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First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY State High School Baseball at Brookings

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Corrections:

In yesterday's edition of the Groton Daily Independent there are a couple of corrections that were made. One was indicating that the boys were running in the 4x800m relay in the photo captions on Page 11 was corrected to 4x400m relay. The other is an updated cutline for the track award winners on page 4. The corrections were made and the paper was re-uploaded.

Tuesday, May 27

Senior Menu: Lemon chicken breast, wild rice green beans, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread. Girls Golf Region at Sioux Valley (Volga), 10 a.m. State High School Baseball at Brookings

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We Be Yeaple

The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

Emoluments Clause Means No Airplane for Trump Without Congressional Consent

Few provisions of the Constitution speak with the clarity of the Emoluments Clause which, if obeyed by President Donald Trump, prohibits him from accepting a \$400 million luxury Boeing 747-8 plane from Qatar, unless Congress grants its consent. Article I, Section 9, Clause 8, grounded in the fear of the Framers of the Constitution that office holders would be subject to foreign influence and bribery, declares: "No title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or

Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State."

The Framers' fear of corruption, born of their reading of history and their own experience, courses throughout the Constitution. Years before the Constitution was written, American ambassadors—John Adams and Ben Franklin—had accepted valuable gifts from foreign heads of state while they were stationed in Spain and France, respectively. Adams accepted a horse from the King of Spain, while Franklin received from King Louis XVI a gold snuff box encrusted with 408 diamonds. The gifts set off alarm bells and, when delegates gathered in Philadelphia, they expressed concerns about foreign influence and corruption. Gifts from foreign nations, history demonstrated, might create a conflict of interest for a president, if not an outright compromise of his integrity and commitment to America. Gouvernor Morris observed that the wealth of the English King did not deter his acceptance of a bribe from Louis XIV.

Foreign influence-based anti-corruption provisions define the Constitution. Article II, for example, requires the president to be a "natural-born citizen." The Framers' concern that foreign nations might influence the conduct of American foreign policy fueled their commitment to collective decision-making rather than unilateral executive control and, specifically, their decision to place the treaty power in the hands of both the Senate and the president, grounded on the premise, that is easier to bribe one man than an entire body of representatives. Indeed, so salient was the possibility of bribery that the Framers included it as an impeachable offense.

The term, "emolument" was introduced in the 15th Century and signified, without interpretive debates, a "profit or gain arising from station, officer or employment." Receipt of a gift from a foreign nation of head of state, was uniformly recognized by the Framers as a violation of the Emoluments Clause, unless authorized by Congress. President Trump might easily seek consent from Congress but, as he knows, GOP members of both chambers have exhibited squeamishness about the propriety and wisdom of accepting from Qatar what would be the largest gift ever presented to a president. Trump says it would be "stupid" to reject such a gift. Of course, the Framers weighed the question of "stupidity" in their discussion of the Emoluments Clause, and decided the prohibition without congressional consent was a wise and an important means of protecting American integrity and national security. The wisdom of the matter is baked into the Constitution and the rule of law. The discretion to accept a foreign gift is not for Trump to decide, but rather for Congress. Thus, it should be emphasized, Trump's quarrel is with George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, among others—men, in other words, whose remarks, decisions and actions are not typically decried as "stupid."

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President Trump has said that he would like the luxury plane to be refitted to serve as an alternative to Air Force One, the cost of which, engineers estimate, would be \$1 billion. The cost would be paid with taxpayer dollars. The plane would be donated to the defense department and then transferred to Trump's presidential library. Once the plane is the property of his library, he would be free to use it as he chooses, for the most personal of reasons.

Betrayal of the trust of the United States was an animating feature that shaped the design of the Constitution. Unlike other provisions of the Constitution, which have become the subject of debate because the use of language is not always crystal clear, the Emoluments Clause declares in straightforward terms that a president is required to seek congressional consent before accepting a foreign gift. South Dakota's congressional delegation swore an oath to preserve and defend the Constitution. Members should be reminded of their constitutional obligations.

David Adler is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality and civic education. This column is made possible with the support of the South Dakota Humanities Council, South Dakota NewsMedia Association and this newspaper.

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Groton Area qualifies for state track and field in 17 events

The State Track and Field Meet will be held May 29-31 in Sioux Falls and Groton Area has qualified in 17 events. The top 16 rankings in each event qualify for the state meet.

All five relay teams in the girls division and three for the boys division will be advancing to the state meet. In individual events, Keegen Tracy has qualified in three events, Jayden Schwan in two events and in one event each are MaKenna Krause, McKenna Tietz, Emma Kutter and Blake Pauli.

Girls

100m Dash: MaKenna Krause. Ranked 12th. Time: 12.89 set on May 6th **300m Hurdles:** McKenna Tietz. Ranked 10th. Time: 48.17 set on May 9th

4x100m Relay: (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, MaKenna Krause) 8th. 51.43 on May 9th **4x200m Relay:** (Rylee Dunker McKenna Tietz, Laila Roberts, Taryn Traphagen) 4th. 1:46.91 May 23rd **4x400m Relay:** (Laila Roberts, Taryn Traphagen, McKenna Tietz, Kella Tracy) 5th. 4:07.80 on May 6th **4x800m Relay:** (Faith Traphagen, Ryelle Gilbert, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy 4th. 9:51.40 on May 6th **Sprint Relay:** (MaKenna Krause, Taryn Traphagen, Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy) 7th. 4:18.35. May 23rd **Shot Put:** Emma Kutter. Ranked 12th. Distance: 35-2.25 set on May 9th

Boys

100m Dash: Keegen Tracy. Ranked 11th. Time: 11.23 set on April 26th 200m Dash: Keegen Tracy. Ranked 6th. Time: 22.55 set on May 9th 400m Dash: Keegen Tracy. Ranked 12th. Time: 51.05 set on May 23rd 800m Run: Blake Pauli. Ranked 13th. Time: 2:02.38 set on May 23rd 1600m Run: Jayden Schwan. Ranked 11th. Time: 4:36.24 set on May 23rd 3200m Run: Jayden Schwan. Ranked 13th. Time: 10:21.17 set on May 9th

4x400m Relay: (Keegen Tracy, Blake Pauli, Jayden Schwan, Jordan Schwan) 14th. 3:34.62. May 23rd **4x800m Relay:** (Jayden Schwan, Jace Johnson, Tristin McGannon, Blake Pauli) 13th. 8:40.19 on April 29th **Sprint Medley Relay:** (Brevin Fliehs, Lincoln Krause, Keegen Tracy, Blake Pauli) 5th. 3:40.72 on May 9th

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The Life of Carroll Dean

Funeral services for Carroll Dean, 98, of Aberdeen and formerly of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Aldersgate Church in Aberdeen. The Rev. Mike Waldrop, the Rev. Derek Baum and the Rev. Bill Duncan will officiate. Services will be live streamed at GDILIVE.com. Burial with military honors will follow at 1:30 p.m. in Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Monday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Carroll passed away peacefully on May 22nd, 2025 at Parkside Retirement Community in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Carroll was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, Carroll lived a life rich in faith, service, and kindness.

Carroll John Dean was born December 14th, 1926 in Scandinavia, Wisconsin, to Rexford and Selma Dean. He graduated from Scandinavia High School. Answering the call to serve his country, he volunteered for the United States Army on August 27, 1945. Carroll completed basic training in Little Rock, Arkansas as part of the infantry's heavy weapons division. He achieved Expert Marksmanship status. He was later stationed in Germany and Bazancourt, France, before being assigned to Paris, where he took the opportunity to travel through Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy. Carroll was honorably discharged in January 1947. In May of 2010, Carroll was proud to be able to go on an Honor Flight to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

After returning home from the Army, Carroll attended vocational school in Appleton, Wisconsin, studying auto mechanics. He began his career with a Ford dealership in Iola, Wisconsin, and later moved to South Dakota, working for Aberdeen Equipment and Clark Implement.

On June 28, 1952, Carroll married the love of his life, Pearl Solberg. Together, they made their home in Aberdeen before moving to the Columbia area, where Carroll owned and operated Dean's Garage. In 1968, he joined the Groton School District as a bus mechanic and transportation supervisor, where he was often called upon to drive routes as well. At the time, the district maintained a fleet of 17 buses and various vehicles under his care.

Carroll and Pearl moved to Groton in 1970 and he remained working for the school district until retirement. Even after his retirement, Carroll stayed active with a large garden, countless furniture refinishing projects, along with helping friends with mechanical repairs. His craftsmanship and kindness left lasting marks in many homes and hearts. Carroll's commitment to community extended beyond his work. He served seven years on the Groton School Board and was a charter member of the Groton Alliance Church, where he taught adult Sunday School and served as an Elder. In 2018 they moved to Parkside Retirement Community in Aberdeen.

In 1953, Carroll accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and he faithfully walked with the Lord throughout his life.

He was a proud grandfather to ten grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. His legacy of faith, hard work and kindness will live on in the hearts of his family and all who knew him.

Carroll is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 73 years, Pearl, and their four children: Kathryn (Mark) Hofer of Spencer, SD; Timothy (Nancy) Dean of Sioux Falls, SD; Kenneth (Laura) Dean of Aberdeen, SD; and Wayne (Linda) Dean of Aberdeen, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister, one grandson and two great grandsons.

Carroll will be remembered for his unwavering faith, generous spirit and gentle heart. His was a life well-lived and well-loved.

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Groton Post #39 Memorial Day Schedule

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James at 8:15 a.m.
Verdon at 8:45 a.m.
Bates-Scotland at 9:15 a.m.
Ferney at 10 a.m.
Andover Union at 11 a.m.

Groton at Noon
Guest speaker at Groton
is Todd Oliver.

#39 home served by the Legion Auxiliary.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Post home.

Groton Post #39 is sponsoring the FREE viewing of the broadcast at

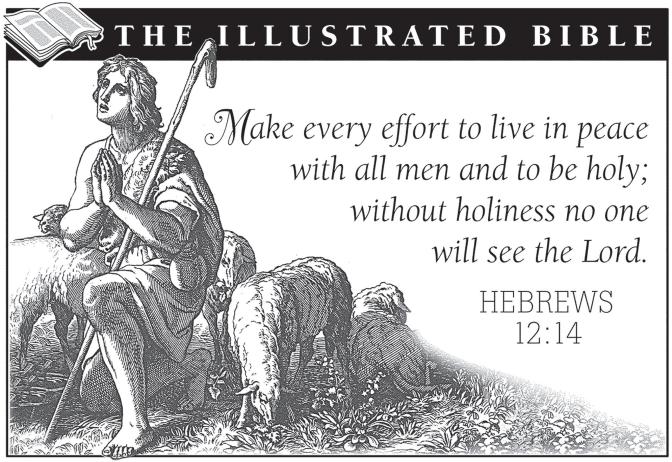
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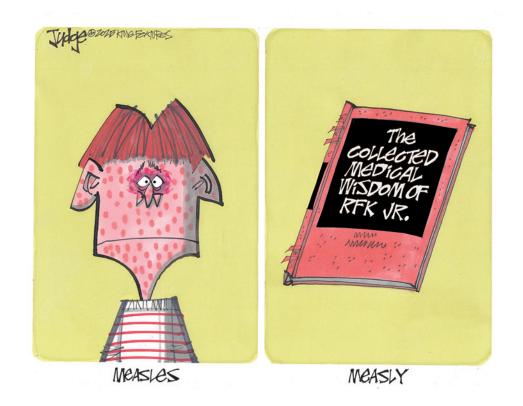
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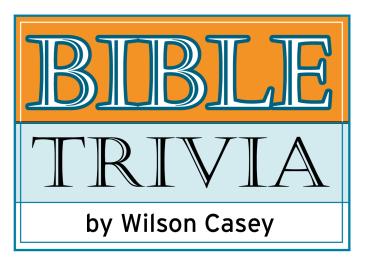
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- 1. Is the book of 3 Thessalonians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Who went to the city gate every morning to hold a court of justice trying to win people from David? *Nain, Rehoboam, Absalom, Felix*
- 3. Where did the first miracle of Jesus take place of His turning water into wine? *Cana, Antioch, Berea, Corinth*
- 4. Which queen died by being thrown from a window and trampled by horses? *Elisabeth, Jezebel, Vashti, Abigail*
- 5. In what book does Paul promote the public reading of scripture? *1 Timothy, 1 Samuel, 1 John, 1 Thessalonians*
- 6. From Judges 9, who had 70 of his brothers killed on one stone? *Abraham, Abimelech, Samuel, Amos*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Absalom, 3) Cana, 4) Jezebel, 5) 1 Timothy, 6) Abimelech

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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OUR STORY SO FAR...

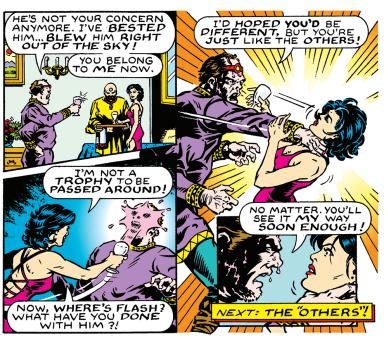




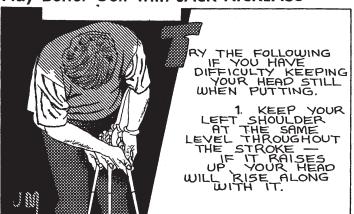


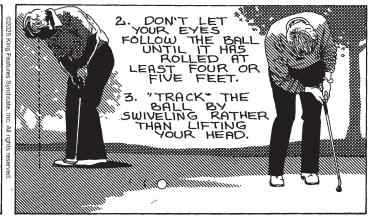






Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS





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Are Screening Centers Worth the Money?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I see screening tests advertised often. For \$160, I can get screened for conditions that might cause strokes, heart disease, aneurysms, etc. My partner and I are in our early and mid-60s. Should we get these done? -- K.S.

ANSWER: Sometimes screening tests make a great deal of sense; other times they don't. It all depends on how likely it is that a person would have the condition in question. For example, screening for an aneurysm of the aorta has been proven to save lives in men between 65-75 with any history of smoking. It can also be considered in other people, especially if there is a family history of an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

On the other hand, many stand-alone screening centers offer ultrasound evaluations of the carotid arteries in the neck, but expert groups such as the United States Preventive Services Task Force recommend against it in people without symptoms. They have concluded that screening for blockages of the carotid arteries in people without symptoms is more likely to result in harm than benefit.

The main harm comes from false-positive ultrasounds, which must often be confirmed by an angiogram. About 1% of people get a stroke during an angiogram, which is more than the expected benefit of finding and treating blockages in a person with no symptoms. Some people would be helped by screenings, but more people are expected to be harmed.

I have also seen an unfortunate lack of timely follow-ups. I had a family member get a screening done, and shortly after he died of a heart attack, a letter came from the center saying that he should follow up with a cardiologist.

In my opinion, screening tests should be decided on by your doctor, who knows your medical history. I don't recommend going to places that just do screening, even if the price (in money) is affordable.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an 81-year-old man in fairly good health, I think, except for osteoporosis. Three years ago, I had a very weak pulse rate and was hospitalized. My wife thought I was having a stroke. The cardiologist had a pacemaker implanted, and I've been good since.

But two months ago, the cardiologist listened to my chest and said I had a murmur, a word I didn't know. She also said "sinuses" and "plaque" and "valve." She ordered an echocardiogram, which I've had, but don't know the results of yet. Am I in danger? If so, how much? -- W.C.G.

ANSWER: By now, I hope and expect that your cardiologist will have told you not to worry. A "murmur" is just a sound that doctors can hear from the heart, which sometimes means that there is damage to one of the four valves of the heart. Guessing by the terms she used, I think your cardiologist is concerned that you may have calcium ("plaque") in the aortic valve, which is supported by the sinuses of Valsalva in the aortic root.

Calcium in the aortic valve by itself may not cause problems, but it can keep the valve from being able to open all the way -- a condition called aortic stenosis. It isn't always easy to hear the difference between aortic valve calcification and aortic stenosis, but an echocardiogram gives a very accurate measurement of the aortic valve opening.

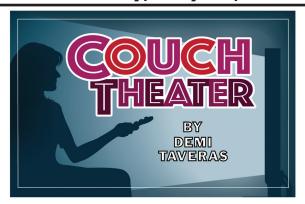
If you have aortic stenosis, she will discuss your options, which may include surgery if it is severe. However, if you have the more common calcification without stenosis, she will make sure that your blood pressure and cholesterol levels are controlled and will likely redo the echo in a few years.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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"2025 American Music Awards" (TV-PG) -- Jennifer Lopez, the queen of everything in her mind, is hosting the 2025 American Music Awards ceremony this year, her second time after hosting back in 2015. Taking place at the Fontainebleau Las Vegas, the ceremony will be airing live on May 26 but can, of course, be streamed on demand afterward if you miss the live show. Recent Super



Photo Caption: From left, Elizabeth Banks, Michael Harney and Jessica Biel star in "the Better Sister." (Courtesy of Amazon Prime Video)

Bowl halftime show headliner Kendrick Lamar leads with 10 nominations for the fan-voted award show, including Artist of the Year and Song of the Year ("Not Like Us"). Performers include artists like Benson Boone, Gwen Stefani, Gloria Estefan and The Weeknd. Meanwhile, Janet Jackson will be presented with the Icon Award. (Paramount+)

"The Better Sister" (TV-MA) -- Jessica Biel's last lead television role was in the 2022 crime-drama series "Candy," but it seems that television suits Biel more than movies, as evidenced by her performance in this upcoming thriller series premiering May 29. The series picks up as Biel's character, Chloe, stumbles upon her husband's dead body. Following the aftermath of his murder, which appears to be a "burglary gone wrong," Chloe's estranged sister, Nicky (Elizabeth Banks), shows up at her door to lend her support, even though she has her own string of issues. These two opposite sisters being forced together only adds to the increasing tension as the police work to solve the murder. (Amazon Prime Video)

"Tucci in Italy" (TV-PG) -- About a month ago, Stanley Tucci's "Searching for Italy" lifestyle series from 2021-2022 was highlighted in this column, and now the follow-up series to the show has premiered with three episodes available to stream right now! Starting off in the Italian regions of Tuscany, Lombardy, and Trentino-Alto Adige, Tucci explores the cuisine, culture and history that has become an important of these regions. He ends his five-episode show with Abruzzo and Lazio, but don't be surprised if Tucci continues to find ways to showcase the great dishes the country has to offer and share his love of Italian food with us. (Disney+)

"Netflix Tudum 2025" (TV-MA) -- In 2020, Netflix held its first global fan event called Tudum. It took place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and featured celebrities from its biggest shows at the time, like Lana Candor and Noah Centineo ("To All the Boys I've Loved Before"). Now the event has evolved to include live performances and will stream for fans all over the world to enjoy from the comfort of their homes. Lady Gaga, who recently dropped the album "Mayhem," will be performing a song from the album, and stars from shows like "Squid Game," "Stranger Things," "Outer Banks" and more will be present for interviews and exclusive news. This is not a night to miss for the dedicated Netflix fans out there! (Netflix)

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- 1. Which band used "Look What the Cat Dragged In" as the title for their debut album?
 - 2. What were the two original names of the O'Jays?
 - 3. Name the Starland Vocal Band's only No. 1 hit.
 - 4. Which two artists released the duet "Endless Love"?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Everybody's going out and having fun, I'm just a fool for staying home and having none."

Answers

1. Poison, in 1986. Although not initially popular, within nine months the album went gold when it rose to No. 3 on the

charts.

- 2. The Mascots and The Triumphs. Their biggest hit was "Love Train," but "Back Stabbers" topped the charts first in 1972.
- 3. "Afternoon Delight," in 1976. The group won Grammys for Best New Artist and Best Arrangement for Voices the following year.
- 4. Diana Ross and Lionel Richie, in 1981. Duo Luther Vandross and Mariah Carey followed with a cover in 1994.
- 5. "Oh, Lonesome Me," by Don Gibson, in 1957, with "I Can't Stop Loving You" on the B-side. The song stayed at the top of the chart for eight weeks. Over the years, several other artists released covers, including Ray Charles, the Everly Brothers and Neil Young.
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by Dave T. Phipps





"Yeah, it scared me the first time I heard it, too."

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man is moved. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Purse in window is moved. 4. Hand is not showing. 5. Hat is different. 6. Letter E is larger.

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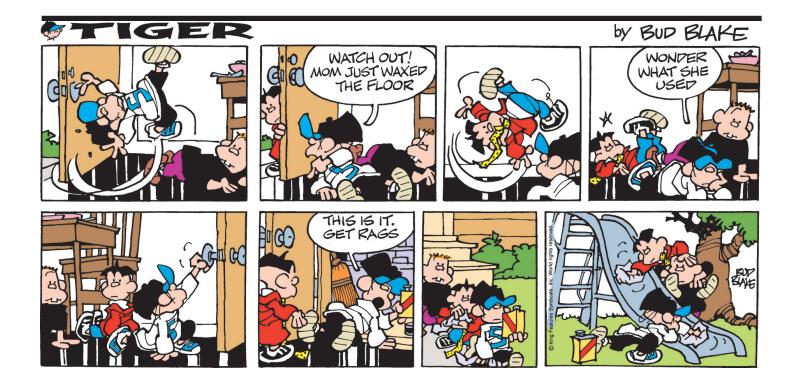
- * Going to the beach for your vacation? Here's a handy hint to take great care of your swimsuit. They get more expensive all the time! Pack at least two suits and bring a box of baking soda. Soak suit for 15 minutes in a baking soda and water solution, then lay flat on a towel. Roll the towel up and wring lightly. Unroll and hang to dry. Rotate suits.
- * Fill a 2-liter soda bottle with water, then plunge the top into a potted plant for self-watering while you are on vacation. Use smaller bottles for smaller pots.
- * "This should be a life tip. Feel comfortable in your party clothes. You will be more confident and be a better conversationalist than if you are uncomfortable in very high heels or a too-tight dress. Let your inner light shine! It took me 60 years

of uncomfortable clothes for this grandma to figure it out." -- F.L. in Oregon

- * Use your Christmas light timers to set different lights to go on or off at certain times of the day while you are away on vacation. You can even use a timer on a radio, so it comes on sometimes too. The variation will make people think you are home.
- * "If you read lots of online reviews before cementing your travel plans, make sure you read them with a critical eye. Some read like an advertisement -- for or against. Try to see if you can get recommendations from your friends and family too. Most of all, enjoy your time." -- N.F. in Maryland
- * Always have a couple bottles of water and a roll of duct tape in your trunk. You never know when you will need these items, and they seem to be pretty handy when traveling by car.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

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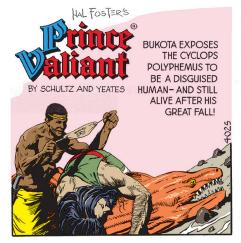








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...AND HIS ARMS BOUND. "WE HAVE USE FOR HIM ALIVE. HE WAS DISGUISED AS A MONSTER BY THE SIRENS WHO LED US HERE AND WHO CAPTURED ME-WE MUST LEARN THEIR GAME..."

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The Spats





by Jeff Pickering



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by Matilda Charles

Tuning out the news

Today marks seven days since I've watched the television news. For a news junkie, that's a very long time. But I feel much better for having taken a break.

It can't be good for us, either mentally or physically, to be constantly bombarded with information that causes stress and likely has a health impact in the form of higher blood pressure.

The chronic chaos shown to us on television news even impacts us socially when we don't know anymore what the safe topics are, and sometimes we just give up and don't talk much at all when we're with others. Gone is the spontaneity (and the joy) we once felt, and we eventually stop socializing altogether because of the additional stress it brings when in the company of others who insist on talking about negative news topics.

The news comes at us from several directions: the computer, the television, our cellphones. Add to that the stream of breaking news alerts either on the television or notifications chiming on our phones, and we just don't get away from it.

Before I could go cold turkey and avoid the news, I knew I'd have to keep up with weather. In my area it's safer to know what's coming. To stay ahead of possible bad weather I use the Weather Channel on TV and Wunderground (www.wunderground.com) on the computer.

Not that I can do this indefinitely, of course, avoiding the news. At some point I'm going to have to check back in with the rest of the world. But it's been a relief not to be bombarded with constant chaos, hysteria, sensational crawlers on the screen and differing viewpoints about world events.

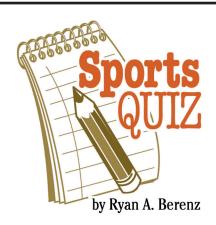
I invite you to try it for yourself, even if it's just for a few days. You'll feel better.

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- 1. What Canadian snowboarder, who competed in the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics, was added to the FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list on charges of drug trafficking and murder?
- 2. From 2003-25, six of the seven wrestlers to achieve sumo's highest rank, yokozuna, have come from what country?
- 3. What feat did high jumper Charles Dumas accomplish at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Los Angeles on June 29, 1956?
- 4. Quarterback Cleo Lemon recorded eight touchdown passes, seven interceptions and 2,185 passing yards with what NFL team from 2006-07?
- 5. Name the 1980 American League Rookie of the Year who had the peculiar talent of consuming beer through his nose.
- 6. Established in 1980, Hallelujah FC was what country's first professional soccer club?
- 7. College Football Hall of Famer Eddie Robinson compiled a 408-165-15 record from 1941-1942 and 1945-97 as head coach of what football team?



Answers

- 1. Ryan Wedding.
- 2. Mongolia.
- 3. He became the first person to clear 7 feet.
- 4. The Miami Dolphins.
- 5. Joe Charboneau.
- 6. South Korea.
- 7. The Grambling State Tigers.
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Amber Waves







by Dave T. Phipps



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Remembering the sacrifices of war dogs

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This Memorial Day, I hope you can call attention to the sacrifices made by war dogs, who have served side by side with American troops for over 100 years, taking on missions that their human counterparts could never do so well. Many gave their lives protecting others. -- Charles B., via email

DEAR CHARLES: Absolutely. Military working dogs, often called "war dogs," are an essential part of America's armed forces. They provide security around the world and are trained for specialized missions like drugs and explosives detection, sentry duty, scouting, and search and rescue. Military working dogs are even part of special forces units. Over the past century, war dogs have

played essential roles.

In the past, German Shepherds were the primary breed used as military working dogs. Recently, the armed services have shifted to slightly smaller breeds. The Belgian Malinois is the preferred breed for military working dogs today.

Sadly, during the Vietnam War, thousands of military working dogs overseas were euthanized or abandoned when their service was done. In 2000, President Clinton signed a law that allowed war dogs to be adopted once their service was over.

More than 400 military working dogs have been killed in action since World War II. It's estimated that they have saved over 10,000 lives. Today, a War Dog memorial stands in Bristol Township, Pennsylvania, to call attention to these selfless heroes, as well as a War Dog statue outside the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

As we remember the sacrifices of American troops this Memorial Day, I hope you'll all take a moment to remember the loyal, highly trained working dogs who gave their all to keep their comrades in arms safe from harm.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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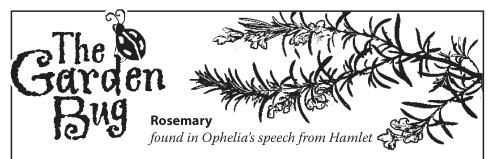
- * A Bangkok restaurant has been serving customers from a "perpetual stew" that has been cooking for more than four decades.
- * Each year, Americans spend more on beauty than education.
- * The Empire State Building generates more revenue from its observation decks than from its 85 floors of office space.
- * Vincent van Gogh fell in love with his cousin Kee Vos Stricker, and on one occasion proposed marriage, even put-

ting his hand over a candle and saying he wouldn't remove it until they could marry. Kee's disapproving father, however, had other ideas: He blew out the candle and banned the artist from the house.

- * The stiletto heel was inspired by a dagger.
- * A convicted con man once sold a "solar-powered clothes dryer" in national magazines for the bargain price of \$49.95. Of course, buyers probably didn't consider it such a bar-gain when all they got for their money was a length of clothesline.
- * Actor Mark Ruffalo dreamed he had a brain tumor. The next day, a CT scan revealed a benign growth behind his ear.
- * The town of Idyllwild, California, elected their first, and most unusual, mayor in 2012 -- a golden retriever named Max. After he passed away the following year, he was succeeded by Maximus Mighty-Dog Mueller, aka Mayor Max II.
 - * A study claims that falling in love comes at the cost of losing two close friends.
- * In 1996, two neighbors in Devon, England, hooted at each other for an entire year while believing they were actually communicating with owls.
- * In medieval Europe, butter was a luxury item that only the rich could afford to use regularly in their cooking.

Thought for the Day: "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." -- Zig Ziglar

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Shakespeare gardens, created to honor the famous playwright, are found throughout the U.S. and Britain. They contain plants and flowers mentioned in his works and those found in his own private garden in Stratford-upon-Avon. One of the most famous of these gardens is in Central Park near the Delacorte Theatre, site of the "Shakespeare in the Park" series held each summer. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.centralpark.com

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by Freddy Groves

Veterans Legacy Memorial has expanded

The Veterans Legacy Memorial has just expanded by 210,000 pages, courtesy of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The ABMC manages cemeteries and federal memorials in 17 countries to honor the over 200,000 service members who died in World War I and World War II and who are buried in those overseas locations. Organized in 1923, the agency constructed

and maintains the sites, which includes memorials, monuments and headstones. Each location on the ABMC website (www.abmc.gov) includes virtual 360 drone footage of the area, search function, the history of each site and more.

The list of ABMC sites reads like a history book: Normandy American Cemetery in France, the Corozal American Cemetery in Panama, the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines, the Cambridge American Cemetery in England and so many more sites of previous wars and conflicts around the globe.

And now 210,000 of those service members will have their own individual pages added to the Veterans Legacy Memorial digital online website (www.vlm.cem.va.gov), which contains the names of those buried across the country. The addition will bring the total pages to over 10 million.

Each Veterans Legacy Memorial service member page includes a bio with branch of service, dates of birth and death, rank, decorations and stories and photos uploaded by family and friends.

If you want to pre-qualify for burial in a national veterans cemetery, you can apply in advance at va.gov/burials-memorials. (Click on "Eligibility" and fill out the VA Form 40-10007.) You'll need your DD-214. Or call the scheduling office at 800-535-1117 if you need help with the paperwork.

Once approved, if you wish, you can create your own Legacy page that will be activated upon your passing. It's called "Your Story, Your Legacy," and you'll be able to create it to read just as you wish.

If you're trying to add to a Legacy page for a family member (or create your own) and need help, call National Cemetery Support at 866-245-1490.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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- 1. ACRONYMS: What do the acronyms "AM" and "PM" stand for?
- 2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the Jack Russell Terrier in the sitcom "Frasier"?
- 3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which vice president went on to win a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007?
- 4. MOVIES: How many Infinity Stones are in "Avengers: Endgame"?
- 5. U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve?
- 6. GEOGRAPHY: What is Scotland's official national animal?
- 7. LITERATURE: Which cities are the settings for Charles Dickens' novel "A Tale of Two Cities"?
- 8. SCIENCE: Which two planets in our solar system have no moons?
- 9. HISTORY: Who was the first woman Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?
- 10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which branch of the U.S. military uses the recruiting slogan, "It's not just a job; it's an adventure"?

Answers

- 1. Ante meridiem and Post meridiem (before noon and after noon)
 - 2. Eddie Crane (real name is Moose).
- 3. Al Gore, vice president to Bill Clinton, won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in climate change.
 - 4. Six.
 - 5. Idaho.
 - 6. The unicorn.
 - 7. London and Paris.
 - 8. Venus and Mercury.
 - 9. Nancy Pelosi.
 - 10. The Navy.

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South Dakota Governor

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Larry Rhoden



South Dakota: Under God, the People Rule

A Safer Border - a Safer South Dakota

Former Governor Noem would often say, "What you see with your eyes, you carry in your heart." I knew just how much of a challenge it is to secure America's Southern Border – and how utterly the previous administration in Washington failed in that regard. But it's hard to fully appreciate the challenge without seeing it for yourself.

I visited our South Dakota National Guard soldiers stationed at the Southern Border in Eagle Pass, TX. The biggest eye opener was just how vast the challenge is. It's incredible that the Trump Administration and Secretary Noem have secured the border so quickly – and I'm proud that the men and women of our own SDNG are working alongside them.

I received multiple briefings and had the opportunity to survey the border from a variety of perspectives. First, I met with our 109th Engineer Battalion and got a briefing of their mission, which they've been on since this past fall. They were originally stationed in southern California, but they moved to the Texas border after President Trump took office. Their mission has been a night and day difference since that transition. Now, they're able to actually protect the territorial integrity of the United States.

Our guardsmen (and some from Wisconsin) showed me the Picnic Observation Outpost near the Rio Grande. From this vantage point, they are able to see any migrants crossing a long stretch of river, and their surveillance is supplemented by impressive technology.

We then headed down to the river where the Texas Department of Public Safety hosted us for an airboat tour of the Rio Grande. This tour took off from Shelby Park, which became a flashpoint in 2023 when as many as 4,000 illegal aliens crossed the border daily at this location alone.

Texas DPS then gave us a helicopter tour, which included the border wall that was constructed near town. A previous South Dakota National Guard deployment was working alongside Texas to construct border wall in this area just last year, and it looks like they did great work!

Finally, we received a briefing from Border Patrol at the Del Rio Sector. They outlined their actions to stop drugs, human trafficking, and other illicit activities from crossing the border. I noticed how high their spirits are – and they confirmed that their morale has risen now that they're back on mission under President Trump and Secretary Noem. They're finally back on offense to defend our people from the criminal cartels. And they were grateful for the support of our National Guard soldiers.

In the last few years, every state became a border state because of how wide open the Southern Border became. That situation has clearly turned around – I saw the evidence with my own eyes. I'm glad that Secretary Noem is doing the hard work to achieve that alongside President Trump.

I spent six years in the South Dakota National Guard and discharged as a buck sergeant, so it is an incredible (and sometimes surreal) honor to serve as Commander in Chief of the South Dakota National Guard. I'm honored that our own soldiers are playing a role to keep South Dakotans – and all Americans – safe, strong, and free.

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Remember the Fallen

I recently had the privilege of welcoming a group of South Dakota veterans to Washington during an Honor Flight visit. These are always special for me. They're an opportunity to simply say "thank you" to those who served. No matter how many times I do it, Honor Flights always inspire me and make me grateful to be an American and an heir to what these men and women fought for.

After the visit, KELOLAND News ran a story on this Honor Flight, and a quote from one Vietnam veteran struck me. He said, "I'm no hero. The heroes are the ones that didn't get to come back and have families, didn't get to become grandparents. They're the heroes." This is a common sentiment among veterans. I heard it often from my dad, a World War II veteran who almost always talked about the men with whom he served rather than his own service. But no matter how often I hear this, it stops me in my tracks because it reminds me that we ask those who serve our country to be willing to sacrifice everything.

Many Americans have, in fact, sacrificed everything serving our country, and we honor them on Memorial Day. These brave Americans gave their lives, their futures, and all that that future could hold to defend our country, protect our liberty, and secure peace for us. So, as we celebrate Memorial Day, we remember their heroism and sacrifice and take inspiration from their commitment to the ideals upon which our country was founded.

This year marks 80 years since the end of World War II. Millions of Americans served in the military during the war. More than 400,000 Americans died during it, including about 1,700 South Dakotans.

Among these are men like Captain Arlo Olson from Toronto, South Dakota. Captain Olson was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery in advancing through Italy, where he was killed in 1943 leading the advance. Philip native Lieutenant Earl Ferguson's B-24 bomber was shot down while it was targeting an oil field in Romania. And Private Glenn Dow from Sioux Falls was killed on Omaha Beach on D-Day.

These men, and countless others, gave their lives in defense of our freedom and to secure peace for us. They entrusted to us the future that they would not see themselves, and they call on us now to defend the peace that they won.

On Memorial Day, we remember that our freedom has come at a cost. And we recognize that it is on us to live up to the ideals for which generations of Americans have been willing to give their lives. These are America's heroes, and we are a grateful nation.

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The One Big, Beautiful Bill

BIG Update

I voted to pass the House's One Big, Beautiful Bill, which is a strong, conservative package that prevents the largest tax hike in American history while saving \$1.6 trillion, the largest spending reduction in a generation.

The bill secures our borders by finishing thousands of miles of walls and barriers and hires thousands more Border Patrol and ICE personnel. It also funds the enforcement of the successful "Remain in Mexico" policy.

By extending the current tax rates, the average South Dakota taxpayer will avoid a 25% tax hike, which would cost a family of four \$1,431 more per year. Allowing these tax cuts to expire would also cost South Dakota thousands of jobs. The National Association of Manufacturing estimates 17,000 South Dakotans would lose their jobs and our state's economic output would decrease by \$3.1 billion.

The bill also implements commonsense policies to right-size federal programs. I've heard a lot of misinformation about Medicaid and SNAP benefits, and I want to set the record straight: this bill does not change benefits for seniors, pregnant women, those with disabilities, or those with children at home. The bill ensures illegal immigrants do not receive Medicaid and SNAP benefits, ensuring we take care of the neediest Americans first.

Additionally, the bill ends taxes on tips and overtime, decreases taxes on Social Security, defunds Planned Parenthood, and prohibits taxpayer funding for transgender surgeries.

BIG News

Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the sacrifices our service members have made for our country. I got to greet another Honor Flight at the World War II memorial this week. More than 80 veterans, including two WWII veterans, were on this trip. I had the opportunity to thank them for their service.

BIG Idea

Buying a home in Indian Country is a challenge due to complicated bureaucracy in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The BIA delays have hindered many tribal citizens' dreams of homeownership. I've partnered with Senator John Thune on the Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act to streamline the approval process for mortgages on tribal trust land.

This week, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian Affairs held a hearing this week on our bill. I had the opportunity to introduce Eric Shepherd, Executive Director of the Sisseton Wahpeton Housing Authority.

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May 12-18, 2025

Welcome back to another edition of the Weekly Round[s] Up. Here in the Senate, we continue working to confirm President Trump's team. While the cabinet is almost entirely filled, there are around 1,300 positions in the executive branch that require Senate approval – think as-

sistant secretaries, deputy secretaries and ambassadors. This means that personnel issues make up most of our votes around here, but it's well worth it to get highly qualified folks in these positions to work on behalf of the American people. We even confirmed one nominee this week that's from South Dakota: Dr. Troy Meink, nominee to serve as Secretary of the Air Force! More on this vote and the rest of my week in my Weekly Round[s] Up:

South Dakota groups I met with: The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce; Kym Black, Senior Vice President at U.S. Bank; Brett Pharr, CEO of Pathward; Larry Deiter, Director of the South Dakota Division of Insurance; members of the Independent Community Bankers of South Dakota; Boyd Gourneau, Chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe; and members of the South Dakota CPA Society.

South Dakota towns represented: Bruce, Dakota Dunes, De Smet, Freeman, Madison, Mitchell, Parker, Pierre, Rapid City, Scotland, Sioux Falls, Turton and Watertown.

Other meetings: Members of the American Bankers Association's Card Policy Council; Darren Pleasance, President of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Nat Friedman, board member at the Arc Institute; and Tom Reid, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary at the Comcast Corporation.

I spoke at the Washington Center's National Security Seminar this past week. I also attended our weekly Senate Bible Study, where our verse of the week was Isaiah 49:1, and our Senate Prayer Breakfast hosted by Senator Roger Marshall of Kansas.

Legislation introduced: I introduced the Bolstering Research and Innovation Now (BRAIN) Act, legislation to advance research for brain tumors and improve brain tumor treatment and care. Read more here.

In addition, I sent a letter to Secretary of Interior Doug Burgum and Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy asking them to update the process for funding tribal transportation projects. Read more about this and the full letter here.

Hearings: I attended six hearings this week: two hearings in the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) and two closed hearings in the Select Committee on Intelligence. You can watch clips of the SASC hearings here and here. I attended a hearing in the Appropriations committee, where we heard from Lee Zeldin, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Watch that clip here.

In addition, I attended a hearing in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to introduce Standing Rock Chairwoman Janet Alkire, who testified before the committee. Watch my full introduction here.

Classified briefings: I attended one classified briefing as part of my work on SASC's Subcommittee on Strategic Forces.

Votes taken: 19 - As usual, most of these votes were on nominees to executive positions. One confirmation from this past week that I'm particularly excited about is Dr. Troy Meink, who was confirmed to serve as Secretary of the Air Force. Dr. Meink is a native of Lemmon and graduated from South Dakota State University (go Jacks!). I'm pleased to have supported his nomination, and I know our country is safer with Dr. Meink serving in this role.

My staff in South Dakota visited: Brandon, Crooks, Garretson, Milbank, Rosebud, St. Francis, Salem, Watertown and White Owl.

Steps taken: 54,073 steps or 26.68 miles.

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Who Has The License to Drive Me Crazy?

I will confess that I am crazy, but I didn't get there by myself. Somebody has been driving me crazy. When I use the word "somebody," I mean a lot of people.

I didn't always know I was crazy until a few years ago The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "Are you crazy or what?"

I did not know what led to that declaration. Reflecting on the past, she was likely correct. I am crazy, but I am not the one behind the wheel driving me crazy.

Over 30 years ago, a friend and I went to New York City. We took a train there, and he picked up a taxi when we arrived. We spent the rest of the day driving around in a taxi. I've never been in a taxi before. I was impressed by how much the taxi driver knew. He could negotiate traffic better than anybody I've ever seen before. I wish I had his skills.

If you've ever been in New York City, you know how crazy the traffic is. That was over 30 years ago, and I'm sure it's much worse today. That taxicab driver got us to where we wanted to go, and we had nothing to worry about.

I thought about that the other day as I was driving across town. Our town used to be small and quiet, with not much traffic. We had snowbird traffic in the wintertime, but then the traffic almost died in the summer. I enjoyed those days.

That has changed in the last few years. I can't tell the difference between snowbird time and summertime. The traffic is just simply crazy.

Almost every day, we hear news of a traffic accident within the scope of our neighborhood. The other day, somebody drove into a daycare center, and several children were killed.

The lady driving was drunk.

How do crazy people get a license to drive in our community?

Every time I drive across town and return, I'm slightly crazier than when I started. The fact that I'm still alive is almost a miracle.

Each time I come back, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage sees I've gotten a bit crazier. She often replies, "You seem a little more crazy than when you left. Is everything okay?"

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If she thinks I'm crazy, she should ride with me across town. It's been a long time since she rode with me. Usually, she drives her Sissy Van, and I ride along with her.

I wouldn't repeat this out loud, but I've recently noticed that drivers stay clear of her as much as possible. They don't want to cross paths with her.

Last week, we drove across town to our Sunday morning ministry. The traffic was a bit jammed, slower than usual, and some people behind us seemed to be in a hurry. They couldn't get around us, so they beeped their horns to get us to hurry up.

They did not know that the person driving the car was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. You don't cross her and live to tell about it.

The more the person behind us blew their horn, the slower The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage went. I could see that one driver was very anxious and blowing his horn.

Finally, the traffic eased up, and he could drive around us. As he did so, he shook his fist in the air and pointed us toward heaven. He used the wrong finger, but everybody makes mistakes. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked in his direction and gave him one of her signature smiles.

I would've loved to have been a fly on the wall when he got home.

As for me, I just kept quiet, tried not to smile too much, and pretended I didn't see what happened.

If The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage thought I was crazy, she should sit in my seat and see things the way I see them.

Driving to our Sunday ministry, I wondered, "Where did she learn that kind of driving?"

I almost blamed it on her father. Then the truth hit me smack in the face like a pie. I was the one who taught her how to drive after we got married. I sighed deeply and thought, "How did I get it all wrong?"

We finished our Sunday morning ministry and were driving back home.

It is very hard to keep quiet around my wife. She seems to know what I'm thinking before I even think it. Halfway home, she glanced at me and said, "What are you thinking?"

This can go either way. Either I get in trouble, or I say nothing.

"Are you thinking," she finally said, "about the nice service we had this morning?"

Very few times, I have had an open door out of a situation. I smiled at her and said, "I loved your piano playing while we sang hymns this morning. It was wonderful!"

I'm not sure, but I think I dodged a bullet. That doesn't happen often.

I was reminded of a Bible verse along this line. Ecclesiastes 7:9, "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."

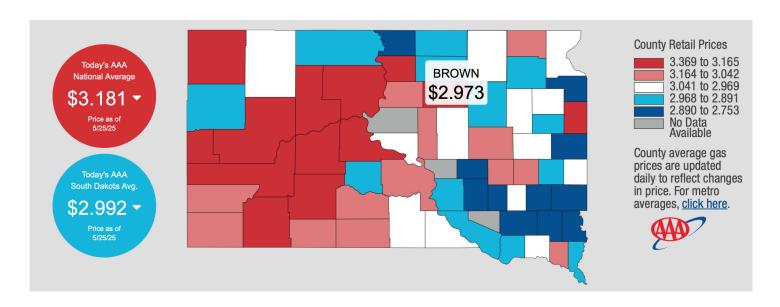
This is seen on highways across town. Why can't people just rest and not be hasty in their lives? A hasty spirit leads to anger, which never solves any problem.

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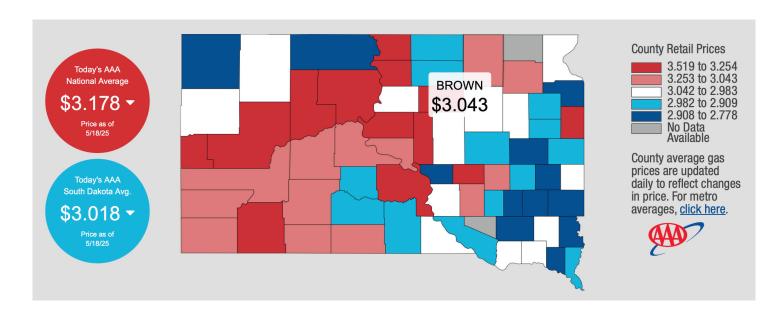
South Dakota Average Gas Prices

	Regular	Mid-Grade	Premium	Diesel
Current Avg.	\$2.992	\$3.189	\$3.693	\$3.238
Yesterday Avg.	\$3.005	\$3.208	\$3.675	\$3.234
Week Ago Avg.	\$3.018	\$3.200	\$3.692	\$3.239
Month Ago Avg.	\$3.081	\$3.259	\$3.675	\$3.292
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This Week



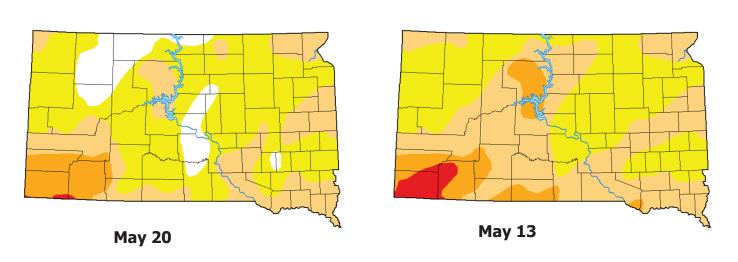
Last Week



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Drought Monitor



Temperatures varied across the High Plains this week, with departures ranging up to 8 degrees F above normal, while cooler-than-normal temperatures were observed along the western and northern portions of the region. Heavy precipitation fell across much of the region this week, with areas from North Dakota to northern Nebraska reporting weekly precipitation totals between 400% to 600% above normal. These beneficial rains (2 to 8 inches above normal) justified widespread moderate to extreme drought (D1-D3) improvements in the Dakotas and Nebraska. Additionally, improvements of moderate to severe drought (D1-D2) and abnormal dryness (D0) occurred in northern Wyoming and eastern Kansas, where rainfall amounts were up to 3 inches above normal for the week. Conversely, dry conditions resulted in the expansion of extreme drought (D3) in southwest Nebraska and western Wyoming, while severe (D2) and moderate drought (D1) expanded in southern Wyoming and Colorado. Abnormal dryness was also expanded in eastern Colorado this week.

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EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What's being done to get more minorities into green jobs? – Sam W., via email

Green jobs—those that directly contribute to a sustainable environment—have been growing in need as the world has become more eco-focused. According to the Solar Energies Industries Association (SEIA), between 2014 and 2019 employment in the solar energy sector increased five times faster than job growth in the general U.S. economy.



Workforce diversity remains a big issue in the fastexpanding green jobs sector. Credit: Pexels.com.

Despite this, there is still more to be done to improve workforce diversity. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory reported that 69 percent of the wind energy work force is white, and SEIA found that its workforce is 73 percent white. There is a clear lack of diversity in the green jobs workforce, often due to an underrepresentation of minorities trained in leadership roles, wage gaps unequal hiring practices. Lucky, there are a few ways green companies can address this problem.

The first solution to this problem is advancing access to training and degrees required for green jobs. Engineering jobs require bachelor's degrees, but in 2022 only a quarter of engineering bachelor's degrees were earned by women, and in 2018 only 4.6 percent were earned by Black people. "Despite the efforts of many ... within the formal educational system, education for a just and sustainable world is not a high priority," explains Anthony D. Cortese in his report The Critical Role of Higher Education in Creating a Sustainable Future. In order to create a more diverse workforce, companies should offer financial aid for higher education and create real-life, research experiences designated for women and people of color.

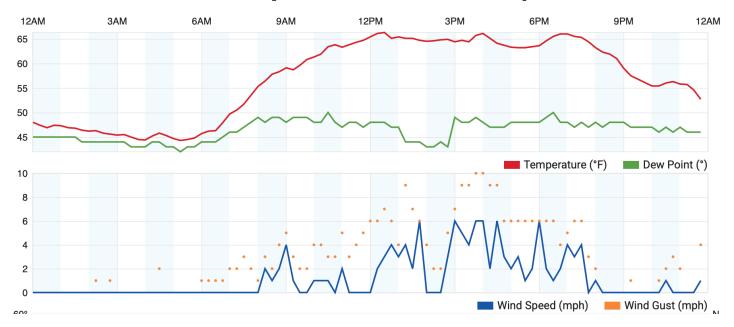
Jobs that do not require degrees, such as repair, maintenance and construction, are covered by unions, though while unions generally protect workers' rights and improve working conditions, they have a history of being exclusionary. "I understand that in the United States the same corporations that have been destroying the planet have collaborated to make it so that most American workers no longer have good, unionized jobs," says Jane McAlevey, author and senior policy fellow at the University of California Berkeley's Labor Center. Unions can implement new programs and policies, such as mentorship programs, to increase minority representation and improve worker skills. Another strategy is to create programs specifically for women and people of color that provide career development and financial support for transportation, uniforms or food.

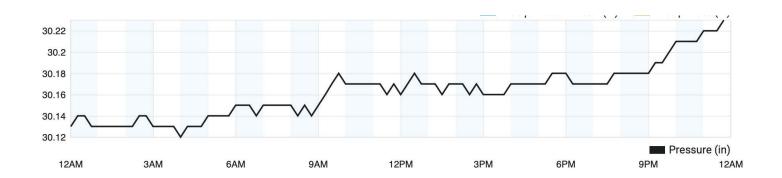
Interested in taking action? Support companies that have inclusive hiring practices and educate your community about the need for diversity in the green job workforce.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs





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Today



Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny

High: 72 °F

Tonight



Partly Cloudy

Low: 40 °F

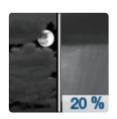
Memorial Day



High: 71 °F

Mostly Sunny

Monday Night



Mostly Cloudy then Slight Chance Showers

Low: 46 °F



Tuesday

High: 67 °F Chance Showers



There will be a chance for showers through the weekend, mainly west of the James River Valley spreading east through the day Monday. Temperatures will be slightly cooler than normal with highs in the 50s-70s.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather High Temp: 67 °F at 12:23 PM

High Temp: 67 °F at 12:23 PM Low Temp: 44 °F at 5:15 AM Wind: 10 mph at 2:44 PM

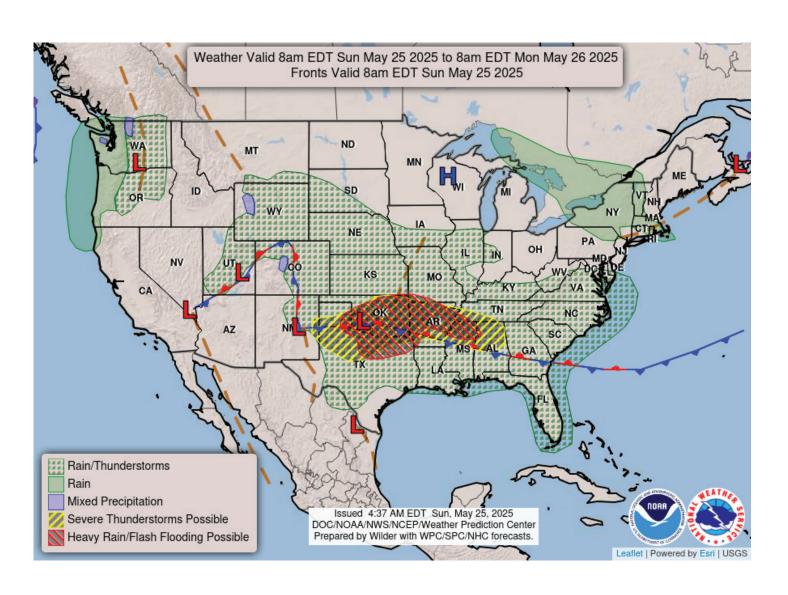
Precip: : 0.00

Day length: 15 hours, 19 minutes

Today's Info

Record High: 94 in 2018 Record Low: 29 in 1924 Average High: 74 Average Low: 48

Average Precip in May.: 2.70 Precip to date in May.: 3.35 Average Precip to date: 6.67 Precip Year to Date: 5.98 Sunset Tonight: 9:09:00 pm Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:49:01 am



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Today in Weather History

May 25th, 1880: An estimated F2 tornado moved northeast through the town of Mitchell. Two men were killed when they ran out the back door of a saloon to reach the cellar entrance. The caulk stone saloon, two homes, and several businesses were destroyed. This tornado was one of the first significant tornadoes on record for South Dakota.

May 25th, 1985: During the afternoon, thunderstorms developed along the east side of the Black Hills. The storms produced quite a bit of lightning and, over 2 hours, started 18 small fires in the Black Hills. Fortunately, most of the fires were small and quickly contained. One unfortunate firefighter was struck by lightning as he was helping to extinguish a blaze that burned some 50 acres of grassland and forest. Thankfully, the man lived, but he did suffer several broken bones, burns, and major damage to his ears. The strike was so powerful that a man over 150 feet away was dropped to his knees.

1917 - A tornado ripped through southeast Kansas, traveling 65 mph. The average speed was a record for any tornado. (The Weather Channel)

1955 - Two tornadoes struck the town of Blackwell, OK, within a few minutes time during the late evening. The tornadoes killed 18 persons and injured more than 500 others. Early the next morning a tornado virtually obliterated the small community of Udall KS killing 80 persons and injuring 270 persons. More than half the persons in the community were killed or injured by the tornado. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms spawned fifteen tornadoes in West Texas. One thunderstorm spawned a powerful tornado near Gruver, TX, along with golf ball size hail and 75 mph winds. A man on a boat on Lake Bistineau in northwest Louisiana was struck and killed by lightning, while the other three persons in the boat were unharmed. The man reportedly stood up in the boat and asked to be struck by lightning. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Unseasonably cool weather prevailed in the Upper Midwest. Marquette, MI, reported a record low of 26 degrees. Thunderstorms in the north central U.S. produced wind gusts to 62 mph at Idaho Falls, ID, and produced 4 inches of rain in less than four hours in northern Buffalo County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a strong cold front produced severe weather from Oklahoma to Ohio through the day and night. Thunderstorms spawned nine tornadoes, and there were 155 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Hail three and a half inches in diameter was reported at Dittmer, MO, and thunderstorm winds gusting to 90 MPH caused twenty million dollars damage at Rockville IN. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Evening thunderstorms spawned four tornadoes in Kansas and Missouri, and there were three dozen reports of large hail or damaging winds. Thunderstorms produced hail two inches in diameter at Cole Camp, and wind gusts to 72 mph at Rosebud. Heavy thunderstorm rains produced flash flooding in central Missouri. Flood waters swept through Washington State Park southwest of Saint Louis, and nearly one hundred persons had to be rescued from water as much as twenty feet deep. The flood waters swept away a number of vehicles, some were carried as much as four miles away. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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God certainly enjoys a sense of humor.

Chapter eight begins with a call to "applied wisdom" and the fact that it even "goes looking" for "followers." Here we find a distinct call from God Himself to the "simple" and "foolish" to stop and gain understanding! It's like the stop, look, and listen warning signs at railroad crossings:

If you are not careful and stop, tragedy may strike!

How very gracious of Him to care for everyone!

He knows that there are many who go through life aimlessly wandering from one mistake to another. It disturbs Him so much that He makes an urgent attempt to reach them once again and offer His grace, guidance, and willingness to guard everyone against themselves.

"Does not wisdom call out?" we read in His Word.

His Word does not say, "Go here and there, and if you are fortunate, you may run into some good advice now and then."

That in itself would reveal a god who was not wise and caring.

But throughout Scripture, God often appears as the "town crier" attempting to get the attention of people before disaster strikes.

It is a common thread that binds the Old and New Testaments together.

Our God is not a silent god sitting on the sidelines of life watching us as though He were uninvolved and disinterested in our lives.

Rather, He is always somewhere listening, watching, observing — but never a reluctant advisor.

He is our Creator-Sustainer and waits anxiously and patiently to be our Redeemer and Savior.

But we must respond to His voice to be victorious.

Those who do not respond to Him have no excuse.

He makes His will and His way plain.

Prayer: Father, it's never about You hiding from us or confusing us, but always about us rejecting You and refusing to hear Your voice or see Your Son. Forgive us! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Today's Scripture: "Listen as Wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice!" — Proverbs 8:1

We all need the encouragement, comfort, and peace that comes through God's grace. Our daily devotionals, known as Seeds of Hope, have been a means through which thousands of people have experienced this grace. Each devotional comes from God's Word and we pray this good "seed" finds good soil in your heart. Our aim is that the Seeds of Hope will be a great source of daily encouragement to you and that God will use them to draw you near to Him

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WINNING NUMBERS

MEGA MILLIONS

WINNING NUMBERS: 05.23.25











NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT: 5173,000,000

NEXT DRAW:

PREVIOUS RESULTS

LOTTO AMERICA

WINNING NUMBERS: 05.24.25











NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT: \$36,610,000

NEXT DRAW:

PREVIOUS RESULTS

LUCKY FOR LIFE

WINNING NUMBERS: 05.24.25











TOP PRIZE: \$7.000/week

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 23 Mins 58 Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

DAKOTA CASH

WINNING NUMBERS: 05.24.25













NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$20,000

NEXT DRAW:

PREVIOUS RESULTS

POWERBALL

DOUBLE PLAY

WINNING NUMBERS: 05.24.25













TOP PRIZE:

\$10,000,000

NEXT DRAW:

PREVIOUS RESULTS

POWERBALL

WINNING NUMBERS: 05.24.25









Power Play: 3x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

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NEXT DRAW:

PREVIOUS RESULTS

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Upcoming Groton Events

03/22/2025 Spring Vendor Fair at the GHS Gym 10am-2pm

03/29/2025 Men's Singles Bowling Tournament at the Jungle 10am, 1pm & 4pm

04/05/2025 Dueling Duo Baseball/Softball Fundraiser at the Legion Post #39, 6-11:30pm

04/06/2025 Pancake Sunday, Historical Society Fundraiser, 10am-1pm, Community Center

04/12/2025 Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park 10am Sharp

04/12/2025 Groton Firemens Spring Social at the Fire Station 7pm-12:30am (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)

05/03/2025 Lion's Club Spring Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm

05/12/2025 High School Girls Golf Meet at Olive Grove

05/26/2025 Memorial Day Services Groton Union Cemetery with lunch at Legion Post #39, 12pm

06/07/2025 Day of Play

06/13/2025 SDSU 4 Person Scramble at Olive Grove

06/21/2025 Groton Triathlon

06/23/2025 Ladies 2 Person Scramble at Olive Grove

07/04/2025 Firecracker Couples Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course

07/09/2025 Legion Auxiliary #39 Salad Buffet & Dessert Bar at the Groton Legion 11am-1pm

07/11-13/25 2025 VFW 12U Class B State Baseball Tournament

07/13/2025 Lion's Club Summer Fest/Car Show at the City Park 9am-4pm

07/16/2025 Men's Pro Am Golf at Olive Grove

07/25/2025 Ferney Open Scramble Golf at Olive Grove

08/01/2025 Wine on Nine Fundraiser at Olive Grove

08/09/2025 2nd Annual Celebration in the Park/Rib Cook-Off 1-9:30pm

08/14/2025 Family Fun Fest, Downtown Main Street 5:30-7:30pm (2nd Thursday)

08/23/2025 Glacial Tournament at Olive Grove

09/05/2025 Homecoming Parade 1pm

09/06/2025 Lion's Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm

09/07/2025 Sunflower Classic Couples Scramble at Olive Grove

10/10/2025 Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10am

10/11/2025 Pumpkin Fest 10am-3pm City Park

10/31/2025 Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm

11/27/2025 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1:30pm

12/06/2025 Olive Grove Holiday Party and Silent Live Auction Fundraiser

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News from the Associated Press

Russia hits Ukraine with the largest drone-and-missile attack of the war so far, killing at least 12

By SAMYA KULLAB and OLEKSII YEROSHENKO Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — A massive Russian drone-and-missile attack targeted the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, and other regions in the country for a second consecutive night, killing at least 12 people and injuring dozens, officials said early Sunday.

The scale of the onslaught was stunning — Russia hit Ukraine with 367 drones and missiles, making this the largest single aerial attack of the more than three-years-long war, according to Yuriy Ihnat, a spokesperson for Ukraine's Air Force.

In all, Russia used 69 missiles of various types and 298 drones, including Iranian-designed Shahed drones, he told The Associated Press.

It was "the most massive strike in terms of the number of air attack weapons on the territory of Ukraine since the beginning of the full-scale invasion in 2022," Ihnat said.

There was no immediate comment from Moscow.

For Kyiv, the day was particularly somber as the city observes Kyiv Day, a national holiday that falls on the last Sunday of May commemorating its founding in the 5th century,

'Deliberate strikes on ordinary cities'

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Russian missiles and drones hit more than 30 cities and villages across Ukraine and urged Western partners to ramp up sanctions on Russia.

That has been a long-standing demand of the Ukrainian leader but one that — despite warnings to Moscow by the United States and Europe — have not materialized in ways to deter Russia.

Zelenskyy wrote on X that Sunday's targets included Kyiv, Zhytomyr, Khmelnytskyi, Ternopil, Chernihiv, Sumy, Odesa, Poltava, Dnipro, Mykolaiv, Kharkiv and Cherkasy regions.

"These were deliberate strikes on ordinary cities. Ordinary residential buildings were destroyed and damaged," he said.

"Without truly strong pressure on the Russian leadership, this brutality cannot be stopped. Sanctions will certainly help," Zelenskyy said. "Determination matters now — the determination of the United States, of European countries, and of all those around the world who seek peace."

The attack came on the third day of a planned prisoner swap between Russia and Ukraine, the only tangible outcome from peace talks in Istanbul earlier this month that have so far failed to produce a ceasefire. The exchange amounted to a rare moment of cooperation between the warring sides.

Meanwhile, Russia's Defense Ministry said its air defenses shot down 110 Ukrainian drones overnight. The 'most massive Russian air attack'

Sounds of explosions boomed throughout the night in Kyiv and the surrounding area as Ukrainian air defense forces persisted for hours in efforts to shoot down enemy drones and missiles. At least four people were killed and 16 were injured in the capital itself, according to Ukraine's security service.

"A difficult Sunday morning in Ukraine after a sleepless night. The most massive Russian air attack in many weeks lasted all night," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said on X.

Fires broke out in homes and businesses, set off by falling drone debris.

In the region of Zhytomyr, west of Kyiv, three children were killed, aged 8, 12 and 17, according to the emergency service. Twelve were injured in the attacks, the service said. At least four people were killed in the Khmelnytskyi region, in western Ukraine. One man was killed in Mykolaiv region, in southern Ukraine.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said a student dormitory in Holosiivskyi district was hit by a drone and one of the building's walls was on fire. In Dniprovskyi district, a private house was destroyed and in Shevchenkivskyi district, windows in a residential building were smashed.

The scale of Russia's use of aerial weapons aside, the attacks over the past 48 hours have been among

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the most intense strikes on Ukraine since the February 2022 full-scale war. The last in a three-day prisoner swap was expected to take place later on Sunday.

A village engulfed in smoke and rubble

In the village of Markhalivka, just outside Kyiv, where several homes were burned down in the overnight strikes, the Fedorenkos watched their ruined home in tears.

"The street looks like Bakhmut, like Mariupol, it's just terrible," says 76-year-old Liubov Fedorenko, comparing their village to some of Ukraine's most devastated cities in the war. She told the AP how grateful she was her daughter had not joined them for the weekend with her family.

"I was trying to persuade my daughter to come to us," Fedorenko said, adding she told her daughter, "After all, you live on the eighth floor in Kyiv, and here it's the ground floor.""

"She said, 'No, mum, I'm not coming.' And thank God she didn't come, because the rocket hit (the house) on the side where the children's rooms were," Fedorenko said.

Ivan Fedorenko, 80, said he regrets letting their two dogs into the house after the air raid siren went off. "They burned to death," he said. "I want to bury them, but I'm not allowed yet."

Despite POW swaps, no letup in the war

Zelenskyy and Russia's defense ministry said each side brought home 307 more soldiers the previous day, on Saturday, a day after each side released a total of 390 combatants and civilians. Once completed, the swap will amount to the largest exchange of prisoners in more than three years of war.

"We expect more to come tomorrow," Zelensky's said on his official Telegram channel on Saturday. Russia's defense ministry also said it expected the exchange to be continued, though it did not give details.

The previous night, explosions and anti-aircraft fire were heard throughout Kyiv as many sought shelter in subway stations as Russian drones and missiles targeted the Ukrainian capital.

The ongoing POW exchange, the latest of dozens of swaps since the war began and the biggest involving Ukrainian civilians so far did not bring a halt in the fighting.

Battles have continued along the roughly 1,000-kilometer (620-mile) front line, where tens of thousands of soldiers have been killed, and neither country has relented in its deep strikes.

Russia and Ukraine swap hundreds more prisoners as another attack on Kyiv leaves 3 dead

By ILLIA NOVIKOV and ALEX BABENKO Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russia and Ukraine exchanged hundreds more prisoners Saturday as part of a major swap that amounted to a rare moment of cooperation in otherwise failed efforts to reach a ceasefire.

The exchange came hours after Kyiv came under a large-scale Russian drone and missile attack and authorities said another combined aerial attack that started Saturday night and stretched into Sunday morning had left three people dead in the "Kyiv region," according to Mykola Kalashnyk, head of the Kyiv regional military administration.

Mayor Vitali Klitschko said "there are already 10 injured" is Kyiv as of 3 a.m. Sunday, adding that a student dormitory in Holosiivskyi district was hit a drone and the exterior of one of its walls was on fire.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Russia's defense ministry said each side brought home 307 more soldiers on Saturday, a day after each released a total of 390 combatants and civilians. Further releases expected over the weekend are set to make the swap the largest in more than three years of war.

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Hours earlier, explosions and anti-aircraft fire were heard throughout Kyiv as many sought shelter in subway stations as Russian drones and missiles targeted the Ukrainian capital overnight.

In talks held in Istanbul earlier this month — the first time the two sides met face to face for peace talks since Russia's 2022 full-scale invasion — Kyiv and Moscow agreed to swap 1,000 prisoners of war and civilian detainees each.

'A difficult night'

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Officials said Russia attacked Ukraine with 14 ballistic missiles and 250 Shahed drones overnight while Ukrainian forces shot down six missiles and neutralized 245 drones — 128 drones were shot down and 117 were thwarted using electronic warfare.

The Kyiv City Military Administration said it was one of the biggest combined missile and drone attacks on the capital.

"A difficult night for all of us," the administration said in a statement.

Posting on X, Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha called it "clear evidence that increased sanctions pressure on Moscow is necessary to accelerate the peace process."

Posting on X, U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy spoke of "another night of terror for Ukrainian civilians." "These are not the actions of a country seeking peace," Lammy said of the Russian strike.

Katarina Mathernová, the European Union's ambassador to Kyiv, described the attack as "horrific."

"If anyone still doubts Russia wants war to continue — read the news," Katarina Mathernová wrote on the social network.

Air raid alert in Kyiv

The debris of intercepted missiles and drones fell in at least six Kyiv city districts. According to the acting head of the city's military administration, Tymur Tkachenko, six people required medical care after the attack and two fires were sparked in Kyiv's Solomianskyi district.

The Obolon district, where a residential building was heavily damaged in the attack, was the hardest hit with at least five wounded in the area, the administration said.

Yurii Bondarchuk, a local resident, said the air raid siren "started as usual, then the drones started to fly around as they constantly do." Moments later, he heard a boom and saw shattered glass fly through the air.

"The balcony is totally wiped out, as well as the windows and the doors," he said as he stood in the dark, smoking a cigarette to calm his nerves while firefighters worked to extinguish the flames.

The air raid alert in Kyiv lasted more than seven hours, warning of incoming missiles and drones.

Kyiv's mayor, Vitalii Klitschko, warned residents ahead of the attack that more than 20 Russian strike drones were heading toward the city. As the attack continued, he said drone debris fell on a shopping mall and a residential building in Obolon. Emergency services were headed to the site, Klitschko said.

Separately, 13 civilians were killed on Friday and overnight into Saturday in Russian attacks in Ukraine's south, east and north, regional authorities said.

Three people died after a Russian ballistic missile targeted port infrastructure in Odesa on the Black Sea, local Gov. Oleh Kiper reported. Russia later said the strike Friday targeted a cargo ship carrying military equipment.

Russia's defense ministry on Saturday claimed its forces overnight struck various military targets across Ukraine, including missile and drone-producing plants, a reconnaissance center and a launching site for anti-aircraft missiles.

A complex deal

The prisoner swap on Friday was the first phase of a complicated deal involving the exchange of 1,000 prisoners from each side.

It took place at the border with Belarus, in northern Ukraine, according to a Ukrainian official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

The released Russians were taken to Belarus for medical treatment, the Russian Defense Ministry said. POWs arrived at the medical facility in the Chernihiv region for a second day on Saturday. But for many their arrival was bittersweet.

Those who were not reunited with their loved ones took solace in the released POWs providing some information about when their relatives were last seen.

Anna Marchenko, the daughter of a missing Ukrainian serviceman, was elated when a released POW said they had seen her father.

"This is such a big news. It's like a fresh breath of air," she said. "I didn't see him, but at least it's some news. At least it's news that gives us the opportunity to continue to breathe and live in peace."

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However, the exchange — the latest of dozens of swaps since the war began and the biggest involving Ukrainian civilians so far — did not herald a halt in the fighting.

Battles continued along the roughly 1,000-kilometer (620-mile) front line, where tens of thousands of soldiers have been killed, and neither country has relented in its deep strikes.

After the May 16 Istanbul meeting, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan called the prisoner swap a "confidence-building measure" and said the parties had agreed in principle to meet again.

But Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Friday that there has been no agreement yet on the venue for the next round of talks as diplomatic maneuvering continued.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow would give Ukraine a draft document outlining its conditions for a "sustainable, long-term, comprehensive" peace agreement, once the ongoing prisoner exchange had finished.

Far apart on key conditions

European leaders have accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of dragging his feet in peace efforts while he tries to press his larger army's battlefield initiative and capture more Ukrainian land.

The Istanbul meeting revealed that both sides remained far apart on key conditions for ending the fighting. One such condition for Ukraine, backed by its Western allies, is a temporary ceasefire as a first step toward a peaceful settlement.

Russia's Defense Ministry said that overnight and early on Saturday its forces shot down over 100 Ukrainian drones over six provinces in western and southern Russia.

The drone strikes injured three people in the Tula region south of Moscow, local Gov. Dmitriy Milyaev said, and sparked a fire at an industrial site there.

Andriy Kovalenko, of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, said Saturday the drones hit a plant in Tula that makes chemicals used in explosives and rocket fuel.

What we know about the San Diego plane crash and the 6 on board who died

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A private plane approaching an airport crashed in a San Diego neighborhood, killing the six people on board, including groundbreaking alternative music executive Dave Shapiro.

The crash stunned the heavy metal and hard rock scene that grew out of the punk movement. The music agency that Shapiro cofounded, Sound Talent Group, represented groups like Pierce The Veil, Parkway Drive and Sum 41, while also venturing into more pop acts such as Vanessa Carlton.

It could take a year to sort out exactly what happened to the plane, but investigators know there was thick fog, problems with the runway lights and a broken weather alert system, according to Dan Baker of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The pilot and passengers died, but no one on the ground was killed or seriously injured.

The dead also included a photographer and two young women just starting out in the music industry. Here's what to know about the victims and the crash:

Dave Shapiro

Shapiro, 42, got into music playing in a band he founded with friends while in high school, called Count with Stars.

But it was the connections he made that made him successful, more than the music he played.

Shapiro helped bring the underground \$10-a-show alternative scene of the 2010s to the mainstream. He also was huge in creating a community, said Mike Shea, founder of Alternative Press Magazine.

"In this music industry, there are just too many people ripping people off and using people," Shea said. "Dave was not like that."

Shapiro was listed as the plane's owner and had a pilot's license. Officials have not said who was flying. Kendall Fortner and Emma Huke

Fortner, 24, and Huke, 25, joined Shapiro's agency as booking associates after graduating from college, according to bios released by Sound Talent Group, which confirmed both women were on the plane.

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Fortner "was hooked on music" from a young age thanks to her father, who took her to concerts, and as a teen showed interest in pursuing it as a career.

Huke, too, knew from a young age that she wanted to work in the industry, and she worked hard to save money to attend concerts and festivals.

"There was nothing Emma loved more than live music," the agency said.

Both Fortner and Huke were good at their jobs, which included planning tours, the agency said.

Daniel Williams

Williams was a former drummer for The Devil Wears Prada, a popular Ohio metalcore band celebrated for its ability to marry melodic punk rock with metallic detours.

When Williams "was in the band, that's when they broke out," Shea said.

Thomas Gutches, who manages rock bands and artists, recalled Williams' ability to captivate audiences with his drumming.

"Daniel was putting on a show from his style of playing," he said.

Williams' band, which had two releases reach the Top 10 of the Billboard 200, was a client of Sound Talent Group.

Celina Marie Rose Kenyon

Kenyon, 36, was another passenger, according to the coroner's office in San Diego. A spokesperson for Sound Talent Group said she was not an employee.

Bryan Charles Feldman, Kenyon's father, said in a statement to AP that she was respected in her career as a professional photographer and was deeply loved by friends and family, including her daughter and her partner.

Kenyon had been traveling "to photograph and support" some longtime friends, Feldman said, and went on the late-night private flight rather than fly commercial so she could get home in time to take her daughter to school.

"The world has lost a beautiful bright light," he said.

Dominic Christopher Damian

Also killed was 41-year-old Damian, the coroner's office announced Saturday.

A martial arts school in San Diego, The Training Center, said via Instagram that Damian trained there. The gym is hosting an open-mat session in his memory Monday.

The crash

Headed from New Jersey to San Diego with a fueling stop in Kansas, the plane went down about 2 miles (3 kilometers) from San Diego's Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport. Eight people on the ground were hurt, none seriously.

The Cessna 550 Citation crashed after hitting power lines, Baker said.

The pilot acknowledged to an air traffic controller that the weather was not ideal and debated diverting to a different airport, according an audio recording posted online by LiveATC.net.

Airport problems

The Federal Aviation Administration posted an official notice that the airport's runway lights were out. The pilot did not discuss that with the controller but did say he knew the its weather alert system was not working.

"Doesn't sound great, but we'll give it a go," he told the controller.

The fog was so thick around the time of the crash that "you could barely see in front of you," Assistant San Diego Fire Department Chief Dan Eddy said.

A challenging year for aviation

The U.S. had its deadliest plane crash in more than 23 years in January when an American Airlines passenger jet and an Army helicopter collided in Washington, killing all 67 people aboard the two aircraft.

Last month a sightseeing helicopter broke apart and crashed into the Hudson River between New York City and New Jersey, killing six people.

In early February a small commuter plane crashed in western Alaska, killing all 10 people on board.

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And in Philadelphia, a medical transport plane plummeted into a neighborhood shortly after takeoff in late January, killing the six people on board and two more on the ground.

San Diego plane crash is a devastating loss to the alternative rock music community

By MARIA SHERMAN AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The alternative music community is in mourning after a private jet hit a power line in foggy weather early Thursday and crashed into a San Diego neighborhood, killing multiple people on board.

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Among them was the groundbreaking music executive Dave Shapiro, a pillar of his music scene, and Daniel Williams, a former drummer for the popular Ohio metalcore band The Devil Wears Prada. Also killed were Kendall Fortner, 24, and Emma Huke, 25, both employees of Shapiro's Sound Talent Group agency; Celina Marie Rose Kenyon, 36, a professional photographer; and Dominic Christopher Damian, 41.

Both Williams and Shapiro served as success stories for their respective rock music scenes — proof that these subcultural sounds had real mainstream appeal.

Williams' band, which had two releases reach the Top 10 of the Billboard 200, was a client of Sound Talent Group. Shapiro cofounded the company in 2018 with fellow agents Tim Borror and Matt Andersen, who previously worked at the Agency Group and United Talent Agency.

Sound Talent Group's roster focused on bands in and across pop-punk, metalcore, post-hardcore and other popular hard rock subgenres — such as Sum 41, Pierce the Veil, Parkway Drive, Silverstein, I Prevail — plus pop acts like the '90s brother-boy band, Hanson, best known for their song "MMMBop," and "A Thousand Miles (Interlude)" singer-songwriter Vanessa Carlton.

The post-hardcore band Thursday called Shapiro, 42, an inspiration "who despite achieving success never forgot the scenes and the communities they came from."

"It's hard to put into words how much this man meant to so many of us," Pierce the Veil, which has been performing for nearly two decades including a sold-out concert this week at New York's Madison Square Garden, said in a tribute on the social platform X.

The World Alive, a band signed on Shapiro's label, said he was among "the most influential and positive forces in our music scene and beyond. And Dan was one of the most influential and positive forces behind the kit."

Shortly after punk rock entered the cultural zeitgeist in the late 1970s, it inspired musical sub-movements fueled by its "do-it-yourself," community-minded ethics: hardcore punk begat post-hardcore, metalcore, emo and so on. Across decades, these music genres evolved in sound and scope, moving from underground popularity at concerts held in garages and basements to real mainstream fame, while refusing to abandon its independent ethos.

Thomas Gutches, who manages Beartooth and Archetypes Collide, recalled a time when now-popular bands like The Devil Wears Prada were getting their start playing in "DIY shows" in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio, in which you could see 10 bands perform for \$5.

Shapiro was "single-handedly developing this next wave of bands that are coming in," Gutches said. "He was able to take those bands, package them together and put them on a larger scale. ... He took a risk in being like, 'OK, I'm going to go and take them to that next level.' "

These artists reached a kind of apex in the 2000s and 2010s. Once-obscure bands that had found audiences on early online social media platforms like Myspace, at the mall goth haven Hot Topic, or in the pages of left-of-center publications like Alternative Press became MTV staples, celebrities in their own right.

Although many of these acts played similar-yet-different music — think of the blast beats of metalcore and the palm-muted power chords of pop-punk associated with the Vans Warped Tour — they were brought together by a shared punk rock spirit. And for the last few decades, these tight-knit groups have proven to be the dominant force in alternative rock, according to Mike Shea, founder of "Alternative Press," who used the word "community" to describe the scene.

Shea said Shapiro was "vital" in bringing these punk rock subcultures to the masses.

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"In this music industry, there are just too many people ripping people off and using people," he said. "Dave was not like that. He was a beautiful soul, and beautiful person, a guiding force, just someone who would end up being an inspiration for so many people. And he will continue to be an inspiration."

And it was not only musicians but also many booking agents, band, and tour managers and promoters who got their big breaks because of Shapiro, Gutches said.

The bands Shapiro represented are many of the most popular of their genre and scene, like the Grammy-nominated Sum 41 or the platinum-selling Pierce the Veil.

That also includes The Devil Wears Prada, one of the best-known metalcore bands of the last few decades, celebrated for their ability to marry melodic punk rock with metallic detouring. When Williams "was in the band, that's when they broke out," Shea said.

Gutches said Williams captivated audiences at shows with his drumming as much as a band's frontman does: "Daniel was putting on a show from his style of playing."

The tributes will continue for both, Shea said, as more and more artists reveal the impact Williams and Shapiro had on their lives.

Case in point: "There is no single person more responsible for my identity as a professional adult than Dave Shapiro," metalcore band Issues bassist Skyler Acord said via Instagram.

His band coined a phrase they would use when things got heated "to remind us to chill out and try to understand each other," he wrote.

"We'd say, 'Do it for Dave.' "

1 dead in New York sewage-boat explosion on Hudson River

NEW YORK (AP) — An explosion on a boat carrying raw sewage that was docked on the Hudson River in New York City killed a longtime city employee Saturday, authorities said.

Another worker on the city-owned Hunts Point vessel was injured and taken to the hospital after the blast around 10:30 a.m. near the North River Wastewater Treatment Plant, according to city Fire Department Deputy Assistant Chief David Simms. A third worker refused medical treatment.

The cause of the explosion was under investigation, but New York City Mayor Eric Adams said in statement that criminal intent was not suspected. The men on the boat, which takes raw sewage from the city to be treated, were doing work involving a flame or sparks when the explosion occurred, the U.S. Coast Guard said on social media.

First responders found a 59-year-old man unconscious in the river, New York police said, and he was declared dead at the scene.

The man had been a longtime employee of the city's Department of Environmental Protection. His name has not been released, but the mayor said he was "a devoted public servant who gave 33 years of service to the New York City, and our hearts go out to his family, friends, and colleagues during this painful time."

The blast spread raw sewage over the deck of the boat, and firefighters and other first responders had to be decontaminated, Simms said. DEP said there did not appear to be any environmental impacts following the explosion.

Cannes awards Palme d'Or to Iranian revenge drama 'It Was Just an Accident'

By JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer

Iranian dissident filmmaker Jafar Panahi won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival on Saturday for his revenge thriller "It Was Just an Accident," handing the festival's top prize to a director who had been banned from leaving Iran for more than 15 years.

Cate Blanchett presented the award to Panahi, who three years ago was imprisoned in Iran before going on a hunger strike. For a decade and a half, he has made films clandestinely in his native country, including one film ("This Is Not a Film") made in his living room, and another ("Taxi") set in a car.

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The crowd rose in a thunderous standing ovation for the filmmaker, who immediately threw up his arms and leaned back in his seat in disbelief before applauding his collaborators and the audience around him. On stage, Panahi was cheered by Cannes jury president Juliette Binoche, who in 2010 in Cannes held up Panahi's name to honor the director when he was under house arrest.

On stage, Panahi said what mattered most was freedom in his country.

"Let us join forces," said Panahi. "No one should dare tell us what kind of clothes we should wear, what we should do or what we should not do. The cinema is a society. Nobody is entitled to tell what we should or refrain from doing."

The win for "It Was Just an Accident" extended an unprecedented streak: The indie distributor Neon has now backed the last six Palme d'Or winners. The latest triumph for Neon, which acquired "It Was Just an Accident" for North American distribution after its premiere in Cannes, follows its Palmes for "Parasite," "Titane," "Triangle of Sadness," "Anatomy of a Fall" and "Anora."

All those films were Oscar contenders and two, "Parasite" and "Anora," won best picture.

Last year, filmmaker Mohammad Rasoulof fled Iran to attend the premiere of his film in Cannes and resettle in Germany. Panahi, though, has said that unlike his friend Rasoulof, life in exile isn't for him. He planned to fly home to Tehran on Sunday.

"It Was Just an Accident" was inspired by Panahi's experience in prison. In the film, a group of former prisoners encounter the man who terrorized them in jail, and weigh whether or not to kill him.

Panahi was jailed in Tehran's Evin Prison after going there to inquire about the then-jailed Rasoulof. Panahi was released in 2023 after going on a hunger strike.

In 2009, he was banned from traveling out of Iran after attending the funeral of a student killed in the Green Movement protests. Through those years, Panahi continued to make films illegally in Iran, without a permit, and had his films smuggled to festivals on USB drives. His travel ban was lifted after his release in 2023.

"The film springs from a feeling of resistance, survival, which is absolutely necessary today," Binoche told reporters after the ceremony. "Art will always win. What is human will always win."

The Cannes closing ceremony followed a major power outage that struck southeastern France on Saturday in what police suspected was arson. Only a few hours before stars began streaming down the red carpet, power was restored in Cannes.

"A day without electricity," sighed John C. Reilly, who sang an English-language "La Vie En Rose" at the ceremony. The festival's films, he said, supplied "all the needed electricity."

Other winners at the 2025 Cannes Film Festival

The Grand Prix, or second prize, was awarded to Joachim Trier's Norwegian family drama "Sentimental Value," his lauded follow-up to "The Worst Person in the World." Some had expected "Sentimental Value" to win the Palme, but Trier — whose film reunites him with actor Renate Reinsve — still took a major prize.

"We live in a time of tremendous excess and saturation of images. Moving images are being thrown at us all the time," said Trier. "And I want to give homage to the Cannes Film Festival for being a place where the big cinematic image, which is the foundation of the moving image, the free image, the image that we take time to look at, the image where we can identify with each other in contemplation and empathy, to be cherished in this place in such a way is very important in this moment."

Kleber Mendonça Filho's Brazilian political thriller "The Secret Agent" won two big awards: best director for Filho and best actor for Wagner Moura. Though Cannes juries are generally urged to spread awards around, the two for "The Secret Agent" showed the jury's strong feelings for it. Asked about the two prizes, juror Jeremy Strong explained, simply, "That was our wish."

The wins, which followed the international film Oscar victory for Walter Salles' "I'm Still Here" in March, gave Brazil more to celebrate. On X, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, said the awards "show that our country's cinema is second to none."

The jury prize was split between two films: Óliver Laxe's desert road trip "Sirât" and Mascha Schilinski's German, generation-spanning drama "Sound of Falling." Best actress went to Nadia Melliti for "The Little Sister," Hafsia Herzi's French coming-of-age drama.

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The Belgian brothers Luc and Jean-Pierre Dardenne, who are two-time Palme d'Or winners, won best screenplay for their latest drama, "Young Mothers." Its their ninth prize in Cannes. The festival's award for best first film, the Camera d'Or, went to Hasan Hadi for "The President's Cake," making it the first Iraqi film to win an award at the festival.

What else shaped Cannes this year

Saturday's ceremony brought to a close a 78th Cannes Film Festival where geopolitics cast a long shadow, both on screen and off. Shortly before the French Riviera extravaganza, which is also the world's largest movie market, U.S. President Donald Trump floated the idea of a 100% tariff on movies made overseas.

Most filmmakers responded with a shrug, calling the plan illogical. "Can you hold up the movie in customs? It doesn't ship that way," said Wes Anderson, who premiered his latest, "The Phoenician Scheme" at the festival. At the opening ceremony, honorary Palme d'Or recipient Robert De Niro called Trump "America's philistine president."

Other top American films in Cannes included Spike Lee's "Highest 2 Lowest" (which pulled Lee away from his New York Knicks but not out of their blue and orange color), the Christopher McQuarrie-Tom Cruise actioner "Mission: Impossible — Final Reckoning," and Ari Aster's "Eddington," which found a divisive reaction.

Panahi's win put him in rare company. He's now won Cannes' Palme d'Or, Venice's Golden Lion (for "The Circle") and Berlin's Golden Bear (for "Taxi"). Only three other filmmakers have done that: Henri-Georges Clouzot, Michelangelo Antonioni and Robert Altman.

Addressing reporters after his win, Panahi spoke about filmmakers and artists always being able to find a way, "even in complicated situations."

"They must realize that no powers that be can halt such people in their tracks," said Panahi. "You have this power."

First class graduates from American University of Baghdad, once Saddam's palace

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — The American University of Baghdad celebrated the graduation of its first cohort of students Saturday at a campus that was once a palace built by Saddam Hussein.

Officials said they hope the graduation will mark the beginning of a new era in higher education in Iraq rooted in modernity, openness and international academic standards.

The university was inaugurated in 2021 on the site of the al-Faw Palace, built on an island in the middle of an artificial lake by Saddam in the 1990s to mark the retaking of the peninsula of the same name during the war.

After the U.S.-led invasion that unseated Saddam in 2003, it was used as a U.S. coalition military headquarters called Camp Victory. It was later developed into an American-style university with a core liberal arts program through funding by influential Iraqi business owner Saadi Saihood.

A total of 38 students — 20 male and 18 female — graduated Saturday with degrees in business administration, sciences and humanities at a ceremony attended by political dignitaries as well as families and faculty members.

Speaking to the attendees, university President Dr. Michael Mulnix reflected on the university's rocky beginnings.

"When I first arrived at the American University of Baghdad in 2018, the campus looked nothing like it does today," he said. "Years of war and neglect had left the infrastructure in ruins, with many buildings damaged or destroyed. Today, we stand before an exceptional, nonprofit academic institution that ranks among the finest research universities."

Today AUB has a growing network of international partnerships with top universities, he said, including Vanderbilt University, Colorado School of Mines, Lawrence Technological University, Temple University, the University of Exeter, and Sapienza University of Rome.

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University founder and owner Saihood called the graduation "a symbolic moment that affirms this institution was built to last and to make a real difference."

He acknowledged the economic challenges facing graduates, especially the scarcity of government employment, but emphasized that the university has equipped its students with the adaptability and initiative needed to thrive in the private sector or through entrepreneurship.

Although Iraq's security situation has improved in recent years after decades of conflict, the country still suffers from brain drain as young people seek opportunities and stability abroad.

"The future in Iraq is not easy. All of us graduates have concerns," said Mohammed Baqir from Najaf province, who graduated Saturday with a bachelor's degree in business. "But what sets us apart from other universities is that we've already received job offers through AUB, especially in the private sector. Although my education cost around ten million Iraqi dinars, it was a truly valuable investment." Ten million Iraqi dinars equals about \$7,600.

9 of a doctor's 10 children are killed in Israel's latest strikes in Gaza

By SALLY ABOU ALJOUD and SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — The bodies of 79 people killed by Israeli strikes have been brought to hospitals in the past 24 hours, Gaza 's Health Ministry said Saturday, a toll that doesn't include hospitals in the battered north that it said are now inaccessible.

Nine of a doctor's 10 children were among those killed in Israel's renewed military offensive, colleagues and the Health Ministry said.

Alaa Najjar, a pediatrician at Nasser Hospital, was on duty at the time and ran home to find her family's house on fire, Ahmad al-Farra, head of the hospital's pediatric department, told The Associated Press.

Najjar's husband was severely wounded and their only surviving child, an 11-year-old son, was in critical condition after Friday's strike in the southern city of Khan Younis, Farra said.

The dead children ranged in age from 7 months to 12 years old. Khalil Al-Dokran, a spokesperson for Gaza's Health Ministry, told the AP that two of the children remained under the rubble.

Israel's military in a statement said it struck suspects operating from a structure next to its forces, and described the area of Khan Younis as a "dangerous war zone." It said it had evacuated civilians from the area, and "the claim regarding harm to uninvolved civilians is under review."

Earlier on Saturday, a statement said Israel's air force struck over 100 targets throughout Gaza over the past day.

The Health Ministry said the new deaths brought the war's toll to 53,901 since the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamasled attack on Israel that sparked the 19 months of fighting. The ministry said 3,747 people have been killed in Gaza since Israel resumed the war on March 18 in an effort to pressure Hamas to accept different ceasefire terms. Its count doesn't differentiate between civilians and combatants.

Israel's pressure on Hamas has included a blockade of Gaza and its over 2 million people since early March. This week, the first aid trucks entered the territory and began reaching Palestinians since the blockade began.

COGAT, the Israeli defense body overseeing aid for Gaza, said 388 trucks had entered since Monday. About 600 trucks a day had entered during the ceasefire.

Warnings of famine by food security experts, and images of desperate Palestinians jostling for bowls of food at the ever-shrinking number of charity kitchens, led Israel's allies to press the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to allow some aid to return.

Netanyahu's government has sought a new aid delivery and distribution system by a newly established U.S.-backed group, but the United Nations and partners have rejected it, saying it allows Israel to use food as a weapon and violates humanitarian principles.

Israel may now be changing its approach to let aid groups remain in charge of non-food assistance, according to a letter obtained by the AP. Israel accuses Hamas of siphoning off aid but the U.N. and aid

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groups deny there is significant diversion.

Hospitals in Gaza are again reporting attacks and other Israeli pressure.

The Health Ministry said 11 security personnel have been trapped at the European Hospital in southern Gaza following heavy gunfire and airstrikes since at least Tuesday. Dr. Saleh Hams, director of the nursing department, said patients were evacuated after an Israeli strike on May 13. Hams said the security staff stayed behind to protect from looting, and that it was the only hospital in Gaza offering neurosurgery, cardiac care and cancer treatment.

Israel said it will continue to strike Gaza until Hamas releases all of the 58 remaining Israeli hostages and disarms. Fewer than half of the hostages are believed to be alive since the Oct. 7 attack, in which militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducted 251 others.

Hamas has said it will only return the remaining hostages in exchange for more Palestinian prisoners, a lasting ceasefire and an Israeli withdrawal from the territory. Netanyahu has rejected those terms and has vowed to maintain control over Gaza and facilitate what he refers to as the voluntary emigration of much of its Palestinian population.

"The Israeli government and its leader have a clear choice: deal or war, saving lives or abandonment," Liran Berman, brother of hostages Gali and Ziv Berman, told a weekly rally in Tel Aviv as families and supporters again demanded an agreement that would bring everyone home.

Trump's speech to West Point graduates mixes praise, politics and grievances

By SEUNG MIN KIM and ALI SWENSON Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — President Donald Trump used the first service academy commencement address of his second term Saturday to laud graduating West Point cadets for their accomplishments and career choice while also veering sharply into a campaign-style recitation of political boasts and long-held grievances.

"In a few moments, you'll become graduates of the most elite and storied military academy in human history," Trump said at the ceremony at Michie Stadium. "And you will become officers of the greatest and most powerful army the world has ever known. And I know, because I rebuilt that army, and I rebuilt the military. And we rebuilt it like nobody has ever rebuilt it before in my first term."

Wearing a red "Make America Great Again" hat, the Republican president told the 1,002 members of the class of 2025 at the U.S. Military Academy that the United States is the "hottest country in the world" and underscored an "America First" ethos for the military.

"We're getting rid of distractions and we're focusing our military on its core mission: crushing America's adversaries, killing America's enemies and defending our great American flag like it has never been defended before," Trump said. He later said that "the job of the U.S. armed forces is not to host drag shows or transform foreign cultures," a reference to drag shows on military bases that Democratic President Joe Biden's administration halted after Republican criticism.

Trump said the cadets were graduating at a "defining moment" in Army history as he accused political leaders in the past of sending soldiers into "nation-building crusades to nations that wanted nothing to do with us." He said he was clearing the military of transgender ideas, "critical race theory" and types of training he called divisive and political.

Past administrations, he said, "subjected the armed forces to all manner of social projects and political causes while leaving our borders undefended and depleting our arsenals to fight other countries' wars."

At times, his remarks were indistinguishable from those heard in a political speech, from his assessment of the country when he left office in January 2021 to his review of last November's victory over Democrat Kamala Harris, arguing that voters gave him a "great mandate" and "it gives us the right to do what we want to do."

Frequently turning the focus on himself, he reprised some of his campaign rally one-liners, including the

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claim that he has faced more investigations than mobster Al Capone.

At one point the crowd listened as Trump, known for his off-message digressions, referred to "trophy wives" and yachts during an anecdote about the late real estate developer William Levitt, a billionaire friend who Trump said lost momentum.

But the president also took time to acknowledge the achievements of individual graduates.

He summoned Chris Verdugo to the stage and noted that he completed an 18.5-mile march on a freezing night in January in just two hours and 30 minutes. Trump had the nationally ranked men's lacrosse team, which held the No. 1 spot for a time in the 2024 season, stand and be recognized. Trump also brought Army's star quarterback, Bryson Daily, to the lectern, where the president praised Daily's "steel"-like shoulder. Trump later used Daily as an example to make a case against transgender women participating in women's athletics.

In a nod to presidential tradition, Trump also pardoned about half a dozen cadets who had faced disciplinary infractions.

He told graduates that "you could have done anything you wanted, you could have gone anywhere." and that "writing your own ticket to top jobs on Wall Street or Silicon Valley wouldn't be bad. But I think what you're doing is better."

His advice to them included doing what they love, thinking big, working hard, holding on to their culture, keeping faith in America and taking risks.

"This is a time of incredible change and we do not need an officer corps of careerists and yes men," Trump said. "We need patriots with guts and vision and backbone."

Just outside campus, about three dozen demonstrators gathered before the ceremony and were waving miniature American flags. One in the crowd carried a sign that said "Support Our Veterans" and "Stop the Cuts," while others held up plastic buckets with the message: "Go Army Beat Fascism."

On Friday, Vice President JD Vance spoke to the graduating class at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Vance said in his remarks that Trump was working to ensure U.S. soldiers are deployed with clear goals, rather than the "undefined missions" and "open-ended conflicts" of the past.

Trump gave the commencement address at West Point in 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when the school forced cadets spread out across the country to travel, risking exposure on public transportation, and then land in New York, a coronavirus hot spot.

Arson suspected as power outage in southeast France disrupts final day of Cannes Film Festival

CANNES, France (AP) — French authorities believe arson may have played a role in a power outage Saturday in southeast France that threatened to jeopardize the Cannes Film Festival's closing celebrations, including the much-anticipated Palme d'Or ceremony.

Power was restored hours before the ceremony, around 3 p.m. local time, as music began blasting again from beachfront speakers. The end of the blackout was greeted with loud cheers from locals.

Authorities were investigating the likelihood of arson in a fire at an electrical substation near Cannes that weakened the grid overnight, a spokesperson for the French national gendarmerie said.

The power outage happened hours later, after a high-voltage line fell at another location. Authorities were investigating what caused that line to collapse.

About 160,000 households in the Alpes-Maritimes area lost electricity.

In a statement, Laurent Hottiaux, the prefect for the area, condemned "serious acts of damage to electrical infrastructures."

"All resources are mobilized to identify, track down, arrest and bring to justice the perpetrators of these acts," said Hottiaux.

Cannes Film Festival organizers confirmed the outage affected the early activities of Saturday and said the Palais des Festivals — the Croisette's main venue — had switched to an independent power supply.

"All scheduled events and screenings, including the Closing Ceremony, will proceed as planned and under

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normal conditions," the statement said. "At this stage, the cause of the outage has not yet been identified. Restoration efforts are underway."

Traffic lights in parts of Cannes and the surrounding city of Antibes stopped working after 10 a.m., leading to traffic jams and confusion in city centers. Most shops along the Croisette remained closed, and local food kiosks were only accepting cash. Train service in Cannes was also disrupted.

Screenings at the Cineum, one of the festival's satellite venues, were briefly suspended, the festival added. The Palme d'Or — the festival's most prestigious prize — was set to be awarded Saturday night, with top contenders including Joachim Trier's family drama "Sentimental Value," Jafar Panahi's revenge thriller "It Was Just an Accident," Kleber Mendonça Filho's political thriller "The Secret Agent," and Óliver Laxe's desert road trip "Sirât."

Today in History: May 25 George Floyd killed by Minneapolis police

By The Associated Press undefined

Today is Sunday, May 25, the 145th day of 2025. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a Black man, was killed when a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for 9 1/2 minutes while Floyd was handcuffed and pleading that he couldn't breathe; Floyd's death, captured on video by a bystander, would lead to worldwide protests, some of which turned violent, and a reexamination of racism and policing in the U.S.

Also on this date:

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention began at the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, Abdullah I.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy told Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Griffin v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, ordered the Virginia county to reopen its public schools, which officials had closed in an attempt to circumvent the Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka desegregation ruling.

In 1977, "Star Wars" was released by 20th Century Fox; it would become the highest-grossing film in history at the time.

In 1979, 273 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed just after takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

In 2008, NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander arrived on the Red Planet to begin searching for evidence of water; the spacecraft confirmed the presence of water ice at its landing site.

In 2012, the private company SpaceX made history as its Dragon capsule became the first commercial spacecraft to dock with the International Space Station.

In 2018, Harvey Weinstein was arrested and charged in New York with rape and another sex felony in the first prosecution to result from the wave of allegations against him. (Weinstein would be convicted of two felony counts in 2020, but an appeals court would overturn the conviction in 2024. A retrial on the charges began in April 2025.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ian McKellen is 86. Country singer Jessi Colter is 82. Actor-singer Leslie Uggams is 82. Filmmaker and puppeteer Frank Oz is 81. Actor Karen Valentine is 78. Actor Jacki Weaver is 78. Rock singer Klaus Meine (Scorpions) is 77. Actor Patti D'Arbanville is 74. Playwright Eve Ensler is 72. Actor Connie Sellecca is 70. Musician Paul Weller is 67. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., is 65. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 62. Actor Octavia Spencer is 55. Actor Cillian Murphy is 49. Football Hall of Famer Brian Urlacher is 47. Olympic gymnastics gold medalist Aly Raisman is 31.