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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.

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State Girls Golf Tourney in Hot Springs

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Brandon Stolle, BJ Hanson 6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study 6:00pm: U12 Softball hosts Webster (DH)

6:00pm: U8 Softball hosts Webster 7:00pm: U10 Softball hosts Webster

7:00 pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center (will be Livestreamed at gdilive.com)

Tuesday, June 7

State Girls Golf Tourney in Hot Springs

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, tomato spoon salad, pears, cornmeal muffin.

Birthdays: Chad Nierman, Lisa Wienk

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study 6:00pm: NESDU12 in Groton (Milbank Red vs. Groton Red in double header)

Wednesday, June 8

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauli-flower/pea salad, pudding, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Lacy Voss, Kayla Johnson, Andrew Marzahn

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Cen-

6:00pm: NESDU8 in Groton (Sisseton 1 vs. Groton

Blue and Sisseton 2 vs. Groton Red) 6:00pm: U12 Softball at Webster

7:00pm: NESDU8 in Groton (Sisseton 1 vs. Groton

Red and Sisseton 2 vs. Groton Blue)

7:00pm: U12 Softball vs. Milbank at Webster

Thursday, June 9

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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mussels exist in multiple areas throughout the lake.

Zebra Mussels Discovered in McCook Lake

PIERRE, S.D. - Boaters enjoying South Dakota's McCook Lake should be aware that the waterbody is now classified as infested for zebra mussels by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP). Special precautions are necessary to prevent spreading mussels to other waters.

Mussels were initially discovered by members of the McCook Lake Association performing maintenance prior to Memorial Day Weekend. Additional sampling efforts by GFP have confirmed adult zebra

In August 2015, zebra mussels were present and reproducing in large numbers in Lewis and Clark Lake near Yankton. This prompted a collaborative effort by multiple local, state and federal agencies from South Dakota and Nebraska to address the problems these mussels can create. Boat inspections and enforcement efforts increased to ensure boaters were complying with regulations.

"At a recent checkpoint on Lewis and Clark Lake, a number of individuals entered the ramp area towing their boats with their plugs still in place and they received citations. Anglers and all recreational boaters need to understand that once they remove their plugs they must remain out until just prior to launching on a subsequent trip on the water," said Emmett Keyser, GFP southeast regional supervisor. "The boating public is one of our essential allies in helping to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and we want to remind them they must leave their plugs out and drains open at all times when they are not on the water."

Completely draining a boat is the first step 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 their boats in uninfested water bodies.

"Right now, South Dakota waters are beginning to reach peak water temperatures for juvenile veligers to spread. Anglers and boaters need to be extra diligent and completely drain their boats before leaving boat ramp areas," concluded John Lott, GFP chief of aquatic resources.

For more information on zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species, visit sdleastwanted.com.

About zebra mussels: Zebra mussels are a small, invasive mollusk (clam) that originated in Eastern Europe and first arrived in the U.S. in the mid-1980s. Although usually less than an inch in size as adults, they can rapidly spread under the right conditions. These mussels can clog irrigation lines and damage boat motors and docks, and their sharp shells can wash up on shorelines in large numbers making recreation difficult. The larval stage of zebra mussels, called veligers, are nearly impossible to detect due to their small size, heightening the importance of the state's boat draining laws. Veligers can be easily transported to new waters in a small amount of water remaining anywhere in a boat or watercraft after a fishing or boating trip.

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The Future of South Dakota is Bright

This time of year, many South Dakota young people are preparing to enter a new chapter of life. High school graduates will soon leave home for the first time to attend college or technical school, and college graduates are putting their hard-earned degrees to use by entering the workforce. It makes me proud to see so many young South Dakotans pursue an education and advance their careers.

I was also impressed by the young people I recently met at Boys State and Girls State. Boys State and Girls State are weeklong leadership programs, hosted by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, where some of the top students in the state gather to learn more about the political process and public service. It was great to see so many ambitious, talented South Dakota high school students and hear their ideas for making our state an even better place to call home. During our visit, I shared with them my hope that they would stay in South Dakota, make a home here and continue to enrich our communities.

South Dakota is a great place to live, work and raise a family. Jean and I have lived in South Dakota our entire lives, and we cannot think of a better place to call home. Our way of life here is second to none. We still do business with a handshake, can count on our neighbors in times of need and have strong morals and values that guide our day-to-day life.

It is also a great place to work. According to Forbes Magazine, South Dakota is the number one state for business. Unlike many major urban centers across the country, our cities and towns are home to thriving small businesses.

Additionally, our tax rate is very low. This means that hard-working South Dakotans get to take home more of their paycheck each month. That is money that can be used to buy a home, save for the future, raise a family or be reinvested back into our economy. In fact, South Dakota has the fifth highest per capita disposable income, adjusted for cost of living, in the entire country. According to the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, we also have the best business climate for entrepreneurs who are interested in starting their own companies.

When I am working in Washington, it is easy to get frustrated by partisan gridlock and political rancor. That's why it is so refreshing to be home on weekends and spend our constituent work periods traveling the state, where common sense prevails and things get done.

It is also refreshing to see so many young and talented South Dakotans excited about their futures and the future of our state. As they grow into young adults and position themselves to become our next leaders, I hope they consider a life in South Dakota. Not only is it a great place to work and start a career, it offers a quality of life in which families can thrive and prosper.

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Troy Lindberg, a Groton Lions Club member, gave his son, Cody Wilson, a scholar-ship from the club. Wilson graduated from Aberdeen Central High School.

Municipal Tax Changes Effective July 1, 2016

PIERRE, S.D. – Three South Dakota communities will implement a new municipal tax or update their current municipal tax rate beginning July 1.

The municipal tax changes taking effect include:

Ramona, S.D., increasing its one percent general sales and use tax rate to two percent.

Hurley, S.D., decreasing its one percent municipal gross receipts tax rate to zero percent on lodging, eating establishments, and alcoholic beverages. It will continue its 2 percent general sales and use tax rate.

Sisseton, S.D., continuing its one percent municipal gross receipts tax rate that was set to expire on June 30, 2016 on lodging, eating establishments and alcoholic beverages. This tax is in addition to their 2 percent general sales and use tax rate.

South Dakota municipalities are able to implement new tax rates or change existing tax rates on Jan. 1 or July 1 each year. The municipal tax changes listed above are in addition to the state sales and use tax increase that took effect June 1.

The South Dakota Department of Revenue has Municipal Tax information bulletins available listing all municipal sales and use tax rates statewide, along with information on tribal sales, use and excise taxes. Other specialty tax rate information is also available in the bulletin.

Updated bulletins are free of charge and available after Jan. 1. To obtain a Municipal Tax Information bulletin, download it on the Department of Revenue website at http://dor.sd.gov/Taxes/Business_Taxes/Publications/Municipal_Tax.aspx or contact the Department of Revenue at 1-800-TAX-9188 (1-800-829-9188).

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Today in Weather History

1816 - The temperature reached 92 degrees at Salem MA during an early heat wave, but then plunged 49 degrees in 24 hours to commence the famous year without a summer . (David Ludlum)

1894 - One of the greatest floods in U.S. history occurred as the Williamette River overflowed to inundate half of the business district of Portland OR. (David Ludlum)

1975 - A tornado, reportedly spinning backwards (spinning clockwise), was sighted near Alva, OK. (The Weather Channel)

1977 - Severe thunderstorms with large hail and winds to 100 mph caused one million dollars damage around Norfolk, VA. A forty-two foot fishing boat capsized near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel drowning 13 of the 27 persons on board. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in southern California produced one inch hail at Mount Pinos, and marble size hail at Palmdale. Thunderstorms in southeastern Arizona produced heavy rain leaving some washes under four feet of water. Six cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the upper 90s. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

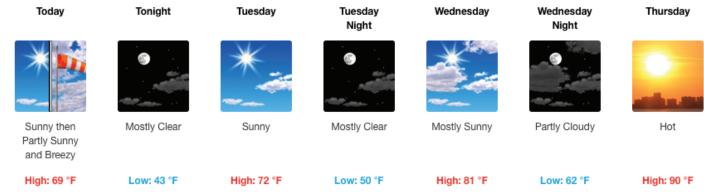
1988 - Seventeen cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Williston ND with a reading of 104 degrees. Thunderstorms in Florida produced wind gusts to 65 mph which damaged two mobile homes northwest of Melbourne injuring six people. (The National Weather Summary)

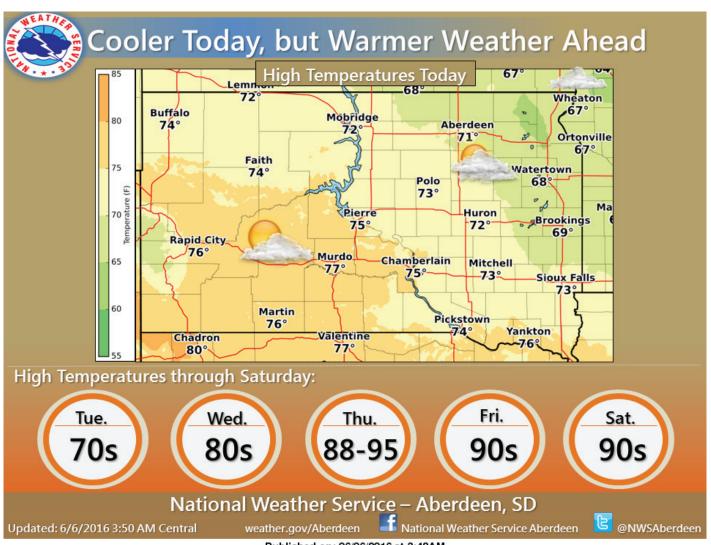
1989 - Thunderstorms developing during the late morning hours produced severe weather through the afternoon and night. Thunderstorms spawned 13 tornadoes, and there were 154 reports of large hail and damaging winds. A strong (F-3) tornado injured six persons at Lorenzo, TX, and thunderstorm winds gusting to 100 mph killed one person at Glasscock City, TX. Softball size hail was reported at Lipscomb and Glen Cove TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)





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Temperatures this afternoon will be 10 to 15 degrees cooler than on Sunday, thanks to cool Canadian high pressure building across the Dakotas. Highs today will range from the mid 60s to the mid 70s. Breezy north winds will be common this afternoon. Warmer and more humid air will slowly move back into the region later this week.

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Yesterday's Weather High Outside Temp: 81.1 F at 5:21 PM

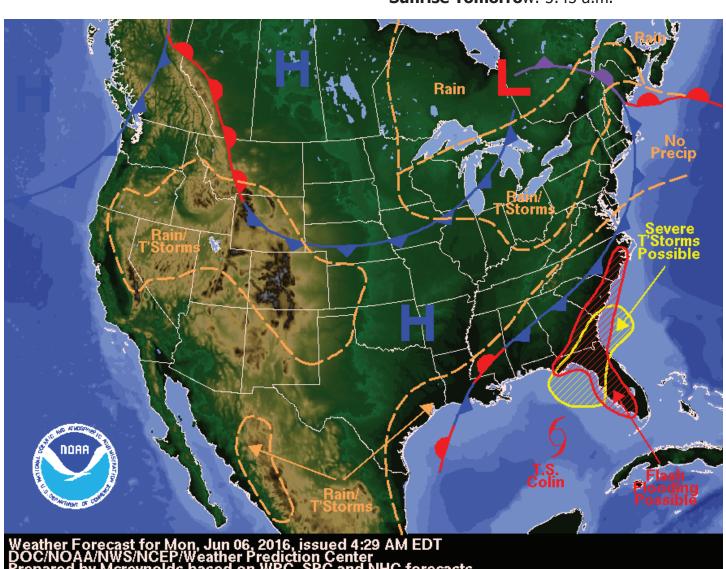
Low Outside Temp: 49.1 F at 5:21 AM High Gust: 35.0 Mph at 5:06 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 99° in 1950

Record Low: 30 in 1897 **Average High: 74°F Average Low:** 51°F

Average Precip in June: 0.70 Precip to date in June: 0.72 Average Precip to date: 7.84 Precip Year to Date: 5.71 Sunset Tonight: 9:19 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:45 a.m.



Mon, Jun 06, 2016, issued 4:29 AM EDT EP/Weather Prediction Center Ids based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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BE RIGHT TO DO RIGHT

One night a group of Delaware Indians gathered around a bright, warm fire talking with their Chief. "I've been thinking," said one, "about the words of the missionary. He talked of a rule delivered by the Author of Christianity. It is known as the Golden Rule. Do you remember his words?"

"Tell me what it is," said the Chief.

"In everything," he said, "do to others what you would have them do to you."

"That's impossible," said the Chief, "unless the Great Spirit who made man would give man a new heart." That is exactly what God promised to do for us and within us. He said, "I will give you a heart with new and right desires and I will put a new spirit within you."

God wants us to be filled with His grace and treat others as He treats us. However, we cannot be who He wants us to be and do what He wants us to do unless we have that "new spirit." No matter how we have lived or how badly we have treated others in the past, if we choose to accept Christ and do His work, He will put that new spirit within us to do as He would do.

Prayer: Lord, give us that new heart that we may live a new life that is God-honoring, Christ-exalting and Spirit-filled leading to acts of love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Ezekiel 36:26-27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

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News from the App Associated Press

27-year-old man killed in crash near Renner

RENNER, S.D. (AP) $-\bar{A}$ 27-year-old man is dead following a one-vehicle crash near Renner.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the man was about one mile west of Renner on 258th Avenue when he lost control of his sport utility vehicle around 9:30 p.m. Saturday. The SUV hit a guard rail and cable, went across the roadway, entered the ditch and rolled several times.

Authorities say the man, who has not been identified, was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle. He transported to a Sioux Falls hospital where he died of his injuries.

The Highway Patrol says the crash remains under investigation.

Highway Patrol identifies man killed in crash near Rosholt

ROSHOLT, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol has released the name of the 26-year-old man who was killed last week in a crash west of Rosholt.

Authorities have identified the man as Sisseton resident Cole Richotte.

The Highway Patrol says Richotte was at an intersection and then turned in front of a heavy-duty pickup truck pulling a camper that was heading west on state Highway 127 about 6 p.m. Friday. Both vehicles went into the ditch, and the pickup rolled.

Thirty-eight-year-old Rosholt resident Joseph Fritz has been identified as the driver of the pickup truck. The Highway Patrol says Fritz and a 10-year-old girl who was his passenger suffered minor injuries. Another truck passenger, a 7-year-old girl, was not injured.

The crash remains under investigation.

New commander takes reins of Civil Air Patrol's SD wing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Civil Air Patrol's South Dakota Wing has a new commander.

Colonel David G. Small Jr., of Piedmont, assumed command Saturday during a change-of-command ceremony at the wing's annual conference.

Small thanked Col. John Seten for his stewardship of the wing for the past four years, saying the wing has grown significantly in stature within the state and the nation during his tenure.

Small has served as the wing's chief of staff since 2014. He says that In the coming years, the wing will see new mission challenges and integrate new, cutting-edge technology.

Negotiations at impasse over Rapid City teacher salaries

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City teachers and the school district that employs them have reached an impasse over salary structure.

The Rapid City Education Association says its membership voted down a proposal forwarded by the school district that would do away with the current salary structure for 2016-2017.

The state's half-penny sales tax increase for education took effect Wednesday. The district's proposal sought to bring all starting teachers' salaries to \$40,000 and give current teachers above that range a \$3,000 bump.

Yet some teachers say the veterans are not getting what they are due, and that the increase won't retain the teachers who have stuck around in the district.

A special school board meeting was held last week to discuss the situation.

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Trump surprised at GOP criticism of his comments on judge LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump says he was surprised that Newt Gingrich hammered him for noting the Mexican ancestry of the American judge overseeing lawsuits against Trump University.

Trump tells Fox News Channel on Monday that the former House speaker's criticism was "inappropriate." Trump says he's only defending himself against relentless questions about Trump University by questioning the impartiality of U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel. Trump says most customers were satisfied with the school.

Curiel was born in Indiana. Still, Trump says, the judge cannot be impartial in the cases because Curiel's parents were born in Mexico and Trump wants to build a wall to keep people from sneaking over the border.

Gingrich is one of several prominent Republicans urging Trump to lay off Curiel and unify the GOP.

NPR journalist David Gilkey, translator killed on assignment RAHIM FAIEZ, Associated Press MICHELE SALCEDO, Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — David Gilkey, a veteran news photographer and video editor for National Public Radio, and an Afghan translator, Zabihullah Tamanna, were killed while on assignment in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, the network says.

Gilkey and Tamanna were traveling with an Afghan army unit near Marjah in Helmand province on Sunday when the convoy came under fire and their vehicle was struck, the network's spokeswoman, Isabel Lara, said in a statement. Two other NPR journalists, Tom Bowman and producer Monika Evstatieva, were traveling with them and were not hurt.

Secretary of State John Kerry called the attack that killed Gilkey and Tamanna "a grim reminder of the danger that continues to face the Afghan people, the dedication of Afghan national defense and security forces to securing their country, and of the courage of intrepid journalists — and their interpreters — who are trying to convey that important story to the rest of the world."

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani condemned the attack, calling it cowardly and "completely against all the principles and values of Islam and humanity, and against all international laws."

In a statement from the presidential palace on Monday, Ghani was quoted as saying the Taliban do not distinguish between the military, civilians and journalists, and that they killed Gilkey and Tamanna as they were reporting on the war.

Ghani on Monday visited Helmand province, where the fatal attack took place, offering his condolences to the families of the two killed journalists.

The deputy spokesman for the 215 Army Corp in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, Maj. Abdul Qader, told The Associated Press that the vehicle Gilkey and Tamanna were traveling in came under sustained Taliban attack not far from the main army base in Marjah. He said their Humvee was "only 300 to 400 meters from the army base when suddenly they came under attack."

The Humvee was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, he said. A total of five people were in the Humvee at the time - Gilkey, Tamanna, a heavy machine gun operator who was on the roof of the vehicle, as well as an Afghan army soldier and driver.

Along with Gilkey and Tamanna, the driver and the machine gunner were also killed, Qader said. The attack lasted 30 to 40 minutes, he said, during which time army helicopters were called in to provide air support.

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"The bodies were taken to the army base immediately after the attack, and then transported by helicopter to the corps command," he said. Later Gilkey and Tamanna's bodies were taken to Camp Bastion, the main army base in Helmand, formerly under the command of U.S. Marines. The U.S.-NATO mission in Afghanistan later said the bodies had been flown to Kabul.

Gilkey had covered conflict and war in Iraq and Afghanistan since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on Washington and New York and was committed to helping the public see the wars and the people caught up in them, NPR's senior vice president of news and editorial director, Michael Oreskes, said in a statement.

"As a man and as a photojournalist, David brought out the humanity of all those around him. He let us see the world and each other through his eyes," Oreskes said.

Tamanna, 37, was a freelancer who often worked for NPR, Lara, the spokeswoman, said in an email. Known as Zabi, he had many years of experience working as a cameraman and photographer for international news organizations in Afghanistan.

He worked in Kabul as a photographer for China's Xinhua news agency and also reported for Turkey's Anadolu News Agency. The stories he covered ranged from the inauguration of the new president, to the daily attacks and drone strikes in the war-ravaged country. He leaves a wife and three young children, two boys and a girl.

Veteran correspondent Phillip Reeves, who recruited Tamanna to the network, called him "a great colleague."

"He was a lovely man, with a great eye for a story and deep wisdom about his country," Reeves said in a statement. "He clearly loved his family."

Gilkey covered both national and international news for the radio network and its website and had made numerous trips to Afghanistan and Iraq, according to NPR's website.

His work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the prestigious George Polk Award and a national Emmy. The White House News Photographers Association named Gilkey their Still Photographer of the Year in 2011. In 2015, he became the first multimedia journalist to receive the Edward R. Murrow Award for his coverage of international breaking news, military conflicts and natural disasters.

Twenty-seven journalists have been killed in Afghanistan since 1992, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, not counting Gilkey and Tamanna. They include Anja Niedringhaus, a photographer for The Associated Press who was shot dead in 2014 while covering the national elections for president and provincial councils. AP special correspondent for the region, Kathy Gannon, was also in the car and was wounded in the attack.

Worldwide, nearly 1,200 journalists have died since 1992, according to CPJ's website.

In addition to Iraq and Afghanistan, Gilkey covered the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, the devastating earthquake that shook Haiti in 2010, the fall of apartheid in South Africa, famine in Somalia, and war in Rwanda and the Balkans.

"The things to do were amazing and the places to see were epic," Gilkey once said of his work. "But the people, the people are what made it all worth the effort."

Gilkey's first journalism job was with the Boulder Daily Camera in Colorado, where he covered local assignments for the paper and overseas assignments for Knight Ridder, according to NPR. He later joined the Detroit Free Press until he began working for NPR in 2007.

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Tropical Storm Colin heading toward Florida's Gulf coast BRENDAN FARRINGTON, Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Tropical Storm Colin was gaining speed and strength Monday on its way to strike Florida, threatening rains forecasters said could cause some serious flooding along much of the state's Gulf coast.

A large portion of Florida's western and Panhandle coast was already under a tropical storm warning when the National Hurricane Center announced that a quickly moving depression had become a named storm. The center said it is the earliest that a third named storm has ever formed in the Atlantic basin.

Colin's maximum sustained winds Monday morning had increased to near 50 mph (85 kph) with some slow strengthening possible during the next two days. The storm was centered about 360 miles (580 kilometers) west-southwest of Tampa and moving north-northeast near 14 mph (22 kph).

Tropical storms carry wind speeds of between 39 mph (63 kph) and 73 mph (117 kph).

"It's going to impact most of the state in some way," Gov. Rick Scott said in a phone interview. "Hopefully we won't have any significant issues here, but we can have some storm surge, some rain, tornados and some flooding."

The center of Colin is expected to approach the coast of the Florida Big Bend area Monday afternoon or evening, forecasters said.

Colin is expected to produce rainfall amounts of 3 to 5 inches and forecasters said up to 8 inches possible across western Florida, eastern Georgia, and coastal areas of the Carolinas through Tuesday.

Scott postponed a political meeting with presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump scheduled Monday in New York so he can remain in the state capital to monitor the weather.

It is the latest in a series of severe whether events across the country, from record-breaking heat in the West, flooding in Texas and storms that are expected to cause problems in the nation's capital and mid-Atlantic region.

Scott warned residents not to simply look at the center of the storm, saying the heaviest rain will be to the east and west of it.

The National Weather Service in Mobile, Alabama, issued a flood warning for the Shoal River near Crestview and warned of possible widespread flooding in streams, creeks, and canals. Wind gusts threatened to bring down trees and branches and cause power outages.

The Georgia coast and the north Florida Atlantic coast were placed under a tropical storm watch Sunday evening.

Sand bags were being distributed to residents in St. Petersburg, Tampa and nearby cities.

ARIZONA HEAT

The National Weather Service said Phoenix hit 113 degrees on Sunday, making it the third day in a row setting record high temperatures in Arizona's Urban Heart. Sunday's high beat the previous record of 112 degrees in 1990.

Much of Southern Arizona, from Phoenix to Nogales, is under an excessive heat warning.

Other western and southwestern U.S. states are experiencing above-normal temperatures in the triple-digits.

Officials are warning residents to stay hydrated and avoid the outdoors between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when temperatures are highest.

POWER OUTTAGES IN NEW JERSEY

Strong storms swept through the state downing trees and power lines and leaving thousands without

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power.

South Jersey was the hardest hit Sunday night.

NJ.com reports about 19,000 Atlantic City Electric customers were without power at the height of the storm. The utility say most customers should expect to have their power restored by late Sunday night. The National Weather Service had issued thunderstorm watches and warnings for the state.

No major damage or injuries were reported.

DAMAGING WINDS IN OHIO

Thunderstorms in parts of Ohio have brought powerful winds that have caused some reported damage.

Many counties in northeast Ohio were under a severe thunderstorm watch or warning Sunday as a front moved through the state.

A spokesman for Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky says traffic there was diverted after a nearby roadway was closed as a result of downed power lines and debris from the storm. The spokesman says Cedar Point will be closed Monday as utility crews work to repair the downed power lines. The park plans to reopen Tuesday.

The Sandusky Register reports the storm also downed trees and power lines in the city's downtown area.

TEXAS TRAGEDY

Fort Hood officials have identified the last of nine soldiers who died in Texas floodwaters during a training exercise as a 25-year-old Army specialist from California.

Army officials on Sunday said Spc. Yingming Sun enlisted in 2013 and first arrived at Fort Hood nearly two years ago. He and eight others who were previously identified died when fast-moving waters washed a 2 ½-ton vehicle from a low-water crossing Thursday.

Three others soldiers survived and have returned to duty.

Heavy and persistent storms the past two weeks have dumped more than a foot of rain in parts of Texas. The rain is expected to diminish this week and dry out areas such as Southeast Texas, where officials gave evacuation order to about 2,000 homes.

INDIANA TORNADO

The National Weather Service said a tornado touched down in eastern Indiana when a weekend storm passed over the area.

The weather service's Wilmington, Ohio, office said Sunday that a tornado with wind speeds of up to 85 mph cut a 1¼ mile path Saturday near Richmond, Indiana. No one was injured by the EFO tornado, which is the weakest tornado designation the weather service assigns.

New Miss USA from DC to take a break from Army reserves SALLY HO, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The newly crowned Miss USA is a 26-year-old Army officer from the District of Columbia who gave perhaps the strongest answer of the night when asked about women in combat.

"As a woman in the United States Army, I think ... we are just as tough as men. As a commander of my unit, I'm powerful, I am dedicated," Deshauna Barber said. "Gender does not limit us in the United States."

The winner of Sunday's 2016 Miss USA competition held at the T-Mobile Arena off the Las Vegas Strip

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will go on to compete in the Miss Universe contest.

Barber is the first-ever military member to win Miss USA. In a press conference following the event, the 26-year-old lieutenant from Northeast DC said she plans to take a break from the Army Reserves and had already discussed with superiors the possibility of going inactive for a couple of years should she win the title. She said she currently serves two days per month.

"My commander should be watching right now," Barber said. "Two days a month is definitely not active duty. It is an obligation that I signed up for but they are very flexible in the United States Army Reserves."

Barber said she plans to use the pageant's spotlight and her title to support veteran's causes and tackle the issue of suicide and post-traumatic stress disorder among military members. When asked what message she had for the presidential candidates — including former pageant owner and presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump — Barber said they should focus more on veteran's issues, including the backlog at veterans hospitals.

"I think that a lot of the topics that they discuss isn't as important," she said in a glittering gold gown. Barber's not the only contestant who had to address the election and the Republican candidate, who had a public break-up with the beauty pageant organization last year.

Trump offended Hispanics when he made anti-immigrant remarks in announcing his bid for the White House last June. He at the time co-owned The Miss Universe Organization with NBCUniversal, but the network and the Spanish-language broadcaster Univision quickly cut ties with him, refusing to air the show. Trump sued both networks, eventually settling and selling off the entire pageant to talent management company WME/IMG.

Miss Hawaii, who came in second Sunday night, punted during the question-and-answer segment when asked who she would vote for among the likely presidential candidates, Trump or Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Chelsea Hardin acknowledged that there was no way to correctly answer the question during the beauty pageant. The question was framed with Clinton's likely status of being the first woman nominated by a major political party in the race for the White House. The 24-year-old college student from Honolulu responded that gender doesn't matter when deciding the next commander in chief.

The other women in the top five were asked about voting rights, income inequality and the recent death of sports icon Muhammad Ali.

Fan favorite Miss California, Nadia Grace Mejia, had stumbled and paused when answering a question about social and economic inequality. The 20-year-old model, who is the daughter of the 1990s one-hit-wonder singer Gerardo, known for "Rico Suave," had also talked about suffering from anorexia and wanting to promote body confidence earlier in the show.

The beauty pageant organization also didn't shy away from addressing another controversy from last year — Miss Universe.

Steve Harvey made a cameo in a video at the start of the Miss USA show to poke fun of the Miss Universe crowning that he botched in December.

Harvey was hosting Miss Universe last year when he mistakenly named Colombia's Ariadna Gutierrez Arevalo the winner before correcting himself on the stage. Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach of the Philippines was then given the crown. Officials later said it was due to human error. The talk show host said he had re-read the card and noticed it said "first runner-up" next to the Colombia contestant's name before clarifying with producers his mistake.

He took to Twitter after Miss USA Sunday night to mock himself again by highlighting the similarity of the two locations, the District of Columbia and the country of Colombia.

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Germany President Joachim Gauck says he won't seek 2nd term

BERLIN (AP) — German President Joachim Gauck says he won't seek a second term in 2017 because he is getting too old for the job.

The 76-year-old said in a short statement Monday that he would complete his five-year term but didn't feel he was up to another because "the years between 77 and 82 are different than those that I'm in right now."

Germany's president performs a largely ceremonial role that has little executive power, but is considered an important moral authority.

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New research doesn't prove a link, but its authors think music stars popular with teens may be contributing to America's expanding waistlines by endorsing fatty fast food, snacks and soda.

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10. WARRIORS WHIP CAVS, TAKE 2-0 LEAD IN NBA FINALS

Draymond Green played big on both ends of the court as Golden State beat Cleveland 110-77 and moved two wins from a repeat championship.

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Sheriff's jobs vary, but FBI encourages hate crime reporting The Associated Press

City police departments represent the vast majority of the nation's local law enforcement agencies, but county sheriff's departments also cover wide territories and have varying responsibilities.

There are roughly 3,000 sheriff's offices or departments in the U.S. In many cases, a sheriff is an elected official who serves as the chief law enforcement officer in a county. Not every state has local sheriffs, and the duties of a sheriff can differ greatly from county to county depending on long-standing agreements with other law enforcement agencies in the area.

A county sheriff's office or department might be responsible for patrolling and responding to crime in the unincorporated areas of a county or will enter into a contract with a city or town to handle law enforcement duties in their jurisdiction. Elsewhere, a county sheriff's office or department in a major city might be responsible for overseeing inmates at the county jail and transferring defendants to and from court.

In some cases, a county sheriff's office or department may simply provide security at the local court-house.

The FBI encourages all local law enforcement agencies with sworn officers who have arrest powers to file hate crime reports. That applies to most county sheriff's offices and departments. As a result, these agencies regardless of responsibilities were included in the analysis of hate crime reporting conducted by The Associated Press.

Warriors whip Cavaliers 110-77 to take 2-0 NBA Finals lead JANIE McCAULEY, AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Draymond Green emphatically flexed his bulging biceps with big plays on both ends of the floor, and these Golden State Warriors might just be far too strong for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

That repeat title Golden State has spoken of since the very start more than eight months ago is suddenly two wins from reality.

It will be the only way the Warriors' record-setting season ends right. For now, they sure seem unstoppable.

Green had 28 points with five 3-pointers, seven rebounds and five assists, while MVP Stephen Curry scored 18 points despite foul trouble, and Golden State thoroughly overwhelmed Cleveland 110-77 in Game 2 of the NBA Finals on Sunday night.

"There's no point in celebrating or jumping up and down saying, 'Look at us.' We're two games away from winning a championship, but we still have to go out and get the job done," Curry said. "It's a trap to think that we've figured things out, that we have the perfect formula to beat Cleveland and they have no chance in the series. That's not how we're supposed to think."

The 33-point win was the Warriors' most lopsided ever in a finals game — and they have won the first two by a combined 48 points.

"They just beat us," LeBron James said. "We didn't win anything. No points of the game did we beat them in anything."

Once the Splash Brothers found their shooting touch, Cleveland couldn't keep up. Klay Thompson got hot after halftime to finish with 17 points as Golden State became the first team to go ahead 2-0 in the finals since the Lakers in 2009 against Orlando.

Now, the series shifts to Cleveland, and James and the Cavs must show up for Game 3 on Wednesday

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in front of their title-starved fans down 2-0 to the defending champs and with forward Kevin Love dealing with a head injury.

"We've got to be tougher," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said.

The NBA said Love experienced dizziness early in the second half and left for the locker room to be re-examined, then was placed in the NBA's concussion protocol. He hadn't exhibited any symptoms before then, even after taking an elbow to the back of the head from Harrison Barnes in the second quarter and going down for several minutes before returning following a timeout. He immediately made a baseline 3-pointer for the Cavs' first basket in nearly $5\frac{1}{2}$ minutes.

After a scoreless first quarter when he missed all five shots but had five assists, James scored 14 of his 19 points in the second and also finished with nine assists and eight rebounds, but seven turnovers — and he took the blame. James' teams had won nine straight postseason Game 2s after losing the series opener dating back to a loss in the 2008 Eastern Conference semifinals to Boston.

"I'm definitely surprised at the margin of victory tonight," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "It happens in the NBA, sometimes things get away from you. Sometimes shots go in, sometimes they don't. ... Everything changes when we go to Cleveland, we know that."

After Curry and Thompson combined for only 20 points in Thursday's 104-89 Game 1 win on 8-for-27 shooting and the bench carried the load, they each hit four 3-pointers and went 13 for 24. And Curry got a postgame treat: He exchanged jerseys with Barcelona and Brazil soccer star Neymar.

Green shot 11 for 20 and made 5 of 8 3-pointers, sparking a suggestion he might apply to be a Splash Brother alongside fellow All-Stars Curry and Thompson.

"Stop it," Green said with a chuckle.

"Tonight, he's one of us," Thompson said.

The Warriors' 87 victories matched the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls, the team Golden State topped for the most regular-season victories in NBA history with 73.

Andrew Bogut had four of his five blocks — Golden State had nine overall — in the first 7:15 and received a standing ovation when he came out with 3:50 left in the first. He went to the locker room late in the quarter after having hit his hand on the rim early and grimacing in pain.

Green credited the defense for holding down James and Co.

While the outspoken swingman insists he just wants rings and isn't yet ready to consider the Warriors among the best of all time, the typically quiet Thompson let loose a little.

"We're better than the Showtime Lakers," he quipped, a friendly jab at former power forward father, Mychal.

OUCH

Andre Iguodala, the 2015 finals MVP, took another hard hit to the groin in the first quarter on an offensive foul called against James, causing the Warriors forward to grimace in pain. Matthew Dellavedova got Iguodala in the same area in Game 1.

REMEMBERING THE GREATEST

A moment of silence was held for late boxing great Muhammad Ali, who died Friday night at an Arizona hospital. Photos of Ali showed on the main scoreboard ahead of the national anthem.

TIP-INS

Cavaliers: James' career-best 25 straight postseason games scoring 20 or more points was snapped. ... James played in his 194th postseason game, passing Karl Malone and Danny Ainge (193 each) for 10th place on the career list. His first-quarter steal also moved James past John Stockton (338) at fourth place for career postseason steals.

Warriors: Bogut's four blocks in the first were the most in one finals quarter since Ben Wallace's five

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for Detroit during Game 3 against San Antonio in 2005. ... The Warriors committed six of their 21 turnovers in the first quarter alone after having only nine all of Game 1.

After weekend wins, Clinton on cusp of Democratic nomination CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press LISA LERER, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Hillary Clinton stands on the cusp of having enough delegates to claim the Democratic presidential nomination, having overwhelmed Bernie Sanders in a pair of weekend elections in the Caribbean.

Yet the former secretary of state barely noted her commanding wins Saturday in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Sunday in Puerto Rico, instead remaining focused on Tuesday's contest in California and five other states — and a general election matchup to come against presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump.

"We're going to have a very contentious campaign," Clinton said late Sunday night at a rally in the California capital, "because I'm going to point out at every single moment that I can why I believe the Republican nominee should never get near the White House."

Urging voters to come out Tuesday, Clinton said she wants to "finish strong in California. It means the world to me."

After blowout weekend wins the two U.S. territories, Clinton is now 26 delegates short of the 2,383 needed to win the nomination, according to an Associated Press count.

Clinton won all seven delegates available in the U.S. Virgin Islands and at least 33 of the 60 delegates available in Puerto Rico. She beat the Vermont senator there by roughly 61 percent to 39 percent.

Clinton now has 1,809 pledged delegates won in primaries and caucuses; Sanders has 1,520.

When including superdelegates, the party insiders who can vote for the candidate of their choice at the party's summer convention, her lead over Sanders is substantial: 2,357 to 1,566.

Though Clinton did not spend much time campaigning in Puerto Rico, the victory is fraught with symbolism for her campaign. Eight years ago, with the presidential nomination slipping from her grasp, she rolled through the streets of San Juan on the back of a flat-bed truck, wooing voters to a soundtrack of blasting Latin music.

She beat then-Illinois Sen. Barack Obama with nearly 68 percent of the vote.

"I'm for Hillary, girl," said 83-year-old Candida Dones on Sunday as she cast her ballot. "I can't wait for a female president. She's one of us. She wears the pants. If we don't look out for our own interests, who will?"

Both Clinton and Sanders spent Sunday in California, the biggest prize among the six states voting on Tuesday. Sanders shook hands and stopped for photos during a stroll of more than an hour along the shops, restaurants and amusement park rides of the Santa Monica Pier.

That included a stop at a charity "Pedal on the Pier" fundraiser, where Sanders told people riding on stationary bikes that the U.S. should have "an economy that works for all people, not just the one percent."

Like Clinton, Sanders made little mention of the outcome in Puerto Rico's primary. He said during an evening rally in San Diego that Democratic leaders should take notice that the "energy and grassroots activism" that will be crucial to the party in the fall "is with us, not Hillary Clinton."

He pointed to polls showing him faring better than Clinton in head-to-head matchups with Trump and his strength among Democratic voters under the age of 45.

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"If the Democratic leadership wants a campaign that will not only retain the White House but regain the Senate and win governors' chairs all across this country, we are that campaign," he said.

While those watching the results in Puerto Rico focused on their impact on the race for the Democratic nomination, the focus of many voters on the island was its ongoing economic crisis.

Both Sanders and Clinton have pledged to help as the island's government tries to restructure \$70 billion worth of public debt that the governor has said is unpayable.

"This is one of the most important political moments for Puerto Rico," said Emanuel Rosado, a 29-year-old Clinton supporter. "I'm taking action as a result of the economic crisis."

Two weeks before the primary, Sanders criticized a rescue deal negotiated by U.S. House leaders and the Obama administration as having colonial overtones. In a letter to fellow Senate Democrats, Sanders said the House bill to create a federal control board and allow some restructuring of the territory's \$70 billion debt would make "a terrible situation even worse."

Clinton has said she has serious concerns about the board's powers, but believes the legislation should move forward, or "too many Puerto Ricans will continue to suffer."

Among those voting Sunday was Democratic Party superdelegate Andres Lopez. He had remained uncommitted, but said Sunday he will support Clinton.

"It is time to focus on squashing 'El Trumpo," he said.

Aid group says IS shooting civilians fleeing Fallujah battle SINAN SALAHEDDIN, Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Islamic State group has been shooting at civilians as they try to flee the fighting between Iraqi government forces and IS militants in the city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, an international aid organization says.

A number of those fleeing civilians have been killed as they tried to cross the Euphrates River, the Norwegian Refugee Council, said in a report late Sunday. The NRC, which works with refugees and internally displaced Iraqis, cited interviews with some of those who fled in its report late Sunday.

Iraqi forces, backed by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, have been fighting to retake the IS-held city of Fallujah since late May but the advance stalled last week because of heavy resistance the militants have put up and because an estimated 50,000 civilians remain trapped inside the city.

"Our biggest fears are now tragically confirmed with civilians being directly targeted while trying to flee to safety," said Nasr Muflahi, the NRC Country Director in Iraq. "This is the worst that we feared would happen to innocent men, women and children who have had to leave everything behind in order to save their lives."

The NRC put the total number of families who managed to flee from the outskirts of Fallujah in the early days of the Iraqi offensive, which started May 21, at 2,980. Only a couple more families have managed to escape from inside Fallujah since then, the NRC added.

On Sunday, Iraqi forces secured the southern edge of Fallujah, a largely agricultural area.

The Fallujah operation in Iraq coincides with a twin offensive on IS-strongholds in neighboring Syria. Syrian Kurdish forces are advancing on Manbij, an IS-held city controlling the supply route between the Turkish border and the town of Raqqa, the militants' de facto capital.

At the same time, Syrian government troops are advancing on Raqqa from the south.

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Tempers likely to soar in summer congressional session ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both temperatures and tempers are likely to run hot as lawmakers return to Washington for an abbreviated 6-week summertime session featuring a handful of must-do legislation and the roll-out of a House GOP campaign agenda that's a pet priority for House Speaker Paul Ryan.

The spring was a little bumpy for the Wisconsin Republican, yo-yoing between his role as the top elected Republican in the country in the era of Donald Trump and manager of the difficult-to-control House.

Both roles have placed Ryan in difficult spots. He's openly struggled with the Trump phenomenon — endorsing the New York billionaire as the GOP's presumptive nominee on Thursday despite "our differences" — and he's found it difficult to corral wayward conservatives, just as his predecessor John Boehner, R-Ohio, did.

Summertime in presidential election years is often a time when Congress lowers its sights and focuses more on what it has to do rather than testing the limits of what the political thicket will allow.

This summer, that must-do list is short and achievable: Helping Puerto Rico through its fiscal crisis; funding the battle against the Zika virus; and reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration.

Ryan has fulfilled promises for more open House debates, deference to committee chairmen, and a lighter touch with tea party conservatives. But the return to "regular order" has also led to failure on the budget, delays on the Puerto Rico and Zika measures, and a small-bore legislative agenda that's been overshadowed by the presidential campaign.

Ryan will begin to roll out his "agenda project" — a months-long effort to devise a positive vision, message and platform for the party — this week, starting with a speech and proposal on poverty.

"We can keep doing the same things and getting the same results," Ryan said Friday in a video message. "Or instead of trapping people in poverty, we can get them on the ladder of opportunity, reward work, open our economy so everyone can make the most of their lives."

Ryan has a penchant for lofty rhetoric, but his new job also demands a focus on the nuts and bolts of lawmaking, where there are limits to what he can control.

For instance, it's taken weeks for Ryan and others to forge compromise legislation on Puerto Rico that would establish a control board to oversee a limited restructuring of the commonwealth's debt. Puerto Rico missed a May 1 debt payment and a larger July 1 obligation is looming, but the hard-won Puerto Rico legislation appears teed up to pass the House after a bipartisan committee vote last month; the Senate, both Democrats and Republicans say, is likely to deliver the House bill to Obama without any changes.

"That's a real test for the speaker. He's invested a lot of effort and time in (the Puerto Rico legislation)," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla. "I think he's wise to have done so and I think he will ultimately be successful. You certainly wouldn't want to go home for July break not having got that done. You would certainly like to get Zika done by the July break as well."

However, resolving legislation to fight the Zika virus, passed by both House and Senate in substantially different form, is more complicated. A bipartisan \$1.1 billion Senate measure is acceptable to the White House and its Democratic allies, while a \$622 million House measure that passed along party lines has attracted a veto threat from the White House as insufficient to fight the virus, which can cause severe birth defects.

Not long ago, a logical split-the-differences compromise to the Senate's spending level, accompanied by spending cuts demanded by House GOP conservatives, might have been a slam dunk. That's still a possible solution, but it could bleed support from both Democrats and Republicans, and presents

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Ryan with a difficult balancing act. A move by the House to attach an unrelated measure on pesticides permitting requirements is a complicating factor as well.

Meanwhile, a battle over gay rights has upended the appropriations process in the House, which involves 12 annual spending bills for federal agencies. Last month, Democrats succeeded in winning an amendment defending an Obama executive order protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people against discrimination by federal contractors. That scuttled the underlying energy and water measure and may lead Ryan to adopt a more closed approach in order to avoid a repeat.

Lawmakers must also pass a measure to reauthorize the FAA. A battle over a House plan to spin off responsibility for air traffic control operations to a private, nonprofit corporation has the House and Senate at an impasse. With the two key House and Senate committee chairmen at loggerheads over the issue, it's commonly assumed that lawmakers would opt to pass a short-term extension of FAA authority that would kick the problem into next year.

In the Senate, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has generally played it safe and has had the Senate plug away on bipartisan legislation such as a measure to combat opioid abuse and an effort to revive the moribund process for appropriating annual agency budgets. The opioid legislation is in a House-Senate conference committee and could be ready for final votes before lawmakers leave Washington for the political conventions in July.

Ohio prosecutor to decide on charges in Cincinnati Zoo case

CINCINNATI (AP) — An Ohio prosecutor plans to release his decision Monday on whether he will pursue charges against the family 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 has scheduled an afternoon news conference, in which he's expected to discuss his conclusions after a review into the family's actions.

Legal experts have said that prosecution on child endangerment or similar charges seems unlikely. The family has declined to comment.

The zoo says it was the first such breach in Gorilla World's 38 years of existence, but the exhibit will reopen Tuesday with a higher, reinforced barrier. The boy apparently climbed over the barrier May 28 before falling about 15 feet into a shallow moat.

A special response team shot and killed the gorilla, 17-year-old Harambe, after concluding the boy's life was at stake.

A Cincinnati police report identifies the boy's mother as Michelle Gregg, 32, who works at a preschool near Cincinnati. The child's father isn't named in the report, and it's unclear whether he was at the zoo at the time of the incident.

The boy's family has said he is doing well at home after being treated at a hospital. Police said he had scrapes on his head and knee.

Police released 911 tapes last week that highlighted the confusion and panic in the moments when the boy plunged into the gorilla exhibit.

"He's dragging my son! I can't watch this!" a woman says in the 911 call. As she pleads for help, she shouts at her son repeatedly: "Be calm!"

The police report states that witnesses said the gorilla initially appeared to be protecting the child, but after onlookers began screaming, he became "agitated and scared" and began dragging the child. The boy's family has expressed gratitude to the zoo for protecting his life.

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Critic of Mao persists in documenting China's turbulent past GERRY SHIH, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — As China's Cultural Revolution descended into mob violence, teenage Red Guards dragged Mao Yushi and his father, two proud and bookish engineers, out of their home to sweep a boulevard as a crowd watched and jeered. The pair were then lashed with a copper-flecked whip until their backs were flayed. When Mao later stumbled into work, he didn't know blood was still seeping through his shirt until colleagues pointed it out.

"I was whipped through my skin, but I didn't feel pain because in my heart I was so scared I would be beaten to death," Mao recalls. "Every day they pulled dead bodies through ... the market on flat-bed tricycles. A piece of cloth covering every tricycle, just like that."

Fifty years later, the prominent economist's campaign to document China's turbulent past and hold the ruling Communist Party accountable continues to win him enemies among die-hard acolytes of Mao Zedong, who unleashed the Cultural Revolution in 1966 a bid to destroy his political foes and revive his radical egalitarian agenda.

The life and career of the 87-year-old economist, who is not related to the late leader, traces the twists of modern China's tumultuous history. He survived near starvation in the late 1950s and persecution during the Cultural Revolution only to battle a concerted campaign by neo-Maoists to vilify him today.

"The one who brought calamity to an entire nation still hangs in Tiananmen Square and is still found on the banknotes we use every day," Mao wrote in a 2011 essay that placed him firmly in the crosshairs of the neo-Maoists. "China's tragicomedy still hasn't had its curtain call."

Mao's ordeals have only emboldened his criticism of a restrictive political system that gave rise, he says, to a climate in which rampaging teenagers could publicly whip him into a bloody heap five decades ago, and which continues to impose one-party authoritarian rule over an increasingly prosperous and diverse society.

A former scholar with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and co-founder of free-market think-tank Unirule, Mao's arguments for market reforms and individual rights have brought him an international following, and won him accolades including the 2012 Milton Friedman Prize from the libertarian Cato Institute in Washington, D.C.

Yet, interviewed one recent afternoon in their west Beijing home, Mao and his wife, Zhao Yanling, said they are still paying the price for his widely circulated 2011 online column criticizing Mao Zedong as a power-obsessed sociopath whose legacy continues to warp Chinese society.

Neo-Maoists have left death threats on his voicemail, held protest rallies outside his public lectures and signed petitions seeking his arrest. One man threw a shoe at him at a lecture in eastern China; another barged into a speech in Washington to denounce him as a traitor to the Chinese people. The government has warned him to be less outspoken but has not employed harsher methods it has used on others critical of the leadership.

With this year marking the Cultural Revolution's 50th anniversary, the couple feels particularly under siege. In recent weeks police have intercepted suspected Maoists seeking to confront them at home, said Zhao, who dreads the sound of her own doorbell.

"She lives in a state of constant fear," Mao said. "So do I."

Mao was born in 1929. His father and an uncle were engineers trained at Purdue University in the United States. Mao moved 13 times in a dozen years as he followed the work assignments of his father, a high-ranking railway planner.

Although a strong supporter of the Communist Party following its violent 1949 takeover, Mao began openly questioning the planned economy while pursuing his own career as a railway engineer. Amid a far-reaching crackdown on dissent, he was labeled a rightist in 1957 and lost several pay grades.

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Worse was to come. In 1960, he was sent to rural Shandong province to be re-educated, where he discovered the horror of the massive famine that resulted from Mao Zedong's headline drive to collectivize agriculture and build up industry. Mao Yushi and others survived by eating insects and birds, while all but one in a family of 12 in his village succumbed to starvation. An estimated 30 million or more are believed to have died over three years in an event that remains little discussed in the country.

Eventually reinstated to a comfortable life in Beijing, Mao's existence was again upended on a steamy August evening in 1966 soon after the start of the Cultural Revolution. A neighbor directed a band of Red Guards to the Mao home, denouncing the family as capitalists and intellectuals who were ripe targets for class struggle.

"Don't speak," one of the boys, no older than 16, warned as he led the family outside, adding ominously: "If you speak, I'll dig another hole in the ground."

The thuggish youths carted away furniture, jewelry and clothes and burned the family's ration coupons, leaving just enough cash for a handful of meals. In the following weeks, they returned to whip both the father and son and shave the head of Zhao, Mao's wife, as a particularly bitter form of humiliation.

Mao Yushi was soon banished to a locomotive factory in distant Shanxi Province while Zhao stayed in Beijing, leaving a portion of their monthly salary in a milk box outside to fend off the roving gangs. Mao's father managed to keep his position in Beijing.

Mao returned to visit his wife and two children a few times a year until Mao Zedong's death in 1976 finally put an end to the decade-long paroxysm of violence and chaos, in which an estimated 1 million Chinese died from persecution, execution or by killing themselves.

Amid the 1980s economic reforms instituted under Deng Xiaoping, Mao turned to economics. He grew increasingly critical of the party following the bloody crackdown on the 1989 student-led prodemocracy protests focused on Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Armed with his laptop and several blogs, Mao continues to give his opinions on everything from state enterprise reforms to efforts to regulate the housing market.

"All of the mistakes this country has made have been because there is no freedom of thought or freedom of expression," he said. "That's why things look dangerous right now."

US presses China over industrial glut at strategic dialogue JOE McDONALD, Associated Press BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — U.S. envoys pressed China on Monday to cut excess steel production that is flooding global markets and to reach a diplomatic settlement to territorial disputes in the South China Sea as the two sides opened a high-level dialogue.

The annual meeting of Cabinet-level foreign affairs, trade and other officials from both sides is meant to head off conflict. Officials acknowledged differences on an array of issues but repeatedly stressed their interest in amicable cooperation and pledged to work together to see the Paris agreement on curbing emissions of climate-changing gases ratified by the world's governments.

The U.S. agenda includes pressing Beijing to move faster with plans to shrink a bloated steel industry that its trading partners complain is flooding their markets with unfairly cheap exports, hurting foreign producers and threatening jobs. Washington has responded by imposing anti-dumping tariffs on steel, and European officials say they have launched a trade investigation.

"Excess capacity has a distorting and damaging effect on global markets," U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said at the opening of the two-day event, "and implementing policies to substantially reduce

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production in a range of sectors suffering from overcapacity, including steel and aluminum, is critical to the function and stability of international markets."

The annual Strategic & Economic Dialogue rarely produces agreements on major issues, but provides what officials on both sides say is a valuable setting to air disputes, clear up misunderstandings and share experiences.

This year's event is led by Secretary of State John Kerry and Lew on the U.S. side, and Vice Premier Wang Yang and State Councilor Yang Jiechi on the Chinese side.

Beijing announced plans this year to slash the size of its state-owned steel and coal industries at a cost of millions of jobs. But plans for other bloated sectors, including aluminum, glass and solar panels, have yet to be announced.

Speaking at the event's opening ceremony, Chinese President Xi Jinping promised action on reducing overcapacity but announced no new initiatives.

"China will redouble efforts to promote supply side structural reform," said Xi, who also is leader of the ruling Communist Party, using Beijing's term for cutting production.

Washington also wants China to move faster to reduce a rising burden of corporate debt that financial analysts worry could hamper economic growth.

U.S. officials also are pressing Beijing to ease market access for financial and other services, an area where foreign business groups complain that China is trying to shield its companies in violation of free trade commitments.

On the environment, envoys from both sides pledged to ensure the Paris agreement is ratified and to persuade other governments to put it into action.

Kerry described climate cooperation as "one of the strongest pillars of our relationship." He expressed hope the same spirit of compromise could be infused into disagreements over maritime security and human rights.

North Korea's missile and nuclear provocations and how to respond to them are another irritant in the relationship. Kerry said the two countries must stand together against Pyongyang as they did in clinching last year's nuclear accord with Iran.

"It is absolutely vital to use this meeting ... to work constructively on those differences," Kerry said. He called this week's dialogue an opportunity to "seek creative ways to narrow them, or eliminate them altogether."

Amid deepening U.S. concern that China is militarizing the South China Sea, Kerry said he would "make it clear that we are looking for a peaceful resolution to the disputes."

Beijing and neighbors including Vietnam and the Philippines have conflicting claims to portions of the sea and possible oil and gas resources. China's military is building outposts on manmade islands to enforce its claims.

Beijing said over the weekend that it would ignore an upcoming international arbitration decision in a dispute with the Philippines. China also has conflicting claims with Taiwan, Indonesia, Vietnam and Brunei, who all want American help. Further complicating matters are reports that the Chinese may soon establish an air defense zone over part of the sea, which the U.S. opposes.

"We have taken no position on any of the claims," Kerry said. "The only position we have taken is, let's not resolve this by unilateral action. Let's resolve this by rule of law, by negotiation, by diplomacy."

Xi warned against allowing diplomatic tensions to disrupt mutually beneficial trade and other relations. He acknowledged differences "are hardly unavoidable," but called on Washington to help manage them in a "pragmatic and constructive fashion."

"What is important is to refrain from taking differences as excuses for confrontation," Xi said.

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Clinton wins Puerto Rico's Democratic presidential primary DANICA COTO, Associated Press LISA LERER, Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Hillary Clinton overwhelmed Bernie Sanders in Puerto Rico's Democratic presidential primary on Sunday, putting her within striking distance of capturing her party's nomination.

After a blowout victory Saturday in the U.S. Virgin Islands and a decisive win in the U.S. territory, Clinton is now less than 30 delegates short of the 2,383 needed to win the nomination, according to an Associated Press count.

"We just won Puerto Rico! iGracias a la Isla del Encanto por esta victoria!" tweeted Clinton, thanking the Island of Enchantment, as Puerto Rico is known, for her victory. As the race was called, Clinton was on stage in Sacramento, rallying voters in California.

The results were slow to arrive on Sunday, as officials counted ballots by hand and focused first on releasing results tied to the island's local primary elections, said Kenneth McClintock, Puerto Rico's former Democratic National Committeeman.

As the results from Puerto Rico trickled in, Clinton maintained a healthy lead over Sanders.

While Puerto Rican residents cannot vote in the general election, the island's politics could reverberate into the fall campaign. Tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans have left the island to escape a dismal economy, with many resettling in the key electoral battleground of Florida.

Though Clinton did not spend much time campaigning in Puerto Rico, the victory is fraught with symbolism for her campaign. Eight years ago, with the presidential nomination slipping from her grasp, she rolled through the streets of San Juan on the back of a flat-bed truck, wooing voters to a soundtrack of blasting Latin music.

She beat then-Illinois Sen. Barack Obama with nearly 68 percent of the vote.

"I'm for Hillary, girl," said 83-year-old Candida Dones on Sunday as she cast her ballot. "I can't wait for a female president. She's one of us. She wears the pants. If we don't look out for our own interests, who will?"

Both Clinton and Sanders spent Sunday in California, the biggest prize among the six states voting on Tuesday. Sanders shook hands and stopped for photos during a stroll of more than an hour along the shops, restaurants and amusement park rides of the Santa Monica Pier.

That included a stop at a charity "Pedal on the Pier" fundraiser, telling people riding on stationary bikes that the U.S. should have "an economy that works for all people, not just the one percent."

Like Clinton, Sanders made little mention of the outcome in Puerto Rico's primary. He said during an evening rally in San Diego that Democratic leaders should take notice that the "energy and grassroots activism" that will be crucial to the party in the fall "is with us, not Hillary Clinton."

He pointed to polls showing him faring better than Clinton in head-to-head matchups with Trump and his strength among Democratic voters under the age of 45.

"If the Democratic leadership wants a campaign that will not only retain the White House but regain the Senate and win governors' chairs all across this country, we are that campaign," he said.

While those watching the results in Puerto Rico focused on their impact on the race for the Democratic nomination, the focus of many voters on the island was its ongoing economic crisis.

Both Sanders and Clinton had pledged to help as the island's government tries to restructure \$70 billion worth of public debt the governor has said is unpayable.

"This is one of the most important political moments for Puerto Rico," said Emanuel Rosado, a 29-yearold Clinton supporter. "I'm taking action as a result of the economic crisis."

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Two weeks before the primary, Sanders criticized a rescue deal negotiated by U.S. House leaders and the Obama administration as having colonial overtones. In a letter to fellow Senate Democrats, Sanders said the House bill to create a federal control board and allow some restructuring of the territory's \$70 billion debt would make "a terrible situation even worse."

He later promised to introduce his own legislation to help the island. Campaigning on the island last month, Sanders promised to fight against "vulture funds" on Wall Street that he said would profit off the fiscal crisis.

"That bill is anti-democratic and it's not in the best interest of Puerto Rico," said Jorge Gaskins, a 67-year-old farmer who supports Sanders and opposes a control board.

Clinton has said she has serious concerns about the board's powers, but believes the legislation should move forward, or "too many Puerto Ricans will continue to suffer."

Among those voting Sunday was Democratic Party superdelegate Andres Lopez, one of the party insiders who can vote for the candidate of their choice at the summer convention. He had remained uncommitted, but said Sunday he will support Clinton.

Clinton has 1,809 pledged delegates won in primaries and caucuses; Sanders has 1,519. When including superdelegates, her lead over Sanders is substantial — 2,357 to 1,565.

With Lopez's endorsement, all seven of Puerto Rico's superdelegates have pledged their support for Clinton.

"It is time to focus on squashing 'El Trumpo," he said, referring to presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

Ali's confidence, cockiness made him symbol of black pride JESSE J. HOLLAND, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Muhammad Ali, the idea of being a humble athlete — someone pre-packaged and palatable for white America — was never an option.

Instead, he demanded respect not only as a boxer but as a brash, unbought and unbossed black man and endeared himself to African-Americans as a symbol of black pride. He radiated courage and confidence, skill and showmanship.

"He became the incarnation of black defiance, black protest and black excellence at the same time," said Rev. Al Sharpton, a longtime friend of Ali's.

Ali, who died Friday at 74, gave voice to many blacks frustrated with a white society that asked them to fight communism in Vietnam but openly practiced segregation and discrimination at home.

"At a time when blacks who spoke up about injustice were labeled uppity and often arrested under one pretext or another, Muhammad willingly sacrificed the best years of his career to stand tall and fight for what he believed was right," said retired NBA star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who like Ali converted to Islam. Abdul-Jabbar was among several prominent African-American athletes in the late 1960s who supported the boxer for his religious beliefs and as a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War.

Unapologetically arrogant about his looks and his skills, Ali taunted opponents by reciting playful poetry and frequently declared himself "pretty" and "the greatest."

Many people had never heard a successful black man talk about himself so boldly in front of whites. And it made a difference, Ali biographer Thomas Hauser said.

"Every time that Muhammad Ali looked in the mirror and said 'I'm so pretty," what he was really saying — before it became fashionable — is 'black is beautiful," Hauser said. "I can't tell you how many people ... have come up to me and said, 'Before Muhammad Ali, I thought it was better to be white

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than black. I was ashamed of my color, and Ali made me proud. Ali made me just as happy to be black as somebody else being white."

Ali's blackness infused everything he did and everything he was.

"If you wanted to make it in this country, you had to be quiet, carry yourself in a certain way and not say anything about what was going on, even though there was a knife sticking in your chest," recalled the late black journalist Gil Noble in an essay written by Hauser.

"Ali changed all of that. He just laid it out and talked about racism and slavery and all of that stuff. He put it on the table. And everybody who was black, whether they said it overtly or covertly, said 'Amen."

The day after winning his first world heavyweight championship, Ali announced he had joined the Nation of Islam and had shed his "slave" name of Cassius Clay. He refused to be drafted into the U.S. military to fight in Vietnam. He was convicted of draft evasion, banned from boxing and stripped of his heavyweight title.

When asked about his stance on the North Vietnamese, Ali famously said: "They never called me nigger. They never lynched me. They didn't put no dogs on me. They didn't rob me of my nationality, rape and kill my mother and father."

He was eventually cleared by the U.S. Supreme Court and won back his boxing title. With that, Ali had defeated what many blacks saw as a racist system — regardless of whether Ali was right or wrong in his particular stance.

It would have been easier and more lucrative for Ali to keep quiet and go along with what many in white society wanted from him, said his longtime friend and sports commentator Howard Cosell. They wanted "a white man's black man," Cosell once said.

The United States has a long history of expecting deference from black athletes, said Clarence Lang, chairman of the African and African-American studies department at the University of Kansas.

"The expectation is that you will keep your head down, that you don't make white people uncomfortable by being excellent and being mindful and outspoken about the fact that you are excellent," Lang said.

Ali didn't do deference.

"I am America," he boasted. "I am the part you won't recognize. But get used to me — black, confident, cocky. My name, not yours. My religion, not yours. My goals, my own."

The boxer "made people accept him as a man, as an equal, and he was not afraid to represent himself in that way," NFL great Jim Brown said.

President Barack Obama, the nation's first black president, keeps a set of Ali's gloves on display in the White House.

"He stood with King and Mandela, stood up when it was hard, spoke out when others wouldn't," Obama said. "His fight outside the ring would cost him his title and his public standing. It would earn him enemies on the left and the right, make him reviled and nearly send him to jail. But Ali stood his ground. And his victory helped us get used to the America we recognize today."

Lang said it would be wrong to assume that Ali was beloved during his time as a boxing champ. He stepped outside of the mainstream of the civil rights movement with some of his rhetoric, outside of the religious community with his conversion to the Nation of Islam and outside of the black military community with his refusal to go to Vietnam.

"In some ways, Ali became a loveable figure after his heyday, after his career," Lang said. "I think people love to love him now."

But even back then, people who might not necessarily agree with the rhetoric of militant black activists such as H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael or Malcolm X "could nevertheless respect Ali's talent,"

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Lang said.

Ali, Sharpton said, "went from one of the most despised figures in the world to one of the most popular men in the world because people respected that he really authentically believed and sacrificed for what he believed in."

"If there was a Mount Rushmore erected for influential black figures in America," Sharpton added, "he would not be on the mountain. He would be the mountain."

Q&A: How the federal reporting system is supposed to work The Associated Press

The FBI collects extensive data on hate crimes each year, but more than 2,700 local law enforcement agencies are not submitting the information, according to an investigation by The Associated Press. Thousands more file reports with the FBI only sporadically.

Questions and answers about the federal reporting system, known as the Uniform Crime Reporting program:

WHAT IS THE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM?

Congress passed a law in 1930 authorizing the attorney general to compile crime statistics. Law enforcement agencies representing cities, counties, tribes, states, federal offices and colleges participate in the program, which remains voluntary.

WHEN WERE HATE CRIMES ADDED?

The Hate Crime Statistics Act, passed by Congress in 1990, required the attorney general to collect data "about crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity." It was amended in 1994 to include bias against people with disabilities and again in 2009 to include information about crimes based on gender or gender identity.

SHOULD AGENCIES FILE A REPORT EVEN IF THEY DID NOT INVESTIGATE A SUSPECTED HATE CRIME?

Yes. The FBI encourages reporting by all law enforcement agencies whose officers are empowered to make arrests, even if that means recording zero for the period in question. Doing so is a signal to the FBI — and the community the agency services — that the local department is paying attention to these types of crimes.

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION IMPORTANT?

The FBI's training manual says the collection and publication of hate crimes results in "greater awareness and understanding of the true dimensions of the problem nationwide." That provides law enforcement with a greater ability to target money, training or staff where they will be most effective. Community groups say a comprehensive tally of hate crimes would provide a truer picture of the extent of bias in the U.S., prompt lawmakers to address the problem and help law enforcement agencies build trust with minority communities.

WHY DO SOME AGENCIES NOT FILE REPORTS WITH THE FBI?

Reasons vary. Several agencies thought they had submitted the information, while others were unsure they had to report because they said they had not had any hate crimes in their jurisdiction.

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HOW DOES A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY KNOW WHEN TO CLASSIFY A CRIME AS A HATE CRIME?

The FBI standard is that a reasonable person would conclude the offender was motivated by bias. The agency's guidelines say local investigators should consider whether the victim is a member of a minority group where the incident took place, whether the crime occurred on a holiday or other date of significance for a particular group, and whether a substantial portion of the community believes bias was the motive.

HOW ARE FEDERAL HATE CRIME CASES HANDLED?

The FBI only recently began reporting information about federal hate crime arrests, reflecting the broader push for more comprehensive data. In unveiling the new reporting initiative last September, the FBI cited previous challenges to integrating federal data into the crime reporting system. For 2014, the FBI reported 32 hate crime arrests across its domestic field offices.

Center-right economist narrowly ahead in Peru election JOSHUA GOODMAN, Associated Press FRANKLIN BRICENO, Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Economist Pedro Pablo Kuczynski had a razor-thin lead over the daughter of an imprisoned former president in Peru's presidential election, as Peruvians nervously awaited results still trickling in from remote parts of the Andean nation.

With about half of polling stations counted late Sunday night, the 77-year-old Kuczynski had 50.6 percent of the votes compared to 49.4 percent for his rival Keiko Fujimori, the daughter of jailed former strongman Alberto Fujimori.

While votes from Peru's hinterland, where support for Fujimori is strongest, could take days to come in, Kuczynski supporters were optimistic they'd prevail after two unofficial quick counts showed him winning by at least 1 percentage point. While that is within the statistical margin of error of the counts, the pollsters have a track record of accuracy.

Addressing cheering supporters from the balcony of his campaign headquarters, the former World Bank economist urged them to be vigilant against fraud at the ballot box but otherwise sounded as if he had already been declared the winner.

"We're going to have a government built on consensus. No more low blows or fights," said the economist, who supported fellow conservative Fujimori in the 2011 runoff won by President Ollanta Humala. But Fujimori showed no sign of conceding defeat.

"We're going to wait with prudence because all night votes will be coming in from the provinces, from abroad and from the rural voters of deep Peru," she said while dancing to her campaign theme song on a campaign truck parked outside the Lima hotel where she awaited results. Many see the election as a referendum on her father's iron-fisted rule in the 1990s.

With 52 percent of voting stations counted late Sunday night, Kuczynski had 4,724,897 votes compared to 4,613,861 for Fujimori.

A potential swing vote in a close race could be the 885,000 Peruvians eligible to vote abroad — about 3.8 percent of the electorate.

It would be a stunning turnaround for Kuczynski, who managed to narrow Fujimori's lead by abandoning his above-the-fray, grandfatherly appeal and attacking her as a risk to Peru's young democracy. "Peru is on the threshold of becoming a narco-state," he said.

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The reference wasn't just to Alberto Fujimori's well-known ties to corruption, organized crime and death squads, for which he's serving a 25-year jail sentence, but an attempt to draw attention to a string of scandals that have hobbled Fujimori in the final stretch. The most notable scandal was a report that one of her big fundraisers and the secretary general of her party was the target of a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration investigation. Peru is the world's largest producer of cocaine.

Her running mate, Jose Chlimper, a Cabinet member at the end of Alberto Fujimori's government, also found himself in hot water for orchestrating the broadcast of a doctored audio tape in an attempt to clear the name of the party boss.

PPK, as Kuczynski is almost universally known in Peru, also benefited from a last-minute endorsement by the third-place finisher in the first round of voting, leftist congresswoman Veronika Mendoza, the protagonist of a massive anti-Fujimori demonstration this week the likes of which Peru hasn't seen since the turbulent end of Fujimori's rule 16 years ago.

Fujimori, who served as first lady in her father's administration after her parents' divorce, has tried to contain her rival's rise by taking distance from her father's crimes, even signing a pledge not to pardon him if elected. Kuczynski during the campaign said he'd consider allowing Fujimori finish his prison sentence at home.

At the same time, she's vowed to bring back the "iron hand" style of government for which many still revere the elder Fujimori, who is credited with taming Maoist Shining Path rebels as well as the country's hyperinflation. Instead of rebels, Keiko Fujimori promised to wield an iron fist against crime, a top voter concern. Among her proposals: build jails in high-altitude prisons in the Andes to punish and isolate dangerous criminals.

She also tried to cast her rival, the son of a Jewish-Polish immigrant who is married to an American and spent decades in business outside Peru, as part of the white elite establishment that has traditionally overlooked the needs of the poor.

Regardless of who wins, Keiko Fujimori has already reshaped Peru's political landscape.

In April, her Popular Force party won 73 of 130 seats in the unicameral congress, compared to just 18 for Kuczynski's movement.

When Rio fails, sister city shows sewage cleanup possible JENNY BARCHFIELD, Associated Press

NITEROI, Brazil (AP) — With thousands of liters of raw human sewage pouring into the ocean every second from Rio de Janeiro, August's Olympic Games have thrust into the global spotlight the city's spectacular failure to clean up its waterways and world famous beaches. But just across the Guanabara Bay from Rio, the sister city of Niteroi is showing that a real cleanup is possible.

In Niteroi, 95 percent of sewage is treated and authorities say they are on track for 100 percent within a year, even though Rio's failure to do its part means that sludge still flows in from across the bay. Rio has not only broken promises made to fix its sewage problem in time for the upcoming Summer Games, but the state has been downplaying expectations, even suggesting it might be 2035 before a full cleanup happens.

Niteroi's success underscores key factors that stand in stark contrast to Rio: privatization of sewage management, major investment in infrastructure and a high level of accountability and collaboration between the city government and the utility to define targets and meet them.

In Rio's Olympic bid document seven years ago, authorities pledged that an extensive cleanup — which included collecting and treating 80 percent of the city's sewage — would be one of the games'

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enduring legacies, but it simply never happened: An ongoing study commissioned by The Associated Press has shown that rowers, sailors and marathon swimmers will be exposed to waters so filthy they're roughly equivalent to raw sewage.

Why did Niteroi succeed while Rio failed? For starters, it doesn't help that Jorge Briard, president of the Rio state-owned utility known by its Portuguese acronym as CEDAE, says he isn't sure where those Olympic bid targets came from.

"'Why didn't you achieve the 80 percent that was stated?' That's the recurring question," Briard said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I always say, 'I don't know where the 80 percent came from. Certainly not from CEDAE. Here, no one mentioned 80 percent.' Mentioning percentages is something very dangerous."

The situation in Niteroi in 1997, when a private sanitation company won a tender to manage the city's sewage system, was even worse than Rio's is now. About a third of the population didn't have running water and more than two-thirds of sewage went untreated.

Over the past 15 years, the city has rolled out new treatment plants and hooked up hundreds of thousands of residents, whose waste flowed untreated into the area streams and rivers that run into the bay.

"City Hall got to the point where it had no other alternative but to look to the private sector for someone who could solve the big problems," said Carlos Henrique da Cruz Lima, planning director at Aguas do Brasil, the sanitation company.

It was a bold move. Similar situations existed — and continue to exist — throughout Brazil, and public utilities still outnumber private ones here by around nine to one. Until a decade ago, the legislative framework for private utilities was murky, leading to a legal battle over whether Aguas do Brasil had the right to operate in Niteroi. The case dragged on for two years before Brazil's highest court ruled in the company's favor.

The company has invested 500 million Brazilian reais (US\$ 141 million) to expand the city's then-sole sewage treatment plant and build another eight units — as well as, crucially, to lay the pipes to transport the sewage.

With an estimated 95 percent of residents now on the sewerage grid, Niteroi ranks No. 5 nationally in terms of sewage treatment, according to basic sanitation watchdog Trata Brasil. The plan is to reach universal coverage, bringing the remaining 30,000 to 35,000 residents onto the grid within the coming year, Lima said.

By comparison, Rio treats about half its sewage — despite multibillion dollar cleanup efforts and broken promises stretching back more than two decades.

Sanitation experts say Niteroi has the advantage of being relatively small. The population is around 500,000 people, compared with Rio's 6 million.

That dynamic makes oversight and enforcement easer, cutting down on corruption in building contracts and management, long a scourge in Latin America's most populous nation.

Amid sharp criticism of the failed cleanup efforts in Rio and the ongoing AP investigation, local officials have been dialing down expectations.

Last year, Rio Governor Luiz Fernando Pezao acknowledged "errors" had been made in the bay cleanup. At an event at the governor's palace days after the July 30 publication of the AP investigation, an official with the latest cleanup task force pushed the target date back to 2035. Pezao is currently on medical leave and the governor's office didn't respond to requests for comment.

An independent study commissioned by The Associated Press over the last year has revealed alarmingly high levels of viruses and sometimes bacteria from human sewage in the bay as well as the city's

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other Olympic waterways. A risk assessment based on the AP data found those who ingest three teaspoons of water have a 99 percent chance of being infected by a virus, raising alarm among some elite athletes, although whether they actually fall sick depends on many factors. Several athletes fell ill while training last year.

The consequences of sewage exposure are more serious for the broad swath of Brazil's population for which regular exposure to untreated waste is an inevitable fact of life. Public health experts say children exposed to sewage fall ill more often, are less likely to attend school regularly and fully develop intellectually, and ultimately end up getting significantly lower-paying jobs than those from similar socioeconomic backgrounds who grow up with basic sanitation.

Niteroi's vice-mayor, Axel Grael, said the private company's accountability has been a key factor in the sewage treatment, with specific quality control standards spelled out in the contract.

"Public utilities here have shown themselves to be inefficient, unable to make the needed investments at the speed the population demands," said Grael, an accomplished sailor whose two brothers are both Olympic medalists in the sport.

Briard, Rio's utility president, rejected arguments that his company had failed. He said ongoing infrastructure investment had boosted treatment of the city's sewage from a lackluster 11 percent in 2007 to 51 percent currently.

"It's a big advance," he said.

Briard said CEDAE's goal was to get to 90 percent treatment, but declined to provide a timeline.

"Water, I sometimes joke, we could even put on the moon," he said. "But sewage is complex engineering."

Rio Mayor Eduardo Paes has been less forgiving. While he points to ongoing improvements — last week he inaugurated a new sewage treatment plant — he says the city missed a great opportunity to modernize.

"It is a shame. And not just for the city of Rio de Janeiro," Paes said last week. "It's a national shame." Briard downplayed the accomplishments in Niteroi, saying Aguas do Brazil piggybacked on work already down by CEDAE, such as development of a subterranean network of pipes. He also said that for nearly a decade the company didn't pay CEDAE for the water it provided, allowing it to make investments that wouldn't have been possible otherwise.

"If you don't pay for your raw material, or if you pay very little for it, it's clear your chance of being a success is very high," Briard said.

Global experts say that privatization is not always a solution. While historically public water utilities have tended to be hampered by inertia and slow to adopt new technologies, today some of the best sewage facilities in the world are public, said Kartik Chandran, a professor of engineering at Columbia University.

He pointed to those serving New York City, Washington D.C., Los Angeles and Seattle as leaders in the U.S., adding that stringent regulations and strict enforcement are the basis of success.

"If you look at regulations in developing countries, they are mostly the same as in the U.S. and Europe — and perhaps even adapted from that legislation — but there's hardly any enforcement," Chandran said.

In April, police investigators conducted a sting at several CEDAE waste treatment plants, collecting samples aimed at determining whether the facilities are just pumping raw sewage through and dumping it. Depending on the results, both CEDAE and its top executives could be handed pollution and larceny charges, the lead investigator said at the time.

Mario Moscatelli, a biologist who for decades has been the most visible face of the fight to clean up

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Rio's waterways, doesn't believe the authorities ever intended to make good on their Olympic promises. Not providing basic sanitation has become big business, he said, referring to the allegation the company charges for services it doesn't perform. "It's a big official scam."

And it's affecting more than Rio.

While Niteroi has cleaned up its own mess, sludge is still flowing across the bay from its sister city. The two are separated by about 5 miles (8 kilometers) of bay water.

"It's been getting cleaner," said Renan Taboada, a 19-year-old from Niteroi, as he played soccer on the city's showcase Icarai Beach, "but it's definitely not as clean as we would like."

Warriors whip Cavaliers 110-77 to take 2-0 NBA Finals lead JANIE McCAULEY, AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Draymond Green emphatically flexed his bulging biceps with big plays on both ends of the floor, and these Golden State Warriors might just be far too strong for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

That repeat title Golden State has spoken of since the very start more than eight months ago is suddenly two wins from reality.

It will be the only way the Warriors' record-setting season ends right. For now, they sure seem unstoppable.

Green had 28 points with five 3-pointers, seven rebounds and five assists, while MVP Stephen Curry scored 18 points despite foul trouble, and Golden State thoroughly overwhelmed Cleveland 110-77 in Game 2 of the NBA Finals on Sunday night.

"There's no point in celebrating or jumping up and down saying, 'Look at us.' We're two games away from winning a championship, but we still have to go out and get the job done," Curry said. "It's a trap to think that we've figured things out, that we have the perfect formula to beat Cleveland and they have no chance in the series. That's not how we're supposed to think."

The 33-point win was the Warriors' most lopsided ever in a finals game — and they have won the first two by a combined 48 points.

"They just beat us," LeBron James said. "We didn't win anything. No points of the game did we beat them in anything."

Once the Splash Brothers found their shooting touch, Cleveland couldn't keep up. Klay Thompson got hot after halftime to finish with 17 points as Golden State became the first team to go ahead 2-0 in the finals since the Lakers in 2009 against Orlando.

Now, the series shifts to Cleveland, and James and the Cavs must show up for Game 3 on Wednesday in front of their title-starved fans down 2-0 to the defending champs and with forward Kevin Love dealing with a head injury.

"We've got to be tougher," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said.

The NBA said Love experienced dizziness early in the second half and left for the locker room to be re-examined, then was placed in the NBA's concussion protocol. He hadn't exhibited any symptoms before then, even after taking an elbow to the back of the head from Harrison Barnes in the second quarter and going down for several minutes before returning following a timeout. He immediately made a baseline 3-pointer for the Cavs' first basket in nearly 5½ minutes.

After a scoreless first quarter when he missed all five shots but had five assists, James scored 14 of his 19 points in the second and also finished with nine assists and eight rebounds, but seven turnovers — and he took the blame. James' teams had won nine straight postseason Game 2s after losing the

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series opener dating back to a loss in the 2008 Eastern Conference semifinals to Boston.

"I'm definitely surprised at the margin of victory tonight," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "It happens in the NBA, sometimes things get away from you. Sometimes shots go in, sometimes they don't. ... Everything changes when we go to Cleveland, we know that."

After Curry and Thompson combined for only 20 points in Thursday's 104-89 Game 1 win on 8-for-27 shooting and the bench carried the load, they each hit four 3-pointers and went 13 for 24. And Curry got a postgame treat: He exchanged jerseys with Barcelona and Brazil soccer star Neymar.

Green shot 11 for 20 and made 5 of 8 3-pointers, sparking a suggestion he might apply to be a Splash Brother alongside fellow All-Stars Curry and Thompson.

"Stop it," Green said with a chuckle.

"Tonight, he's one of us," Thompson said.

The Warriors' 87 victories matched the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls, the team Golden State topped for the most regular-season victories in NBA history with 73.

Andrew Bogut had four of his five blocks — Golden State had nine overall — in the first 7:15 and received a standing ovation when he came out with 3:50 left in the first. He went to the locker room late in the quarter after having hit his hand on the rim early and grimacing in pain.

Green credited the defense for holding down James and Co.

While the outspoken swingman insists he just wants rings and isn't yet ready to consider the Warriors among the best of all time, the typically quiet Thompson let loose a little.

"We're better than the Showtime Lakers," he quipped, a friendly jab at former power forward father, Mychal.

OUCH

Andre Iguodala, the 2015 finals MVP, took another hard hit to the groin in the first quarter on an offensive foul called against James, causing the Warriors forward to grimace in pain. Matthew Dellavedova got Iguodala in the same area in Game 1.

REMEMBERING THE GREATEST

A moment of silence was held for late boxing great Muhammad Ali, who died Friday night at an Arizona hospital. Photos of Ali showed on the main scoreboard ahead of the national anthem.

TIP-INS

Cavaliers: James' career-best 25 straight postseason games scoring 20 or more points was snapped. ... James played in his 194th postseason game, passing Karl Malone and Danny Ainge (193 each) for 10th place on the career list. His first-quarter steal also moved James past John Stockton (338) at fourth place for career postseason steals.

Warriors: Bogut's four blocks in the first were the most in one finals quarter since Ben Wallace's five for Detroit during Game 3 against San Antonio in 2005. ... The Warriors committed six of their 21 turn-overs in the first quarter alone after having only nine all of Game 1.

Economists increasingly uncertain about US growth this yearThe Associated Press

Business economists are giving a more pessimistic outlook about U.S. economic growth this year for the third consecutive month and uncertainty over the November presidential election has proven to be damaging.

The median estimate from economists surveyed by the National Association for Business Economics calls for gross domestic product growth of only 1.8 percent, down from the 2.2 percent forecast in March. The outlook for next year calls for 2.3 percent growth.

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The survey released Monday also shows the forecast for growth in corporate profits swinging from a 2 percent gain in March, to negative 2 percent in June.

Of the economists surveyed, 57 percent said that uncertainty over the election led them to reduce their expectations.

Doubts about the economy deepened Friday when the government reported that hiring in May slowed to a near-standstill. While unemployment slid from 5 percent to 4.7 percent, the lowest since November 2007, the rate fell for a troubling reason: Nearly a half-million jobless Americans stopped looking for work and so were no longer counted as unemployed.

Employers added just 38,000 jobs in May, the fewest in more than five years.

The surprisingly weak jobs report raised doubts that the Federal Reserve will increase short-term interest rates at its next meeting in mid-June or perhaps even at its subsequent meeting in July. Rates have hovered around zero for seven years and almost everyone had expected the Fed to grow more aggressive this summer.

Economic unease has shaken up the upcoming presidential race.

Americans especially worried about the economy have been more likely to support outsider candidates like Donald Trump and Sen. Bernie Sanders.

The crucial California Democratic primary is Tuesday.

Forty-nine percent of the economists in the NABE survey see a positive impact on economic growth this year from low oil prices, as opposed to 18 percent viewing it as a negative. For next year, 55 percent see the impact as positive and 7 percent as negative.

The economists expect home prices to increase 5 percent for the fourth quarter, unchanged from the March forecast. The median estimate is for the growth in home prices to slow to 4.3 percent next year, just above 4 percent forecast in March.

Another negative political factor for economic growth: the rise of nationalist views such as trade protectionism around the world was chosen by 38 percent of those surveyed as the factor most likely to significantly reduce global growth in the next two years. Sixteen percent chose terrorism.

The survey of 48 forecasters was taken between May 2 and May 17.

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Today is Monday, June 6, the 158th day of 2016. There are 208 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 6, 1944, during World War II, Operation Overlord, aimed at liberating German-occupied western Europe, commenced as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, on "D-Day." On this date:

In 1799, American politician and orator Patrick Henry died at Red Hill Plantation in Virginia.

In 1816, a snowstorm struck the northeastern U.S., heralding what would become known as the "Year Without a Summer."

In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.

In 1939, the first Little League game was played as Lundy Lumber defeated Lycoming Dairy 23-8 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

In 1955, the U.S. Post Office introduced regular certified mail service.

In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi high-

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way to encourage black voter registration.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

In 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

In 1985, authorities in Brazil exhumed a body later identified as the remains of Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious "Angel of Death" of the Nazi Holocaust.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton joined leaders from America's World War II allies to mark the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. A China Northwest Airlines passenger jet crashed near Xian (SHEE'-ahn), killing all 160 people on board.

In 2001, Democrats formally assumed control of the U.S. Senate after the decision of Vermont Republican James Jeffords to become an independent.

Ten years ago: Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson acknowledged a stolen computer contained personal data on about 2.2 million active-duty military, Guard and Reserve personnel — not just 50,000 as initially believed. Iran and the United States had a rare moment of agreement, using similar language to describe "positive steps" toward an accord on a package of incentives aimed at persuading Tehran to suspend uranium enrichment. Soul musician Billy Preston died in Scottsdale, Arizona, at age 59.

Five years ago: After days of denials, New York Democratic Rep. Anthony Weiner confessed that he had tweeted a photo of his bulging underpants to a woman and admitted to "inappropriate" exchanges with six women before and after getting married; Weiner apologized for lying but said he would not resign (which he ended up doing). Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, popular among social conservatives, plunged into the 2012 Republican presidential sweepstakes. (Santorum suspended his campaign in April 2012.) The Bowl Championship Series stripped Southern California of its 2004 title after the Trojans were hit with heavy NCAA sanctions for rules violations committed during the 2004 and '05 seasons.

One year ago: Two convicted murderers escaped from the maximum-security Clinton Correctional Facility in upstate New York (Richard Matt ended up being shot dead by authorities while David Sweat was recaptured). American Pharoah led all the way to win the Belmont Stakes by 5½ lengths, becoming the first horse in 37 years to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. Serena Williams won her third French Open title and 20th major singles trophy by beating Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-2. Prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi, 80, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Civil rights activist Roy Innis is 82. Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds is 77. Country singer Joe Stampley is 73. Jazz musician Monty Alexander is 72. Actor Robert Englund is 69. Folk singer Holly Near is 67. Singer Dwight Twilley is 65. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein (FY'-ur-steen) is 64. Comedian Sandra Bernhard is 61. International Tennis Hall of Famer Bjorn Borg is 60. Actress Amanda Pays is 57. Comedian Colin Quinn is 57. Record producer Jimmy Jam is 57. Rock musician Steve Vai is 56. Rock singer-musician Tom Araya (Slayer) is 55. Actor Jason Isaacs is 53. Rock musician Sean Yseult (White Zombie) is 50. Actor Max Casella is 49. Actor Paul Giamatti is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Damion Hall (Guy) is 48. Rock musician Bardi Martin is 47. Rock musician James "Munky" Shaffer (Korn) is 46. TV correspondent Natalie Morales is 44. Country singer Lisa Brokop is 43. Rapper-rocker Uncle Kracker is 42. Actress Sonya Walger is 42. Actress Staci Keanan is 41. Actress Amber Borycki is 33. Actress Aubrey Anderson-Emmons is nine.

Thought for Today: "A great man is one who leaves others at a loss after he is gone." — Paul Valery, French poet and essayist (1871-1945).