the plane landed late the night of April 23 in Mountain View, departing a little over eight days later.

Move over drones, driverless cars _ unmanned ship up next

JULIE WATSON, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — It's not only drones and driverless cars that may become the norm someday — ocean-faring ships might also run without captains or crews.

The Pentagon on Monday showed off the world's largest unmanned surface vessel, a self-driving 132-foot ship able to travel up to 10,000 nautical miles on its own to hunt for stealthy submarines and underwater mines.

The military's research arm, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, in conjunction

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with the Navy will be testing the ship off the San Diego coast over the next two years to observe how it interacts with other vessels and avoids collisions. Unlike smaller, remote-controlled craft launched from ships, the so-called "Sea Hunter" is built to operate on its own.

"It's not a joy-stick ship," said DARPA spokesman Jared B. Adams, standing in front of the sleek, futuristic-looking steel-gray vessel docked at a maritime terminal in the heart of San Diego's shipbuilding district, where TV crews filmed the robotic craft.

"Sea Hunter" relies on radar, sonar, cameras and a global positioning system. Unmanned ships will supplement missions to help keep service members out of harm's way, Adams said.

Besides military leaders, the commercial shipping industry will be watching the ship's performance during the trial period. Maritime companies from Europe to Asia have been looking into developing fleets of unmanned ships to cut down on operating costs and get through areas plagued by pirates.

During the testing phase, the ship will have human operators as a safety net. But once it proves to be reliable, it will maneuver itself — able to go out at sea for months at a time. With its twin diesel engines, it could go as far as Guam from San Diego on a mission, developers say. There are no plans at this point to arm it.

"There are a lot of advantages that we're still trying to learn about," program manager Scott Littlefield said.

The idea in the commercial sector has sparked debate over whether it's possible to make robotic boats safe enough. The International Transport Workers' Federation, the union representing more than half of the world's more than 1 million seafarers, has said it does not believe technology will ever be able to replace the ability of humans to foresee and react to the various dangers at sea.

Others have expressed concern about hackers taking control. Military officials have been working on hacker-proof protections and say it's possible to make ships cyber-secure.

The "Sea Hunter" was built off the Oregon coast, and it moved on a barge to San Diego's coastline. The prototype can travel at a speed of up to about 30 mph and is equipped with a variety of sensors and an advanced optical system to detect other ships.

The program to develop the ship cost \$120 million, though DARPA officials say the vessels can now be produced for about \$20 million.

Once a Clinton stronghold, Appalachia now Trump country

LISA LERER, Associated Press

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP) — When President Bill Clinton rolled into the small Appalachian town of Ashland, Kentucky, in 1996, cheering crowds lined the streets. Local boy turned country music star Billy Ray Cyrus performed a special version of his hit, "Achy Breaky Heart." And nearly 20,000 supporters attended a riverfront re-election rally, dozens collapsing from heat exhaustion in the August sun.

Back then, this was unquestionably Clinton country. Today, it looks an awful lot more like Trump town.

Hillary Clinton was met in Ashland on Monday by just a handful of supporters and a lone heckler, who shouted: "Go home, Hillary! Nobody wants you here." Later on, hundreds of protesters stood in pouring rain, waved Donald Trump signs and chanted "Kill-ary" as Clinton toured a health center 80 miles to the south in Williamson, West Virginia.

The unwelcome reception marks a striking political shift for the Clintons, who've long staked their electoral fortunes on working class white voters. Her husband won the White House in 1992 by wooing Southern swing voters in places such as Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee, and Hillary Clinton swept all three states in her primary run in 2008 against then-Illinois Sen. Barack Obama.

Eight years later, Trump's connection with those voters could pose a threat to Clinton not only in the coal mining communities of Appalachia she visited on Monday, but also in parts of the Rust Belt and upper Midwest hit hard by the decline of domestic manufacturing.

"I know that my chances are pretty difficult to be honest," said Clinton, who vowed to return to the region before the November election. "I'm here because I want you to know whether people vote for me or not, whether they yell at me or not, it's not going to affect what I will do to help."

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As she increasingly focuses her efforts on the general election, Clinton is trying to replicate the electoral strategy that twice boosted Obama into the White House by concentrating on wooing young, minority and female voters. That strategy, say Obama and Clinton aides, reflects the demographic realities of an increasingly diverse country where white voters make up a shrinking part of the electorate.

Trump may afford them new opportunities to expand what's known as the Obama coalition: her aides calculate the billionaire's penchant for controversy could lead her to enough support among minority and female voters to put traditionally Republican-leaning states such as Georgia, North Carolina and Arizona into play.

"As an old duck hunter, I know the truth of the saying, 'You gotta hunt where the ducks are at,'" said Paul Begala, who helped engineer Clinton's victory in 1992. "President Obama understood this, as does Secretary Clinton."

But at the same time, Clinton's long history with the region means she and her husband aren't willing to give up on places such as Ashland. Her campaign explained her swing through the coal-mining region, which continues Tuesday with stops in West Virginia and Ohio, as one that highlights her willingness to speak to the entire country — even those people who don't support her bid. Aides say she's unlikely to win either Kentucky or West Virginia in the primaries later this month or the general election next fall.

Democrats have lost support in Appalachia as the region has shed jobs in industries such as coal mining and as union membership has declined, said Democratic strategist Dave "Mudcat" Saunders. It's a shift on which Trump has capitalized.

"We're in a new age of economic populism," Saunders said. "Trump, he's got the right message and he delivers it properly."

The leftward shift of the Democratic Party during the Obama administration on social issues, including gay marriage and gun control, hasn't helped. "In those areas . it has become culturally unacceptable for a white male to admit he's a Democrat," Saunders said.

On Sunday, Bill Clinton was booed at an event in Logan, West Virginia. Before he arrived, the town's mayor sent an email to West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin's office, saying the couple wasn't welcome to use city fire department facilities for their political events.

"The policies that have been championed by people like Mrs. Clinton have all but devastated our fair town, and honestly, enough is enough," read the e-mail, according to WOWK-TV.

Clinton's waning popularity in the region was further hurt by a remark she made in a March interview with CNN, when she said she would "put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business." She was responding to a question about how her policies would benefit poor white people in Southern states.

In Williamson on Monday, Bo Copley, a laid-off coal worker, asked Clinton why voters should believe her pledges to help the region. Clinton released a \$30 billion plan last fall aimed at aiding communities dependent on coal production.

"I can't take it back and I certainly can't get people who for politically reasons or personal reasons, very painful reasons, are upset with me," said Clinton, who called the comment a "misstatement." "I'm going to do whatever I can to try to help."

Outside her event, protesters weren't buying. Wearing Trump shirts, they snapped selfies with former Massey Energy Co. chief executive Don Blankenship, who was recently sentenced to a year in prison for conspiring to violate safety standards at the Upper Big Branch mine, where 29 miners died in a 2010 explosion.

Dionne Collins, 42, said she voted for Bill Clinton, but had grown increasingly disgusted with both political parties.

"Hillary Clinton should be in prison," she said. "The only hope to me that this country has right now is Donald Trump."

Ted Cruz desperately seeks to stop Donald Trump in Indiana

JULIE PACE, Associated Press

SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Republican Ted Cruz faces a high-stakes test for his slumping presidential campaign in Tuesday's Indiana primary, one of the last opportunities for the Texas senator to halt Donald Trump's stunning march toward the GOP nomination.

Cruz has spent the past week camped out in Indiana, securing the support of the state's governor and announcing retired technology executive Carly Fiorina as his running mate. Yet his aides were pessimistic heading into Tuesday's voting and were prepared for Cruz to fall short, though the senator vowed to stay in the race, regardless of the results.

"I am in for the distance, as long as we have a viable path to victory," Cruz told reporters on Monday during a campaign stop.

Trump devoted more time to campaigning in Indiana than he has to most other states, underscoring his eagerness to put his Republican rival away and shift his attention toward Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton. While Trump cannot clinch the nomination with a big win in Indiana, his path would get easier and he would have more room for error in the campaign's final contests.

"Indiana is very important, because if I win that's the end of it. It would be over," Trump said during a lunch stop Monday in Indianapolis.

Republican leaders spent months dismissing Trump as little more than an entertainer who would fade once voting started. But Republican primary voters have stuck with the billionaire businessman, handing him victories in every region of the country, including a string of six straight wins on the East Coast.

Clinton and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders also faced off in Indiana's Democratic primary on Tuesday, though the stakes were lower than in the Republican race. Clinton holds a commanding lead over Sanders — she's secured 91 percent of the delegates she needs to win the nomination. That means she can still win the nomination even if she loses every remaining contest.

Sanders has conceded that he faces a difficult path to overtake Clinton, one that hinges on convincing superdelegates to back him over the former secretary of state. Superdelegates are Democratic Party insiders who can support the candidate of their choice, regardless of how their states vote. And they favor Clinton by a nearly 18-1 margin.

Neither Clinton nor Sanders planned to spend Tuesday in Indiana. Sanders was making stops in Kentucky, which holds a primary in mid-May, while Clinton moved on to Ohio, a key general election battleground.

Clinton's team has started deploying staff to states that will be crucial in November and is also raising money for the fall campaign. Even as Trump hires more staff to round out his slim team, he already lags far behind Clinton in general election preparations.

A showdown between Clinton and Trump would pit one of Democrats' most popular and highly-regarded figures against a first-time political candidate who is deeply divisive within his own party. Cruz and other Republicans have argued that Trump would be roundly defeated in the general election, denying their party the White House for a third straight term.

But Trump is the only Republican left in the race who can secure the 1,237 delegates needed for the nomination through regular primary voting. Cruz — as well as Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who trails significantly in the delegate count — must try to block Trump in Indiana and the handful of other remaining states to push the race toward a contested convention.

In an abrupt strategy shift, Cruz and Kasich announced an alliance of sorts in Indiana. The Ohio governor agreed to stop spending money in Indiana to give Cruz a chance to compete head-to-head with Trump. Cruz has pledged to do the same for Kasich in Oregon and New Mexico, which vote in the coming weeks.

But that strategy, which appeared to unravel even as it was announced, may have backfired. A recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist poll found that nearly 6 in 10 Indiana primary voters disapproved of the Cruz-Kasich alliance.

"After they made the alliance, their numbers tanked," Trump said Monday. "That's what happens when politicians make deals."

Fingernails spotted in trash led to arrest of alleged killer

BRIAN MELLEY, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A serial killer preying on vulnerable young black women on the rough streets of south Los Angeles eluded police for two decades until someone rifling through a dumpster in 2007 noticed red fingernails poking out of a garbage bag.

Inside was the body of Janecia Peters that provided clues connecting her slaying to nine others and eventually led to the arrest of a suspect in the "Grim Sleeper" slayings.

A prosecutor displayed charts, diagrams, photos and DNA test results to jurors Monday to make her case that Lonnie Franklin Jr. was a killer hiding in plain sight as he shot and strangled women, many prostitutes, and dumped their bodies in alleys not far from his home.

"Ten young women," Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman said during closing arguments in Los Angeles Superior Court. "All of them cruelly murdered by that man."

Franklin, 63, a former garbage collector who also worked as a mechanic for the Los Angeles Police Department, could face the death penalty if convicted of the slayings of a 15-year-old girl and nine young women. He has pleaded not guilty to murder, and to attempted murder in the case of a woman who survived.

Silverman spent hours discussing how ballistics tests showed that most of the women had been killed by the same gun, their bodies deposited in similar places and Franklin's DNA was found on victims and the zip tie of the trash bag holding Peters' body.

But defense lawyer Seymour Amster said that prosecutors had built a circumstantial case using inferior science and that patterns they attempted to show were nothing more than illusions.

He compared government work on the case to a rancher who calls himself a marksman after drawing bullseyes around bullet holes in his barn.

Amster, who is to continue his argument Tuesday, said Franklin was obsessed with sex and could have innocently spread his DNA to the breasts of murder victims because he often gave women bras and other garments.

"His DNA is probably on more women out there than we'll ever know," Amster said, noting it wasn't a morality case.

Franklin is one of three men to face charges in slayings originally attributed to a single killer called the "Southside Slayer" during the crack cocaine epidemic, when crime spiked. All but one of his alleged victims had cocaine in their bodies.

The killings Franklin is charged with were later dubbed the work of the "Grim Sleeper" because while the first victim was found in 1985 and the last in 2007, there was a 14-year gap when no bodies turned up, although prosecutors believe his violence never ceased.

Police had figured that the killer laid low after one woman survived a gunshot in 1988 and told her harrowing account to police.

Silverman said survivor Enietra Washington provided the blueprint that explained how Franklin preyed on all the other victims.

Washington described being shot in the chest and sexually assaulted in 1988 as she sat in Franklin's orange Ford Pinto. She said her attacker snapped a Polaroid of her as she slipped into unconsciousness and was pushed from the car.

Franklin was finally arrested in 2010 after a police officer posing as bus boy at a pizza parlor birthday party collected DNA samples from a pizza crust and napkin that connected him to the victims.

Police searching his house found a snapshot of a wounded Washington slouched over in a car with a breast exposed, along with a trove of other photos of women, including Peters.

Family members of the victims wept and some doubled over to avoid looking at photos of partly nude and decomposing bodies shown to the jury on a big screen.

Franklin, wearing black-framed glasses and a blue dress shirt, stared straight ahead, showing no emotion.

Silverman pointed out that Peters' body was discovered only a block down the alley from where another victim, Bernita Sparks, was found partially clad in a dumpster two decades earlier — one of many coincidences she noted.

"Most of these victims have been dead for over 20 years," she said. "It's time that justice is served in this case."

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Rich newspaper owners: Industry saviors or foes?

BRADY McCOMBS, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Salt Lake Tribune's pending sale to the wealthy Huntsman family unshackles the newspaper from cost-cutting corporate owners and resolves crippling financial uncertainty — but it also raises concerns about whether the influential family will meddle in the paper's coverage.

The same question has come up after other recent newspaper purchases by millionaires — an emerging trend in a struggling industry.

Experts say it's too early to draw any definite conclusions about what the movement may mean for the future of U.S. newspapers. But early reviews are encouraging at three other major newspapers now owned by rich power brokers: the Washington Post (Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos), Boston Globe (Boston Red Sox owner John Henry) and Minneapolis Star-Tribune (Minnesota Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor).

These owners have refrained from interfering in coverage decisions while investing in the search for new audiences and revenue streams, said media analyst Ken Doctor.

Still, there are pitfalls, as evidenced by billionaire casino mogul Sheldon Adelson's ownership of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, which has been besieged by problems since the family made the secretive deal last winter. And concerns linger over whether wealthy new owners will meddle in newspapers' ability to serve as independent watchdogs, especially if they are well-known for their political or religious views.

Paul Huntsman's decision to buy the Salt Lake Tribune came as welcome news in Utah. The Tribune had been struggling after a recently revised joint operating agreement with the Deseret News cut its share of profits nearly in half in exchange for an undisclosed, one-time lump sum to the company that runs the Tribune, Digital First Media.

As often is the case in Utah, religion is fueling some concern about how the Huntsmans will run the state's largest newspaper, which has an average weekday circulation of about 48,000.

The Huntsman family is Mormon, and the Tribune has long been a unique and independent voice in a state where more than half of residents and most lawmakers are Mormon. The state's other major newspaper, the Deseret News, is owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It still covers news and politics but focuses on faith and family issues.

Paul Huntsman, son of wealthy industrialist Jon Huntsman Sr. and brother of former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr., said in a statement last week he intends to preserve the Tribune's independent voice. He has declined to comment further on his plans.

Tribune publisher and editor Terry Orme said he doesn't expect to talk management plans with Paul Huntsman until the sale closes. But he is optimistic his staff will continue to get the green light to doggedly report on religion and politics while Huntsman puts his stamp on the opinion pages.

Others are leery. State Democratic Sen. Jim Dabakis respects the Huntsmans but worries a newspaper founded by dissident Mormons will lose its autonomy.

"I have serious concerns about this fabulous but astonishingly Republican, astonishingly LDS-loyal family getting control," said Dabakis, who had put together a group to bid for the newspaper. "We need this voice to be strong and to be unabashed, and to not play into the Republican narrative that so dominates our state's media."

The trend of rich, influence peddlers buying U.S. newspapers, which harkens back to the ownership models of the early to mid-1900s, has been propelled by bargain prices caused by industrywide declines in ad revenue and print readership.

New owners at the Washington Post, Boston Globe, and Minneapolis Star-Tribune are giving their employees breathing room while making investments to experiment with digital products and other initiatives, Doctor said.

"The private owners have provided the gift of more time, not unlimited time, but more time to try and figure it out," Doctor said.

Neal Justin, co-chair of the Minneapolis Star-Tribune Guild, said Taylor has employed a hands-off approach since he bought the paper in 2014 and brought stability to a publication that went through a series of owners that included a huge media company and a hedge fund.

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"To have somebody who is from the area, who cares about the area, who is invested in the area, it makes a difference," Justin said.

Adelson's acquisition of The Las Vegas Review-Journal is not earning the same rave reviews as the others. Since the sale, the newspaper has seen resignations from a top editor, a handful of reporters including the longtime gambling reporter and last week, a columnist who said he couldn't do his job after the new editor told him he couldn't write about Adelson.

Nevada political journalist Jon Ralston calls it an "ominous start" and said he expects more journalists to leave due to conflicts of interest covering a market where Adelson's business interests stretch widely.

"Almost any story that has to do with business, gaming or politics is going to touch Adelson," Ralston said. "There's no way this is going to be sustainable for any journalist with credibility."

But new Review-Journal editor Keith Moyer told attendees at a Society of Professional Journalists meeting last weekend that having a rich owner has its advantages. He said the newspaper is replacing old equipment, adding staff and forming an investigative team. He also said the newspaper's journalists may soon see a merit-based pay structure.

The Huntsmans, who operate a major cancer research center and whose name adorns university arenas and college programs, are among Utah's most influential families. The 78-year-old Jon Huntsman Sr. founded a roughly \$13 billion company that refines raw materials that go into thousands of products.

Paul Huntsman, who runs the family company's private investment arm, made a brief, unplanned visit to the Tribune newsroom recently to shake hands and say hello to staff in a gesture that was appreciated, Orme said.

"I'm not going to get worried," Orme said of the meddling concerns. "But I'm also not so naive as to think that there won't be conversations ... and perhaps even heated conversations. But that would be nothing new in what newsrooms and owners have grappled with it for a century."

St. Louis jury awards \$55M in Johnson & Johnson cancer suit

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A jury in St. Louis has ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay \$55 million to a South Dakota woman who claimed the company's talcum powder caused her to develop ovarian cancer.

Court records show the jury returned the verdict in favor of plaintiff Gloria Ristesund on Monday. It comes after a St. Louis jury in February awarded \$72 million to the family of an Alabama woman who sued Johnson & Johnson over ovarian cancer she said was caused by using its baby powder and other products containing talcum.

A Johnson & Johnson spokeswoman says the New Jersey-based company is beginning the process to appeal the Monday ruling.

Spokeswoman Carol Goodrich says the decision goes against decades of research that supports the safety of cosmetic talc.

Who created bitcoin? The long search may not be over

BRANDON BAILEY, AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Who is Satoshi Nakamoto? For many in the tech world, the identity of bitcoin's elusive creator has been a long-running parlor game. And the speculation might not be over.

Australian entrepreneur Craig Steven Wright, who announced Monday that he founded the digital currency, convinced at least one longtime bitcoin contributor that he's the real deal. He managed that feat via a technical demonstration involving Nakamoto's secret bitcoin keys. But Wright's public documentation, which he posted online Monday, underwhelmed others and left the question of Nakamoto's true identity far from settled.

"There's no way you can conclusively prove that you are the creator of bitcoin," said Jerry Brito, executive director of Coin Center, a Washington, D.C.-based crypto-currency think tank, who is skeptical of Wright's claims.

Tracking a pseudonymous cryptographic genius would be challenging under the best circumstances. And here we're talking someone who invented a way for people to send money around the world anonymously,

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without banks or national currencies. Someone who apparently disappeared five years ago for unknown reasons.

None of that has stopped people from trying. Journalists, researchers and amateur detectives have scoured Nakamoto's emails and online posts, plus the original bitcoin code, for unusual phrases, cultural references and other potential clues to their author.

One of the most celebrated candidates — to his own dismay — was an unassuming Japanese-American engineer who found himself in the cross-hairs of Newsweek magazine in 2014.

A Newsweek cover story fingered Dorian Satoshi Nakamoto, a retired resident of suburban Los Angeles County, after citing circumstantial clues and a vague comment that Nakamoto made when confronted briefly on his front doorstep. The article sparked a media frenzy and a car chase with reporters that ended at the Los Angeles offices of The Associated Press — where Dorian Nakamoto emphatically denied any involvement with bitcoin.

An earlier contender named in a 2011 New Yorker magazine piece was Michael Clear, then a graduate student in cryptography at Trinity College in Dublin. The New Yorker cited some of Nakamoto's writings, which used British slang such as "maths" for mathematics and "flat" for an apartment. It also noted that Clear had worked on currency-trading software for an Irish bank and co-authored a paper on "peer-to-peer" technology similar to that used in bitcoin.

At first, according to the New Yorker, Clear was evasive when asked at a cryptography conference if he had created bitcoin. But he later denied it repeatedly. He also suggested another candidate to the New Yorker reporter, naming Finnish researcher Vili Lehdonvirta, who studied virtual currencies and created video games.

"I would love to say that I'm Satoshi, because bitcoin is very clever," Lehdonvirta told the New Yorker, after laughing for several seconds. "But it's not me."

Speculation has also focused on a Hungarian-American computer scientist named Nick Szabo, who was called a likely candidate by linguistic experts who conducted their own "reverse textual analysis" — essentially, looking for distinctive phrases or word patterns — on an early white paper by the bitcoin creator.

The only problem? Szabo, who has worked on other digital currencies, has repeatedly denied creating bitcoin.

Other scientists' names have surfaced over the years; some theories pose the notion of two or three working together. But denials have usually followed each new mention.

At one point, two Israeli mathematicians floated, and later retracted, the notion that bitcoin was created by the founder of Silk Road, an online bazaar known for trade in various illicit goods.

Conspiracy theorists have even speculated it could have been the work of some shadowy government agency — no one's saying which government — to undermine established currencies or somehow monitor online transactions. (That theory depends on the unproved notion that the creator retained the ability to decode bitcoin's encryption.)

Vice magazine once suggested Nakamoto might be Gavin Andresen, an American software expert and early bitcoin enthusiast who has helped push bitcoin forward in Nakamoto's absence. Andresen has denied it — and on Monday declared that he believes Wright is Nakamoto.

But other cryptocurrency enthusiasts aren't convinced it's Wright. The truth, they say, is still out there.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 3, the 124th day of 2016. There are 242 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 3, 1791, the Commonwealth of Poland-Lithuania adopted a constitution.

On this date:

In 1515, Pope Leo X promulgated the bull "Inter sollicitudines" allowing the Catholic Church to review

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and censor books.

In 1765, the first school of medicine in the American colonies, the Medical School of the College of Philadelphia (now the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania), was founded.

In 1802, Washington, D.C. was incorporated as a city.

In 1916, Irish nationalists Padraic Pearse, Thomas Clarke and Thomas MacDonagh were executed by a British firing squad; they were among 16 people put to death for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1933, Nellie T. Ross became the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied forces recaptured Rangoon (Yangon) from the Japanese.

In 1952, the Kentucky Derby was televised nationally for the first time on CBS; the winner was Hill Gail.

In 1960, the Harvey Schmidt-Tom Jones musical "The Fantasticks" began a nearly 42-year run at New York's Sullivan Street Playhouse.

In 1975, America's oldest operational aircraft carrier, the USS Nimitz, was commissioned.

In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labor government in parliamentary elections.

In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.

In 1999, some 70 tornadoes roared across Oklahoma and Kansas, killing 46 people and injuring hundreds.

Ten years ago: A federal jury in Alexandria, Virginia, rejected the death penalty for al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee), deciding he should spend life in prison for his role in 9/11; as he was led from the courtroom, Moussaoui taunted, "America, you lost." Armavia Airlines Flight 967, an Armenian Airbus A-320, crashed off Russia's Black Sea coast, killing all 113 people on board. Earl Woods, father of golfer Tiger Woods, died in Cypress, California, at age 74.

Five years ago: The White House said that Osama bin Laden was unarmed when Navy SEALs burst into his room at his Pakistan compound and shot him to death, a change in the official account that raised questions about whether the U.S. ever planned to capture the terrorist leader alive. Chicago's Derrick Rose became at age 22 the NBA's youngest MVP. Francisco Liriano pitched the major leagues' first no-hitter of the season, throwing his first career complete game in the Minnesota Twins' 1-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox. Actor-director Jackie Cooper died in Santa Monica, California, at age 88.

One year ago: Two gunmen were shot and killed by a police officer in Garland, Texas, after they opened fire outside a purposely provocative contest for cartoon depictions of the Prophet Muhammad. Aboard the International Space Station, Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti fired up the first espresso machine in orbit, then posted a photo of herself on Twitter sipping from a cup designed for use in zero-gravity.

Today's Birthdays: Movie historian and TV host Robert Osborne is 84. Actor Alex Cord is 83. Singer Frankie Valli is 82. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 70. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is 67. Pop singer Mary Hopkin is 66. Singer Christopher Cross is 65. Country musician Cactus Moser (Highway 101) is 59. Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 57. Sen. David Vitter, R-La., is 55. Country singer Shane Minor is 48. Actress Amy Ryan is 48. Actor Bobby Cannavale (ka-nuh-VAL'-ee) is 46. Music and film producer-actor Damon Dash is 45. Country musician John Driskell Hopkins (Zac Brown Band) is 45. Country-rock musician John Neff (Drive-By Truckers) is 45. Country singer Brad Martin is 43. TV personality Willie Geist (TV: "Today") is 41. Actress Christina Hendricks is 41. Actor Dule (doo-LAY') Hill is 41. Country singer Eric Church is 39. Actress Tanya Wright (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 38. Dancer Cheryl Burke is 32. Soul singer Michael Kiwanuka is 29. Actress Jill Berard is 26. Actress Zoe De Grand Maison (TV: "Orphan Black") is 21.

Thought for Today: "Each day, and the living of it, has to be a conscious creation in which discipline and order are relieved with some play and pure foolishness." — May Sarton, American poet (born this date in 1912, died in 1995).

Jury: Hawaii school failed to protect girl from rape

JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — A jury has found that Hawaii's public school system failed to protect a special education student who says she was raped by a classmate.

But the verdict Monday also says the state Department of Education and a special education teacher at Waianae High School didn't act recklessly or intentionally.

Jurors deliberated over two days in a lawsuit filed by Mariana Harris' mother saying the girl, now 19, was raped by a boy from her special education class in a unisex bathroom in 2013. The AP doesn't usually identify sex assault victims unless they choose to go public. Harris and her mother say they want to help other victims.

The jury awarded \$810,000 in damages. Lawyers had asked for \$3.2 million.

A deputy state attorney general defending the department and the teacher says she's disappointed by the verdict.

North Dakota man plows Prince's symbol in farm field

EDGELEY, N.D. (AP) — A retiree in a tiny community in North Dakota has paid tribute to Prince in perhaps the most unique way a farmer can.

Gene Hanson is a retired farmer in Edgeley who always liked the song "Purple Rain." On Friday, he hopped on his tractor and plowed on a football field-size version of the late musician's symbol into his corn field.

The 75-year-old says he found an image of the symbol on the Internet. He put it on his tractor's dash and followed the pattern. When done, he got on his airplane to check it out. He couldn't believe that it had turned out so well.

The tribute is only temporary. Hanson says the field was seeded Monday.

Prince died April 21 in suburban Minneapolis at age 57.

Cruz fights for survival as Trump eyes Indiana knockout

THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

OSCEOLA, Ind. (AP) — Ted Cruz's conservative crusade for the presidency fought for new life Monday ahead of an Indiana vote that could effectively end the GOP's primary season. The fiery Texas senator hinted at an exit strategy, even as he vowed to compete to the end against surging Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

"I am in for the distance — as long as we have a viable path to victory," Cruz told reporters after campaigning at a popular breakfast stop.

With his supporters fearing Cruz could lose a seventh consecutive state Tuesday, the candidate's formulation hinted at a time when he may give up.

Like Ohio Gov. John Kasich, Cruz is already mathematically eliminated from reaching a delegate majority before the Republican Party's national convention in July. He retreated to Indiana more than a week ago, hoping a win could at least help him deny Trump an outright primary victory and lead to a contested convention.

But a recent poll of likely Indiana voters showed Trump holding a commanding lead.

At a stop in Monday in Marion, Indiana, Trump supporters confronted Cruz.

"Lyn' Ted!" yelled one, using Trump's pet name for his rival.

"What do you like about him?" Cruz asked the man. "Name one thing."

"Everything," the protester replied.

After six straight victories across the Northeast late last month, math and momentum are on Trump's side. The anti-Trump movement's only hope is to deny the billionaire businessman a 1,237-delegate majority by defeating him in Indiana and the handful of contests remaining over the next month. Then, Cruz or another candidate would have to beat him when delegates gather in Cleveland in July.

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"Millions of Americans are praying for this state," Cruz said. "The entire country is depending on the state of Indiana to pull us back from this cliff."

Trump sensed an Indiana knockout.

"Honestly, if we win Indiana, it's over. It's over. They're finished. They're gone," the former reality television star told voters at a rally in Carmel, Ind.

Tuesday features a primary on the Democratic side, too. New signs emerged that front-runner Hillary Clinton's chief rival Bernie Sanders is fading as well.

Clinton announced \$26 million in new fundraising in April, narrowly beating Sanders. His total of \$25.8 million last month marked a steep decline from \$46 million he collected in March.

Sanders also refused to report how much money he had in the bank, raising questions about whether he can sustain his online fundraising dominance as his path to the nomination becomes less likely.

Shrugging off the numbers, Sanders, like Cruz, vowed to "fight hard as hard as we can for every vote."

He called the Democratic primary process "rigged," noting that he has won 45 percent of the pledged delegates awarded after primaries or caucuses, but only about 7 percent of superdelegates, the Democratic officials and party leaders who can support the candidate of their choice.

Still, Sanders showed no signs of letting up on Clinton, pointing to differences with the former secretary of state over fundraising, Goldman Sachs speeches, the Iraq war, fracking and the minimum wage.

Polls show a close vote is likely.

Cruz barnstormed Indiana with five stops on Monday alone in a desperate sprint for support alongside his latest high-profile supporter, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

"We need every single vote," he declared at Bravo Cafe in Osceola, where he predicted a tight finish the next day.

Trump led by 15 points in an NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist poll conducted last week. That's even after Cruz took extraordinary steps to boost his chances in the state.

He announced his pick for vice president last week, unveiling former businesswoman Carly Fiorina as his running mate at an Indiana stop that appeared rushed. Days earlier, he declared alliance of sorts with Kasich in which the Ohio governor agreed to pull his advertising from Indiana airwaves.

The strategy seemed to unravel even as it was announced. And it may have backfired. The NBC poll found nearly 6 in 10 Indiana primary voters disapproved of the Cruz-Kasich arrangement.

Trump's advantage comes even as he's getting badly outspent on advertising in the state.

He has spent about \$1 million on ads over Indiana airwaves, while Cruz's campaign, pro-Cruz super PACs and anti-Trump groups have combined for about \$6.4 million, according to data from Kantar Media's Campaign Media Analysis Group.

On the Democratic side, Clinton's campaign hasn't dropped a dollar on television or radio advertising in Indiana. Sanders has spent \$1.8 million.

Trump, for his part, held a pair of rallies in the state Monday. But with an overwhelming delegate lead, he signaled it was only a matter of time before he clinches the Republican nomination even if he stumbles Tuesday.

"We'll win it next week or the week after or the week after, and it's fine, because they have no path and I have an easy path," Trump said.

Tennessee campus carry becomes law without Haslam signature

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A bill allowing staff and faculty at Tennessee's public colleges and universities to be armed on campus became law Monday without the Republican governor's signature.

Gov. Bill Haslam said in a statement that he disagreed with the bill for not allowing institutions "to make their own decisions regarding security issues on campus."

But the governor acknowledged that the final version of the measure had addressed concerns raised

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by college administrators during the legislative process by including provisions protecting schools from liability and a requirement to notify law enforcement about who is armed on campus.

"Ultimately, this legislation was tailored to apply to certain employees in specific situations," Haslam said.

The law, which allows faculty and staff with state-issued handgun carry permits to carry, is more limited than a bill that Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal must decide on by Tuesday. That measure would allow anyone age 21 and up to carry a concealed handgun on campus with the proper permit.

The Tennessee law, which takes effect on July 1, will keep gun bans in place for stadiums or gymnasiums while school-sponsored events are in progress; meetings where disciplinary or tenure issues are being discussed; hospitals or offices where medical or mental health services are provided; and any location prohibited by another law, such as at day care centers or elementary schools located on campus.

University of Tennessee President Joe DiPietro said in a statement that he opposes more guns on campus, but that the state's two public college systems entered into negotiations with sponsors because they "recognized early in the process that the bill had a great likelihood of passing."

DiPietro said he agrees with the governor's position of allowing schools to decide for themselves. But the National Rifle Association had argued against any opt-out provisions for the guns-on-campus bill.

"College campuses as gun-free zones present an environment where murderers, rapists and other criminals may commit crimes without fear of being harmed by their victims," The Tennessean newspaper quoted NRA lobbyists Erin Luper as saying during a committee hearing on the bill.

Tennessee Democratic Party Chairwoman Mary Mancini criticized the governor for declining to veto the legislation, which she said puts the interests of "the gun lobby and their wealthy donors" above campus security.

"Governor Haslam is defying all common sense, ignoring the opposition of faculty and staff, and jeopardizing the safety and well-being of students," Mancini said.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Andy Holt of Dresden and fellow Republican Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville.

During the Senate debate on the bill, opponents circulated comments from a survey of faculty at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville that raised security concerns about more guns on campus. Bell scoffed at many of those comments, declaring that he hopes some professors will follow through on vows to quit their positions at the state's flagship university if the bill became law.

"Maybe this will give UT a chance to hire some conservative teachers if we have a mass exodus of some of these liberals who responded to this," he said.