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## President Orders Flags At Half-Staff For Orlando Victims

PIERRE, S.D. – President Obama has called for flags at half-staff, effective immediately, out of respect for the victims whose lives were taken by the violence in Orlando Florida, on Sunday, June 12.

Flags are to remain at half-mast until sunset on June 16.

## Manager Wanted

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

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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### FLAG DAY!

USF Basketball Camp in GHS Arena

**Senior Menu:** Herbed roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, lemon buttered broccoli, cinnamon apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Danielle Schinkel, Roger Overacker, Todd Osterman, Brandon Keith, Nichole Tullis, Sandy McPartland, Betty Taylor.

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

11:30am: Blood Drive at American Legion

6:00pm: Amateurs at Redfield (DH)

6:00pm: Legion hosts Redfield (2)

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

**Wednesday, June 15**

**Senior Menu:** Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Gene & Ruby Luce, Jesse & Jaymie Overacker.

**Birthdays:** Seth Sims, Jonathan Fliehs, Janice Herman.

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: NESDU8 in Groton (Groton Red vs. Groton Blue in double header)

**Thursday, June 16**

**Senior Menu:** Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

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## Brown County Mosquito Pool First West Nile Detection of Season

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota's first West Nile virus (WNV) detection of the season is a Brown County mosquito pool, a state health official said today. Last year's first detection was a mosquito pool reported in Meade County on June 24.

"This detection means the virus is here and now being transmitted," said Dr. Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist for the Department of Health. "It's time to get in the habit of using repellent to protect against mosquitoes."

Prevent mosquito bites and reduce the risk of WNV with the following precautions:

- Apply mosquito repellents (DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535) to clothes and exposed skin. Limit exposure by wearing pants and long sleeves in the evening.
- Limit time outdoors from dusk to midnight when Culex mosquitoes are most active. Culex are the primary carrier of WNV in South Dakota.
- Get rid of standing water that gives mosquitoes a place to breed. Regularly change water in bird baths, outside pet dishes, and drain water from other flower pots and garden containers.
- Support local mosquito control efforts.

Personal precautions are especially important for those at high risk for WNV – people over 50, pregnant women, transplant patients, individuals with diabetes or high blood pressure, and those with a history of alcohol abuse. People with severe or unusual headaches should see their physicians.

Since its first human WNV case in 2002, the state has reported 2,208 human cases, including 696 hospitalizations and 32 deaths. Every county has reported cases.

Visit the department's website at [westnile.sd.gov](http://westnile.sd.gov) for more information about WNV.

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The Groton City Public Works Department has been working on the bad spots on the roads throughout Groton. Terry Herron is running the maintainer as he levels out the asphalt. Pictured on the left is Dwight Zerr. (Photo by Betty Breck)

## Summer Driving Season Takes Off in High Gear

June 13, 2016 – South Dakota's pump price continues to rise, settling at \$2.34 a gallon today. "The summer driving season is keeping fuel in high demand in South Dakota and across the nation" said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. According to GasPrices.AAA.com, South Dakota's average for regular gasoline has moved up 16 cents since May 16.

	Today	Last Week	Change	16-May	Change	Last year
<b>Aberdeen</b>	\$2.325	\$2.328	-\$0.003	\$2.129	\$0.196	\$2.677
<b>Brookings</b>	\$2.370	\$2.438	-\$0.068	\$2.238	\$0.132	\$2.816
<b>Huron</b>	\$2.402	\$2.376	\$0.026	\$2.207	\$0.195	\$2.679
<b>Mitchell</b>	\$2.298	\$2.283	\$0.015	\$2.115	\$0.183	\$2.709
<b>Pierre</b>	\$2.498	\$2.469	\$0.029	\$2.242	\$0.256	\$2.918
<b>Rapid City</b>	\$2.320	\$2.275	\$0.045	\$2.226	\$0.094	\$2.805
<b>Sioux Falls</b>	\$2.236	\$2.226	\$0.010	\$2.107	\$0.129	\$2.694
<b>Vermillion</b>	\$2.249	\$2.399	-\$0.150	\$2.149	\$0.100	\$2.839
<b>Watertown</b>	\$2.364	\$2.352	\$0.012	\$2.184	\$0.180	\$2.835
<b>Yankton</b>	\$2.376	\$2.369	\$0.007	\$2.186	\$0.190	\$2.736
<b>South Dakota</b>	\$2.337	\$2.323	\$0.014	\$2.181	\$0.156	\$2.751

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The national average price of gas reached a new 2016 high over the weekend, and today's average of \$2.38 per gallon is the most expensive average since September 2015. Gas prices have moved higher by two cents per gallon on the week and 16 cents per gallon on the month. Although pump prices have increased for 28 of the past 33 days, consumers continue to benefit from yearly savings and prices are down 42 cents per gallon compared to a year ago.

## Quick Stats

- The nation's top five most expensive markets are: California (\$2.86), Michigan (\$2.74), Hawaii (\$2.73), Ohio (\$2.68) and Alaska (\$2.67).
- The nation's top five least expensive markets are: South Carolina (\$2.08), Mississippi (\$2.10), Arkansas (\$2.12), New Jersey (\$2.14) and Louisiana (\$2.15).
- Despite increasing for 28 of the past 33 days, the national average remains at its lowest price for this same date since 2005.
- Gas prices in the Midwest are rivaling averages typically experienced by drivers on West Coast due to planned and unplanned refinery maintenance, combined with healthy demand for gasoline.

## Oil Market Dynamics

After reaching new 2016 highs, crude oil prices retreated to close out the week due to news of a strengthening U.S. dollar and data showing an uptick in the number of U.S. drilling rigs in operation. Both benchmarks opened the week by extending this trend of sliding prices, as concerns of revived production out of the U.S. and global demand concerns begin to resurface. At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI closed down \$1.49 and settled at \$49.07 per barrel.

Higher crude oil costs have made gasoline more expensive to start the summer driving season in some areas of the nation. Crude oil prices have increased due to unexpected disruptions in places like Canada and Nigeria, while questions continue to mount over future production in Venezuela. Since early April, the cost of crude oil has increased by more than \$13 per barrel to the highest levels since 2015. With all other factors being equal, a \$1 per barrel change in the price of crude oil can increase gas prices by 2.4 cents per gallon. Prices may continue to fluctuate on the heels of news related to global oil supply and the U.S. dollar, which could have a major impact on what drivers pay for gasoline this summer.

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## Today in Weather History

1903 - The Heppner Disaster occurred in Oregon. A cloudburst in the hills sent a flood down Willow Creek, and a twenty foot wall of water swept away a third of the town in minutes, killing 236 residents and causing 100 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1961 - The temperature in Downtown San Francisco, CA, soared to 106 degrees to establish an all-time record for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thirty-two cities in the central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. The high of 97 degrees at Flint, MI, tied their record for June, and the high of 101 at Milwaukee WI marked their first 100 degree reading in 32 years. Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to South Texas, drenching McAllen with 3.2 inches in one hour. A thunderstorm soaked the town of Uncertain with 2.3 inches of rain in one hour. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thirty cities in the eastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather from the Central Gulf States to the Middle Atlantic Coast Region during the day and into the night. There were 62 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Thunderstorm winds caused 28 million dollars damage in Montgomery County MD. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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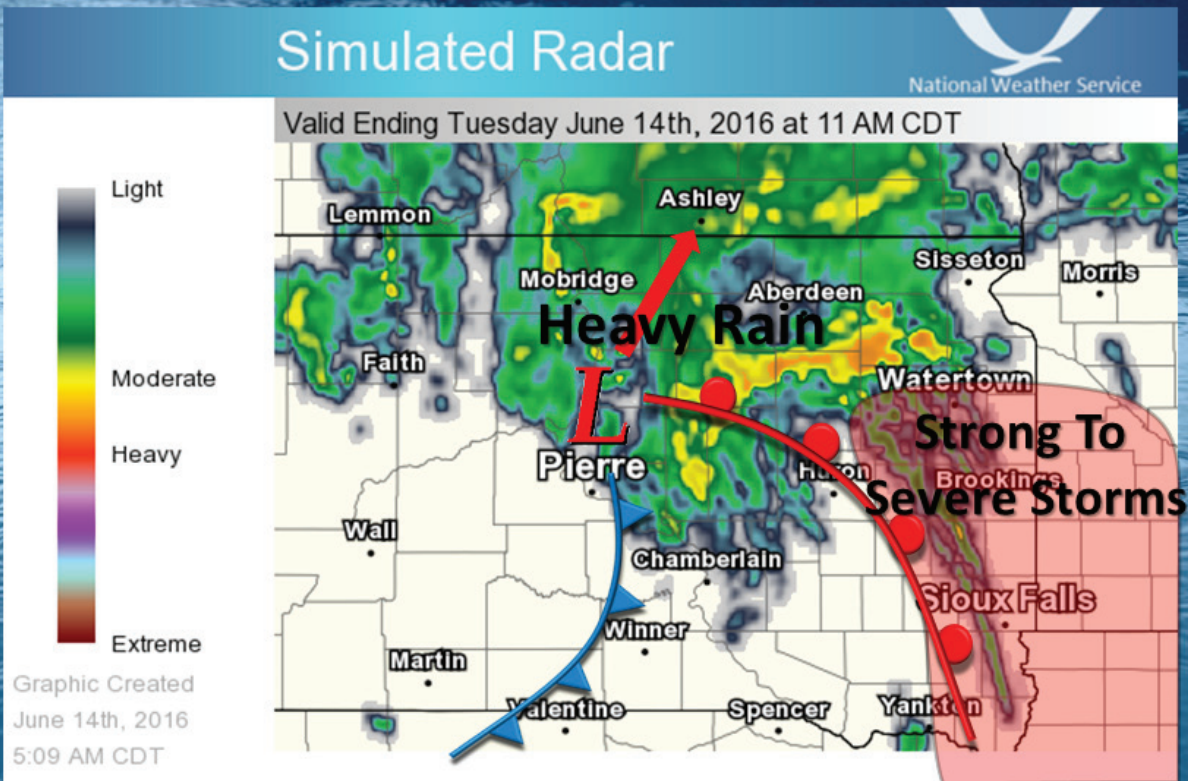
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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
 80%	 50% → 20%				 30%	 20%
Heavy Rain and Patchy Fog	Chance T-storms then Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 73 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 66 °F	High: 87 °F

## Rain & Thunder Today



## National Weather Service - Aberdeen, SD



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



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 6/14/2016 5:24 AM Central

Published on: 06/14/2016 at 5:27AM

Low pressure will move north across the Dakotas today. This system will bring rain and embedded thunderstorms to the area between the James and Missouri valleys, with a risk for strong to severe storms across far eastern South Dakota into Minnesota. The main threat will be hail with any storms that form this afternoon. Rain will move out of the area this evening and overnight.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 85.3 F at 5:04 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 61.0 F at 6:03 AM**

**High Gust: 16.0 Mph at 12:34 PM**

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 99° in 1933**

**Record Low: 34 in 1969**

**Average High: 77°F**

**Average Low: 53°F**

**Average Precip in June: 1.68**

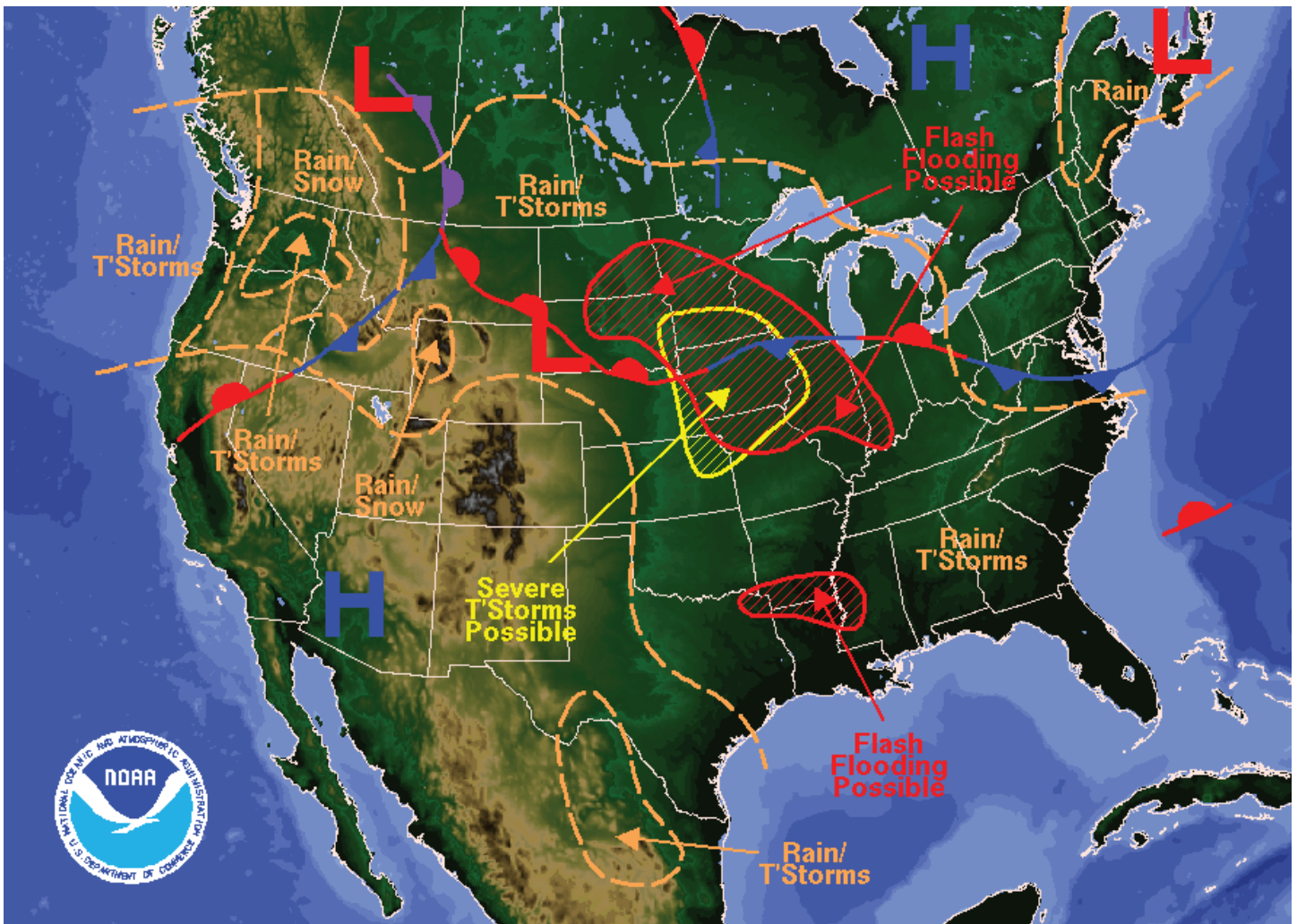
**Precip to date in June: 0.72**

**Average Precip to date: 8.82**

**Precip Year to Date: 5.71**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:23 p.m.**

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



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jun 14, 2016, issued 4:37 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## IT'S IN THE DETAILS

A lady was traveling in Europe with a group of her friends. On one of their shopping trips she discovered a beautiful diamond and ruby bracelet that captured her heart. She sent a message to her husband that read, "Have found a beautiful bracelet. It costs \$75,000. May I buy it for our anniversary?"

He responded, "No, price too high."

Somehow, in the transmission, his comma after the "No" was deleted. She read it as "No price too high" meaning that she was worth it. So she purchased the bracelet.

In a letter to Timothy, Paul wrote, "Focus on reading the Scriptures to the church." The "Scriptures" that Paul was talking about were the writings of the Old Testament. It was all that the early church had to read at that time. But they read them carefully and faithfully to learn of the Messiah who had been sent from God.

We, too, must do the same: focus on reading the Scriptures. We need to read the Old as well as the New Testament for there are rich rewards to be found in both. It is necessary for us read, focus, study, understand and apply the principles of His Word that God has revealed to us for our daily walk.

Prayer: Help us, Heavenly Father, to hide Your Word in our hearts that we might not sin against You and live our lives as Your disciples. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Timothy 4:13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine



## News from the Associated Press

### **Man gets 33 months in stabbing on Cheyenne River Reservation**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man who admitted he stabbed another man last year has been sentenced to almost three years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange has ordered 18-year-old Christofer Sand to follow his prison term with two years of supervised release. The Eagle Butte man earlier pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon.

Authorities accuse Sand of stabbing the victim three times in the chest and one time under his left arm. The attack happened Aug. 10 at Sand's home on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

Authorities say the victim had difficulty breathing after being stabbed, but was able to walk to a friend's house where he collapsed.

### **Emerald ash borer found in Omaha; South Dakota still clear**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Emerald ash borer hasn't yet been found in South Dakota, but officials say the beetle is inching closer.

It has been identified in Omaha, Nebraska.

South Dakota state forester Greg Josten says that brings the closest known infestation within 100 miles of the South Dakota border.

Ash trees are abundant in South Dakota. Josten says the state has a "very active" detection process, which so far hasn't found the emerald ash borer.

The insect moves between communities in firewood. Josten says people should buy firewood locally or get wood other than ash.

### **Rosebud IHS hospital diverting surgical, obstetrics patients**

ROSEBUD, S.D. (AP) — The Indian Health Service says people looking for surgical and obstetrics services at its hospital on the Rosebud Indian Reservation are being diverted to other facilities about 50 miles away.

The agency said Monday that the move comes after a key staff clinician died.

O.J. Semans is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Health Board. He says it is a "tremendous blow."

IHS is exploring "several strategies" to staff the departments to resume the services as quickly as possible. Urgent care and other inpatient and outpatient hospital services are available.

Failures found at the emergency department of the Rosebud Hospital prompted IHS to close the facility's ER in December.

IHS says the diversion of surgical and obstetrics services means more resources will be focused on re-opening the emergency department.

### **2.5M dead bees touring country to underscore bee declines**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A truck hauling more than 2.5 million dead bees began a cross-country tour with a stop in South Dakota Monday in an effort to raise awareness on the collapse of bee colonies and other pollinators in the U.S. and the role that chemicals such as pesticides have played in the decline.

The tour comes about a month after a federal report on honeybees showed a jump in the winter colony loss rate. Backed by Friends of the Earth and other advocacy groups, the truck will stop in Min-

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nesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania and North Carolina throughout June with the final destination being Washington for a rally outside the headquarters of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A beekeeper in Barrett, Minnesota, James Cook, said he agreed to drive the truck that's hauling the display after he witnessed a massive bee die-off during the spring of 2013.

"I'm only 30, and I'm looking at trying to do this as my livelihood for the rest of my life," Cook said. "I want to be part of the next generation of beekeepers, but if I don't start talking about it and fostering discussions about it, I feel like nothing is really going to change." Beekeepers, farmers and others will participate at planned events at each stop such as Monday's in a farm in Estelline.

The more than 2.5 million bees, considered to be equivalent to 75 hives, is a very small representation of what beekeepers may lose in a year. Commercial beekeepers own thousands of hives.

A host of issues have been blamed over the years for the decline in bee populations. The causes have included disease, parasites and pathogens; limited food supply; habitat loss; and use of pesticides, including neonicotinoid, which attacks the nervous system.

In May, the results of a survey by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and others showed that the winter colony loss rate was 28 percent, up from 22 percent the year before, and higher than the 17 percent that the industry considers acceptable. The suspected culprit was worsening varroa mites.

And for the year spanning from April 2015 to April 2016, the surveyed showed beekeepers lost 44 percent of their honeybee colonies, up from the 40.6 percent of the previous period.

"It definitely is not just one thing," Amanda Bachmann, urban entomology field specialist with the South Dakota State University Extension, said of the bee die-off causes. "So one the things is that intersection of some of these different stresses. The varroa mite is weakening the colony, and so, is that making it more susceptible to poor nutrition or other diseases that are coming in? (Is it) making it less able to deal with some of our new and exciting climate and weather issues?"

Friends of the Earth has been a fierce critic of pesticides. Tour organizer Tiffany Finck-Haynes said the group believes pesticides are "a leading contributor" to the decline.

"We are going on this tour to spread awareness of the plight of the pollinators... and talking about how agriculture can be a solution to the pollinator crisis," Finck-Haynes said. "Transitioning to sustainable organic agriculture that isn't reliant on pesticides can help to create an environment that's good for bees, good for butterflies, good for our environment and all of us."

## Arkansas man arrested in South Dakota after high-speed chase

HURON, S.D. (AP) — An Arkansas man faces charges including resisting arrest and drug possession after allegedly leading South Dakota authorities on a high-speed chase that reached speeds of 115 mph.

Huron police attempted to stop 29-year-old Jonathon Mason for speeding late Saturday night. He allegedly managed to briefly escape.

Law enforcement caught up with Mason at the Huron Country Club, where he allegedly attempted to ram several vehicles before getting back on the road.

Authorities say Mason abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot. Someone who picked Mason up eventually delivered him to police.

He allegedly attempted to run and was subdued with a Taser. Authorities say Mason had methamphetamine.

His charges also include DUI and aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer. It wasn't immediately clear if Mason has an attorney.

## Measure aimed at crime victims' rights approved for ballot

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakotans will vote in November on a constitutional amendment that supporters believe will bolster the rights of crime victims in the state.

Secretary of State Al Jaeger announced Monday that supporters turned in 34,398 legal signatures, considerably more than the 26,904 names needed to put the idea on the statewide ballot.

North Dakota and South Dakota are among several states where national victims' rights advocates are pushing the so-called Marsy's Law measure, now in effect in California and Illinois.

Groups representing North Dakota defense attorneys and prosecutors say changing the constitution to include the proposal is a bad idea and will have unintended consequences. They say laws already are on the books that protect victims of violent crimes.

## Court upholds law aimed at domestic violence on tribal lands

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday upheld a federal law and its stiff prison terms aimed at people who have been convicted of repeated acts of domestic violence on Indian lands.

The justices said in a unanimous decision that the law can be used against defendants, even if they did not have lawyers in earlier domestic violence convictions in tribal courts.

The Sixth Amendment guarantees an attorney for criminal defendants in state and federal courts. Under the Indian Civil Rights Act, defendants have the right to hire their own attorneys in tribal court but are not guaranteed that one will be retained by the court for them.

The high court ruled in the case of Michael Bryant Jr., who received a 46-month federal prison term after pleading guilty to assaulting two women. Bryant's record included at least five domestic assault convictions in tribal courts on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana. For most of these assaults, Bryant received jail time of a year or less, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said in her opinion for the court.

But the U.S. appeals court in San Francisco threw out Bryant's federal prison sentence because his earlier domestic violence convictions were handled without a lawyer.

The justices reversed that ruling Monday. "But, we have long held, the Bill of Rights, including the Sixth Amendment, does not govern tribal-court proceedings," Ginsburg said.

The Indian Civil Rights Act restricts the right to a lawyer to sentences that exceed a year, Ginsburg said. And Bryant never received a sentence that long in tribal court, she said.

The case is U.S. v Bryant, 15-420.

## ATV crash in Pennington County pasture kills Rapid City man

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — An all-terrain vehicle crash in Pennington County over the weekend killed an 84-year-old Rapid City man.

The sheriff's office says Kenneth Singpiel was checking on cattle Saturday when the ATV he was driving landed on top of him.

The incident has been ruled accidental.

## Man involved in trooper assault saved by another trooper

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A man who admitted to being an accessory in the severe beating of a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper was recently saved from a burning car by a trooper in Washington state.

Chase Sukert, 24, of Renton, Washington, lost control of his Mercedes and crashed while driving 122

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mph on Interstate 90 last Thursday, the Washington State Patrol said in a statement.

Sukert's car caught fire when it slammed into a semitrailer parked on the shoulder of an exit ramp near Roslyn, Washington, according to the patrol. Trooper Darin Fehlhafer, who had been trying to overtake the speeding car, removed a severely injured Sukert from the vehicle and pulled him to safety.

Sukert was flown to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle with unspecified injuries. The hospital did not immediately have a condition update Monday. Washington Trooper Brian Moore said Sukert had been listed in critical condition over the weekend.

Sukert's attorney in South Dakota, Shiloh MacNally, said Monday that she was not aware of the incident and had no information on Sukert's condition or on whether he had an attorney representing him in Washington.

No charges were immediately filed but the incident is still under investigation and charges are pending, Moore said Monday.

Sukert pleaded guilty last month to a drug charge and to being an accessory in the Oct. 24, 2015, assault of Trooper Zachary Bader during an Interstate 90 traffic stop east of Rapid City, South Dakota. Prosecutors agreed to drop illegal use of a firearm and other drug charges. Sukert faces up to 20 years in prison and \$40,000 in fines when he is sentenced in September.

Authorities say the traffic stop led to the recovery of more than 50 pounds of marijuana, \$33,000 in cash and a handgun. Bader spent two weeks at a Rapid City hospital being treated for injuries that included skull and facial fractures.

Sukert's sister, Desiree, 26, of Renton, and Jonathan Melendez, 22, of Kent, Washington, also pleaded guilty to the same charges. All three have agreed to testify against a fourth suspect, Donald Willingham, 34, also of Renton. He faces the most serious charges in the case including attempted murder. He has pleaded not guilty and remains jailed on \$5 million bond.

## South Dakota man fatally injured in Nebraska collision

HARTINGTON, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a South Dakota man has been fatally injured in a north-east Nebraska collision.

The crash was reported a little after 5:15 p.m. Sunday on U.S. Highway 81 in Cedar County, about 4½ miles south of Yankton, South Dakota. The Cedar County Sheriff's Office says a northbound pickup collided with a van that was merging from the shoulder into northbound traffic.

The office says the pickup rolled several times, ejecting a passenger. He was pronounced dead later at a Yankton hospital. He was identified as 45-year-old Delwin Chavis, of Hudson, South Dakota.

The pickup driver was identified as 58-year-old Randy Kruid, 58, of Hudson, and the van driver was identified as 64-year-old Andrea Sudbeck, of Fordyce, Nebraska.

## Grease fire shuts down fast-food restaurant in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Workers at a McDonald's restaurant in Sioux Falls are cleaning up after an early morning grease fire.

Firefighters responded about 4:30 a.m. Monday and contained the blaze in a deep fat fryer within minutes. They cooled the exhaust system and made sure the fire hadn't spread to other parts of the building.

City health officials are monitoring the cleanup.

No injuries were reported.

## Trump, Clinton offer different visions in Orlando response

**JULIE PACE, Associated Press**

**JILL COLVIN, Associated Press**

**LISA LERER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton outlined dramatically different proposals for combating terrorism and gun violence following the deadly Orlando nightclub attacks, with the presumptive Republican nominee vowing to suspend immigration from countries with a history of terrorism and the Democratic candidate warning against demonizing Muslims.

The candidates' back-to-back speeches Monday underscored the clear choice Americans face in the November election. Clinton's vision builds on President Barack Obama's campaign against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria and expands on his gun control executive orders, while Trump is calling for a drastically different national security posture.

The cornerstone of Trump's anti-terror plan was sweeping changes to the nation's immigration rules, despite the fact that the Orlando shooter was born in the U.S.

He redoubled his previous call for a temporary ban on Muslims coming to the U.S., saying that policy would stay in place until the government can "properly and perfectly" screen immigrants. Going further, he also said he would use presidential discretion to "suspend immigration from areas of the world where there's a proven history of terrorism against the United States, Europe and our allies."

The businessman did not specify what countries would be affected or whether the suspension would apply regardless of religion.

Clinton said such proposals would only make it more difficult for law enforcement to work with Muslim communities.

"Inflammatory anti-Muslim rhetoric and threatening to ban the families and friends of Muslim Americans, as well as millions of Muslim business people and tourists from entering our country, hurts the vast majority of Muslims who love freedom and hate terror," she said.

Clinton called for increasing the U.S.-led air assault on the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, and pointedly blamed American partners in the Middle East — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar — for not stopping terror funding emanating from their countries. She also called for tougher gun control legislation in the U.S., including outlawing assault weapons like one used by the Orlando shooter.

"I believe weapons of war have no place on our streets," Clinton said. Though she drew implicit contrasts with Trump, she never mentioned him by name, saying "Today is not a day for politics."

Trump clearly disagreed, criticizing Clinton harshly and often.

The Republican pledged to protect all Americans "wherever they come from, wherever they were born," but he repeatedly referred to Muslims in a negative context.

Though the Orlando shooter — 29-year-old Omar Mateen — was born in the United States, Trump noted that he was "born to Afghan parents who immigrated to the United States." He said Muslim communities must turn over to law enforcement "people who they know are bad," adding "they do know where they are."

He also said gays and lesbians are often discriminated against in the Muslim world, and said Clinton could not claim to be an ally of the LGBT community if she supports immigration from such countries.

"Ask yourself, who is really the friend of women and the LGBT community: Donald Trump with actions, or Hillary Clinton with her words?" Trump said. However, the businessman has said he opposes gay marriage — the official position of the Republican Party — while Clinton and Democrats back same-sex unions.

The Republican did not repeat suggestions he'd made in earlier television interviews that Obama may

not be taking tougher action against terrorism because he may sympathize with the perpetrators.

"He doesn't get it or, or he gets it better than anybody understands," Trump said on Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends." "It's one or the other. And either one is unacceptable."

Clinton said her anti-terror efforts would center on identifying "lone wolf" attackers — those who may be radicalized but not connected to a broader network or carrying out plans on behalf of any group. Obama said Monday that the Orlando attacker appeared to fall into that category.

Clinton also reiterated her call for tougher gun control measures, a policy proposal that has been a centerpiece of her presidential campaign. In addition to her support for an assault weapons ban, she also said Americans should be able to agree that "if the FBI is watching you for a suspected terrorist link, you shouldn't be able to just go buy a gun with no questions asked."

The FBI said Mateen had come to its attention twice, but the investigations did not reveal any definitive links to terror groups or plots. Mateen purchased at least two firearms legally within the past week or so, according to federal authorities.

## **Officials: French police commander slain by jihadi recruiter**

**LORI HINNANT, Associated Press**

**ELAINE GANLEY, Associated Press**

PARIS (AP) — A Frenchman once convicted of recruiting jihadi fighters stabbed a police commander to death outside his suburban Paris home, recording the attack and posting it on Facebook Live, French officials said Tuesday. The commander's partner and the attacker were found dead inside the home after a three-hour standoff with police.

The couple's 3-year-old was in the house in Magnanville, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) west of Paris, but was unharmed. A police official said that at one point in the video the attacker puzzled over what to do with the child.

The Islamic State's Amaq news agency cited an unnamed source as saying an IS fighter carried out the attack late Monday. While the extremist group has not officially claimed responsibility, French President Francois Hollande said it was "incontestably a terrorist act" and that France faces a threat "of a very large scale."

Two people close to the attacker, identified as 25-year-old Larossi Abballa, were detained, authorities said Tuesday. They gave no details about them.

France has been on particularly high alert as it hosts Europe's top sporting event, the monthlong European Championship soccer tournament, and is still under a state of emergency after the November IS attacks in Paris that killed 130 people.

Hollande held an emergency security meeting Tuesday.

"France is not the only country concerned (by the terrorist threat), as we have seen, again, in the United States, in Orlando," he said.

Abballa was from the nearby suburb of Mantes-la-Jolie and was sentenced in 2013 to three years in prison for recruiting fighters for jihad in Pakistan, according to two police officials. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to be publicly named discussing investigations.

A resident of the apartment building where Abballa lived, who did not want to give his name, said police raided it early Tuesday.

Neighborhood resident Henriette Yenge, who lives and works near the building, said she would say hello to Abballa when he went to the mosque around the corner.

"He was a neighborhood kid," she said. "I was surprised it was him. It's sad to see things like that."

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Two other security officials who also spoke on condition of anonymity said Abballa recorded a video during the knife attack. One official said the assailant posted the video on Facebook Live, the social media site's live feed.

A Facebook profile bearing the name Larossi Abballa — which vanished from the internet early Tuesday — showed a photo of a smiling, bearded man. Two recent posts featured videos critical of Israel and Saudi Arabia. The last publicly available post was a mock-up of the European Championship logo, highlighting what the poster said were masonic and occult symbols.

"Some will say we see evil everywhere!" Abballa said in a message posted about 18 hours before the attack.

On Tuesday, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve visited the police station in the suburb of Les Mureaux where 42-year-old Jean-Baptiste Salvaing worked. Police did not identify his partner but said she was an administrator for police in Mantes-La-Jolie.

Cazeneuve said more than 100 people seen as potential threats have been arrested in France this year, including in recent weeks.

France, like other countries in Europe, has seen a series of stabbings aimed at police officers or soldiers and carried out by Muslim radicals. IS has encouraged its supporters to stage such attacks.

Monday's attack shook police officers, and Cazeneuve said they would be allowed to take home their service weapons.

"Today every police officer is a target," Yves Lefebvre of police union Unite SGP Police-FO told The Associated Press. He says attackers are "professionalizing" and can now find police in their homes.

In Paris, the Eiffel Tower was lit up Monday night in the colors of a rainbow to honor victims of Saturday's mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that killed at least 49 people. The gunman declared his allegiance to IS in phone calls to police, but his motives remain unclear.

## Senate to vote on defense bill as White House warns of veto

**RICHARD LARDNER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a \$602 billion defense policy bill that the White House has said President Barack Obama will veto over numerous objections, including a prohibition on shuttering the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In addition to the ban on closing Guantanamo, the White House is opposed to provisions that would limit the size of the president's National Security Council staff and block a new round of military base closings.

The bill must be reconciled with a version the House passed earlier this year.

Debate over potential amendments to the Senate legislation came to a halt late last week due to procedural disputes. The gridlock has left in doubt the future of a program that allows Afghan civilians in danger of being harmed or killed by the Taliban to resettle in the United States.

A measure that would have stripped a provision from the bill that compels young women to register for a potential military draft also was sidelined. The requirement has roiled social conservatives, who fear the mandate is another step toward blurring gender lines.

The National Defense Authorization Act is an annual piece of legislation that often serves as a vehicle for a broad array of subjects, not all of which are specific to the Defense Department. More than 600 amendments were filed to this year's bill. But only a handful have been considered because of what a senior lawmaker lamented as a breakdown in the way the Senate is supposed to operate.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Friday he'd

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become so frustrated that he would consider supporting changes to the Senate's rules so that "one individual out of 100 can't bring everything to a screeching halt."

The difficulty started last week when Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, demanded a vote on his measure that would prevent the government from detaining indefinitely U.S. citizens apprehended on American soil for being suspected of supporting a terrorist group.

Lee refused to allow a vote on two other amendments, including one to extend and expand a program that gives visas to Afghans who defied the Taliban and sided with the American-led coalition, unless senators agreed to a vote on his.

But Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a retired Air Force lawyer, objected to Lee's amendment. He said it could lead to terrorists being treated as criminals instead of enemy combatants. That would prevent U.S. intelligence officials from getting critical information because the suspects' attorneys likely wouldn't allow them to be interviewed.

The resulting stalemate effectively shut down debate on all amendments, leading McCain to warn of life-or-death consequences if the Senate failed to take up the Afghan visa program.

"By not allowing them to come to this country, they're going to die," McCain said.

The Afghans worked for the coalition as interpreters, firefighters and construction laborers. Without the option to leave Afghanistan, they and their families risk being harmed or killed by militants, the top American commander in Afghanistan has warned.

An amendment authored by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., would extend the so-called special immigrant visa program through 2017 and authorize an additional 2,500 visas for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 to meet the growing demand.

In the House version of the defense bill, lawmakers refused to provide additional visas. The House extended the program for a year, but also narrowly restricted eligibility to Afghans whose jobs took them outside of a military base or secured facility.

The measure to expand the draft to women has sparked disagreement.

Women have never been required to register and have never been part of a large-scale draft. But McCain's committee said any justification for barring them was erased last year, when the Pentagon lifted all gender-based restrictions on front-line combat units.

But Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., wants to replace the provision with a study of whether a draft is even necessary. Sasse's amendment also would do away with the Selective Service in three years unless a compelling case is made to preserve the draft.

"Why are we now fighting about drafting our sisters, our mothers, and our daughters into a draft that no one anywhere is telling us they need?" Sasse said.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

### 1. ORLANDO MOURNS AS POSSIBLE MOTIVES EMERGE FOR GUNMAN

Despite Omar Mateen's pledge of support to the Islamic State group, other possible explanations emerged such as mental illness and whether he was conflicted about his own sexuality.

### 2. OBAMA STRUGGLES FOR SOLUTION ON VIOLENCE

The American president is conceding that a deadly mix of extremism and easy gun access have made future tragedies almost a foregone conclusion.

### 3. WHAT FRENCH OFFICIALS ARE CALLING POLICE ATTACK

French President Francois Hollande says it was "incontestably a terrorist act" after an attacker killed



two police officials outside Paris.

#### 4. DEMOCRATIC FOES POISED FOR SIT-DOWN

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders end the primary calendar with a face-to-face meeting that could set the tone for party unity and next month's convention in Philadelphia.

#### 5. NEW PALESTINIANS' CITY A DREAM COME TRUE

The move in the West Bank isn't just about real estate but also a symbol of their quest for statehood after nearly 50 years of Israeli military occupation.

#### 6. NEW WRINKLE IN GAY PRIDE EXPLOSIVES CASE

The Indiana man arrested in Southern California with three assault rifles who told police he was headed to a gay pride event had been ordered by a judge in his home state to give up his guns.

#### 7. AP: NATIONAL AQUARIUM TO MOVE DOLPHINS INTO REFUGE

Eight Atlantic bottlenose dolphins that have spent their lives swimming in tanks will be retired from the Baltimore aquarium into a seaside sanctuary.

#### 8. STEENKAMP'S FATHER TESTIFIES AT PISTORIUS SENTENCING

An emotional Barry Steenkamp testifies that his daughter's fatal shooting by the double amputee Olympian "devastated" his family and that he thinks of her "all the time."

#### 9. HOW LATE-NIGHT COMICS HANDLED ORLANDO SHOOTING

TV's late-night hosts faced their toughest monologues since 9-11 — and for many of them, their toughest ever, since they're relatively new to the game.

#### 10. CAVS STAY ALIVE IN NBA FINALS

Facing elimination and a torrent of criticism, LeBron James and Kyrie Irving score 41 points apiece to help Cleveland beat Golden State 112-97 in Game 5.

## Orlando shooting gives LGBT Singaporeans a slight opening

**ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press**

SINGAPORE (AP) — A tragedy half a world away has created an unlikely opening for a repressed community in Singapore.

The mass shooting at a gay club in Orlando, Florida, has galvanized LGBT people in Singapore, where a candlelight vigil will be held Tuesday to express solidarity with the victims. In the process, they will highlight the predicament of their own largely underground community.

Although there is little fear of gun violence in Singapore, "we must remember that violence takes many forms, not only physical," said Lynette Chua, an assistant professor of law at the National University of Singapore. The gay, lesbian and transgender community is "still unprotected by the law from discrimination on the basis of their sexuality or gender identity," she said.

In Singapore, sex between men is banned by a law, a holdover from British colonial days. Over the years, however, the small Southeast Asian city-state has loosened up and homosexuality is now quietly tolerated. Singapore's leaders have even said the anti-gay law, known as Section 377A, will not be enforced. But discrimination remains rife, although it is subtle and often masked under the need to protect a pro-family Asian culture.

"I felt that a show of solidarity, no matter how small a group would go a long way as a silent statement that the shooting is inherently wrong," said Nicholas Lim, 36, the administrator of GLBT Voices Singapore, a Facebook page that's organizing the hour-long candlelight vigil. The page has more than 48,000 followers.

Public meetings in highly regulated Singapore can be held only with police permits. Politically and

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socially sensitive meetings can only be held in a designated area, Hong Lim Park, for which no police permit is needed but have to be approved by park authorities. Lim had planned to hold the vigil on Monday, to coincide with similar events in the U.S., but couldn't get the necessary approval.

The fact that approval was given, even if a day later, shows how far Singapore — a contradictory crucible of modernity and industry under the thumb of a virtual one-party rule — has come in shedding its image as an all-work-no-play country.

While open display of same-sex affection such as holding hands or kissing is not common, it is also an open secret that there are several gay bars in the Tanjong Pagar district that come alive on Friday and Saturday nights. One such is DYMK, which stands for Does Your Mother Know.

Official space for LGBT people, however, is far more restrictive.

Before enlistment to the compulsory military service, all men must declare if they have gay inclinations. Gay marriages, including those solemnized overseas, are not recognized here. Accounts of being thrown out of homes or being discriminated against in the workplace are rampant on the GLBT Voices Singapore page, where many members remain anonymous for fear of further discrimination.

In 2014, the National Library Board removed three children's books including "And Tango Makes Three," based on a true story of two male penguins in a New York zoo who hatched an egg. Earlier this month, following complaints from the public, a kiss between two male actors was removed from a production of the musical "Les Misérables."

"I am afraid that Singaporeans have forgotten what it took to make Singapore special, which is to live side by side, accepting and respecting our cultural differences," Lim told The Associated Press, referring to the huge economic strides the country's ethnically diverse 5.5 million people have made since independence in 1965.

Singapore's leaders have long emphasized that its prosperity — it is the third richest nation in the world on per capita income basis — depends on social, racial and religious cohesion. Of late, they have also had to maintain an increasingly uncomfortable balance between conservatives and gay rights supporters.

In June, the Ministry of Home Affairs said it will "take steps to make it clear that foreign entities should not fund, support or influence" the annual Pink Dot event, that advocates the freedom to love.

Yet, the ministry said it will not pursue action against 18 sponsors, including Google, Facebook and Goldman Sachs, of Pink Dot's latest run on June 4. Organizers said attendance increased from 2,500 in 2009 to 28,000 last year. Numbers this year were not tracked.

While it is apparent that Singapore's government is not fundamentally opposed to homosexuality, it is reluctant to remove Section 377A from the books for fear of angering conservatives. But making it clear that the law won't be enforced appeals to the gay community.

Last June, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said "there is space for the gay community but they should not push the agenda too hard because ... there will be a very strong pushback. Where we are I think is not a bad place to be."

In 2014, a survey of 4,000 Singapore residents by the Institute of Policy Studies found that 78.2 percent of respondents felt that a same-sex relationship is wrong, and a similar percentage was against gay marriage.

The government's dilemma was clear from Lee's condolences to President Barack Obama on Monday following the Orlando shooting. He condemned the attack as "brutal and senseless," and said it resulted "in the loss of many innocent lives."

"They condemn the attack without even mentioning the fact that gay men were the target. Even when we are being persecuted they deny us our identity," said writer Ng Yi-Sheng, 35, who plans to

attend the vigil.

He said he knows of people in Singapore who have refused to condemn the Orlando attack, and even praised it. "So yes, it has been traumatic and people need a space to come together."

## **AP Interview: Chinese lawyer not giving up despite torture**

**ISOLDA MORILLO, Associated Press**

BEIJING (AP) — One of China's best-known dissident lawyers said his newly launched memoir is his latest act of resistance to show he has not been silenced by years of solitary confinement and torture, accounts of which have drawn international criticism of Beijing.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, Gao Zhisheng, 52, who has been living under near-constant surveillance by Chinese authorities since his release from jail in 2014, said he wrote his book "to expose the truth and crimes of this regime." The Chinese-language book, titled "Stand Up China 2017 — China's Hope: What I Learned During Five Years as a Political Prisoner," was launched in Hong Kong on Tuesday at an event attended by Gao's daughter.

"This book is my way of posing resistance," Gao said in Monday night's interview, which was conducted over a messaging app instead of by phone to circumvent surveillance and interruption. "I wrote it secretly because I had to hide from the minders who watch me around the clock."

He said he kept the book a secret even from his family to avoid endangering them.

In the book, Gao recounts the torture he says he endured, as well as the three years he spent in solitary confinement. It was the strength of his Christian faith and his unwavering hope for China that sustained him in that period of isolation, he said.

China's Public Security Ministry had no immediate response to a request for comment on the book.

Gao's interview and book come as Chinese authorities wage what rights groups say is one of the most severe crackdowns on the country's rights-defending legal community in recent memory. Several Chinese rights lawyers have been arrested on state subversion charges that carry potential life sentences. Activists say the use of such charges indicates that the ruling Communist Party sees this group of lawyers as a threat to its grip on power.

Authorities are also putting lawyers on trial on other charges. On Friday, Xia Lin, a rights lawyer whose clients have included dissident artist Ai Weiwei, will stand trial in Beijing for fraud.

Gao had won international renown for his courage in defending members of the outlawed Falun Gong spiritual movement and fighting for farmers' land rights. After he was detained, he upset the authorities by publicly denouncing the torture he said he had suffered.

When Gao was released from prison straight into house arrest in August 2014, the formerly outspoken lawyer could barely walk or speak a full, intelligible sentence, raising concerns that one of the most inspirational figures in China's rights movement had been permanently broken — physically and mentally. Since then, he has kept a low profile, giving the AP his first interview in five years early last year.

International rights groups have condemned Gao's treatment both in and out of custody, and the U.S. government has urged China to allow him to come to the U.S. to be reunited with his family if he chooses. His wife lives in San Francisco.

Presenting Gao's book in Hong Kong on Tuesday was his 23-year-old daughter, Grace Geng, who said it has been seven years since she last saw her father. Geng said her father was not well and that his teeth in particular needed urgent treatment that he has been denied. She said she, her mother and brother, who all fled to the United States in 2009, have limited communication with him.

"At the very beginning, I did not totally understand. I wondered why our father couldn't be with us,"

said Geng, sobbing with emotion. "But ... after some time, I came to think of his decision as truly great. He loves the Chinese people so much that he put his family in second place. I think that what he thinks is very, very great, so I am very proud of it."

In a sign of the chill Beijing's influence has cast over Hong Kong, Gao's book is being published in Taiwan and will not at first be sold in the semi-autonomous Chinese-controlled city, Hong Kong pro-democracy lawmaker Albert Ho told the AP.

Books on sensitive political topics have increasingly been pulled from mainstream Hong Kong bookstores or consigned to the back shelves. Several men associated with one of the leading independent publishers of such tomes briefly went missing last year amid strong suspicions they had been taken away by the Chinese security services.

During the interview with the AP, Gao said that he missed his family deeply, but chose to remain in China in the hope of someday playing a role in changing the country. Gao said he didn't fear being taken back to prison.

"Once one has chosen to engage in combat, then there is no such thing as giving up. It is defeating to think about those things," he said.

"My only worry is that I have affected the lives of my wife and children," he said. "I'm indebted to them eternally, because I love them more than my own life, but I cannot attend to their needs now."

## **Making no promises, Obama struggles for solution on violence**

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**KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Was it homegrown terrorism, bigotry or random gun violence?

Americans searching for answers after the Orlando shootings are finding no easy solutions from President Barack Obama, who is conceding that a deadly mix of extremism and easy gun access have made future tragedies almost a foregone conclusion.

In the days after the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history, Obama has offered no simple prescriptions or promises for new action — even as the candidates vying for his job put forward aggressive plans of their own. Instead, the president has suggested the root causes behind a "disturbed" man's actions are difficult to determine and may be less important than a sort of "soul searching" about what to do about it.

"We know that at some point there are going to be, out of 300 million, there are going to be some individuals who find for whatever reason that kind of horrible propaganda enticing," Obama said Monday. "And if that happens, and that person can get a weapon, that's a problem."

The comments were Obama's most direct acknowledgment yet that the attacks like the one in Orlando may be a new fixture of American life — the sort of observation that could only be delivered by a second-term president with seven months left in office. Obama's two-prong message, delivered with weary resignation to reporters, was unlikely to quell the fears of those hoping such attacks will never happen again.

But the president has seemed to embrace his end-of-term role. He's also mindful that his administration has overseen the dawn of a new era of domestic attacks and it is incumbent to try to explain the forces at play.

The White House began pointing in various directions on Monday, defending the administration at each turn while announcing Obama would travel to Orlando on Thursday to "stand in solidarity with the community."

There appeared to be no missteps at the FBI, which had interviewed presumed shooter Omar Mateen

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in the past, Obama said. Although Mateen wasn't on any watch list at the time, Obama blasted as "crazy" a system in which law enforcement officials weren't alerted when he purchased the assault rifle and handgun used in the attack.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest revived the White House's oft-repeated critique of Republicans for blocking "common-sense" gun legislation. Though he declared the president was not resigned to accept the outbreak of mass violence as normal and described considerable "presidential frustration," he did not outline any new push for gun control measures.

The Orlando attack comes as the White House had begun touting new progress against the Islamic State group, one of the groups that Mateen claimed to follow as he carried out the attack.

Last week, the U.S. envoy to the anti-IS coalition argued that the group's morale was "plummeting" and its funding and recruiting were drying up. Brett McGurk said that IS had lost half its territory in Iraq and that the U.S. and its partners were killing an IS leader about every three days.

Obama had planned to echo that message publicly following a National Security Council meeting on Tuesday that will now take on a much less sanguine tone.

The juxtaposition has illustrated that "going after terrorists over there," as Obama put it last year, has not seemed to lessen the risk of terrorism at home. That's especially true when it comes to so-called "homegrown extremism" or "lone wolves" — phrases used to describe instances where individuals in the U.S., inspired by groups like IS, take it upon themselves to plan and execute deadly attacks at home.

"It is a perverse reaction to the success that we are having on the geographic battlefield," said Wendy Sherman, Obama's former undersecretary of state. "As a result, ISIS is looking to show that it still is powerful, and one of the ways it does that is to claim 'lone wolf,' because they don't have to come to Syria or Iraq or Libya."

Obama has long conceded that there's no surefire way to detect those attacks in advance, tacitly putting Americans on notice that some level of violence is inevitable. The FBI said last month it was monitoring more than 1,000 people who are potentially at risk for radicalization and violence.

Though the U.S. has made countering extremist ideologies — especially online — a key component of its anti-IS strategy, the effectiveness of those efforts is called into doubt by continued attacks by people found later to have been inspired by IS from thousands of miles away.

"It is, that if we have self-radicalized individuals in this country, then they are going to be very difficult oftentimes to find ahead of time," Obama said.

## Clinton and Sanders to meet as DC marks the final primary

**KEN THOMAS, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are ending the primary calendar with a face-to-face meeting on Tuesday that could set the tone for Democratic unity and next month's party convention in Philadelphia.

Clinton and Sanders plan to meet on the night of the final presidential primary in the District of Columbia, a contest that will have no bearing on Clinton's role as the presumptive nominee but marks a transition in the lengthy primary fight between the two rivals.

The Vermont senator has vowed to do all he can to prevent Republican Donald Trump from reaching the White House but suggested he will not endorse Clinton immediately. Sanders said the private meeting will help him determine how committed Clinton will be to the policy issues he has staked out during his 13-month campaign.

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"I simply want to get a sense of what kind of platform she will be supporting, whether she will be vigorous in standing up for working families and the middle class, moving aggressively in climate change, health care for all, making public colleges and universities tuition-free," Sanders said in an interview Sunday with NBC's "Meet the Press." After the discussion, Sanders said he will "be able to make other decisions."

Sanders met last week with President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, who both later endorsed Clinton, and signaled to Democrats that he hopes to play a constructive role in helping the party regain control of the Senate in the 2016 elections.

The self-described democratic socialist says he will take his campaign to the convention in July and advocate for his policy issues in the platform while urging Democrats to be more inclusive of independents, young people and working-class voters, all of whom were pivotal in his victories in 22 states. But what that will look like still remains unclear and Sanders has been soliciting advice from supporters on how he should take his campaign forward.

Sanders will huddle Tuesday with Senate Democrats during their weekly luncheon, following up on meetings last week with Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, the party's incoming Senate leader.

Clinton will hold a rally in Pittsburgh and attend a private Washington fundraiser before her meeting with Sanders. A Clinton campaign official said the two agreed to meet when they spoke last Tuesday and the former secretary of state looks forward to discussing how they can "advance their shared commitment to a progressive agenda and work together to stop Donald Trump in the general election."

The mass shooting at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida, has commanded the attention of both campaigns and prompted Democrats to point to Trump's call for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the U.S., an issue they view as a key contrast in the general election.

Without mentioning Trump by name, Clinton warned during a speech in Cleveland that demonizing Muslims would only empower extremist groups. "We should be intensifying contacts in those communities, not scapegoating or isolating them," she said.

Sanders attended a vigil in his hometown of Burlington, Vermont, on Monday night to show solidarity with the victims. Pointing to Trump's comments about Muslims, Sanders said the shooting was conducted by "one hateful person" and not committed by the Muslim people.

"Our job is not to allow politicians, Mr. Trump or anyone else, to divide us up by where our family came from, the color of our skin, our religion or our sexual orientation," Sanders said.

Looking forward, Sanders has begun helping Democrats preparing for congressional races and the battle to regain control of the Senate.

An early test of his clout will come Tuesday in Nevada, where a Sanders-backed congressional candidate, Lucy Flores, competes in a three-way primary.

Sanders has opened up his campaign's massive email donor list to several Democratic candidates, hauling in more than \$2.4 million for his allies. Flores has been the top recipient of those appeals, collecting about \$390,000 from an email Sanders sent in April on behalf of her and two other candidates.

## Indiana man arrested in LA area wasn't allowed to have guns

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CHARLESTOWN, Ind. (AP) — A man arrested in Southern California with three assault rifles who told police he was headed to a gay pride event had earlier been ordered by a judge in his home state of Indiana to give up all his guns.

But authorities there said Monday that they didn't make any surprise checks on James Wesley Howell

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to confirm he was following the probation requirement.

Howell has a California court appearance tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, but it wasn't yet clear what charges he'll face, if any.

He was arrested early Sunday in Santa Monica with the weapons and explosives in a car he apparently drove from Indiana. He told police he was headed to a gay pride event in West Hollywood that attracts hundreds of thousands of people.

It's unclear whether Howell, 20, intended any violence at the LA Pride event, but the timing of the arrest — hours after the massacre at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida — put police and event organizers on heightened alert.

An Indiana probation officer met with Howell of Charlestown, Indiana, three weeks ago, rated him a low-level offender, and had yet to schedule the in-home visit, said James Hayden, chief probation officer in Clark County.

Howell didn't have permission to leave Indiana after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor intimidation charge. Authorities there are seeking to have him returned as a probation violator.

Court records in Indiana and friends depict Howell as a gun enthusiast with a quick temper.

Twice within four days last October he was accused of pulling a gun and making threats. The first incident involved Howell's then-boyfriend and the second a neighbor, identified in police records as Jeremy Hebert.

Howell was charged with intimidation in the case involving Hebert, a conviction that led to his year-long probation and weapons prohibition.

Hebert remembered Howell being "hot-headed" but said he had no interest in pursuing an intimidation charge against him.

"I wasn't going to ruin his life for it," Hebert said, adding that he was fine as long as Howell didn't return to the neighborhood.

Prosecutors apparently pursued the case without Hebert.

Grace Logsdon, Howell's former roommate, said Howell owned five guns and liked to spend time at a shooting range. He enjoyed teaching Logsdon about guns, she said, but he had a bad temper.

During one trip to a gun range, she said Howell told her: "I wish I could kill a lot of people."

She said Howell lived in a duplex apartment with Logsdon, her husband and Howell's now-former boyfriend late last year.

Howell's ex-boyfriend, Richard Hambrick, described Howell as "explosive."

"He's got a lot of anger problems," Hambrick said.

He added that he doesn't know why Howell was in California.

"As far as I know he had no connections there with any family or friends," Hambrick said.

Charlestown police Detective Capt. Chuck Ledbetter said the handgun Howell used in the intimidation case was the only one the department seized from him. A rifle that ex-boyfriend Hambrick said Howell pointed at him a day earlier wasn't seized because no arrest was made at the time, Ledbetter said.

A lawyer who represented Howell in Kentucky said that he is looking for a lawyer in California.

Attorney Bobby Boyd told WDRB-TV that Howell's father is cooperating with the FBI and was shocked by his son's arrest.

## LeBron drops the hammer on Golden State to force Game 6

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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — So much noise surrounded LeBron James heading into Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

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It came from the Golden State Warriors players, who chided James for being overly sensitive to trash talk in the heat of the moment.

It came from raucous Oracle Arena, one of the loudest fan bases in the league that wanted a pound of flesh from James for his involvement in Draymond Green's suspension.

It came from the vocal group of James detractors, who were delighting in the possibility of the four-time MVP falling flat in the finals again, further proof in their eyes that he will never measure up to the unprecedented hype he received from his formative days in Akron, Ohio.

Facing elimination and a fifth career loss in the finals, James delivered a tour de force of a performance with 41 points, 16 rebounds, seven assists and three blocked shots in the Cavaliers' 112-97 victory that pushed the series back to Cleveland.

It was an emphatic response to three days' worth of controversy. And as chaotic as it seemed from the outside, the 31-year-old James soaked it all in with the perspective born from 13 years in the pressure cooker.

"I guess when you're with the game of basketball and big moments like tonight and moments throughout your career, you wish you could get back," James said. "No matter how loud you turn the stereo system up in your house, you'll never be able to get it back. You just don't take these moments for granted, no matter if you're at home or on the road."

Mychal Thompson and Ayesha Curry mocked him. Marreese Speights essentially called him a baby, and the Warriors fans booed him mercilessly every time he touched the ball on Monday night.

James insisted he heard none of it. Instead, he saw a weakened opponent and a chance to get one more game back in Cleveland, and he pounced.

"My only motivation is how can I be there for my teammates and my coaching staff," James said. "That's it. I mean, at the end of the day, nothing else really matters."

It was an overpowering performance reminiscent of the 45 points and 15 rebounds he put up for Miami against Boston in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals in 2012. Only this time, James had a little more help.

Kyrie Irving was sensational, scoring 41 points on 17-for-24 shooting to give the Cavaliers the first pair of teammates to score at least 40 in the same game in NBA Finals history.

"It's probably one of the greatest performances I've ever seen live," James said of Irving, who had struggled with his efficiency through the first four games of the series. "To put on the show that he did, you just go out and follow the keys and play winning basketball, and we did that tonight."

The two of them got whatever they wanted against a Warriors defense that looked lost without Green, their emotional leader and defensive anchor.

Green watched Game 5 from the neighboring Oakland Coliseum, serving the one-game suspension he received after hitting James in the groin in Game 4.

Without Green in the middle, James bulled his way to the basket time and again. He also hit four 3-pointers and answered every Warriors push with a push of his own.

"Over the course of this series, we've done a pretty good job of containing them and trying to force them into tough spots on the floor," said Stephen Curry, who had 25 points. "Tonight they kind of overcame that."

James and Irving seemed to wear down in the fourth quarters of the first four games, the weight of carrying the Cavaliers offense with little rest sapping their energy as the Warriors kept coming at them in waves.

But they faced little resistance defensively in Game 5, which helped them stay fresh all the way through.



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"Our defense wasn't nearly as good as it's been," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "So when you don't play great defense for the first three quarters, your opponent isn't going to be worn down in the fourth."

Miami used James' dominant performance in Game 6 in 2012 as a spring board to a Game 7 victory that propelled them into the finals. Now Cleveland is equally desperate and hoping for a similar effect heading into Game 6 in Cleveland on Thursday.

"I think that the main thing is that we were able to give ourselves another chance," James said. "Going into Boston, being down 3-2, we understood that the season is over if we don't go out and take care of business."

"Being a big part of our success, I had to come out and do some things to help us win the ballgame, and tonight was just another example of that."

Now it's back to Cleveland. Green will be back in the lineup for Golden State, and the Cavs still trail in the series 3-2. But it's not over yet, and they have James, Irving and maybe a few of those smack-talking Warriors to thank for that.

"To repeat a performance like this would definitely be tough," Irving said. "But whatever it takes to win."

## **Palestinians move into new city, part of statehood dream**

**MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH, Associated Press**

RAWABI, West Bank (AP) — After years of setbacks, Palestinians are proudly starting to move into their first planned city being built in the West Bank — a move that isn't just about real estate but also a symbol of their quest for statehood after nearly 50 years of Israeli military occupation.

Though Rawabi is still unfinished, its glistening high-rises and shopping centers bring a rare sense of pride and excitement to the territory at a time of growing malaise over a standstill in Mideast peace efforts.

Palestinian-American developer Bashar Masri dreamed up Rawabi, which means "hills" in Arabic, back in 2007. But the construction of the city, located about 40 kilometers (25 miles) north of Jerusalem, has repeatedly stalled due to political obstacles. Work only began in 2012.

Perched on a once desolate hilltop, it's the first Palestinian city being built according to a modern urban design plan. The organized layout and modern facilities are in jarring contrast to chaotic Palestinian towns and villages in the area.

Since January, the first residents have been slowly moving in.

Mahmoud Khatib came here with his wife and three children from a nearby village because they wanted to live in a modern city. First, "it was an idea," the 41-year-old banker told The Associated Press. Then "it became a reality."

His wife Sanaa, 40, is thrilled about her new home.

"Here everything is organized. There is a safe playing area for the kids where you don't feel worried when they go out. The services are central and available around the clock," she said. "That's the place I dreamed to live in."

Palestinians see the West Bank, which Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast, as part of their independent state, along with east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Under interim accords reached two decades ago, the Palestinian government now rules about a third of the territory. The rest remains under Israeli control, and home to some 370,000 Jewish settlers. The last round of peace talks broke down two years ago, and prospects for resuming negotiations — much less reaching an agreement — are dim.

Masri said one of the major hurdles in starting Rawabi was getting approval from Israel for an access

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road and water supply to the city, which took years.

"Dealing with occupation is not dealing with a proper nation," he said. "It's dealing with an ugly system."

Rawabi now has a yearly renewable permit to use a narrow road that passes through an adjacent 1-kilometer (0.6-mile) stretch under Israeli control. A pipeline, which passes through the same area, brings in 300 cubic meters of water a day — insufficient for the residents as well as the construction that's underway.

Additional water is currently being brought in on tankers, and some people supplement their supply from a nearby village. Masri said his next battle is to triple both the width of the seven-meter (yard) road and the water supply.

He said Israelis from a nearby settlement have gone to court to curb Rawabi's expansion.

"I'm a strong believer that a Palestinian state is in the making and part of the pillars of building a proper state is to have a strong economy and higher standard of living," Masri said.

Israel's defense body, COGAT, blamed the delays on the "unwillingness" by the Palestinian officials to convene a necessary Joint Water Committee but said that despite this, water connection to the city was approved and work is underway to increase supplies. In addition, COGAT said it's working with the Palestinian developer to find solutions to the access road.

Currently 250 families live in the city. That population is expected to swell to 60,000 when construction ends in about five years.

For Masri, Rawabi has become part of history — "the first Palestinian city to be established in thousands of years" — and he is sure more cities like this will follow. The Palestinian government has envisaged a new city near Jericho, though it's still in the planning stages.

Rawabi building costs have reached \$1.2 billion so far. Funding has come from a Palestinian company run by Masri as well as the Qatari holding company Diar. A three-bedroom apartment averages about \$100,000, about 25 percent less than in the main Palestinian West Bank city of Ramallah nearby.

Along with a large amphitheater that can hold 12,000 people, Rawabi now boasts also an industrial zone, schools, and the first big Western-style open-air shopping center in the West Bank. Such attractions lumped together in one city are unheard of in Palestinian areas.

There is a mosque under construction and also a church, which will serve the Palestinian Christian minority. About 10 percent of Rawabi residents are expected to be Christian.

Masri can see it all so vividly.

"I would love to sit at a café in Rawabi and watch the people going around, enjoying themselves, living in a nice clean environment and being happy," he muses.

"We deserve some relaxation and happiness ... we have been dealt a terrible deal, dozens and dozens of years. We deserve better."

## James, Irving each score 41, Cavs stay alive in NBA Finals

JANIE McCAULEY, AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Booed every time he touched the ball, LeBron James cut through Golden State's defense and made layups look easy. Dunks and 3-pointers, so smooth, too.

And Kyrie Irving also completely had his way with the Warriors.

King James and Irving thoroughly overpowered the defending champions from every spot on the floor, and the Cavaliers are still alive to chase that elusive championship.

The unflappable, determined-as-ever James had 41 points, 16 rebounds and seven assists, Irving also

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scored 41 points and Cleveland capitalized on the absence of suspended star Draymond Green, staving off NBA Finals elimination with a 112-97 victory in Game 5 on Monday night.

"We had a mindset that we wanted to come here and just extend our period and have another opportunity to fight for another day," James said. "That was our main concern, and we were able to do that."

James and Irving became the first teammates to score 40 points in an NBA Finals game as the Cavaliers pulled within 3-2 and sent their best-of-seven series back to Ohio.

Afterward, sitting side by side on the podium, they offered back-and-forth shoutouts, with James noting of Irving, "It's probably one of the greatest performances I've ever seen live."

Take that, haters. James has much more to say about these playoffs before he's done — and not with his mouth, even as the criticism came from all directions following his Game 4 tussle with Green and reaction to what he considered the Golden State forward's inappropriate words. James was booed again as the Cavs left the court for their locker room, but thousands of fans had already made for the exits minutes earlier.

"Now, mind you, to repeat a performance like this would definitely be tough, but whatever it takes to win," Irving said.

Cleveland handed Golden State just its fourth defeat all season at sold-out Oracle Arena, denying MVP Stephen Curry and the Warriors a chance to celebrate another championship with their golden-clad "Strength In Numbers" supporters. Now, Curry and Co. must try to win on the road, just the way the Warriors did last year and also in their only other championship season out West in 1975.

The Warriors will get Green back Thursday as they try again for that repeat title.

"I kind of like our position," coach Steve Kerr said. "... I like our position a lot better than theirs."

Banned from the arena, Green watched from a baseball suite in the Oakland Coliseum next door, joined by Golden State general manager Bob Myers.

The All-Star forward was suspended Sunday for his fourth flagrant point of the postseason. He was assessed a retroactive Flagrant-1 for his swipe at James in the fourth quarter of Friday's Game 4.

Tied 61-all at halftime Monday, the Warriors missed 14 of their first 20 shots out of intermission and shot 7 for 24 in the third as James and the Cavs grabbed command by doing all of the little things on both ends of the floor — the very intangibles Golden State desperately missed without Green's high-energy presence on both ends. James jumped in the passing lanes to create defensive havoc, flipped passes around and got open.

Klay Thompson scored 37 points with six 3-pointers and Curry added 25 points with five 3s, seven rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots. But as the game wore on, the Splash Brothers shot air-balls and clanked 3-point tries off the front rim. The Warriors often failed to get a hand in the face of Cleveland's shooters.

"We weren't very good defensively," Kerr said. "We obviously knew we were without Draymond, so there's no point in harping on that. We had to play better, and we didn't."

James and Irving combined to shoot 33 for 54, while the Warriors went cold and finished 36.4 percent from the field. James also had three steals and three blocked shots.

Andre Iguodala had 15 points, 11 rebounds and six assists starting in place of Green, but Oakland must hold off in planning another victory parade for now.

"We like our chances going forward and continuing to just try to be us, the best we can, and get one more win," Curry said.

Warriors center Andrew Bogut went down early in the third grabbing his left knee and writhing in pain, and will have an MRI exam on his sprained knee Tuesday.

Irving's three-point play with 7:30 remaining put Cleveland ahead 102-92, and the Cavs kept pushing.

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They answered on offense and made all the key stops on defense.

"It obviously stings real bad," Thompson said. "We'll come back stronger."

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

Former Orlando Magic star Grant Hill spoke on behalf of the NBA in offering support, thoughts and prayers to victims in the Orlando mass shooting before a moment of silence.

## TIP-INS

**Cavaliers:** Kevin Love returned to the starting lineup for the first time since sustaining a concussion in Game 2 here on June 5. ... James extended his NBA-record streak to 26 straight playoff series with at least one road win. ... James played his 197th postseason game, tying him with Manu Ginobili for No. 9 on the NBA's career list. He also passed Elgin Baylor (1,724) for No. 9 on the rebounds list.

**Warriors:** Golden State committed 17 turnovers. ... The Warriors had won their last four against the Cavs on their home court, outscoring Cleveland by a combined 48 points in Games 1 and 2 of these finals. ... Golden State had its streak of six straight Game 5 victories in the postseason dating to last year's Western Conference semifinals snapped.

## Asian stocks down ahead of Fed meeting

**JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets mostly lower Tuesday tracking Wall Street's decline, as jittery investors awaited the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates and Britain's vote on European Union membership.

**KEEPING SCORE:** Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 1.3 percent to 15,809.22 points and Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 lost 1.8 percent to 5,219.30. Seoul's Kospi retreated 0.4 percent to 1,971.16 and benchmarks in New Zealand, Singapore and the Philippines also declined. The Shanghai Composite Index was unchanged at 2,833.18 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng was flat at 20,527.81.

**WALL STREET:** Markets fell for a third day as investors awaited the Fed's decision on interest rates and Britain's EU referendum. LinkedIn shares jumped 47 percent after Microsoft announced plans to buy the professional social networking company. Firearms makers climbed as investors wondered whether Sunday's mass shooting in Orlando would lead to greater sales. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 132.86 points, or 0.7 percent, to 17,732.48. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 17.01 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,079.06 and the Nasdaq composite fell 46.11 points, or 0.9 percent, to 4,848.44.

**FED WATCH:** The Fed had been expected to raise interest rates but now appears likely to wait and see how economic changes develop. The central bank's two-day meeting starts Tuesday, with a decision on interest rates Wednesday. While last month many investors were betting that the Fed would hike rates, the two most recent monthly U.S. jobs reports put a damper on those expectations.

**BREXIT:** Stocks are under pressure from uncertainty about whether British voters will choose to leave the European Union in a June 23 referendum. Some polls show a majority are in favor of leaving, known informally as Brexit. Germany's DAX closed down 1.8 percent, France's CAC-40 fell 1.9 percent and the U.K.'s FTSE 100 lost 1.2 percent.

**CHINA WEAKNESS:** Factory output and investment in May were weaker than expected, possibly hurt by slow foreign and domestic demand. Industrial production held steady at 6 percent. Growth in investment in factories and other fixed assets weakened to 9.6 percent in the January-May period from 10.5 percent for the four months through April. "Momentum appears to be stalling after a solid start to 2016," said Mizuho Bank in a report.

**ENERGY:** Benchmark U.S. crude fell 57 cents to \$48.32 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 19 cents on Monday to close at \$48.88. Brent crude, used

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to price international oils, dropped 48 cents to \$49.87 per barrel in London. It shed 19 cents on Monday to \$50.35.

CURRENCY: The dollar held steady at 106.05 yen. The euro edged up to \$1.1296 from \$1.1293.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 14, the 166th day of 2016. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day. Today's Highlight in History:

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the original design of the Stars and Stripes, specifying a flag containing thirteen red and white stripes and thirteen stars.

On this date:

In 1775, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created.

In 1801, former American Revolutionary War general and notorious turncoat Benedict Arnold died in London.

In 1922, Warren G. Harding became the first president heard on radio, as Baltimore station WEAR broadcast his speech dedicating the Francis Scott Key memorial at Fort McHenry.

In 1934, Max Baer defeated Primo Carnera with an 11th round TKO to win the world heavyweight boxing championship in Long Island City, New York.

In 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War II; the same day, the Nazis began transporting prisoners to the Auschwitz (OWSH'-vitz) concentration camp in German-occupied Poland.

In 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court, in West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette, ruled 6-3 that children in public schools could not be forced to salute the flag of the United States.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure adding the phrase "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1967, the space probe Mariner 5 was launched from Cape Kennedy on a flight that took it past Venus.

In 1972, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered a ban on domestic use of the pesticide DDT, to take effect at year's end.

In 1982, Argentine forces surrendered to British troops on the disputed Falkland Islands.

In 1985, the 17-day hijack ordeal of TWA Flight 847 began as a pair of Lebanese Shiite (SHEE'-eyet) Muslim extremists seized the jetliner shortly after takeoff from Athens, Greece.

In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld, 6-3, police checkpoints that examined drivers for signs of intoxication.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, just back from a surprise visit to Iraq, dismissed calls for a U.S. withdrawal as election-year politics and refused to give a timetable or benchmark for success that would allow troops to come home.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama made a four-hour visit to Puerto Rico, becoming the first president since John F. Kennedy to make an official visit to the U.S. territory. The long-delayed, problem-plagued musical "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" officially opened on Broadway.

One year ago: Thousands of Syrians cut through a border fence and crossed over into Turkey, fleeing intense fighting in northern Syria between Kurdish fighters and jihadis. Inbee Park shot a final round 68 and finished at 19-under par to win the KPMG Women's PGA Championship for the third consecutive year and retake the No. 1 ranking in women's golf.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marla Gibbs is 85. House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., is 77. Writer

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Peter Mayle is 77. Actor Jack Bannon is 76. Country-rock musician Spooner Oldham is 73. Rock singer Rod Argent (The Zombies; Argent) is 71. Real estate mogul, TV personality and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is 70. Singer Janet Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 70. Rock musician Barry Melton is 69. Rock musician Alan White (Yes) is 67. Actor Eddie Mekka is 64. Actor Will Patton is 62. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Eric Heiden (HY'-dun) is 58. Jazz musician Marcus Miller is 57. Singer Boy George is 55. Rock musician Chris DeGarmo is 53. Actress Traylor Howard is 50. Actress Yasmine Bleeth is 48. Actor Faizon Love is 48. Actor Stephen Wallem is 48. International Tennis Hall of Famer Steffi Graf is 47. Screenwriter Diablo Cody is 38. Actor Lawrence Saint-Victor is 34. Actor Torrance Coombs is 33. Actor J.R. Martinez is 33. Actor-singer Kevin McHale is 28. Actress Lucy Hale is 27. Pop singer Jesy Nelson (Little Mix) is 25. Country singer Joel Crouse is 24. Actor Daryl Sabara is 24.

Thought for Today: "It is the flag just as much of the man who was naturalized yesterday as of the men whose people have been here many generations." — Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. senator and historian (1850-1924).