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## Tuesday, May 31

**Senior Menu:** Baked pork chop, mixed vegetables, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

**Anniversary:** Steve & Tami Herron

**Birthdays:** Joyce Schaller • Linda Anderson • Carol Osterman • Josephine Doeden

10:00am: Region Girls Golf at Madison

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

## Fr. Kelly celebrates 40 years

Celebrating 40 years of priesthood in honor of Fr. Mike Kelly at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 803 North 1st Street, Groton. Please join us for an Open House on June 12th from 2-4 pm with a short program at 3pm. Hors d'oeuvres and cupcakes will be served.

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

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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## Midwest Masonry & concrete Pumping

**Greg Heilman, owner**

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## Groton Pool Summer 2016

★ **Pool opens for the season: May 30** ★

**Season Passes:** Family Pass (must be immediate family only - max 10) = \$100.00 (Immediate Family = Mother, Father, Biological Children, Adopted Children, and Step Children living in one household)

Special Vacation Family Pass (up to 5 persons for 1 week) = \$30.00

Senior Pass (62 & Over) = \$30.00

Adult Pass (18-61yrs) = \$60.00

Youth Pass (6-17 yrs) = \$40.00

Youth Pass (0-5yrs) = \$20.00

Lap Swim Pass - \$4.00 per session or \$30.00 per summer

Aerobics Pass - \$4.00 per session or \$30.00 per summer

Lap AND Aerobic Pass - \$50.00 per summer

\*Any child under 6yrs must have an adult (at least 18yrs of age) with them when they are in attendance. See Managers for more information.

**\*ALL PATRONS HAVE TO PAY TO GO INSIDE THE POOL AREA. THIS IS NO DIFFERENT THAN GOING TO ANY OTHER FACILITY OR EVENT TO WATCH THE ACTIVITY/EVENT.**

**Daily Admission Per Session:** Seniors (62 and Over) = \$3.00 Adults (18-61) = \$5.00

Youth (6-17 yrs) = \$3.00 Youth (0-5yrs) = \$1.00

### HOURS

Open Swim Daily: 1:00 - 4:50pm & 6:40 - 8:50pm

Family Swim is every Saturday and Sunday from 5:45 - 6:30 (each child must have a family member/parent with them who is 18 yrs or older - This is a great family time!

FUN Night is every Friday from 6:40-8:50pm - ALL pool toys are allowed at this time!

Adult Water Aerobics: Monday thru Thursday - 8:00am - 8:45am AND 5:45pm - 6:30pm

Adult Lap Swim: Monday thru Thursday - 7am - 8am & 5pm - 5:45pm - Friday 7am-8am & 5pm-6:30pm Saturday and Sunday - 5pm - 5:45pm

\*Hours are subject to change

**Pool Rental for Private Parties:** - \$150.00 - 2 hours which includes 2 lifeguards

**Swimming Lessons:** \$20.00 per two-week session - due on first day or prior to first day of lessons, payable at the pool

Mon - Thurs with Friday being a rain/make-up day

Session 1- June 6 - 16

Session 2 - June 20 - June 30

Session 3 - July 11 - July 21

Private Lessons - \$10.00 per 30 minutes with a minimum of 5 lessons and a maximum of 10 consecutive lessons during non-open swim times.

\*All parents must provide an accurate phone number to call in case of inclement weather for possible cancellations



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**Korrina Bowman, Lennox Locke, Andi Gauer, and Luke Gauer helped put dirt around the tree. They had fun helping plant the tree.** (Photo by Tina Kosel)

## City plants 18 trees with grant

A tree was planted in front of Clown Around Day Care on Washington St. Several trees were removed on Washington Street when the street project was done a couple of years ago. This year, the city received a \$1,000 matching fund from the state to help replace the trees. The city's match included \$900 from the Groton Garden Club. Eighteen trees were purchased and planted in the boulevards. Most were planted on the west side with two by Bill and Jana Duncan's home, one by Steve and Tami Herron and one by Dan Sunne's place.



**The kids with Jeanne and Becky Clocksene watching Paul Kosel and Shawn Lambertz from the city dug the hole and put the tree in the hole.**(Photo by Tina Kosel)



**State Forester Jon Livermore from Watertown stopped in Groton last week to inspect the progress of the trees. The trees were planted on May 4.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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## Today in Weather History

1889 - The Johnstown disaster occurred, the worst flood tragedy in U.S. history. Heavy rains collapsed the South Fork Dam sending a thirty foot wall of water rushing down the already flooded Conemaugh Valley. The wall of water, traveling as fast as twenty-two feet per second, swept away all structures, objects and people. 2100 persons perished in the flood. (David Ludlum)

1941 - Thunderstorms deluged Burlington KS with 12.59 inches of rain to establish a 24 hour rainfall record for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - Severe thunderstorms spawned forty-one tornadoes across the Lower Great Lakes Region and southeastern Ontario which killed 74 persons. (Storm Data)

1987 - Thunderstorms in New England produced wind gusts up to 90 mph at Worcester, MA, and Northboro, MA, and hail an inch and a half in diameter at Williston, VT. Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in the northeastern U.S. The afternoon high of 94 degrees at Portland, ME, was a record for the month of May. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Hot and humid weather prevailed in the eastern U.S. Thirteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date. Cape Hatteras, NC, reported their first ninety degree day in May in 115 years of records. "Dust buster" thunderstorms in northwest Texas drenched Amarillo with more than three inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather and torrential rains in northern Indiana, northern Ohio and southern Lower Michigan. Saint John IND was drenched with four inches of rain in two hours, and Woodland MI was deluged with two inches in twenty minutes. Pittsburgh PA reported a record 6.55 inches of rain for the month of May, with measurable rain reported on twenty-five days during the month. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms developing along a warm front produced severe weather from northwest Texas to southeastern Louisiana. The thunderstorms spawned sixteen tornadoes, including thirteen in northwest Texas. One tornado hit the town of Spearman, TX, causing more than a million dollars damage, and seven other tornadoes were reported within twenty-five miles of Spearman. Thunderstorms over northwest Texas also produced baseball size hail at Monahans, and wind gusts to 80 mph at Paducah. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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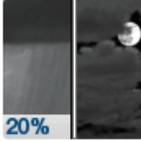
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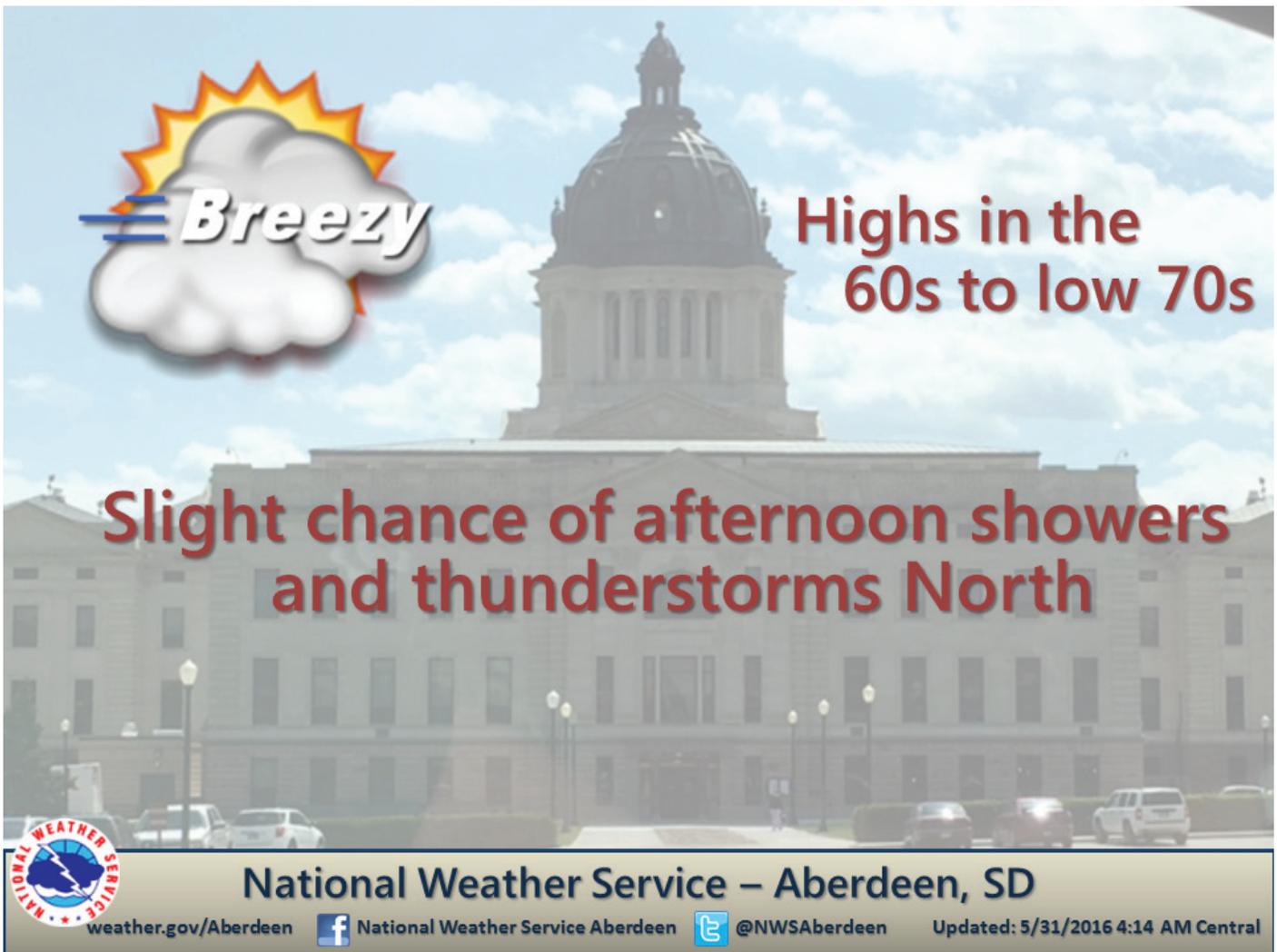
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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Slight Chance Showers and Breezy then Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 69 °F	Low: 49 °F	High: 66 °F	Low: 45 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 81 °F



**Breezy**

Highs in the 60s to low 70s

Slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms North

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 5/31/2016 4:14 AM Central

Published on: 05/31/2016 at 4:15AM

An upper area of low pressure north of the region will provide for breezy west winds today, along with cooler temperatures, and a few afternoon showers and thunderstorms over northern South Dakota. Showers may linger into this evening. Wednesday should be dry with temperatures a touch below normal. Highs will be in the 60s to low 70s.

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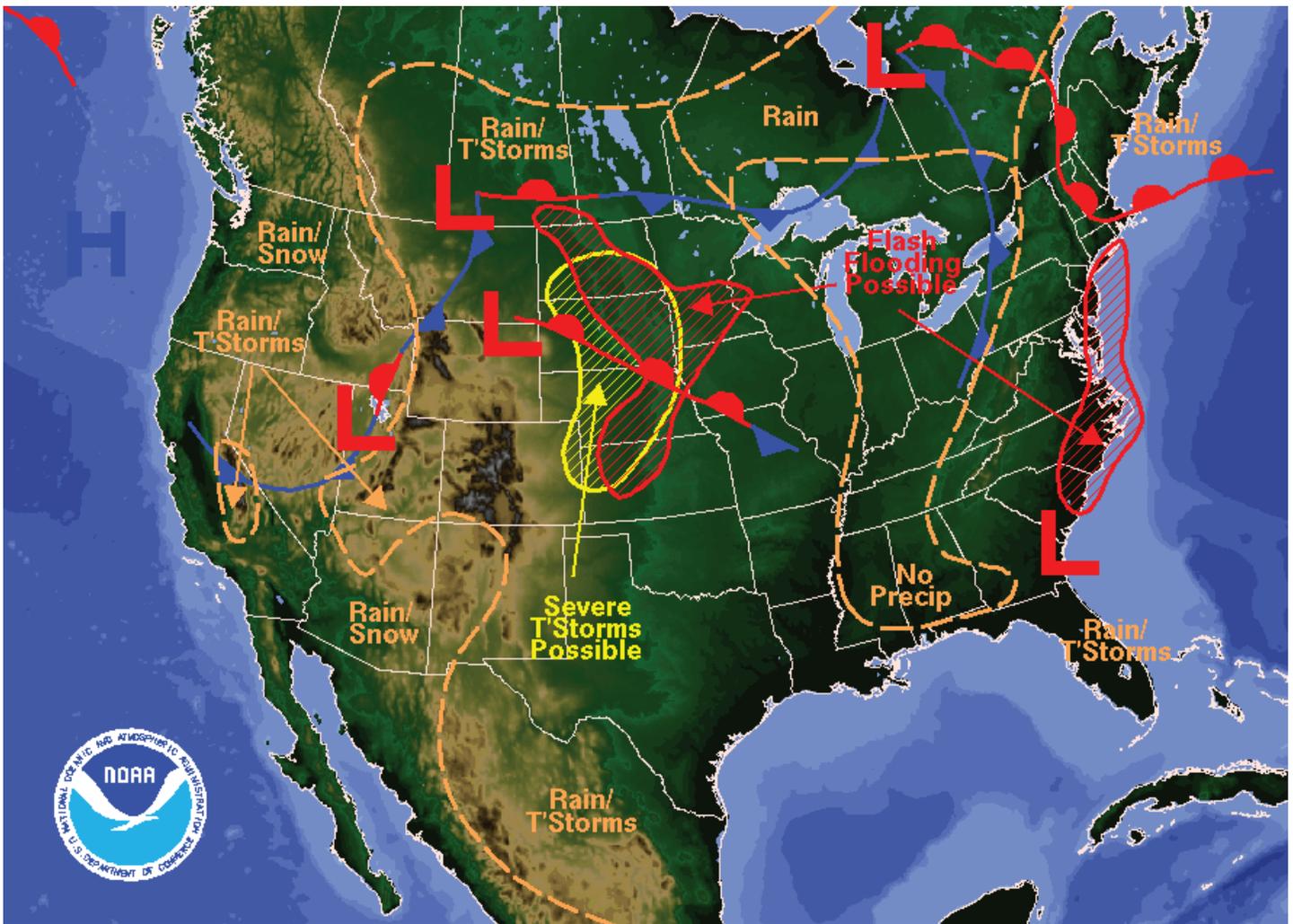
## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 83.8  
**Low:** 54.7  
**High Gust:** 25

Precip: 0.48

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 100° in 1934  
**Record Low:** 23 in 1897  
**Average High:** 73°F  
**Average Low:** 49°F  
**Average Precip in May:** 3.11  
**Precip to date in May:** 1.90  
**Average Precip to date:** 7.14  
**Precip Year to Date:** 4.99  
**Sunset Tonight:** 9:14 p.m.  
**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:48 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, May 30, 2016, issued 4:44 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## WHAT REALLY MATTERS!

Andrew Bradford was an early American printer in colonial Philadelphia. In fact, he printed the first newspaper in Pennsylvania in 1729. He also had the contract for all of the public printing in the state.

One day the governor delivered an important speech and Bradford printed it in his newspaper. It contained several mistakes. A young printer saw the poor work and decided to reprint it with care and precision and make it an excellent presentation of his workmanship. He then mailed a copy of it to the governor and his co-workers.

The next year when it was time to issue a new contract for state printing, it was awarded to that young printer: Ben Franklin. He received the contract for all of the public printing for the state of Pennsylvania because he understood what really mattered: excellence.

Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, said this: "For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives." He wanted them to know the difference between right and wrong, good and bad, what was important and what was unimportant, separating the vital from the trivial. He wanted them to have a desire for moral integrity and spiritual discernment. He wanted them to understand the importance of living their Christian values because what they did and how they behaved reflected the importance and meaning of salvation. Their lives were a reflection of what being a Christian was all about.

Paul also prayed that they would keep growing in knowledge and understanding which is the foundation for discernment. It is His discernment that enables us to make the right choices in life.

Prayer: Lord, we pause and pray that we will be pure and blameless in all that we do so that our lives will be an excellent representation of You to those around us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 1:9-10 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

## News from the Associated Press

### **Main section of Oasis Inn in Oacoma destroyed by Monday fire**

OACOMA, S.D. (AP) — A Memorial Day fire at the Oasis Inn in Oacoma destroyed the main section of the building.

Firefighters responded to the blaze about 2:15 a.m. Monday. It took them about three hours to extinguish the blaze. Monitoring of flare-ups is ongoing.

All of the hotel's guests were evacuated, and no injuries were reported.

The state fire marshal is investigating the cause of the blaze. The hotel's owners believe a lightning strike was to blame.

The hotel is near Al's Oasis, a popular rest stop for travelers on Interstate 90.

### **\$1,000 reward offered in search for man considered dangerous**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The Aberdeen Police Department is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of a wanted man who is considered armed and dangerous.

Nineteen-year-old Tanner Dvorak is wanted in Brown County for petty theft and also for questioning about the theft of guns and a vehicle.

Authorities say Dvorak might be driving a newer dark brown Nissan with black rims and window tint. People with information are asked to call 605-626-7911.

### **Trump fosters rivalries as in 'Celebrity Apprentice'**

**JULIE PACE, Associated Press**

**JEFF HORWITZ, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Donald Trump acquired a pair of Atlantic City casinos in the mid-1980s, he pitted his managers against each other in a ferocious competition over everything from booking entertainers to attracting high-rolling gamblers.

That one of those managers was his wife, Ivana Trump, but didn't earn her any slack.

"His tactic there, as our success surpassed the Castle's in 1987, was to shove the Plaza's performance in Ivana's face, like a mirror, holding it up for her to see the reflection of a less than successful manager," John O'Donnell, Ivana Trump's rival in the casino wars, wrote in a 1991 book.

Trump's penchant for encouraging rivalries is now roiling his presidential campaign just as he's captured the GOP nomination, creating deep uncertainty among Republicans about his preparedness for a complex and costly general election campaign. The tensions boiled over last week with the abrupt ouster of political director Rick Wiley, who left the campaign after just six weeks.

Wiley found himself caught between Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, one of the businessman's original campaign staffers, and Paul Manafort, a veteran Republican hand who was brought in to bolster the operation in March. While Wiley was originally hired by Lewandowski, he aligned himself with Manafort's vision of a more robust and expensive campaign operation — a vision Trump does not appear to have fully bought into. He also was seen as being unwilling to fill top jobs in battleground states with people close to Lewandowski, according to people familiar with the decision.

Wiley did not respond to requests to discuss his tenure with the Trump campaign. Trump aides would not make the candidate available for an interview, but they did not dispute the notion that the real estate mogul encourages internal competition.

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"Of course there's competition because you want the best," Lewandowski said. "That's the type of mindset you have to have in the federal government."

Sam Nunberg, a former Trump aide who was fired last year, put the dynamic more bluntly: "He loves playing people against each other." Still, Nunberg said he appreciated the competitive environment, crediting it with keeping staffers creative and committed to the organization.

But for other Trump aides, the businessman's cutthroat style led to mistrust and paranoia

"You can't trust the other guy's people," said Stuart Jolly, who resigned as Trump's campaign field director after Manafort and Wiley were given more power. Jolly confirmed Friday that he is joining the pro-Trump group Great America PAC as its political director.

Some current and former Trump advisers blamed the businessman for withholding information about staff changes from his team, sometimes leaving them to learn about internal developments in the media. Some have taken to shopping negative stories about their rivals to the press in a bid to undercut each other in the eyes of the boss — even if the stories reflect poorly on Trump.

Even more concerning for Trump as he eyes a likely faceoff with Democrat Hillary Clinton is the uncertainty the internal friction has created about the direction of the campaign. People close to the campaign say there are major questions about battleground state hiring, voter-targeting efforts and super PAC fundraising.

Those close to the campaign insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the campaign publicly.

Trump turned his fondness for competition into ratings gold with his television show "The Apprentice," where rival teams battled against each other to impress the boss. Those who failed were unceremoniously fired — a made-for-television version of events that sometimes played out in Trump's real businesses.

In 1985 and 1986, Trump acquired full control of two Atlantic City casinos in quick succession. Ivana Trump was put in charge of one, named Trump Castle, while the other — Trump Plaza — was overseen by casino managers hired away from gambling titan Steve Wynn.

Castle and Plaza managers were expected to compete over everything from casino entertainers to which property bought more copies of Trump's autobiography, "The Art of the Deal."

The most heated competition of all: which casino could draw the high-rolling gamblers who would wager thousands of dollars per hand. By 1987, the larger and more luxurious Plaza was successfully wooing this small but elite set, aided by top-tier prize fights in the Atlantic City Convention Center next door.

Instead of allowing the Plaza to establish itself as the unrivaled venue for high-rollers in Atlantic City, however, Trump underwrote Ivana's campaign to compete for them.

"If we presented a \$100,000 player with a gold Rolex watch, the Castle gave him two," O'Donnell wrote in his book "Trumped! The Inside Story of the Real Donald Trump — His Cunning Rise and Spectacular Fall." In a 1997 interview, Trump said "the stuff O'Donnell wrote about me is probably true," using an expletive to describe his former executive as a loser.

When Plaza managers pleaded to Trump that the competition between his two casinos was ill-advised, Trump mocked them.

"What are you worried about Ivana for," he told one executive, according to O'Donnell's book. "She's just a woman. She can't take the business."

The competition described by O'Donnell led to an ill-advised, \$70 million addition to Trump Castle, dubbed "The Crystal Tower," and continued even after Trump sent Ivana back to New York and three of the Plaza's top executives died in a helicopter crash.

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Within weeks of the accident, Trump's Castle team launched a surprise raid on Trump's other casino: It's top executive leased office space directly above the Plaza's marketing department, offering the Plaza team raises of up to 30 percent to defect.

## Survey shows honey beehive losses up in South Dakota

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Honey beehive losses are up in South Dakota.

The South Dakota State University Extension Service says a national survey found that honey beehive losses in the state totaled 44.1 percent in 2015-16. That was up from 40.6 percent the previous year.

Extension specialist Amanda Bachmann says hive losses are attributed to several factors, including weather, parasites, pathogens and pesticides.

South Dakota is the second-leading state in honey production, behind only North Dakota.

## Texas river expected to crest at record level Tuesday

EMILY SCHMALL, Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Residents of some rural southeast Texas counties braced for more flooding along a river that is expected to crest at a record level just two years after it had run dry in places because of drought.

National Weather Service meteorologists predicted the Brazos River would crest at 53.5 feet by mid-day Tuesday in Fort Bend County, three feet above the previous record and topping a 1994 flood that caused extensive damage.

During four days of torrential rain, six people died in floods along the Brazos, which runs from New Mexico to the Gulf of Mexico. A Brazos River Authority map shows all 11 of the reservoirs fed by the Brazos at 95 to 100 percent capacity.

Four of the six dead were recovered in Washington County, located between Austin and Houston, County Judge John Brieden said. Lake Somerville, one of the Brazos reservoirs, was "gushing uncontrollably" over the spillway, threatening people downriver, he said.

About 40 people were rescued from late Sunday to Monday from homes in a low-lying neighborhood flooded with up to three feet of water in Simonton, a town in Fort Bend County with about 800 residents. Aerial photos taken Sunday showed large swaths of the county under water.

The county had set up a pumping system to divert the water from the neighborhood, which sits on a flood plain. But the water levels overpowered the system, according to Beth Wolf, a county spokeswoman.

Wolf said any additional rain in southeast Texas would be a problem.

"The ditches are full, the river's high, there's nowhere else for that water to go," she said.

Further south in Rosenberg, about 150 households had been evacuated by Monday, and city officials were coordinating with the county's office of emergency management to have rescue boats in place, according to spokeswoman Jenny Pavlovich. In neighboring Richmond, a voluntary evacuation order was in place.

In Central Texas, a woman died Monday night in Austin when she was trapped in rushing water while tubing down a creek, a death an official blamed at least in part on recent heavy rains.

A man whose body was recovered late Sunday from a retention pond in the Austin area near the Circuit of the Americas auto racing track appeared to be one of two people reported missing earlier, said Travis County sheriff's spokeswoman Lisa Block.

There have been reports of others missing in Travis County, and crews will resume searching Tuesday,

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but Block said there's no confirmation yet of additional missing people.

Elsewhere, authorities continued searching for the body of an 11-year-old boy who fell into a creek in Wichita, Kansas, and is presumed dead. Relatives have identified the boy as Devon Dean Cooley, who disappeared Friday night.

Devon's family, in a statement Monday, thanked firefighters for their tireless efforts to find the boy. The family held a cookout Monday evening to feed the rescue crews, followed by a candlelight vigil.

## 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. IRAQI FORCES REPEL IS ATTACK IN FALLUJAH

The attack came as government troops and Shiite militias battle to recapture the last major city in western Iraq still under Islamic State group control.

#### 2. WHERE WAL-MART BANKS ON OVERSEAS GROWTH

The retail giant sets its sights on the lucrative Chinese market in its struggle to build an international empire, but has to adapt to local culture and custom.

#### 3. WHO'S BRACING FOR MORE FLOODS

Some southeast Texas communities are preparing for record high water along the Brazos River, expected to crest at 53.5 feet.

#### 4. SOUTH KOREA SAYS NORTH'S LATEST MISSILE LAUNCH LIKELY FAILED

The fourth apparent misfire in a row somewhat tempers recent worries that Pyongyang was pushing quickly toward its goal of a nuclear-tipped missile that can reach America's mainland.

#### 5. WHY CIA GIVES TOP-SECRET BRIEFINGS TO PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

The briefings are designed to get GOP and Democratic front-runners up to speed on problems around the globe in preparation of a White House win.

#### 6. COUNSELOR SUFFERS PERSONAL LOSS IN SAN BERNARDINO SHOOTINGS

Mandy Pifer, a crisis counselor, grapples with her own anguish six months after losing her boyfriend in the attack that left 14 people dead and 22 injured.

#### 7. DIRECTOR SAYS CINCINNATI ZOO SAFE DESPITE GORILLA TRAGEDY

Thane Maynard defends the zoo's shooting of an rare gorilla to protect a 4-year-old boy who entered the primate's exhibit.

#### 8. HOW RHODE ISLAND HOPES TO CLAIM CAPT. COOK'S SHIP

If The Endeavour is found at the bottom of Newport Harbor, the state says an obscure colonial maritime practice will allow it to take possession of the famed explorer's ship.

#### 9. MEXICO SOCCER PLAYER RECOUNTS CAPTURE, ESCAPE

Kidnapped in the dangerous state of Tamaulipas, soccer forward Alan Pulido overpowered a captor, then called police for help.

#### 10. CURRY, GOLDEN STATE REACH NBA FINALS AGAIN

The Warriors defeat The Thunder in a Game 7 of the Western Conference to return to the championship series.

## After decades, 32 Australians' remains return from Malaysia

SUBANG AIR BASE, Malaysia (AP) — The bodies of 32 Australian service personnel and their dependents, many of them killed during the Vietnam War, were handed over by Malaysian soldiers to their Australian counterparts Tuesday. Australian officials say it's among the biggest single repatriations in

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the nation's history.

The remains handed over at Subang military air base had been interred for decades at Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia. Malaysia soldiers carried coffins draped with Australia flags to the tarmac, where Australian troops carried them aboard two Royal Australian Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft.

Malaysian officials said 21 of the deceased were Australian soldiers killed in Vietnam and three others died in the fight against communist insurgents in Malaysia. The remaining eight consisted of two wives and six children of Australian military personnel who died from accidents or sickness, they said.

The bodies, plus one additional set of remains from Singapore, are to arrive in Sydney on Thursday. After a formal military repatriation ceremony that will include some veterans who served with those killed, a private memorial service will be held.

The Australian government offered a year ago to repatriate 36 Australian servicemen and dependents from Malaysia and Singapore. The families of 33 servicemen and dependents accepted that offer.

Before January 1966, Australia's policy was to bury soldiers killed in battle in foreign countries in the nearest Commonwealth war cemetery.

"As 2015 marks 50 years since the arrival of combat troops and the escalation of Australian involvement in Vietnam, it is right and proper that we honor their service with this gesture," then Prime Minister Tony Abbott told Parliament in May last year.

Australia deployed more than 60,000 military personnel to the Vietnam conflict between 1962 and 1973, of whom 521 were killed.

## **Iraqi forces in Fallujah repel IS attack in city's south**

**QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA, Associated Press**

CAMP TARIQ, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi forces battling their way into Fallujah repelled a four-hour attack by the Islamic State group in the city's south on Tuesday, a day after first moving into the southern edges of the militant-held city with the help of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes.

Also Tuesday, a leading aid group raised alarm over the unfolding "human catastrophe" in Fallujah, where an estimated 50,000 people remain trapped as the fight intensifies and renewed calls on warring parties to open up safe corridors for civilians to flee.

The attack started at dawn in Fallujah's Nuaimiya area where Iraqi troops captured almost 85 percent of the ground the previous day, two officers with the special forces told The Associated Press.

IS militants used tunnels, deployed snipers and sent six explosives-laden cars to hit the troops but they were destroyed before reaching their targets, the officers said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing campaign.

Iraqi forces suffered casualties, but the officers didn't give details.

Nuaimiya is a sprawling mainly agricultural area in Fallujah's south and Monday's push into it was the first attempt by Iraqi forces to enter the city after focusing on dislodging the militants from surrounding areas to tighten the siege.

Fallujah has been under Islamic State control for over two years and is the last major city in western Iraq still under control of the Sunni extremist group. The militants still control patches of territory in the country's north and east as well as the country's second largest city, Mosul.

The U.S. led coalition and Iranian-backed Shiite paramilitary forces are helping the Iraqi army in the battle to retake Fallujah. But the fight is expected to be long and protracted, given that IS militants have had more than two years to dig in.

Tunnels — similar to those found in other territory long held by IS — have already been discovered in the northeastern outskirts of Fallujah.

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The Iraqi counterterrorism forces are leading the assault on Fallujah, slowly moving up from the southern edge. Their advance is expected to be slow also because tens of thousands of civilians remain trapped in Fallujah and hidden bombs are believed to be strewn throughout the city, according to special forces' commanders at the scene.

A statement from Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, warned of the impending humanitarian disaster inside Fallujah.

"A human catastrophe is unfolding in Fallujah," Egeland said, adding that only one family managed to escape from the town on Monday. Since the offensive began a week ago, 554 other families have escaped from areas surrounding Fallujah, which lies 65 kilometers (40 miles) west of Baghdad.

"Warring parties must guarantee civilians safe exit now, before it's too late and more lives are lost," Egeland added.

The NRC group, which is working with refugees and internally displaced people in Iraq, said lack of food, medicine, safe drinking water and electricity in the city "are pushing families to the brink of desperation."

The extremist group is expected to increase attacks in major Iraqi cities in an attempt to distract the security forces' attention away from the front lines. On Monday, IS claimed responsibility for a wave of bombings in and around the capital, Baghdad, that killed at least 24 people and wounded dozens.

## **AP-NORC poll: Americans want nomination system changed**

**CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press**

**EMILY SWANSON, Associated Press**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Bernie Sanders' pitch for changing the way presidential candidates are chosen appears to have broad public support.

As the tortured primary season concludes, Americans say in a poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research that they have little faith in the Democratic or Republican system for selecting a presidential candidate. They prefer open primaries to those that are closed to all but party members, like primaries instead of caucuses and oppose the party insiders known as superdelegates, who have a substantial say in the Democratic race.

"It's kind of like a rigged election," said Nayef Jaber, a 66-year-old Sanders supporter from San Rafael, California. "It's supposed to be one man one vote. This is the way it should be."

According to the poll, 38 percent of Americans say they have hardly any confidence that the Democratic Party's process for selecting a presidential nominee is fair; 44 percent say the same of the Republican Party's process. In addition, about 4 in 10 say they have only some confidence in each party's nomination process.

Just 17 percent of Republicans and 31 percent of Democrats have a great deal of confidence in their own party's system being fair.

"The common man needs to be included more," said Gwendolyn Posey, 44, a registered independent from Sparks, Oklahoma, who said she could not cast a ballot for Texas Republican Ted Cruz because she had not changed her registration to Republican in time.

Changing the process has become a rallying cry for the Vermont senator, who won 20 states but has little if any chance of catching up to rival Hillary Clinton in votes or delegates. Still he hopes to influence the party platform, as well as spark debate about the rules. He's not the only one to bash the system — presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump has called the Republican process "rigged."

Both parties have complex mechanisms for choosing presidential nominees, with each state holding caucuses or primaries under different rules. Candidates earn delegates to back them at the summer

nominating conventions, with a certain number required to clinch the nomination.

Democrats embraced superdelegates in 1982 to make sure party leaders have a say in who is nominated. By giving key insiders more voice, leaders hoped to avoid what some saw as a mistake in 1972, when George McGovern won the nomination but was a weak general election candidate. About 15 percent of the total delegates this year are superdelegates, and critics say this group has given Clinton an advantage. She holds a commanding lead over Sanders, however, even without counting the superdelegates.

Republicans have no equivalent to superdelegates, but each state has three Republican National Committee members as part of their delegation. In most states those delegates are bound to the primary results.

Supporters of Sanders are especially incensed about the use of superdelegates, who can back any candidate at the convention regardless of how people voted in primaries and caucuses

Fifty-three percent of Americans say the Democrats' use of superdelegates is a bad idea, according to the polls, while just 17 percent say it's a good idea. Among Democrats, 46 percent say it's a bad idea and only 25 percent say it's a good idea.

Sanders has also called for more open primaries, slamming states that won't allow independent voters to participate, as well as ones where people must register with a party in advance. Americans generally also say that open primaries are more fair than closed primaries, 69 percent to 29 percent. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say open primaries are the most fair, 73 percent to 62 percent.

Caucuses, too, are on the outs with many people. They are often lengthy meetings held at a fixed time, unlike primary elections, which just require a stop at a polling place, if not a vote in advance. Poll respondents preferred primaries 81 percent to 17 percent, with overwhelming majorities of Democrats and Republicans saying so. Sanders has performed well in caucuses, however, in part because his supporters are willing to invest the time in them.

Looking ahead, both sides are talking about potential changes. Sanders supporters in a number of states have sought to change the rules governing superdelegates at state conventions, though a true overhaul would have to come at the national level. That process could not start until next year, said Raymond Buckley, chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, who serves on the Democratic National Convention rules committee.

On the GOP side, changes could be debated at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July, though RNC member Randy Evans, who serves on the rules committee, said it was more likely that Republicans would take a longer look at possible changes after the convention. He said a key criticism has been that the current process does not ensure that delegates won in a primary remain loyal at the convention.

## **From Ike to Obama, CIA has briefed presidential candidates**

**DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — After the political convention confetti is swept away, a more sobering tradition of the presidential election begins: The regular, top-secret intelligence briefings for Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, the likely Democratic nominee.

Started by President Harry S. Truman, the briefings are designed to get the candidates, before they walk into the Oval Office, up to speed on problems around the globe. Truman, who was Franklin D. Roosevelt's vice president for almost three months before Roosevelt died, first learned about the Manhattan Project to develop an atomic bomb only 12 days into his presidency, and he pledged not to leave any

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future commander in chief behind the ball.

There's an old political saw about how a White House candidate believes firmly in his or her foreign policy views — until that first top-secret briefing. In his recent book, former CIA Director Michael Hayden says these revelations are known as "aw s---" moments — as in, "Aw s---, wish we hadn't said that during that campaign stop in Buffalo."

If Clinton is the Democratic nominee, much of the intelligence information she receives probably will sound familiar. As secretary of state until 2013, Clinton was one of President Barack Obama's senior advisers who were privy to the President's Daily Brief — the highest level intelligence document prepared in the United States.

The intelligence briefings could be eye-opening for New York businessman Donald Trump. The Republican's loose-lipped campaign remarks have left some intelligence and foreign policy officials worried about whether he can keep the nation's secrets. Trump has said in interviews that he's looking forward to the briefings.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, whose office arranges the briefings, was asked recently what he would want to say to Trump to help educate the political newcomer about foreign policy and perhaps even counter some of his ideas, such as temporarily banning Muslims from entering the United States.

Clapper bristled and said the question falsely implied that the U.S. intelligence agencies would have a separate message for each candidate.

"There's a long-standing practice of briefing each of the candidates once they are officially designated. And that sort of shifts into higher gear, in terms of detail, after the president-elect is known," Clapper said. "It's not designed to shape anybody's world view. We just brief as we normally would — each of them — and they (the briefings) have to be exactly the same."

But Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said he believes many people share his deep concern about Trump's inexperience with handling classified information.

"I would have to imagine that those concerns are fairly broadly held, so I wouldn't be at all surprised if the intelligence briefings received by both candidates — which will be identical — will be at a more generalized level than they might otherwise be," said Schiff, D-Calif.

Clinton had her own issues with secret information while secretary of state. The FBI is investigating whether her use of a private server in her home to send and receive work-related emails — including 22 that have since been classified — broke any laws.

Intelligence officials have started planning the briefings, which probably will begin right after the Democratic and Republican conventions in late July. After the Nov. 8 election, more detailed briefings for the president-elect will include information about U.S. covert operations. The sitting president has the final decision on how much information is disclosed to the president-elect; typically that includes access to the entire President's Daily Brief.

The ritual began in 1952, when Truman offered intelligence briefings to Republican nominee Dwight D. Eisenhower and Democrat Adlai Stevenson.

CIA briefers were in a quandary after the 2000 election, when the country didn't know for some time whether Republican George W. Bush or Democrat Al Gore had won. Bush had received a four-hour CIA briefing in September before the election at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, but he had never seen the President's Daily Brief, which Gore saw daily as vice president.

As their lengthy ballot recount dragged into December, President Bill Clinton authorized intelligence officials to share the so-called PDB with Bush, too.

"The CIA was basically on the edges of their seats waiting for permission to start briefing Bush," said

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David Priess, author of "The President's Book of Secrets," a history of the President's Daily Brief.

The first one on Dec. 5 almost didn't happen because water poured through the ceiling of the CIA's outpost in Austin, Texas, threatening efforts to reproduce the so-called PDB on sensitive communications equipment.

Priess said Bush started receiving the PDB later than any other president in recent history, and he is the only person in the modern era to get PDB briefings before he technically was president-elect.

The pre-election briefings for Eisenhower's successor, John F. Kennedy, raised the issue of when presidential candidates should find out about pending U.S. covert operations — in this case what became the failed U.S.-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion meant to topple Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Ten days after becoming president-elect, Kennedy was given the details at his family's home in Palm Beach, Florida. Likewise, Trump or Clinton, as early as the day after the election, could learn more about operations against the Islamic State group, for instance, than they know now.

Eisenhower, the first to receive the briefings, was commander of allied forces in Europe during World War II, so he was in on his share of secrets before winning the presidency. He received four briefings, including one on a train bound for Grand Central Station in New York, according to a book by former CIA inspector general John Helgerson, who extensively researched the briefings.

Another briefing was conducted in Denver where Eisenhower stopped in at a rodeo and toured the grounds in a stagecoach with the CIA briefer riding "shotgun, up top with the driver," Helgerson wrote.

## Inside the origins of Trump's high-octane Twitter account

**JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peter Costanzo is the man who helped turn Donald Trump into @RealDonaldTrump.

That, of course, is Trump's Twitter account — a high-octane portal for the presumptive Republican presidential nominee to pump out insults, political attacks and self-promotion to more than 8 million followers. But the billionaire's foray into the world of social media began with a much simpler purpose, yet one that's still distinctively Trump: making money.

Costanzo crossed paths with Trump in 2009 when he was working as online marketing director for the publishing company putting out the businessman's book, "Think Like a Champion." Twitter was still in its infancy at the time. But Costanzo saw the 140-character-per-message platform as a new tool that the real estate mogul could use to boost sales and reach a broader audience.

He was given seven minutes to make his pitch to Trump — "Not five minutes, not 10," Costanzo said — in a boardroom at Trump Tower in Manhattan that appeared to be the same one used on Trump's reality television show.

Trump liked what he heard.

"I said, 'Let's call you @RealDonaldTrump — you're the real Donald Trump,'" Costanzo said. "He thought about it for a minute and said, 'I like it. Let's do it.'"

Costanzo would spend the next several months helping coordinate Trump's Twitter account, as well as his official Facebook page, often sending out messages for his famous client. He credited Trump with being an early adopter of the service and says he believes Trump understood its potential.

"He seemed very excited about the idea of being able to reach people so directly," Costanzo said. "I think he immediately got it."

Trump's office confirmed the outlines of Costanzo's account. Costanzo — a 51-year-old who goes by @PeterCostanzo on Twitter — now works as digital and archival publishing manager for The Associated

Press, a position that is separate from the news department.

While Costanzo's moniker for Trump on Twitter may have survived, the early days of the businessman's account bear little resemblance to the current iteration, which frequently drives news in the White House race.

During the roughly eight months when Costanzo was in charge of the burgeoning Trump Twitter account, each missive was carefully crafted by the publishing company or the businessman's office. Trump got final approval before Costanzo pressed "Tweet."

Most of the messages were quotations from the book, a collection of Trump lessons on life and business. "My persona will never be that of a wallflower — I'd rather build walls than cling to them," read one early tweet.

Sometimes Trump would send word through an associate that he wanted to offer a holiday greeting. His retweets were rare then.

Now, Trump starts firing off messages early in the morning and often continues past midnight. He'll shout out tweets for aides to type during the day and take over himself at night. Spelling and grammar are sometimes amiss, and exclamation points are plentiful.

Trump frequently retweets messages from other people's accounts, something he's admitted "gets me in trouble." He faced particular criticism for retweeting an unflattering photo of former rival Ted Cruz's wife and has since said he wished he hadn't done that.

Costanzo, who no longer has any role with Trump's Twitter account or books, says he's marveled at the following his most famous client has built on social media. Asked whether he had any Twitter advice for Trump now, Costanzo said, "He seems to be doing just fine without me."

## **Sisters diagnosed weeks apart fight breast cancer together**

**HALLIE GOLDEN, Associated Press**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two Utah sisters have been recently diagnosed with breast cancer within about two weeks of each other, a coincidence that doctors say is extremely rare.

The timing has meant that 34-year-old Sharee Page and 36-year-old Annette Page can face the disease as a team, like they have nearly every other aspect of their lives.

The two women are on the same chemotherapy schedule, and they have experienced nearly identical symptoms after each session.

Huntsman Cancer Institute doctor Adam Cohen says it is extremely rare for two siblings to be diagnosed with the disease within weeks of each other. The sisters have the BRCA2 gene, a mutation that puts a woman at a much greater risk for breast and ovarian cancers.

Cohen says the gene increases the risk of breast cancer tenfold.

## **Gulf economic slowdown sees foreign workers trapped by debts**

**JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press**

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — The economic slowdown gripping countries across the Persian Gulf can be seen in layoffs, slowed construction projects and government cutbacks. For the millions of foreign workers drawn by brighter job prospects, it can have a far-darker side if they find themselves deep in debt.

Gulf countries like Qatar largely don't have bankruptcy laws, leaving laid-off workers on the hook for huge outstanding sums while often banned from traveling outside of the country. That leaves many unemployed begging friends and family for help while frantically selling off all their belongings. Others have killed themselves out of desperation.

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"It was kind of scary for a while there," said Robert Foster, an American from Beaufort, South Carolina, who found himself trapped for months in Qatar. "We sold everything we had."

The Middle East has weathered several boom-and-bust cycles over the last decades, both buoyed and beaten by the global price of crude oil, as well as the recent recession. In 2009, the financial meltdown in Dubai saw dusty luxury cars parked and abandoned at its international airport and across the city as foreigners fled their debts.

This recent financial collapse began with oil prices falling from over \$100 a barrel in the summer of 2014 to bottom out this January to under \$30, a 12-year low. In the time since, oil has clawed back to \$50 on supply disruptions and lowered reserves, but the damage already had been done in the Mideast.

Among those hard hit was Qatar, a small oil-and-gas-rich country on the Arabian Peninsula where construction accelerated with the announcement it would host the 2022 FIFA World Cup. As oil and gas prices sank, so too did Qatar's coffers, leading to layoffs across both private and public companies.

The state-run Qatar Petroleum fired at least 1,500 foreign workers in recent restructuring, said Mohammed bin Saleh al-Sada, Qatar's energy and industry minister.

"We did not start with the idea of laying off people for the sake of laying off people," he recently told The Associated Press. "Nationals were not affected whatsoever, and that was part of our solid policy."

Maersk Oil said in October it would cut as much as 12 percent of its staff in Qatar. Vodafone's Qatar subsidiary announced on May 17 it would cut about 10 percent of its workforce, while mobile phone competitor Ooredoo also made layoffs this year. Al-Jazeera, the peninsula nation's satellite news broadcaster, also shut down its American channel in April.

Foster, 50, a former senior operation manager for the state-linked Hamad Medical Corp.'s ambulance services, began work in March 2014 on a three-year contract, hoping to stay for at least six years to make enough to buy a house in the United States. However, he said he didn't receive his first paycheck until three months into his job, which forced him to get a loan of 300,000 Qatari riyals (\$82,000) to cover his living expenses, debts and child support payments in the U.S.

"A lot of us had to get loans to catch up," Foster said. "And that's where it started, right there."

In January, Foster said his boss called him into his office and laid him off, along with other staffers. Four days later, Qatar National Bank closed his account, putting all he had toward his remaining loan, he said.

"There was no notification. It was just a text that said: 'You're now overdrawn,'" Foster said.

Under Qatari law, foreign workers must apply for an exit permit through their employer to leave the country. When Foster couldn't leave for a cruise he planned before with his wife, he realized he was trapped.

Foster said he put his wife, Pepper, on a flight out, then sold all of his belongings, sleeping at night on the floor of his company-provided villa and hiding his remaining cash in the freezer, fearful he could be arrested as a debtor. He dodged phone calls and knocks at the door while trying to pull together the cash needed to pay off his debt.

"I had to give them my retirement and my dad's retirement to leave," he said.

Hamad Medical Corp., Qatar's main health care provider, and Qatari officials did not respond to requests for comment.

But Foster said he knew others in far worse shape, including one colleague who even purchased a rope at one point to hang himself. Others have taken their own lives.

A British coroner investigating the suspected suicide of an engineer from Gloucestershire found hanging in his Doha home in February 2015 ruled this March that "financial worries" may have played a part. The case remains open as Qatari authorities provided only "limited information," according to the

inquest report obtained by the AP.

Suicides also affect those coming to Gulf countries for work as laborers, taxi drivers and other low-paying jobs. They often pay recruiters back home in Asia or Africa huge sums that take several years to pay off.

India, one of the main countries supplying low-paid workers to the Gulf, saw at least 541 of its citizens kill themselves in the United Arab Emirates in the last three years, according to government statistics offered to parliament in December. At least 337 Indians died in suspected suicides in Saudi Arabia during the same period, while other Gulf countries saw annual suicide numbers in the double digits.

In Qatar, 21 Indians alone killed themselves in 2015. The deaths continue into this year.

## **If Captain Cook's ship is found, whose is it? Rhode Island's**

**JENNIFER McDERMOTT, Associated Press**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — If the ship legendary explorer Capt. James Cook used to sail around the world is found at the bottom of Newport Harbor, Rhode Island will own it outright because of a legal maneuver it took nearly two decades ago based on an obscure, centuries-old maritime practice.

In 1999, Rhode Island went to federal court in Providence to do what's known as "arresting" the shipwrecks in the harbor — having the government take possession of them so a federal court could consider the state's ownership claim.

The court agreed, and ultimately declared the state the owner.

Cook used the Endeavour to claim Australia for the British during his historic 1768-71 voyage. Researchers now believe the Endeavour was part of a fleet of 13 ships scuttled by the British during the Revolutionary War in 1778 to blockade Newport Harbor from the French.

The Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project, which is leading the search effort, said in early May it's closing in on Cook's ship. It has narrowed its search to a group of five sunken wrecks, and already has mapped four of the five sites in that group.

Arresting the ship years ago was a smart move.

In the Colonial era, if a ship was in port and money was owed for repairs, supplies or other fees, it could be impossible to locate the owner or even figure out who the owner was, said Dennis Nixon, an expert in marine and coastal law at the University of Rhode Island.

"If you had a claim against the ship, you wanted to press your claim before it left your jurisdiction. This was before wire transfers," he said. "They had to have some security, and the security was the ship itself."

The claimant could go to an admiralty court to have his interest or ownership in the vessel declared. The court could secure the ship in port until the bill was paid or until an ownership dispute was settled, Nixon said. The court also could sell the ship at auction if the bill went unpaid.

In a modern twist, Rhode Island asked the federal court to use its admiralty and maritime jurisdiction to secure the wrecks and declare the state the owner.

Kevin Sumption, director of the Australian National Maritime Museum, said it would now be "inappropriate and indeed very problematic" for either the British or Australian governments to put in a latent claim of ownership for any of the vessels. Artifacts should be kept together, as a collection, as close to the original site as possible, he said Friday.

The best outcome would be for the Australian government to remain involved in the ongoing research and survey work in Newport, Sumption said.

The British consulate general in Boston, which represents the British government in Rhode Island, didn't respond with a comment.

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Rhode Island turned to the court in 1999 because a marine archaeologist, Kathy Abbass, had urged the state's attorney general to protect the area. Abbass and volunteers from her organization, the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project, were searching for the Endeavour wreck. She feared divers or a commercial salvage company could get to the ship first.

U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, a Rhode Island Democrat, was the state's attorney general then. He said he filed a complaint to protect Rhode Island's rights in the vessel and to protect the vessel itself from pilferage or disturbance.

A warrant was issued, though the ship wasn't put into handcuffs, Whitehouse said with a laugh.

"Even going over to court and doing it in this paperwork way is pretty cool," he said recently. "I hadn't done that before. I don't think the attorney general's office had ever done that before."

A 1988 federal law that gave states control of abandoned shipwrecks embedded in their waters was the basis for Rhode Island's ownership claim, said Roger Williams University Law Professor Jonathan Gutoff, an expert in maritime law.

The Endeavour was a British-flagged vessel that was privately owned at the time it was sunk.

The British government could have claimed it owns the Endeavour if it compensated the owner for the loss, though it could be argued its rights were surrendered when the Navy sank the vessel. No one came forward with a claim.

The court found Rhode Island is the "sole and only lawful, true and right owner" of all of the non-motor, wooden shipwrecks in the 2-mile area where the ships were sunk, and the case was closed in 2000.

Both Gutoff and Nixon said it's doubtful any court today would reconsider the matter.

## **Wal-Mart needs to grow overseas, and China's the big prize**

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SHENZHEN, China (AP) — Zhong Guoyan sifted through piles of fish at a Wal-Mart in Shenzhen, one of China's largest cities. She studied the fins, to make sure they were bright red and firm. She peered at the eyeballs — were they bulging?

"I like when the products are fresh, and the quality is good," she said. "When I come here, I have a look. If it's good, then I will buy it. If it's only cheap, I won't buy it."

In American Wal-Marts, customers are not offered the opportunity to fondle their fish. But America is not China, as the world's biggest retailer has learned. If the Arkansas-based company wanted to win over foreign consumers like Zhong, it would have to shed some of its American ways, and cater to very different customs and conventions that are fast changing.

In the U.S., Wal-Mart conquered the marketplace by offering "everyday low prices" to penny-pinching, bulk-buying customers, but Chinese shoppers have good reason to look for quality first, bargains second after scandals involving tainted and mislabeled food. And Chinese shoppers seek fresh food daily because their tiny refrigerators don't give them room to stock up.

Zhong eventually tossed a couple of fish into a plastic bag — a small victory in this massive retailer's struggle to build an international empire.

The stakes are high: Wal-Mart can't count on much sales growth from its U.S. business — it's facing challenges at home with intense competition from online leader Amazon.com and dollar stores, which offer low prices and convenience — so the retailer is depending more on its operations overseas.

China, the world's most-populous country, is the ultimate prize. Right now, it represents just 3 percent of Wal-Mart's global sales of \$478.6 billion, according to estimates from IBISWorld, a research firm.

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And the company has just over 400 stores in China, compared with more than 5,000 in the U.S. But the Chinese grocery market, already the world's largest at \$1.1 trillion a year, is expected to grow to nearly \$1.5 trillion in just the next four years, says IGD, a global consumer products research firm.

"China remains a strategic market for our future," Doug McMillon, CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. recently told investors.

Getting the food business right is critical for Wal-Mart. Shoppers buy groceries more often than anything else. If Wal-Mart can get them in the door to buy food regularly, perhaps they will visit more frequently for items like pajamas and coffee makers — and eventually become loyal online customers, too.

Still, markets in China and elsewhere in the world will not surrender to Wal-Mart, just because it's Wal-Mart. In particular, global players like Wal-Mart have found that food retailing doesn't cross borders easily because it's a largely local business. After struggling on its own in China, Britain's Tesco PLC decided two years ago to team up with China Resources Enterprise, a state-owned company. Wal-Mart has also taken some lumps.

Overall international sales growth has been uneven, dropping 9.4 percent last year largely because of the strong dollar. And while Wal-Mart's overseas business had a strong start to this year, it faces long-term challenges. Wal-Mart gave up in Germany and South Korea, abandoning those markets back in 2006 in the face of tough competition. It's closing 10 percent of its stores in Brazil. And it's locked in a price war in the United Kingdom, slugging it out with no-frills German discounters Aldi and Lidl.

Overseas, Wal-Mart lacks the scale to squeeze local suppliers on price as it does in the U.S. It also faces nimble competitors who are entrenched in foreign markets. It has not always found it easy to duplicate its bedrock strategy of constant bargains outside the United States.

But Wal-Mart has learned over the years from its missteps, discovering that it can't just impose its culture on the world, that it needs to adapt to local ways, that patience does pay off.

In countries like Mexico, Canada and Japan, Wal-Mart has won shoppers over time. After the setbacks in Germany and South Korea, the company established a team to ensure it does a better job integrating international acquisitions, while avoiding the impulse to force employees overseas to adopt all its ways. In Chile, it launched a corporate culture campaign and worked closely with suppliers to coax them into its way of doing business. It's using its global clout to find and import products from around the world, catering to increasingly sophisticated and demanding middle class consumers.

Wal-Mart also has come to realize that it can thrive without being the biggest player in every market, says Bryan Roberts, global insights director at TCC Global, a London-based marketing consultancy for grocery retailers. But the company also knows that it needs to succeed in China, now the company's fourth largest international market by sales. And he believes it will do just that.

"Wal-Mart," Roberts says, "is a very determined organization."

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## WINNING OVER PICKY CONSUMERS

Except for the signs, most Americans wouldn't recognize a Wal-Mart in China. At a store in Shenzhen, shoppers sniff bins of rice or use tongs or their hands to examine the piles of local sausage, whole chickens and pigs' feet. Nearby, tanks brim with live fish, frogs and crabs.

Americans may like to touch products, but in China, many want to buy live fish, or smell the meat.

"It has to smell like fresh blood," said Lina Wang as she examined loose pork.

Meanwhile, Huang Xiulian stood at a nearby Snickers display, studying the expiration date and where the candy was produced.

In the massive, unruly Chinese market, some competitors have cut corners, mislabeling products or even selling tainted foods. The risks have made Chinese consumers unusually wary: If a carton of milk

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or a piece of fish seems too cheap, Chinese shoppers wonder if it's safe. If items stay on sale day after day, they worry if there's something wrong with them.

Sean Clarke, CEO of Wal-Mart China, based in Shenzhen, previously worked in Britain, Japan, Germany, and Canada. China, he says, "is easily the most challenging market to operate."

"There is a huge level of distrust in this market," Clarke says. "Is it fresh? Is the price right?"

Although China still has plenty of bargain-conscious shoppers, overplaying the price message can also "alienate the increasingly affluent middle-class shoppers, less sensitive on price but (who) value more the quality and assortment of merchandise," says Jason Yu, general manager of Kantar Worldpanel China, which specializes in research on Chinese shopping habits.

In particular, Wal-Mart had a difficult time promoting "everyday low prices" — promising the lowest prices on a basket of goods every time consumers shop. Early on, Wal-Mart undermined its own claims for consistently low prices by running lots of short-term promotional gimmicks.

Then some rivals poached the "everyday low price" message, confusing customers. Wal-Mart scrambled to find the right slogan. In 2010, it switched to "Low Prices." Two years later, it trotted out "Worry Free" — a message that employs the Chinese characters for "save, heart, price," implying quality and reassuring shoppers who worry that deals will expire before they get to the store.

"Worry Free" is Wal-Mart's key weapon to lure shoppers: 85 percent of the discounts in the Wal-Mart stores in China now last anywhere from four weeks to six months, said Clarke. Unlike in the U.S., Wal-Mart had to build trust by spelling out in signs how long the low prices last.

The company's message: Efficiency and good management, not cutting corners, make everyday low prices possible.

When Wal-Mart came to China, it was slow to tailor its offerings to local tastes. Southern Chinese like rice. Northern Chinese like noodles. Folks from Hunan like their chili peppers. The Cantonese crave chicken feet.

Realizing its mistake, Wal-Mart gave local managers more leeway to run their businesses. For example, it let them decide when hot deli food was past its sell-by date and gave them free rein in ordering from different local suppliers.

But that approach backfired, leading to a series of food-safety violations. In one particularly embarrassing episode, Wal-Mart had to recall donkey meat — a delicacy in China — after DNA testing showed it contained traces of fox meat. The misstep came at a time when Chinese consumers were especially wary, because tainted baby formula had sickened hundreds of thousands of infants.

In response, Wal-Mart slashed nearly two-thirds of its 20,000 suppliers, including food. Now, Wal-Mart knows exactly where each product comes from. Wal-Mart also took back some of the responsibilities from local managers, though they are allowed to decide on such issues as whether meat should be loose or packaged in their stores.

Wal-Mart increased its investment in food safety. It broke new ground in China by adding mobile testing labs that go around from store to store in both the Southern and Eastern regions of China, checking for pesticides on vegetables and fruits. It's using handheld devices in South China to check temperatures of meat products.

"It's quality first," Clarke said, "and then we will have the lowest price."

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## GAINING CONTROL OVER SUPPLIERS, COSTS

In America, Wal-Mart consistently delivers low prices to shoppers largely because it has the clout — 25 percent of the U.S. grocery business— to force suppliers to do things the Wal-Mart way. That means cutting costs to the bone. In return, the suppliers enjoy steady demand from Wal-Mart, so they don't

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have to spend so much on advertising or worry about staffing their factories.

Wal-Mart's pull is so strong that more than 1,500 suppliers have opened offices near its headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas.

But replicating that model has proven tough overseas, partly because it takes time to work with new suppliers to cut costs. In Brazil, for instance, it's still a work in progress after two decades.

In China, things are tougher still. Wal-Mart accounts for just 2.3 percent of the overall grocery market. In fact, the top 10 grocery retailers in China account for just 18.5 percent of the market, says Euro-monitor International, a global market research firm. Suppliers are scattered, too. Ninety-five percent of all products Wal-Mart sells in China are supplied by local companies. It's tough for retailers to have influence over their network of Chinese suppliers.

The Chinese supply chain is also notoriously inefficient. For years, Wal-Mart and other foreign companies haven't dealt directly with their suppliers, working mostly instead through a labyrinth of middlemen who handle distribution. One supplier could potentially have 100 distributors, handling delivery to just three or four stores. Wal-Mart would have to work with each distributor.

Wal-Mart had been making some efforts in centralizing its food distribution. But it didn't get serious about breaking up the system until three years ago. It decided to cut out, or at least reduce, the middlemen and route as many goods as possible through 20 of its own distribution centers. It built 11 centers for fresh food, and increased its packaged-food distribution centers from five to nine. Now, 85 percent of packaged goods is being sent through distribution centers. For fresh food, that figure is about 50 percent.

Wal-Mart says it was a challenge to convince many suppliers to unravel their way of doing business. But by eliminating the go-betweens, Wal-Mart could negotiate directly with suppliers and knock down costs — often by 10 percent to 12 percent, says Lesley Smith, senior vice president of the supply chain at Wal-Mart China and the woman behind the move.

The change also gives Wal-Mart more control over the quality of the food being sent to its stores and the efficiency with which it gets to them. Before the switch, only about 75 percent of orders would actually reach Wal-Mart stores; now 95 percent do. Before, it took three days for products to arrive; now it takes a day and a half, Smith says.

Nestle S.A., for instance, used to go through 81 Chinese distributors to reach 400 Wal-Marts. Now it's using Wal-Mart's national distribution network, which it says is resulting in fresher quality of goods at the store, higher sales and lower costs.

Another supplier, Beijing-based noodle and flour maker Cofco, is also coming to appreciate the Wal-Mart way. In 2003, it started supplying 11 Wal-Marts. Now it's selling to 398. Wal-Mart demands that state-owned Cofco keep prices low and stable.

"At first, we had concerns, especially when the raw material costs had some ups and downs," says Cofco general manager Liu Hongwei says.

But Cofco has learned to be more efficient. And Wal-Mart stocks Cofco products in the busiest parts of the stores and markets them under the "worry free" slogan. Cofco sales to Wal-Mart rose 40 percent last year, compared to 10 percent to 20 percent increases for other customers.

Liu says he negotiates prices with his other customers every two weeks. With Wal-Mart? Twice a year.

## FIGHTING COMPETITORS

Often, Wal-Mart enters new markets by acquiring competitors, but that doesn't guarantee success. Buying the top player, as it did in Chile and Mexico, seems to work best.

In Chile, Wal-Mart's intense marketing paid off. Chileans are so sold on Wal-Mart's supercenter, Lider,

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that they believe the gap between its prices and rivals is twice what it actually is.

But in the United Kingdom, Wal-Mart's Asda and traditional British supermarkets like Tesco and Sainsbury's are all being undercut by the rapidly expanding Aldi and Lidl chains. In response, Asda is stepping up sustained price cuts and joined the European Marketing Distribution, which pools the buying power of 250 supermarket chains.

In vast China, Wal-Mart competes with a swarm of regional rivals.

At first Wal-Mart and France's Carrefour had China's big-box retail business pretty much to themselves. But Chinese rivals, learning fast and exploiting close ties to local suppliers, erased their lead.

Wal-Mart landed in China in 1996, a year behind Carrefour, opening two stores in Shenzhen — a Wal-Mart supercenter and a Sam's Club. They were the first foreign retailers to offer the big-box shopping experience, which offers everything from clothing to food. That's a big change from traditional wet markets and mom-and-pop stores filled with counterfeit goods. After investing in a Taiwanese-owned retail chain in 2007, Wal-Mart became China's biggest super-sized store chain and expanded its lead for over the next two years.

But Wal-Mart and Carrefour were hobbled. The government restricted foreigners to opening three stores per city. But even after China dropped the store limit in 2001, Wal-Mart and other foreign retailers have faced unfavorable treatment. Government officials have investigated the foreign retailers' pricing and highlighted their food scandals.

Meanwhile, local and regional competitors quickly closed the gap. The local players can sometimes undercut Wal-Mart prices because they have closer ties to local suppliers and can negotiate better deals, says Kantar's Yu in Shanghai.

Wal-Mart insists its share of the big-store sector has increased three years in a row. But Euromonitor says Wal-Mart's market share has fallen steadily since peaking at 11.6 percent in 2009. By last year, Wal-Mart held 9.6 percent of the market, good for No. 3.

Wal-Mart closed about 30 lackluster stores, but it has spent millions to renovate 50 it thinks are promising. Last year, it announced that it plans to add 115 stores by 2017, bringing the total store count to 530. It's concentrating in markets where it's already established, including the west, central China and its stronghold in the south.

From the start, Wal-Mart has had some advantages, including its global clout. It's able to stock its shelves with foreign imports and sell them at a bigger discount than its rivals can. And it's been pressing that advantage in the wake of a changing consumer mindset. Three years ago, Wal-Mart imported 212 containers of products into China. Last year, it imported 2,800, including milk sold under its Asda brand — popular with the exploding ranks of middle-class Chinese who can afford to buy better goods.

But, Wal-Mart faces another challenge in China, and it is not from other big box stores.

Across the globe, shoppers who are increasingly shifting away from buying at big stores and toward buying online or at small stores. But in China, that trend is more dramatic. It has overtaken the U.S. as the world's biggest online marketplace.

That's meant declines in traffic at Wal-Mart and other big-store rivals, both local and foreign. So Wal-Mart is expanding offerings at its website, which is run by Yihaodian, a Chinese startup Wal-Mart fully took over last year. And it's blending its online services with its own stores and adding hubs in key cities to deliver goods to shoppers' homes.

Sissy Xiao, a journalist, represents the future. Xiao had her hands and nose in the bins of rice at a Wal-Mart store in Beijing. She compared the scents. Her elderly mother was elsewhere in the store, buying food.

Xiao, however, was not planning to take any home. She'll do her shopping later, online. "I am spending less time at big stores," Xiao says. "I usually buy things online. It's more convenient."

## Curry and record-setting Warriors headed back to NBA Finals

**JANIE McCAULEY, AP Sports Writer**

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry knocked down yet another 3-pointer in the waning moments, pulled his jersey up into his mouth and yelled to the rafters in triumph once more.

A special, record-setting season saved for the defending champs, with a memorable comeback added to the long list of accomplishments.

Splash Brothers Curry and Klay Thompson carried the 73-win Warriors right back to the NBA Finals, as Golden State rallied from a 3-1 series deficit to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 96-88 on Monday night in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals.

Now, Curry and Co. are playing for another NBA title — just as they planned since Day 1 of training camp in September.

Bring on LeBron James again.

"You appreciate how tough it is to get back here," Curry said. "You've got to be appreciative of this accomplishment, and look forward to getting four more wins."

The MVP scored 36 points with seven 3-pointers to finish with an NBA-record 32 in a seven-game series, and also had eight assists. Thompson added 21 points and six 3s, two days after his record 11 3-pointers led a Game 6 comeback that sent the series home to raucous Oracle Arena for one more.

The Warriors became the 10th team to rally from a 3-1 deficit and win a postseason series. They return to the NBA Finals for a rematch with James and the Cleveland Cavaliers, who lost the 2015 title in six games as Golden State captured its first championship in 40 years.

Game 1 is Thursday night in Oakland.

"We survived by the skin of our teeth," coach Steve Kerr said. "We were able to pull it out, and we're moving on."

His signature mouthpiece dangling out and the game ball cradled in his left hand, Curry pumped his right arm as yellow confetti fell through Oracle Arena once the final buzzer sounded.

With the Thunder trailing 90-86, Serge Ibaka fouled Curry on a 3-point try with 1:18 to go and the shot clock running out. Curry made all three free throws, then that 3-pointer to seal it.

"This is who he is. Having a clutch performance in a Game 7, that's Steph Curry," Kerr said.

And Golden State's beloved "Strength In Numbers" catchphrase coined by Coach of the Year Kerr was needed in every way.

"No one ever had any doubt that we could get this done," Draymond Green said. "People have seen teams down 3-1 before but they ain't seen many. They've definitely never seen a 73-win team down 3-1."

Andre Iguodala joined the starting lineup for just the second time all season and the 2015 NBA Finals MVP hung tough against Kevin Durant, who scored 27 points on 10-for-19 shooting. Shaun Livingston's breakaway, one-handed dunk late in the third provided a big lift off the Warriors bench.

Oklahoma City won Game 1 108-102 at deafening Oracle Arena, so Golden State never envisioned this one coming easily. Russell Westbrook had 19 points, 13 assists and seven rebounds for the Thunder.

"It hurts losing, especially being up 3 games to 1," Durant said.

It took a quarter and a half for Thompson to warm up after his 41-point performance in a 108-101 win Saturday at Oklahoma City that sent the series back to the East Bay.

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He missed his initial seven shots before hitting a 3 6:02 before halftime, energizing the Warriors in their first Game 7 at home in 40 years.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Thompson and Iguodala pulled the Warriors within 54-51 with 7:57 left in the third. They tied it on Curry's 3 at 7:21 and he followed with another 3 to give his team the lead.

Curry and Thompson each topped the previous record for 3s in a seven-game series, 28 by Dennis Scott and Ray Allen. Curry hit one over 7-foot Steven Adams in the third, and Thompson wound up with 30 3s.

Iguodala replaced Harrison Barnes in the starting lineup and what a move by Kerr, who did the same thing last year in crunch time. Iguodala made a pretty bounce pass through the paint to Green for Golden State's first basket, and his smothering defense on Durant kept the Thunder star without a shot until his 3 at the 5:45 mark in the first. Durant had just nine points on five shots in the first half.

But Oklahoma City dictated the tempo with snappy passes and the hard, aggressive rebounding that had been such a part of its success this season. The Thunder couldn't sustain it.

"They won a world championship last year, and they've broken an NBA record, and people are already talking about it before the playoffs started, this may be the greatest team to ever lace them up in the history of the NBA," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said.

The Warriors, who fell behind 35-22, lost their last Game 7 at home: 94-86 to Phoenix in the Western Conference finals on May 16, 1976.

## TIP-INS

Thunder: The Thunder's 12 third-quarter points were the fewest allowed by Golden State in a playoff third quarter during the shot clock era. ... Durant took nine shots in the first 33:25. ... Oklahoma City led by as many as 13 in the first half. ... Donovan celebrated his 51st birthday. ... The Thunder and Portland Trail Blazers, Golden State's opponent the previous round, are the only teams to beat the Warriors twice this season.

Warriors: The Warriors are 4-4 all-time in Game 7s — 3-1 at home. ... Iguodala earned his first since Jan. 2 against Denver. ... Golden State wasn't whistled for its first foul until 2:34 in the first. ... The Warriors' 42 first-half points were their fewest at home this season. ... Curry hit a 3 in his 51st straight playoff game.

## **Penguins edge Sharks 3-2 in Game 1 of Stanley Cup Final**

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Nick Bonino looks the part. Thatchy beard that juts out well below his chinstrap. Nose a bit askew. The rugged forward has etched out a career making a living in tight spaces, putting his body in places on the ice that aren't for the meek.

Those instincts, honed from years of finding order in the middle of chaos, lifted the Pittsburgh Penguins to the early lead in the Stanley Cup Final.

Bonino darted to the net and knocked in Kris Letang's centering pass with 2:33 remaining, lifting the Penguins to a 3-2 victory over the San Jose Sharks in Game 1 on Monday night.

Pittsburgh recovered after blowing an early two-goal lead and spoiled San Jose's long-awaited debut on the league's biggest stage. Game 2 is Wednesday night in Pittsburgh.

Letang and Carl Hagelin took turns digging the puck out of the corner behind the San Jose net when Letang emerged with it and slipped it to Bonino, who collected himself and flicked it past Martin Jones' blocker for his fourth goal of the playoffs.

"Tanger put it right on my stick," Bonino said. "It was a shot that wasn't my hardest shot by any means

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but I kind of found a way to flip it over him.”

Bonino has spent much of the last two months as the heady, understated center on Pittsburgh’s hottest line while playing between hard-shooting Phil Kessel and Hagelin. Dubbed “HBK” — a chant that occasionally greets them when they flip over the boards and onto the ice — they have powered the Penguins to their first Cup Final in seven years. Yet it was Bonino, whose hockey IQ is considered his greatest attribute by Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan, who scored the group’s biggest goal of the post-season.

“He does all the things right and found himself in a great position and capitalized on it,” Pittsburgh forward Chris Kunitz said. “Any time you’re in the slot, get him the puck. It seems like we find a way to win when he scores.”

Rookies Bryan Rust and Conor Sheary also scored for the Penguins, though Rust left in the third period after absorbing a shot to the head from San Jose’s Patrick Marleau. Matt Murray — who like Rust and Sheary spent a significant amount of time this season with the team’s American Hockey League affiliate in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton — finished with 24 saves.

Jones made 38 stops but couldn’t get over in time on Bonino’s knuckler. The Penguins threw 41 shots at Jones, the most he has faced in a regulation game during the playoffs. Marleau and Tomas Hertl scored during San Jose’s dominant second period, but the Sharks spent a large portion of the third period on their heels and their dynamic power play failed to record a single shot when Ben Lovejoy went to the penalty box with 2:09 to play.

“They played their game for longer stretches than we did and that’s what happens,” San Jose coach Peter DeBoer said.

The Sharks made it to the first Stanley Cup Final in franchise history by rebuilding themselves on the fly. Two years removed from a brutal collapse from a 3-0 series lead in the first round against Los Angeles, San Jose ended a 9,005 day wait to play in the NHL’s championship round by relying on a tough, aggressive style that squeezes opponents with a relentless forecheck while limiting chances in front of Jones.

Yet veterans Marleau and Joe Thornton — the top two picks in the 1997 draft held in Pittsburgh who had waited nearly two decades to make it to the league’s biggest stage — insisted the Sharks were hardly satisfied after dispatching St. Louis in a cathartic Western Conference finals.

Maybe, but the Sharks looked a step slow — maybe two steps slow — while searching for their footing early on against the Penguins, who rallied from a 3-2 deficit to edge Tampa Bay in seven games to advance to their first Cup Final since 2009.

Rust, who surprisingly made the team out of training camp and became an unlikely playoff star by scoring both of Pittsburgh’s goals in Game 7 against the Lightning, gave the Penguins the lead 12:46 into the first when he slammed home a rebound off a Justin Schultz shot for his sixth of the post-season, a franchise record for playoff goals by a rookie.

Less than a minute later, Sheary, who didn’t become a regular until the middle of January, made it 2-0 when Sidney Crosby whipped a blind backhand cross-ice pass to Sheary’s stick. Sheary’s wrist shot from the right circle zipped by Jones, and the Penguins appeared to be in complete command by overwhelming the Sharks in a way few have in months.

Maybe it was the Penguins. Maybe it was jitters.

“You try to keep everything normal but you’ve been dreaming about it for a while,” San Jose defenseman Brent Burns said. “Now we know what we’re in for and we’ll be better.”

San Jose regained its composure during the first intermission and responded with a big surge. Hertl jammed a power-play shot from just outside the crease between Murray’s legs 3:02 into the second to give the Sharks momentum. Late in the second, Marleau collected a rebound off a Burns one-timer

behind the Pittsburgh net and then beat Murray on a wraparound that caromed off Murray's extended right leg and into the net.

Yet Bonino, who arrived in an offseason trade with Vancouver, helped the Penguins improve to 9-3 at home all-time in the Cup Final by sliding to a familiar spot in search of a familiar result.

NOTES: San Jose went 1 for 2 on the power play. The Penguins were 0 for 3. ... The Sharks are 5-1 following a loss during the postseason.

## **South Korea says North Korea missile launch likely failed**

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A North Korean missile launch likely failed on Tuesday, according to South Korea's military, the latest in a string of high-profile failures that somewhat tempers recent worries that Pyongyang was pushing quickly toward its goal of a nuclear-tipped missile that can reach America's mainland.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported that the missile was a powerful mid-range Musudan. If true, that would make it the fourth failed attempt by the North to conduct a successful test launch of the new missile, which could potentially reach far-away U.S. military bases in Asia and the Pacific.

Yonhap, citing an unidentified government source, said the missile exploded at a mobile launch pad as soon as a launch button was pressed. The report, if confirmed, suggests the missile may have even failed to lift off. Yonhap did not say how its source obtained the information.

Seoul defense officials said they could not immediately confirm the report.

The South's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in statement that the North attempted to launch an unidentified missile early in the morning from the eastern coastal town of Wonsan, but that it likely failed. JCS officials said later Tuesday they were analyzing what happened but released no other details.

Despite recent failures, there have been growing worries about North Korea's nuclear and missile activities this year, which includes a nuclear test in January and a long-range rocket launch in February that outsiders saw as a test of banned long-range missile technology.

The most recent launch follows Seoul's rejection of recent Pyongyang overtures to talk, part of what some analysts see as an attempt by the North to win concessions from its rivals.

In April, North Korea attempted unsuccessfully to launch three suspected powerful intermediate-range Musudan missiles. All the missiles exploded in mid-air or crashed, according to South Korean defense officials.

South Korean officials believe the missile launches follow an order from the country's leader Kim Jong Un in March to conduct tests of a nuclear warhead and ballistic missiles capable of carrying such warheads. That order was thought to be part of Pyongyang's reaction to annual South Korea-U.S. military drills that it sees as an invasion rehearsal.

Musudan missiles have a potential range of about 3,500 kilometers (2,180 miles), which would put U.S. military bases in Guam within their striking distance. South Korea believes the North does not have a functional long-range missile capable of hitting the U.S. mainland, but the North is working on that technology.

Before April's suspected launches, North Korea had never flight-tested a Musudan missile, although one was displayed during a military parade in 2010 in Pyongyang.

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## Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 31, the 152nd day of 2016. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1916, during World War I, British and German fleets fought the naval Battle of Jutland off Denmark; there was no clear-cut victor, although the British suffered heavier losses.

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1889, some 2,200 people in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, perished when the South Fork Dam collapsed, sending 20 million tons of water rushing through the town.

In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.

In 1935, movie studio 20th Century Fox was created through a merger of the Fox Film Corp. and Twentieth Century Pictures.

In 1941, "Tobacco Road," a play about an impoverished Southern family based on the novel by Erskine Caldwell, closed on Broadway after a run of 3,182 performances.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic as it withdrew from the British Commonwealth.

In 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel a few minutes before midnight for his role in the Holocaust.

In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.

In 1985, 88 people were killed, more than 1,000 injured, when 41 tornadoes swept through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario, Canada, during an 8-hour period.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush welcomed Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to Washington for a summit meeting. The situation comedy "Seinfeld" began airing as a regular series on NBC.

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

In 2005, breaking a silence of 30 years, former FBI official W. Mark Felt stepped forward as "Deep Throat," the secret Washington Post source during the Watergate scandal.

Ten years ago: The U.S. said it would join in face-to-face talks with Iran over its disputed nuclear program if Tehran first agreed to put challenged atomic activities on hold; Iran dismissed the offer as "a propaganda move." NBC's "Today" show threw a going-away party for 15-year host Katie Couric, who left to become anchor of "The CBS Evening News."

Five years ago: Angered by civilian casualties, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said he would no longer allow NATO airstrikes on houses. Former Bosnian Serb military commander Ratko Mladic (RAHT'-koh MLAH'-dich) was placed in a U.N. detention unit in the Netherlands to await trial on genocide charges. Atlanta became the first city in the NHL's modern era to lose two hockey teams as the Thrashers' owners agreed to sell the struggling franchise to a group that moved it to Winnipeg (Atlanta had also lost the Flames to Calgary in 1980).

One year ago: The U.S. Senate held an extraordinary Sunday session during which it failed to produce an 11th-hour deal to extend the National Security Agency's authority to collect Americans' phone records in bulk. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry broke his leg in a bicycle crash near Geneva, forcing him to return to the U.S. for treatment and to scrap the rest of a four-nation trip. Jim Bailey, 77, a singer-actor who transformed himself into such show biz legends as Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand and Peggy Lee during a career that spanned decades, died in Los Angeles. Harriette Thompson of

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Charlotte, North Carolina, a 92-year-old cancer survivor, became the oldest woman to finish a marathon as she completed the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Diego in 7:24:36.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 86. Singer Peter Dinklage is 78. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 77. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 76. Actress Sharon Gless is 73. Football Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath is 73. Broadcast journalist/commentator Bernard Goldberg is 71. Actor Tom Berenger is 66. Actor Gregory Harrison is 66. Actor Julio Oscar Mechoso is 61. Actor Kyle Secor is 59. Actress Roma Maffia (ma-FEE'-uh) is 58. Comedian Chris Elliott is 56. Actress Lea Thompson is 55. Singer Corey Hart is 54. Actor Hugh Dillon is 53. Rapper DMC is 52. Actress Brooke Shields is 51. Country musician Ed Adkins (The Derailers) is 49. TV host Phil Keoghan is 49. Jazz musician Christian McBride is 44. Actress Archie Panjabi is 44. Actor Colin Farrell is 40. Rock musician Scott Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 39. Actor Eric Christian Olsen is 39. Rock musician Andy Hurley (Fall Out Boy) is 36. Country singer Casey James (TV: "American Idol") is 34. Actor Jonathan Tucker is 34. Rapper Waka Flocka Flame is 30. Actor Curtis Williams Jr. is 29. Pop singer Normani Hamilton (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 20.

Thought for Today: "The future is no more uncertain than the present." — Walt Whitman, American poet (born this date in 1819, died 1892).