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**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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### 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 dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Anniv:** Tony & Brenda Madsen

**Birthdays:** Marlee Jones • Gary Thurston • Ed Stauch • Katelyn Loutsch • Chad Locken • Meghan Dohman • Drew Dohman • Angela Glover • Jade Albrecht

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

7:00pm: HS/MS Spring Concert

### Friday, May 6

Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Pizza, green beans, carrots and

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Left to right: AnneMarie Smith, Kylie Kassube, Kayla Jensen, Micah Poor, KaSandra Pappas

## Five Groton Area students place at NSU Math Contest

Twenty-three students in grades eight through twelve from the Groton Area School District participated in the 63rd Annual Northern State University Mathematics Contest held Wednesday, April 13, 2016, in the Barnett Center at NSU in Aberdeen, South Dakota. They were among 311 contestants representing 20 schools from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, who participated in the event and tested in four divisions: Elementary Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra, and Senior Math. Out of the 68 students taking the Elementary Algebra test, Kayla Jensen earned the second place trophy, Kylie Kassube was awarded the third place trophy, and KaSandra Pappas received a certificate of honorable mention. Of the 103 students taking the Geometry test, AnneMarie Smith and Micah Poor received certificates of honorable mention.

As a school, Groton received honorable mention in the Class AA/A division. To determine school rank, the highest score in each of the four divisions was taken to compute each school's result.

## City's new Cat Ordinance

Ordinance No. 704

An Ordinance Entitled: "An Ordinance Amending the 2012 Revised Ordinances For the City of Groton As It Pertains To Feral Cats and Feeding Stray Animals."

Be It Ordained By the City of Groton that the following paragraphs be added in section 5-2-15 to read as follows:

5-2-15 Feral Cats.

A. Feral Cat means a cat that is born in the wild or is the offspring of an owned or feral cat and is not socialized, or is a formally owned cat that has been abandoned and is no longer socialized.

B. Feral Cat Colony means a group of cats that congregate, more or less, together as a unit. Although not every cat in the feral colony may be feral, any non-feral cats that congregate with a colony shall be deemed to be part of it.

C. Harboring. The occupant of any premises on which an animal remains or to which it customarily returned daily for food and care for a period of ten (10) days is presumed to be harboring or keeping the animal within the meaning of this title.

The City of Groton or its designee, in order to encourage and stabilize the feral cat population within the City shall have, in addition to any other rights and powers provided pursuant to state statute, the right to trap in a humane manner and remove any feral cats that:

1. Have not been vaccinated against rabies or which are demonstrating signs of disease.

a) If a feral cat is demonstrating signs of having rabies, or has an illness or injury that presents an imminent danger to the public health or safety, or to its own person, the cat shall be humanely destroyed.

2. Are not sterilized

3. Have bitten or injured a person or domestic pet.

4. Pose any other public health or public safety concerns.

No person within the city of Groton shall harbor, keep or feed any stray animals, including dogs or cats. Animals known to be a stray, shall be immediately reported to the city office or Groton Police Department.

Passed First Reading - 4/18/16

Passed Second Reading - 5/2/16

Published - 5/2/16

Effective Date - 5/22/16

Attest:

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Scott Hanlon, Mayor

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

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## SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Awards

With the completion of all the SDHSAA winter fine arts and athletic activities, the SDHSAA announces that 579 teams have received the "Academic Achievement Team Awards" for the 2015-2016 Winter Season. All varsity fine arts groups and athletic teams that achieve a combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher are eligible to receive the SDHSAA ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TEAM AWARD.

Initiated during the 1996-97 school year, the SDHSAA ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TEAM AWARD program is designed to recognize varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups for their academic excellence. The South Dakota High School Activities Association believes that high school students learn in two distinct ways; inside the classroom and outside the classroom – on the stage and/or athletic field. This academic program creates a positive environment for school teams to have its members excel in the classroom. This program is also meant to motivate students toward academic excellence and to promote academic encouragement from teammates.

All varsity teams that participate in Association sponsored activities are eligible for this recognition program. The Academic Team Award program provides high school students with the opportunity to prove they can be overwhelmingly successful in both academics as well as in athletic and fine arts activities.

### Groton Area

Show Choir  
Boys Basketball Cheerleaders  
Girls Basketball Team  
Wrestling Cheerleaders  
Girls Basketball Cheerleaders

### Langford Area

All-State Band  
Boys Basketball Cheerleaders  
Girls Basketball Team  
Boys Basketball Team

Fresh Floral

Green & Blooming  
Plants

Wine

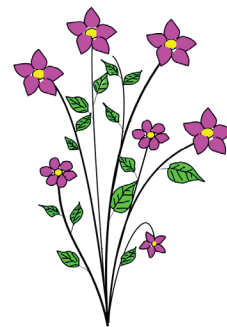
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Jewelry

Home Decor

Perfume - Lotions

Mother's Day  
May 8th



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## **Governor's Residence Tours To Begin In June**

PIERRE, S.D. – The sixth season of free weekly tours at the South Dakota Governor's Mansion will begin next month.

First Lady Linda Daugaard said she and the Governor are happy to again open the home on the shore of Capitol Lake to the public.

"We are pleased to host another year of summer tours," Mrs. Daugaard said. "The Governor's mansion belongs to the people of South Dakota, and Dennis and I invite every South Dakotan to enjoy this special home."

Beginning June 1, weekly public tours will be conducted each Wednesday in June, July and August. Guests attending the first tour of the summer on June 1 will be greeted by the Mount Rushmore mascots in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the completion of the national memorial.

"It's truly a pleasure to welcome guests to the Governor's mansion. For those signed up to tour on June 1, make sure to bring your cameras for a photo with the Mount Rushmore mascots," First Lady Daugaard said.

The 30-minute tours will begin at 1 p.m. CDT and will be conducted by volunteers, including the First Lady. Tour groups will consist of up to 40 people.

Public tour tickets, at no charge, must be obtained in advance and will be available only from the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce. Those interested in a tour should call the Chamber at 605-224-7361.

## **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 new 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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# *May Luncheon*

*Wednesday, May 4th*

*Serving from 11 am - 1 pm  
No Reservation Required*



*Men & Women \$8 - Children 6 and under free*

*Come and join us for lunch OR Make your own lunch to go  
at the Groton United Methodist Church*

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## City receives drinking water award for 15th consecutive year

PIERRE - The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced today that the City of Groton public water system and the system's operation specialists have been awarded a Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence.

"We cannot live without water; it is just that simple," said DENR Secretary Steve Pimer. "With these awards, DENR salutes the best-of-the-best drinking water systems and operation specialists who deliver water every day to their customers. The City of Groton has successfully met all of the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act for fifteen consecutive years."

The system's operations specialists are Terry Herron and Dwight Zerr.

To qualify for the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence, public water systems and their system operations specialists had to meet all of the following requirements for ten consecutive years or more: compliance monitoring and reporting, drinking water standards, and certification requirements.

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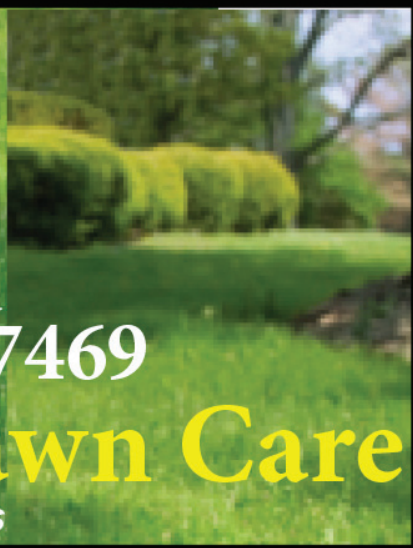
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## Today in Weather History

1812 - A storm produced snow from Philadelphia to Maine. A foot of snow fell near Keene NH, and in Massachusetts, nine inches fell at Waltham, located near Boston. (David Ludlum)

1917 - A late season snowstorm in northwest Texas produced up to eight inches of snow in Potter County and Armstrong County. (David Ludlum)

1922 - Austin, TX, was hit twice by tornadoes which struck within thirty minutes of each other. Twelve persons were killed in the tornadoes. (The Weather Channel)

1977 - A tornado 500 yards in width struck Pleasant Hill, MO, severely damaging the high school and grade school. Only minor injuries were reported among the more than 1000 teachers and students due to excellent warnings and prior tornado drills. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the southeastern U.S., with South Carolina hardest hit. Thunderstorm winds toppled trees seventy feet high in Spartanburg County SC, and knocked homes off their foundations near Bishopville SC. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced large hail in North Carolina, but brought welcome rains to much of the rest of the eastern U.S. Residents of New England finally saw sunshine after about a week of clouds and rain. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Southern Plains Region and the Lower Mississippi Valley. Thunderstorms spawned fifteen tornadoes, and there were 340 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Hail three inches in diameter, and 9.39 inches of rain, resulted in more than 130 million dollars damage at Monroe LA. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 100 mph at Epps LA and Fort Worth TX. A thunderstorm north of Mineral Wells TX produced high winds which unroofed a nightclub, turning it into a "topless club." (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from the Lower Ohio Valley to Virginia and the Carolinas. A tornado at Augusta Springs VA killed two people and injured ten others, and another tornado caused 1.7 million dollars damage at Colonial Heights VA. Temperatures soared into the 90s in northern California. The high of 98 degrees in downtown Sacramento was their hottest reading of record for so early in the season. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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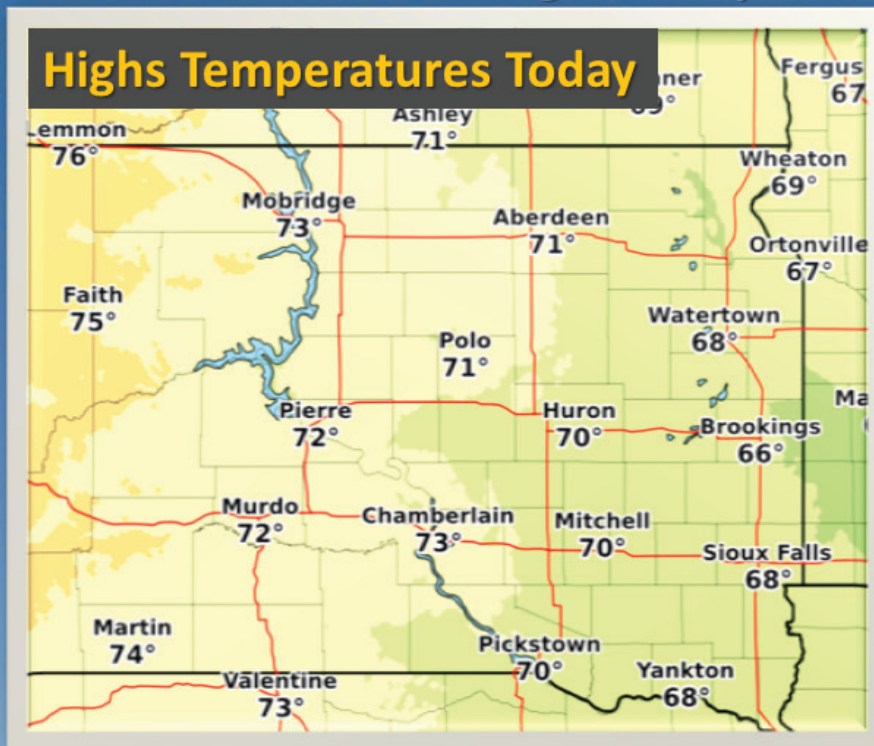
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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny
High: 69 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 46 °F	High: 68 °F

## Dry Conditions Remain

Warming Thursday and Friday



**Thursday**  
Highs: 80 to 85°

**Friday**  
Highs: 83 to 90°  
Slight chance of late afternoon showers and thunderstorms

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 5/4/2016 3:37 AM Central

Published on: 05/04/2016 at 3:42AM

Dry high pressure over the area today will sink south across Nebraska tonight. Warming southerly wind will then return Thursday and early Friday, with temperatures topping out in the 80s to near 90 degrees. Dry weather should remain through at least Friday morning.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 75.9 at 2:36 PM

**Low:** 36.0 at 7:15 AM

**High Gust:** 40 at 3:32 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 92° in 2000

**Record Low:** 24 in 1944

**Average High:** 66°F

**Average Low:** 40°F

**Average Precip in May:** 0.51

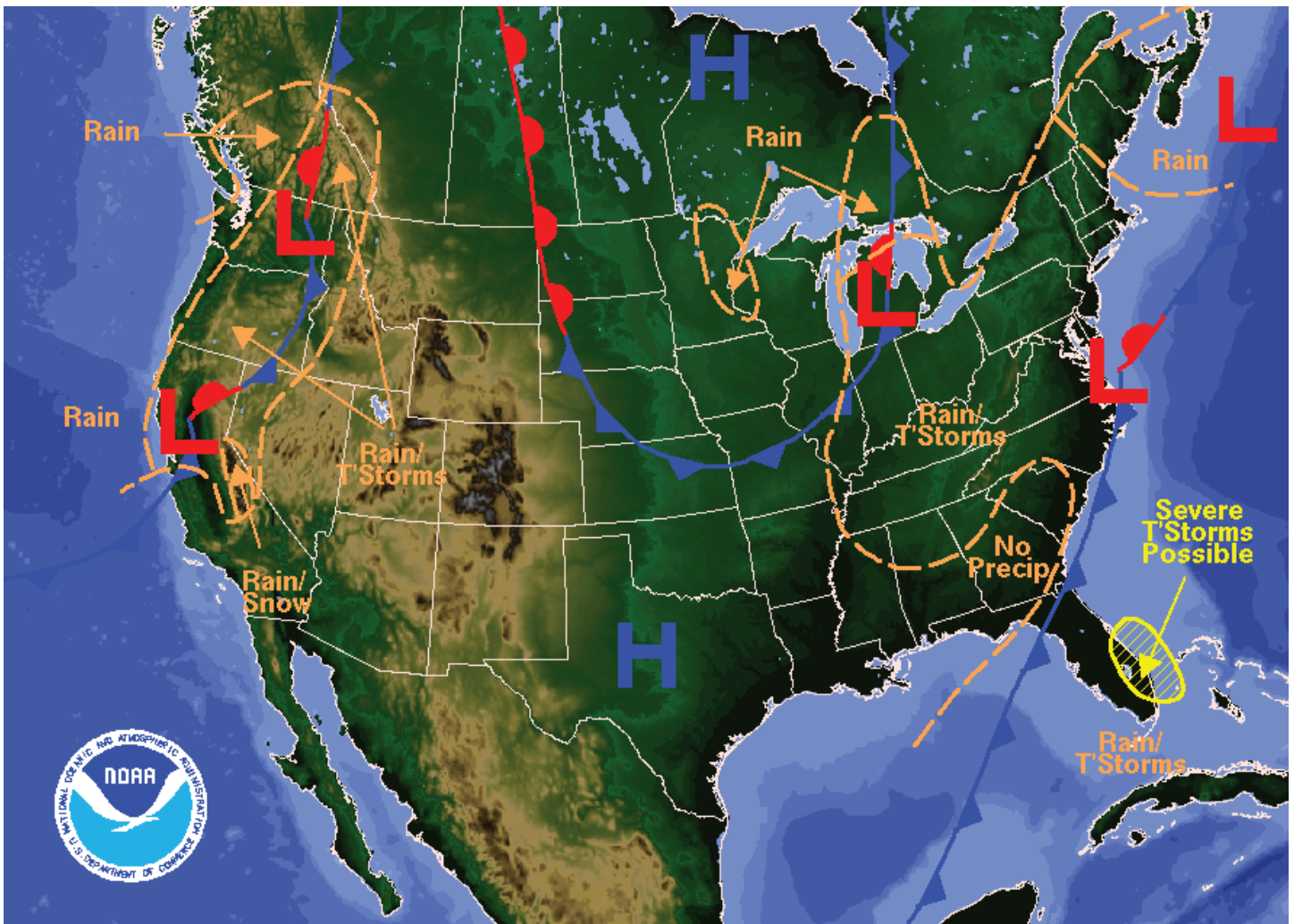
**Precip to date in May:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 4.54

**Precip Year to Date:** 3.39

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:46 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:13 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, May 04, 2016, issued 4:41 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## WHICH WAY FROM HERE?

A tourist became lost on the back roads of Alabama. There were no signs to point him in any direction and the dirt roads seemed endless.

His heart leaped for joy when he saw an old farmer sitting on a fence nibbling on a piece of straw. After explaining his dilemma, the farmer paused, shook his head knowingly, and then gave him a set of explicit directions. After thanking the farmer for being gracious and helpful, he drove down the road filled with confidence.

Thirty minutes later the tourist, after following the directions with great care, found himself back where he began with the farmer still sitting on the fence with the straw between his lips.

Angrily the tourist said, "What's the big idea? I did what you told me to do and look where I ended up!" "Well," said the farmer, "I didn't want to waste my time telling you how to get to Montgomery until I knew whether or not you were able to follow directions."

When a disciple asked Jesus for directions to His Father's house, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me!" Jesus was very clear when He described the path for salvation and to eternal life. There can never be any misunderstanding about such an important question if we follow the teachings of Jesus.

Prayer: We thank You, Lord, that You have made the answer to life's most important question so clear and with it the promise of eternal life with You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 14:1-6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

### Another big verdict in talc case against Johnson & Johnson

**JIM SALTER, Associated Press**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Twice in the past three months, juries have awarded tens millions of dollars to ovarian cancer victims who blamed Johnson & Johnson talcum powder for their illness — among the first verdicts in a gathering courtroom assault by law firms that are aggressively recruiting clients through TV ads and the Internet.

While the link between ovarian cancer and talc is a matter of scientific dispute, a St. Louis jury Monday ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay \$55 million to a South Dakota survivor of the disease. In February, another St. Louis jury awarded \$72 million to relatives of an Alabama woman who died of ovarian cancer.

They are among several hundred lawsuits claiming that regularly applying products like Johnson's Baby Powder and Shower to Shower to the genitals can cause the often-lethal cancer.

Both cases were handled by the Onder Law Firm, based in suburban St. Louis, one of the firms with ads running nationwide that urge cancer victims to come forward.

Attorney Jim Onder said Johnson & Johnson's marketing targeted overweight women, blacks and Hispanics, "knowing that those groups were most at-risk for talc-related ovarian cancer," he said. "It's horrible."

Onder said researchers began connecting talcum powder to ovarian cancer in the 1970s. Some case studies have indicated that women who regularly use talc on their genital area face up to a 40 percent higher risk of developing ovarian cancer.

But other studies have found no definitive link, the company said.

"Unfortunately, the jury's decision goes against 30 years of studies by medical experts around the world that continue to support the safety of cosmetic talc," Johnson & Johnson spokeswoman Carol Goodrich said in a statement.

Teri Brickey, forewoman of the jury that decided the latest case by a 9-3 vote, said she found the science presented by the plaintiffs more believable.

"I will never use talc again. It's definitely concerning to me," Brickey, 45, told The Associated Press. "I think it's a potential health hazard for some women — a small percentage, but it is a percentage."

Talc is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined from the soil. It is widely used in cosmetics and other personal care items to absorb moisture, prevent caking and improve a product's feel.

Onder's firm alone has around 1,200 other talcum-related lawsuits pending — roughly 1,000 in St. Louis and 200 in New Jersey, Onder said. Legal experts not involved in the lawsuits said Johnson & Johnson will probably consider a settlement after two big losses.

"One blockbuster jury award can be written off as a fluke," said Nora Freeman Engstrom, a Stanford University law professor. "When you have two, it starts to look like a trend, and a very worrying one for Johnson & Johnson."

Goodrich said Johnson & Johnson is appealing both verdicts while "focusing on the next trial."

The medical community hasn't reached a consensus on talc as a possible carcinogen.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer classifies genital use as "possibly carcinogenic." The National Toxicology Program, made up of parts of several different government agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration, has not fully reviewed talc.

Dr. Adetunji Toriola, a cancer epidemiologist at Washington University's Siteman Cancer Center in St. Louis, said case studies indicate that women who use talc increase their chances of developing ovarian cancer by 20 to 40 percent. Ovarian cancer is highly deadly because it is often diagnosed too late.

"It's probably just safer not to use talc for that reason," Toriola said.

He said talc might cause inflammation, which in turn is believed to increase the risk of ovarian cancer.

Dr. Joshua Muscat, a Penn State public health professor and paid Johnson & Johnson consultant who

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testified for Johnson & Johnson in the earlier trial, said Tuesday that scientific agencies including the National Cancer Institute, the FDA and the American Cancer Society have never found a link between talc and ovarian cancer.

"That finding was made only in the court of law and not among official scientific agencies," Muscat said. "In my opinion, it's settled in the scientific community."

The two St. Louis verdicts were the first talcum powder cases in which money was awarded. A federal jury in 2013 sided with another South Dakota woman, but it ordered no damages, a spokeswoman for Onder's firm said.

Johnson & Johnson has been targeted before by health and consumer groups over ingredients in its products, including Johnson's No More Tears baby shampoo.

After three years of petitions, bad publicity and a boycott threat, the company agreed in 2012 to eliminate 1,4-dioxane and formaldehyde, both considered probable carcinogens, from all products by 2015.

## Homeland security conference kicks off in Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Public Safety says a homeland security conference covering preparedness, prevention and response has kicked off in Sioux Falls.

The agency said the conference started Tuesday and runs through Thursday. Experts will be discussing new technology, emerging security threats and emergency responses.

Steve Pluta is South Dakota's Director of Homeland Security. Pluta says issues talked about at the conference won't just focus on terrorism, but will also involve natural disasters and man-made emergencies.

He says the conference is meant to offer training and information that can be employed by responding agencies at all levels.

## Snowfox and Seals swim teams of Sioux Falls merge into 1

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls' top swim teams are combining into one.

The Snowfox Swim Team and the Seals Swim Team have announced that they are merging their organizations the Sioux Falls Swim Team.

The groups say that the timing is ideal with the fall opening of the Midco Aquatic Center. They say pool space has been limited in Sioux Falls, and the teams intend on using the increased space in the most efficient manner possible.

Sioux Falls Snowfox was established in 1967 and has 150 swimmers. The Sioux Falls Seals was established in 1999 and has 85 swimmers.

Both teams feature collegiate level swimmers at the Division I, II and III levels.

The merger was approved by an overwhelming majority of board members from both clubs.

## 7 pound, 3 ounce smallmouth bass sets South Dakota record

WEBSTER, S.D. (AP) — A smallmouth bass pulled from Horseshoe Lake in northeastern South Dakota last month is a state record.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department says the 7 pound, 3 ounce fish was caught by Lyal Held of Barnesville, Minnesota. It topped the previous record set in 2013 by 3 ounces. That fish was also reeled from Horseshoe Lake.

Held's bass was 19.5 inches long and had a girth of 19 inches. It marks the 20th time the state record smallmouth bass has been bested.

Mark Ermer is the department's regional fisheries manager. He says the angler had been trying to break the record for some time. He says the bass caught on April 23 "is a fish of a lifetime."

## Funding could make South Dakota Medicaid expansion easier

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's ability to expand Medicaid under Gov. Dennis Daugaard's conditions got a boost from federal policy changes that could help the state cover the costs of expansion, a top adviser to the governor said.

Officials examining expansion hope to have a better idea next month whether a federal move to take on more Medicaid costs for Native American enrollees will allow South Dakota to cut spending enough to offset broadening eligibility for the public health coverage program. Daugaard has proposed expanding Medicaid as long as the state's share of the cost is covered by savings contingent on the federal policy changes.

The number of services the federal government announced in February it will fully fund in certain situations through Medicaid for Native Americans came as a pleasant surprise for South Dakota officials looking to identify savings in state spending.

"That's good news," Kim Malsam-Rysdon, a senior adviser to the governor, said during a recent meeting on Medicaid expansion. "What that does is it expands the opportunity for savings for the state."

But, she cautioned in a Tuesday statement that the state still needs a realistic plan to put the policy changes into practice.

South Dakota would need to identify \$12 million in ongoing savings to fund the plan through the 2017 fiscal year, and \$57 million in savings to fund expansion through 2021, according to the state.

Daugaard has said he would like a special legislative session to consider expansion if his administration determines that moving forward would be viable.

Shortly before the end of the 2016 session, the federal government said that it will use Medicaid dollars to fully fund services for Native Americans who are eligible for Medicaid and receive care from providers outside the Indian Health Service. But only if the provider has an agreement with IHS or a tribal facility.

Currently, there is a rough split in financing through Medicaid between the state and the federal government when people who are eligible for both IHS and Medicaid go to an outside health care provider.

The federal changes could reduce current state Medicaid spending to be redirected toward expansion, which is what the state is evaluating now.

South Dakota had initially identified a total of \$67 million in state Medicaid spending in the 2015 budget year that could be reduced by the federal changes and redirected to covering the cost of expansion. With the new analysis, the total amount of state Medicaid spending identified as available to turn into savings jumped to about \$85 million.

"This news is very exciting because the governor has said all along that he does not want to support this unless it is budget-neutral," said Tim Ridgway, president of the South Dakota State Medical Association. "We think it is just a tremendous opportunity for those patients."

## Week of snow and rain hampers fieldwork in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Snow and rain in South Dakota over the past week has hampered spring fieldwork.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that fewer than two days were suitable for fieldwork. The planting of corn, soybeans, spring wheat, oats and barley is behind last year's pace.

However, both topsoil and subsoil moisture across South Dakota is benefiting, as both are rated mostly adequate to surplus.

Pasture and range conditions are rated 74 percent good to excellent, and stock water supplies are 90 percent adequate to surplus.

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## 10 Things to Know for Today

**The Associated Press**

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

**1. TRUMP UNDERESTIMATED NO MORE**

Once dismissed as a fringe candidate, the billionaire businessman is all but certain to lead the GOP into the fall presidential campaign against Hillary Clinton.

**2. RESIDENTS EVACUATED AS WILDFIRES DEVASTATE CANADIAN TOWN**

The evacuation of more than 80,000 people from the oil sands town of Fort McMurray, Alberta, is the province's largest ever and property damage is said to be significant.

**3. SYRIAN VOLUNTEERS IMPROVISE MINE-CLEARING METHODS**

The sappers have minimal training and no specialized equipment while tackling one of the world's most dangerous tasks.

**4. WHAT OBAMA WILL TELL FLINT RESIDENTS**

The president is travelling to the Michigan city to talk about their tainted drinking water and assure them that federal help will continue.

**5. MURDER LEAVES NAVAJO COMMUNITY HEARTBROKEN**

The FBI says a 27-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the abduction and death of 11-year-old Ashlynnne Mike in a remote part of northwestern New Mexico.

**6. OSCAR-WINNER KICKS OFF HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL**

A special screening of "Son of Saul" at Israel's Yad Vashem museum acknowledges the unique role movies play in maintaining the memory of the Nazi genocide.

**7. US GOVERNMENT'S LATEST SNAPSHOT OF SCHOOL SAFETY**

The report paints a picture of safer schools with declines in violent crime, bullying and harassment because of sexual orientation.

**8. WHO WAS CHARLIE KEATING IV**

The Navy SEAL killed in Iraq was a former Phoenix high school star distance runner and the grandson of the late Arizona financier involved in the 1980s savings and loan scandal.

**9. MEET THE NEXT SPORT OF THE MODERN AGE**

Behold drone racing, a would-be sport in which men (and a few women) pilot remote-controlled copters on twisting courses at up to 80 miles an hour.

**10. IT COULD BE WOODSTOCK 47 YEARS LATER**

Bob Dylan, the Rolling Stones, The Who, Paul McCartney, Neil Young and Roger Waters are being brought together in October for one three-day blowout in California's Coachella Desert.

## Trump, Clinton all but certain to face off in fall campaign

**JULIE PACE, Associated Press**

**SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Once dismissed as a fringe contender, businessman Donald Trump now is all but certain to lead the Republican Party into the fall presidential campaign against Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton — a stunning political triumph for a first-time candidate whose appeal to frustrated voters was widely underestimated.

Trump's victory in Indiana Tuesday and Ted Cruz's abrupt decision to drop out resolved the Republican nominee for 2016, but it still left the party in a deep state of uncertainty. Some Republican leaders remain acutely wary of the bombastic billionaire and have insisted they could never support him, even in a faceoff against Clinton.

Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse, who has consistently said he could not support Trump, wrote on Twitter Tuesday that he was being asked if the Indiana results changed his views. "The answer is simple: No," Sasse wrote.

Republicans such as Sasse worry both about Trump's views on immigration and foreign policy and his over-the-top persona. Hours before clinching victory in Indiana, Trump was floating an unsubstantiated



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claim that Cruz's father appeared in a 1963 photograph with John F. Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald — citing a report first published by the National Enquirer.

Trump still needs about 200 delegates to formally secure the nomination, but Cruz's decision to end his campaign removed his last major obstacle.

"Ted Cruz — I don't know if he likes me or he doesn't like me — but he is one hell of a competitor," Trump said of his last fierce competitor, whom he had dubbed "Iyin' Ted." Trump, in a victory speech that was much lower-key than usual, promised victory in November, vowing anew to put "America first."

The campaign of Gov. John Kasich, who has won only in his home state of Ohio, said in a Facebook post: "Tonight's results are not going to alter Gov. Kasich's campaign plans. Our strategy has been and continues to be one that involves winning the nomination at an open convention." Kasich trails Trump by nearly 900 delegates.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders eked out a victory over Clinton in Indiana, but the outcome will not slow the former secretary of state's march to the Democratic nomination. Heading into Tuesday's voting, Clinton had 92 percent of the delegates she needs.

"I know that the Clinton campaign thinks this campaign is over. They're wrong," Sanders said defiantly in an interview Tuesday night. But Clinton already has turned her attention to the general election.

She and Trump now plunge into a six-month battle for the presidency, with the future of America's immigration laws, health care system and military posture around the world at stake. While Clinton heads into the general election with significant advantages with minority voters and women, Democrats have vowed to not underestimate Trump as his Republican rivals did for too long.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus declared the GOP race over, saying on Twitter that Trump would be the party's presumptive nominee.

"We all need to unite and focus on defeating @HillaryClinton," he wrote.

Indeed, Trump's first challenge will be uniting a Republican Party that has been roiled by his candidacy. While some GOP leaders have warmed to the real estate mogul, others see him as a threat to their party's very existence.

Even before the Indiana results were finalized, some conservative leaders were planning a Wednesday meeting to assess the viability of launching a third party candidacy to compete with him in the fall.

Indiana was viewed as the last gasp for Cruz, the fiery Texas conservative. He campaigned aggressively in the state, securing the support of Indiana's governor and announcing businesswoman Carly Fiorina as his running mate but lost momentum in the closing days.

Cruz had clung to the hope that he could keep Trump from reaching the 1,237 delegates needed for the nomination and push the race to a rare contested convention. But aides said he made the decision to drop out early Tuesday evening, shortly after most polls in Indiana had closed.

"I've said I would continue on as long as there was a viable path to victory; tonight I'm sorry to say it appears that path has been foreclosed," Cruz told a somber crowd in Indianapolis.

Only about half of Indiana's Republican primary voters said they were excited or optimistic about any of their remaining candidates becoming president, according to exit polling conducted by Edison Research for The Associated Press and television networks. Still, most said they probably would support the GOP winner.

Clinton, too, needs to win over Sanders' enthusiastic supporters. The Vermont senator has cultivated a deeply loyal following, particularly among young people, whom Democrats count on in the general election.

Sanders has conceded his strategy hinges on persuading 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.

With Sanders' narrow victory Tuesday, he picked up at least 43 of Indiana's 83 delegates. Clinton now has 2,202 delegates to Sanders' 1,400. That includes pledged delegates from primaries and caucuses, as well as superdelegates.

Trump now has at least 1,047 delegates. Cruz exits the race with 565, while Kasich has 152.

## Abduction, murder leaves Navajo community heartbroken

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SHIPROCK, N.M. (AP) — The stranger walked with 11-year-old Ashlynnne Mike into the hills of a remote area of the Navajo Nation known for its breathtaking views and the monolithic rock outcropping that stands as a beacon for miles.

As the sun faded, the stranger returned alone with a crowbar tucked in his jacket; the girl was nowhere to be seen. Her body was found hours later.

But as he came back, her distraught and scared 9-year-old brother started to run and kept running for more than two miles toward the lights he could see on the highway in the distance until a passer-by scooped him up and took him to police.

"He was so tired and just crying and crying for his sister. It was really hard for the FBI to get any information from him," said the children's aunt, Darrell Foster-Joe, as she recounted what the boy eventually told authorities.

The siblings were abducted after being dropped off at a bus stop after school about a quarter-mile from their home Monday afternoon. A man in a van offered to take them to watch a movie. The brother and another boy — a relative of the children — said no, but Ashlynnne was somehow lured into the van.

Not wanting his sister to go alone, her brother jumped in too.

The abduction sparked a frantic air and ground search. But the immediate search was focused on the opposite side of the highway from where authorities needed to be looking.

On Tuesday, Ashlynnne's body was found after about 100 people from the community turned out to help look for her.

A 27-year-old man identified as Tom Begaye, of Waterflow, New Mexico, was arrested hours later in connection with the girl's death and disappearance, FBI spokesman Frank Fisher said.

Shawn Mike, Ashlynnne's cousin and the father of the boy who stayed behind, said he didn't believe the family knew Begaye. Mike said the man who took Ashlynnne and her brother tried twice to get his son to get into the vehicle with the other children.

"My son said he just waved," Shawn Mike said. "He said the vehicle just sped off, and as it was driving off he just saw Ashlynnne waving toward him."

Heartbroken, the community paused Tuesday night for a moment of silence. Hundreds of residents packed the Navajo Nation's San Juan Chapter House, a tiny community hall south of Shiprock, while hundreds more stood outside of the building in support of Ashlynnne's family. Her father sat silently at the front of the room, listening as the girl's principal remembered her as a kind child who was a part of the school band, and local leaders offered condolences.

Ashlynnne, who played xylophone, had performed just last week, said her cousin Shawn Mike.

"As a dad, you would like to see your daughter grow up and see her have a family of her own one day. And unfortunately, Ashlynnne won't experience any of this," he told The Associated Press after the vigil.

Residents also gathered for a vigil in nearby Shiprock, the largest town on the Navajo Nation.

Federal authorities remained tightlipped about their investigation, even after Begaye's arrest. He is expected to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge B. Paul Briones in Farmington on Wednesday, according to the FBI.

It's unclear how long it could take for medical investigators to determine the cause of the girl's death.

Tips flooded in from across the reservation that spans parts of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah as well as the San Juan Chapter where Ashlynnne lived.

Authorities described the kidnapper as having a teardrop tattoo under his left eye and two earrings. He drove a maroon van with a luggage rack but no hubcaps.

A fifth-grader, Ashlynnne attended Ojo Amarillo Elementary School in Fruitland, New Mexico. Her aunt described her as a fun-loving, quiet girl. She sometimes visited Foster-Joe at her home in nearby Hogback to play games with her cousins.

An Amber Alert for Ashlynnne was issued around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. It wasn't clear why it took hours for authorities to get word out about the abduction, and FBI Special Agent in Charge Terry Wade declined to answer related questions during a news conference.

The search for the girl included federal, tribal, state and county officers who used all-terrain vehicles and a K-9 unit from Farmington in the search on the ground. A New Mexico State Police helicopter searched by air.

Meanwhile, community members who heard about the abduction via radio and social media congregated to join in the search Monday around 9 p.m. and again Tuesday morning, said Graham Binaal, a Shiprock resident who helped spread the word about the search.

"Once someone put it out there that there was this missing child, then the word just spread from there," he said.

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez joined Navajo President Russell Begaye in the call for prayers for the family.

## **Navy SEAL killed in Iraq was close to disgraced grandfather**

PHOENIX (AP) — He was a former Phoenix high school star distance runner who was the grandson of an Arizona financier involved in the 1980s savings and loan scandal.

Charlie Keating IV went on to run track at Indiana University, attend the Naval Academy and become a Navy SEAL based out of San Diego, California.

Keating, 31, died Tuesday in Iraq in an Islamic State group attack near the city of Irbil.

He's the third American serviceman to die in combat in Iraq since the U.S.-led coalition launched its campaign against the Islamic State in the summer of 2014, according to military officials.

"Like so many brave Americans who came before him, Charlie sacrificed his life in honorable service to our nation for a cause greater than self-interest, which we can never truly repay," U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said in a statement.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey ordered all state flags be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset Wednesday in honor of Keating, who also was the cousin of former Olympic swimming champion Gary Hall Jr.

According to the Arizona Republic, Keating was known as C-4 because he had the same name as three generations before him.

Keating's grandfather, Charles H. Keating Jr., who died in 2014 at age 90, was the notorious financier who served prison time for his role in the costliest savings and loan failure of the 1980s.

The scandal also shook the political world. Five senators who received campaign donations from Charles Keating Jr. — McCain, Democrat Alan Cranston of California, Democrat John Glenn of Ohio, Democrat Donald W. Riegel Jr. of Michigan and Democrat Dennis DeConcini of Arizona — were accused of impropriety for appealing to regulators on Keating's behalf in 1987.

Keating's grandfather was sent to prison when Charlie was a small child and other children reportedly made fun of him.

"What happened in the past, I really don't care. I'm really close to him," the younger Keating told the Republic in May 2004 when he ran in the Class 4A state track and field championships in suburban Mesa, Arizona, and his grandfather watched him compete for the first time.

A 2004 graduate of Phoenix's Arcadia High School, Keating was city and region champion in the 1,600-meter run as a sophomore, junior and senior.

Rob Reniewicki, Keating's former track coach at Arcadia, said he has kept it touch with him through Facebook over the years, and he is heartbroken by the news.

"He was a tremendous athlete, a tremendous person. I'm devastated. I'm crushed. I'm trying to hold myself together," Reniewicki told Phoenix TV station KTVK.

Reniewicki said Keating was planning to get married in November.

At Indiana University, where his father was a three-time All-America swimmer from 1974-77 and finished

fifth in the breaststroke at the 1976 Olympics, Keating ran cross country and track from 2004-06.

Keating was a member of the 2004-05 Hoosiers team that was Big Ten Conference runner-up in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. He competed in the mile run.

"When Charlie left IU to enlist and try to become a SEAL, I don't think it really surprised any of us," said Robert Chapman, professor of kinesiology at IU Bloomington, who served as Indiana men's cross country coach from 1998-2007. "You could tell he was a guy who wanted to be the best and find out what he was made of, and serving as special operations forces for his country embodied that."

## Meet the next sport of the modern age: Drone racing

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HAWTHORNE, Calif. (AP) — Deckered out in high-tech goggles, pilot Steve Zoumas dives low and sees the final gate zooming toward him: a 20-foot-tall metal-framed box ringed with neon. Boom! His sight goes black. The crowd lets out a collective "Whoa!" as pieces of his aircraft, which has just smashed into a concrete barrier, go flying.

Zoumas is just fine, though; it's his drone that's toast. The pilot takes off his goggles and crosses to the pilots' lounge for the replay. Once again his quadcopter drone, a buzzing machine roughly the size of a loaf of bread, zooms daringly around obstacles and through hairpin turns; once again, it meets its demise.

"I was pushing it that lap," says Zoumas, a 31-year-old construction company owner. "I just wanted to put on a show for the crowd."

Welcome to drone racing, a would-be sport in which men, and a few women, fly remote-controlled drones against competitors at up to 80 miles per hour along looping courses with hairpin curves and drops. Many races take place in open fields, but here, racers and spectators have gathered in an abandoned, rubble-strewn mall set up with course-marking gates across two floors.

Fans sit on bleachers behind protective mesh, passing around antenna-equipped goggles to see the pilot's view. Big-screen TVs show off unique camera angles while glowing copters whizz by, emitting the high-pitched hum of weed whackers on steroids.

Racing is a labor of love for many pilots. Many are born tinkerers, and spend hours customizing their drones with new parts or building them from scratch. Some say they've spent more than \$10,000 on frames, motors, batteries, propellers and camera mounts.

Fred Loo, a 31-year-old pilot known as "Flying Bear," says he and his wife even put off having kids so he can spend more time racing. He says he'd give up his high-paying Silicon Valley job in a heartbeat if he could figure out how to fly drones for a living.

Of course, that's the sticking point. Drone racing is still something of a guerrilla sport, even though ESPN has agreed to air a drone special on its ESPN3 channel this fall. Money is tight, and most pilots have to keep their day jobs. While high-profile races such as the World Drone Prix, held in Dubai last March, pay out as much as \$250,000 to the winning pilot, such affluence feels very distant here in the shell of the Hawthorne Plaza mall.

That could change if drone racing hits it big, attracting a mass audience and the sponsors who want to sell them stuff. Serial entrepreneur Nick Horbaczewski, who founded the Drone Racing League last year, thinks he knows how to pull that off.

The trick, he says, is making the audience feel the same thrill as the pilots. That's why his league lights up each quadcopter and its pilot's goggles with matching colored LEDs, which help spectators track the tiny speeding drones. It's also why pilots wear T-shirts emblazoned with nicknames like "KittyCopter," "Rekrek" and "Zoomas." Pilot backstories and slick editing build up the drama for videos put online.

The fast-talking 35-year-old helped turn "Tough Mudders," a quirky half marathon in which people pay to slog through artificial quagmires, into a \$100-million-plus business as its chief revenue officer. He sank his own money into the drone league last year, though he also raised \$8 million from the likes of Miami Dolphins' owner Steve Ross, the talent business Creative Artists Agency and media giant Hearst.

But there's plenty of turbulence ahead. Similarly promising quasi-athletic leagues have crashed and burned

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before. Take professional paintball, which seemed like a sure-fire winner at its peak in 2005. A sport in which combatants shoot at one another across an obstacle-strewn field promised a built-in audience of gun enthusiasts and video-gamers.

Paintball thrived for several years, airing its own show on ESPN3 and drawing sponsors like Budweiser, Monster energy drinks and the U.S. Army. Then manufacturers of paintball equipment consolidated and cut back on ad spending. Interest in the sport dwindled, and its main league folded in 2014.

Further complicating things, multiple drone-racing leagues are vying for attention. Horbaczewski's major competition is the International Drone Racing Association, which last month announced it'll have a special on ESPN3 in the fall. There are a handful of other big leagues around the world, and grassroots races pop up all the time.

The hodgepodge of organizations has bewildered would-be sponsors, frustrating some who found the experience of backing a race a sinkhole for time and money. Multirotor Superstore, a Santa Cruz, California-based online retailer of drone parts, already sponsors pilots like Loo with discounts and access to new gear at grassroots events.

But owner Michael Silveira says he spent \$20,000 sponsoring the IDRA's U.S. National Drone Racing Championships last year, to disappointing results. His company's logos weren't displayed as agreed at an after-party he helped pay for, he says. That would have stung more had promised crowds actually turned up for the event. Attendance was less than 100, although he'd been told to expect 10,000 fans.

"That hurt quite a bit," Silveira says. "Now we're a little hesitant about doing things."

## As Trump wins, Clinton exploring how to win over Republicans

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ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — With Donald Trump all but clinching the Republican nomination for president, Hillary Clinton is beginning to explore ways to woo Republicans turned off by the brash billionaire.

The Democratic front-runner's campaign believes Trump's historically high unfavorable ratings and penchant for controversy may be enough to persuade a slice of GOP voters to get behind her bid, in much the same way so-called Reagan Democrats sided with the Republican president in the 1980s.

Democrats caution their effort to win over Clinton Republicans — or Hilla-cans, perhaps — is in its earliest stages, but could grow to include ads and other outreach targeted in particular at suburban women in battleground states. Already, aides say, a number of Republicans have privately told Clinton and her team they plan to break party ranks and support her as soon as Trump formally captures his party's nomination.

"We have an informed understanding that we could have the potential to expect support from not just Democrats and independents, but Republicans, too," said Clinton spokesman Brian Fallon. "There's a time and place for that support to make itself known."

While such bipartisan support would expand Clinton's base of potential voters, a series of high-profile endorsements from Republican officials could also raise questions about her liberal credentials and threaten to dampen enthusiasm among some in her own party.

For months, primary rival Bernie Sanders has criticized Clinton's record from the left, highlighting her 2002 vote in favor of the war in Iraq and support from Wall Street. The Vermont senator won the Indiana primary Tuesday, demonstrating her lingering weaknesses within her own party.

Clinton has begun casting her candidacy in recent days as a cry to unify a divided country. After a series of victories last week, which all but ensured she will capture her party's nomination, Clinton called on Democrats, independents and what she called the "thoughtful Republican" to back her bid.

Guy Cecil, chief strategist of Priorities USA Action, the super PAC backing her campaign, echoed that language Tuesday night, calling on "Democrats, independents and reasonable Republicans" to reject Trump's "outdated ideas."

While a vocal segment of the Republican Party has denounced Trump, few have been willing to go as far as saying they would back Clinton in the fall. But with Trump essentially capturing his party's nomination

with the win in Indiana that knocked Texas Sen. Ted Cruz from the race, there are some early signs that a sliver of the party might see Clinton as the only option.

"(T)he GOP is going to nominate for President a guy who reads the National Enquirer and thinks it's on the level," Mark Salter, a top campaign aide to 2008 Republican nominee John McCain, wrote on Twitter on Tuesday. He added Clinton's slogan: "I'm with her."

Ben Howe, a Republican strategist who has worked for Cruz, said he'd be actively working against Trump — a decision he recognizes means backing Clinton.

"Anything right now that would allow Donald Trump to become president is the wrong move, so the de facto result is that Hillary would win," he said. "I don't agree with Hillary Clinton. What I think is Hillary Clinton is more honest than Trump, and that's saying a lot."

Endorsements from prominent GOP backers could potentially pave the way for Republican voters to back Clinton, particularly woman.

"Educated, suburban white women are turned off en masse and there will be more of that," Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Clinton backer, said of Trump. "In the Columbus suburbs, she's going to do very well."

A February poll of likely Republican voters commissioned by a Democratic firm led by Stan Greenberg, a former pollster for former President Bill Clinton, found that 20 percent of Republicans are "uncertain" whether they would back Trump or Clinton in a head-to-head match-up.

A quarter of GOP voters in Indiana said they would not vote for Trump in a general election, according to exit polls. Half of Republicans who didn't vote for Trump said they would be scared and another third said they would be concerned about Trump occupying the White House.

There is some irony in Clinton playing the role of a unifier: She's long been one of the most divisive figures in American politics. But while 55 percent of Americans said they had a negative opinion of Clinton in an Associated Press-GfK poll released last month, 69 percent said the same of Trump.

For some voters, that leaves them feeling like they have few good options.

Amy Bishop, 42, a stay-at-home mom from Indianola, Iowa, said she wasn't sure how she would vote in November. She said she would "most likely" go for Clinton over Trump, but stressed that she wasn't "100 percent."

"I don't feel like she's honest and upfront," said the self-identified independent. Of Trump, she said, "I think he's very reactive."

Tracey Kingery, a Republican from Des Moines, Iowa, said she, too, was unsure about how to vote.

"I think he seriously would go half-cocked on everything. He's a little too hot-headed for me," she said. But, said the 47-year-old, "there's been too much negative stuff about her."

## **APNewsBreak: Army says troops lost their way, went off cliff**

**DAN ELLIOTT, Associated Press**

DENVER (AP) — An Army vehicle took the wrong road in the dark and was making a U-turn when it tumbled 250 feet off a cliff at a Colorado training range last year, killing one soldier and injuring five, according to a recently released investigative report.

The soldier who died had an unspecified medical condition at the time of the February 2015 crash at Fort Carson, and a physician assistant had recommended that he not go on the training exercise, investigators said.

It wasn't clear from the report whether Staff Sgt. Justin Holt's condition was a factor in his death or in the crash of the Stryker fighting vehicle. He was the commander of the vehicle but wasn't driving, the report said.

The Army provided the report to The Associated Press Monday, more than a year after the AP requested it under the Freedom of Information Act. Previously, the Army had released few details other than Holt's identity.

Holt, of Bogata, Texas, had not been sleeping well because of shoulder pain, the report said, but investigators didn't say if that was related to his medical condition. He suffered multiple blunt force trauma to

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his head, chest and torso in the crash, investigators said.

The report said an unidentified Army captain had allowed Holt to participate in the exercise against the advice of the physician assistant and a squadron commander.

The Army hasn't released the names of the five survivors, who all held the rank of specialist. One suffered multiple fractures in his upper spine and was permanently disabled, the report said. The driver had a broken leg, and three soldiers suffered cuts and bruises.

One of the survivors was wearing a seat belt but the others were not, the report said. One soldier told investigators Holt accidentally released his seat belt as the Stryker began to roll.

Holt and his team were returning to a remote camp on the 219-square-mile post shortly before 9 p.m. on Feb. 6 after a training exercise had ended. A soldier in another Stryker alerted them that they had made a wrong turn, the report said.

Holt told his driver to turn around. The driver told investigators he then began a left turn at about 5 to 10 mph when the Stryker drove off the cliff.

The driver said the vehicle had white lights on, but it wasn't clear from the report if they were headlights.

The Stryker rolled and tumbled down a steep, rocky slope studded with trees. Holt and the driver were ejected, the report said. Leaking fuel started a fire, but the survivors and rescuers put it out.

It wasn't clear what action commanders took after the incident. Eight pages of findings and recommendations were redacted, as were sections on mistakes made.

The Army initially said six soldiers were injured and that the Stryker rolled 100 feet, but the report said five were hurt and the vehicle tumbled 250 feet. A Fort Carson spokeswoman didn't immediately respond to a phone call seeking clarification.

## Ky. bourbon trail offers a lesson for reviving racing's fans

**BRUCE SCHREINER, Associated Press**

MIDWAY, Ky. (AP) — Camera-toting visitors to the grounds at Three Chimneys Farm can get a glimpse of the pampered lives of thoroughbred stallions — the star attractions that frolic in lush paddocks or relax in stately stalls when they aren't in the breeding shed.

Some of the best-known farms in Kentucky's horse country are borrowing from another of the state's contributions to the good life — bourbon whiskey distilleries — in an effort to win new recruits to horse racing's aging and shrinking fan base.

"I'd say they're living the good life," said farm worker Anna Hair, who recently led 15 tourists on a spring-time tour of stone buildings and manicured lawns amid sprawling pastures.

The farms are taking cues from the overwhelming success of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, and hope to develop a thoroughbred trail that can connect with fans.

Ahead of this weekend's Kentucky Derby, nearly 30 horse farms have teamed up to create the trail. Each member ponied up \$10,000 to get the initiative started through Horse Country Inc., a Lexington-based, not-for-profit organization.

People visiting farms are more likely to root for horses produced by those farms, said Brutus Clay, co-owner and president of Runnymede Farm near Paris, Kentucky. The goal is to keep those fans connected to the farms in an ongoing way through social media.

"We actually might have the most potent tool to convert fans," Clay said. He was among the early supporters, known as the "mule team," who pushed for the project.

Racehorses often spend just a fraction of their lives on the racetrack, and there's "a whole other story to tell" about the lives of stallions, mares, yearlings and foals, he said.

"There's a certain amount of romance to it," he said.

The tourism initiative gained a foothold after a sobering 2011 study commissioned by The Jockey Club that said horse racing was losing the battle for new bettors and fans.

Without new growth strategies, the study predicted that thoroughbred racing's handle would decline by 25 percent in the next decade and the number of viable tracks would fall by 27 percent.

Horse racing enthusiasts were older than fans of several other sports, the study said, and the average

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age of racing fans was projected to increase by 6 years by 2020.

The initiative gained more momentum when a review by the Disney Institute — paid for by a group of horse farms — pointed to the untapped tourism potential of the Bluegrass region.

That got the mule team thinking about another Kentucky staple — bourbon.

The Kentucky Bourbon Trail, featuring many of the industry's top-producing distilleries, had 762,009 visits in 2015, up 22 percent from the prior year's record pace, according to the Kentucky Distillers' Association. When combined with the Kentucky Bourbon Trail Craft Tour, featuring a collection of small distilleries, the two trails attracted nearly 900,000 visits last year.

The bourbon tourism venture started in 1999 but didn't start hitting its stride until about a decade ago, said distillers' association President Eric Gregory.

Gregory said he sees plenty of potential for a thoroughbred trail, but said building the brand of bourbon tourism "took a lot of hard work and time."

There's plenty of star power at farms participating in the Horse Country initiative. Coolmore's Ashford Stud is home to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah. Kentucky Derby winners Animal Kingdom and Street Sense are at Darley's Jonabell Farm. Gainesway features leading sire Tapit. Claiborne was home to the great Secretariat, and fans still visit his grave. Stonestreet is home to former Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra. Darby Dan was a filming location for the movie "Secretariat."

Most participating horse farms were fully booked for Derby week tours, and some added tours or allowed larger tour groups to meet demand, said Anne Sabatino Hardy, executive director of Horse Country.

Bringing visitors to working farms with spirited animals will be a balancing act, Clay said.

During a recent tour at Runnymede, visitors looked at a picture of an ultrasound that a veterinarian had performed on a pregnant mare, Clay said. The veterinarian took time to explain the process and what the ultrasound showed.

"We were able to observe in a respectful way that gave people an insight into what a working farm is like, while not severely compromising the operations of the farm," he said.

At the recent Three Chimneys tour, the visitors clicked photos of Will Take Charge, a leading sire whose career included wins in the Travers and Pennsylvania Derby.

The chestnut stallion stood calmly outside his stall. "He's a little bit of a ham," Hair said.

Her one admonition was that visitors not try to pet the horses, but she framed it as a marketing tip.

"It's not a great end of a tour when a horse mistakes a finger for a carrot," she said.

## Critics question mine exploration near Alaska eagle preserve

**DAN JOLING, Associated Press**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — In early winter, after most tourists have fled Alaska, another kind of visitor flies in: bald eagles, up to 4,000 of them.

In the world's largest congregation of bald eagles, they gather along the Chilkat River in southeast Alaska to feast on salmon carcasses washed downstream after spawning. Well after other rivers have frozen, the river remains open.

Wildlife advocates are concerned that a possible mining project near a major tributary of the river could threaten the eagles.

A Canadian company, backed by a Japanese metals firm, is spending millions to explore a copper and zinc deposit that might someday turn into a hard rock mine about 10 miles upriver of the preserve.

"That just seems like a very foolish thing to do, to risk everything we have for a few years of economic development," said environmental activist Gershon Cohen, who lives in nearby Haines.

Mine advocates say mining and wildlife can co-exist, noting that the state's strict mining regulations will require measures protecting salmon and eagles.

But long before the specifics of a mine are designed, wildlife advocates question why a development with the potential for a deadly spill would ever be considered on a site close to salmon habitat that nourishes the eagles.

Haines is a commercial fishing and tourism town of 2,500 with an asset missing in most other southeast



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Alaska towns: a highway that climbs through nearby mountains to connect to the continental road system. The highway and port are a huge draw for Vancouver, British Columbia-based Constantine Metal Resources Ltd., a company formed in 2006 to explore for copper, zinc, gold and silver in the project on five acres about 35 miles northwest of the city.

"We have a promising project that's growing, that we've been investing in for a long time, but it requires more work," said Darwin Green, vice president of exploration, in a phone interview.

Japan's Dowa Metals & Mining Co. in 2013 agreed to invest \$22 million in what's being called the Palmer Project over four years in exchange for a 49 percent interest. The Bureau of Land Management is reviewing Constantine's application to build roads and expand exploration to 40 acres.

But a decision on production is years off, Green said.

"The question everyone wants to know — 'When will it be a mine — is one I can't answer,'" he said.

The project ultimately could take the form of a medium-size underground mine, with high grade ore extracted and trucked to port, loaded on ships and moved to overseas smelters. Baseline information collected during exploration would shape mine design.

But it's much too early, he said, to provide meaningful details about what processing would entail. "What we do know is that Alaska has incredibly stringent regulations and laws that are very protective of the environment we operate in," Green said.

Cohen, a sponsor of the 2006 cruise ship ballot initiative that required the vessels to get state pollution discharge permits for wastewater, is frustrated by a system in which debate about a mine that could damage a world-class natural attraction does not begin until after millions of dollars have been spent.

"If you wait until it's later in the process, then they turn that around and say, 'Where were you years ago when we first started this?'" he said.

No matter what Constantine promises, he said, it ultimately is an exploration company.

"Once they find a major mining company that wants to buy the prospect, they will have little to nothing to say about how the mine actually gets developed," he said. "It will be the major mining partner who will bring in their engineers and they will decide how the mine needs to be developed."

The specifics of a future mine are not needed to know that it will produce millions of gallons of wastewater contaminated with heavy metals in a location prone to earthquakes and heavy rainfall, Cohen said.

"There is a long history of dams for tailings ponds failing under these conditions," he said.

## Trump virtually clinches Republican presidential nomination

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — In a stunning triumph for a political outsider, Donald Trump all but clinched the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday with a resounding victory in Indiana that knocked rival Ted Cruz out of the race and cleared Trump's path to a likely November face-off with Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton.

Trump still needs about 200 delegates to formally secure the nomination, but Cruz's decision to end his campaign removed his last major obstacle.

"Ted Cruz — I don't know if he likes me or he doesn't like me — but he is one hell of a competitor," Trump said of his last fierce competitor whom he had dubbed "Iyin' Ted." Trump, in a victory speech that was much lower-key than usual, promised victory in November, vowing anew to put "America first."

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders eked out a victory over Clinton in Indiana, but the outcome will not slow the former secretary of state's march to the Democratic nomination. Heading into Tuesday's voting, Clinton had 92 percent of the delegates she needs.

"I know that the Clinton campaign thinks this campaign is over. They're wrong," Sanders said defiantly in an interview Tuesday night. But Clinton already has turned her attention to the general election.

She and Trump now plunge into a six-month battle for the presidency, with the future of America's immigration laws, health care system and military posture around the world at stake. While Clinton heads into the general election with significant advantages with minority voters and women, Democrats have

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vowed to not underestimate Trump as his Republican rivals did for too long.

Previewing Clinton's general election message, top adviser John Podesta said Trump was "simply too big of a risk" to be president.

For months, Republican leaders considered him a fringe candidate and banked on voters shifting toward more traditional contenders. But Trump tapped into Republicans' deep anger with party leaders and outlasted more than a dozen experienced political rivals.

Party Chairman Reince Priebus declared the race over, saying on Twitter that Trump would be the GOP's presumptive nominee.

"We all need to unite and focus on defeating @HillaryClinton," he wrote.

Indeed, Trump's first challenge will be uniting a Republican Party that has been roiled by his candidacy. While some GOP leaders have warmed to the real estate mogul, others have promised to never vote for him and see him as a threat to their party's very existence.

Even before the Indiana results were finalized, some conservative leaders were planning a Wednesday meeting to assess the viability of launching a third party candidacy to compete with him in the fall.

One outside group trying to stop Trump suggested it would shift its attention to helping Republicans in other races. Rory Cooper, a senior adviser to the Never Trump super PAC, said the group will help protect "Republican incumbents and down-ballot candidates by distinguishing their values and principles from that of Trump and protecting them from a wave election."

Indiana was viewed as the last gasp for Cruz, the fiery Texas conservative. He campaigned aggressively in the state, securing the support of Indiana's governor and announcing businesswoman Carly Fiorina as his running mate.

Cruz had clung to the hope that he could keep Trump from reaching the 1,237 delegates needed for the nomination and push the race to a rare contested convention.

"I've said I would continue on as long as there was a viable path to victory; tonight I'm sorry to say it appears that path has been foreclosed," Cruz told a somber crowd in Indianapolis.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is now the only other Republican left in the race. But Kasich has won just one primary — his home state — and trails Trump by nearly 900 delegates.

Kasich pledged to stay in the race, with his campaign manager saying the governor would continue to "offer the voters a clear choice for our country."

Only about half of Indiana's Republican primary voters said they were excited or optimistic about any of their remaining candidates becoming president, according to exit polls. Still, most said they probably would support whoever won for the GOP.

Clinton, too, needs to win over Sanders' enthusiastic supporters. The Vermont senator has cultivated a deeply loyal following, in particular among young people, a group Democrats count on in the general election.

Though Sanders claimed momentum, he has conceded his strategy hinges on persuading 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.

Exit polls showed about 7 in 10 Indiana Democrats said they'd be excited or at least optimistic about either a Clinton or Sanders presidency. Most said they would support either in November.

The exit polls were conducted by Edison Research for The Associated Press and television networks.

With Sanders' narrow victory Tuesday, he picked up at least 43 of Indiana's 83 delegates. Clinton now has 2,202 delegates to Sanders' 1,400. That includes pledged delegates from primaries and caucuses, as well as superdelegates.

Trump now has at least 1,047 delegates. Cruz exits the race with 565, while Kasich has 152.

## Boy: Sister, stranger went into hills; she never came back

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SHIPROCK, N.M. (AP) — When the stranger approached Ian and Ashlynnne Mike at the school bus stop, the boy was wary. But his older sister got lured into the van, and he didn't want her to go alone, so he went, too.

The man took the siblings to a desolate spot on the edge of the nation's largest American Indian reservation, authorities and family members say. The man and the 11-year-old girl walked into the hills, but the stranger came back alone, the boy told authorities.

Scared and in the dark, Ian ran more than 2 miles to a highway on the Navajo Nation where a passing driver found the 9-year-old boy Monday night.

Police gleaned some information about the suspect from the younger brother of Ashlynnne, whose body was found Tuesday near a distinct rock formation that the rural town of Shiprock, New Mexico, is named for.

On Tuesday night, authorities arrested a 27-year-old man in connection with the abduction and death.

Tom Begaye of Waterflow, New Mexico, was arrested, the FBI said. Begaye is scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge B. Paul Briones in Farmington on Wednesday, according to the FBI.

The suspect is not related to Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye, the nation's public safety director said.

At a candlelight vigil held Tuesday night in a community center in Shiprock, Shawn Mike, a cousin of Ashlynnne, remembered her as a kind, smart girl who loved music and played the xylophone.

"As a dad, you would like to see your daughter grow up and see her have a family of her own one day. And unfortunately, Ashlynnne won't experience any of this," he said.

Hundreds of people packed the tiny hall while hundreds more stood outside of the building in support of Ashlynnne.

Paulynda Claw of Shiprock came to vigil, with her young son. "It touched my heart, and I just felt we had to be here," she said.

Tips for the investigation flooded in from across the reservation that spans parts of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah as well as the close-knit tribal community where Ashlynnne lived. The FBI said it's following up on all leads.

"We're leaving no stone unturned," FBI Special Agent in Charge Terry Wade told reporters during a brief news conference. "We will solve this case and give Ashlynnne Mike's family the justice they deserve."

Authorities described the kidnapper as a light-skinned Native American in his 20s or 30s with a teardrop tattoo under his left eye who drove a maroon van with a luggage rack but no hubcaps.

At the bus stop Monday afternoon, he approached the siblings and a third boy, asking them if they wanted to see a movie. The boys said no, but Ashlynnne was somehow lured into the man's van.

The boy was distraught, said Darrell Foster-Joe, the children's aunt.

"He was so tired and just crying and crying for his sister," she said. "It was really hard for the FBI to get any information from him."

Wade acknowledged that some parents are worried about the safety of their children as they go to and from school. Ashlynnne lived in the vast reservation's San Juan Chapter, a community that has been on edge since word spread that the girl was missing.

She attended Ojo Amarillo Elementary School in Fruitland, New Mexico, and lived about a quarter-mile from the bus stop. Her aunt described Ashlynnne as a fun-loving, kind and quiet girl.

An Amber Alert was issued around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. It wasn't clear why it took hours for authorities to get word out about the abduction, and Wade declined to answer related questions during the news conference.

The search for the girl included federal, tribal, state and county officers on the ground as well as a New Mexico State Police helicopter. About 70 or 80 residents also fanned out across the area where the girl was found, said Graham Biyaal, who helped organized the community search.

Jesse Delmar, a public safety director for the Navajo Nation, said the girl's body was found in a secluded

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area south of the distinct rock formation that the town of Shiprock is named for.

"We were very hopeful that we would find her in good shape," Delmar said. "We found her but it didn't turn out well."

A local radio station alerted residents to the abduction and gave a description of the suspect's vehicle, San Juan Chapter manager Stanley Wauneka said.

"People are nervous and asking a lot of questions," he said.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 4, the 125th day of 2016. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1916, Germany, responding to an ultimatum from President Woodrow Wilson, agreed to limit its submarine warfare. (However, Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare the following year.)

On this date:

In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1904, the United States took over construction of the Panama Canal from the French.

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. (Capone was later transferred to Alcatraz Island.)

In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began in the Pacific during World War II. (The outcome was considered a tactical victory for Imperial Japan, but ultimately a strategic one for the Allies.)

In 1959, the first Grammy Awards ceremony was held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Domenico Modugno won Record of the Year and Song of the Year for "Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu (Volare)"; Henry Mancini won Album of the Year for "The Music from Peter Gunn."

In 1961, the first group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington, D.C. to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

In 1976, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser announced that "Waltzing Matilda" would serve as his country's anthem at the upcoming Olympic Games.

In 1980, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, died three days before his 88th birthday.

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat signed an accord on Palestinian autonomy that granted self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

In 2001, Bonny Lee Bakley, wife of actor Robert Blake, was shot to death as she sat in a car near a restaurant in Los Angeles. (Blake, accused of Bakley's murder, was acquitted in a criminal trial but found liable by a civil jury and ordered to pay damages.)

Ten years ago: A federal judge sentenced Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee) to life in prison for his role in the 9/11 attacks, telling the convicted terrorist, "You will die with a whimper." The U.S. military released unflattering video footage of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi (AH'-boo MOO'-sahb ahl-zahr-KOW'-ee) in which the al-Qaida leader was seen wearing American tennis shoes and fumbling with his automatic rifle.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama said he had decided not to release death photos of terrorist Osama bin Laden because their graphic nature could incite violence and create national security risks. Officials told The Associated Press that the Navy SEALs who'd stormed bin Laden's compound in Pakistan shot and killed him after they saw him appear to lunge for a weapon. Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin was named the Rookie of the Year, becoming the NBA's first unanimous choice for the award in 21 years. Actress Mary Murphy, 80, died in Beverly Hills, California.

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One year ago: Former technology executive Carly Fiorina and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson joined the rapidly expanding 2016 Republican presidential class, casting themselves as political outsiders in underdog campaigns, eager to challenge the elite of both parties. Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors was named winner of the NBA Most Valuable Player award. Ellen Albertini Dow, a feisty character actress best known for her salty rendition of "Rapper's Delight" in "The Wedding Singer," died in Los Angeles at age 101.

Today's Birthdays: The former president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 88. Opera singer Roberta Peters is 86. Katherine Jackson, matriarch of the Jackson musical family, is 86. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 79. Rock musician Dick Dale is 79. Political commentator George Will is 75. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia Davison (The Angels) is 72. Actor Richard Jenkins is 69. Country singer Stella Parton is 67. Actor-turned-clergyman Hilly Hicks is 66. Irish musician Darryl Hunt (The Pogues) is 66. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 65. Singer-actress Pia Zadora is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Oleta Adams is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sharon Jones is 60. Violinist Soozie Tyrell (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 59. Country singer Randy Travis is 57. Actress Mary McDonough is 55. Comedian Ana Gasteyer is 49. Actor Will Arnett is 46. Rock musician Mike Dirnt (Green Day) is 44. Contemporary Christian singer Chris Tomlin is 44. TV personality and fashion designer Kimora Lee Simmons is 41. Rock musician Jose Castellanos is 39. Sports reporter Erin Andrews is 38. Singer Lance Bass ('N Sync) is 37. Rapper/singer Jidenna is 31. Actor Alexander Gould is 22. Country singer Raelynn is 22. Actress Amara (uh-MAH'-ruh) Miller is 16.

Thought for Today: "Goodness, armed with power, is corrupted; and pure love without power is destroyed." — Reinhold Niebuhr, American theologian (1892-1971).

## **Detroit teachers to return to classroom after 2-day sick-out**

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DETROIT (AP) — Teachers who closed Detroit schools for two days by calling out sick announced Tuesday that they would return to the classroom after receiving assurance from the district's manager that they would be paid.

The move by the Detroit Federation of Teachers came hours after Michigan lawmakers advanced a \$500 million plan to restructure the public schools by creating a new district.

The vote was intended to ease teachers' fears that they might not get paid if the district runs out of money. But the union quickly blasted the legislation endorsed by the House Appropriations Committee. It would forbid existing labor agreements from transferring to the new district and restrict collective bargaining over work schedules and school calendars.

Terrence Martin, the union's executive vice president, said it was "truly outraged" by the proposal. He said the measures sent to the full House "feel like and look like anti-teacher bills" and differ radically from legislation approved in March by the Senate that he described as "workable."

"It's just a testament to how far apart lawmakers are right now. ... "(It's) very discouraging to our membership," Martin said. "We'll continue to fight."

The union said it would encourage members to go back to school Wednesday based on discussions with the district's state-appointed transitional manager, Steven Rhodes.

The sick-out idled 45,000 children and presented yet another crisis with racial overtones for a governor and Legislature already engrossed in the water emergency in Flint, a majority-black city like Detroit, where many residents have complained about being treated like second-class citizens.

"Teachers, you're going to get paid," Republican House Appropriations Chairman Al Pscholka said before the panel approved the plan over objections that it would not be enough money and also hurt the teachers union.

The proposal that passed mostly along party lines would launch a new district in July. Students would attend school in that district, while the old one would remain intact for tax-collection purposes to retire the district's enormous debt by 2023. The plan would spend less than the \$700-plus million plan approved

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by the Senate.

The GOP-led House could vote on the idea later this week. But big differences would still need to be resolved with the Republican-controlled Senate. It was unclear how quickly that could occur before the Legislature adjourns for the summer in mid-June.

On Tuesday, the district closed 94 of its 97 schools — the same number that canceled classes on Monday, when more than 1,500 teachers did not show up for work.

"We want to be in school teaching children," said Randi Weingarten, national president of the American Federation of Teachers. "But you cannot in good conscience ask anybody to work without a guarantee they're going to be paid."

The district — considered the worst academically of its size in the country — has been under continuous state oversight since 2009. It has been led by a series of financial managers who have confronted debt and enrollment that has declined to a third of what it was a decade ago.

Rhodes, the current manager and a former federal judge who oversaw the city's bankruptcy, warned over the weekend that nearly \$50 million in emergency spending that the state approved in March will run out by June 30.

Teachers opting to have their pay spread over 12 months instead of the course of the school year would not receive paychecks in July and August without more help from the state.

The seven-bill plan aims to ensure that the newly created district could spend more on academics if freed of debt payments equaling \$1,100 per student.

But Republicans and Democrats remain at odds over issues such as how much state money is needed and whether to create a special commission to open and close schools, including publicly funded charters. Also unresolved is the question of when an elected school board would take power and if a financial oversight commission would have a say in hiring a new superintendent.

Rep. Henry Yanez, a Democrat, characterized the legislation as "bald-faced union busting." Other Democrats questioned why it would provide only \$33 million for start-up costs and cash flow when \$200 million is required.

The mass sick-outs that started late last year with just a small group of teachers, however, angered Republicans, who complained that the protest did not help their efforts to pass the bills. Four bills won approval on narrow 15-14 votes.

Rep. Earl Poleski of Jackson, who voted for the legislation, called the work stoppages "reprehensible." "Their actions have been grossly unprofessional," he said.

But one parent who was missing work because her daughter has been shut out of class said the blame for the district's financial maladies falls on the shoulders of the state, not the teachers.

Teachers "have been doing the best that they can with the resources that they have," said Monique Baker McCormick, whose daughter is an 11th-grader at Cass Tech. "They're just trying to survive themselves off of what little they get. So I don't blame them at all for fighting for what they deserve."

Asked if President Barack Obama supports the sick-outs, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Tuesday that he was "deeply concerned" that students were not being educated and urged teachers and local officials to "resolve their differences so that kids can get back to school."

## 'Mystery man' defense in 'Grim Sleeper' case gets DA's scorn

**BRIAN MELLEY, Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Closing arguments in the trial of the man charged in the "Grim Sleeper" serial killings lurched from a whodunit crime thriller Tuesday to science fiction as attorneys sparred over evidence.

Defense lawyer Seymour Amster revealed for the first time in the long-running trial that a "mystery man," an unnamed nephew of defendant Lonnie Franklin Jr., was the real killer.

"Each and every murder in this case could have been done by a mystery man with a mystery gun with mystery DNA," Amster said.

Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman shot back during her rebuttal that Amster had concocted an

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imaginary scenario at the last minute in the face of overwhelming evidence of guilt.

"The theory of the defense is basically the equivalent of the skies opening up, a space ship descending and murdering all these women," Silverman said as members in the audience snickered.

The lawyers wrapped up two days of closing arguments in Los Angeles Superior Court after months of testimony in the case that spans more than three decades. Jurors are to begin deliberations Wednesday.

Franklin, 63, a former garbage man and 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 attempted murder.

The killings spanning from 1985 to 2007 were dubbed the work of the "Grim Sleeper" after an apparent 14-year gap in the violence after 1988, when one victim survived a gunshot and escaped.

Much of the killing occurred during the crack cocaine epidemic and the killer preyed mostly on young black women, some of whom worked as prostitutes.

Several other serial killers were active at the time in South Los Angeles and community members criticized police for not aggressively investigating the slayings because the victims were black and poor.

Margaret Prescod, who founded the group Black Coalition Fighting Back Serial Murders, said she and other women weren't taken seriously when they confronted police in 1985.

"Why are you concerned about it? He's just killing hookers?" Prescod said she was told.

Police and prosecutors believe that the killer had more victims and may not have paused during the apparent hiatus. Photos of nearly 200 women were discovered in Franklin's house after his arrest and some of the women in those photos have never been found.

Photos of Janecia Peters, killed in 2007 and the final slaying in the case, and Enietra Washington, the only known survivor, were among the trove of snapshots.

Washington's testimony provided the blueprint of how Franklin preyed on women, Silverman said. He lured her into his car, shot her in the chest, sexually assaulted her and then dumped her from the vehicle, Silverman said.

The bullet removed from Washington came from the same gun used to shoot or kill seven previous victims, most of whom had Franklin's DNA on them, Silverman said.

But Amster said that the case collapsed on Washington's testimony because of inconsistencies in her statements to police.

Washington described an assailant who was younger than Franklin and pock marked, Amster said.

Amster then introduced the new theme of the defense. He said the real killer had access to Franklin's Ford Pinto and had told Washington he was stopping at an "uncle's house" — believed to be Franklin's — to get money while she waited in the car.

"It was not Mr. Franklin," he said. "It was the nephew, this mystery man."

Silverman said Amster had distorted the evidence and that Washington's descriptions of Franklin were always consistent.

Washington identified a photo of Franklin and she pointed him out in court. She said she was 100 percent sure he was the man who shot her and left her for dead.

Amster said prosecutors had built a circumstantial case using inferior science that found the DNA of unknown men on the victims.

But Silverman said Amster had twisted the evidence so the expert testimony favored his case when it was convenient and that ballistics evidence or DNA connected Franklin to each victim.

"If there is some mystery man out there, how come we didn't pick up his DNA on victim after victim?" she said.

## Corporate earnings keep falling, but there are signs of life

**MARLEY JAY, AP Markets Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Are we there yet? It's another weak quarter on Wall Street, but there are some signs corporate America will come out of its recent funk.

Earnings at big U.S. companies are on track to tumble 6.4 percent in the first quarter, the worst since the financial crisis. That would also be the third straight decline in profits while revenue is on pace to fall for the fifth quarter in a row.

Much of the blame lies in plunging oil prices and a sagging global economy. The beleaguered U.S. energy sector, which includes giants like Exxon Mobil and Chevron, is expected to report an overall loss, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence, something that hasn't happened since the firm began collecting data in 1999.

On the economic front, the news remains dour. The International Monetary Fund and World Bank have downgraded their outlook for global growth this year. Growth in the Chinese economy, the world's second-largest and a major driver of growth in other nations, has been slowing steadily since 2010.

A stronger dollar has also been hurting big U.S. companies that do a lot of sales in overseas markets. When revenue from goods those companies sell overseas, be it mining equipment, medicines or appliances, they are worth less in dollars once the profits are converted back to U.S. currency.

So what is there to feel good about? Experts think the problems plaguing profits at U.S. companies are starting to fade. With more than two-thirds of the companies in the S&P 500 index having turned in their results, some are seeing signs of hope.

"There are little shades of hope," said Lindsey Bell, an analyst for S&P Global Market Intelligence. "It's just very, very early stages."

Giant consumer companies like Amazon and drug companies like Pfizer have turned in strong results this quarter. Overall, about 70 percent of companies have reported better-than-expected earnings for the first quarter.

And since investors weren't expecting good results in the first quarter to begin with, they're more focused on what companies are saying about the months ahead. And in many cases, they like what they are hearing. Oil prices have bounced back a little bit over the last three months, and after years of strength, the dollar has slipped.

Bell of S&P Global Market Intelligence adds that some companies think the weaker dollar will bolster their profits in the next few quarters. Pfizer, she noted, raised their outlook in part due to the weakening dollar. Chemicals maker DuPont and the giant health care company Johnson & Johnson also issued higher forecasts.

Despite weakness in China and Europe, the U.S. economy kept growing and employers are still hiring large numbers of workers. According Jeremy Zirin, chief equity strategist at UBS Wealth Management Americas, makers of machinery and consumer companies are doing especially well, a good sign for the overall health of the U.S. economy.

Analysts think earnings will fall again in the second quarter and then start growing after that. That's partly because the bar has gone so much lower. But it's also because energy prices seem to be recovering and there are hopes that the U.S. economy will continue to grow even if the rest of the world isn't as strong. Last week the government estimated that the U.S. economy expanded at a rate of 0.5 percent in the first three months of the year.

As for oil, it cost around \$100 a barrel in mid-2014 and plunged for more than a year after that, reaching \$26 a barrel in February. It's since recovered to more than \$40 a barrel, giving a little relief to energy companies.

Add it all up and it could mean that 2016 might not be a total wash for corporate profits. S&P Global Market Intelligence says analysts think overall profit growth will eke out a gain of 0.1 percent for the full year.



## Ted Cruz ends his bid for Republican presidential nomination

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Texas Sen. Ted Cruz ended his presidential campaign Tuesday, eliminating the biggest impediment to Donald Trump's march to the Republican nomination.

The conservative tea party firebrand who cast himself as the only viable alternative to Trump announced his exit after a stinging defeat in Indiana's Republican primary.

"It appears that path has been foreclosed," Cruz told supporters in Indianapolis. "Together, we left it all on the field of Indiana. We gave it everything we've got, but the voters chose another path, and so with a heavy heart but with boundless optimism for the long-term future of our nation, we are suspending our campaign."

Cruz had already been mathematically eliminated from clinching the delegate majority in the state-by-state primary process, but hoped to force a contested national convention in July. That possibility ends Tuesday with the Texas senator's announcement.

Had he succeeded in his quest, Cruz would have been the first U.S. president of Hispanic descent, although he often downplayed his heritage on the campaign trail, instead, touting the need for tougher immigration laws, for a border wall along the border with Mexico, protecting gun rights, repealing President Barack Obama's health care law and instituting a flat tax.

Cruz argued he was the only true conservative in the race, building on his reputation in the Senate where he clashed both with Democrats and members of his own party over his ideological stubbornness. Cruz railed against what he called the "Washington cartel," trying to appeal to an electorate that is craving political outsiders.

But he ultimately couldn't compete with Trump's appeal among white, working class voters who were drawn to the billionaire's outlandish approach to politics.

Cruz's campaign placed its hopes on a data-driven effort to turn out conservative evangelical Christians who had opted out of recent presidential elections. Increasingly, he would modify his travel schedule to go where data showed there might be pockets of untapped supporters.

With the scale tipping increasingly in Trump's favor, he announced an extraordinary pact in April with his other rival, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, in which the two would divide their time and resources based on states where they were each poised to do better.

Days later, he prematurely named former Hewlett-Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina as his running mate, hoping it would woo some of the female voters turned off by Trump's brash rhetoric.

Trump's appeal to evangelicals, though, and the New York billionaire's popularity with the broader Republican electorate, proved too much.

Cruz, 45, worked on George W. Bush's 2000 campaign and went on to serve five years as the top attorney for the state of Texas, arguing nine cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He parleyed that experience into an underdog run for the U.S. Senate, defeating the state's lieutenant governor in the primary before winning election in 2012.

He first burst on the national political landscape in 2013 when he led a 21-hour quasi-filibuster against President Barack Obama's health care law, reading his children Dr. Seuss's "Green Eggs and Ham" as a bedtime story via CSPAN during the marathon effort.

Cruz later teamed with the most-conservative members of the House to spark a government shutdown. It ultimately didn't accomplish any major Republican goals, but raised Cruz's national profile even more.

Cruz built a coalition of like-minded Republicans in Congress, as well as former presidential rivals — Fiorina, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, ex-Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Sen. Lindsey Graham among them — but won only minimal support from his Senate colleagues.

Cruz's campaign slogan of "Trusted" was tarnished after he was forced to apologize to Ben Carson for falsely suggesting the night of the Iowa caucuses that the retired neurosurgeon was dropping out of the race. Cruz also abruptly fired his communications director a day before the Nevada caucuses for spreading

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a false story about Florida Sen. Marco Rubio disparaging the Bible.

Trump nicknamed Cruz "Lyn' Ted," and derided him as "unstable," "crazy," "a maniac" and "sick."

Trump also questioned whether Cruz's birth in Canada disqualified him to run for president, frequently threatening to sue him over the issue. He never followed through, but several suits were filed, including in Cruz's home state of Texas.

Cruz initially avoided attacking Trump, hoping that the former reality TV star's supporters would flow to him if Trump flamed out. As Trump's momentum grew with early primary victories, Cruz fought back and said Trump can't be trusted because of his past support for Democrats, abortion rights and same-sex marriage.

But it was too late.

Cruz was joined on stage with his parents, as well as by Fiorina and his wife, Heidi.

He made no mention of the Republican front-runner, vowing instead to continue his fight for liberty and for the Constitution.

## AP sources: Takata recall could more than double in size

**TOM KRISHER, AP Auto Writer**

DETROIT (AP) — U.S. auto safety regulators are in talks with Takata Corp. to add tens of millions of air bag inflators to what already is the biggest auto recall in American history, three people briefed on the matter said Tuesday.

The government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration wants the Japanese company to agree to a recall that could more than double the 28.8 million Takata inflators that already must be replaced, according to the people who requested anonymity because talks are still ongoing. An announcement could come as soon as Wednesday.

Unlike most air bag makers, Takata's inflators use the chemical ammonium nitrate to fill air bags in a crash. But they can explode with too much force, blowing apart a metal canister and spewing shrapnel into drivers and passengers. At least 11 people have died worldwide and over 100 have been hurt by the inflators. The latest death was a 17-year-old Texas girl who got into a relatively minor crash while driving her family's 2002 Honda Civic.

Neither the government nor Takata would say if more recalls are coming, but under an agreement reached with the company last year, it must prove that the inflators are safe or begin recalling them in 2018.

The government wants Takata to recall air bag inflators that don't have a drying agent called a dessicant, but the size of the recall expansion is unclear, the people said. The expansion is likely to include about 35 million front air bag inflators on U.S. roads without the drying agent.

But that still wouldn't be a total recall of Takata air bags. NHTSA has said there are a total of 85 million unrecalled Takata inflators in U.S. vehicles, some with and without the drying agent.

Such an expansion would cost Takata billions on top of what it already has spent replacing inflators, raising concerns about the company's financial health.

Takata did say in a statement that it is working with NHTSA and automakers "to develop long-term, orderly solutions to these important safety issues."

NHTSA said it has reviewed the findings of three separate investigations into the inflators and "will take all appropriate actions to make sure air bags in Americans' vehicles are safe."

The problem has been linked to older cars with long-term exposure to high humidity. That's why replacement parts are being targeted to areas such as the U.S. Gulf Coast, although many of the cars have been recalled nationwide. No one knows for certain how long it takes for the ammonium nitrate to deteriorate or whether inflators in older cars in cooler, less-humid states might explode in the future. That makes the safety of Takata inflators — which are in driver, passenger and side air bags — a potentially deadly unknown.

NHTSA has said that no inflators that contain the dessicant have ruptured, either in tests or on the road, except for two side air bag ruptures in testing that were blamed on a separate manufacturing defect. The agency based its estimate on data provided by Takata and the 14 car and truck makers that have Takata

inflators in their vehicles.

Takata has agreed not to sign any more contracts to sell ammonium nitrate inflators and phase it out of manufacturing by the end of 2018.

Earlier this year, scientists hired by 10 automakers blamed the trouble on a combination of volatile ammonium nitrate, heat and humidity, and inflator containers that may let moisture seep in.

## **Nominations-Reactions. AP Video. AP Audio. Broadway musical 'Hamilton' does what it always does \_ stuns**

**MARK KENNEDY, AP Drama Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — The Tony Awards are being nicknamed this year the "Hamil-Tonys" in recognition that "Hamilton" is the show to beat. That was proven again Tuesday.

Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip-hop-flavored biography about the first U.S. treasury secretary earned 16 Tony Award nominations, breaking the 15-nominations record held jointly by "The Producers" and "Billy Elliot the Musical." "Hamilton" earned nods in all 13 categories it was eligible.

"I feel really grateful that they kind of spread the wealth," Miranda told The Associated Press. "Theater requires collaboration and I'm lucky to be working with some of the best people in their respective fields alive right now."

The awards will be handed out June 12, with James Corden playing host from the Beacon Theatre. "Hamilton" will be hoping to break another record: The musical with the most Tonys is "The Producers" with 12.

At that ceremony, "Hamilton" will compete for Broadway's biggest crown — best new musical — with "Bright Star," "School of Rock," "Shuffle Along" and "Waitress."

The other top nominees Tuesday were "Shuffle Along," a show that explores a groundbreaking 95-year-old musical starring, written and directed by African-Americans, which got 10 nominations, and the revival of "She Loves Me," which earned eight.

"Hamilton" earned seven acting nominations — Miranda, Leslie Odom Jr., Phillipa Soo, Daveed Diggs, Jonathan Groff, Christopher Jackson and Renee Elise Goldsberry. It also earned nominations for best musical, scenic design, costumes, lighting design, direction, choreography, orchestrations, best book and best original score.

The musical has already won the Pulitzer Prize for drama, a Grammy, the Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama Inspired by American History and a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant.

The loudest screams in Miranda's house Tuesday morning were for the announcement of Jackson, who plays George Washington. Jackson was one of the first people to audition for the show in New York in 2002. "To see him get recognized got a particularly loud scream from my parents and my wife and I," Miranda said, laughing.

Goldsberry earned her first Tony nomination after appearing in four previous Broadway shows and said she will go to the theater Tuesday night holding aloft the banner of "Hamilton."

"The 16 of us represent every single person that worked on this show and we're really grateful to get to do that," she said. But first, the mother of two will celebrate with a nap. "I'm going to nap with the happiest smile on my face."

There were a few surprises Tuesday, including Jennifer Hudson being overlooked in "The Color Purple" and only a costume design nomination for "Tuck Everlasting," a well-received musical based on the 1975 book by Natalie Babbitt. Also, the hit show "On Your Feet!," which follows the lives of Gloria and Emilio Estefan, earned just a choreography nod.

And "American Psycho," an adaptation of the novel by Bret Easton Ellis about a materialistic serial killer, only captured nominations for scenic design and lighting. Its actors and songs by Duncan Sheik were snubbed.

"Waitress," a musical with songs by singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles that is adapted from a 2007 film about a waitress trapped in a small-town diner and a loveless marriage, earned four nominations.

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"I'm so grateful to have found my way back toward the theater community. I grew up doing theater. It's how I learned to listen to music," said Bareilles, who got a nod for music and lyrics. "This experience of working on 'Waitress' has so changed my life in personal ways and professional ways."

"School of Rock," the adaptation by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Julian Fellowes of the Jack Black-led movie about a wannabe rocker who enlists fifth-graders to form a rock group, earned four nominations, including best musical, book, original score and best leading man in Alex Brightman.

"It's a funny season this one, isn't it," said Lloyd Webber from London. "As you know, it's the 'Hamiltons.' We've gotten everything we could have hoped for — and that's all we'll get. But it's lovely in this season of all seasons to get score and musical and book. We're terribly pleased."

"Bright Star," a complex love story set against the American South by comedy god Steve Martin and Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Edie Brickell, earned five nominations and few were more pleased than Martin, who earned his first Tony nod.

"This is very, very exciting to me. It's almost, like your emotions betray you, you don't allow yourself to know how excited you are but then when it happens, the body just takes over and you think, 'Gee, I must have really been nervous about this!' So I am so pleased," he said.

The best play category is composed of Danai Gurira's "Eclipsed," Floria Zeller's "The Father," Stephen Karam's "The Humans" and Mike Bartlett's "King Charles III."

Liesl Tommy, making her Broadway debut as a director, won a nomination for helming "Eclipsed," which takes place in a Liberian rebel camp where women are held as sexual captives.

Calling from a taxi on her way to her next theater assignment downtown, Tommy said her phone blew up with calls from well-wishers. The most important one she had was with her brother and parents in South Africa.

"It was a very emotional phone call because it's not anything I thought, when I emigrated to this country, would ever, ever happen," she said. "There was a lot of feelings of vindication that all of that hard work and sacrifices could lead to something like this."

Late Tuesday, the first casualty of the nomination process was revealed: "Disaster!" — a spoof of 1970s disaster movies — will close on Sunday after getting only one nomination.

Zachary Levi, former star of NBC's "Chuck" making his second Broadway appearance, earned a leading man nomination for "She Loves Me." The one-time theater geek who was lured away by TV said it was surreal to be embraced by Broadway.

"This makes me feel like Ariel in 'The Little Mermaid' — a part of their world," said Levi. "I'm gobsmeared. I never use that word but I'm gobsmeared."

"Shuffle Along," which late last week was declared a new musical, earned nominations for best musical, best book, scenic design, lighting and costumes, direction by George C. Wolfe, choreography by Savion Glover, orchestrations, and acting turns by Adrienne Warren and Brandon Victor Dixon. (Audra McDonald, who was eligible as a lead actress in a musical, wasn't nominated and so won't be able to chase her seventh Tony.)

Dixon said he was surprised some of his co-stars — including Brian Stokes Mitchell, Billy Porter, Joshua Henry and McDonald — didn't get nods. "I was pretty shocked," he said. "But I'm honored to represent them and we're going to go into this Tony season and we're going to take a number of those awards." He added: "I'm happy to stand toe-to-toe with 'Hamilton.'"

The revival of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," starring Jessica Lange and Gabriel Byrne, earned seven nominations, including a first for Lange for her third Broadway role. She played the same part — the drug-addled mother Mary — in London 16 years ago.

"This is really a thrill," she said. "It's one of those parts, if you were insane enough and had the stamina, you could continue to play for the rest of your life and never come to the end of it."

The Roundabout Theatre Company earned 27 nominations for its revivals of "She Loves Me," "Thérèse Raquin," "Noises Off" and "Long Day's Journey Into Night," as well as "The Humans." The Almeida Theatre company in London got seven with its "American Psycho" and "King Charles III."

In a twist, Miranda will face off in the best leading actor category with Odom, who plays Aaron Burr, a

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part he wrote. The two shared a dressing room when the play was off-Broadway and are close friends. "I wouldn't have it any other way. I look in Lin's eyes every single night and I see the truth and the vulnerability that he comes to the stage with. And so I am obviously thrilled to be included, but it wouldn't have made sense to me any other way," Odom said.

Soo, nominated for best leading actress in a musical for "Hamilton," will face off against Laura Benanti, a previous Tony winner, who was enjoying her first-time nomination in a leading actress category. They face competition from Carmen Cusack in "Bright Star," Cynthia Erivo in "The Color Purple" and Jessie Mueller in "Waitress."

"I think that there is room for so many different types of shows on Broadway and that's what I'm loving about this particular Broadway season," said Benanti. "You can go to a show and be educated. You can go to a show and be entertained. Our particular show feels like putting on the most comfortable pajamas you've ever owned."

Visionary director Ivo van Hove, who had two Arthur Miller revivals this season of "The Crucible" and "A View from the Bridge," got a nod only for "A View from the Bridge," although both plays got nominated for best revivals.

Some Hollywood stars didn't do so well on Tuesday, with Clive Owen, Al Pacino, Bruce Willis, Keira Knightley, Saoirse Ronan and George Takei all missing out on nods.

But Michelle Williams and Jeff Daniels got ones for the revival of "Blackbird," David Harrower's unsettling play that centers on an older man, a much younger woman and what happens when they meet 15 years after their brief relationship has ended.

Daniels compared his and Williams' work to the film "The Defiant Ones" starring Tony Curtis and Sidney Poitier, who appeared onscreen chained together.

"That's what it feels like because there's such a yin and a yang, act-react to it. I told her in February, 'Half my performance is in you,'" he said. "So I was thrilled for her as I was for me."

## Tampa Bay Times buys Tampa Tribune, ends decades-old rivalry

**TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Florida's largest newspaper, The Tampa Bay Times, said Tuesday it has purchased its main competitor, the Tampa Tribune, ending a decades-long newspaper rivalry.

The acquisition means that the Tribune printed its final newspaper Tuesday, ending its 123-year-old run as a stand-alone paper. The Times will become the fifth-largest Sunday circulation newspaper in the nation.

Times chairman and CEO Paul Tash said he intends to create one financially secure, locally owned daily newspaper in the Tampa Bay region. Tash did not disclose the purchase price.

"The continued competition between the newspapers was threatening to both," Tash said in a statement. "There are very few cities that are able to sustain more than one daily newspaper, and the Tampa Bay region is not among them."

The Times bought the paper from Revolution Capital Group, which purchased the Tribune in 2012 for \$9.5 million.

People in the Tampa Bay area were stunned when they heard the news. Until 2012, the Times was called the St. Petersburg Times and headquartered in St. Petersburg — although it also has a bureau in downtown Tampa.

St. Petersburg and Tampa — 30 miles apart and separated by Tampa Bay — have always been vastly different places, and that was reflected in the two newspapers. Tampa is more urban, grittier, diverse, while its neighbor across the bay has morphed from a place affectionately known as "God's Waiting Room" because of all of its retirees into a hipster playland with murals, microbreweries and the state's largest farmer's market.

For years, the Tribune was considered the more conservative paper, while the Times was thought of as more liberal.

"There's going to be jubilation certainly within the Times, and I'm sure they're going to pick up tens of

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thousands of new subscribers," said Gary Mormino, a Florida historian and professor emeritus at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg. "If you're a newspaper reader, this is sad news. The competition has been overall good for the community."

In a statement, Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn praised both papers and looked ahead.

"As the son of a journalist, I am saddened by the loss of any paper but I am confident in the future of this community and those that would chronicle its rise and give a voice those who are voiceless," he said.

For decades, the two papers have had a rivalry in the cities of Tampa and St. Petersburg and the far-flung suburbs of Pasco, Hernando and Citrus counties. Scores of cub reporters cut their teeth in the papers' bureaus, wrangling details out of sources in a scrappy attempt at scooping the other paper.

That competition had waned a bit in recent years, as both papers tried to hang on amid layoffs, furloughs and the depressing reality of the newspaper business. The rise of the Internet and the Great Recession decimated newsrooms across the country and more advertising has shifted to digital networks powered by Google and Facebook.

"It's fair to say we've seen this day coming for a very long time," Tash said. "We are committed to being Florida's best newspaper to all of our readers and advertisers."

Rick Edmonds, a media business analyst at the Poynter Institute of Media Studies in St. Petersburg — the not-for-profit that owns the Tampa Bay Times — said he thought the acquisition "was in the cards for some time."

"The Tribune's fate was kind of sealed when the company that bought them sold their property and main building," he said. "It's been the Times' hope for a long time that they could acquire the Tribune, its subscriber list and advertisers and complete the domination of this newspaper market."

Poynter reported that at least 100 layoffs are expected.

The Tribune won a Pulitzer Prize in 1966 for local investigative specialized reporting. In 1999, the paper became one of the first in the nation to "converge" with a TV station when it shared a newsroom with WFLA.

The Times began its history 131 years ago as the West Hillsborough Times. It was known for most of its existence as the St. Petersburg Times, but changed its name to the Tampa Bay Times in 2012 to reflect the territory it serves. In April, the Times won its 11th and 12th Pulitzer Prizes, for local and investigative reporting.

In April, the Times Publishing Co., parent of the Tampa Bay Times, announced that it sold its downtown St. Petersburg headquarters for \$19 million to a joint venture of Convergent Capital Partners and Denholtz Associates. The Times will stay under a 15-year lease as a major tenant, occupying nearly half the building.