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Anniversaries: Jim & Jenny Meister, Gary & Patty Baule, Jeff & Jami Larson.

Birthdays: Elaine Wolken, Cassie Monson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:00pm: U10 Softball hosts Ellendale

7:00pm: U12 Softball hosts Ellendale

7:30pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 28

FFA Leadership Retreat in Swan Lake, Viborg

Anniversaries: Doug & Melenie Sombke, Carroll & Pearl Dean.

Birthdays: Holly Johnson, Michael Baule.

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

5:30pm: Legion hosts Milbank (2)

6:00pm: T-Ball Gold hosts Ferney

Wednesday, June 29

FFA Leadership Retreat in Swan Lake, Viborg

Anniversaries: John & Meri Erickson, Gordon & Dorene Nelson.

Birthday: Derick Furman

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: NESDU8 in Groton (Groton Blue vs. Webster Wolves and Groton Red vs. Webster Saints)

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Thursday, June 30

FFA Leadership Retreat in Swan Lake, Viborg

Apts for Rent

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Five Essential Steps to Financial Independence

By Nathaniel Sillin

It's never a bad time to consider life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness but Independence Day offers us a special opportunity. For me, those concepts also have a great deal to do with financial independence. After all, the ability to take care of yourself and your loved ones throughout life is a great source of happiness and a way to avoid stress and worry. And never forget that greater financial freedom isn't just good news for you – financially healthy households make us all stronger as a country.

So make a financial declaration of independence that you can celebrate year round. I've boiled it down to five essential steps:

1. **Plan.** The only way to build a strong financial future is to live below your means, essentially to spend less than you make. The earlier you can commit to that behavior and divert funds to regular savings and investing, you'll be in better financial shape for a lifetime. Budgeting (<http://pmsfl.us/1mW4IsG>) – the process of tracking income, subtracting expenses and directing the difference to essential financial goals is the way you'll afford retirement, college for your children and a range of other financial goals.

2. **Protect.** Why focus on protecting your money, even before you have much of it? Because protecting your money early on will keep new money where it can grow. The first task involves building an emergency fund that will hold three to six months of reserves to cover everyday expenses if you lose your job or have to shoulder a major expense or repair. An emergency fund will help keep you from having to borrow in such a situation. The next step is insurance. Whether you purchased a home or you are renting a property, think about everything you own. How much would it cost to replace clothing, furniture, appliances and electronics? Did you also know that renter's insurance offers liability coverage of medical or legal expenses connected to your home? Your landlord's coverage is unlikely to cover any personal liability you incur in a structural emergency or accident and certainly won't cover you in case of theft. It's also important to buy quality auto, home, health, and when relevant to your circumstances, disability and life coverage. Insurance is about preventing a range of financial setbacks.

3. **Learn.** While you're building your emergency fund, become a voracious reader and listener on financial topics. If you have the time and resources, take classes on the three major financial behaviors – saving, spending and investing. Consider working with a qualified financial or tax expert to determine if what you're learning is right for your situation. Whether it's a house, a car, a continuation of your education or a family, start linking this knowledge with accomplishing actual financial goals.

4. **Manage.** Evaluate assets for growth and income – stocks, real estate and other assets may fluctuate in value over time, but if they're producing dividends or income, that's a worthy counterbalance to market variations. Keep studying various asset classes of investments so you can build and adjust your portfolio as needed over time. Also, don't forget to study the tax ramifications of any investment you make – taxes are some of the most expensive costs we pay. However you choose to save, invest or spend, do so with the least cost possible. In life, small amounts add up – investment fees, shipping fees for goods you order online, even the extra bag you pay to check at the airport. Always question and try to avoid paying the "small" amounts that leave your wallet because they will add up over time.

5. **Evaluate.** Our lives don't stand still and neither should your financial planning. Any time major events happen in your life – a new job, marriage, a baby, the death of spouse or partner – financial circumstances change. Always be ready to reevaluate your current savings, spending and investing behavior based on what's going on with your life.

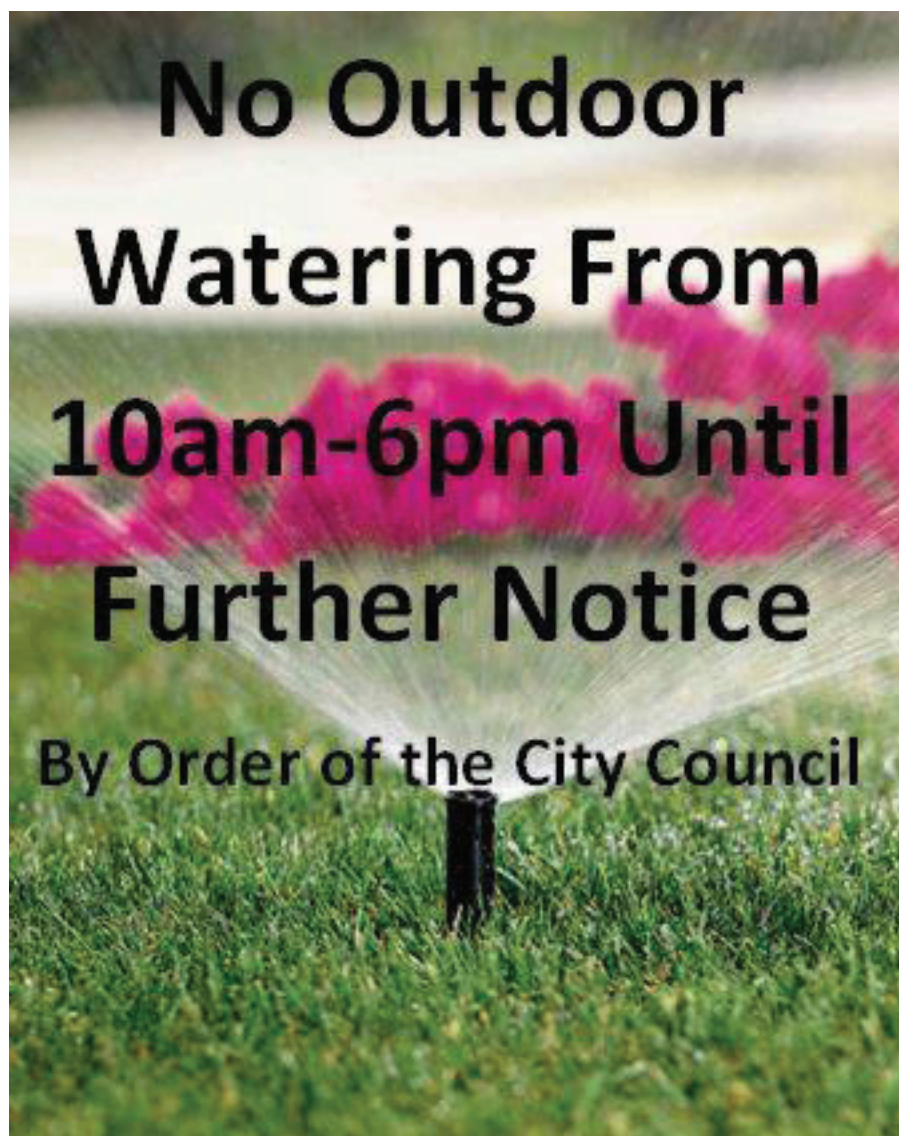
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One last item to consider when thinking about financial independence is giving. We still live in a country where many people struggle to find good jobs, raise families and afford homes. Realize that there should be a part of your budget that goes toward helping the less fortunate. GuideStar (<http://www.guidestar.org>), Charity Navigator (<http://www.charitynavigator.org/>), the Better Business Bureau (<http://www.give.org>) or the Foundation Center (<http://foundationcenter.org>) all offer detailed research on charitable organizations that you use to evaluate before you give.

Bottom line: You don't have to be wealthy to become financially independent. Be diligent with smart spending, detailed research and always prepare for emergencies. Soon, you'll be celebrating your own financial Independence Day.

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Today in Weather History

1901 - There was a rain of fish from the sky at Tiller's Ferry. Hundreds of fish were swimming between cotton rows after a heavy shower. (David Ludlum)

1915 - The temperature at Fort Yukon AK soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1957 - Hurricane Audrey smashed ashore at Cameron, LA, drowning 390 persons in the storm tide, and causing 150 million dollars damage in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Audrey left only a brick courthouse and a cement-block icehouse standing at Cameron, and when the waters settled in the town of Crede, only four buildings remained. The powerful winds of Audrey tossed a fishing boat weighing 78 tons onto an off-shore drilling platform. Winds along the coast gusted to 105 mph, and oil rigs off the Louisiana coast reported wind gusts to 180 mph. A storm surge greater than twelve feet inundated the Louisiana coast as much as 25 miles inland. It was the deadliest June hurricane of record for the U.S. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms moving out of Nebraska produced severe weather in north central Kansas after midnight. Thunderstorm winds gusting to 100 mph damaged more than fifty camping trailers at the state park campground at Lake Waconda injuring sixteen persons. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 80 mph at Beloit and Sylvan Grove. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - The afternoon high of 107 degrees at Bismarck, ND, was a record for the month of June, and Pensacola, FL, equalled their June record with a reading of 101 degrees. Temperatures in the Great Lakes Region and the Ohio Valley dipped into the 40s. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from the Ohio Valley to western New England. Thunderstorm spawned six tornadoes, and there were 98 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Tropical Storm Allison spawned six tornadoes in Louisiana, injuring two persons at Hackberry. Fort Polk LA was drenched with 10.09 inches of rain in 36 hours, and 12.87 inches was reported at the Gorum Fire Tower in northern Louisiana. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Partly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 76 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 78 °F



Cooler Temperatures Today

Lighter Winds As Well

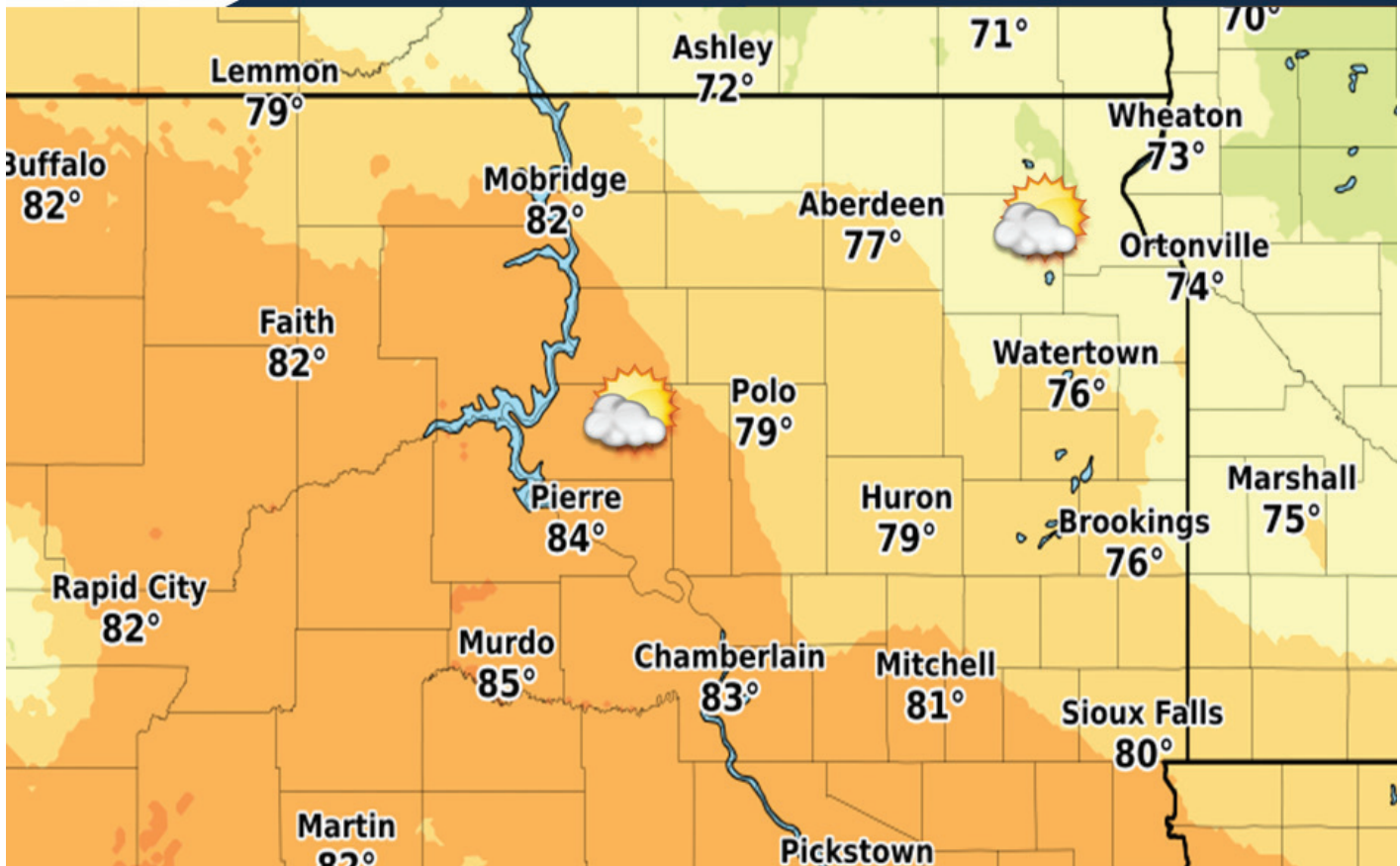
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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Surface high pressure will build south across the region today, bringing cooler temperatures and lighter northerly winds. Highs will range from the 70s east, to the 80s across central South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 87.6 F at 4:12 PM

Heat Index: 86.0 at 3:35 PM

Low Outside Temp: 54.5 F at 3:21 AM

High Gust: 27.0 Mph at 2:14 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1936

Record Low: 43 in 1907

Average High: 81°F

Average Low: 57°F

Average Precip in June: 3.34

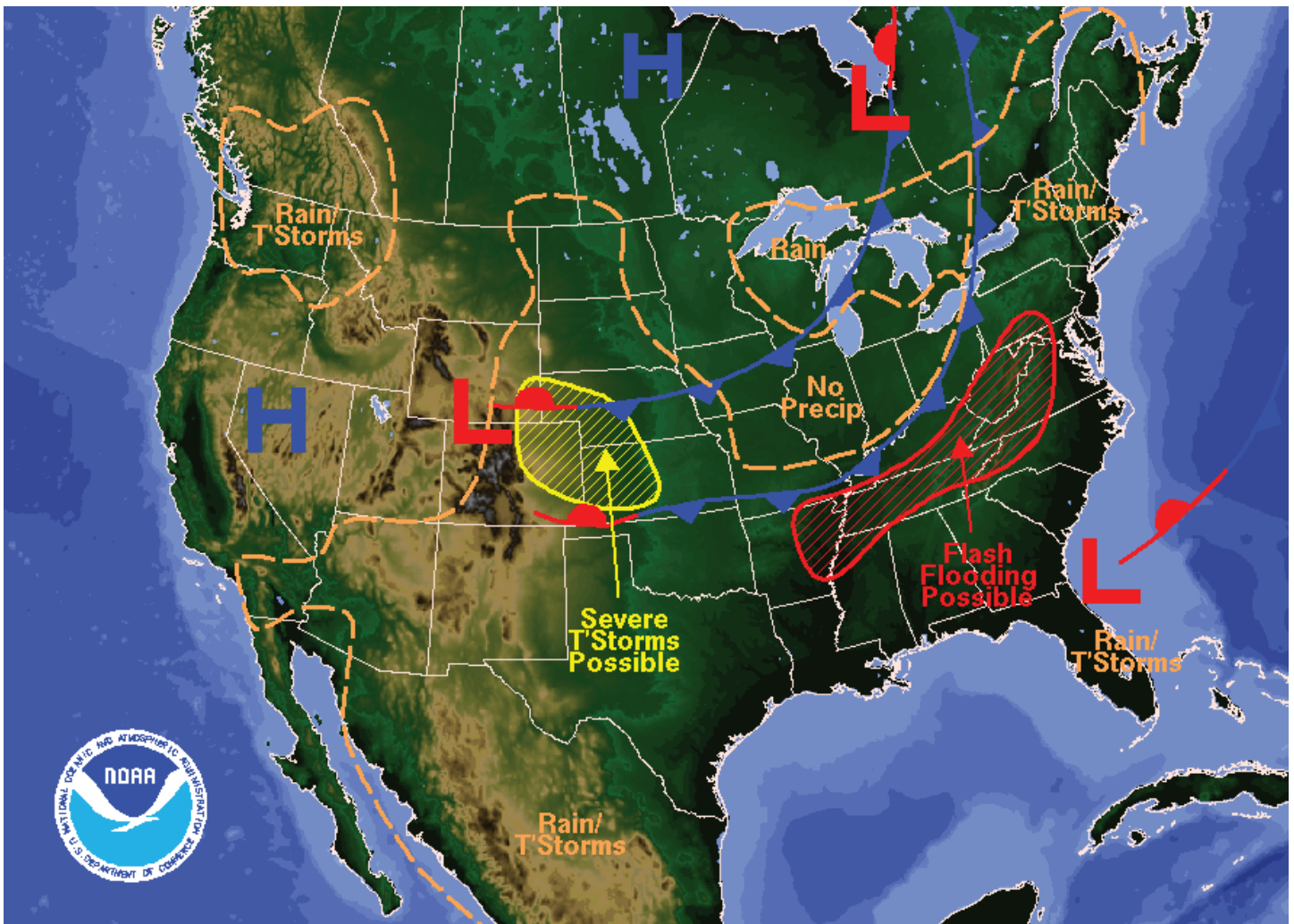
Precip to date in June: 1.67

Average Precip to date: 10.48

Precip Year to Date: 6.66

Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:47 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jun 27, 2016, issued 4:44 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THANK YOU FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY

Just before leaving for school, little Noah was saying his morning prayers. "Heavenly Father, thank You for this beautiful day."

"But," interrupted his mother, "there is going to be a storm with rain, lightning and thunder. That's not a beautiful day."

"I know," was the quick reply. "We just can't judge a day by the weather."

There are some days when the last possible thing we can do is to find something beautiful. We awaken to discover that a loved one is critically ill, we feel overwhelmed by the tough schedule we are facing, the children are out of control and the sink is overflowing because the plumbing is stopped-up. What next? Can anything else go wrong?

Perhaps it is time to hear the Psalmist: "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." Throughout the Psalms we often read about the difficult, demanding and discouraging days David faced. What did he do?

He spoke to God honestly and took his problems to God and pleaded for His help. And every time, at the end of the psalm, there was rejoicing!

Prayer: Father, we know that You are bigger than every problem we face and have solutions for each of them. May we see Your beauty in all things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 118:24 This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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News from the Associated Press

Sioux Falls casino robbed at gunpoint over the weekend

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating the armed robbery of a casino over the weekend.

Authorities say a male walked into the Crown Casino shortly after 8 a.m. Saturday, pointed a handgun at an employee and demanded money.

The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of money. The employee was not injured.

Firefighters work to contain Crow Peak fire

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — About 100 firefighters are working to contain a fire on Crow Peak near Spearfish which began with a lightning strike.

The fire on the scenic peak, which includes a popular hiking trail, grew to 400 acres Sunday with no containment reported by fire officials.

Rugged terrain and access issues are making it difficult for firefighters. Heavy air tankers, single-engine air tankers and helicopters are being used to combat the flames.

The Black Hills National Forest issued a temporary closure order for the Crow Peak area to allow for the movement of emergency vehicles. Some residents along Crow Peak Bench Rd. have been told they may need to evacuate.

Teens involved in fatal crash identified

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol has identified some of the five teenagers involved in a fatal crash in Davison County.

The patrol says 18-year-old Dylan Mentele, of Alexandria, was a passenger in a vehicle that left a curve near Mitchell about 4 a.m. Saturday. Mentele died of his injuries. Four others in the GMC Sierra were injured.

Officials say a 17-year-old girl in the vehicle suffered life-threatening injuries and was airlifted to a Sioux Falls hospital. Two other passengers, William Langstraat, of Stickney, and 18 year-old Justin Roster, from Alexandria, both 18, sustained minor injuries.

The patrol says the vehicle was driven by an 18-year-old Ethan man, who was also injured.

Besides the patrol, the Davison County Sheriff's Office, Mitchell EMS, Davison County Search and Rescue and the state Division of Criminal Investigation, responded.

Netanyahu: Deal with Turkey promotes 'stability' in Mideast

BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press

JOSEF FEDERMAN, Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Israel and Turkey on Monday announced a reconciliation deal to end a bitter six-year rift between the Mideast powers.

In Rome, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the deal would help bring "stability" to the turbulent Middle East. His Turkish counterpart, Binali Yildirim, made a simultaneous announcement in Ankara.

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Relations between the once-close allies imploded six years ago after an Israeli naval raid killed nine Turks, including a dual American citizen, on board an aid ship trying to breach Israel's blockade of the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

After the raid, the countries withdrew their ambassadors, largely cut security ties and have since maintained only low-level diplomatic relations.

Under Monday's deal, Israel and Turkey will restore full diplomatic relations, with ambassadors expected to return within several weeks.

Israel will pay \$20 million in compensation for the families of people harmed in the naval raid, and it will allow Turkey to deliver aid to Gaza through an Israeli port and to carry out a series of development projects in Gaza, particularly in water and electricity.

Netanyahu said it is a "clear" Israeli interest to help resolve Gaza's water and electricity woes.

In return, Turkey agreed to prevent legal claims against Israel over the raid, and to prevent any military action or fundraising in Turkey, Netanyahu said, in an apparent reference to Hamas. Turkey remains close ties with Hamas, an Islamic militant group that is sworn to Israel's destruction and is labeled a terrorist organization by Israel and the West.

Even in their announcements, the two countries appeared to be at odds.

Yildirim said the deal, which will allow Turkey to deliver aid to Gaza and engage in infrastructure investments to construct residential buildings and a hospital and to address energy and water shortages in Gaza amounted to a partial lifting of the Gaza blockade.

"The total embargo imposed on Palestine and on the Gaza region in particular, is to being lifted to a great extent through Turkey's leadership," Yildirim said.

He said a first Turkish ship, carrying more than 10,000 tons of aid, would depart for the Israeli port of Ashdod on Friday.

"With this deal, the process of returning ties to normal has begun," Yildirim said.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, said the blockade remains in place. He called the blockade a "top security interest."

The Israeli leader spoke in Rome, where he earlier in the day held talks with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. The U.S. top diplomat welcomed the agreement and congratulated Netanyahu. He said the U.S. has been working on the rapprochement for several years, and called it a "positive step."

Netanyahu also said the deal would give a big boost to the Israeli economy by opening the key Turkish market to Israeli natural gas exports and by providing a gateway to the European market as well.

Israel imposed the blockade after Hamas seized control of Gaza in 2007. Israel says the measures are needed to prevent Hamas from importing weapons. The sides have fought three wars since the Hamas takeover.

Critics of the blockade say the measure amounts to collective punishment. Gaza's economy has largely come to a standstill as a result of the blockade, which greatly limits the flow of people and goods in and out of the territory. Egypt, which has cool relations with Hamas, has also kept its border with Gaza closed, compounding Gaza's woes.

UK Treasury chief tries to calm fears over 'Brexit' fallout

DANICA KIRKA, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Treasury chief sought Monday to ease concerns about the vote to leave the European Union, saying the economy is as strong as it could be to face the uncertainty — even as a survey showed many companies are looking to move business out of the country.

In his first public appearance since Thursday's referendum, George Osborne stressed that Britain's

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economy is in a far better position than it was at the start of the 2008 financial crisis.

"It will not be plain sailing in the days ahead," he said. "But let me be clear. You should not underestimate our resolve. We were prepared for the unexpected."

The leaders of Germany, Italy and France will be huddling in Berlin to discuss the vote, trying to hone a common message that negotiations need to get underway quickly on the exit so as not to continue the uncertainty.

Questions remain about exactly how the exit would happen, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman said Monday that there will be no informal talks on conditions until Britain invokes Article 50 of the EU treaty, which will trigger the process for leaving. Prime Minister David Cameron has said he will resign and his successor, to be chosen by the fall, should be the one to navigate that process.

In the first direct reflection of such uncertainty on business confidence, a leading business group says 20 percent of its members plan to move some of their operations outside of the U.K.

The Institute of Directors said Monday that a survey of its 1,000 members showed that three out of four believe that Britain's exit from the EU, known as Brexit, will be bad for business.

The pound hit a new 31-year record low, dropping another 3.3 percent to \$1.3227. Stock markets also declined across Europe.

Osborne pledged not to impose a new austerity budget — even though he said during the campaign that one would be necessary if voters chose to leave the EU. He said another budget would be the task of Cameron's successor.

Osborne also said he had been working closely with Bank of England Governor Mark Carney, fellow finance ministers and international organizations over the weekend.

"We are prepared for whatever happens," he said.

In another move to cushion market reaction, Osborne stressed that only Britain can invoke Article 50. The U.K. "should only do that when there is a clear view about what new arrangement we are seeking with our European neighbors," he said.

Cameron is expected to chair an emergency Cabinet meeting Monday. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is visiting Brussels and London to address the fallout from the vote.

Political turmoil has roiled Britain since the vote as leaders of the government and opposition parties grapple with the question of how precisely the U.K. will separate from the other 27 nations in the bloc.

Opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn is also facing upheaval within his Labour Party after half a dozen advisers quit his inner circle Monday, joining some 11 others who resigned over the weekend.

Corbyn said he will not resign, and has appointed lawmakers loyal to him to fill the vacated posts. He insists he will run in any new leadership contest, and said he has the support of the party's grassroots.

Many Labour lawmakers accuse Corbyn of running a lukewarm campaign in support of remaining in the EU. They also fear the left-winger cannot win a general election, which could come well before the scheduled date of 2020, as whoever replaces Cameron may call an early election to solidify a mandate before negotiating Britain's EU exit.

The vote is also causing a political schism in the U.K. overall. Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said she would "consider" whether to advise the Scottish Parliament to use its power to try to prevent Britain from leaving the EU. Some 62 percent of Scots voted to remain in the bloc.

Scottish lawmakers might be able to derail Britain's departure by withholding "legislative consent," she said.

Serbian police find 29 migrants, arrest suspected smuggler

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Serbian police say they have found 29 migrants with no documents and arrested a suspected people smuggler.

Police said Monday they discovered the migrants in a southern village near the border town of Presevo. They say migrants were packed in two cars with false plates. The man caught with the migrants faces charges of illegal crossing of the border and people smuggling.

The smuggling of migrants through the Balkans has been on the rise since the nations shut their borders in March, closing down the traditional refugee route toward Western Europe.

More than one million people entered Europe last year and nations have been shutting down their borders to curb the influx.

Israeli police attacked by Palestinians at holy site

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police say young masked Palestinians threw stones and shot fireworks at police officers at a contentious Jerusalem holy site revered by Muslims and Jews. No injuries were reported.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld says the Palestinians, who were holed up in the Al Aqsa Mosque, attacked officers with fireworks and rocks they had stockpiled inside the mosque.

He says police then locked the protesters in the mosque and opened the site to tourists and Jewish visitors. Later, protesters attacked police again. Police dispersed them using "riot-dispersal means."

Minor skirmishes erupted at the site on Sunday also.

Muslims refer to the site as the Noble Sanctuary, where the Prophet Muhammad embarked on his night journey. Jews refer to it as the Temple Mount, where Jewish temples stood in biblical times.

Stocks, pound fall again due to UK vote uncertainty

DANICA KIRKA, AP Business Writers

JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writers

LONDON (AP) — European stocks and the pound fell further on Monday as concern grew over the potential economic costs of Britain's vote to bring its country, the world's fifth-largest economy, out of the European Union.

The British pound, which last week plunged to its lowest level since 1985, dropped another 2.4 percent to \$1.3352, despite the British Treasury's reassurances that the economy was strong enough to withstand the uncertainty.

European stock markets added to their painful losses from Friday, when concern over the vote outcome wiped out \$2.1 trillion of stock value from Hong Kong to London to New York.

Britain's FTSE 100 was down 1.3 percent at 6,056 while Germany's DAX shed 1.3 percent to 9,434 and France's CAC 40 dropped 1.3 percent as well to 4,053.

Wall Street was set to drift lower on the open, too, with futures for the Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard and Poor's 500 index down 0.3 percent each. Earlier, some Asian markets had bounced back somewhat after news reports said Japanese Prime Minister Shintaro Abe instructed financial officials to take steps to stabilize financial and currency markets.

Traders were watching for more aftershocks as other EU leaders press London to start the complex process of leaving the 28-nation trading bloc. Prime Minister David Cameron wants to wait several months.

"Markets will be nervous given that the EU and U.K. have some mismatch in terms of timing of exit

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procedures and negotiations," said Mizuho Bank analysts in a report.

"The EU's legitimacy may be tested by separatist parties," it said. "Spanish elections more immediately and then French elections in 2017 add to the complexity of political dynamics involved in negotiations. Brewing uncertainty suggests that the stage is set for potentially stormy global markets."

In the first direct reflection of business sentiment in Britain, a leading business group said Monday that 20 percent of its members plan to move some of their operations outside of the U.K. in light of the country's decision to leave the EU. The Institute of Directors said that a survey of its 1,000 members showed that three out of four believe that Britain's exit from the EU, or Brexit, will be bad for business.

Earlier, Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rallied on the reports of government support for markets in the face of uncertainty. It rose 2.4 percent to close at 15,309.21, rebounding from Friday's 7.9 percent decline, its biggest since the 2008 financial crisis. The Shanghai Composite Index gained 1.2 percent to 2,887.94 and Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 added 0.4 percent to 5,134.20.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.2 percent to 20,227.30 and Seoul's Kospi rose 0.1 percent to 1,926.85.

In currency markets, the euro currency used by 19 EU economies declined to \$1.1046 from \$1.1118. The dollar edged down to 101.99 yen from 102.19.

In energy markets, benchmark U.S. crude rose 13 cents to \$47.77 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract plummeted \$2.47 on Friday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, opened down but recovered to gain 27 cents to \$49.31 in London. It plunged \$2.50 on Friday.

China's premier called for joint efforts to restore global economic confidence.

"We are seeing increasing uncertainties in the world economy," said Li Keqiang at the World Economic Forum in the eastern city of Tianjin. "We need to jointly handle challenges, strengthen confidence and create a stable international environment."

What happens next depends on how policymakers handle the fallout in the coming days, Christine Lagarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said at the Aspen Ideas Festival in Colorado on Sunday.

Economic risks, she said, depend on the level of uncertainty.

"How they come out in the next few days is going to really drive the direction in which risk will go," Lagarde said.

The financial markets did not panic too badly Friday after the vote, Lagarde said. She said central bankers put a lot of liquidity into the markets so there wouldn't be a shortage, as happened during other market plunges, including in 2008.

"It was very much under control. We didn't see those sort of panic moves," she told the group.

The surprise outcome of the British vote brought more political turmoil Sunday.

Leaders of the successful campaign to leave the EU stayed largely out of the public eye, offering few signals about their plans.

In Scotland, however, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said she would consider advising the Scottish Parliament to try to use its power to prevent Britain from leaving the EU. She said Scottish lawmakers might be able to derail the move by withholding "legislative consent" for a British exit, or Brexit.

Flood-ravaged West Virginia bracing for more rain

JOHN RABY, Associated Press

DAVE MORRISON, Associated Press

ANSTED, W.Va. (AP) — More heavy rains are expected in West Virginia, where floodwaters have killed at least 25 people in the past week.

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More than 20 counties were under a flash flood watch Monday. The National Weather Service said downpours were possible in many areas already ravaged by flooding, including Kanawha and Nicholas counties. The forecast also included hardest-hit Greenbrier County, where 17 people have died and floodwaters have yet to recede.

Many residents were still trying to come to grips with ruined property and lost lives before the latest rounds of storms hit.

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's administration still believes there are people missing in Greenbrier County, chief of staff Chris Stadelman said.

On Sunday, dozens of residents from flooded-out Rainelle remained at a shelter more than 25 miles away at the Ansted Baptist Church, where singing from inside mixed with the bustle of activity outside.

The church's gymnasium has been converted to a shelter. The church also is a drop-off point for donated goods as well as a makeshift kennel for dog owners.

For now, it's home for Jerry Reynolds, his wife, Janice, and his brother, Marcus Reynolds.

Janice Reynolds said she drove back to Rainelle on Saturday to survey the damage. She said her home was destroyed, a vehicle was lost in the floodwaters and the community "smelled like death."

Jerry Reynolds says the flood was "the worst thing I've ever seen." But as he sat in his car at the shelter, he declared that "we're survivors. We'll make it."

Marcus Reynolds even found a bit of humor amid the sorrow.

"While we're at it, would you be interested in any oceanfront property?" he said. "I understand there's some available."

Bill Kious of Rainelle was asked how those at the shelter, many of them on modest incomes, were able to laugh.

"Frankly, because we've lived a rough lifestyle," Kious said. "It's a nature to us that we can't get rid of."

Rick Lewis of the Nuttall Fire Department said 129 people were staying Sunday at the church gymnasium. Many more Rainelle residents were sent to other shelters, he said.

Among those taking advantage of the shelter's kennel was T.J. Parker of Rainelle and his pet Titan.

Parker said he and Titan had to swim four blocks to safety. Along the way, he stopped to rescue an elderly man calling for help and brought him through floodwaters to a fire department. Parker said he had to go under water and hold his breath to support the man, then come up for air.

"I realize that sounds crazy, but you have to do what you have to do at that time," Parker said.

Volunteer Randy Halsey said the donated items at the church were heading specifically to Rainelle. He said it was difficult to estimate how many items had been donated because "as soon as it comes in, it's going right back out."

Authorities have yet to start sizing up the flood damage in West Virginia. But it is drawing comparisons to November 1985 floods that remain the state's most expensive natural disaster with more than \$570 million in damage.

The 1985 floods left 47 dead in West Virginia, more than half of them in Pendleton and Grant counties. The Potomac River at Paw Paw crested 29 feet above flood stage. More than 3,500 homes, 180 businesses and 43 bridges statewide were destroyed. Twenty-nine counties were declared federal disaster areas.

"This is the worst I've ever seen," said Fayette County Sheriff's Sgt. Bill Mooney, who served in the National Guard during massive floods in 2000-01. "Nobody expected 7 inches of (rain) in three hours."

About 18,000 homes and businesses remained without power Sunday. It marked the first day people can apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency aid in Greenbrier, Kanawha and Nicholas counties.

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President Barack Obama's signature Saturday on the federal disaster declaration lets residents in the three counties get aid for temporary housing and home repairs, receive low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and qualify for other assistance for individuals and business owners. Federal money to help the state and local governments is also available on a cost-sharing basis. FEMA officials were in the state to begin assessing the damage to infrastructure, homes and other property.

The floods prohibited Georgia resident David Stephens from doing contract work spraying weed killer to eliminate vegetation around poles. He saw someone buying water at a store and asked where the water was heading. So he went to the church in Ansted to help move donated supplies along.

"I just want to do whatever I can to help," Stephens said.

A look at Iraq's war against IS after Fallujah

SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi forces say they have completely liberated the city of Fallujah from the Islamic State group after a monthlong operation, marking one of their biggest victories since the extremists swept across large parts of the country in 2014.

But the IS group still controls parts of northern and western Iraq, including the country's second largest city, Mosul. And the militants have shown they can still launch large-scale suicide bombings and other attacks. Here's a look at what lies ahead for Iraq and the U.S.-led military coalition battling the extremists.

HOLDING FALLUJAH

Fallujah was the first Iraqi city to fall to IS, in January 2014, and the group's last major stronghold in the sprawling Anbar province, a largely tribal Sunni region where distrust of the post-2003 Shiite-led government runs deep. A key task will be to prevent militants from returning to the city, as they did after two major U.S.-led assaults on Fallujah in 2004, when American soldiers saw their deadliest urban combat since Vietnam.

Iraqi authorities will also need to ensure that residents can return to their homes and rebuild, and that powerful Sunni tribes in the area stay on the government's side. Those efforts could be complicated by the ballooning humanitarian crisis in Anbar and the presence of government-allied Shiite militias. The Iran-backed forces kept to the outskirts of Fallujah during the military operation, but could assert their power as the army moves on to other fronts.

A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

An early test for whether the government can fully reintegrate Fallujah is already underway in sprawling desert camps outside the city, where thousands of civilians who fled the fighting are living out in the open, with little food, water or shelter. The U.N. estimates that 85,000 people have fled the Fallujah fighting. They may not be able to return for weeks or months while the army clears explosives left behind by the extremists.

Daytime temperatures approach 50 degrees Celsius (120 degrees Fahrenheit) in the camps, and aid workers have warned of a humanitarian crisis if more supplies are not quickly brought in.

THE LONG ROAD TO MOSUL

IS remains firmly in control of the northern city of Mosul, which was once home to a million people.

Iraqi leaders have pledged to liberate Mosul this year, but U.S. officials and analysts say that timetable may not be realistic. Iraqi forces are deployed in Makhmour, some 45 miles (75 kilometers) south of

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Mosul, but may need to seize an airfield on the other side of the Tigris River before launching an all-out assault on the city.

The U.S.-led coalition has trained more than 23,000 Iraqi troops since December 2014, but thousands more are needed for the operation to retake Mosul, according to coalition and Iraqi officials.

"Mosul can be a nastier fight than what we saw in Fallujah," said U.S. Army Col. Christopher Garver, a spokesman for the American-led military coalition. "If that's the Iraqi capital of the caliphate one would expect them to fight hard to maintain that."

TURMOIL IN BAGHDAD

Victory in Fallujah has given a major boost to Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, but his government is still crippled by political gridlock that has brought thousands of people into the streets in recent months. Supporters of Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr have twice stormed the Green Zone, the capital's heavily guarded government district, while demanding wide-ranging political reforms.

Baghdad has also seen a series of deadly attacks in recent weeks despite the advances against IS in Anbar. That has raised fears that the extremists may fully revert to an earlier strategy of targeting security forces and the Shiite majority in order to stoke sectarian tensions.

Supreme Court set to close out current term with 3 big cases

MARK SHERMAN, Associated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is set to close out its current term with opinions Monday in three remaining cases after a flurry of decisions last week.

It's expected to be the justices' final meeting before they disperse on their summer breaks.

The last three cases concern regulation of Texas abortion clinics, the public corruption conviction of former Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia and a federal law that seeks to keep guns out of the hands of people convicted of domestic violence.

Just eight justices are taking part in the cases following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia in February. President Barack Obama has nominated federal appeals court Judge Merrick Garland to take Scalia's place, but Garland has not received a hearing or a vote in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Late June often is when a retirement is announced, but voluntary departures from the court almost never happen in election years.

The justices handed down five rulings on Thursday, including two cases that ended in 4-4 ties.

A look at the remaining cases:

— Abortion: Texas abortion clinics are challenging a state law and regulations that already have cut the number of abortion providers in half, to roughly 20. Fewer than 10 would remain if the 2013 law were allowed to take full effect. One positive sign for the clinics is that only Justices Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan, who generally side with abortion rights advocates, have yet to write opinions from the session in late February and early March when the case was argued. Each justice typically writes at least one majority opinion from each argument session.

— Public corruption: The justices seemed likely to side with McDonnell, who is challenging his conviction for accepting gifts and loans from a wealthy businessman in exchange for promoting a dietary supplement. A ruling for McDonnell could make it harder to prosecute public officials.

— Guns: Two men from Maine are challenging their convictions for possessing guns under a federal law that is intended to keep guns out of the hands of people who have previously been convicted of domestic violence.

Jon Bon Jovi surprises cancer-stricken fan with guitar, kiss

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey woman battling lung cancer has received an unforgettable surprise from one of the state's most famous rockers, Jon Bon Jovi.

Rosie Skripkunis says her mother, Carol Cesario, is a lifelong fan of Bon Jovi and has always wanted to meet him.

Last month, Skripkunis shared a sign on social media asking the singer to visit her mother.

Skripkunis later told her mother that Bon Jovi's Toms River restaurant, JBJ Soul Kitchen, had invited them over for a free meal.

While at the restaurant on Saturday, Bon Jovi sneaked in behind Cesario and stood beside her without saying anything. Video shows Cesario yell out "oh my God!" after seeing Bon Jovi.

He gave her an autographed guitar and a book, as well as a kiss on the cheek.

Phelps' influence out of pool impacts results at US trials

BETH HARRIS, AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Michael Phelps wasn't competing on opening night of the U.S. Olympic swimming trials. Still, the 18-time gold medalist's influence impacted the results in the 400-meter individual medley, an event he once dominated.

With a proud Phelps looking on, his training partner Chase Kalisz (KAY-lish) won the final Sunday night, becoming the first swimmer to make the team for the Rio Games. Kalisz overtook defending Olympic champion Ryan Lochte for the lead on the breaststroke leg and went on to win in 4 minutes, 9.54 seconds.

Kalisz has admired Phelps since they both swam at North Baltimore Aquatic Club under coach Bob Bowman. Back then, Kalisz was a pesky kid and Phelps was already an Olympic champion. Kalisz and his teammates would twirl the spinners on the wheels of Phelps' tricked-out Escalade in the parking lot at a local meet when the superstar swimmer wasn't around.

"He would come out and catch us all and set off his car alarm, and we would freak out and run," Kalisz recalled.

He and his co-conspirators wheedled multiple autographs out of Phelps which they traded for T-shirts from other swim teams.

"He's a brother to me," said Phelps, who at 30 is eight years older than Kalisz.

The relationship has flourished in the Arizona desert, where Phelps moved to continue training with Bowman, who became head coach at Arizona State last year. Kalisz took a year off of school at Georgia to join them in pursuit of his first Olympics.

Phelps is attempting to swim at his fifth and last Olympics. He was a two-time gold medalist in the 400 IM before finishing fourth in the London Games four years ago. He's dropped the grueling event from his program, so seeing Kalisz win the race and keep it in the NABC family moved him to tears in the stands.

"I know Chase is very determined," Phelps said. "I've watched him, I train with him every day, and the kid works his butt off."

Phelps' future retirement plans include becoming a volunteer assistant under Bowman at ASU. He's testing his coaching skills on Kalisz, and sometimes it gets a little rough.

"When Michael gets on you, it's pretty severe," Bowman said. "It's kind of nonstop for a while. When I do, it's like a nuclear bomb got dropped on your head for about 2 1/2 minutes, but after that it's over. Michael kind of keeps it going."

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Kalisz considers himself lucky to have Phelps, whom he describes as “the greatest swimmer of all time,” and Bowman giving tips.

“I’m very hard on him,” Phelps said. “There was a time when he actually asked Bob if I could back off a little bit. I just see potential and I want him to be the best he can be. He made some incredible improvements this year.”

It paid off during the first race at trials in front of a raucous, sold-out crowd at CenturyLink Center.

Kalisz was third through the opening 150 meters before moving up to second behind Lochte, who later said he pulled his groin in the morning preliminaries. Just as he did in prelims, Kalisz overtook Lochte on the breaststroke leg and stayed in front to the finish.

“I don’t have a fly and backstroke like him, so I got to play to my strengths,” Kalisz said. “I knew what I needed to do was build the first 50 breaststroke, like I talked to Michael and Bob about, and just hammer it as hard as I can coming home on the 150.”

Phelps found his way to Kalisz after the race and conveyed his pride.

“That was just a very emotional moment,” Kalisz said. “Michael has been like an older brother to me that I never had. He’s been the one guy that I’ve looked up to my entire life. I’ve never had a role model as big as him.”

Phelps watched the race from the media section, where he provided commentary for NBC. He touted unknown Jay Litherland as someone to watch over the last 100 meters, and it turns out the winningest Olympian in history was right.

Litherland finished second in 4:11.02 and claimed the other berth for Rio.

“He trained with us a little bit in Colorado when we were up there at altitude,” Phelps said. “The kid can swim. He closes races really well.”

No handicap: Deaf swimmer on cusp of qualifying for Olympics

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — When Marcus Titus is gliding through the water, his head bobbing up and down, he doesn’t hear the roar of the crowd.

Or anything else, for that matter.

Deaf since birth, Titus swims in a quiet isolation that he believes actually gives him an edge over those in the other lanes, who can hear everything going on around them.

“I don’t have to hear the crowd, the noises, the distractions,” Titus said. “I can just focus on my race.”

Now, Titus is on the cusp of his first Olympics.

He qualified for Tuesday’s final of the 100-meter breaststroke at the U.S. swimming trials. If he can finish in the top two, he’ll be headed to Rio, no doubt serving as an inspiration to others with so-called disabilities.

“I just felt really awesome,” Titus said after the semifinals Monday night, speaking as well as communicating with sign language. “I know I can get on the Olympic team.”

No matter what, the 30-year-old already feels like a winner.

A native of Tucson, Arizona, Titus didn’t start swimming competitively until his freshman year of high school, but he never let his disability stand in the way.

When potential roadblocks did pop up — most notably, he can’t hear the buzzer that most swimmers go by to begin the race — he pushed for strobe lights to be installed under the starting blocks, evening things out when it’s time to dive into the pool.

“To me, being deaf is not a disability,” Titus said. “It’s just hearing loss. Anyone can do it, if they have

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the passion to keep on training. It's just discipline, really. And I've had amazing coaches, amazing support, to help me keep on swimming."

When Titus was 3 years old, his parents learned he was deaf. They quickly shook off the jarring news, doing everything they could to ensure their son had a normal childhood. His mother, Mieko, was the one who pushed him to try swimming.

Titus didn't take to the pool right away. He despised the long practices, and wasn't a big fan of the skimpy swimsuits. As soon as he started competing at meets — and, right from the start, touching the wall ahead of everyone else — he knew he had found his life's passion.

"I loved that feeling of winning," Titus said. "That's what kept me going."

He stayed at home to swim collegiately for Arizona's powerhouse program, where the coach was Frank Busch, now the director of U.S. national team.

"Marcus has always been someone who would go with whatever hand he was dealt," Busch said. "He never let anything stand in the way. I always admired that about him."

Some concessions had to be made when Titus joined the team, such as having someone on deck who knew sign language.

Otherwise, he was just another swimmer to his coach.

"Really, we didn't do anything different with him," Busch said. "It never handicapped him."

Titus had an accomplished college career, finishing as a runner-up in two events at the NCAA championships his sophomore year, and he's made his mark internationally as well.

At the 2011 International Deaf Swimming Championships, Titus was picked as swimmer of the meet after winning five individual gold medals and one individual bronze, as well as silver and two bronzes in the relay events. He also has set several world records for hearing-impaired swimmers.

"I hope to be a good role model for younger athletes," he said. "I hope this will bring them motivation. If I can do it, they can do it too."

This is Titus' third Olympic trials, and perhaps his last chance to fulfill the ultimate goal of every swimmer. He certainly feels like he's closer than he's ever been, after finishing eighth in the 100 breast four years ago and 11th in 2008.

While top qualifier Kevin Cordes is the favorite to earn one of the breaststroke spots, the field seems wide open behind him.

Titus knows he will need the race of a lifetime to make the team.

He's already conquered tougher challenges.

"I've just got to have a great day," Titus said. "It's not easy. It's like winning the lottery, only better."

Alaska rafting deaths highlight response challenges

RACHEL D'ORO, Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The recent deaths of two women during a rafting excursion illustrate not only how unpredictably dangerous Alaska's wilderness can be, but also how limited resources are in the nation's largest state.

The women's families are questioning why it took so long for help to arrive, but one official notes the nearest rescuers had to travel hundreds of miles and deal with all the logistics that go with it. In Alaska, the harsh reality is that people are literally on their own when they veer away from the limited road system of the state, which is more than two-and-a-half times the size of Texas but with a population equal to the metro area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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"Unfortunately, we do not have rescue assets within close proximity of every region in our state, and sometimes capability, proper resources, and timeliness in response to an incident is not immediately available," Alaska National Guard spokeswoman Lt. Col. Candis Olmstead said in an email to The Associated Press.

An average number of recreational backcountry deaths or rescues involving out-of-state visitors in recent years was not immediately available.

Alaska National Guard officials say the response mission to the rafters involved military aircraft from as far away as Anchorage —a trip of nearly 600 miles, the same distance between Chicago and Atlanta. Officials also point to unforeseen complications, including time lost after a rescue crew member's medical emergency that forced responders to turn around. What's more, an earlier response launched in an Army helicopter had to be scrapped after the crew realized the location was much farther than originally thought.

Cheryl Minnehan, 69, of Elk Grove, California, and Karen Todd, 67, of Sparks, Nevada, died June 15 after their raft overturned during a guided excursion on the Kongakut River in the state's remote North Slope. The operator, Alaska Alpine Adventures, said the women were among eight guests and two guides at the tail end of a 12-day excursion.

Minnehan and Todd were in the third raft to launch among the five crafts shortly after noon. The previous day the party waited for rain-swollen river waters to recede. No one saw the women overturn, just the aftermath, in the only 2-mile stretch of the 70-mile river with Class 3 rapids. One of the two guides tried to toss rescue bags to the women but failed to reach them, said lead guide and company owner Dan Oberlatz, who was in the fifth raft.

Oberlatz saw one of the orange-vested women about 300 yards ahead moving quickly downriver. Oberlatz began paddling furiously to try to catch up in his slower, loaded raft, but she disappeared around an S curve with two sharp turns. Oberlatz was also scanning the bank for a second life jacket while trying to navigate the whitewater conditions, he said.

Up ahead was the person in the orange vest. She had gotten trapped and spun and submerged in a swirling section of the water at the edge of the cliff on one side of the river. After surfacing, she was motionless and face down in the water. Oberlatz said he couldn't get close with the raft, and he immediately pulled over in the only place it was safe to land — a gravel bar on the opposite side of the river, sobbing all the while. In his 18 years in business, his company has never had a single fatality before, he said.

"Both of these women are friends of mine," he said, adding that both went on another excursion with the company three years ago.

After landing, Oberlatz checked on his passenger, another guest, then ran upstream along the bank to get a better look at the woman's location and formulate a whitewater rescue plan. Before he got more than 20 yards, the current pushed the woman out of the swirling water and she floated past, face down in the main part of the river before disappearing around a small bend.

To Carol Sewell, Todd's partner of more than two decades, Oberlatz's decision to not continue down the river to look for the second person, given the frigid water and the possibility of hypothermia, was a fatal one. The second victim's body was found the following day.

"He was the only hope," Sewell said.

Oberlatz said he was confident the person he saw was dead, and he continued to look for the second rafter. But he also had to think about the seven people beside himself who were alive.

"My priority at that point was to not create another victim," he said.

A satellite phone call to his company put in motion a response to the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center. Responders wouldn't arrive until about 4 a.m. the next day, according to Oberlatz. That night, members of the excursion party grieved for the women and tried to comfort each other, holding on to a thread of hope that one of the two might still be alive. The survivors eventually were flown by North Slope Search and Rescue crews to the community of Deadhorse. North Slope Borough police are investigating the deaths.

Minnehan's daughter Jennifer and the daughter's fiance, Aaron Collier, said they don't understand why it took responders a full 20 hours to recover the bodies from the water after they first went in. Collier said he was told at one point that an early National Guard flight had to be scrapped after a crew member was stricken with food poisoning.

"My feelings are . . . it took way too long to get any type of search and rescue going," Collier said.

Fading fishermen: A historic industry faces a warming world

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SEABROOK, N.H. (AP) — The cod isn't just a fish to David Goethel. It's his identity, his ticket to middle-class life, his link to a historic industry.

"I paid for my education, my wife's education, my house, my kids' education; my slice of America was paid for on cod," said Goethel, a 30-year veteran of these waters that once teemed with New England's signature fish.

But on this chilly, windy Saturday in April, after 12 hours out in the Gulf of Maine, he has caught exactly two cod, and he feels far removed from the 1990s, when he could catch 2,000 pounds in a day.

His boat, the Ellen Diane, a 44-foot fishing trawler named for his wife, is the only vessel pulling into the Yankee Fishermen's Co-op in Seabrook. Fifteen years ago, there might have been a half-dozen. He is carrying crates of silver hake, skates and flounder — all worth less than cod.

One of America's oldest commercial industries, fishing along the coast of the Northeast still employs hundreds. But every month that goes by, those numbers fall. After centuries of weathering overfishing, pollution, foreign competition and increasing government regulation, the latest challenge is the one that's doing them in: climate change.

Though no waters are immune to the ravages of climate change, the Gulf of Maine, a dent in the coastline from Cape Cod to Nova Scotia, best illustrates the problem. The gulf, where fishermen have for centuries sought lobster, cod and other species that thrived in its cold waters, is now warming faster than 99 percent of the world's oceans, scientists have said.

The warming waters, in the gulf and elsewhere, have caused other valuable species, such as clams, to migrate to deeper or more northern waters. Others, such as lobsters, have largely abandoned the once-lucrative waters off the southern New England states of Connecticut and Rhode Island, having become more susceptible to disease or predators.

Lobster catches in Maine are booming as the species creeps northward, but as the warming continues, that's a good thing bound to end. A federal report from 2009 said that half of 36 fish stocks studied in the northwest Atlantic Ocean have been shifting northward over the past 40 years, and that the trend is likely to continue.

Fish aren't the only ones moving on, and not just in the Northeast. The U.S. fishing fleet has dwindled from more than 120,000 vessels in 1996 to about 75,000 today, the Coast Guard says.

For the fishermen of the northeastern U.S. — not all of whom accept the scientific consensus on climate change, and many of whom bristle at government regulations stemming from it — whether to stick with fishing, adapt to the changing ocean or leave the business is a constant worry.

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WAVING THE WHITE FLAG

Robert Bradfield was one of the East Coast's most endangered species, a Rhode Island lobsterman, until he pulled his traps out of the water for the last time about a decade ago.

Bradfield, of Newport, started in the fishery in the mid-1970s and stayed in it for some 30 years, sometimes catching 2,000 pounds of lobster a day. During his final years, he was lucky if he caught 100 pounds, not even enough to pay for bait, fuel and deckhands.

He now works on a pilot boat, guiding larger ships in and out of the harbor. He is glad he's still on the water, but he misses lobstering and the community of fishermen he used to see in Newport.

"There's probably 95 percent attrition out of that fishery in this area," Bradfield said. "Of all the guys I fished with, I was a lobsterman for 30 years, and there's maybe three left."

The number of adult lobsters in New England south of Cape Cod slid to about 10 million in 2013, according to a report issued last year by an interstate regulatory board. It was about 50 million in the late 1990s. The lobster catch in the region sank to about 3.3 million pounds in 2013, from a peak of about 22 million in 1997.

Bradfield's take on the role of warming oceans is nuanced and reflects the many years he spent on the water. Shell disease, he said, has taken a toll on southern New England's lobster stock, something scientists say is a result of rising temperatures.

Bradfield also agrees with scientists who say the increase in predatory fish, such as black sea bass, is bad for the lobster population. Warming oceans are responsible for the increase in those fish species off New England, scientists say.

But Bradfield, a father to three grown children, also said his decision to leave the fishery was more about economics than science. He thinks some published studies are inconsistent. And he laments that Newport's docks, once home to dozens of lobster boats, are now down to a few.

"It tore me up to do something else," he said.

Others in the lobster business dispute the science that lays the blame on climate change. Nicholas Crismale, a former lobsterman and president of the Connecticut Commercial Lobstermen's Association, is one of many lobstermen in his state who believes pesticide runoff is to blame.

Connecticut researchers found no pesticides in lobsters collected in Long Island Sound in late 2014. But Crismale, out of the business for four years and helping to run his wife's restaurant, Lobster Shack in Branford, sticks to the hypothesis, even in the face of science.

"The warming stuff is a lot of baloney," he said. "All that is is another scientist looking for a grant."

Crismale said it's a shame that lobstering, often a multigenerational enterprise in New England, is reaching its end in Connecticut. He used to bring his daughters out fishing with him, but they've grown up to be a lawyer and a teacher, and another generation isn't taking their place.

"I'm never going to be able to take a grandchild out on my boat," Crismale said. "And some of the other fishermen were second and third-generation fishermen. And they lost all that."

Connecticut's lobster fishery, based on Long Island Sound, has been hit especially hard by warming water and has been reduced to nearly nothing.

A power plant on the sound recorded more than 75 days with an average water temperature above 68 degrees Fahrenheit in each of the years 2012, 2013 and 2014, according to a regulatory board's report. Between 1976 and 2010, that happened only twice. Lobsters prefer temperatures in the high 50s and low 60s.

There were nearly 300 lobstermen in Connecticut in 1999, and now there are maybe a dozen full-timers left.

Some in the Rhode Island lobster fishery said it's still possible to make a living in the business.

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Greg Mataronas, the president of the Rhode Island Lobstermen's Association, who fishes out of Little Compton, said regulations and territoriality prevent members of the state's fleet from moving to more fertile grounds. But the few remaining lobstermen in Rhode Island are still able to pull lobsters from the state's waters, he said.

"There's a real disconnect between what the guys are seeing on the water and what the scientists are saying," he said.

Bradfield isn't buying it. He is glad he left the business, as painful as it was to leave a piece of his identity behind.

"There's a saying: Behind every successful fisherman is a wife with a good job," he said. "You go down to the State Pier in Rhode Island now, guys hate what they're doing right now."

HANGING ON, GETTING BY

David Goethel has spent most of his life fishing for New England cod, and he doesn't want to stop now.

"I could catch the entire quota for the Gulf of Maine in eight days," Goethel said in a bit of bravado he swears is not an exaggeration. "I wouldn't break a sweat doing it."

Fishing is in Goethel's blood. He paid his way through Boston University by taking thrill-seekers out on "party boat" fishing trips in Boston Harbor and segued into commercial cod fishing in 1982.

Today, he operates a trawler that leaves from New Hampshire, its nets scouring the Gulf of Maine for fish. But the catch these days is different — with the cod in jeopardy and quotas that limit his ability to catch them at all-time lows, cod fishermen like Goethel try to eke out a living by supplementing cod with just about anything else they can catch.

Goethel is making much less money. In the 1980s and '90s, he could bring in \$120,000 in a year, but is now making about \$60,000, without subtracting a health insurance bill over \$27,000. He and his wife, who is up every day at 4 a.m. for a far-flung teaching job, haven't taken a vacation in three years.

Retirement isn't in the cards for the 62-year-old Goethel — at least, not soon.

"My wife is working far more than she used to," he said. "I have to work more to make less."

The challenges climate change have brought to commercial fishing are perhaps most noticeable in New England's cod fishery, which has dwindled from more than 1,200 boats in the 1980s to only a few dozen today. In that time, the catch of cod has also plummeted, from more than 117 million pounds in 1980 to just over 5 million in 2014.

Most consumers haven't noticed the collapse, with cod still readily available at restaurants and markets because of foreign sources like Iceland and Norway.

Scientists said late last year that the impact of climate change on Atlantic cod might be worse than previously thought. Fishermen pursue the fish in the Gulf of Maine and, farther off New England, the shallows of Georges Bank, both of which have experienced dramatic temperature rise. Around 2004, the gulf began warming about 10 times faster than previously.

"This is what global warming looks like in the Gulf of Maine," said Andrew Pershing, a Maine-based marine scientist who co-authored the paper last year in the journal *Science*.

Goethel, also a marine scientist and a former member of a regional regulatory board, doesn't bemoan the ocean's changing temperature as much as the rules he must play by. Because of the tight quotas, he must avoid fishing around areas where cod live, he said. That is because cod are a "choke species," and when fishermen reach their quota for cod they aren't allowed to pursue other fish.

Like others in the cod fishery, Goethel has had to adapt, but at his core he remains a cod fisherman. The experience has left him frustrated and more than a little bitter.

He doesn't dispute the scientific consensus about climate change, but he does think government

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regulators apply that science in a manner unnecessarily punitive to fishermen. He plastered a sticker on his boat declaring, "Who says there's no fish?"

For the most recent fishing year, he was allotted 3,600 pounds of cod. He caught his allotment of 60,000 pounds in 2010, and leased and caught an additional 50,000. He believes that the cod have moved and not died off, and that he could easily continue catching high totals without strict regulations.

Scientists have said warming waters have indeed motivated some young cod to seek deeper, colder waters — some of which are closed to fishing.

The cuts to catch limits represented the first and biggest blow to the industry, and they stemmed from overfishing and subsequent regulations designed to stop fishermen from taking too much from the sea. They were meant to preserve the fishery for future generations, and it made earning a living difficult.

Climate change has only exacerbated that trouble.

Other obstacles, such as the government-imposed cost of on-board monitors to collect data to inform future fishing quotas, have rankled Goethel, who lawsuit seeking to block the charges is pending. But he perseveres.

"The future of the cod fishery is not that it's in jeopardy," Goethel said. "It needs to be recalibrated."

Government regulators, such as John Bullard, a regional administrator for fisheries for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, have said the quota cuts that irk fishermen are necessary to rebuild the stock. But he has acknowledged the rebuilding effort comes with an "economic price."

The changes have been difficult emotionally for Goethel, whose sons, Daniel and Eric, are a fisheries biologist and a tugboat captain. He instilled a love of fishing in everyone in his family, and old traditions are hard to part with.

"Eric would get rolled out of bed to go fishing," Ellen said. "He did the same thing to me."

ADAPTING, COMMUTING

Michael Mohr harvested surf clams for almost 30 of his 55 years, and his desire to stay in the only business he has ever known now takes him far from his family.

The clams he caught for decades feed tourists and locals alike in towns all along the coast. Now, those clams, which he once caught off New Jersey, are found northward or farther out to sea.

Mohr has also moved on. About 10 years ago, he started commuting six hours each way from his home in Mays Landing, New Jersey, to the former whaling port of New Bedford, Massachusetts. He has also switched clam species; he got his start fishing for Atlantic surf clams but now pursues the ocean quahog.

The quahog is well known to New England diners as a stuffed clam or in its own kind of chowder. Both quahogs and surf clams populate supermarket seafood sections.

The reason for Mohr's decision has been documented by published science, as well as on the decks of the boat he fishes from, the ESS Pursuit. Moving north for quahogs was a way to remain a clammer.

"We're finding clams in deeper water instead of inshore water, where we used to work 25 years ago," Mohr said. "It's just affecting everything."

Mohr leaves behind his wife of 20 years and makes the drive to New Bedford so he and his 29-year-old son, Danny, can spend 20 days out of 30 aboard the Pursuit. Mohr has two other adult children who live in New Jersey.

He has missed his children's first days at school, their sports events, and weddings of loved ones while out chasing clams, and, later, quahogs. Missing out on family life is worse these days because of his long commute on Interstate 95.

Whether Mohr can make holidays like Thanksgiving is "hit-and-miss," said his wife, Melanie.

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Mohr's migration story is common in the clamming business, said Dave Wallace, a Maryland-based consultant in the industry. It was once based largely off Atlantic City, near Mohr's home, but has shifted northward along with the clams, he said.

Some fishermen have decided to instead pursue quahogs, as Mohr has, while others now travel farther out to sea to harvest surf clams. The surf clam fishery has slipped somewhat in the face of the changes, with a little less than 41 million pounds caught in 2014, the second-lowest total since 1980.

Mohr is undaunted. Clamming has been good to him, and if he has to spend more time on the road as he nears 60, so be it.

"It's just a way of life," Mohr said. "You've got to go where the money is at, and you're happy. Right now, I'm happy."

Chile wins Copa; Messi misses, says he is quitting Argentina

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Lionel Messi put his penalty kick over the crossbar, grabbed his shirt, clenched his teeth and covered his face with both hands.

A few minutes later he walked off the field, a dazed, pained look on his bearded face. The greatest player of his generation, perhaps soccer's best ever, he was still without a title on Argentina's national team — one he says may never come.

"The national team is over for me," he told the Argentine network TyC Sports after Chile beat Argentina on Sunday night for the Copa America title. "It's been four finals, it's not meant for me. I tried. It was the thing I wanted the most, but I couldn't get it, so I think it's over."

Chile beat Argentina in the final for the second straight year, 4-2 in the shootout following a 0-0 tie that ended an expanded 16-nation edition in the United States to mark the championship's 100th anniversary.

Messi, five-time FIFA Player of the Year, winner of four Champions League titles and eight Spanish La Liga crowns with Barcelona, was crushed. Much of his nation had counted on him and the top-ranked Albiceleste to bring home the nation's first major championship since 1993.

Playing two days after his 29th birthday, Messi lost a final for the third year in a row and the fourth time overall with Argentina. There was also the 2007 Copa final against Brazil, when he was still a wunderkind, and then an extra-time loss to Germany in the 2014 World Cup.

Considered alongside Brazil's Pele and Argentina's Diego Maradona as the sport's greatest ever, Messi won the titles at the under-20 and Olympic (under-23) levels for Argentina. But in the minds of many he needs a championship with the senior national team to solidify his place in history.

"Messi's numbers are unparalleled and I think they'll remain that way forever, because it's impossible for a football player to do what Messi has done," said Chile coach Juan Antonio Pizzi, who is from Argentina. "My generation can't compare him to Maradona — that's for my generation, because of what Maradona did for Argentine soccer. But I think the best player ever played today here in the United States."

A crowd of 82,076 filled MetLife Stadium — the largest to see a soccer game in New Jersey — and many wore Messi's No. 10 jersey in Argentina's blue and white and Barcelona's navy and maroon.

Francisco Silva converted the shootout finale for the fifth-ranked La Roja after goalkeeper Claudio Bravo — Messi's Barcelona teammate — made a diving stop on Lucas Biglia's attempt.

On an ill-tempered evening that included a first-half ejection on each side and eight yellow cards, the game was scoreless through regulation and 30 minutes of extra time, with Argentina's Gonzalo Higuain missing a clear goal-scoring opportunity for the third straight final. Argentina outshot Chile 16-4 and La

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Roja collapsed three, four and even five defenders around Messi, then chopped down the diminutive attacker when he tried to accelerate toward the goal.

Messi, who scored five goals in the tournament, sent a free kick that Sergio Aguero nearly headed in 10 minutes into extra time, only to have Bravo jump and extend his right hand to tip the ball over the crossbar. Messi's free kick in extra time went off the wall.

Argentina goalkeeper Sergio Romero saved the opening kick by Arturo Vidal, and up stepped Messi, Argentina's captain and career scoring leader with 55 goals, he sent his shot into the stands, stunning himself, both teams and the crowd.

Nicolas Castillo and Charles Aranguiz converted their kicks for Chile, and Javier Mascherano and Sergio Aguero made theirs, leaving the teams tied 2-2 after three rounds.

Jean Beausejour put Chile ahead, and Bravo dived to his right, saving Biglia's shot and bringing up Silva, a 30-year-old midfielder. Messi briefly pulled his jersey over his face, as if not wanting to watch. Romero dived to his left and the shot went in to his right, giving Chile another title.

Messi crouched over, as if in pain, then got up, took off his captain's armband and walked to the bench, where he was consoled by Angel Di Maria. After Messi came back on the field, Aguero put a hand on one of Messi's shoulders. And new FIFA President Gianni Infantino gave Messi a pat on the back when Messi came onto the podium with his teammates for his second-place medal. Messi almost immediately took it off.

The tournament's average crowd of 46,119 was nearly double the 25,223 in Chile last year, and attendance will be used by the U.S. Soccer Federation as justification it deserves to host a World Cup again, likely as part of a bid for the 2026 tournament.

Brazilian referee Heber Lopes became the focus in the first half, ejecting a pair of defenders: Chile's Marcelo Diaz in the 28th minute and Argentina's Marcos Rojo in the 43rd. After issuing six yellow cards during a World Cup qualifier between the nations in March, Lopes handed out eight yellows, including one to Messi for diving in the 40th minute, and the two reds.

Diaz got his first yellow for hacking down Messi about 28 yards out in the 16th minute, then got his second for obstructing a charging Messi about 30 yards out. Rojo received a straight red when he slid into Arturo Vidal from behind and poked away the ball, but Vidal's leg bent awkwardly under his body as he fell.

Higuain had the best first-half chance in the 21st minute when he picked up a giveaway from Gary Medel, dribbled in and chipped the ball over Bravo only to have it roll wide of the far post. It was almost the exact time he broke in alone during the World Cup final against Germany and also shot wide. Higuain also missed a tap-in of Ezequiel Lavezzi's cross during the final minute of regulation in last year's final, then sent his penalty kick during the shootout over the crossbar.

BET Awards full of Prince tributes and political moments

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The BET Awards — or "The Prince Tribute Show" — featured emotional and energetic performances from Sheila E., Stevie Wonder and Jennifer Hudson honoring the Purple One, along with political statements on issues ranging from racial injustice to the U.S. presidential election.

Sheila E., jamming on the drums and guitar, singing and dancing without shoes, closed the three-hour-plus show at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles with "Let's Work," "A Love Bizarre," "The Glamorous Life," "America" and more. She was joined by "Purple Rain" actor Jerome Benton and Prince's ex-wife, Mayte Garcia, who danced alongside the background dancers throughout the set. They ended

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by raising a purple guitar in the air as the audience cheered them on.

Hudson, rocking a white-hooded blazer, and Wonder, clad in a purple suit, sang "Purple Rain" — a month after the piano-playing icon performed the song with Madonna at the Billboard Music Awards, which BET dissed on Twitter. This time, Hudson was a vocal powerhouse, delivering screeching vocals while Wonder played piano and Tori Kelly was on guitar while a photo montage of Prince appeared on the purple-lit stage.

Janelle Monae was animated and funky as she danced skillfully and ran through Prince tunes, including "Kiss," "Delirious" and "I Would Die 4 U." Bilal was sensual and passionate during "The Beautiful Ones," even lying on the floor while singing near the end of the performance. The Roots backed Bilal, and the band was also behind Erykah Badu as she performed "The Ballad of Dorothy Parker," singing softly as she grooved in place.

After singing an original song, Maxwell went into "Nothing Compares 2 U," changing some of the lyrics while honoring Prince.

Though the BET Awards were heavy on honoring the icon who died on April 21, the show went from Prince to political throughout the night.

"Grey's Anatomy" actor Jesse Williams, who earned the humanitarian award for his efforts as an activist, gave a fiery, nearly six-minute speech that brought the audience to its feet and earned a rousing applause.

"We're done watching and waiting while this invention called whiteness uses and abuses us, burying black people out of sight and out of mind while extracting our culture, our dollars, our entertainment like oil, black gold, ghettoizing and demeaning our creations then stealing them; gentrifying our genius and trying us on like costumes before discarding our bodies," he said onstage.

Williams was introduced by BET CEO Debra Lee, who spoke about gun violence and brought up the recent Orlando shooting at the Pulse nightclub.

"We all need to take stance against gun violence. You can make a difference," Lee said onstage. "Use your voice and vote."

When "Empire" star Taraji P. Henson won best actress, she encouraged the audience to vote against presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

"I'm really not political but it's serious out here, and for those who thing that, you know, 'Oh he's not going to win' — think again. So we really need to pull together and turn this country around," she said.

Co-host Tracee Ellis Ross said she was supporting Hillary Clinton and reminded viewers several times to "get yourself registered!" Clinton has a past with BET: She appeared at BET's "Black Girls Rock!" event in April and told the audience "my life has been changed by strong black women leaders."

The BET Awards wasn't all serious, though. Beyonce kicked off the show with a surprise performance featuring Kendrick Lamar and multiple background dancers of her song "Freedom," dancing in a pool of water to the song's heavy beat. At one point, Lamar and Beyoncé kicked the water and danced in sync, drawing a heavy applause from the audience.

Beyonce won video of the year and the fan-voted viewers' choice award for her hit, "Formation." Her mother, Tina, accepted the awards and said Beyonce had to quickly leave the show after her performance for a concert in London.

"I want to thank, first of all, her husband and her daughter," Tina said onstage.

Alicia Keys slowed things down with a performance of "In Common"; Fat Joe, Remy Ma and French Montana were energetic during "All the Way Up"; and Desiigner was excited as he rapped "Panda" onstage and in the middle of the aisles, as most of the audience nodded and sang along.

Beyoncé's mentees, the duo Chloe x Halle, earned a standing ovation after they sang impressively and

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played instruments.

Rising newcomer Bryson Tiller also performed. In a surprise win, the singer won best male R&B/pop artist, besting Chris Brown, The Weeknd, Tyrese and Jeremih. Tiller also won best new artist.

"Thank God, thank my mommy, thank my granny. This is my first award ever," Tiller said, who was also nominated for video of the year.

Drake, who didn't attend the show though he was the top contender with nine nominations, won best male hip hop artist and best group with rapper-singer-producer Future.

Samuel L. Jackson received the lifetime achievement award and was introduced by Spike Lee. Jackson ended his speech by offering praise to Williams, calling him "the closest thing I've heard to a 1960s activist."

"That brother is right and he's true, and when you hear what he said, make sure you vote and you take eight more people with you to vote, OK?" Jackson said. "Don't get tricked like they got tricked in London!"

Prince wasn't the only icon honored Sunday — Muhammad Ali was remembered by his daughter and Jamie Foxx.

"To me and my eight sisters and brothers, he was just dad," Laila Ali said onstage. "My father also once said, 'If people loved each other as much as they loved me, it would be a better world.'"

Foxx said Ali "stood up at a time when no one was standing up. So it's definitely more than boxing, more than entertainment."

Ali died June 3 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 27, the 179th day of 2016. There are 187 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 27, 1966, the Gothic soap opera "Dark Shadows," having to do with mysterious and supernatural goings-on in Collinsport, Maine, premiered on ABC-TV.

On this date:

In 1787, English historian Edward Gibbon completed work on his six-volume work, "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois.

In 1864, Confederate forces repelled a frontal assault by Union troops in the Civil War Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia.

In 1905, the Industrial Workers of the World was founded in Chicago.

In 1922, the first Newberry Medal, recognizing excellence in children's literature, was awarded to "The Story of Mankind" by Hendrik Willem van Loon.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces liberated the French port of Cherbourg from the Germans.

In 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy spent the first full day of a visit to Ireland, the land of his ancestors, stopping by the County Wexford home of his great-grandfather, Patrick Kennedy, who'd emigrated to America in 1848.

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In 1974, President Richard Nixon opened an official visit to the Soviet Union.

In 1986, the International Court of Justice at The Hague ruled the United States had broken international law and violated the sovereignty of Nicaragua by aiding the contras. (The U.S. had already said it would not consider itself bound by the World Court decision.)

In 1990, NASA announced that a flaw in the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope was preventing the instrument from achieving optimum focus. (The problem was traced to a mirror that had not been ground to exact specifications; corrective optics were later installed to fix the problem.)

In 1991, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black jurist to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement. (His departure led to the contentious nomination of Clarence Thomas to succeed him.)

Ten years ago: A constitutional amendment to ban desecration of the American flag died in a Senate cliffhanger, falling one vote short of the 67 needed to send it to states for ratification. Surgeon General Richard Carmona issued a report saying breathing any amount of someone else's tobacco smoke harmed nonsmokers. "Railroad Killer" Angel Maturino Resendiz (ahn-HEHL' mah-tyoo-REE'-noh reh-SEN'-deez), linked to 15 murders, was executed in Texas for the slaying of physician Claudia Benton in 1998.

Five years ago: Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich (blah-GOY'-uh-vich) was convicted by a federal jury in Chicago of a wide range of corruption charges, including the allegation that he'd tried to sell or trade President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat. (Blagojevich was later sentenced to 14 years in prison.) International judges ordered the arrest of Libya's Moammar Gadhafi for murdering civilians. Venus and Serena Williams were eliminated in the fourth round of Wimbledon, the first time in five years that neither sister advanced to the quarterfinals at the All England Club. Actress Elaine Stewart, 81, died in Beverly Hills, California.

One year ago: The Episcopal Church elected its first African-American presiding bishop, choosing Bishop Michael Curry of North Carolina during the denomination's national assembly in Salt Lake City. Chris Squire, 67, the bassist and co-founder of the progressive rock band Yes, died in Phoenix, Arizona.

Today's Birthdays: Business executive Ross Perot is 86. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 78. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 74. Fashion designer Vera Wang is 67. Actress Julia Duffy is 65. Actress Isabelle Adjani is 61. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 57. Actor Brian Drilling is 56. Writer-producer-director J.J. Abrams is 50. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., is 48. Olympic gold and bronze medal figure skater Viktor Petrenko is 47. Actor Edward "Grapevine" Fordham Jr. is 46. TV personality Jo Frost is 46. Actor Yancey Arias is 45. Actor Christian Kane is 42. Actor Tobey Maguire is 41. Rock singer Bernhoft is 40. Gospel singer Leigh Nash is 40. Musician Chris Eldridge (Punch Brothers) is 34. Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian (kar-DASH'-ee-uhn) is 32. Actor Drake Bell is 30. Actor Sam Claflin is 30. Actress India de Beaufort is 29. Actor Ed Westwick is 29. Actress Madylin Sweeten is 25. Pop singer Lauren Jauregui (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 20. Actor Chandler Riggs is 17.

Thought for Today: "Conversation enriches the understanding, but solitude is the school of genius." — Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-1794).