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## 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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## Friday, June 3

Legion at Milbank Tourney  
**Senior Menu:** Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, creamy coleslaw, sherbet, whole wheat bread.

**Anniv:** Harvey & Sue Flihs II  
**Birthdays:** Eric Johnson • Ryan Johnson • Doug Ehrenberg • Amber Stumpf • Vicki Rossow  
11:30am: James Valley Telco Annual Meeting at GHS Arena

## Saturday, June 4

Legion at Milbank Tourney  
Anniversaries: Gary & Caralee Heitmann, Jarod & Kristie Flihs, Wade & Renee Marzahn  
**Birthdays:** Jay Johnson, Cheyenne Schaller, Corbin Reich, Tony Waage, Tucker Carda  
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Bergen LC for Confirmation

## Sunday, June 5

Legion at Milbank Tourney  
**Birthdays:** Stephanie Jondahl, Mark Leonhardt, Ward Gilchrist.  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion  
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

## Monday, June 6

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## 10th Annual Bird Tour Coming June 10-11

BROOKINGS, S.D. - All are invited to attend the 10th Annual South Dakota Grassland Coalition "Birds: at Home on the Range" birding tour to be held near Ft. Pierre at the Bad River Ranch on June 10 and 11, 2016.

"This is a great event that focuses on celebrating positive relationships between ranchers and those interested in conservation," said Pete Bauman, SDSU Extension Range Field Specialist. "Covering nearly 140,000 acres, the Bad River Ranch offers a variety of habitats and is a great opportunity to see many species."

Those attending the Bird Tour will see first-hand one of the largest bison ranches in the region. "Since the ranch is managed with and for bison, attendees will gain a unique perspective on bison grazing and how it affects the ranch's overall wildlife and conservation goals," Bauman said.

Bauman explained that the ranch has a rich wildlife conservation history, having participated in recovery and management efforts for species such as the swift fox and black-footed ferret in recent years.

### Birding & More

Bird life is abundant on the ranch and attendees will have an opportunity to see a great variety of raptors, shorebirds, grassland and woodland species, waterfowl and upland game birds such as sharp-tailed grouse and prairie chickens.

While plenty of time for birding is included during the tour, participants will also have an opportunity to participate in mist netting and bird banding, nest dragging, rangeland plant identification, and a visit to an active prairie dog town to discuss the overall ecology of the historic North American Prairie.

During the event, participants will have the opportunity to submit their photos for a slide show featuring photos from the group over the 2-day tour.

This is a tour organized for everyone from individuals to families. Children will enjoy the events as much as adults with a special bird house building session just for kids.

### Registration information

Registration for the Bird Tour is \$20 per adult; kids/students are free. Meals are included, but lodging is on your own.

Driving directions: From Fort Pierre travel south (approx. 1 mile) on Hwy 83, turn west/right on Bad River Road, travel 12.5 miles. Roads will be marked.

For more information and to register contact Judge Jessop: 605-280-0127 judge.jessop@sdconservation.net.

### Agenda

#### Friday June 10:

3:25 to 4 p.m. Gather at Bad River Ranch

4 to 4:15 p.m. Welcome and Introduction to the SD Grassland Coalition

4:15 to 5 p.m. History of Bad River Ranch, Tom LeFaive, Former Ranch Manager

5 to 5:45 p.m. Bird Identification, KC Jensen, SDSU Associate Professor Ecology and Management of Birds

5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Supper and Refreshments

6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Habitat Presentation: Grassland Birds, Kristel Bakker, Dakota State University

7:30 p.m. Birding

#### Saturday, June 11

5:30 a.m. Gather at Bad River Ranch

5:30 to 5:55 a.m. Sunrise Coffee and Rolls

6 to 8:35 a.m. Bird Watch/Record Species

Groups rotate to different stations:

(40 minutes per station)

1. Nest Dragging, Kassy Hendricks and October Greenfield

2. Plant Identification, Sandy Smart, South Dakota State University

3. The How & Why of Bird Banding, KC Jensen, South Dakota State University

4. Birding

9 to 10:45 a.m. Mammal Ecology Station (1 group), Tom LeFaive & Dusty Hepper

10:45 - 11:05 a.m. Travel Back to War Creek

Break/Discuss Group Highlights  
Share memory cards for slideshow, Silka Kempemka

11:05 to 11:35 a.m. Rainfall Simulator, Stan Boltz, State NRCS Range Specialist

11:35 to 12:35 p.m. Lunch and Slideshow

12:40 to 1:30 p.m. Grass Manager's View, Tom LeFaive & Dusty Hepper

12:40 - 1:30 p.m. Kids' Activities, bird house assembly (take home)

2 p.m. Closing Comments

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## Today in Weather History

1921 - A cloudburst near Pikes Peak CO killed 120 people. Pueblo CO was flooded by a twenty-five foot crest of the Arkansas River, killing 70 persons. Fourteen inches of rain was reported at Boggs Flat, where a hard surface road through nearly level country was washed out to a depth of seven feet. (The Weather Channel)

1959 - Thunderstorms in northwestern Kansas produced up to eighteen inches of hail near Salden during the early evening. Crops were completely destroyed, and total damage from the storm was about half a million dollars. Hail fell for a record eighty-five minutes. The temperature dropped from near 80 degrees prior to the storm to 38 degrees at the height of the storm. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Six days of flooding in South Texas culminated with five to six inch rains from Bexar County to Bandera County, and five to nine inches rains in Gonzalez and Wilson Counties. Total crop damage was estimated at 500 million dollars. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Early morning thunderstorms in southern Texas produced wind gusts to 86 mph at Port Isabel, and wind gusts to 83 mph at South Padre Island. Unseasonably hot weather prevailed from the Southern Plateau Region to the Northern High Plains. Fourteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing over the Southern Plains Region during the afternoon hours produced severe weather into the night. Thunderstorms spawned eleven tornadoes, and there were 169 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 80 mph at Newcastle, OK, and Wilson, OK. Softball size hail was reported at Monahans, Childress and Groesbeck TX. Monahans TX reported six million dollars damage. Five inches of rain deluged Geronimo OK. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Shows Likely then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms then Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms and Breezy	Mostly Clear and Breezy then Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 77 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 72 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 77 °F



## Drying West, Wet East Today Highs near 80°

### West River:



Becoming Partly Cloudy to Mostly Clear

**Breezy** NW winds developing

### East River:



Off and on showers and thunderstorms

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Updated: 6/3/2016 4:30 AM Central

Published on: 06/03/2016 at 4:35AM

Low pressure will cross the eastern Dakotas today, and consolidate over northern Minnesota this evening. This will keep the chance of showers and a few thunderstorms going across the region, especially over eastern South Dakota and west central Minnesota along an exiting cold front. Drier and breezier conditions and be working in behind the cold front today, settling across central South Dakota. Highs will top out around 80 degrees.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp:** 78.8 F at 5:41 PM

**Low Outside Temp:** 40.7 F at 4:44 AM

**High Gust:** 23.0 Mph at 11:46 PM

Precip: 0.12

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 100° in 1933

**Record Low:** 34 in 1950

**Average High:** 74°F

**Average Low:** 50°F

**Average Precip in June:** 0.34

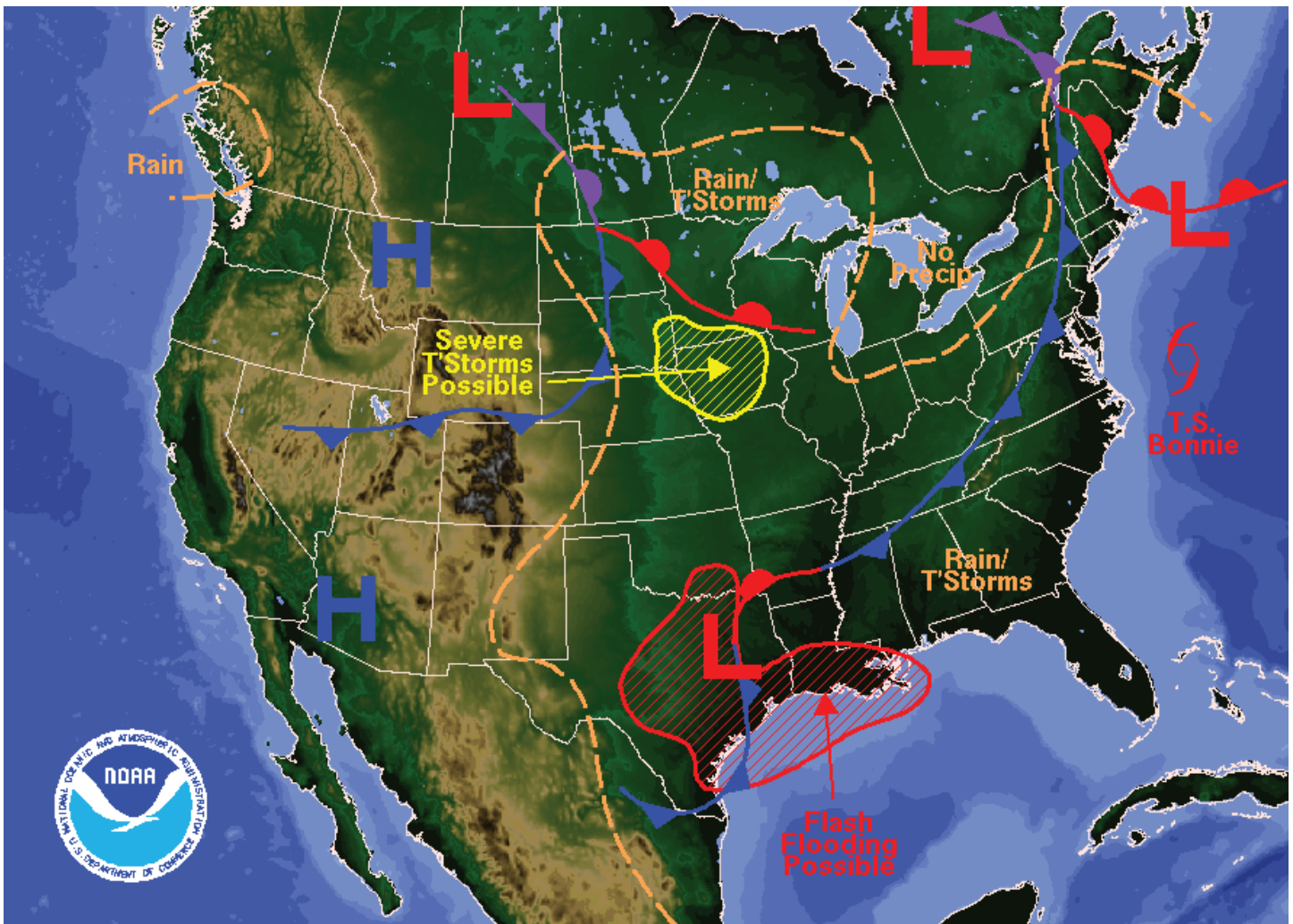
**Precip to date in June:** 0.12

**Average Precip to date:** 7.48

**Precip Year to Date:** 5.11

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:17 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:46 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jun 03, 2016, issued 4:45 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## WHY DO GOOD?

Have you ever wondered what good might come from an act of kindness?

Looking for something to drink in place of wine, Thomas Welch began to make grape juice in his kitchen. He shared it with some of his friends. They enjoyed it so very much that they asked him to make enough of it for them to take home and share with others. From his kindness came the company that bears his name to this day: Welch's Grape Juice.

Elliott Handler enjoyed making doll furniture in his garage for his many friends. His miniature products were so attractive, contained so much detail and were made so well that he could not meet the many requests for his products. Because of his many acts of kindness and the fine quality of his products, he became the head of Mattel, one of the largest toy companies in the world.

It is almost impossible to walk past the loaves of bread in a super market without noticing Pepperidge Farm products. Years ago Margaret Rudkin began baking bread in her kitchen to share with her neighbors and the rest of the story is history.

Paul said, "Don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessings at the appropriate time. Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone."

It is discouraging to continue to do the right thing and receive no recognition or reward. Often it costs us personally to continue to give and never receive anything in return – perhaps not even a word of thanks. But we are challenged in God's Word to continue to do good even if we do not receive any recognition or any reward. God will always bless us if we do what we do in His name.

Prayer: Father, we pray that we use whatever talents You have given us to honor You and serve those around us. May we always do our best and leave the results up to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Galatians 6:9-10 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Aerodynamics gets contract to fly to Pierre, Watertown**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded contracts to Aerodynamics Inc. to provide federally subsidized air service to Pierre and Watertown.

Officials in both cities had recommended the carrier. Great Lakes Airlines has been serving the two cities, but local officials have become unhappy with the service.

Great Lakes maintains that problems with delayed and canceled flights were the result of a pilot shortage caused by more stringent federal regulations.

The Essential Air Service program provides subsidies to small airlines so they can maintain flights in rural communities. Aerodynamics will fly 12 round-trip flights weekly from Watertown to Denver, stopping in Pierre, with 50-passenger jets.

The two-year federal contract runs from this August through July 2018. It's not known exactly when Aerodynamics service will start, but Pierre Mayor Laurie Gill told the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/1U1Vii2>) that she expects it to be by September.

"We have a huge hunting season here, and they know that," she said.

Watertown has one more hurdle to overcome. The Department of Transportation recently listed the city as one of 12 in the country fated to lose EAS eligibility because the subsidy level there has surpassed \$200 per passenger. Federal rules say any EAS community within 210 miles of a major hub airport must maintain a subsidy level below that mark.

Mayor Steve Thorson said he is confident Watertown officials can show that the city's center is actually 4 miles farther west than under the government's measurement to Minneapolis. That would put Watertown outside of the 210-mile limit, meaning the EAS subsidy level would be \$1,000 per passenger.

### **Judge denies bond for Rapid City vehicular homicide suspect**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A judge has denied bond for a Rapid City man charged with vehicular homicide.

Nineteen-year-old Jacobi Branich is accused of driving drunk on April 12 and losing control of his pickup truck, which rolled in a ditch south of Rapid City. Authorities say the crash killed 19-year-old passenger Dara Reynolds.

Branich has pleaded not guilty. He's back in jail after violating conditions of an earlier release on \$15,000 bond. Seventh Circuit Judge Robert Mandel on Thursday denied Branich's request to restore bond, citing public safety.

Branich faces up to 16 years in prison if he's convicted of vehicular homicide and driving under revocation.

### **State economic development chief leaving for private sector**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Pat Costello is leaving his post as commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development for an opportunity in the private sector.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard said Thursday that Costello will depart at the end of June. He has been commissioner since 2011.

The governor says Costello has been a great representative for South Dakota. Daugaard says the state has added thousands of jobs under Costello's leadership.

Deputy Commissioner Aaron Scheibe will take over in an interim capacity starting July 1.

## **-day Dairy Fest 2016 is underway in Brookings**

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Dairy Fest 2016 is underway in Brookings.

Dairy Fest Chairmen Darrel Rennich says the event brings together multiple facets of the industry, from processors to chefs.

Events include a high-school art contest, a five-course meal featuring locally produced cheese, a fork-to-farm educational event and a 5K run and walk.

Dairy Fest committee Nicolien Hammink says the event is about dairy farmers sharing their stories. The three-day event runs through Saturday.

## **State parks to begin taking Labor Day weekend reservations**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Camping enthusiasts, grab your calendars. South Dakota state parks will begin accepting camping reservations for Labor Day weekend this Saturday.

Reservations for the weekend of Sept. 2 can be made starting at 7 a.m. CDT Saturday.

The Game, Fish and Parks Department says Labor Day weekend is one of the most popular camping times of the year and spots fill up quickly.

Arrangements for campsites can be made as many as 90 days before arrival, except at Custer State Park, which accepts reservations one year out.

Reservations can be made 24 hours a day online and by phone. Camping fees are paid at the time a reservation is made. A park entrance license is required in addition to camping fees.

## **2 arrested in string of Pennington County robberies**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say they have two suspects in custody following string of armed convenience store robberies in the Pennington County.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office made the arrests early Thursday.

Thursday morning's robberies were at a convenience store in Rapid City and two stores in Box Elder. Authorities say a sheriff's deputy located the suspect's vehicle around 3:30 a.m. and recovered cash and a number of stolen items.

A 29-year-old Rapid City man who is also suspected in earlier robberies faces five counts of first degree robbery and several other charges. A 24-year-old Rapid City man suspected of serving as the getaway driver has been arrested on aiding and abetting charges.

Formal charges are pending.

## **Elderly man sentenced in wide-ranging Jamaican lottery scam**

**DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — An elderly man from Kentucky who decided to participate in a Jamaican lottery scam after he was victimized was sentenced on Thursday to time served and ordered to help pay back more than \$5 million in losses to other victims.

North Dakota authorities say James Simpson, 74, opened individual bank accounts, deposited money and transferred funds on orders from scam leader Lavrick Willocks. Simpson deposited and withdrew more than \$200,000 in cash from one bank account in three months, according to court documents.

Simpson's lawyer, Jackie Stebbins, said her client is a "good and honest man" who was persuaded by scammers to engage in criminal activity. Simpson is confined to a hospital bed and wheelchair in Kentucky and did not attend the sentencing hearing in Bismarck.

"My client was not the predator, he was the victim," Stebbins said. "To end up being charged as a



federal felon, it just reeks.”

Jamaican lottery scams have been happening for years, but few cases of this magnitude have been prosecuted. The case began after a North Dakota woman told authorities she was scammed out of \$300,000 after someone called and told her she had won \$19 million and a new car, and needed only to pay taxes and fees. The investigation led authorities to others that had been scammed, many of whom lost their retirement savings.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Clare Hochhalter, the lead prosecutor, said Simpson had “relatively low culpability,” but helped the scammers become successful.

“Scammers and those who knowingly help them need to know their conduct will not be tolerated, wherever it occurs,” Hochhalter said. “We need to raise awareness among family members and friends.”

Stebbins said she appreciates that Hochhalter and North Dakota FBI Special Agent Frank Gasper are going after the scammers and called the resolution to Simpson’s case a just result.

“We might disagree if my client should have been charged. I think he was a victim first and any role in the criminal conspiracy came second,” Stebbins said. “It’s a sad case. But these guys at the top, they prey on vulnerable people.”

More than two dozen people have been charged in the case. Willocks, the alleged ringleader, is one of six fugitives who has not appeared in court. Eight other defendants are in custody in Jamaica awaiting extradition, Hochhalter said.

## **Authorities rounding up suspects in tristate burglary ring**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities are rounding up suspects in what they’re calling a burglary ring that’s responsible for the theft of tens of thousands of dollars’ worth of vehicles, TVs and other items in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa.

“It seems to be almost a full-time job for these people to go steal things,” Sgt. Jason Gearman of the Minnehaha County Sheriff’s Office said. “It would be a huge relief to have them stopped.”

Police believe at least six or seven people are involved in the burglaries and are selling the stolen items or trading them for drugs.

Three suspects have been arrested so far, with the latest arrest coming Tuesday night in Sioux Falls, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/1t3yXad> ) reported. Authorities had offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the suspect, who was considered armed and dangerous.

Authorities recovered some property, including a Jeep, guns and drugs, which were found in a storage unit near the South Dakota town of Crooks after a 12-hour stakeout in mid-May. More stolen items were recovered last weekend in a trailer in Lennox.

“People are getting their vehicles stolen, they’re getting burned up, their four-wheelers stolen,” Gearman said. “They’re breaking into houses and stealing TVs, you name it, whatever they can take.”

Gearman acknowledged that some burglary victims may be frustrated with the slowness of the investigation, but he said the department is working hard to catch the burglars.

“If they reported (an item) stolen, eventually we will get to it and contact them,” Gearman said of the victims. “We want to put these people where they can’t take anything anymore. That’s what we’re focusing on right now.”

Gearman encouraged anyone with information to contact authorities and reminded the public to take precautions against burglars.

“There’s people out there that know more than they’re saying,” he said. “Lock your doors, lock your house, it makes it harder for them to get in.”

## **GF&P: Zebra mussels found in McCook Lake**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Game Fish & Parks Department says invasive zebra mussels have been found in McCook Lake.

Department officials say the mussels were initially discovered by members of the McCook Lake Association performing maintenance prior to Memorial Day Weekend.

Additional sampling efforts by GF&P have confirmed adult zebra mussels exist in multiple areas throughout the lake.

Officials found zebra mussels present and reproducing in large numbers in Lewis and Clark Lake near Yankton in August 2015. The discovery prompted increased boat inspections and enforcement efforts.

Boaters should completely draining boats to ensure aquatic invasive species are not transferred to other waters. Anglers and boaters using zebra mussel-infested waters should clean their boats with 140 degree water and let them completely dry before launching elsewhere.

## **Re-sentencing for man convicted of killing cab driver**

**DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Pierre man sentenced to life without parole for killing a cab driver two decades ago when he was 14 is set to be re-sentenced because of a 2012 Supreme Court ruling that banned mandatory life sentences without parole for juveniles.

A two-day re-sentencing hearing begins Thursday in Fort Pierre for Paul Dean Jensen Jr., who was convicted of murder, kidnapping and other offenses for the 1996 slaying of Michael Hare.

Here are some things to know about the case:

### **THE KILLING**

Prosecutors have said Jensen and Shawn Cameron Springer, who was 16 at the time, hailed Hare's cab to drive them out of town and then robbed him of \$36.48 before shooting him to death. Prosecutors said Jensen shot Hare once in the chest, listened to Hare plead for his life on his knees and then shot him two more times in the head.

The South Dakota Supreme Court upheld Jensen's convictions and sentences in 1998, with the justices saying the punishment fit the crime. Springer was sentenced to 261 years in prison after pleading guilty to kidnapping, and a judge in 2013 refused to reduce Springer's sentence.

### **U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING**

The U.S. Supreme Court in 2012 said life sentences without parole for juveniles cannot be automatic but left open the possibility that judges could still sentence juveniles to life without parole after considering the circumstances of each case.

The 5-4 decision split along ideological lines, with the court's four liberals and swing vote Justice Anthony Kennedy joining to order states and the federal government to allow judges and juries to consider a juvenile's age when they hand down sentences for some of the harshest crimes.

### **JENSEN'S ARGUMENT**

Acting as his own lawyer, Jensen filed a 28-page, mostly handwritten motion in July 2013 asking that his sentence be declared illegal so he could be resentenced. He also asked that a lawyer be appointed to represent him in the case. Jensen said that the U.S. Supreme Court and various studies have found that 14-year-olds are immature, impulsive and susceptible to pressure from others, and that they also are more likely than older criminals to be rehabilitated.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley argued that the Supreme Court ruling did not apply retroactively.

## RE-SENTENCING GRANTED

Circuit Judge John Brown in December 2013 granted a resentencing hearing for Jensen, saying he felt compelled by the Supreme Court ruling. Jensen's attorney, Jeff Larson, argued that the case involves correcting the sentence, not changing the conviction.

Stanley County State's Attorney Tom P. Maher said Jensen's sentence was lawful in 1996 and remains lawful. Neither could be reached for comment ahead of Thursday's hearing.

## Powerball lottery ticket sold in Alexandria worth \$50,000

ALEXANDRIA, S.D. (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Alexandria is worth \$50,000 in Wednesday's drawing.

The owner of the ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball to win the game's third prize. The odds of winning it are 1 in about 913,000.

The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$110 million for Saturday's drawing.

## 2 suspects plead not guilty in Rapid City slaying last fall

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Two Rapid City men accused of beating and stabbing another man to death last year have pleaded not guilty.

Nineteen-year-olds Ranon Bissonette and Hunter Highpipe are charged with murder, robbery and conspiracy in the September 2015 death of 56-year-old Edward Lowry, who was found in a pool of blood in a parking lot.

Bissonette and Highpipe were indicted last month, while jailed on unrelated charges. They entered their pleas Tuesday.

Authorities have not discussed a possible motive in the case, which involved a third suspect who authorities say killed himself last month.

## Police in northern Spain search for possible escaped bear

CIARAN GILES, Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Police in the northern Spanish region of Cantabria are searching a mountain safari-type park to determine if a bear has escaped after local youths reported having seen one outside the park's perimeter.

A regional government spokesman said Friday that Cabarceno park authorities have no indication that a bear has escaped and police have so far found no paw prints, excrement or signs of a bear loose in the area.

He said the nature park had about 80 bears and stretched across hectares (86 acres) in a mountainous area south of the city of Santander. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with regional government regulations.

## **Wheels and onesies! Promotion honors Akron's LeBron, Curry**

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Newborns at the Ohio hospital where LeBron James and Stephen Curry were born will get some special gifts during the NBA finals as those stars face off.

Akron-based Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. is giving care packages to parents of children born in Akron-area hospitals through June 19.

James and Curry were born at Akron City Hospital. The stars are going against each other as James' Cleveland Cavaliers play Curry and the Golden State Warriors.

Golden State won game one in the best-of-seven series Thursday night.

The Akron Beacon Journal (<http://bit.ly/25D5xRk>) reports families of the newborns will receive a set of four tires, an "Akron Born" onesie and a car seat.

Summa Akron City Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Akron General and Akron Children's Hospital are participating to help deliver the packages.

## **Israel releases female Palestinian lawmaker after 14 months**

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israel has released a female Palestinian lawmaker imprisoned for 14 months.

Khalida Jarrar flashed a victory sign to well-wishers as she was freed on Friday in the West Bank. Jarrar is a popular figure in the Palestinian territory, known for fiery speeches against Israel.

Israel imprisoned her last year after convicting her of belonging to an illegal organization and incitement.

Her husband Ghassam says "she was arrested for political not security reasons."

Jarrar is a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a secular, left-leaning faction. The group was involved in attacks in the 1970s but scaled back militant activities in recent years.

Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 war. Palestinians there are subject to military law, a system condemned by rights groups.

## **Seine still rising in Paris; Louvre scrambles to protect art**

**RAPHAEL SATTER, Associated Press**

PARIS (AP) — The swollen Seine River kept rising Friday, spilling out across its banks and some streets in Paris as curators at the Louvre scrambled to protect a huge trove of art from the museum's priceless collection from the flooding.

The Seine, which officials said was at its highest level in nearly 35 years, was expected to peak sometime later Friday.

Nearly a week of heavy rain has led to serious flooding across a swathe of Europe, where 14 people have died and more are missing. Although the rain has tapered off in some areas, floodwaters are still climbing up over scores of river banks. Traffic in the French capital was snarled as flooding choked roads and several Paris railway stations were shut.

While the Louvre's most famous painting, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa," was safe on an upper floor, officials said about 250,000 artworks were located in flood-risk areas, mostly in basement storerooms. The art was hastily being moved upstairs — a move officials described as precautionary.

The Orsay museum, on the left bank of the Seine, was also closed Friday to prepare for possible flooding.

A spokeswoman at the Louvre said museum had not taken such precautions in its modern history — since its 1993 renovation at the very least. She spoke on condition of anonymity in line with the



museum's policy.

At the Louvre, disappointed tourists were being turned away.

"I am really sorry, but we're closed today," one staffer told visitors. "We have to evacuate masterpieces from the basement."

Elsewhere in Europe, authorities were counting the cost of the floods as they waded through muddy streets and waterlogged homes.

German authorities said the body of a 65-year-old man was found overnight in the town of Simbach am Inn, bringing the country's death toll to 10. France's Interior Ministry also reported the death of a 74-year-old man who fell from his horse and drowned in a river in the Seine-et-Marne region east of Paris, the second death in France.

In eastern Romania, two people died and 200 people were evacuated from their homes as floods swept the area, including one man who was ripped from his bicycle by a torrent of water in the eastern village of Ruginesti.

Several other people in Europe were missing Friday, including a Belgian beekeeper who was swept away by the current while trying to save his hives from rising waters in the eastern village of Harsin.

The foul weather has compounded the travel disruptions in France, which is already dealing with the fallout from weeks of strikes and other industrial actions by workers upset over the government's proposed labor reforms. French rail company SNCF said the strikes had led to the cancellation of some 40 percent of the country's high-speed trains.

In addition, French energy company Enedis says that more than 20,000 customers are without power to the east and south of Paris.

Outside the Louvre, tourists expressed understanding over the museum's closure.

"It's good that they are evacuating the paintings. It's a shame that we couldn't see them today, but it's right that they do these things," said Carlos Santiago, who was visiting from Mexico.

## **Trump claims Trump University judge has 'absolute conflict'**

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump says the federal judge presiding over a lawsuit brought by former Trump University students has an "absolute conflict" in handling the case because he is "of Mexican heritage."

The presumptive Republican presidential nominee tells The Wall Street Journal that U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel has "an inherent conflict of interest" because Trump is "building a wall," a reference to Trump's proposal to build a wall along the border between the U.S. and Mexico.

Trump has brought up Curiel's ethnicity several times this year, including last week at a rally in San Diego.

Curiel was born in Indiana and served as a federal prosecutor and a judge in the California state judicial system before being nominated to the federal bench by President Barack Obama in 2011.

## **Kerr pushes all the right buttons in Game 1 of NBA Finals**

**JON KRAWCZYNSKI, AP Basketball Writer**

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Even as he spent the first 43 games of the season on the sideline while recovering from back problems, Steve Kerr always kept his finger on the pulse of the Golden State Warriors.

That connection, the sense of what buttons to push and what whiteboards to smash, was all over Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

"He has just a great feel for the energy and the temperature of the team," said Warriors guard Shaun

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Livingston, who scored 20 points in Golden State's 104-89 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night. "He's great at just taking the temperature and finding the right matchups for us and putting us in places where we can excel."

The Warriors sent a statement to the Cavaliers that the "Strength In Numbers" message on those gold shirts that were draped over the seats at Oracle Arena is so much more than just a catchy slogan.

Kerr's first big move of the series was the one he didn't make. After veteran Andre Iguodala helped the Warriors tilt the Western Conference finals and come back from a 3-1 deficit to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder, Kerr resisted the temptation to start him against LeBron James and the Cavs.

Iguodala was the Finals MVP a year ago for his all-around performance against the Cavaliers, but Kerr stayed with the same starting lineup that had worked during a record-setting 73-win regular season. The oft-criticized Harrison Barnes started at small forward and hit 3 of 4 shots in the first quarter to get the Warriors rolling.

"Harrison has started for two years and it's been a pretty good two years for us," Kerr said. "We've had a good run. It's been very effective playing the way we've played in terms of the lineup and the rotation. I didn't feel any need to change our lineup for Game 1 of the series."

The ability to step back and look at the bigger picture in the chaos of the moment has always been one of Kerr's strong suits and the Warriors have flourished under his even-keeled approach.

Even watching Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson morph from the greatest shooting tandem in NBA history into a pair of brick layers wasn't enough to rattle the seemingly unshakeable coach.

The Splash Brothers combined for just 20 points on 8-for-27 shooting and were 4 for 13 from 3-point range. The Warriors' bench rose to the occasion, with Livingston, Leandro Barbosa and Iguodala picking up the slack and Kerr rode them during the turning point in the game, a run that really caught fire after guard Matthew Dellavedova swiped at the ball but hit Iguodala in the groin.

The Cavaliers had come back to take the lead in the third quarter, and Curry just couldn't find the mark. But Kerr trusted the depth of his team, and let his reserves take center stage for the first five minutes of the fourth quarter.

The lead ballooned to 20 points during that stretch.

"He obviously plays the matchups well," Livingston said. "Just to be able to kind of rotate is impressive."

The only time he lost his cool was when the ball stopped moving and the turnovers started coming in the third quarter. The Cavs jumped in front and Kerr shattered his whiteboard with his marker like a judo champion breaking a stack of bricks.

The move even worked out for the league's coach of the year.

"Destruction tends to ease some of the anger," Kerr quipped. "So I try to take it out on a clipboard instead of a player. So it's better that way. Better not to break your players."

Now the pressure is on Cavs rookie head coach Tyronn Lue to make adjustments. Lue's defensive game plan worked marvelously against Curry and Thompson, with the Cavs getting physical with the two-time MVP and forcing Thompson into early foul trouble to get him out of rhythm.

But the Cavs still lost by a wide margin and had no answer for the Warriors surge that seemingly comes every game.

The Cavaliers shot 38 percent, turned the ball over 17 times and only had 17 assists.

"They're a great team when you just hold the ball and pound the ball," James said. "So we've got to do a better job with that, which coach Lue and the coaching staff will make sure we do in Game 2."

This is why the Cavaliers made that stunning coaching change in midseason, firing David Blatt after he led them to the finals last year and a 30-11 start to this season.

The Cavaliers, and James in particular, trust Lue in ways they never did Blatt. And now it's up to him to match wits with one of the best coaching staffs in the NBA.

"Their bench played well," Lue said. "So we've got to go back to the drawing board and try to figure out how to take those guys out of the game."

Game 2 is Sunday in Oakland.

"I'm looking forward to the film session and seeing ways we can get better going into Game 2," James said. "And I think our team is as well."

## **Carter: Military will learn from 2 fatal training accidents**

**ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer**

SINGAPORE (AP) — The U.S. military will investigate and attempt to learn from the tragic loss of life in two incidents Thursday, one in Texas, the other in Tennessee, U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Friday.

Speaking in Singapore, where he was conferring with his Singaporean counterpart on Southeast Asian security issues, Carter expressed condolences to the families of those killed.

"With respect to the fact that both of these were losses, safety issues, in training we are going to make sure that we learn lessons that we can from investigations that we conduct after these incidents and take actions in the future to prevent such accidents," he said.

Five soldiers were killed and four were missing after a troop carrier overturned Thursday in a rain-swollen creek at Fort Hood. In the other incident, a pilot was killed when his Blue Angels fighter jet crashed near Nashville.

## **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. 'THIS ISN'T REALITY TELEVISION. THIS IS ACTUAL REALITY'**

AP's Julie Pace says Hillary Clinton may have found her message with a political thrashing of Donald Trump, a standout moment for a candidate who has often struggled to focus her White House campaign.

### **2. TRUMP BACKERS TARGETED AFTER RALLY**

Supporters leaving the Republican presidential candidate's appearance in San Jose, California, were pounced by protesters, some of whom threw punches and eggs.

### **3. CREWS SEARCH FOR 4 MISSING IN TEXAS FROM FLOODED ARMY TRUCK**

Army teams and other emergency crews search along a Fort Hood creek for soldiers still missing from a truck that overturned in the swift water, killing at least five and injuring three.

### **4. HOW TALIBAN HAS CHANGED TACTICS**

In the fight against Kabul for key roads and highways, militants in southern Afghanistan storm a checkpoint, kill all the policemen and cut off the only road to a village.

### **5. CONFIRMATION THAT OVERDOSE KILLED PRINCE JUST THE BEGINNING OF PROBE**

Investigators in the months to come will try to determine whether the superstar musician had a prescription for the powerful opioid that killed him or whether it was supplied illegally.

### **6. WHAT IS BEING BLAMED FOR SHORTENING SOME US LIVES**

Rising drug and alcohol overdoses, suicides, and disease from chronic alcoholism are cutting the lives of white Americans short by nearly a half of a year on average.

## 7. RAVENOUSLY HUNGRY, BUT ALIVE AND WELL

Six days after he was abandoned in the forest by his parents as a form of punishment, a 7-year-old Japanese boy did not shed a tear when he was found safe by a soldier in a military hut.

## 8. ZOOS EMPLOY OWN TACTICAL TEAMS FOR DANGEROUS ANIMAL SITUATIONS

Armed, specially trained zoo staffers like the ones at the Cincinnati Zoo sharpen skills at firing ranges, stage elaborate drills, and stash guns around the grounds.

## 9. WAL-MART PILOT PROGRAM TO CHALLENGE AMAZON

The retail giant says it will be testing its grocery delivery service with ride-hailing companies Uber and Lyft in the next two weeks in Denver and Phoenix.

## 10. WARRIORS' SUPPORTING CAST LEADS THE WAY

Draymond Green, Shaun Livingston and Golden State's bench come up big as the Warriors beat LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 104-89 to move three wins from a repeat title.

## **Gravediggers compete in race judged on speed \_ and style**

DEBRECEN, Hungary (AP) — Eighteen two-man teams of Hungarian gravediggers are demonstrating their skills for a place in a regional championship to be held in Slovakia later this year.

Participants in the contest held Friday in the public cemetery of the eastern Hungarian city of Debrecen were being judged on their speed but were also getting points for style — the look of the grave mounds.

Organizer Iren Kari said they hoped the race would help boost respect and recognition for gravediggers and attract more people to the job.

Janos Jonas, 63, who teamed with his son, Csaba, viewed the competition as a sort of last hurrah as he was just a few weeks away from retirement.

The high proportion of cremations compared to burials is one of the threats to gravediggers' jobs.

## **Romanian town has 3 candidates for mayor, all with same name**

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — In a Romanian town, residents have a choice of three candidates for mayor in an election this weekend — but only one name.

Vasile Cepoi is running for a fourth term as mayor of Draguseni, a northeastern town of 2,500 people. Both of his challengers in Sunday's election also are called Vasile Cepoi.

Town hall official Viorel Munteanu said Friday that the three contenders are not related. Cepoi is a common family name in the region and Vasile is a popular male name in Romania.

Local media have suggested that the name coincidence could be a ruse by other parties to get their candidates elected. Munteanu would only say that that was "possible."

## **Pakistan: All suspects in killing of schoolteacher arrested**

**MUNIR AHMED, Associated Press**

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani police announced Friday that all five suspects in the brutal killing of a 19-year-old schoolteacher who was tortured, doused with gasoline and set on fire earlier this week for refusing to marry a man twice her age are now in custody.

Before she died, Maria Bibi had given a statement to police, saying five attackers had stormed her house in the town of Upper Dewal on Monday, dragged her to an open area and kicked her as though she were a "football."

She was brought to Islamabad hospital in critical condition and later died. The attackers fled after the



assault. Bibi's family has maintained that she was killed for rejecting a marriage proposal from a man who owned a school and wanted her to marry his son.

The case has shocked the nation though violence against women is not uncommon in Pakistan, where nearly 1,000 women are killed each year in so-called "honor killings" for allegedly violating conservative norms on love and marriage.

Police official Waheed Ahmed said Friday that three more suspects in the case were arrested early in the morning, following the two arrests made the day before.

He identified the prime suspect in the case as Shaukat, the owner of the school who is nearly 60 years old and whose son, a man about 40 years old and already married, was the intended groom.

"The unfortunate woman Maria Bibi in her statement insisted that Shaukat and four other men dragged her from the door of her home and tortured and burned her. We have arrested all the five men," Ahmed said.

Bibi's father Sadaqat Hussain Abbas praised the police for the arrests and asked the government in an emotional plea on Friday to execute the men in his family's presence in the same way they had killed Bibi.

Demands like this are common but Pakistani law doesn't allow for such punishment.

Zohra Yusuf, who heads the independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, condemned the incident and warned of an increase in assaults on women.

"As women are increasingly fighting for their rights, the reaction from the male-dominated society has been extreme, and we have witnessed an increase in violence against women," she told The Associated Press.

Last month, police arrested 13 members of a local tribal council who allegedly strangled a local girl and set her body on fire for helping one of her friends elope.

The charred body of 17-year-old Ambreen Riasat was found in a burned van in the tourist resort of Donga Gali on April 29.

And in 2012, Pakistani teenage activist and later Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai was shot in the head by the Pakistani Taliban on her way home from school. The militants targeted her because she advocated education for women.

## Japan praises boy who survived after abandonment in forest

**YURI KAGEYAMA, Associated Press**

TOKYO (AP) — Nearly a week after he was abandoned in the forest by his parents, the boy did not shed a tear when he was found safe Friday. The soldier who discovered him by chance in a military hut gave him two rice balls, which 7-year-old Yamato Tanooka ate ravenously. He looked a bit worn out but was "genki," the military said, using a Japanese word describing healthy children.

The boy's safe return was welcomed in a nation riveted by his disappearance and undergoing intense soul-searching about how it raises and disciplines its children.

Yamato's story, as pieced together from comments from the military and police, was admirable in resourcefulness and resilience.

His parents, trying to teach him a lesson for misbehaving and throwing rocks, made him get out of the car last Saturday on the northernmost main island of Hokkaido in a forest reputedly ridden with bears. They couldn't find him when they returned several minutes later.

Apparently walking for several kilometers, the boy found the empty hut in a military drill area and entered a door that had been left open. The longhouse-style hut had no heat or power and no food,

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but Yamato huddled between mattresses on the floor and drank water from the solitary faucet outside the hut for several days, local media reported.

A massive manhunt, including 180 people and search dogs, had found no trace of him. The soldier who found him had not been part of the frenzied search effort, but soon the boy identified himself as Yamato Tanooka (Tah-noh-oh-kah).

Appearing outside the hospital where the boy was flown in by helicopter, his father apologized, bowing deeply, thanked everyone for the rescue and vowed to do a better job as his dad.

"We have raised him with love all along," said the father, Takayuki Tanooka, fighting tears. "I really didn't think it would come to that. We went too far."

Military officials expressed admiration for the boy's perseverance, as the building where he was found was far from where he had disappeared and involved a rigorous uphill climb.

The boy was dehydrated and had minor scratches on his arms and feet, but no serious health risks were found, a doctor who examined him said on nationally televised news.

Although going without water is dangerous even for a few days, people can survive longer without food, such as people who have fasted or gone on hunger strikes for a few weeks. While experts say a water-only diet for so long must have been painful, the boy apparently stayed at the hut for much of the time. More details on his experience were not immediately available.

Asked what he had told his son after he was found, the father said, "I told him I was so sorry for causing him such pain."

The nation welcomed the boy's safe return. Old photos of Yamato, wearing a cowboy hat here, holding up two fingers in a peace sign there, his bangs falling over a proud smile, were flashed across again and again on TV.

Daijiro Hashimoto, a former governor appearing on a talk show on TV Asahi, wondered how the boy had endured the loneliness, especially at night, and suggested that perhaps he had imagined he was on some adventure and was hiding in a secret camp.

"He had to keep a very positive attitude," Hashimoto said, reflecting widespread sentiment here. "He is fantastic. He didn't know how long it might take, and when he would ever be saved."

The boy's disappearance and the debate set off by the parents' decision resonated in an aging nation with a dearth of children, where child-raising is expensive and often requires financial sacrifice. Japanese culture also is not seen as promoting individual rights of children, but rather to view children almost as family property. Abandonment and child abuse are far more common in Japan than the stereotype of the doting parent and stay-at-home mom would suggest.

Yamato's parents are not officially under any police investigation for their actions.

Mitsuko Tateishi, an educator who has written a book urging mothers to take it easy, says many parents are isolated in Japan, get competitive in wanting their children to perform, and need advice especially from more experienced parents.

"The punishment this parent chose is unthinkable. They have no idea how to raise a child. They did not try to explain what was right and wrong," she said in a telephone interview. "A child is not a dog or a cat. You have to treat the child like a human individual."

Tateishi said Japan remains behind the West in protecting children, and she doubts any concrete action would be taken against these parents.

Still, a child welfare expert said abandonment of a child should be treated seriously. Tamae Arai, who heads a Tokyo ward's family support operations, said though she does not know the specifics of this case an investigation would be likely in a similar case to ensure a child is protected.

"Beating and kicking are not the only forms of child abuse. There is also neglect. Of course, we are all thrilled he was found, but it is important to note that there could be a serious problem here," she said.

## **Phoenix police: mother stabs, partially dismembers 3 sons**

**RYAN VAN VELZER, Associated Press**

**PAUL DAVENPORT, Associated Press**

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix mother had been transported to the hospital covered in blood with stab wounds to her neck and abdomen when police officers searching her house opened a closet to a grim discovery.

Inside, officers found the bodies of her three young sons.

Police discovered the dead boys — ages 2 months old and 5 and 8 years old — in a closet full of miscellaneous items. Phoenix police Sgt. Trent Crump said the youngest boy's body was in a suitcase.

Crump said the children appeared to have been stabbed to death and "parts of their bodies were dismembered."

The 29-year-old mother is in the hospital in critical condition with self-inflicted stab wounds. Police say she is the primary suspect and will face charges.

## **Kashmir villagers rise up, foil rebel-hunting Indian troops**

**AIJAZ HUSSAIN, Associated Press**

LELHAR, India (AP) — On a crisp morning in February, Indian troops surrounded a sleepy, riverside village in the disputed mountain region of Kashmir. Intelligence had suggested three anti-India rebels were hiding out in homes set among the willows and poplar trees.

As the soldiers prepared to lay siege on a cluster of houses, they were surprised by a barrage of rocks, bricks and abuse hurled by hundreds of villagers demanding they go away. The rebels also began firing, drawing the soldiers into a battle on two fronts. Two students and one rebel were killed before the troops eventually retreated and the other militants got away.

The incident marks a recent shift in how local Kashmiris are responding to the hundreds of thousands of Indian soldiers deployed in the Himalayan territory. For decades, local villagers had remained behind locked doors when troops arrived to root out rebels bent on ending Indian control over the region.

Not anymore.

Frustrated after decades of political stasis and worn out by military operations to root out rebels from their midst, many Kashmiris are rising up at the first sight of troops entering their villages, and protecting the very militants Indian forces are trying to locate.

"We're all militants now. Our men, women and children are all warriors against Indian rule," said Abdul Rashid, a farmer of Lelhar in his mid-40s. "Stones are now the people's weapons."

When the soldiers returned to Lelhar in April, the villagers were ready. Public announcements asking women and men to beat back the troops had already gone out from the minarets of various mosques, and the troops were met by a hail of rocks.

Intense clashes erupted, but this time the soldiers did not fire. And the three hiding militants fled to safety.

Both India and Pakistan have claimed Kashmir in its entirety since 1947, fighting two wars over the picturesque mountain region. Each country controls a portion of Kashmir, which is divided by a U.N.-drawn militarized line of control. On the Indian side, about 68,000 people have died in an armed insurrection and Indian military crackdown since 1989.

Indian military officials estimate there are some 200 militants in the region, staging attacks on Indian law enforcement and crossing back and forth over the de facto border with Pakistan. It's a steep drop from the 20,000 estimated to have waged the insurgency in the early 1990s, but military officials say their job is getting harder as the villages increasingly get involved.

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"It's a big problem, a challenge for us to conduct anti-militant operations now," said Lt. Gen. D.S. Hooda, India's senior military commander in the region. He noted that armed soldiers had little hope of competing with the militants for public sympathy.

Most citizens in the mostly Muslim region have long resented the Indian presence, and support rebel demands that Kashmir be independent or part of Pakistan.

"Frankly speaking, I'm not comfortable anymore conducting operations if large crowds are around," Hooda said. "Militarily, there's not much more to do than we already have done. ... We're losing the battle for a narrative."

Human rights activist Khurram Parvez said that, while the rebels are fewer in number, their influence has grown. Beyond their usual guns and grenades, rebels now carry smartphones to coordinate their movements with village supporters, and load photos and videos onto social media sites.

"It's a more like a symbolic militancy now which tries to rally the support for freedom, and glamorizes militants, resistance and defiance," Parvez said. "But people listen to them and support them more openly and fiercely."

Kashmiris in the countryside regularly defy the curfews imposed when the military plans an operation in their area. Some militants have even become household names.

"India's military might have crushed militancy to a large extent, but they've failed to change people's minds," Parvez said. "Their support for militants and freedom (from India) is now increasingly manifesting in fierce ways."

Indian forces admit the village defiance is forcing them to change their strategy.

"During an average counterinsurgency operation, general law and order has become more important to tackle than the actual operation itself. It's a matter of serious concern," top paramilitary officer Nalin Prabhat said.

They're trying to reach out to Kashmir's youth, organizing school debates, sightseeing trips throughout India and visits to sporting events in hopes of persuading them to stay away from the insurgency and anti-India protests.

But the so-called "Operation Goodwill" campaign has so far had little impact among Kashmiris aged 18 to 35 — two-thirds of the region's 7 million people — who have grown up politically radicalized over decades of brutal armed conflict.

Kashmir continues to be one of the most militarized regions in the world. The countryside is crisscrossed by coils of barbed wire. Police and army checkpoints are a common sight, and emergency laws grant government forces sweeping powers to search homes, to make arrests without warrants and to shoot suspected rebels on sight without fear of prosecution.

"Earlier the sight of an army soldier would send us into hiding," said Zahoor Ahmed Reshi, sitting amid the rubble of what was once his home in the southern village of Gudroo, near Lelhar. The modest wood house was destroyed by an army mortar fired at a rebel who took shelter there during a firefight.

When the village came under siege again in May, hundreds of men and women clashed with the soldiers to help three trapped militants escape.

"People have overcome their fear," the 48-year-old villager said. "Everybody is now saying, it's do or die."

## California doctors uneasy about prescribing lethal drugs

**JULIE WATSON, Associated Press**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Terry Petrovich asked her oncologist point blank: "Am I going to count on you to help me achieve a good death?"



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To her relief, he told her he would have no problem prescribing a lethal dose of drugs under California's new law allowing such prescriptions for the terminally ill.

But many in California's medical community are grappling with the law that goes into effect June 9. Some physicians have told their patients they are not willing to play a role in intentionally ending a person's life.

Catholic hospitals will not provide the prescriptions because it goes against the church's stance on the issue, according to Alliance of Catholic Health Care, representing 48 facilities, 27 of which provide hospice services. The organization, though, cannot bar its affiliated physicians from talking about it, or referring patients to medical offices willing to prescribe such drugs.

How it plays out in trend-setting California, the country's most populous state, could determine whether the practice spreads nationwide. Some see providing the choice to the dying as a logical evolution in a medical care system advanced in helping people live longer but limited in preventing slow, painful deaths.

Petrovich was diagnosed in 2012 with stage 4 non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma that's spread to her bone marrow.

"I'm not suicidal by any means," said Petrovich, wearing a "Stupid Cancer Get Busy Living" T-shirt. "I want to keep hiking keep loving my dog, just keep living until I can't anymore — and then I want that option."

She fought for passage of the law after identifying with 29-year-old California resident Brittany Maynard, who was dying from brain cancer and moved to Oregon in 2014, the first state to make it legal, so she could take the drugs to end her suffering.

California has more safeguards than the other four states — Oregon, Washington, Vermont and Montana — where it is allowed. Still there are concerns it will lead to hasty decisions, misdiagnosis, and waning support for palliative care, in which dying people can be sedated to relieve suffering.

"I think everyone has that personal, ethical dilemma because we're not really taught in medical school to cause someone's death, and yet we certainly think society is moving toward wanting the option," said Dr. Daniel Mirda of the Association of Northern California Oncologists.

Mirda opposed the bill because he did not think it was a doctor's place to weigh in, but now he plans to decide on a case by case basis.

"The majority of physicians, it seems, are neutral, nervous, not comfortable prescribing it, but are not going to stop someone from seeking out another physician for help to do this," he said.

Jan Emerson-Shea of the California Hospital Association says a terminally ill person is more likely to be prescribed the medicine when they are at home or in a hospice setting and not in a hospital.

It is not known when the first prescription could be written. Patients must be given six months or less to live, make two verbal requests within 15 days of each other and submit a written request.

People with terminal illnesses, like Petrovich, are preparing for when that time may come.

After undergoing immunotherapy, Petrovich's cancer appears stable and she is still working as the administrator of the Cabrillo National Monument in San Diego.

But she is cognizant that her cancer may become aggressive and the treatments ineffective. She does not want her daughter to see her suffer like her own mother who died from ovarian cancer.

"I just heard this heartache in her voice," said Petrovich, recalling one of the last conversations with her 77-year-old mother, who was bedridden in diapers after two rounds of chemotherapy. "She said Terry, if I could get up out of this bed and find a gun, I would kill myself, and that just like totally — I mean I still gets goosebumps when I think of it — because it was just totally devastating for me that my mom could be in so much pain at the end stage of her disease, where she had done all the treatment

that she could, there was no other option for her, but she was still completely aware of everything that was going on and there was nothing that she could do to get herself out of this pain.”

Petrovich’s ex-husband died from blood cancer and their daughter learned “what a bad death looks like” at the age of 18, Petrovich said.

After the law passed, Petrovich talked to her daughter about her wishes. On the refrigerator at her home in Julian, east of San Diego, is the form giving her 33-year-old daughter the power to make medical decisions when she is not physically capable of doing so.

“I don’t want to be conscious fully, my mind fully there, but lying in my bed unable to move, unable to get up and go to the bathroom, unable to pet my dog, unable to go outside,” said Petrovich, who hikes daily with her dog, Piper.

She doesn’t know that she’ll ever take the drugs, but “I now have the reassurance that I don’t have to have a bad death. That’s really comforting.”

## **AP Analysis: In Trump takedown, Clinton finds her message**

**JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent**

**An AP News Analysis**

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Clinton may have found her message.

Wrapped in the guise of a foreign policy speech, Clinton delivered a political thrashing of Donald Trump on Thursday that was unquestionably a standout moment for a candidate who has often struggled to focus her White House campaign.

Clinton’s sharply targeted remarks served notice on the presumptive Republican nominee that she’s prepared for a bruising general election fight, one that’s centered squarely on his competency to serve as commander in chief.

“He is not just unprepared — he is temperamentally unfit to hold an office that requires knowledge, stability and immense responsibility,” Clinton said.

She cast Trump as dangerously thin-skinned, someone who might plunge the nation into war over a perceived slight. She repeatedly referred to her White House rival by his first name only — a knowing dig at a billionaire businessman whose closest advisers reverentially call him “Mr. Trump.”

For Clinton, who has acknowledged her weakness as a campaigner, it was a confident and well-timed performance. Though she has struggled for months to shake Democratic primary rival Bernie Sanders, Clinton is poised to clinch the nomination in the coming days and secure her place in history as the first woman ever put forward by a major U.S. political party.

But the long primary season has come at a cost. Sanders has been unrelenting in his criticism of Clinton’s judgment and transparency, evaporating much of the goodwill she accrued with Americans during the four years she spent outside the political arena as secretary of state.

Some of Clinton’s own supporters also worry that she’s failed to articulate a clear rationale for her own candidacy and will struggle to counteract Trump’s ability to command the spotlight.

Clinton’s takedown of Trump on Thursday should quiet those critics, at least for now.

Gone was the wonky, meandering policy speech Clinton has delivered to lukewarm reviews in primary campaign appearances. Instead, she was focused and direct, lacing her remarks on the Islamic State group and Iranian nuclear accord with bumper sticker-worthy slogans about Trump.

“This isn’t reality television. This is actual reality,” Clinton said as she chided the real estate mogul and political novice for his lack of experience on the world stage.

And in a line likely to be repeated by Clinton and Democrats between now and November, she warned that electing Trump would be a “historic mistake” for the nation.

To be sure, Clinton will face tough questions in the months ahead about her own foreign policy record. She was a leading proponent of U.S. military engagement in Libya, which succeeded in ousting a brutal dictator but left the country vulnerable to extremist groups. And she'll continue to have to answer for her vote in support of the Iraq war, which Sanders has repeatedly held up as a sign of poor judgment. He did so again on Thursday.

But the speech suggested Clinton will be far more at ease responding to a Republican challenger than she has been at confronting Sanders in the Democratic primary, where she's had to avoid turning off his young, liberal supporters.

On Thursday, she made no attempt to appeal to Trump's backers or even show the slightest sign of respect for the Republican nominee.

The result? Clinton succeeded in generating the same kind of attention Trump receives for his frequent rallies and news conferences: Her remarks were widely carried on the television news networks. Despite Clinton's standing as the Democratic front-runner, that is a basic benchmark she has struggled to reach. Trump has no such problem.

Trump himself appeared to be watching Clinton, too. He took to Twitter midway through the speech to remark that his likely Democratic opponent "doesn't even look presidential."

There was notable silence from many other Republicans, some of whom made similar arguments about Trump's temperament and inexperience during the GOP primary. A handful of Republicans even praised the likely Democratic nominee.

"I have to say, Hillary is giving a hell of a good speech on national security — taking down the Donald while making a convincing case," Eliot Cohen, a foreign policy official for Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, wrote on Twitter.

For Clinton's strong showing to have lasting impact, it will need to be more than just a one-off moment.

Some of Trump's primary rivals had fleeting success in rattling the supremely confident businessman and in raising issues that appeared to give voters momentary pause. But those arguments were rarely made in a sustained fashion and in some cases came too late to change the trajectory of the Republican race.

If Clinton plans to avoid those same mistakes, she now has the message she needs in hand.

## **AP FACT CHECK: Trumped-up charge on 'Obamacare' premiums**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump says the Obama administration plans to keep consumers in the dark about premium increases for 2017 under the president's health care law — for political reasons. But the administration says next year's sign-up season is going forward on schedule, and insurers say they've seen no indication of a delay.

"The numbers are coming out, right now, the numbers are scheduled to come out on November 1. The increases are going to be so large that everybody is going to vote for Donald Trump. It's a catastrophe," the presumptive Republican nominee for president, said Wednesday at a rally in Sacramento.

He added: "Now Obama is trying to move it into December because if people see the kind of increases that you're talking about — could be 40 percent, by the way — nobody's going to vote for anybody having to do with the Obama administration."

Trump appears to have mixed up the calendar. Nov. 1 is actually the long-designated start of the

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2017 sign-up season under President Barack Obama's health care law, not the date for the unveiling of premium levels. Consumers have until Jan. 31 to enroll for new coverage or make changes to their current choices.

Premiums are being posted on an ongoing basis by the administration and many states. All premiums should be publicly available by Aug. 1.

Administration spokesman Ben Wakana said Thursday in a statement that open enrollment will begin as scheduled on Nov. 1, and the date will not be moved.

Pushing the date as Trump suggested to December, after the Nov. 8 election, is not as simple as the White House firing off a press release.

The open-enrollment period was formally set by a federal regulation, and changing a regulation is a legal process that involves public notice and comment. It can take months.

Clare Krusing, spokeswoman for the main industry trade group, America's Health Insurance Plans, said there's no indication the administration plans to change the date.

Even if Obama wanted to call a timeout, it likely would create more havoc than it's worth. Millions of current customers have coverage that expires Dec. 31 and must be renewed ahead of time to roll over into the new year.

"Pushing back open enrollment would be a significant challenge for consumers and health plans," explained Krusing. "Consumers would have a very limited window to make their coverage decisions." Insurers might not be able to process everything on time.

About 12.7 million people renewed or signed up for coverage this year in the health care law's insurance markets, which offer subsidized private plans to those who don't have access on the job. That number is expected to keep growing as consumers become more familiar with a still-new system, and as fines escalate for people who remain uninsured when they could afford coverage.

But 2017 is shaping up to be a challenge for the Affordable Care Act. Citing financial losses from the program, many insurers are requesting bigger premium increases. They blame lower-than-hoped enrollment, sicker-than-expected customers and problems with the government's financial backstop for insurance markets.

The largest plan in Texas, for example, wants to raise rates on individual policies by an average of nearly 60 percent.

The administration has posted premium data for about 20 states on HealthCare.gov.

Increases appear to be sharper, but there are also huge differences between states and among insurers. It will take weeks for a full picture to emerge.

The Obama administration says concerns about 2017 premiums are premature and overblown. Regulators will push back on insurer increases, and consumers will have lower-premium options available when sign-up season begins Nov. 1. For most customers, government subsidies will cushion the impact of price hikes.

Returning customers are supposed to get advance notice from their insurance company about their premiums for the upcoming year. Insurers are required to send that out ahead of sign-up season.

## Zoo dangerous-animal squads arm for a weighty responsibility

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When a 400-pound gorilla grabbed a 3-year-old boy at the Cincinnati Zoo, the sharpshooter who killed the ape wasn't from the police. Instead, the shooter was a specially trained zoo staffer on one of the



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many dangerous-animal emergency squads at animal parks nationwide.

The teams train at firing ranges, stash rifles and shotguns around the grounds, and rank the most hazardous species in their care. Members train in elaborate drills for situations like what unfolded in Cincinnati, when the child fell into the gorilla's enclosure Saturday. The staffer who fired hasn't been publicly identified.

It's a weighty commitment for people who work among animals they might one day have to kill. But team members understand the need to do it if a human life is in danger.

"We all know, every day that we go to work, that we are responsible for the safety of not only the animals in our care, but our co-workers and the visiting public," said Denise Wagner, a member of the response team at the Phoenix Zoo, where she's a senior primate keeper focused on orangutans. "We take that responsibility very seriously."

The Cincinnati gorilla's death has created crosscurrents of outrage over the vigilance of both the zoo and the child's mother. But it also has highlighted the unusual work of zoos' homegrown emergency-response teams.

The federal Animal Welfare Act, which regulates zoos, doesn't require such teams. But many animal parks establish them as part of gaining accreditation.

The Phoenix Zoo's dangerous animals response team — or DART — takes annual marksmanship tests, trains at the firing range three additional times a year, and practices loading and unloading firearms, Wagner said. The group also simulates an escape or incursion several times a year, with plastic guns and the animal played by a staffer well versed in that species' behavior.

The roughly 30-member team of zookeepers and operations staffers hasn't had to respond to an actual emergency in at least 12 years, Wagner said. But members regularly serve as extra protection when a "code red" animal — the most dangerous species, such as big cats — is going to the veterinarian after being tranquilized.

While some DART teams encompass staffers ranging from maintenance workers to veterinarians to security staffers, the Brookfield Zoo near Chicago has its own police force trained to take down an animal.

When to shoot comes down to whether an animal is a danger to someone, whether it's moving toward the zoo's boundaries and whether it could be stopped by a tranquilizer, said Bill Zeigler, a senior vice president. Zoos also tell dangerous-animal teams to consider whether they can fire without hitting other people.

The Cincinnati Zoo has said tranquilizers wouldn't have worked quickly enough to end the danger to the boy, who suffered scrapes but was rescued.

Some animal parks, especially in cities, may turn to local police.

But that's not feasible for some zoos in rural areas police can't quickly reach, such as the North Carolina Zoo, outside Asheboro. It relies instead on a roughly 15-person "weapons team," said member Jennifer Ireland, a mammals curator. Qualifications include gun-loading skills and twice-annual target-shooting tests; a drill might entail pretending a lion on the loose has injured people.

Ireland manages the care of animals including polar bears and chimpanzees, which the zoo classifies as potentially deadly (gorillas are deemed only "dangerous" because they're less likely to attack people). Being on the weapons team is an expectation of her job, but not an easy one.

"I have relationships with these animals, and to think that I might have to go out there and shoot them someday to save someone's life really kind of stinks," she said. "But we all accept that."

The North Carolina Zoo's team includes only senior animal-care staffers because of their knowledge of animal behavior, Ireland said.

But at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, animal care workers could join an initial response but wouldn't be asked to shoot an animal because of the emotions involved, said Doug Warmolts, a vice president.

His zoo's special response team includes about two dozen security staffers and other employees. Their arsenal features not only firearms, but also paintball guns, noisemakers and even fire extinguishers to scare an animal away.

To People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the fact that zoos feel the need for sharpshooting teams "is yet more proof of how dangerous and unnatural a captive environment is for animals," said Brittany Peet, a deputy director of the animal rights group's foundation.

Zoos emphasize that killing an animal is a last resort.

## Speaker Paul Ryan's Trump endorsement comes with caveats

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JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — House Speaker Paul Ryan's endorsement of Donald Trump comes with caveats.

Ryan, the nation's highest-ranking Republican, isn't promising to help his party's presumptive presidential nominee on the campaign trail. He's not publicly backing any of Trump's policies. And even as he vows to vote for the brash billionaire, Ryan is reminding voters he doesn't support Trump's confrontational style.

"It is my hope the campaign improves its tone as we go forward and it's all a campaign we can be proud of," Ryan told The Associated Press.

The Wisconsin Republican's endorsement may have ended a weeklong holdout that exposed deep divisions within the GOP. But his comments during an exclusive interview with the AP exposed lingering reservations, suggesting that Ryan's shift was driven more by a deep desire to defeat leading Democrat Hillary Clinton than to support Trump.

"It's very clear to me that Hillary is in no certain way going to be advancing our principles and policies. She's promising another Obama term," Ryan said Thursday. "It's also become clear to me through my conversations that Donald Trump is somebody I know is comfortable with these principles and general policies."

Ryan couched his endorsement around what he called an increased comfort level with Trump's approach toward Ryan's policy priorities, including halting overreach of the president and executive branch. Yet he offered no public support for Trump's policy priorities in the AP interview. He also insisted he made no "deals" with the New York businessman in exchange for his endorsement.

"I had friends wishing I wouldn't support him. I had friends wishing I would," Ryan said from his congressional office just down the hill from where he lives in the small Wisconsin city where he grew up. "I really didn't feel any pressure, other than my goal is to make sure that we're unified so that we're at full strength in the fall so we can win the election."

Ryan's announcement marked a significant step for a GOP desperately trying to come together ahead of a general election matchup against Clinton, the likely Democratic nominee.

Some GOP leaders have vowed not to support Trump, including 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who tapped Ryan as his running mate. Just a day earlier, Romney signaled support for a possible third-party candidate instead of the presumptive Republican nominee.

As the GOP's "Never Trump" movement struggled to identify a viable alternative, many believed it was only a matter of time before Ryan fell in line. The endorsement, he said, was not the product of any deal with the billionaire developer, but a decision based on "an understanding of our mutually agreed

upon principles.”

Ryan said he specifically wanted to go over Trump’s approach to executive power and judicial appointments, and his position on abortion.

“Those conversations took some time,” he said and added: “I feel much more comfortable that he’s in the same page with us. Most importantly, it is obvious that Hillary Clinton is not.”

Ryan’s announcement came as Clinton delivered a foreign policy speech excoriating Trump’s approach. Electing Trump, she said, would be “a historic mistake.”

Ryan first outlined his support for the New York billionaire in a column published in his hometown newspaper. He had shocked the political world last month by refusing to endorse Trump once the real estate mogul became the last major Republican presidential contender still in the race.

The pair spoke privately in a series of Washington meetings last month and their campaigns have maintained contact. Ryan said he made the decision to formally endorse Trump earlier in the week.

Major differences remain, however. And conservative leaders across the country continue to have deep reservations about Trump’s devotion to Republican principles and his temperament.

In particular, Ryan has embraced major changes to Medicare and Social Security as his signature issue on Capitol Hill. Most Republicans in Congress have followed Ryan’s plan to reduce the cost of the popular programs, which are contributing to the national debt.

In contrast, Trump has repeatedly promised not to touch Medicare and Social Security, echoing a position more commonly adopted by Democrats.

The two also break on immigration. Trump wants to deport more than 11 million immigrants in the country illegally in addition to imposing a temporary ban on Muslims from entering the U.S. Ryan opposes both policies.

“We obviously have a different kind of style and tone. That’s very clear,” Ryan told the AP. “Anyone who knows anything about us knows that. But what really, ultimately matters is how best can we make sure these principles and policies get enacted in 2017. And it is clear that is far more likely to happen under a Trump presidency than a Clinton presidency.”

## **Crews search for 4 missing in Texas from flooded Army truck**

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FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Army teams and other emergency crews searched along a Fort Hood creek for four soldiers still missing from a truck that overturned in the swift water, killing at least five and injuring three.

Fort Hood spokesman Chris Haug said the search continued after teams late Thursday night found the bodies of two soldiers who had been in the vehicle. Three others were found dead shortly after the 2 ½-ton truck overturned in Owl Creek during a morning training exercise on the sprawling Central Texas army post.

Three soldiers were rescued and were hospitalized in stable condition.

Aerial and ground crews searched the 20-mile creek that winds through heavily wooded terrain on the northern fringe of the base. Army aircraft, canine search teams, swift-water rescue watercraft and heavy trucks were being used.

The Army did not release the names of the dead because it was still notifying relatives.

Parts of Texas have been inundated with rain in the last week, and more than half of the state is under flood watches or warnings, including the counties near Fort Hood. At least six people died in floods last week in Central and Southeast Texas.

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Fort Hood spokesman John Miller said the crossing was flooded by two days of intermittent heavy rains when the swift water swept the truck, called a Light Medium Tactical Vehicle, from the road. The vehicle resembles a flatbed truck with a walled bed and is used to carry troops.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued a statement saying the state "stands ready to provide any assistance to Fort Hood as they deal with this tragedy."

The base has seen fatal training accidents before. In November 2015, four soldiers were killed when a Black Hawk helicopter crashed during a training exercise. And in June 2007, a soldier who went missing for four days after a solo navigation exercise died from hyperthermia and dehydration while training in 90-degree heat.

Thursday's accident came the same day the Navy said a pilot was killed when his Blue Angels fighter jet crashed near Nashville. Speaking in Singapore, U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter expressed condolences to the families of those killed in both accidents and said once investigations are complete, the military will take actions designed to prevent such incidents in the future.

Also Thursday, the pilot of a U.S. Air Force Thunderbird ejected safely into a Colorado field, crashing the fighter jet moments after flying over a crowd watching President Barack Obama's commencement address for Air Force cadets.

Across Texas, many were watching a new batch of storms that could dump up to 10 inches of rain from Thursday through Saturday and worsen flooding caused by waterways that already have risen to record levels.

The heaviest rainfall Thursday night was reported in LaPorte, on the western shore of Galveston Bay, where 4.36 inches of rain was recorded between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday.

Earlier, a storm system that moved through the Houston area Wednesday night and Thursday morning dumped nearly 8 inches of rain in some of the city's northern suburbs, causing flooding in some neighborhoods. In Fort Bend County, southwest of Houston, about 1,400 homes have been affected by the Brazos River, swollen by heavy rainfall from last week.

Officials say levels in the Brazos have not dropped much and additional rainfall could make the flooding worse.

"With the rain that's predicted, that's not going to help things as that water has no place to go," said Lt. Lowell Neinast, with the police department in Richmond, where more than 700 people have been evacuated.

Fort Bend County emergency management coordinator Jeff Braun said officials have worked to warn and prepare residents ahead of the additional rainfall.

More than 50 people are staying at shelters in Fort Bend County, one of the 31 counties included in a disaster declaration by Abbott. Braun said it could be at least a week before the flooding recedes and residents can go home.

This week's storms are the latest in a string of torrential rains since May 2015 that have put swaths of the state underwater. Some areas now overwhelmed by water had run dry two years ago due to drought conditions.

## **Family: Blue Angels pilot killed in crash dreamed of flying**

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SMYRNA, Tenn. (AP) — A Blue Angels pilot who died when his F/A-18 fighter jet crashed near Nashville, Tennessee, had wanted to fly since he was a child, relatives said.

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A U.S. official identified the pilot killed Thursday as Marine Capt. Jeff Kuss. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"It's hard to put into words right now, but it's beautiful that a person can live and die engaged in their life's pursuits," said his grandfather, Dolph Kuss, reached at his home in Durango, Colorado. "This was his dream since he was a child, to be an aviator, a flier."

He choked back tears and said he was struggling to gather his thoughts.

"It's hard to celebrate someone's life in this way," he said. "It is certainly a shock. Everything in life has its dangers, I guess."

Kuss was married with two young children, his grandfather said.

It was the second fighter jet crash of the day for the military's elite fighter jet performance teams. A member of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds crashed in Colorado after a flyover for the Air Force Academy graduation where President Barack Obama spoke. That pilot ejected safely into a field.

Harry Gill, the town manager in Smyrna just outside Nashville, said Thursday that the Blue Angels pilot was the only casualty and no civilians on the ground were hurt.

The Navy said in a news release that the pilot was beginning to take off during an afternoon practice session for a weekend air show performance when the crash happened. Five other F/A-18 jets landed safely moments after the crash.

"My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the Blue Angels after this tragic loss. I know that the Navy and Marine Corps Team is with me. We will investigate this accident fully and do all we can to prevent similar incidents in the future," Adm. John Richardson, the Navy's top officer, said in a Facebook post. The team is based at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida.

According to his official Blue Angels biography, Kuss joined the elite aerobatics team in 2014 and accumulated more than 1,400 flight hours. He was a native of Durango and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marines in 2006. He had previously served in Afghanistan before joining the Blue Angels.

Kuss' hometown newspaper, The Durango Herald, reported when Kuss was named to the Blue Angels team that he was a 2002 Durango High School graduate and 2006 graduate of Fort Lewis College, where he studied economics. The newspaper said he had been "enamored of jets since he was a toddler," learned to fly in Durango and soloed in a Cessna 152 when he was 15.

"He still hadn't gotten a driver's license," his mother, Janet Kuss, told the newspaper then. "His favorite toys were jets, and he wanted to be a Blue Angel since forever."

In a video the U.S. Navy posted to its YouTube channel, Kuss stood in his flight suit in front of a line of Blue Angels planes and answered a question from a fan about how to become a pilot.

"I started flying when I was a young kid," he said. "I always had a love for it, worked really hard through school, went to college and eventually got into the military. I wanted to fly the fastest, meanest thing I could. And that's why I'm here today, because I was fortunate enough to get to fly the F-18 Hornet. It's been a great experience every time I strap into it."

The Blue Angels will not participate, but the Great Tennessee Air Show will go on as scheduled, Smyrna airport Executive Director John Black said in a news release.

"After close consultation with the Blue Angels, regulatory officials and the performers, we have made the decision to carry on with this weekend's show," Black said.

Thomas Bucher, 32, of Smyrna, lives about 2,000 feet from the crash site and was outside doing yard work Thursday afternoon. He had noticed the jets practicing near the airport.

"That particular Blue Angel, I saw him doing some barrel rolls looked like in the air," he said "He was flying awful low, I thought, and he kind of got below the tree line over there. And it looked like he was



on his belly going down, and that's the end of it."

After the plane went below the tree line, Bucher said he saw a cloud of smoke come up over the tree line.

"I was hoping that he had ejected from his seat, but with him being that low ... My dad is in aviation; I knew there was no way he could have ejected from that height and survived."

## Big leaguers may balk at Olympic baseball

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Baseball appears set to return to the Olympics for the 2020 Tokyo Games. Major leaguers may balk. "It's not going to happen. I don't think it's fathomable," Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw said.

Astros shortstop Carlos Correa wasn't sure he'd play for a gold medal even if he could.

"2020 will be my year before free agency," he said. "We'll see in 2020 what my situation is, and we'll go from there."

Baseball became a medal sport for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics but was dropped for the 2012 London Games and won't be played this year in Rio de Janeiro.

With the 2020 Games in Japan, where baseball is popular, the International Olympic Committee executive board voted this week to support a six-nation tournament that year in both baseball and women's softball. The full IOC is to vote in August.

Chicago Cubs star Kris Bryant is torn.

"I wore 'USA' across my chest one time in college, and it was an awesome experience. It'd be fun to do that again," he said. "But baseball season's so long the way it is. You play 162 games and to add another two weeks, I don't know if it would be the best decision for ourselves and our bodies."

Because the Tokyo Olympics are from July 24-Aug. 9, Major League Baseball would have to interrupt its schedule, a 162-game-in-183-day grind that has little flexibility unless owners and the players' association are willing to cut games — and lose revenue.

"I will not comment until I have a chance to review the recommendation," Commissioner Rob Manfred said Thursday.

Speaking to the Associated Press Sports Editors in April 2015, Manfred sounded reticent.

"The Olympics are a challenge because of the calendar," he said then. "They are particularly a challenge when the site is halfway around the world and the date falls in the middle of our regular season."

He urged the World Baseball Softball Confederation to push for inclusion in multiple Olympics, which could become a bargaining position in negotiations among MLB, the MLBPA and the IOC.

"Conceptually, I think it would be good for our game, for baseball generically defined, to be an Olympic sport," Manfred told APSE. "I think it would be a mistake for our sport to make an arrangement with the Olympics whereby we go in for Tokyo and not have some commitment that the Olympics were going to commit to baseball over the longer haul."

The IOC wants the top players to appear in the Olympics. The NBA has sent its players since 1992 and the NHL since 1998 — although the NHL has not yet committed for the 2018 Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

At the 2008 Olympic baseball tournament, only those not on 25-man big league rosters as of late June were allowed to compete. The American prospects there included Jake Arrieta, who struck out seven over six innings to beat China. Stephen Strasburg defeated the Netherlands and lost to Cuba, which eliminated manager Davey Johnson's team in the semifinals.

"With regard to professional players competing in the games, as we have stated publicly in the past, we are committed to finding the best possible and most reasonable solution for 2020," union head Tony Clark said.

Wedded to routine and used to the comforts of spacious big league clubhouses, baseball players are reluctant to divert from their norm. It has taken effort from management and the union to persuade them of the benefits of regular-season games that have been played in Australia, Japan, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

"You could get a quality representation of each country if you were open to it," San Francisco catcher Buster Posey said. "I think that would be the problem, getting everybody on board. I think it'd be pretty difficult — not just players obviously, but owners and management."

MLB and the union are partners in the World Baseball Classic, a quadrennial tournament for national teams whose fourth edition is scheduled for next March. But with the Olympics, they wouldn't split any revenue. And teams likely would lobby for certain players not to risk getting hurt while with national teams.

And then there is the problem of inactivity for players who don't go to Japan during an Olympic break.

"It depends on if the players not playing with those national teams would be OK with it, having those two weeks off," said Minnesota outfielder Max Kepler, who has played for Germany. "They'd probably be a little rusty from all that."

Baltimore's Adam Jones thinks there are just too many obstacles for major leaguers to participate.

"I think it would have to be Triple-A guys," he said.

## **With new tactics, Taliban gain ground in south Afghanistan**

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — In the rugged terrain of the Taliban heartland in southern Afghanistan, the fight against Kabul has become a war for control of key stretches of main roads and highways as the insurgents use a new tactic to gain ground.

First they storm a checkpoint, kill all the policemen, seize their weapons and equipment and effectively cut off the main road to a remote village. They raise the white Taliban flag and plant roadside bombs to prevent cars from coming through the checkpoint. Any vehicle that attempts to pass through is either blown up or attacked, residents and local leaders say.

Then they wait. Faced with shortages of basic food items and price hikes as their supplies dwindle, the villagers are eventually forced to abandon their homes and to move to a place where they can afford to eat and live. Most sneak out on foot or on donkeys through backroads and mountain paths, leaving many of their belongings behind.

Though the new tactic may be obviously simple, it has helped the Taliban gain ground — albeit at a slower pace than a deadly, surprise raid on an entire village.

The Taliban have been waging war against the Kabul government since 2001, when their regime was overthrown in the U.S.-led invasion. Since the international combat troops pulled out of Afghanistan at the end of 2014, leaving behind only a largely training and advising contingent, the insurgency has intensified as Afghan forces struggle to take the lead in the battle.

The Taliban are now refocusing their attention mostly on the southern provinces of Helmand, Kandahar and Uruzgan, U.S. and Afghan military officials say, although the insurgents have also struck elsewhere, such as the northern Kunduz province where they briefly overran and held the provincial

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capital for a few days last fall.

The results have been daunting — the United Nations says 3,545 Afghan civilians were killed and 7,457 wounded in the war in 2015, most of them by the Taliban.

In the south, one of the worst hit areas is Uruzgan province where the Taliban have been putting pressure in recent weeks on Afghan forces around the provincial capital of Tirin Kot, said the U.S. military spokesman in Kabul, Brig. Gen. Charles Cleveland.

“The Taliban’s main focus in the south is now Uruzgan” and U.S. forces have been providing assistance and air support as needed, Cleveland said.

The director of Uruzgan’s provincial council, Abdul Hakeem Khadimzai, described the situation there as the “worst in 15 years.” In May alone, he said, “around 200 security forces were killed and more than 300 were wounded” in Uruzgan.

The figures are an estimate but Khadimzai insisted that if he were to “include civilians, then they would be doubled.” The numbers could not be independently verified as the Afghan government does not release military and police casualty figures.

“Every day our forces are stepping back and every day the Taliban are controlling more and more area,” Khadimzai said. “Our security forces are trying their best to control the area but they can’t because logistics supplies are not delivered on time.”

Uruzgan residents and local community leaders say the highway connecting Tirin Kot to the city of Kandahar, the capital of neighboring Kandahar province — 163 kilometers (101 miles) away — has been closed since March. And the road linking Khas Uruzgan district with the rest of the province has been blocked for about a year.

With the Taliban gaining ground, the government-controlled area has shrunk. Khadimzai describes Tirin Kot now as an “island of government control disconnected from the rest of the province.”

The closures have sent the price of staples more than doubling in some areas, he said.

In Khas Uruzgan, Dihrawud and Charchino districts, the cost of wheat is now 3,200 afghanis (\$47) for a sack of 45 kilograms (99 pounds), compared to 1,900 afghanis elsewhere in the country. Cooking oil is 540 afghanis for a container of 3 kilograms (6lb 9oz), compared to the national average of 260 afghanis.

Most fresh produce is grown locally but growers in cut-off areas cannot get to the markets to sell their goods, according to Aminullah Hotaqi, a tribal elder and former Uruzgan council chief.

Earlier this year, Noor Muhammad Noori had to shut his store in his hometown in Khas Uruzgan and moved with his family to Tirin Kot where he now runs a general store. He said he just couldn’t afford the dwindling supplies that were making it through the blocked highway — nor could his customers.

“After the road was cut off for a year ... I couldn’t get food through for my family, and couldn’t afford to pay the prices for in Khas Uruzgan,” he said.

The U.N. mission in Kabul says that between Jan. 1 and April 30 this year, “117,976 people fled their homes due to conflict” in 24 of the country’s 34 provinces. Amnesty International said this week that the number of internally displaced people in Afghanistan has doubled in three years, to 1.2 million.

A Tirin Kot taxi driver says the road closures have hit him hard — he no longer has any business taking people outside the city but nor do any other taxi drivers, so the competition inside the city is fierce and his earnings have plummeted.

“Now I can’t afford to buy fuel; how am I going to feed my children,” he said, speaking on condition of anonymity fearing for his safety. Like other residents in the area, he spoke to The Associated Press over the telephone.

After a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan killed Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour last month, questions

emerged on the direction the insurgency would take under Mansour's successor, Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada, a conservative cleric with no battlefield experience.

Akhundzada's deputies — Mullah Yaqoub, son of Taliban founder Mullah Mohammad Omar, and Sirajuddin Haqqani, who heads a brutal faction designated by the U.S. as a terrorist group — are expected to escalate the violence as Akhundzada moves to consolidate his position at the helm of the insurgency. The fight in the southern, opium poppy-producing Afghan regions is likely to intensify once the poppy harvest is done.

For Uruzgan residents, Kabul seems both far away and unwilling to help.

"It's time the government realized the day is not far off when its security forces will try to control the area and they'll find that the civilians are fighting on the side of the Taliban," Khadimzai said.

## Prince's death adds to opioid overdose epidemic's grim toll

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Prince's death from an overdose of the powerful opioid fentanyl is another example of the national opioid epidemic driven by prescription painkillers.

"This was a man in his 50s who may have been struggling with pain and took a very potent opioid analgesic and died accidentally from an overdose," said Dr. Barbarajean Magnani, pathologist-in-chief at Tufts Medical Center who read a one-page autopsy report released Thursday. "Celebrities bring it to our attention, but we see this every day. We have to re-examine the way we're treating pain."

Prescription opioid overdoses reached nearly 19,000 in 2014, the highest number on record. Total opioid overdoses surpassed 29,000 that year when combined with heroin, which some abusers switch to after becoming hooked on painkillers.

Autopsy results released Thursday show Prince died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl, but did not indicate whether the drug had been prescribed to him by a physician. The 57-year-old singer was found dead April 21 at his Minneapolis-area estate. Investigators have been reviewing whether Prince was prescribed drugs in the weeks before his death.

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### WHAT IS FENTANYL?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid, 50 times more potent than heroin, that's responsible for a recent surge in overdose deaths in some parts of the country. It also has legitimate medical uses.

Doctors prescribe fentanyl for cancer patients with tolerance to other narcotics. It comes in skin patches, lozenges, nasal spray and tablets. Because of the risk of abuse, overdose and addiction, the Food and Drug Administration imposes tight restrictions on fentanyl; it is classified as a Schedule II controlled substance.

Some pharmaceutical fentanyl is illegally diverted to the black market. But most fentanyl used illicitly is manufactured in clandestine labs. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has tied fentanyl seizures to Mexican drug-trafficking groups. On the street, fentanyl is sold alone as powder, added to heroin or made into counterfeit OxyContin pills. Users don't always know when they're taking fentanyl, increasing the risk of fatal overdose.

The DEA issued a nationwide alert about fentanyl overdose in March 2015. More than 700 fentanyl-related overdose deaths were reported to the DEA in late 2013 and 2014. Since many coroners and state crime labs don't routinely test for fentanyl, the actual number of overdoses is probably much higher.

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### WHAT IS A LETHAL DOSE?

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It's tricky with opioids like fentanyl. Anyone who takes prescription opioid painkillers for a long time builds up a tolerance to the drugs. A dose that could kill one person might provide medicinal pain relief to another.

Experts in medical toxicology say it's important to know how much opioid medication a person has been using before a death to know how to interpret post-mortem blood levels. Pill bottles and medical history may become crucial evidence.

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## DOES PAIN TREATMENT LEAD TO ADDICTION?

Prince had a reputation for clean living, and some friends said they never saw any sign of drug use. But longtime friend and collaborator Sheila E. has told the AP that Prince had physical issues from performing, citing hip and knee problems that she said came from years of jumping off risers and stage speakers in heels.

Becoming tolerant to opioid painkillers may lead some patients to seek stronger drugs from their doctors. Some users — whether they start as recreational users or legitimate pain patients — become addicted, experiencing an inability to control how much they take, so they use much more than is prescribed or seek out drugs on the black market.

With good management, however, opioids can offer relief to people with only a small risk of addiction, according to a 2010 review of the available studies.

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## WHAT WAS ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT PRINCE?

Questions about Prince's health surfaced April 15, when his plane made an emergency stop in Moline, Illinois. The Associated Press and other media reported, based on anonymous sources, that Prince was found unconscious aboard the aircraft, and first responders gave him a shot of Narcan, an antidote used to reverse suspected opioid overdoses.

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## WILL PRINCE'S DEATH CHANGE ANYTHING?

Prince's death will intensify efforts to educate doctors and patients about the risks of opioids, said Dr. Paul Wax, executive director of the American College of Medical Toxicology, an organization conducting research on how overdoses strain hospital emergency departments.

"The epidemic spares no one," Wax said. "It affects the wealthy, the poor, the prominent and not prominent. That's the nature of an epidemic."

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## WHO IS THE MEDICAL EXAMINER?

Dr. A. Quinn Strobl, who has been the chief medical examiner at the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office since late 2009, performed the autopsy on Prince herself. Her office is the official coroner for 19 counties in Minnesota, including Carver County, where he was found dead.

Strobl has been a practicing forensic pathologist since she finished her fellowship in 2005 and is board-certified in anatomic, clinical and forensic pathology.

According to a 2009 (Minneapolis) Star Tribune article, Strobl is a native of Philadelphia who attended Penn State and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She considered going into family practice and surgery, and decided being a medical examiner was a good mix of the two.

"I interact directly with the family. I deliver the diagnosis, and I answer a wide spectrum of questions," she told the newspaper. "I don't deliver the bad news. Hopefully, I deliver answers."



## Ohio prosecutor reviews Cincinnati Zoo case

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CINCINNATI (AP) — An Ohio prosecutor could soon decide whether to pursue charges against parents of a 3-year-old boy who got into the Cincinnati Zoo's gorilla exhibit, leading to the fatal shooting of an endangered gorilla to protect the child.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters (DEE'-turz) office said Thursday he is reviewing the Cincinnati police investigation of the family's actions in last Saturday's incident.

Deters could make a decision as early as Friday.

Legal experts have said that prosecution seems unlikely. The family has declined comment.

The zoo plans to reopen Gorilla World on June 7 with a higher, reinforced barrier. The boy apparently climbed over the outer barrier before falling some 15 feet into a shallow moat. A special response team shot the 17-year-old western lowland gorilla to protect the boy.

## Electing Trump would be 'historic mistake,' Clinton says

CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Previewing a rancorous fall campaign, Hillary Clinton assailed Donald Trump on Thursday as a potential president who would lead America toward war and economic crisis. She portrayed her own foreign policy as optimistic, inclusive and diplomatic, born from long experience in public life.

There was nothing diplomatic in her remarks, a clear indication of how she'll take Trump on. Electing him, she said, would be "a historic mistake."

During a speech in San Diego that was billed as a foreign policy address, the Democratic former secretary of state unloaded on her likely Republican election opponent, counting down reasons he is not qualified - from his aggressive Twitter attacks to his emotional outbursts.

"He is not just unprepared; he is temperamentally unfit," she told supporters in a ballroom. "We cannot let him roll the dice with America."

She said a Trump presidency could spark nuclear conflicts overseas and ignite economic catastrophe at home.

"There's no risk of people losing their lives if you blow up a golf course deal, but it doesn't work like that in world affairs," Clinton said of the celebrity businessman. "The stakes in global statecraft are infinitely higher and more complex than in the world of luxury hotels."

She mocked Trump's Twitter blasts and predicted he was preparing more as she spoke. As if on cue, he tweeted after she finished: "Bad performance by Crooked Hillary Clinton! Reading poorly from the teleprompter! She doesn't even look presidential!"

Hours later, the presumptive Republican nominee called the speech "a Donald Trump hit job."

"That was a phony speech," Trump said at a rally Thursday night in San Jose, California. He accused Clinton of misrepresenting his foreign policy views and revived a nickname he once reserved for former rival Ted Cruz.

"She made up my foreign policy," Trump said. "She's Lyin' Hillary."

He joked that it was "hard to stay awake" during Clinton's speech and said she would make a lot of money if she delivered speeches to insomniacs. He also denounced Clinton's suggestion that he was "temperamentally unfit" to be commander in chief.

"My temperament is so much tougher, so much better than hers," Trump said.

Earlier, Trump got an endorsement he'd been seeking — from Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan,

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who had resisted even after the businessman clinched the GOP nomination.

Clinton's robust assault on Trump was widely carried on television, a change for the leading Democratic candidate who's frequently struggled to break through coverage of Trump.

She is ramping up her criticism of the presumptive Republican nominee and trying to quell concerns within her own party that she isn't ready to rumble with the famously combative Trump. She offered a number of aggressive new attack lines, at times baiting Trump to respond by calling him "thin skinned."

She hit Trump for his reality television past, for his snarky Twitter feed, for his hotel experience.

She ran down a list of people he has insulted, including the pope.

And she assailed Trump over many statements, criticizing him for seeking to ban Muslims from entering the country, for talking about leaving NATO and for suggesting Japan could one day acquire nuclear weapons.

"He has the gall to say prisoners of war like John McCain aren't heroes," Clinton said. "He says he has foreign policy experience because he ran the Miss Universe pageant."

Emphasizing her experience as first lady, senator and secretary of state, Clinton said she recognizes what it means to deploy American troops and would provide the steady diplomacy the country needs.

Clinton and Trump offer starkly different visions of U.S. foreign policy. Her proposals reflect the traditional approach of both major parties. Despite differences on some issues, such as the Iraq war and Iran, Democratic and Republican presidents have been generally consistent on policies affecting China, Russia, North Korea, nuclear proliferation, trade, alliances and many other issues.

Trump's "America first" approach is short on details but appeals to angry voters who believe that successive leaders have weakened the country and have been duped into bad trade deals that cost American jobs.

In recent days, Clinton has criticized Trump over his business practices, his resistance to disclose which charities received money he raised during a January fundraiser for veterans' causes, and the now-defunct Trump University. On Wednesday she called him a "fraud" and said the real estate mogul had taken advantage of vulnerable Americans.

Trump has pushed back. On the education company, he has maintained that customers were overwhelmingly satisfied with the offerings.

While Clinton is stressing her concerns about Trump, she is still dealing with her primary race. She needs just 70 more delegates to win the Democratic primary, but is dealing with a tough fight with rival Bernie Sanders in California.

## **Wal-Mart testing Uber, Lyft for online grocery delivery**

**ANNE D'INNOENZIO, AP Retail Writer**

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. says it will be testing its grocery delivery service with ride-hailing companies Uber and Lyft in the next two weeks in Denver and Phoenix.

That's in addition to a quiet pilot program that started in March with Deliv for its Sam's Club customers that involves delivery of general merchandise and grocery for business members in Miami.

The move is the latest step in the retailer's efforts to better compete with Amazon, which is delivering groceries directly to shoppers' homes in several markets.

Wal-Mart's test works this way: A customer in one of the test locations orders groceries online and then selects a delivery window. A personal shopper then selects the products and the team may request a driver from one of these services to go to the store, pick up the customer's order and take it directly to the customer's location.

Customers pay Wal-Mart the regular \$7 to \$10 delivery charge online and make no payments to the

driver.

"We're thrilled about the possibility of delivering new convenient options to our customers, and about working with some transformative companies in this test," Michael Bender, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Wal-Mart Global e-commerce wrote in a blog posted Friday. He noted that the company will "start small and let our customers guide us."

The tests with Uber and others come as Wal-Mart is also rapidly expanding its curbside grocery delivery to 14 new markets for a total of 54 markets and in over 200 stores. That allows customers to order groceries online and then pick them up outside their local store. Wal-Mart says 90 percent of its curbside customers are repeat users and more than 90 percent of its baskets include fresh grocery items like dairy and produce.

It's also been testing grocery home delivery service in San Jose, California, and Denver, Colorado.

Wal-Mart's main focus, however, has been further capitalizing on its power to combine its brick-and-mortar stores with online shopping.

## **Finding overdose killed Prince just the beginning of probe**

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Word from authorities that Prince died of an overdose of fentanyl, a powerful opioid that is up to 50 times more potent than heroin, is far from the end of the investigation. In some ways, it's just the beginning.

After Thursday's announcement about the superstar's death, investigators in the months to come will try to determine whether the singer had a prescription for the drug or whether it was supplied illegally. If it's latter, someone could face criminal charges carrying years, or even decades, in prison.

Prince was found dead April 21 at his Minneapolis-area estate, and at least one friend has said he suffered from intense knee and hip pain from many years of performances.

Although the death was formally ruled an accident, that merely signified that it was not intentional and does not preclude a criminal prosecution.

According to a one-page report released by a medical examiner, Prince administered the drug himself on an unknown date. The office said the death investigation is complete, and it had no further comment.

Confirmation that Prince died of an opioid overdose was first reported by The Associated Press. The autopsy report was released hours later.

Fentanyl is a synthetic painkiller. Patients who have built up a tolerance to other prescription painkillers sometimes seek it out, and it is partly responsible for a recent surge in overdose deaths in some parts of the country. Because of its risks, it is tightly controlled by the Food and Drug Administration, but much of it is manufactured illegally.

Kent Bailey, head of the DEA in Minneapolis, said the agency will continue investigating along with Carver County authorities and the U.S. Attorney's Office. He declined to offer details, but said "rest assured, we will be thorough."

Legal experts say the focus of the investigation will now probably turn to whether the source or sources of the fentanyl were legal or not. Often, such investigations include grand jury subpoenas for records or for testimony from individuals.

Authorities may also look to the singer's associates.

"The investigation may expand to people who surround him," said Gal Pissetzky, a Chicago-based at-

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torney who has represented multiple clients facing drug charges who has no link to Prince. "If fentanyl was obtained illegally, I don't think Prince would have gone out to meet someone in a dark alley to get the substance."

If a street dealer was the source, identifying that person won't be easy.

"It'll be very, very difficult," he said. "These guys don't write receipts, and they change phones all the time."

Illegally distributing fentanyl to someone who then dies from it is punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years under federal law. Under Minnesota law, the same actions can result in third-degree murder charges and up to 25 years in prison.

Prince, 57, died less than a week after his plane made an emergency stop in Moline, Illinois, for medical treatment as he was returning from an Atlanta concert. The Associated Press and other media reported, based on anonymous sources, that he was found unconscious on the plane, and first responders gave him a shot of Narcan, an antidote used in suspected opioid overdoses.

The names of at least two doctors have come up in the death investigation.

Dr. Michael Todd Schulenberg, a family practitioner, treated Prince twice in the weeks before his death and told investigators he prescribed medications for the singer, according to a search warrant that did not specify which medications.

Schulenberg saw Prince April 7 and April 20 — the day before his death — according to the warrant. Schulenberg's attorney has declined to comment on the case.

Dr. Howard Kornfeld, a California addiction specialist, was asked by Prince's representatives on April 20 to help the singer.

Kornfeld sent his son Andrew on a flight that night, and Andrew Kornfeld was among the people who found Prince's body the next morning, according to Kornfeld's attorney, William Mauzy.

The younger Kornfeld, who is not a doctor, was carrying a medication that can be used to treat opioid addiction, Mauzy said, explaining that Andrew Kornfeld intended to give the medication to a Minnesota doctor who had cleared his schedule to see Prince on April 21.

Mauzy has refused to identify that doctor. Schulenberg is not authorized to prescribe buprenorphine.

On Thursday, Mauzy said his clients never delivered, dispensed or administered any medication to Prince. The Kornfelds "were simply trying to help," he said.

Prince's death came two weeks after he canceled concerts in Atlanta, saying he wasn't feeling well. He played a pair of makeup shows, and then came the emergency landing in Moline. He canceled two shows in St. Louis shortly before his death.

The superstar had a reputation for clean living, and some friends said they never saw any sign of drug use.

Longtime friend and collaborator Sheila E. has told the AP that Prince had physical issues from performing, citing hip and knee problems that she said came from years of jumping off risers and stage speakers in heels.

## Solid US job gain in May could set stage for summer Fed hike

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Friday's U.S. jobs report for May will provide a crucial piece of data for the Federal Reserve to weigh in deciding whether to raise interest rates later this month.

Economists have estimated that employers added 160,000 jobs for a second straight month, according to data provider FactSet. That would be a solid gain, though below the average increase of 232,000

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for the past year. The unemployment rate is expected to remain at a low 5 percent.

Many analysts think the Fed will refrain from raising its key short-term rate when it meets in two weeks before increasing rates at its subsequent meeting in late July. It might take a much bigger-than-expected job gain in May — well above 200,000 — to nudge the Fed toward a rate hike this month.

Last month's hiring figure may have been distorted by a strike at Verizon, which caused about 40,000 workers to walk off the job. The striking employees, now back to work, won't be counted as employed during May — a fact that could depress the job gain.

The strike could also lower other figures in the jobs report, such as average hourly pay. As a result, the Fed might find it hard to derive a clear picture of the job market from Friday's data.

Still, the report will be scrutinized for evidence that the economy has accelerated after a slump early this year. The government has estimated that the economy grew at just a 0.8 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter. More recent figures indicate that growth has since strengthened. But the Fed may want additional data to ensure that the improvement is sustained.

Investors collectively estimate only a 21 percent chance that the Fed will raise rates on June 15, according to futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. The likelihood rises to 60 percent for the Fed's July meeting. Both figures are a marked shift from a month ago, when June and July were seen as much less likely.

But most economic reports since then have been encouraging: Consumer spending surged in April. Americans ramped up purchases of autos and other big-ticket items, like appliances.

Home sales and construction have also increased. Sales of new homes reached an eight-year high in April.

Even manufacturing, which has suffered from weak growth overseas and a strong dollar that has depressed exports, is showing signs of stabilizing. Factory activity expanded in May for a third straight month, according to a survey of purchasing managers.

In December, after months of economic improvement, the Fed raised its benchmark short-term rate after pegging it near zero for seven years. In March, officials indicated that they expected just two additional increases this year.

David Joy, chief market strategist for Ameriprise Financial, said the Fed will want to leave time after its next rate hike to gauge how the economy responds. There may not be enough time for two hikes this year unless the Fed acts by July.

"June is too early, but September is too late," Joy said.

Chair Janet Yellen has long made it clear that she studies a "dashboard" of job market data to help assess the economy's health, rather than a single number such as hiring or unemployment.

Michael Hanson, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, says that even a modest job gain for May, such as 130,000, wouldn't necessarily keep the Fed from raising rates by July — if other economic barometers improve.

A solid increase in average hourly pay, for example, would suggest that many employers are struggling to find enough qualified workers and are finally willing to pay more. That would be a possible sign of full healing in the job market.

Fed officials may not keep investors guessing for long: Yellen will speak Monday in a closely watched address that may show how she has interpreted Friday's report.

And Lael Brainard, a Fed official who is a longtime skeptic of raising rates, will speak Friday, a few hours after the jobs figures are released. Any sign that Brainard is willing to accept higher rates would likely be seen as evidence that Yellen — and the Fed — may act soon.



## Asian shares mixed pending US jobs report, Fed decision

**YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer**

TOKYO (AP) — Asian shares were mixed Friday as investors awaited a U.S. jobs report later in the day and action from the U.S. Federal Reserve later in the month.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 added 0.3 percent to 16,589.97 in morning trading. South Korea's Kospi fell 0.1 percent to 1,982.49. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.2 percent to 20,911.31, while the Shanghai Composite was down 0.2 percent at 2,924.53.

WATCHING THE FED: Investors are watching for clues on whether the Federal Reserve will raise its key interest rate at the central bank's next meeting of policymakers later this month. Many will also be waiting for the U.S. Labor Department's release of its latest monthly jobs report later Friday.

WALL STREET: The Dow Jones industrial average gained 48.89 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,838.56. The S&P 500 index added 5.93 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,105.26. The last time it was higher this year was on April 20. The index is now about 1.2 percent below its all-time high set in May last year. The Nasdaq rose 19.11 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,971.36. That eclipsed its previous high this year on April 18.

OPEC QUESTION: Shares have been hurt recently by the OPEC meeting in Vienna, which ended without any consensus on regulating supplies. That sent crude oil prices lower initially, but they later reversed course.

THE QUOTE: "On the OPEC front, despite all the headlines, there is no production freeze and no subsequent talk of one," said Stephen Innes, senior trader at APAC OANDA.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude oil gained 1 cent to \$49.18 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It rose 16 cents on Thursday to \$49.17 a barrel. Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, edged 4 cents lower to \$50.00 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar inched down 108.92 yen from 108.95 yen. The euro fell slightly to \$1.1155 from \$1.1210.