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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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## Saturday, June 11

Junior Teeners at Watertown Tourney  
Legion at Northville Tourney  
Anniversary: Wayne & Patty Hein  
**Birthdays:** Charles Westby, Lila Dirksen  
1:00 pm: Three-man scramble at Olive Grove.  
3:00pm: Amateurs hosts Mobridge (DH)  
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
Mass

## Sunday, June 12

Junior Teeners at Watertown Tourney  
Legion at Northville Tourney  
Anniversaries: Brad & Kay Ruden, Dale & Marge Washnok.  
Birthday: Sandi Sippel.  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
Mass  
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship  
10:00am: Lions Club Traveling Show and Shine,  
Garage Tour and Picnic at Terry and Judy Thompson's Farm  
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at  
Pierpont Church  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
2:00pm: Fr. Mike Kelly's 40th Years of Priesthood  
at SEAS

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**It was a pretty sunrise this morning as Saturday begins and a daytime high of 94 degrees is possible.**

## **No Groton Teener Team This Year**

The Groton Daily Independent has learned that there will be no Groton Teener this year, due to lack of numbers. There is a junior teener team and a Legion team.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

## The awful outcomes of suicide

In the medical profession we often have to face suicide casualties. The victim and the family generally come to the emergency room, one by ambulance, and the others to the waiting room. There, one of us ends up talking with the family, people wrought with terrible anguish and guilt, even though the family may have done all they could to prevent it. In situations like these I find myself overwhelmed with feelings of tragedy and sadness, and often angry at the suicide victim for causing such grief for the ones who really loved him or her. I have two examples.

A successful and beloved Atlanta businessman, who had been functioning with manic-depressive illness his adult life, had over-stretched his finances and challenged the relationship with his wife. Seeing the possibility that suicide might happen, the family was scrambling to prevent it, and yet during a depression dip that followed a short manic episode, he ended his life with a gun. An awful consequence of this act came years later when one of his children followed suit with his own suicide. I wonder if the dad's suicide could have been prevented had he realized that his example probably influenced his son's death.

A young and handsome hospital emergency room worker had a failing marriage and left a message to his fellow hospital workers that the next time they would see him; they would be putting him in a body bag. This man with so much potential for good could easily had another woman to love, but the body bag prediction still came true. We later learned he had sent his divorcing wife a vindictive dozen roses with a hateful message, all to be delivered after his death. It left me feeling angry, not sad. In general, I knew him to be a fun and engaging sort, who had a nice way with patients. I wonder if his suicide could have been prevented, had he realized how destructive his act would be not only to his wife, but to his friends and fellow hospital workers.

There have been too many examples of people who have ended their own lives due to financial problems, drug and alcohol addiction problems, health problems, love-life problems, loss-of-something problems, and always mental health problems. Of course mental illness can blind the victim of the consequences of that act, but if people realized the appalling path of destruction that follows suicide, maybe someone could be saved.

Always there are better answers to that person's situation. Always there is help available from your doctor, minister, counselor, friend.

And always there is terrible grief for the ones who remain alive.

## Summer Activities at the DPM & Granary in 2016

### Museum

#### "AN EAGLE FLIES"

Artwork by Christine Rawstern  
Dacotah Gallery  
May 31 - Oct. 2  
Artist Reception: June 6, 5-7pm

#### "WHEN WORK IS PLAY"

Interactive 3-D artwork by  
NSU's Exo-Syndicate  
Lamont Gallery  
June 1 - Aug. 31

#### GALLERIES & MUSEUM STORE HOURS:

Tue. - Fri. 9am-5pm  
Sat. & Sun. 1-4pm

#### OFF-SITE:

History Camp @ Centennial Village  
Ages 9-13 (\$15/session)  
July 6, 7, 8 & July 13, 14, 15  
Registration forms online



### Granary



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June 6-9 & June 20-23

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July 14, 2:30-3:30

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#### LIVING HISTORY FALL FESTIVAL

Come in pioneer dress!

SAVE THE DATE: Sept. 24

#### GALLERY SHOWS

Granary Gallery:

Artwork by Ashley Farrand, SDSU Art student  
Putney Hall:

"Booming Brown County Towns"

Gallery Hours:

Thur. & Fri. 1-7pm, (June - Aug.)

Sat. & Sun. 1-4pm (June - Sept.)

~Closed the week of the Brown County Fair~

**Dacotah Prairie Museum**  
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[www.dacotahprairiemuseum.com](http://www.dacotahprairiemuseum.com)

**Granary Rural Cultural Center**  
40161 128th St  
Groton, SD 57445  
[www.granaryfinearts.org](http://www.granaryfinearts.org)

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## Today in Weather History

1842 - A late season snowstorm struck New England. Snow fell during the morning and early afternoon, accumulating to a depth of ten to twelve inches at Irasburg VT. Berlin NH was blanketed with eleven inches of snow during the day. Snow whitened the higher peaks of the Appalachians as far south as Maryland. (David Ludlum)

1877 - The temperature at Los Angeles, CA, reached 112 degrees during a heatwave. It would have been the all-time record for Los Angeles but official records did not begin until twenty days later. (The Weather Channel)

1972 - Heavy showers brought 1.64 inches of rain to Phoenix AZ, a record for the month of June. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - South Texas endured another day of torrential rains. Up to twelve inches of rain drenched Harris County, and nearly ten inches soaked Luce Bayou, mainly during the afternoon hours. Thunderstorm rains left seven feet of water over Highway 189 in northern Val Verde County. Flooding caused nine million dollars damage in Real County. A thunderstorm at Perryton, TX, produced golf ball size hail and 70 mph winds, and spawned a tornado which struck a mobile killing one person and injuring the other four occupants. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thirty cities in the central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including El Dorado, AR, with a reading of 48 degrees. Canaan Valley WV and Thomas WV dipped to 30 degrees. Flagstaff AZ was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 30 degrees. Coolidge, just 180 miles away, was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon high of 105 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the south central and southeastern U.S. during the day and night. Thunderstorms spawned eleven tornadoes, including one which tore the roof off a restaurant at Bee Branch, AR, injuring six persons. The tornado tossed one car into the restaurant, and another car over it. Temperatures soared into the 90s across much of Florida. Lakeland reported a record high of 99 degrees for the second day in a row. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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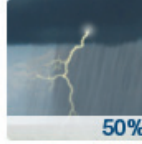
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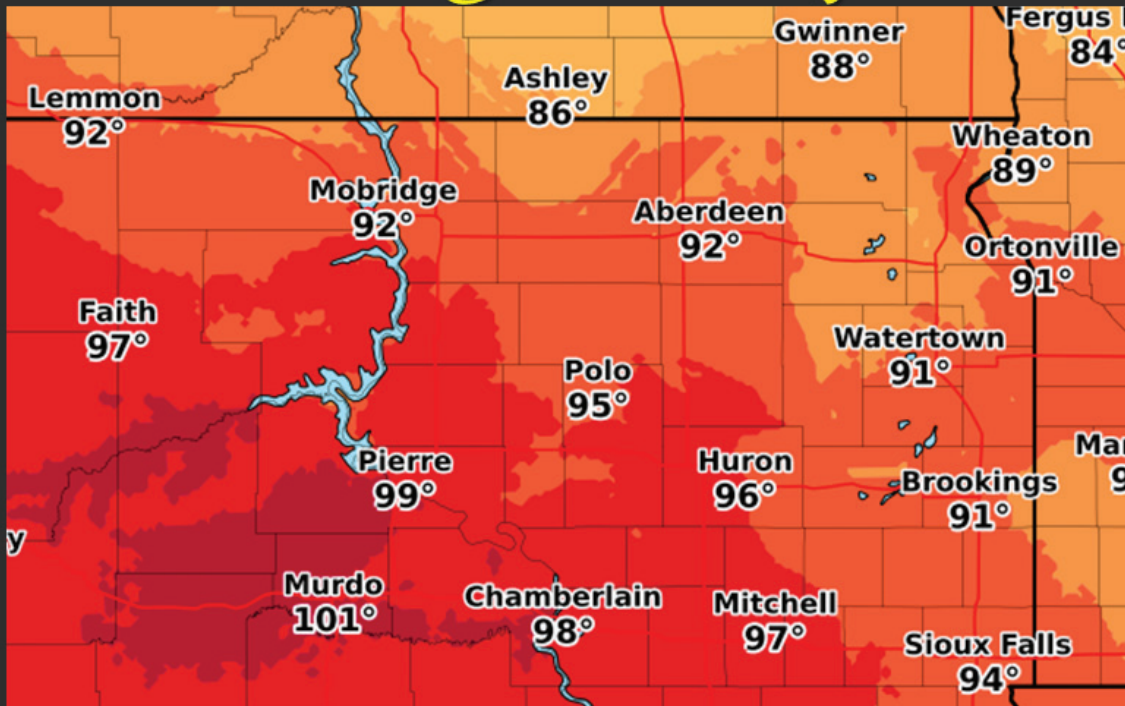


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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Hot	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chance T-storms then Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms
High: 90 °F	Low: 70 °F	High: 90 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 76 °F

## Hot Again Today!



- Heat indices between 90 and 100° expected this afternoon / evening
- Drink plenty of water and limit outdoor activities
- Don't leave children or pets in vehicles!



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



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Published on: 06/11/2016 at 4:17AM

Temperatures will rise well into the 80s and 90s across the region today, nearing 100 degrees at some locations. There is a chance for showers and thunderstorms Sunday afternoon, mainly for eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 91.9 F at 5:11 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 70.6 F at 7:40 AM**

**High Gust: 35.0 Mph at 4:55 AM**

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 98° in 1956**

**Record Low: 31 in 1938**

**Average High: 76°F**

**Average Low: 53°F**

**Average Precip in June: 1.30**

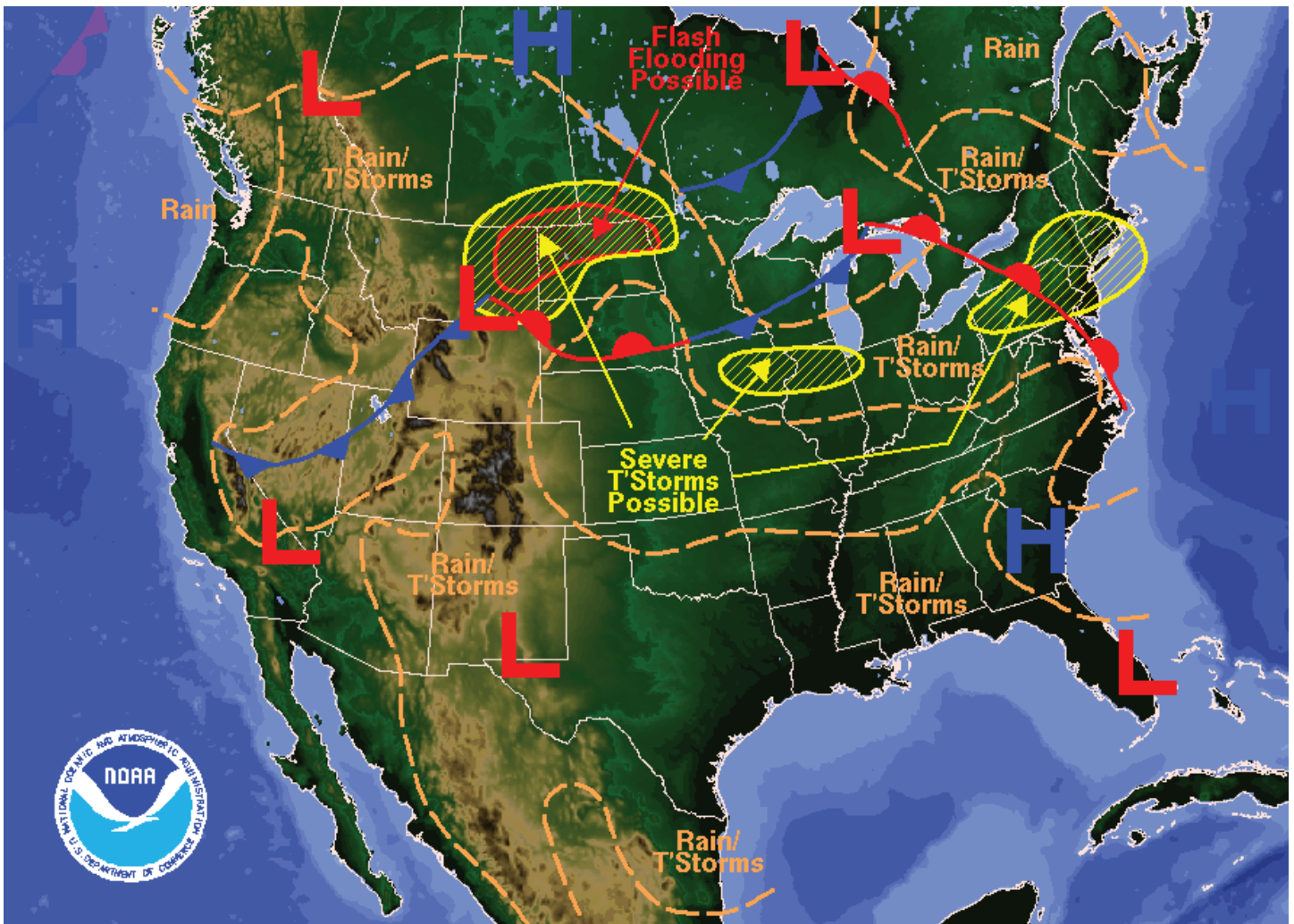
**Precip to date in June: 0.72**

**Average Precip to date: 8.44**

**Precip Year to Date: 5.71**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:22 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:44 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jun 11, 2016, issued 4:29 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Hamrick based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## GETTING UP WHEN WE'RE DOWN

Bob Richards is the only two-time gold medal winner of the pole vaulting competition in the world Olympics. An ordained minister, the "Vaulting Vicar" once said, "I've never seen a great champion who quit when he was beaten. A champion refuses to go down and stay down. He bounces back to a greater victory every time."

We often recall the events in the life of the Apostle Peter. On three occasions, during the trial of Jesus, he denied his Lord. He was against Gentile Christians and was known to be prejudiced against them on certain occasions. He often spoke without thinking and was seen as brash, and at times, impulsive.

But in spite of these facts and faults, he was one of the "inner three" disciples, their recognized leader and eventually became the "spokesman" for the early church after Pentecost.

In Peter we see one who failed but would not let his flaws and faults keep him down or keep him from being a follower of Jesus. We must always believe that when we fail to do what God has for us to do, He still loves us and will never forsake us or abandon us.

Prayer: We are grateful, Lord, for Your faithfulness and presence in our lives and that You will always love us in spite of our faults and failures. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



## News from the Associated Press

### Wind Cave National Park hits record in May

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) — A record number of people toured the cave at Wind Cave National Park in May.

Rangers led more than 9,700 people through the cave on 370 tours. That beats a May 2013 record by more than 1,000 visitors.

Park Superintendent Vidal Dávila says the National Park Service's centennial celebration and the high visitation are making this into a unique year.

The cave is typically busiest on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### Fish tacos, chili recipes children's ticket to White House

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two young chefs from North Dakota and South Dakota who created healthy versions of chili and fish tacos will be flown to Washington next month for a "state dinner" for children at the White House.

Josh Weissenberger, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Stella Halverson, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, are among the 56 winners — one for each state, U.S. territory and the District of Columbia — of the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, which invites 8- to 12-year-olds to submit original recipes for healthy and affordable lunches. Josh, 11, and Stella, 8, along with a chaperone will join first lady Michelle Obama on July 14 for a lunch that will feature a selection of the winning recipes.

Josh and Stella, who were notified this week of their achievement, drew inspiration from their everyday lives.

Josh developed his "catch of the day fish tacos" with walleye that he caught in the Missouri River during a family fishing trip. "I came up with my recipe when my relatives on a fishing trip they were frying fish, and I didn't think that was very healthy," Josh said. "So when I got home, I used the fish that I caught to bake them, and then I combined them with my other favorite food and it's tacos."

Stella's "red potato boat with 3 bean bison chili" pays homage to her family's decades-old business.

"I chose potato because I'm a fifth-generation potato farmer," said Stella, who said she jumped out of excitement and began hugging "everybody" when she found out her dish was a winner. "I cook with my mom and dad a lot, especially my dad, because it's just really fun cooking with them."

This is the fifth edition of the competition, which is run in conjunction with public television station WGBH in Boston and the federal agriculture and education departments. More than 1,200 entries were submitted to the competition. Recipes had to meet recommended nutrition guidelines, and children were encouraged to use ingredients grown in their state or community.

All winning recipes will be available to the public in a free e-cookbook. In addition, meal-kit delivery service Blue Apron will feature one of the winning recipes on their menu during a week in July.

Josh and Stella will also get to visit the White House Kitchen Garden after their lunch with the first lady.

"For the last five years, kids across the country have cooked up nutritious and delicious dishes as part of the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, and each year, I continue to be impressed by their talent and creativity," Obama said in a statement. "Kids are truly embracing and enjoying healthy eating and preparing healthy meals for their families."

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## **USDA forecast: SD winter wheat crop to be up 35 percent**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — This year's winter wheat crop in South Dakota is forecast to be up 35 percent from last year's crop.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service said Friday that it's expected to be 57.8 million bushels based on June 1 conditions.

Average yield is expected to be 55 bushels per acre, which is up 11 bushels from last year.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated to be about 1 million acres, up 8 percent over last year.

## **Hot, stormy weekend in store for much of central US**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Much of the central U.S. is expected to swelter this weekend thanks to the hottest weather of the year.

Forecasting service AccuWeather says temperatures from Texas to the Dakotas and east into Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee will climb high enough to create dangerous conditions for people who stay outdoors for long periods of time.

Temperatures are expected reach into the 90s and low 100s, and possibly set records in some areas.

Accuweather Senior Meteorologist Alex Sosnowski says Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Nashville, Tennessee, all are expected to have their hottest days of the year so far.

The National Weather Service says severe thunderstorms also are possible in the Northern Plains, the Great Lakes region and the Northeast.

## **Solar-powered airplane lands in New York City**

NEW YORK (AP) — The solar-powered airplane on a globe-circling voyage that began more than a year ago in the United Arab Emirates reached a milestone Saturday, completing a trip across the United States with a Statue of Liberty fly-by before landing in New York.

The Swiss-made Solar Impulse 2 landed at John F. Kennedy International Airport at 4 a.m. after a 4 hour 41 minute flight of about 165 miles from Lehigh Valley International Airport in Pennsylvania. Its trip across the U.S. mainland began April 24, when Solar Impulse landed in San Francisco from Hawaii.

"Si2 is now safe in New York, JFK airport ... Our new home is Hangar 19 in John F. Kennedy International Airport!" the pilots' logbook read.

Pilots Andre Borschberg, who flew the plane to New York, and Bertrand Piccard, who will start the next leg of the journey, expect to leave "soon" to cross the Atlantic Ocean for Europe or South Africa on their way to completing an aviation engineering feat to advance environmentally compatible technology.

Across the U.S., they stopped in Phoenix; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Dayton, Ohio, home of aviation pioneers Orville and Wilbur Wright; and Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The Solar Impulse 2's wings, which stretch wider than those of a Boeing 747, are equipped with 17,000 solar cells that power propellers and charge batteries. The plane runs on stored energy at night. Ideal flight speed is about 28 mph, although that can double during the day when the sun's rays are strongest.

The plane originally was scheduled to head to the Big Apple Monday night but showers and thunderstorms moving through the area caused it to be grounded.

The trip began in March 2015 from Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, and made stops in Oman, Myanmar, China and Japan. The plane had a five-day trip from Japan to Hawaii, where the crew was forced to stay in Oahu for nine months after the plane's battery system sustained heat damage on its trip from Japan.

## **Air France pilots join embarrassing train, garbage strikes**

**RAPHAEL SATTER, Associated Press**

**MSTYSLAV CHERNOV, Associated Press**

PARIS (AP) — About a quarter of Air France pilots are striking to demand better working conditions — the latest challenge to travelers and France's image as it hosts Europe's biggest sporting event.

Weeks of strikes and demonstrations over the country's labor reforms and other industrial disputes have led to panic at the pumps, violent protests in the streets and, most recently, garbage rotting in the gutters. It's a litany of headaches which some Parisians fear will scare away visitors.

"I'm telling you, France has become a very ugly country," Francoise Cuip, 60, told a reporter in Paris' well-heeled 16th district. "It's my country, but that's the way it is."

French leaders had hoped to put the disruption behind them as the country turned its attention to the European Championship soccer tournament, which is expected to draw over 2 million visitors, but unions are planning to keep up the airline and trash strikes through Tuesday.

Up to a fifth of flights are canceled Saturday, Air France said, both domestic and international. Among those affected were flights carrying spectators to cities holding matches.

French train drivers have also been on strike for days; France's SNCF rail company was disrupted in the southeast, with cancellations possible. In Paris the rail link between the capital and Charles de Gaulle Airport was disrupted, with few trains running along the usually busy route.

Meanwhile garbage was piling up uncollected because of a continuing strike and blockages by collectors.

On the streets of the capital, there was exasperation at the drumbeat of disruption.

"When it's not the trains, when it's not the metro, it's the trash," said Catherine Jacob, 48, who was walking past an overflowing garbage bin near Paris' Trocadero. "In terms of hygiene, it's not good for the tourists, it's not good for the residents. Tomorrow we'll have rats in the street."

The strikes are occurring for different reasons, but the labor unrest is tapping into nationwide discontent as the government tries to change laws regulating working hours and layoffs.

The influential CGT union, which is driving much of the action, may meet with the government over the weekend.

## **Dozens of Nigerian army officers fired over corruption**

**MICHELLE FAUL, Associated Press**

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria is firing dozens of senior officers accused of corruption and the theft of billions of dollars meant to buy arms to fight the Boko Haram Islamic insurgency, the army and an officer privy to the list said Saturday.

The officer said more than 50 officers have been sacked. He spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the matter is sensitive.

Army spokesman Col. Sani Kukesheka Usman said only that "quite a number" were sacked Friday, mainly major generals, brigadier generals, colonels, lieutenant colonels and one major.

Some already have been handed over to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission for allegedly diverting billions meant to buy weapons, Usman said in a statement.

Others were found to have played partisan roles in the 2015 elections in the south of the country that favored former President Goodluck Jonathan. He lost to former military dictator Muhammadu Buhari, who made fighting endemic corruption and Boko Haram a cornerstone of his campaign.

Usman did not name those fired.

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Among officers on trial for corruption are two former chiefs of defense staff. The more recent chief, Air Chief Marshal Alex Badeh, is in court for allegedly stealing some \$20 million to build a shopping mall and buy other property in Abuja, the capital.

Also on trial is the former national security adviser, retired Col. Sambo Dasuki, who said he diverted \$2.1 billion on Jonathan's orders to bribe officials to win Jonathan his party's presidential nomination. The entire annual military budget is about \$6 billion.

Buhari blamed corruption for failures to curb Boko Haram and blamed those involved for the deaths of an unknown number of civilians and troops in the uprising that has killed more than 20,000 in six years.

## What will Tony Awards telecast be missing? Suspense

MARK KENNEDY, AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The one thing that fuels most awards shows won't really be present at the Tony Awards on Sunday — suspense.

The night's top award for best musical is a virtual lock for "Hamilton." Perhaps the only real nail-biter is whether the show can actually win 13 awards, which would break the 12-Tony record held by "The Producers."

The rabid interest in "Hamilton" is one thing producers of the telecast are banking on to try to stem a three-year slide in viewership. New host James Corden will likely bring his endearing, fan-boy vibe.

"We'll find out if it's a good choice on Sunday night," the host of the "The Late Late Show" said. He'll be returning to the Beacon Theatre stage where he won a best leading man Tony for "One Man, Two Guvnors" but said he will refuse to impose himself onto the show.

"The truth is that once the opening is out of the way, there's not much time. We're going to try our best to have some fun. We have an opening planned that will either work or not. I hope it will be OK," he said. "It really isn't about you. It's about the nominees and the people who are going to win. Our job is to usher that along."

Getting buzz from appearing on the telecast can really dictate a show's future, both on Broadway and on the road. And, unlike last year, the upcoming telecast won't have to compete with any NBA Finals games.

Last year's telecast — hosted by Alan Cumming and Kristin Chenoweth — was watched by a mere 6.35 million viewers. In 2014, it reached 7.02 million and captured 7.24 million in 2013.

Those tuning in this year will see musical numbers from the nine nominated new and revival musicals, including "Hamilton," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Waitress," "Bright Star," "She Loves Me," "School of Rock," "The Color Purple," "Shuffle Along" and "Spring Awakening." Gloria Estefan's "On Your Feet!" which missed the new musical cut, will also get to shine.

One highlight will be a duet between singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles and Tony nominee Jessie Mueller on the achingly beautiful song "She Used to Be Mine" from "Waitress," a show about a waitress and pie-maker.

During rehearsals this week at the Beacon, the 12-member cast practiced their 4 1/2-minute medley of "Opening Up" and "She Used to Be Mine" wearing sweats and taking selfies during down times when the cameras needed to be reset.

Their segment begins with Mueller with her back to the audience, holding a pie, and ends with her alone onstage. In between, her cast-mates sing and dance and Bareilles, playing a piano, joins Mueller in a thrilling moment.

Christopher Fitzgerald, nominated for best featured actor in a musical, has a lot on his own plate. He's in the opening number with all the nominees, he's in the "Waitress" medley and he has to learn lines

for a skit that leads to a commercial.

"Everything feels very bright. There's a lot of anxious love and panic all mixed into a big Tony pie," said Fitzgerald who was also Tony-nominated for "Young Frankenstein" in 2008.

The presenters are the regular mix of Broadway and Hollywood, including Oprah Winfrey, Cate Blanchett, Claire Danes, Meg Ryan, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Jake Gyllenhaal, Neil Patrick Harris, Sean Hayes, James Earl Jones, Diane Lane, Nathan Lane, Angela Lansbury, Lucy Liu, Marlee Matlin, Audra McDonald, Saoirse Ronan, Common, Josh Groban and Carole King.

One mega-star beloved by theater fans is Barbra Streisand, who will take the Tony stage for the first time in 46 years. Fitzgerald will be teasing that on camera. "I get to say Barbra Streisand's name at the Tony Awards. That's really exciting."

## **Syria TV: Twin explosions near Damascus kill 8, wound 13**

**BASSEM MROUE, Associated Press**

BEIRUT (AP) — Two suicide bomb attacks struck close to the Syrian capital Saturday, killing at least eight people and wounding over a dozen others in the latest attack to hit the predominantly Shiite area in recent months, state TV and an opposition activist group said.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the bombings through its Amaq news agency, which said there were three attacks carried by suicide bombers. Amaq said two IS attackers were wearing explosive belts while the third was in a car.

It was not immediately possible to explain the discrepancy between Amaq's account and those of Syrian state media and activists, who reported only two explosions.

Syrian State TV said the blasts in the Sayyida Zeinab area just south of Damascus killed eight people and wounded 13 others. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 20 people were killed and dozens were wounded in the two explosions.

The Sayyida Zeinab suburb is home to a shrine by the same name, one of the most renowned in Shiite Islam. The heavily guarded shrine to Sayyida Zeinab, the daughter of the first Shiite imam, Ali, and granddaughter of the Islamic Prophet Muhammad, receives thousands of Shiite pilgrims each year.

The TV later aired footage from the blast site, showing several vehicles and shops on fire and at least two heavily damaged buildings, whose balconies, doors and windows had been destroyed. Blood stains could be seen on the debris-covered road. Fire engines rushed to the scene to extinguish fires caused by the explosions.

State news agency SANA said the first blast was caused by a suicide attacker wearing an explosives belt and took place at the entrance of Ziabiyeh district while the second explosion was the result of a suicide attacker in a car rigged with explosives in al-Teen street.

SANA quoted Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi as blaming Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, for being behind the "brutal massacres." The three countries are main supporters of the Syrian opposition trying to remove President Bashar Assad from power.

Sayyida Zeinab has been a frequent target of suicide and car bombings in Syria's civil war, now in its sixth year. Some of them have been claimed by the Islamic State group.

On April 25, eight people died when a suicide bomber detonated his explosive-packed vehicle at a military checkpoint in the suburb.

In February, a series of blasts ripped through Sayyida Zeinab, killing at least 83 people and wounding more than 170.

## 'The Voice' singer Christina Grimmie dies after shooting

NICKI MAYO, Associated Press

GREG SCHREIER, Associated Press

A gunman opened fire at a Florida concert venue as a onetime star of "The Voice" signed autographs for fans after a show, killing the performer before fatally shooting himself, officials said Saturday.

A publicist for Christina Grimmie, Heather Walsh, said in an email early Saturday that "we can confirm that Christina has passed and went home to be with the Lord." The Orlando Police Department also confirmed on its official Twitter page that Grimmie had died.

Grimmie, a New Jersey native, finished third during season six of NBC's "The Voice" in 2014, competing on the team of Maroon 5 star Adam Levine. She began amassing a following on YouTube as a teenager, gripping online viewers with her powerful renditions of hit songs. Her videos on YouTube have garnered millions of views.

Police said in a news release that the 22-year-old singer had performed with the band Before You Exit at The Plaza Live in Orlando. The concert ended around 10 p.m., and Grimmie was shot as she signed autographs for fans at a merchandise table.

Grimmie's brother immediately tackled the gunman, who then shot and killed himself during the struggle, police said. The gunman was not identified, and police have not said why he attacked the singer. An investigation is ongoing, but police credited the singer's brother with preventing the gunman from hurting others.

Sgt. Wanda Miglio said during a news conference after the shooting that about 60 to 100 people were in attendance, though only a handful remained when the shooting happened.

Miglio said she did not know what security was like at the venue, or how the shooter got two guns inside. She also said she did not know if off-duty officers were working the concert.

"It was just a casual event," she said.

Grimmie had posted a video of herself shortly before the concert was scheduled to begin, encouraging fans to come see her perform.

Levine posted a photo of himself with Grimmie on Instagram, commenting before her death was confirmed: "I'm sad, shocked and confused. We love you so much Grimmie. We are all praying hard that you can pull through this ... this just isn't fair."

When reports of Grimmie's death first surfaced, #PrayforChristina was the top trending hashtag on Twitter. After her death was confirmed, #RIPChristina became the top trending hashtag as Grimmie's fans took to social media to express an outpouring of grief.

"The Voice" paid tribute to Grimmie on its official Twitter page: "There are no words. We lost a beautiful soul with an amazing voice."

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported in 2014 that Grimmie moved to Los Angeles in 2012 after joining Selena Gomez on tour to focus on her singing career.

"I'm done being surprised by cool things she does. She's very talented and she's worked incredibly hard — it's a dangerous combination," her brother Mark Grimmie told the newspaper at the time.

## Bangladesh detains 1,600 in drive against Islamist radicals

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Authorities have rounded up about 1,600 criminal suspects, including a few dozen believed to be Islamist radicals, in a nationwide crackdown aimed at halting a wave of brutal attacks on minorities and activists in Bangladesh, police said Saturday.

The attacks — including two Hindus in the last week — have alarmed the international community

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and raised questions about whether Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's secular government can maintain security for minorities in the Sunni Muslim-majority country.

Police and paramilitary soldiers fanned out across the country Thursday night, raiding suspected militant hideouts and detaining about 1,600 people by Friday night, police said.

The majority of those detained, however, are described as petty criminals. Only 37 of them are suspected to be radical Islamist militants, according to police spokesman Kamrul Islam. Those include three charged with alleged membership in the banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh.

None of those arrested is believed to be a high-level operator who might have organized or ordered attacks, police said. All the detainees are being held in jail.

Hasina's government has faced criticism for failing to prosecute suspects for at least 18 killings carried out over the past two years. Victims include atheist bloggers, foreign aid workers, university professors, gay rights activists and religious minorities including Hindus, Christians and Shiite Muslims.

Hasina had announced the anti-militancy campaign after the wife of a police superintendent was shot and stabbed to death on June 5 as she was waiting with her son at a bus stop. The victim had been an ardent campaigner against Islamist militants, and her murder stunned the country's establishment, many of whom considered the victim as one of their own.

Speaking to Parliament on Wednesday, Hasina vowed to root out radicals bent on spreading terror and violence in a bid to restore the country to Islamic rule.

"If they think they could turn Bangladesh upside down, they are wrong," she said. "They will be exposed to justice in the soil of Bangladesh and their patrons will also not be spared."

The attacks have followed a pattern: A group of young men wielding knives or machetes approach their victim as his or her guard is down, perhaps while strolling down the street or relaxing at home. The attackers spew hateful language, then hack and stab at the victim before disappearing, often without a trace. Many victims are killed with a machete blow to the back of the neck.

Authorities have arrested some suspects in some of the 18 attacks, mostly low-level operatives accused of following orders to carry out attacks, but none has been prosecuted. Police have said they are waiting until investigations are complete before taking any suspects to court.

Amnesty International has criticized the government for inaction, saying it is creating a culture of impunity. It also said authorities are failing to address increasing numbers of reports of people receiving threats.

"The brazen announcement by violent groups that they will continue targeting those they perceive as 'insulting Islam' should shake the Bangladeshi authorities out of their complacency," Champa Patel, the right's group's director in South Asia, said in a statement. "Ignoring the problem is not a solution. The authorities must categorically condemn these killings, carry out a prompt, thorough, impartial and transparent investigation, deliver justice for the victims, hold the perpetrators accountable, and protect those still under threat."

Nearly all the attacks have been claimed by transnational Islamist extremist groups, including the Islamic State group and various affiliates of al-Qaida. The killing Friday morning of a Hindu ashram worker in northern Bangladesh was also claimed by the IS group, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadist activity online and cited the Amaq News Agency.

Hasina's government, however, says transnational terror groups have no presence in the South Asian nation of 160 million. It blames the attacks on domestic groups aligned with political opposition parties, though it has presented no evidence of such a campaign and the opposition denies the allegations.

On Friday, the opposition BNP party said it was worried the government campaign against extremists would lead to efforts to suppress opposition parties.

"The crackdown is a strategy which the government earlier used to suppress the people's movement. We fear that they will again oppress the opposition in the name of conducting a crackdown," BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru'l Islam Alamgir said.

## The world watched as Ali's goodbye created memorable moments

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CLAIRE GALOFARO, Associated Press

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — As Muhammad Ali's youngest son rode in his father's funeral procession through the streets of the city he adored, he noticed scores of children lining the route, pumping their fists, shouting "Ali! Ali!"

Asaad Amin Ali figured the children in attendance couldn't possibly yet understand what they were experiencing Friday as Louisville and the world paid their respects to The Greatest.

"It's not explainable, it was amazing," said Asaad Amin Ali. "We looked out of the car and see people dancing and cheering and you also see people crying. (The children) are going to remember that for the rest of their lives.

"The outpouring of love ... it's inspiration. We saw how much he affected the world."

Ali's made one final journey through Louisville, his hometown, then was laid to rest in a cemetery he chose more than a decade ago. The burial was followed by a star-studded memorial service where the boxing great was eulogized as a brash and wildly charismatic breaker of racial barriers.

The more than three-hour memorial capped nearly a full day of mourning in Louisville for Ali, the three-time heavyweight champion of the world who died last week at 74 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Family spokesman Bob Gunnell said when the motorcade pulled up outside Ali's childhood home, they were already woefully behind schedule. They hadn't planned to stop there, just drive by and wave.

But the street was jammed full of people who threw roses on the cars. Ali's widow, Lonnie, asked if they could pause there.

"Let's just stay here for a few seconds and let Muhammad enjoy this," Gunnell recalled she said.

They made their way to Broadway where it looked like the whole city lined the streets. Gunnell looked back at a car behind him and saw actor Will Smith, his hand hung out the window, giving high fives to kids on the street.

There was so much activity in the week since Ali died, his family has had little time to reflect.

"Things are going to slow down, we're really going to have a chance to sit and think about his passing. It's going to be a tough time," said Asaad Amin Ali.

Here are some other things we'll remember from the celebration of Ali's life:

**THE FAMILY'S FAREWELL:** Wearing a large, black hat that concealed her eyes, Lonnie Ali became the chief storyteller of her husband's legacy.

She touched on how Ali wanted to be remembered in death, and how he helped plan his final goodbye.

"Some years ago during his long struggle with Parkinson's in a meeting that included his closest advisers, Muhammad indicated that when the end came for him, he wanted us to use his life and his death as a teaching moment for young people, for his country and for the world," she said. "He wanted us to remind people who are suffering, that he had seen the face of injustice. That he grew up in segregation, and that during his early life, he was not free to be who he wanted to be.

"But he never became embittered enough to quit or to engage in violence."



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She also urged the 15,000 in attendance at the public memorial at the KFC Yum! Center to follow Ali's example, and to reflect upon his legacy and what Ali stood for during difficult times.

"He was sure-footed in his self-awareness, secure in his faith and he did not fear death," she said. "Yet his timing is once again poignant. His passing and its meaning for our times should not be overlooked. As we face uncertainty in the world and divisions at home as to who we are as a people, Muhammad's life provides useful guidance.

"Muhammad was not one to give up on the power of understanding the boundless possibilities of love and the strength of our diversity. He counted among his friends people of all political persuasions, saw truth in all faiths and the nobility of all races."

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**THE GREATEST IMPRESSION:** The memorial service was packed with celebrities, athletes and politicians, including former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Orrin Hatch, director Spike Lee, former NFL great Jim Brown, Arnold Schwarzenegger, soccer star David Beckham, Whoopi Goldberg and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

It was comedian Billy Crystal, though, who brought the house down with impressions of Ali and his memories of his time with the champion.

"He was a tremendous bolt of lightning, created by Mother Nature out of thin air, a fantastic combination of power and beauty," said Crystal. "We've seen still photographs of lightning at the moment of impact, ferocious in its strength, magnificent in its elegance. And at the moment of impact it lights up everything around it so you can see everything clearly.

"Muhammad Ali struck us in the middle of America's darkest night."

Crystal cracked everyone up with his career-making impersonation of a boastful, fast-talking Ali — and Ali's foil, sportscaster Howard Cosell — and rhapsodized about the fighter's charisma, outspokenness and talent in a way that brought the crowd to its feet.

He also was one of the many speakers who laced his eulogy with political barbs in this presidential campaign season. Ali was remembered as a fearless man of principle, someone who went from being one of the most polarizing figures of the 20th century to one of the most beloved, a source of black pride and a symbol of professional excellence.

"Ali forced us to take a look at ourselves. This brash young man thrilled us, angered us, confused us, challenged us, ultimately became a silent messenger of peace and taught us that life is best when you build bridges between people and not walls," said Crystal.

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**THE BOYHOOD HOME:** All week, parents have been bringing their children to Ali's boyhood home, trying to explain his legacy in simple terms to children who live in a world much different than the one Ali rose to fame in.

As the procession neared the little pink house where Ali grew up, thousands of mourners along the route chanted, "Ali! Ali!" for the former heavyweight champion. The area around his home was crowded with scores of people — young and old; black, white and Asian — awaiting the processional carrying Ali's casket.

Debra Brown, who grew up in another part of western Louisville, said she always admired how Ali has represented the city and wanted to be a part of the events to say goodbye. She said she brought her granddaughter to teach her about his boxing triumphs and his humanitarian causes outside the ring.

"She knows the name now. When she gets older, it will stick in her head. ... When she sees his face, she's going to remember Muhammad Ali."

Brown says she hopes her granddaughter also will heed some of Ali's teachings.

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"You can be all that you can be; talk positive about herself."

**LOUISVILLE LOYALTY:** Celebrities, politicians and athletes all came to honor Ali. But no one came out like the residents of his hometown, who put on a week of festivities to honor their most famous son.

More than 100,000 people filled the streets for The Champ's final journey, which took a 19-mile route past Ali's boyhood home and the museum that bears his name, via Muhammad Ali Boulevard.

Fans chanted like spectators at one of his fights, stood on cars, held up cellphones, signs and T-shirts, tossed flowers and scattered rose petals along the path of the hearse. Truckers honked their horns in salute. Others fell silent and looked on reverently as the champ went by.

"He stood up for himself and for us, even when it wasn't popular," said Ashia Powell, waiting at a railing for the hearse to pass by on an interstate highway below.

Takeisha Benedict and four co-workers were color-coordinated in orange "I Am Ali" T-shirts as they waited along Muhammad Ali Boulevard to pay their respects as the hearse went by.

"To me, he was a legend to this city and an example to people. I'm just glad to be part of this history of saying goodbye," she said. "Opening it up and allowing us to be part of it, we're so appreciative."

Hundreds of people crowded the streets in front of the funeral home.

Mike Stallings, 36, of Louisville, brought his two young sons, and the family made signs to wave.

"I've been crying all week," he said. "As big as he was he never looked down on people. He always mingled among the crowds."

**THE WORLD WATCHED:** Ali designed the week's remembrances himself, in a document so detailed it became known as "The Book." He was steadfast in wanting it to be open to VIPs and regular people.

The services were streamed around the world, allowing all to watch "The Greatest's" final chapter.

They witnessed moving tributes for the icon, and a joke from Clinton: "I can just hear Muhammad say now, 'Well, I thought I should be eulogized by at least one president.'"

Kevin Cosby, pastor of a Louisville church, told the crowd that Ali "dared to affirm the power and capacity of African-Americans" and infused them with a "sense of somebodiness." He likened Ali to such racial trailblazers as Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks and Jackie Robinson.

"Before James Brown said, 'I'm black and I'm proud,' Muhammad Ali said, 'I'm black and I'm pretty,'" Cosby said. "Blacks and pretty were an oxymoron."

Rabbi Michael Lerner, a political activist and editor of the Jewish magazine Tikkun, brought the crowd to its feet four times with a fiery speech in which he referred to Ali's refusal to be drafted during the Vietnam War — a stand that cost him his boxing title.

"Ali stood up to immoral war, risked fame to speak truth to power. The way to honor him is to be like him today," Lerner said, railing against anti-Muslim bigotry, drone attacks, the gap between rich and poor, and racist policing.

President Barack Obama was unable to make the trip because of daughter Malia's high school graduation. But White House adviser Valerie Jarrett read a letter from the president at the service in which Obama said Ali helped give him the audacity to think he could one day be president.

"Muhammad Ali was America. Brash. Defiant. Pioneering. Never tired. Always game to test the odds. He was our most basic freedoms: religion, speech, spirit," Obama said.

## **ACT exams canceled in South Korea, Hong Kong over breach**

**KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Operators of the ACT college entrance exam on Saturday canceled the tests for students in South Korea and Hong Kong at the last moment over what they said was a verified breach of test materials.

The cancellation affected about 5,500 test takers who will receive refunds of test fees, according to ACT spokesman Edward Colby, who said the company believes it was the first time the exam was canceled for an entire country.

The ACT, an Iowa-based nonprofit organization, had planned to administer the tests at 56 different locations in South Korea and Hong Kong on Saturday morning. The ACT decided to cancel the test soon after it received “credible evidence” that the test materials had been leaked, Colby said.

“We are extremely concerned about any activities that could impact the fairness and integrity of the test. When individuals attempt to profit by stealing test materials and selling them, it can hurt thousands of students who did nothing wrong, as it has in this case,” Colby said in an email conversation.

Colby said he couldn’t comment on when and how the test materials might have been leaked because the incident is still under investigation. He said the ACT exams will be administered in South Korea and Hong Kong again in September.

The sudden cancellation of the exam caused confusion in South Korea, where many students didn’t know of the decision until they arrived at the test sites, according to teachers from private “cram schools” in affluent southern Seoul that specialize in preparing students for the tests.

ACT emails notifying students of the cancellations didn’t reach inboxes until nearly 7 a.m., an hour before students were to arrive at test sites, they said.

“It’s frustrating for students, including those who had been planning to use the scores for early decision admissions at U.S. schools,” said a cram school teacher who had prepared four students to take the test. She spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear she might anger her clients if she allowed her name to be used.

“Parents have asked whether they should prepare their kids to take the exams in other countries like Japan in the future, because they are worried that the cheating problems could reoccur here, as it had with the SATs,” she said.

South Korea has struggled to clamp down on cheating on standardized English and college admission tests and similar problems have been reported in other Asian countries. The College Board, the New York-based testing firm that oversees the SAT college entrance exams, canceled tests in China and Macau in January over concerns that some students had seen copies of the tests in advance. The College Board was forced to cancel SATs in South Korea in 2013 for similar reasons.

## **Hard times in Egypt stoke labor unrest, showdown lies ahead**

**BRIAN ROHAN, Associated Press**

MAHALLA EL-KOBRA, Egypt (AP) — Labor activist Kamal al-Fayoumi has lost none of his swagger since being fired from the sprawling Egyptian textile plant where he worked for three decades and was known as an agitator.

Striding through a gritty industrial town in the Nile Delta, he proudly points to workers’ clubs, cooperative grocery stores, cinemas, a pool and a hospital — all of which have seen better days — and brushes off threats from management and the police.

“Our forefathers built this place, it’s in our blood,” he said, looking toward the Misr Spinning and

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Weaving Company, Egypt's largest factory. "We shouldn't be afraid, they should fear us!"

Hard times in Egypt have spurred an increase in labor unrest, even as President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's government has largely succeeded in quashing political demonstrations over the past two years. Rising prices, low wages and delays in salaries and bonuses have workers vowing more strikes and protests, even at the risk of a violent crackdown.

Since last month, workers have held sit-ins at Alexandria's port and even in Cairo, flouting a 2013 ban on protests decreed after the military overthrew Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

Thousands protested at a total of 493 actions in the first four months of 2016, a 25 percent increase from the same period a year ago, according to Democracy Meter, an Egyptian NGO that tracks and verifies protests using multiple sources.

"Labor tried to give el-Sissi a chance. But you can't take away peoples' rights and fail to fix poverty simultaneously," said Mohamed Adel, the director of the group. He said the actions range from work stoppages to peaceful marches and pickets.

Security forces have waged a relentless crackdown on dissent since Morsi's ouster, arresting thousands of his Islamist supporters as well as prominent liberal and secular activists.

But while authorities banned a march on International Workers Day last month organized by independent trade unions, they have not carried out any mass arrests of labor activists, perhaps fearing a backlash.

Former President Hosni Mubarak kept a tight lid on labor unrest during most of his 30 years in power, permitting only state-controlled unions in a tradition dating back to the days of socialist leader Gamal Abdel Nasser. But the independent unions began holding protests in the twilight years of Mubarak's reign, and workers assumed a major role in the 2011 uprising that ended it.

Since then, organized labor has been under intense scrutiny.

Earlier this year, an Italian doctoral student who had been writing his thesis about independent unions was found tortured to death. Giulio Regeni disappeared on the Jan. 25 anniversary of the revolt, when security forces were out in force in central Cairo. Police have denied any involvement, but Italy withdrew its ambassador, saying Egypt was not fully cooperating with the investigation.

A draft law is in the works that would further delegitimize independent organizing, and a lawsuit filed by the official state union, expected to be decided later this summer, seeks to criminalize non-official trade unions. The government has also renewed efforts to shut down NGOs that receive foreign funding, which could affect unions with links to international labor movements.

At the International Labor Organization's annual conference in Geneva this week, Egyptian Labor Minister Mohamed Saafan gave a speech that ignored the crackdown on independent unions and focused instead on state sovereignty and the fight against poverty. The head of the state union, Mohamed Wahballah, who was also present, described terrorism as the main obstacle to development, according to Egypt's official news agency, MENA.

Independent unions filed a complaint to the body, denouncing what they described as government attempts to "liquidate" them. Kamal Abbas, head of the independent Center for Trade Union and Workers' Services, said he expects more strikes, but not the kind of large-scale demonstrations seen during and after the 2011 uprising.

"The government is attacking the independent and professional unions, and the workers are standing up, especially in cases where they are dismissed unjustly or benefits are not paid out," he said.

Strikes at the Misr Spinning and Weaving factory occur several times a year and have turned violent in the past. The grievances of its 20,000 workers sparked the first mass protests against Mubarak on April 6, 2008, spawning a youth movement called April 6 that played a key role in the 2011 uprising. The group has since been outlawed and its leaders imprisoned.

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Around 10,000 of the factory's workers are associated with the independent unions, al-Fayoumi said, and have long used strikes as their principle means of securing higher wages and benefits. Activists say the workers are also organizing via social media.

For many workers, the pain of recent price increases — driven by double-digit inflation — could outweigh the dangers of taking to the streets.

"No one can predict the future, but if prices keep rising, and salaries stay the same, the workers will hold peaceful protests until the salaries match the prices," al-Fayoumi said.

Al-Fayoumi said he was fired last year because he had spoken out about corruption that cost the company hundreds of millions of dollars, pointing to a report by Egypt's top auditor released last year, which reportedly mentioned the factory. The auditor, Hesham Genena, is now on trial for spreading "false news."

On a recent trip outside his old workplace, al-Fayoumi was detained by guards for five hours and questioned at the behest of state security about his activism and possible links to foreign funding.

Late last month, security forces broke up a sit-in at a shipyard in Alexandria, Egypt's second city, arresting 13 workers and engineers, who could face military trials since the facility belongs to the navy. Adel, of Democracy Meter, says they are being held in a military prison on accusations of taking part in unauthorized protests.

"They want to show that no one can touch or oppose any kind of military installation or property," he said, adding that he worried for the future. "When you take bread from my child, I become a monster. I fear it could turn violent."

## **India's bid to join Nuclear Supplier Group a point of pride**

**NIRMALA GEORGE, Associated Press**

NEW DELHI (AP) — India is rejoicing over news that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brokered deals with U.S. officials to bring New Delhi closer to its long-held dream of joining an elite group of nations allowed to control the global trade in nuclear materials, equipment and technology.

Newspapers have run daily front-page stories heralding progress on the nuclear front after President Barack Obama came out in support of Indian membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group, which led other nations including Mexico and Switzerland to suggest they, too, were on board. Diplomats in Vienna suggested Thursday that India is closer than ever to joining the NSG, despite never fulfilling the requirement of signing a global treaty aimed at preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons and weapons technology.

But would India's entry into the club make any difference? Some analysts say no, at least not from a technical standpoint.

India has already managed to secure access to nuclear fuel and technology to build power plants it says it needs to boost energy capacity and drive economic growth for the nation of 1.25 billion people.

Analysts say joining the NSG is chiefly a matter of pride and desire to be taken seriously by some of the world's most powerful nations. Since prompting international technology sanctions and limits on exports by conducting nuclear tests in 1998, India has been eager to gain legitimacy as a nuclear power.

"In practical terms, there is nothing extra that the NSG will give India other than a seat at the nuclear high table," said Rakesh Sood, a retired diplomat closely associated with India's nuclear negotiations over the past decade.

India already has deals with more than eight countries for supplies of uranium, and has signed agreements for reactors with France, Russia and the United States.

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This week's reported nuclear breakthroughs were seen as a major point of progress for Modi, who has placed new urgency on India's nuclear ambitions with the aim of vastly expanding atomic power to account for about half of the country's total electricity supply by 2050.

Nuclear power is one way India, the third-biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, could cut its emissions and reduce air pollution from coal-fired power plants.

India scored a major victory in 2008, under Modi's predecessor, by securing a waiver from Washington allowing it access to nuclear technology and fuel despite its refusal to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. But progress in deals to build new nuclear plants since then has stalled.

For months, Indian officials have crisscrossed the globe to gather support for New Delhi's entry into the NSG, the 48-member group that controls access to technology used in making atomic weapons.

Ironically, the group was set up in response to India's own clandestine nuclear test in 1974, which made New Delhi something of a pariah in the West. Joining the club requires the unanimous approval of all members.

Analysts said Modi is anxious to secure NSG membership while Obama is still in office, after years of receiving support from his administration.

"It's a matter of timing. A crescendo is building up; now is the time to clinch it," said Sheel Kant Sharma, a former Indian ambassador to Vienna, Austria. "Tactically and strategically it's time for India to be on the side of those who control technology."

This week, Obama hailed India's membership in the Missile Technology Control Regime, a group that restricts the export of missiles and their delivery systems.

Officials also reported progress in resolving an impasse over an Indian liability law passed in 2010 that makes builders of nuclear plants in India financially responsible for any accidents that might occur, with efforts to negotiate a multimillion-dollar insurance fund to cover any accidents.

The workaround solution seems to be ameliorating concerns; the Toshiba-backed U.S. energy giant Westinghouse Electric Co. said this week it is finalizing a contract to build six nuclear reactors in southern India.

India continues to refuse to sign the nonproliferation treaty, arguing that it is discriminatory since it defines nuclear weapon states as those that tested nuclear devices before January 1967 — which would disqualify India from ever becoming a member.

Nevertheless, Obama called on governments participating in the NSG to support India's application to the group when it meets later this month in Seoul, South Korea.

On Thursday, two diplomats at an NSG meeting in Vienna said resistance from New Zealand, Ireland, Turkey, South Africa and Austria had softened, though China remained opposed. The diplomats demanded anonymity in exchange for speaking to The Associated Press because they were not authorized to talk about the substance of the closed session.

India's admission to the nuclear club is further complicated because Pakistan, its archrival, also wants to join. On Thursday, the Dawn newspaper in Islamabad reported that the Pakistani government had formally asked the Obama administration and Congress for their support.

Indian analysts said China may be persuaded to ease its position if it is offered something in exchange, for example, being allowed to join the Missile Technology Control Regime. Its 2004 application for membership was denied on suspicion that some Chinese companies were secretly supplying missile technology to North Korea.

"It is possible China may now seek some kind of bargain, whereby it is given entry to the MTCR in return for letting India get into the NSG," Praveen Swami said in the Indian Express newspaper.

## Before 99, the NHL had No. 9: 'Mr. Hockey,' Gordie Howe

JOHN WAWROW, AP Hockey Writer

Before there was 99, there was only one No. 9.

With apologies to Maurice Richard, that player was "Mr. Hockey," Gordie Howe, the exceptionally rugged, skilled and seemingly ageless farm boy from Floral, Saskatchewan, whose career spanned six decades and became an inspiration for many of the NHLers who followed.

"Players like that, they become legends. They become heroes," said former Buffalo Sabres star Gilbert Perreault.

"We became hockey players from watching these guys: (Jean) Beliveau, Howe, Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita. When I was a young age, I really had great admiration for these players," Perreault added. "It's a great loss for hockey."

Howe's death at the age of 88 on Friday led to an outpouring of gratitude from numerous current and former hockey stars for the impact he made on their careers.

It began with Wayne Gretzky, of course. The "Great One" deferred his title to Howe by calling him "the greatest player ever."

Gretzky chose to wear No. 99 because of Howe. And he wasn't the only one.

"Gordie Howe you will be missed," former Dallas Stars great Mike Modano wrote in a note posted on his Twitter account. "The reason I wore #9."

Current Sabres forward Evander Kane shared a similar message on Twitter.

"Very sad to hear about Gordie Howe #MrHockey #thebest9," Kane wrote. "He was one of the owners of my junior team and was a big reason I wear the number 9."

According to ProHockeyReference.com, 278 NHL players are listed as having worn No. 9, from former Oilers star Glenn Anderson to current San Jose Sharks forward Dainius Zubrus.

Former New York Islanders general manager Bill Torrey noted how popular the number became because of Howe, but he isn't sure it needs to be retired.

"I don't know. Hey, Gordie Howe, he's not called Mr. Hockey for nothing. I think that's as great an honor as anybody can have," Torrey said. "I don't know of anybody that's called Mr. Baseball or Mr. Football. Not like this."

How Howe picked up the title of "Mr. Hockey," is not entirely clear, though his late beloved wife, Colleen, did trademark the nickname.

What's unquestioned is the impact Howe made on the sport in re-writing its record books during a career that began with the Detroit Red Wings in 1946 and ended in 1980 in Hartford, where he played alongside sons Mark and Marty. And Howe couldn't resist adding a sixth decade by suiting up for one game — one shift, actually — in 1997 with the International Hockey League's Detroit Vipers.

He set the scoring mark with 801 goals and 1,850 points. He played such a rugged style to inspire what became known as "The Gordie Howe Hat Trick," in which a player scores a goal, an assist and gets involved in a fight in the same game.

It's something that came by reputation, because Howe only managed two Gordie Howe Hat Tricks in his career.

Off the ice, Howe was regarded as a gentleman and an ambassador for the sport.

"Gordie's humility and kindness left a permanent impression on me," said Tampa Bay Lightning GM and former Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman. "For all players fortunate enough to play for the Red Wings, we should take time to thank and honor Gordie, for he is a significant reason why Detroit is such a special place to play."

Howe's influence transcended hockey.

Growing up in Houston in the 1970s, Pro Football Hall of Fame running back Thurman Thomas be-

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came drawn to hockey because Howe played in town for World Hockey Association's Aeros.

"The Houston Aeros were always the top story. Always. Just because of Gordie, man." Thomas recalled.

Thomas was pleased to be drafted by the Bills in part because Buffalo had the NHL's Sabres, a team he's grown to love.

Thomas eventually got to know Howe while the two attended autograph signing events. Thomas said Howe always enjoyed reminiscing about the Aeros, who won two WHA titles.

"He meant a lot to the Houston area, still to this day," Thomas said. "And I think his legacy will probably get stronger in Houston because he was the hockey team."

## UN honored Ali's lifelong commitment to peace and rights

**EDITH M. LEDERER, Associated Press**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — When Muhammad Ali was trying to win a fourth heavyweight championship in the late 1970s, he came to the United Nations to campaign against apartheid and injustice and presented then secretary-general Kurt Waldheim with one of his drawings entitled "Peace!"

Nearly 20 years later, Ali returned to U.N. headquarters to be named one of the first U.N. Messengers of Peace, an honor reserved for distinguished people from the arts, music, literature and sports who agree to focus world attention on the work of the United Nations.

Then secretary-general Kofi Annan, who started the program in 1997, said "I chose him because I knew his interest in peace and in the world."

He said that Ali confirmed that interest with another gift to the United Nations — a drawing of the globe with the inscription: "Service to others is rent we pay here on this earth."

"It was so powerful," Annan said in a phone interview Wednesday with The Associated Press from Geneva. "Obviously, he had lost his speed, his vitality and energy, but the concern for others and the love for peace was very much visible."

At the ceremony in Annan's office on Sept. 15, 1998 where Ali officially became a Messenger of Peace, Annan pinned a small golden dove on his lapel and gave him a videotape of his 1979 speech to the U.N. Special Committee Against Apartheid. Ali gave Annan a pair of his red boxing gloves.

"He said, 'I don't need it any more, you take them,'" Annan recalled.

Ali's wife, Lonnie, who acted as a spokeswoman for the once articulate boxer who had difficulty speaking because of his Parkinson's disease, said the gloves were symbolic, on her husband's part, because everything was a struggle.

Despite being slowed by the disease, Ali remained strongly committed to his new role.

"He would regularly go off on humanitarian trips, taking the title of U.N. Messenger of Peace with him, because that's just something he loved to do," said Yvonne Acosta, the manager of the messengers who at the time included Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel, actor Michael Douglas, chimpanzee research pioneer Jane Goodall and opera star Luciano Pavarotti.

She said that the highlight for Ali was a three-day trip he made to Afghanistan in November 2002 — not long after the U.S. invasion toppled the Taliban following al-Qaida's Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.

"The choice of Afghanistan — it was his choice," Acosta said. "He came to us and said this is something he would like to do, to raise the profile of a Muslim country. ... This was the beginning of the war with Afghanistan and he wanted to show support for his Muslim brothers and sisters."

The Taliban had banned girls from going to school and she said Ali wanted to highlight the revival of education for girls as well as employment for women, who had been barred from work.



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He visited a girls' school backed by the U.N. children's agency UNICEF that was located in an area where demand for lessons was so high that additional classes were being held in tents. He went to a bakery supported by the U.N. World Food Program which employed widows as bakers and to a boxing club where his tattered photo hung on a wall and he sparred with young Afghans. And he met President Hamid Karzai.

When he was leaving, Ali sent an open letter to the children and young people of Afghanistan telling them to "have faith and be a good Muslim, ... prepare your mind for the challenges of life" through education and studying hard, and "prepare your body by practicing physical activity and sports, because sports builds fellowship, character, and independence."

Acosta, who traveled with Ali, said it could take an hour to get through airports because "he loved people" and he would stop to greet everyone who recognized him.

"He had a prank that he used very often if he was among a number of people," she said. "He would sit down, put his head down and pretend that he was asleep. And if anyone approached him he would start to spar on the spur of the moment. So you'd be shocked. You'd jump back, because you'd think he was resting."

From the late 1970s into the 21st century, Ali came to U.N. headquarters in New York to promote peace, sports and human rights.

In 1993, he attended a tribute organized by the Special Committee on Apartheid with other boxing greats including Terry Norris and Joe Frazier to honor the first world boxing champion from Africa, "Battling Siki," a light heavyweight from Senegal born in 1897 with the name Baye Phal. Acosta said Ali came to the U.N. several times to celebrate the International Day of Peace on Sept. 21, and he made several public service announcements to publicize it.

Matt Sullivan, a U.N. security inspector, remembers being introduced to Ali during a visit to U.N. headquarters in the early 1990s by his boss as "the Irish heavyweight champ of the U.N." He said Ali "got a big kick out of it," came up to him, pulled him in tight and whispered "that his grandfather's name was O'Grady."

"I said, 'come on champ.' He goes, 'Oh yes, I'm Irish and from Ireland.'" Sullivan recalled. "I saw my moment and started doing his whole skit which is 'I want Sonny Liston, I want Joe Frazier. I'm ready to take on the champ. I think I'm pretty. I'm the greatest.' And he just got in position and we started going at each other for one round, on the floor. The whole thing."

"And then we embraced," he said. "You feel like you're hugging somebody God-like."

Former U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Gillian Sorensen, who was in charge of the Messengers of Peace, said "of the group, I think Muhammad Ali was probably the star."

"The incredible courage he showed inside and outside the ring was quite extraordinary," Annan said. "He lived his life as someone who genuinely believed in peace and was not going to get involved in warfare, and was prepared to pay the price — whatever price. And that really, I think, is what made him beloved to the rest of the world at a time when we've gone through lots of conflicts."

## Israel demolishes home of Palestinian killer of mother of 6

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military early Saturday demolished the family home of a Palestinian who it says stabbed a Jewish mother to death in front of her children, in one of the most grisly killings in an eight-month wave of violence.

The military said its forces entered the West Bank village of Yatta to knock down the family residence of Morad Bader Abdullah Adais. The military says he killed Dafna Meir, a mother of six, in her home in

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the Jewish settlement of Otniel in January. He fled the scene and was later arrested.

Israel says it carries out housing demolitions to deter future attacks. The Palestinians consider it a form of collective punishment.

Over the last eight months, Palestinians have carried out dozens of attacks on civilians and security forces, mostly stabbings, shootings and car ramming assaults that have killed 32 Israelis and two Americans. About 200 Palestinians have been killed during that time, most identified as attackers by Israel. The assaults were once near-daily incidents but they have become less frequent in recent weeks.

On Wednesday, however, two Palestinians from Yatta opened fire in Tel Aviv's Sarona district, a popular shopping and restaurant area, killing four Israeli civilians.

The military arrested several people in connection to that attack, froze 83,000 Palestinian travel permits to Israel and imposed checkpoints to restrict movement in and out of the village where the Palestinian gunmen were from. It also imposed a three-day closure of the West Bank that coincided with the Jewish holiday of Shavuot.

## A repeat NBA title now just 1 win away for Golden State

**TIM REYNOLDS, AP Basketball Writer**

CLEVELAND (AP) — Golden State has now won 88 games this season, when factoring in the regular season and the playoffs. That's another NBA record to add to its collection, one more than the Chicago Bulls totaled in their 1995-96 season.

It's unclear if the Warriors even noticed.

The next win is the only one that really matters to them.

They're now on the brink of back-to-back championships, and their first opportunity to close out their record-setting season in the only acceptable manner is set for Monday night on their home floor at Oracle Arena. The Warriors earned that right by coming into Cleveland and beating the Cavaliers 108-97 in Game 4 on Friday night, a win that gave Golden State a commanding 3-1 lead in the series.

"It's going to be our biggest game of the year, obviously," two-time reigning NBA MVP Stephen Curry said. "We always talk about just because we're going home doesn't mean you can relax or take things for granted. You work all regular season to have home-court advantage, and this is a great opportunity for us, and we need to play with a sense of urgency and a sense of aggression."

In other words, exactly as they did in Game 4.

The Warriors seemed to have grown tired of questions about their star backcourt's ineffectiveness. Golden State set an NBA Finals record with 17 3-pointers on Friday night, outscoring the Cavaliers by 33 points from beyond the arc. Curry, who didn't have as much as a 20-point game in any of the first three matchups in this series, had 38. Klay Thompson had 25, many of them coming at the biggest points in the game.

Here's an oddity: The Warriors shot 47 percent from 3-point range, 36 percent from 2-point range. Weird, but it was good enough. The Larry O'Brien Trophy will be flying cross-country to Oakland on Saturday, and Golden State will have a chance to mussy it up with joyous fingerprints and champagne baths on Monday night.

"If you don't get up for that, there's something wrong with you," Thompson said. "We can't wait to get to Oracle on Monday. I've been fortunate to play there for five years and we really do have the best fans in the league. They probably won't have ever seemed as excited before as when we get to Monday."

It's hard to win an NBA title, harder still to go back-to-back. Only six franchises in league history have pulled that trick off, Golden State now in line to be the seventh.

On paper years from now, it'll seem like it was easy. They've only made it look that way.

It'll eventually be forgotten that this team spent half a season without head coach Steve Kerr because of back trouble, that Curry got hurt twice in the playoffs, that the Warriors trailed Oklahoma City 3-1 in the Western Conference finals and were essentially left for dead in that series.

Only 10 teams in NBA history have rallied from 3-1 down, and the Warriors just doing it has to remind the Cavaliers that it's possible.

Problem is, the Warriors just doing it also has reminded them that it's possible. Friday night, they left Quicken Loans Arena for what they hope was the final time this season talking about playing with the appropriate fear and respect that teams can carry into any closeout game.

"I've already told our guys Game 5 will be the hardest game of the series," Kerr said. "Every closeout game is difficult, but when you're at home, for a strange reason it's even more difficult. You've got, you know, everybody in your ear, you've got friends, you've got family who want to come to the game and want to discuss everything.

"We have to understand that this series is not over. We came in and did what we wanted to do getting the split, but Game 5 will be extremely difficult."

True, for a lot of reasons.

Foremost among them, the Cavaliers — who know no team has escaped a 3-1 hole ever in an NBA Finals — still have LeBron James.

His second ring in 2013 with Miami came when the Heat needed to win two elimination games in the finals to oust the San Antonio Spurs in what became a dramatic seven-game matchup, highlighted by Ray Allen's overtime-forcing 3-pointer with 5.2 seconds left in Game 6.

The chips are obviously stacked a lot higher against James this time.

"We've already got to take a flight home back anyways, so we might as well come home with a win and play on our home floor again," James said, not long after Cavs coach Tyronn Lue offered similar sentiments. "Being a confident bunch, we feel like the chips have been stacked up against us all year anyway."

Never more so than right now.

Either way, the ending of this series will be historic.

Either Cleveland does something no team has done, or Golden State will repeat and be poised to become a dynasty.

"It's probably going to be even more intense on Monday," Curry said. "So we're prepared for it, and it's going to be a fun night."

## **Ethics conviction removes Alabama House speaker from office**

**KIM CHANDLER, Associated Press**

OPELIKA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama House Speaker Mike Hubbard's conviction on ethics charges automatically removes him from office and could mean years in prison for the powerful Republican.

Friday night, a jury found the one-time GOP star guilty of 12 counts of public corruption for using the influence and prestige of his political stature to benefit his companies and clients. He faces up to 20 years in prison for each count.

The jury, which arrived at the verdict after nearly seven hours of deliberation, acquitted Hubbard on 11 other counts.

The conviction comes amid a season of scandal that has engulfed Republicans at the helm of Alabama's legislative, judicial and executive branches of government. Chief Justice Roy Moore faces pos-

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sible ouster from office over accusations that he violated canons of judicial ethics during the fight over same-sex marriage. And Gov. Robert Bentley has faced calls for his impeachment after a sex-tinged scandal involving a former top aide.

"We hope this verdict tonight restores some of the confidence in the people of the state of Alabama that public officials at all levels in the state of Alabama will be held accountable for their actions, especially those that would betray the public trust," said W. Van Davis, the acting attorney general in the case.

Hubbard, 54, spoke briefly with his attorneys before being escorted from the courtroom and to the Lee County jail, a detention center not far from Mike Hubbard Boulevard named for him. He was released on \$160,000 bond and driven away by a bail bondsman as he held his face in his hand.

One of Hubbard's defense attorneys said they plan to appeal.

"We're very disappointed with the verdict. We plan on appealing. I feel like I let my client down. We feel confident we will prevail in the outcome," defense lawyer David McKnight said.

In a twist of political irony, Hubbard was convicted under an ethics law he once championed.

He was the general of Republicans' 2010 offensive to win control of the Alabama Legislature for the first time since Reconstruction. The campaign focused on ending corruption in Montgomery after a series of indictments and investigations involving Democrats. After the victory, Hubbard was elected speaker and the new GOP-controlled legislature approved revisions to the state's ethics law in a special session called by the governor.

The jury convicted Hubbard on charges that he used his office to solicit consulting contracts from several companies and then taking action to benefit them. The panel also convicted Hubbard, closely associated with the business wing of the state GOP, on charges that he asked four corporate executives to make \$150,000 investments in his debt-ridden printing companies.

Jurors acquitted him of using his former position as party chairman to steer business to his companies. They also acquitted Hubbard on a charge that he solicited former Gov. Bob Riley — a man Hubbard described as a father figure — for employment.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers in closing arguments gave jurors dueling portraits of Hubbard.

"This man right here loved power. I think you could sense that through his testimony. It was all about power and it was all about greed," Davis told jurors in closing arguments. "It was never enough for Mike Hubbard."

Defense lawyer Bill Baxley, himself a former Democratic attorney general in Alabama, told jurors in closing arguments that the charges brought by the attorney general's office against Hubbard were "flimsy" and "absurd."

"What you heard from that witness stand is not proof beyond a reasonable doubt that Mike Hubbard did anything," Baxley said. "He didn't use his office in any shape, form or fashion to try to get hired."

Sentencing is set for July 8.

## 11 school teachers reportedly killed in Thailand road crash

BANGKOK (AP) — A passenger van overturned and caught fire on a highway in Thailand, killing 11 school teachers inside, news reports said Saturday.

The Nation newspaper said the teachers were trapped in the burning vehicle after the Friday night crash on a highway in Chonburi, southeast of Bangkok. The Khaosod newspaper said the victims were school teachers.

The Nation reported the driver lost control after one of the tires of the van burst. It quoted the interior ministry's disaster management department as saying that four people managed to get out of the van

before it burst into flames.

Thailand roads are among the world's most dangerous. Speeding and other traffic violations are common and law enforcement on the highways is lax.

## Prominent activist freed in Bahrain leaves for Denmark

**JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A prominent activist in Bahrain said early Saturday she left the tiny island kingdom after recently being freed from prison, the latest protester to go into exile five years after its Arab Spring demonstrations.

Zainab al-Khawaja is the daughter of well-known activist Abdulhadi al-Khawaja, who himself is serving a life sentence over his role in the protests that saw the island's Shiite majority and others demand more political freedom from its Sunni rulers.

In a series of messages on Twitter, al-Khawaja said she had left the country. Her family confirmed she left with two children to Denmark, where she also has citizenship.

The "regime that thinks exile means moving us away from our land should know, we carry (hashtag) Bahrain in our hearts wherever we go," she wrote.

Al-Khawaja was detained March 14 and faced three years in prison on charges related to her participation in anti-government protests, including tearing up pictures of Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. She was in prison with her infant son, Abdulhadi, prior to her release.

Al-Khawaja said Bahrain was preparing to file new charges against her that would have made her detention "indefinite." Bahrain's government and its state-run news agency did not immediately comment on al-Khawaja leaving the country.

Bahrain, home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, crushed the 2011 protests after several weeks with the help of troops from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. In the time since, the island has faced low-level unrest, protests and attacks on police.

Other prominent opposition figures and human-rights activists remain imprisoned. Some have had their citizenship stripped by the government and been deported.

## GOP insiders pressure Trump to steer clear of controversy

**JILL COLVIN, Associated Press**

**JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Weary Republicans are looking for assurances that Donald Trump can maintain the discipline needed to stay on message as he prepares for a bruising general election run-up against Hillary Clinton.

Trump's conciliatory, teleprompter-guided victory speech Tuesday appeared to stave off— at least for the time being — a near-revolt over his racially divisive attacks against the American-born judge of Mexican heritage hearing the case against his now-defunct Trump University.

As he kicked off his general election campaign Friday, a thorny question has arisen: How does the party keep Trump in check?

"A primary campaign against 16 opponents is very different and combative in a different way than a general election against a well-organized, well-funded Clinton machine," said Rep. Chris Collins, who has been helping to coordinate Trump's outreach to Congress.

Collins said he understood there would be lingering questions about Trump after the distracting episode, but said the speech was part of what he sees as a "total pivot" by the candidate.

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"Mr. Trump is a very smart guy and wants to win," he said after a weekly gathering with Trump staff on Thursday. "I'm convinced we'll see a very disciplined GOP nominee moving forward."

The judge episode arguably marked the biggest crisis of Trump's campaign to date, and sparked a series of phone calls from concerned Republicans, including House Speaker Paul Ryan, pressing the gravity of the situation.

"I explained exactly what I thought about that comment. I said it publicly and I said it privately," Ryan said in an interview that aired on "Good Morning America" Friday.

"I don't know what's in his heart," he added. "But I do think, hope and believe that he's going to improve the tenor of the campaign, the tone of the campaign, the kind of campaign that he's going to run."

It remains to be seen, however, how deeply Trump has internalized the message. Since launching his campaign, Trump has pushed back against calls by some of his closest aides and family members to adopt a more "presidential tone." His fiery language and penchant for controversy has earned him endless free media attention and energized voters during the primaries, helping him secure victory.

"You think I'm going to change? I'm not changing," he boomed at a press conference recently.

Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski dismissed the idea of an intervention, and downplayed the significance of the victory speech, noting that Trump has used teleprompters on multiple occasions to deliver specific remarks.

"From time to time, he'll use it. But's a function of the audience and what he wants to say. I can guarantee you this: In Richmond tonight, it will not be a teleprompter speech," he said.

Indeed, Trump was already showing signs that general election Trump will sound a lot like primary Trump.

He tweeted "Pocahontas is at it again!" Friday morning, using his favored nickname for Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who officially endorsed Clinton Thursday evening and met with her Friday. At a rally later in Richmond, Virginia, he evoked the nickname yet again, saying "Pocahontas is not too happy!" That prompted some in the crowd to break out into Indian war cries.

Trump — indeed, not using a teleprompter — delivered a speech that sounded like the ones from his rallies during the primaries, delivering familiar riffs about the Mexican border wall, claiming he was "the least racist person you'll see" and suggesting that Clinton "hates" President Barack Obama.

Speaking in a 12,000-person-capacity arena that was only about one-third full, he also mused that he might hold a "Winners Night" at the Republican convention next month, during which various sports heroes would appear.

To try to keep Trump, who is notoriously resistant to advice, on track, some on his team are turning more to his grown children — Eric, Don Jr. and Ivanka, as well as Ivanka's husband, Jared Kushner — in the hope that they can exert influence. In addition to giving them more public roles, some campaign aides have been pushing for them to travel more with the candidate, according to a person familiar with the efforts, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about private discussions.

The goal is to try to keep Trump on message, while asserting more control over Lewandowski, who is a constant presence by Trump's side. Lewandowski led Trump to victory in the primary with the motto "Let Trump be Trump," and has long resisted suggestions that Trump needs to change his tone.

Lewandowski pushed back against the notion that Republicans are looking for Trump to tone down his rhetoric and stressed the candidate is not going to change.

"I don't know if they're saying we need to rein him in. They are not used to a presidential candidate who speaks from the heart and talks the way the American public speaks. They are used to politicians

who are all talk and not action. That's not Mr. Trump," Lewandowski told The Associated Press, adding, "His messaging is not going to change going forward."

Still, supporters say they're confident that Trump is growing into his new role.

"I think Donald is learning how to be a candidate," said John Catsimatidis, a major New York donor, as he left a closed-door gathering with Trump on Thursday. "I think he's getting better and better at it."

Others, however, remain doubtful.

"You know, I think everybody can change. The question is does he have the self-discipline and some control over his ego to be able to say 'I'm wrong' every now and then?" said former Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma on "Morning Joe" Thursday. "And I haven't seen that."

## **Back in Washington, Clinton, Trump work toward party unity**

**LISA LERER, Associated Press**

**JILL COLVIN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential race shifted to the nation's capital Friday, with Democrats executing a carefully orchestrated plan to unify their party around presumptive nominee Hillary Clinton.

Her likely general election rival, Donald Trump, continued his months-long effort to win over the Republican base, with events wooing top donors and evangelical voters.

With the primary contests all but over, a series of top Democrats formally announced their support for Clinton, headlined by the glowing endorsement of President Barack Obama on Thursday.

Within hours, Vice President Joe Biden and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren joined that effort, both backing Clinton and signaling to many of Sanders' supporters that it's time to unite around the party's presumptive nominee. Clinton and Warren met privately for about an hour Friday morning at Clinton's home in Washington, intensifying speculation that the progressive stalwart may be tapped for the vice presidency.

"If you really want to electrify the base you've got to get somebody who's been speaking to the base and is going to turn the base out," said Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., one of Sanders' top supporters in Congress. He said he and other progressives would be thrilled if Clinton tapped Warren for her ticket.

Democrats in Washington are eager to unite their party against Trump and avoid a lingering intraparty spat. Primary rival Bernie Sanders, who's vowed to take his political revolution to their national Democratic convention in July, has been stressing his determination to defeat Trump, perhaps signaling that he may exit the race or at least shift his focus away from Clinton after the final primary election next Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

On Friday, he retreated to his home in Burlington, Vermont, to plot his next steps.

Clinton, meanwhile, delivered her first speech since becoming the presumptive nominee, addressing advocates at Planned Parenthood, the women's health organization and abortion provider. The non-profit was a strong champion of Clinton in the primaries, giving her its first endorsement in their 100-year history.

Describing Trump as someone who "doesn't hold women in high regard," Clinton launched into an unabashedly feminist attack on her GOP rival, arguing he would take the country back to "when abortion was illegal, women had far fewer options and life for too many women and girls was limited."

"When Donald Trump says, 'let's make America great again,' that is code for 'let's take America backward,'" she told the cheering audience.

Trump, who has also faced resistance from corners of his party, addressed a gathering of conservative evangelical voters at the Faith & Freedom Coalition's "Road to Majority" conference not long after

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Clinton spoke.

Facing criticism for suggesting a judge's Mexican heritage biased him in a case against the now-defunct Trump University, Trump struck a more welcoming tone.

"No one should be judged by their race or their color and the color of their skin," he said. "We're going to bring our nation together."

Reading mostly from teleprompters, he declared Clinton "unfit to be president" while vowing to "restore faith to its proper mantle" in the U.S.

Trump boasted of the support he received from evangelicals in the Republican primary and touted his opposition to abortion rights and commitment to religious freedom — issues he rarely discusses in other settings. Seizing on social issues, Trump claimed Clinton would appoint "radical" judges who would "abolish" the Second Amendment and "destroy the rule of law."

In a new dig against her email scandal, Trump proposed "tough new ethics rules to restore dignity of the office of the secretary of state" and challenged Clinton to drop her support for increasing refugee admissions and instead support "a new jobs program for our inner cities."

It was one of several examples of Trump's burgeoning populist attacks against Clinton, whom he painted as indebted to big money. He claimed her immigration, education and trade policies would harm working families and "plunge our poor African-American and Hispanic communities into turmoil and even worse despair."

He also accused Clinton of failing to understand the gravity of the risk posed by Islamic extremism, and faulted her for wanting to allow more Syrian refugees into the country.

"Hillary will bring hundreds of thousands of refugees, many of whom have hostile beliefs about people of different faiths and values and some of whom absolutely and openly support terrorism in our country," he claimed. Clinton has proposed allowing 65,000 Syrian refugees into the country each year.

His speech was interrupted by several protesters, including one woman who screamed "Refugees are welcome here!" as she was escorted out of the room.

Trump ditched the teleprompters for a rally Friday night in Richmond, Virginia, where he delivered a freewheeling monologue more like those he gave during the primaries. He claimed Clinton "hates" Obama. He insisted he was "the least racist person you'll see." And he repeatedly called Warren "Pocahontas," prompting some in the crowd to break out in Indian war cries.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, June 11, the 163rd day of 2016. There are 203 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence calling for freedom from Britain.

On this date:

In 1509, England's King Henry VIII married his first wife, Catherine of Aragon.

In 1770, Captain James Cook, commander of the British ship Endeavour, discovered the Great Barrier Reef off Australia by running onto it.

In 1919, Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner.

In 1936, Kansas Gov. Alfred "Alf" Landon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Cleveland.



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In 1942, the United States and the Soviet Union signed a lend-lease agreement to aid the Soviet war effort in World War II.

In 1959, the Saunders-Roe Nautical 1, the first operational hovercraft, was publicly demonstrated off the southern coast of England.

In 1962, three prisoners at Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay staged an escape, leaving the island on a makeshift raft; they were never found or heard from again.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Belmont Stakes, capturing the Triple Crown.

In 1985, Karen Ann Quinlan, the comatose patient whose case prompted a historic right-to-die court decision, died in Morris Plains, New Jersey, at age 31.

In 1986, the John Hughes comedy "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," starring Matthew Broderick, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that people who commit "hate crimes" motivated by bigotry may be sentenced to extra punishment; the court also ruled religious groups had a constitutional right to sacrifice animals in worship services.

In 2001, Timothy McVeigh, 33, was executed by injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.

Ten years ago: Al-Qaida in Iraq vowed "major attacks" after the death of leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi (AH'-boo MOO'-sahb ahl-zahr-KOW'-ee) in a U.S. airstrike. Rafael Nadal won his second consecutive French Open title, beating Roger Federer 1-6, 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (4). Se Ri Pak beat Karrie Webb to win the LPGA Championship. "The History Boys" won six Tony Awards, including best play; "Jersey Boys" was named best musical and won four awards. Civil rights activist James Cameron, who'd survived an attempted lynching and went on to found America's Black Holocaust Museum, died in Milwaukee at age 92.

Five years ago: Rejecting calls by Democratic leaders for him to resign in a sexting scandal, Rep. Anthony Weiner instead announced he was seeking professional treatment and asked for a leave of absence from Congress. (Weiner ended up resigning his office.) Ruler On Ice posted a huge upset in the Belmont Stakes, taking the lead from Preakness Stakes winner Shackleford in the straight and winning the final leg of the Triple Crown.

One year ago: Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the U.S. military's reach could extend even further into Iraq if the anti-Islamic State campaign were to gain momentum, and held out the possibility of a greater role for U.S. troops on the ground. "Free jazz" pioneer Ornette Coleman, 85, died in New York. Country singer-songwriter Jim Ed Brown, 81, died in Franklin, Tennessee. Actor Ron Moody, 91, best known for playing Fagin in the 1968 film "Oliver!," died in London.

Today's Birthdays: U.S. Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., is 86. Actor Gene Wilder is 83. Comedian Johnny Brown is 79. International Motorsports Hall of Famer Jackie Stewart is 77. Singer Joey Dee is 76. Actress Adrienne Barbeau is 71. Rock musician Frank Beard (ZZ Top) is 67. Animal rights activist Ingrid Newkirk is 67. Rock singer Donnie Van Zant is 64. Actor Peter Bergman is 63. Pro Football Hall of Famer Joe Montana is 60. Actor Hugh Laurie is 57. TV personality Mehmet Oz, M.D., is 56. Singer Gioia (JOY'-ah) Bruno (Expose) is 53. Rock musician Dan Lavery (Tonic) is 50. Country singer-songwriter Bruce Robison is 50. Actress Clare Carey is 49. Actor Peter Dinklage is 47. Country musician Smilin' Jay McDowell is 47. Actor Lenny Jacobson is 42. Rock musician Tai Anderson (Third Day) is 40. Actor Joshua Jackson is 38. Americana musician Gabe Witcher (Punch Brothers) is 38. Christian rock musician Ryan ShROUT is 36. Actor Shia LaBeouf (SHY'-uh luh-BUF') is 30.

Thought for Today: "Forgetfulness is a form of freedom." — Khalil Gibran, American poet and artist (1883-1931).