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Monday, June 16

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, mixed vegetables, apricots, whole wheat bread.

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.

Jr. Teeners at Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U12 B&W at Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U10 W&R at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U8 R&B at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

Softball: U8B hosts Claremont, 5:30 p.m.

T-Ball: G&B hosts Warner, Black at 6 p.m., Gold at 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 17

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, Monterey blend, pineapple, whole wheat bread.

City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

Amateurs at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

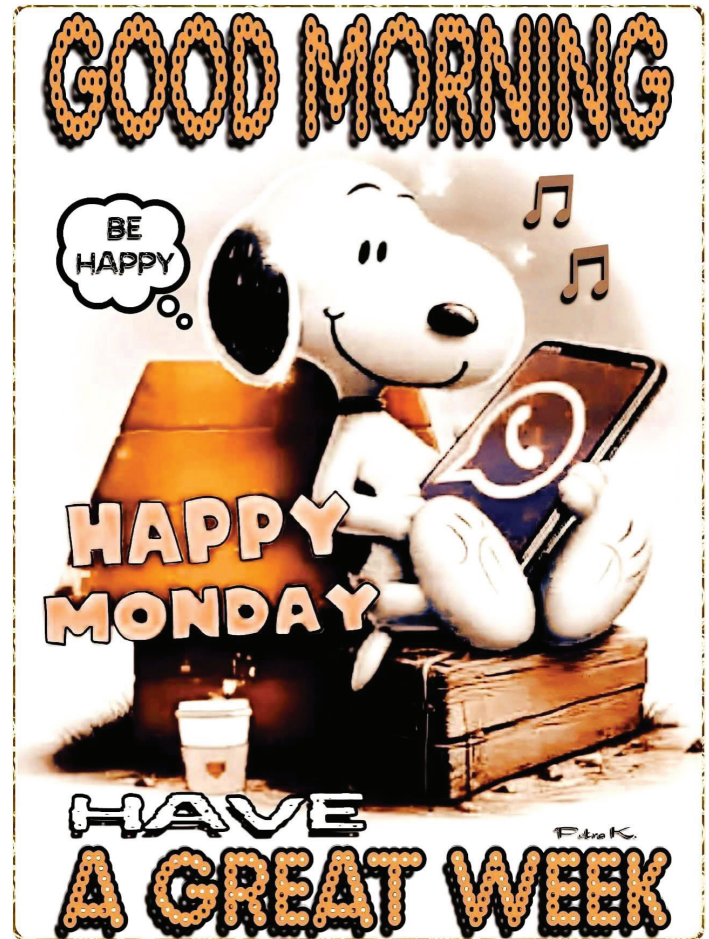
Jr. Legion at Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U12W&R at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

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U10 R&B hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U8 B&W hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

Softball: U14 vs. Redfield/Warner at Redfield, 4 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 18

Senior Menu: Breaded fish, pea and cheese salad, fruit cocktail, brownie, whole wheat bread.

Legion vs. Spearfish at Clark, 5:30 p.m.

U12 R&B vs. Aberdeen at North Complex, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U10 B&W at Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

Softball: U8B at Warner, 5:30 p.m.; U8G vs. Ipswich at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.; U10B at Warner, 5:30 p.m.; U10G vs. Ipswich at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.; U12 at Warner, 6:30 p.m.

Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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1440

Why 1440? The printing press was invented around the year 1440, spreading knowledge to the masses and changing the course of history. More facts: In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. We're here to make each one count.

Democratic Lawmakers Targeted

Authorities arrested a 57-year-old gunman last night accused of targeting Democratic lawmakers in Minnesota, ending a two-day manhunt. The suspect impersonated a police officer to fatally shoot state Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband in Brooklyn Park early Saturday. He was also suspected of wounding state Sen. John Hoffman and his wife earlier in nearby Champlin.

Police have not publicly identified a motive. Authorities found a notebook with a list of roughly 70 potential targets on it, including Democratic lawmakers. Gov. Tim Walz (D) called the attacks politically motivated, while officials noted the lawmakers were outspoken in favor of abortion access. Assault rifles and flyers for anti-Trump protests were found in the suspect's car, prompting organizers to cancel demonstrations planned later that day. Some protests continued regardless.

The gunman had fled on foot Saturday after exchanging gunfire with officers at the Hortman home. He was captured last night in Sibley County, roughly an hour away from the scene of the attacks.

ICE Guidance Shift

President Donald Trump directed Immigration and Customs Enforcement to prioritize deportations in Democratic-run cities last night. He singled out sanctuary cities, particularly Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York.

The decision came after ICE agents were told last week to pause raids at farms, restaurants, hotels, and meatpacking plants. They were also told to end arrests of noncriminals. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins had reached out to Trump to advocate for the end to farm raids, citing threats to the US food supply. An estimated 42% of hired crop workers (more than 480,000 people) lack legal working authorization. That figure exceeds 1.1 million people in the hospitality industry.

Officials have deported more than 207,000 people since January, up from roughly 271,000 in all of fiscal year 2024. Border encounters are meanwhile down 175% from April 2024, from over 179,737 to 12,035.

G7 Turns 50

President Donald Trump and several other world leaders arrived in Alberta, Canada, yesterday for the annual Group of Seven summit. The forum—which includes the US, the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the EU—comes amid rapidly escalating tensions in the Middle East.

Originating in 1975, the informal bloc provided a venue for major non-Communist nations to coordinate economic strategy. The group's share of global GDP has since dropped from 63% to around 43% and now omits GDP juggernauts China, India, and Russia (booted following its 2014 invasion of Ukraine). The agenda includes wars in Gaza and Ukraine, US tariff policies, and more.

In the Middle East, strikes between Israel and Iran continued for a third straight day, following a Friday barrage by Israel targeting Iran's nuclear program. Aid groups estimate more than 400 people have been killed in Iran, while at least 13 people have been killed in Israel.

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Sports, Entertainment, & Culture

Oklahoma City Thunder top Indiana Pacers in NBA Finals Game 4 to even series at 2-2; Game 5 set for tonight (8:30 pm ET, ABC).

Florida Pantherstake 3-2 lead over Edmonton Oilers in Stanley Cup Final.

The 2025 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival canceled after thunderstorms hit the host city of Manchester, Tennessee.

JJ Spaun wins the 125th US Open golf tournament for his first-ever major title.

Boston Red Sox trade All-Star third baseman Rafael Devers to San Francisco Giants for pitchers Jordan Hicks and Kyle Harrison.

Science & Technology

Russian cosmonauts attempt to seal leak aboard the International Space Station found in a two-decade-old service module; issue has delayed Axiom 4 mission—to bring astronauts from India, Poland, and Hungary to space for the first time in decades—until June 19.

Bioengineers develop first-of-its-kind device to profile the immune response of newborns; system can diagnose inflammatory conditions from a single drop of blood.

New “sweating” paint captures moisture and slowly evaporates to passively cool houses, reflects around 90% of sunlight, and emits 95% of absorbed heat; home tested used 30%-40% less energy on air conditioning.

Business & Markets

US stock markets close lower Friday (S&P 500 -1.1%, Dow -1.8%, Nasdaq -1.3%), driven down by oil market shake-up amid Israel-Iran war.

President Donald Trump approves Nippon Steel’s \$15.9B purchase of US Steel, with companies signing national security agreements; Japanese Nippon pledges to invest \$11B in US projects by 2028.

23andMe cofounder and former CEO Anne Wojcicki outbids Regeneron to buy the genetic testing company for \$305M through her nonprofit, TTAM Research Institute.

Politics & World Affairs

Hundreds of thousands of people protest Trump administration policies in over 2,000 cities; SUV driver rams into crowd in Washington, DC, injuring one person; gunman kills one person in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Tens of thousands of people attend military parade celebrating Army’s 250th anniversary.

Death toll from Air India crash Thursday rises to 270 people, including all but one of the flight’s 242 passengers.

Flash floods in San Antonio, Texas, kill at least 13 people last week after city receives 10 inches of rain, over three times one month’s worth in less than 24 hours.

Groton Transit Fundraiser



When: Thursday, June 19, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Where: Groton Community Center

*** Groton Transit Fundraiser will be held at the Groton Community Center-
109 N 3rd Street- One block East of Groton Transit***

Let us do the Cooking for you!! Burgers, Brats, Beans, Watermelon, Chips,
and the Famous Mini Donuts!!

Food*Fun*Door Prizes

FREE WILL DONATION

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Groton Legion Post 39 Trounce Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U

By GameChanger Media

Groton Legion Post 39 easily dispatched Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U on Sunday at Groton, 10-3.

Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U got on the board in the first inning after Noah Johnson singled, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the first, scoring five runs on four hits to take the lead, 5-1. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Braxton Imrie that drove in two.

A single by Gavin Englund, a ground out by Nick Groebelinghoff, and an error helped Groton Legion Post 39 extend their early lead in the second.

Groton Legion Post 39 added one run in the third after Teylor Diegel singled to right field.

Jarrett Erdmann earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The hurler gave up three hits and three runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out five and walking six. Chase Odland took the loss for Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U. The pitcher went two innings, surrendering nine runs (five earned) on eight hits, striking out none and walking one. Brevin Fliehs threw two and one-third innings of scoreless ball for Groton Legion Post 39 in relief. The reliever allowed one hit, striking out three and walking one.

Groton Legion Post 39 tallied 10 hits in the game. Leadoff hitter Diegel led Groton Legion Post 39 with three hits in four at bats. Imrie and Englund each drove in two runs for Groton Legion Post 39. Fliehs collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39 in four at bats. Englund stole two bases. Groton Legion Post 39 stole six bases in the game. Groton Legion Post 39 turned two double plays in the game.

Johnson provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U with two runs batted in. The infielder went 3-for-4 on the day. Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U had a strong eye at the plate, amassing seven walks for the game. Micah Zastrow and Tate Bray led the team with two walks each.

Next up for Groton Legion Post 39 is a game at Spearfish on Wednesday.

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Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Takes Down Redfield A Little At A Time

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion kept adding on runs in a 7-0 victory over Redfield on Sunday.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Redfield committed an error, and T.C Schuster grounded out, each scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion added one run in the second. Tristin McGannon walked, making the score 3-0.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Braeden Fliehs walked, and John Bisbee lined out, each scoring one run.

Isaiah Scepaniak earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The starter allowed two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out three and walking seven. #12 started on the bump for Redfield. The starting pitcher surrendered four hits and seven runs (two earned) over four innings, striking out four and walking four.

Fliehs, Schuster, Jordan Schwan, and Nick Groeblichhoff each collected one hit for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Schuster, Schwan, and Groeblichhoff each drove in one run for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Alex Abeln stole two bases. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned one double play in the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Bisbee had the most chances in the field with four.

#12 and #7 were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected one hit for Redfield while hitting back-to-back. #10 led Redfield with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, amassing seven walks for the game. #7 stole two bases. Redfield turned one double play in the game.

Next up for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion is a game at Milbank on Tuesday.

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Redfield 0 - 7 Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion

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	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
RDFL	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
GRTN	2	1	2	2	X	7	4	0

BATTING

Redfield	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
#2 (SS)	2	0	0	0	1	0
#12 (P)	2	0	1	0	1	0
#7 (CF)	3	0	1	0	0	1
#17 (C)	2	0	0	0	1	1
#10	0	0	0	0	2	0
#32 (1B)	2	0	0	0	0	1
#42 (3B)	1	0	0	0	1	0
#4 (RF)	2	0	0	0	0	0
#13 (LF)	1	0	0	0	1	0
#20 (RF)	0	0	0	0	0	0
#33	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	2	0	7	3

TB: #7, #12, **HBP:** #20, **SB:** #7 2, #12, #2, **LOB:** 9

PITCHING

Redfield	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
#12	4.0	4	7	2	4	4	0
Totals	4.0	4	7	2	4	4	0

P-S: #12 88-52, **WP:** #12 3, **BF:** #12 24

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
L Krause #2 (CF)	3	1	0	0	0	0
A Abeln #5 (SS)	3	2	0	0	0	0
N Groebli... #13 (1B)	3	0	1	1	0	2
T Schuster #3 (3B)	3	0	1	1	0	0
J Schwan #11 (LF)	2	1	1	1	1	0
K Oswald #12 (C)	3	0	0	0	0	2
B Fliehs #19 (1B)	1	1	1	0	1	0
J Bisbee #15 (2B)	2	0	0	0	0	0
T McGa... #22 (RF)	0	0	0	0	1	0
X Ellen... #21 (RF)	0	2	0	0	1	0
I Scepanski... #20 (P)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	7	4	3	4	4

TB: J Schwan, T Schuster, N Groeblichhoff, B Fliehs,
SB: L Krause, J Schwan, A Abeln 2, **LOB:** 5

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion	IP	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
I Scepanski... #20	5.0	2	0	7	3	0
Totals	5.0	2	0	7	3	0

W: I Scepanski, **P-S:** I Scepanski 98-47, **WP:** I
Scepanski, **HBP:** I Scepanski, **BF:** I Scepanski 24

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The 2025 Minnesota Vikings team is poised to compete for a championship this season. If you listen to the players and coaches speak, it's clear the message inside the building is "we've laid the foundation the past two years, now it's time to build off that and take it to another level". The front office is in alignment with the coaching staff and players as well, based on them signing Pro Bowl caliber players at positions of need, even if those players are at the tail end of their athletic prime. The Vikings feel like they have entered a Super Bowl window and are doing everything they can to bring the Lombardi to the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

If the Vikings are going to compete at the highest levels this season, certain players will have to step up. These are the five players with the most to prove.

5. Blake Cashman (and Ivan Pace Jr.)

I'm cheating a little here by listing two players, but these two are tightly linked. In the Vikings' 3-4 defense, the two middle linebackers are at the center of everything the team is trying to do on defense. They must be able to drop back into coverage. They must be able to stop the run. They must be able to rush the quarterback. And if they fail at any of those tasks, they leave a wide-open space in the middle of the field for opposing offenses to attack. Blake Cashman has to prove he's capable of staying healthy, because he's clearly a difference maker when he's on the field but the Vikings' defense suffered substantially during the three weeks he missed last season (the Vikings were 1-2 during that stretch). Ivan Pace Jr. - the undersized, undrafted player who flies around the field and makes splash plays - needs to prove that he's more than just a "feel good" story. Entering his third season, it's time for him to step his game up.

4. Theo Jackson

The Vikings let Camryn Bynum walk this offseason, deciding instead to sign Theo Jackson to a three-year extension right before free agency began. Jackson might be third on the depth chart, but as we all know, the Vikings like to play a lot of three-safety sets. Josh Metellus, the starting safety next to Harrison Smith, is also a Swiss army knife that defensive coordinator Brian Flores likes to deploy all over the field, so that's even more snaps that Jackson is in line to receive. The coaches and players speak highly of Theo Jackson, so it's time to prove that he's capable of becoming a starting safety in the NFL.

3. Byron Murphy Jr.

After a Pro Bowl season, Byron Murphy Jr. signed a huge contract that keeps him in Minnesota through the 2027 season. Murphy is being paid like a top-15 cornerback (\$18M/year), so he needs to prove he has what it takes to be the team's top cover man. Not only that, but with the uncertainty behind him, and the rest of the CB room young and inexperienced, there is a lot riding on Byron Murphy Jr.'s shoulders in 2025.

2. Dallas Turner

Dallas Turner didn't see the field a ton in his rookie season, but that wasn't really his fault. The two pass rushers ahead of him, Jonathan Greenard and Andrew Van Ginkel, both made the Pro Bowl last season, which didn't leave a ton of room for Turner to see the field. However, that isn't going to change any time soon, as Greenard and Van Ginkel are both under contract for the immediate future. Turner is going to have to prove that he was worthy of the first round pick the team spent on him, and to do that he's going to have to play so well that the Vikings can't take him off the field, regardless of what other pass rushers are on the roster.

1. J.J. McCarthy

This one is a no-brainer. For the first time in Vikings' history, the team spent a top-10 pick on the quarterback position. The plan was for McCarthy and newly-signed Sam Darnold to battle it out in training camp, with Darnold holding down the fort until McCarthy was ready. Instead, J.J. got hurt and missed the entire season, while Darnold rejuvenated his career and helped the Vikings win 14 games. Now, Darnold is in Seattle and McCarthy is firmly the team's starting QB. And with the team believing it is ready to compete for a championship, there isn't time for J.J. McCarthy to learn the ropes. If the Vikings have any chance of winning a Super Bowl in the near future, it will all come down to how well he plays. Let's keep our fingers crossed

"Anatomical Variations: Connecting Physicians and Anatomists"

It's remarkable how much anatomy education and medical practice overlap, yet anatomist-physician collaborations are often underutilized for improving student learning and patient care outcomes.

Becoming an anatomist or a physician requires commitment to many years of education and practical training. Both generally require four years of comparable, comprehensive baccalaureate coursework followed by four or more years of concentrated graduate/medical education and practical training. Amid both career paths, students work diligently to achieve predefined benchmarks for competency in complex human anatomy, meticulous clinical applications, and interrelated skills. Nevertheless, it is natural for anatomists to lose insight about practical clinical skills and physicians to lose insight about anatomical intricacies – most notably while the other person is keenly maintaining expert-level knowledge and knowhow of that very information. Anatomical variations offer a course of action for efficiently and effectively addressing the "use it or lose it" principle for both experts.

Human anatomy is taught and learned according to its foundational morphologic norm – that is, the typical configuration, form, and function of structures in the body. Understanding typical anatomy allows physicians to draw clinical insights from patients' chief complaints. For example, knowing the typical arrangement of bones, muscles, nerves, and vessels in the body allows orthopedic physicians to discern differential diagnoses and establish safe and effective surgical and therapeutic treatment plans for patients with musculoskeletal issues. However, anatomical variations – structures that do not present in typical location or form – are common and can complicate both learning and medical practice.

As authorities in the granularity of human anatomy, anatomists develop and maintain expertise about the development, presentation, and impact of anatomical variations, especially as they uncover specific cases during routine cadaveric dissection. As authorities in the minutiae of patient care, physicians develop and maintain expertise about adaptive clinical practices to address anatomical variations, especially as they come across specific cases during patient examinations and surgeries. In these regards, each professional can strategically benefit from the other's expertise to create better outcomes, and this "bench-to-bedside" collaboration is known to promote translational medical education, high-definition patient care, and exemplary interprofessional behavior.

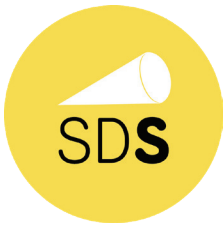
Despite their inherent benefits, strategic anatomist-physician collaborations appear underutilized. Investigating anatomical variations cases permitted by cadaveric donors and/or living patients offers one way to encourage these collaborations. Common field interest seems to effortlessly reciprocate enthusiasm from both parties. Anatomists can leverage workload designated for research/scholarship and physicians can fulfill contractual service obligations, thus offering a manageable framework for each to strategically contribute expertise and achieve high-quality and high-impact productivity. Simultaneously involving students can further distribute workload while providing them with meaningful research experience and influential mentorship.

As indicated, cadaveric donors and living patients play a critical role in this framework by willfully permitting analysis of their associated tissues and records. Human cadaver dissection offers complete and unrestricted views of anatomical variations, and patient records (diagnostic imaging, physician summaries, etc.) convey the clinical presentation and impact of variations. Anatomists, physicians, and students remain extremely grateful to each for their incredible contributions to advancing medical education and patient care.

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By Ethan L. Snow, PhD



SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT

<https://southdakotasearchlight.com>

State loses \$5.6M in federal funding to expand digital access, help with unemployment insurance

BY: MAKENZIE HUBER - JUNE 15, 2025 9:28 AM

The Trump administration recently terminated more than \$5 million promised to South Dakota for expanded access to digital technology. That increases the administration's total federal funding cuts impacting South Dakota state government to \$23.7 million, according to the Bureau of Finance and Management.

The \$5 million was awarded to the state in January under the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program. Digital equity initiatives increase physical access to high-speed internet by building infrastructure, teaching digital skills and ensuring access to digital devices.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration terminated the funding, part of \$1.44 billion in funding nationwide, on May 9.

The state Department of Labor and Regulation was in the "early stages of implementing" its program, so "there will be no impact on the public," according to an emailed statement. Proposed activities, according to a department presentation on digital access, included creating digital equity coalitions, improving access to workforce services, providing digital literacy training to inmates, and expanding public-use and loaner digital device offerings, among other ideas.

Digital access improves access to education, employment and health care, said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman in an emailed statement.

"South Dakota is a large, rural state. We have numerous avenues to continue improving digital access, even without these grants, and will continue moving forward to do so," Hultman said.

Hultman added that her department is looking into offering a digital literacy foundational course. The department also offers Grow with Google certificates, to help people prepare for in-demand digital jobs, at no cost to the state.

The department lost an additional \$658,000 recently, awarded in April 2023 under the federal Unemployment Insurance Integrity Grants program.

The state already spent one-quarter of the grant, which totaled \$869,000, on a multi-factor authentication employer sign-in for the unemployment insurance portal. The department planned to use remaining



A sign for the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation at its Sioux Falls office in June 2025. (Makenzie Huber/

South Dakota Searchlight)

funds to implement identification verification.

The Bureau of Finance and Management updates federal funding cuts impacting South Dakota state government on its website weekly.

Makenzie Huber is a lifelong South Dakotan who regularly reports on the intersection of politics and policy with health, education, social services and Indigenous affairs. Her work with South Dakota Searchlight earned her the title of South Dakota's Outstanding Young Journalist in 2024, and she was a 2024 finalist for the national Livingston Awards.

Vance Boelter, accused of assassination of DFL House leader Melissa Hortman, apprehended

BY: MADISON MCVAN - JUNE 15, 2025 10:54 PM

Law enforcement officers on Sunday night arrested Vance Boelter, who is accused of assassinating Minnesota state Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband at their home in Brooklyn Park as part of a larger plot to kill Democratic elected officials and other advocates of abortion rights, according to a state official with knowledge of the arrest.

The arrest comes after a two-day manhunt. Law enforcement officers had been searching all day after locating Boelter's abandoned vehicle near Green Isle, where Boelter has a home.

Boelter is also accused of shooting Democratic-Farmer-Labor state Sen. John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, at their home in Champlin. Both Hoffmans survived the shooting, but received surgeries for their injuries and remain hospitalized.

Boelter is a Christian who voted for President Donald Trump and opposes abortion and LGBTQ rights, according to interviews with his childhood friend and videos of his sermons posted online. A list of potential targets — including Hoffman and Hortman — included abortion providers and other Democratic elected officials from Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The attack, which has shocked Minnesotans and the nation, comes amid rising political violence since the emergence of President Donald Trump, who has made repeated threats of violence against his political enemies and praised his supporters who, for instance, attacked officers while storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. He later pardoned all of them.

Authorities say Boelter attacked the Hoffmans at their home in Champlin at approximately 2 a.m. on Saturday morning.

At around 3:30 a.m., Brooklyn Park police headed to the Hortmans' home to proactively check on them



Law enforcement stage in a neighborhood on June 15, 2025, in Green Isle, Minnesota, while searching for a suspect in the killing of DFL State Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark Hortman. DFL State Sen. John Hoffman and his wife were also shot and hospitalized. (Stephen Maturen/Getty Images)

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following the attack on the Hoffmans, said Drew Evans, superintendent at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at a press conference Saturday morning.

When they arrived, the officers saw the shooter in a fake law enforcement uniform exiting the front door of the house. Out front, emergency vehicle lights flashed from a Ford Explorer outfitted to look like a cop car. When the officers confronted the shooter, a gunfight ensued, and the killer escaped, abandoning the vehicle.

Inside, Hortman and her husband, Mark, were dead from gunshot wounds.

In the SUV, police found a document with a list of lawmakers and other officials on it. Hortman and Hoffman were on the list.

Evans said Sunday that the document is not a "traditional manifesto that's a treatise on all kinds of ideology and writings." Instead, it contains a list of names and "other thoughts" throughout.

On Saturday afternoon, police raided a home in north Minneapolis where Boelter lived part time. In an interview with the Star Tribune and other media outlets, Boelter's roommate and childhood friend David Carlson shared a text message Boelter sent him at 6:03 a.m. saying that he would be "gone for a while" and "may be dead shortly."

Federal and state warrants were out for Boelter's arrest, and the FBI was offering a \$50,000 award for information that led to Boelter's capture.

On Sunday morning, law enforcement officers detained and questioned Boelter's wife as she was driving through Mille Lacs County with other family members. Evans said Sunday none of Boelter's family members are in custody.

Sunday afternoon, law enforcement officers located a car linked to Boelter in Sibley County within a few miles of his home address in Green Isle.

Law enforcement officials continue to investigate Boelter's motives, Evans said, and urged the public not to jump to conclusions.

"We often want easy answers for complex problems, and this is a complex situation...those answers will come as we complete the full picture of our investigation," he said.

Fragments of Boelter's life available online, and interviews with those who know him, shed light on his religious and political beliefs.

Boelter's LinkedIn page indicates that he spent many years working in food production before becoming the general manager of a 7-Eleven. More recently, he worked at funeral homes, the New York Times reported.

Boelter was facing financial stress after quitting his job to embark on business ventures in the Democratic Republic of Congo, according to Carlson, the Star Tribune reported.

The website for a private security firm lists Boelter as the "director of security patrols," and his wife as the CEO. He purchased some cars and uniforms but "it was never a real company," Carlson told the Strib.

Carlson said Boelter is a Christian who strongly opposes abortion, the New York Times reported.

In recordings of sermons Boelter delivered in Matadi, a city in the Democratic Republic of Congo, he railed against abortion and LGBTQ people.

The reporting on Boelter's religious life suggests that his beliefs were rooted in fundamentalism, though he doesn't appear to have been ordained in any particular denomination, said Rev. Angela Denker, a Minnesota-based Lutheran minister, journalist and author of books on Christianity, right-wing politics and masculinity.

"What this kind of theology says is that if you commit violence in the name of whatever movement you're a part of, then you're going to be rewarded," Denker said.

The gunman shot John Hoffman nine times, and Yvette Hoffman eight times, according to a statement from Yvette.

The Hoffmans' nephew, Mat Ollig, wrote on Facebook that Yvette used her body to shield her daughter. John Hoffman is "enduring many surgeries right now and is closer every hour to being out of the woods," Yvette Hoffman said in a statement.

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On the steps of the State Capitol Sunday, mourners created an extemporaneous memorial for Hortman, who will be known as one of the most consequential progressive leaders in recent state history.

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Groton Jr. Teeners 14U's Lincoln Shilhanek Takes Hit Streak Into Game Against Milbank 14U

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U's Lincoln Shilhanek takes a 10-game hitting streak into their matchup against Milbank 14U on Monday at Milbank SD. It will be a double header starting at 5:30 p.m. Shilhanek has gone 13-31 during the streak with one extra base hit.

Last Time Out:

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U fell to Clark Area 14U 8-3. Milbank 14U were defeated by Webster VFW 4690 Teeners 16-1 at Webster.

Player Highlight:

Kolton Antonsen has played two positions for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Antonsen's primary position is second base. Antonsen has an on-base percentage of 0.409 this season thanks in part to a 0.316 average and three walks.

About Groton Jr. Teeners 14U:

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U has a record of 6-5 this season. TC Schuster's 1.434 OPS leads Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The right-handed hitter has a 0.615 OBP and a 0.818 slugging percentage this season. Schuster leads Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with 10 and two-thirds innings pitched. The starting pitcher has a 0.66 ERA this season. Keegan Kucker leads Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with 87 total fielding chances this season. Kucker's primary position is catcher.

About Milbank 14U:

Milbank 14U has a record of 1-5 this season. Ryan Sperry's 1.394 OPS leads Milbank 14U. The infielder has a 0.727 OBP and a 0.667 slugging percentage this season. Henry Heller leads Milbank 14U with 21 total fielding chances this season. Heller's primary position is catcher.

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EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: How has the human footprint on Earth changed over time? – B.K, via e-mail

The term “human footprint” has become ubiquitous in modern environmental discourse, but to understand its impact today, one must understand how exactly this footprint has changed. The human footprint is defined today as the “energy quantities, resources and products consumed by a human during [their] lifetime,” according to researchers Čuček et al. The first archaeological evidence of a significant human footprint is from 6,000 years ago. Heather Thakar, an assistant professor of anthropology, and his team found that “42 percent of the regions examined had some form of agriculture” at that time, with the true beginnings of agriculture occurring earlier.



It's no surprise that the human footprint on the planet has grown exponentially over the last 6000 years.

However, with increased human innovation and technological progress, the ways in which humanity shaped the environment began to expand. According to the Human Journey, a project of The Institute for the Study of Human Knowledge, the Scientific Revolution challenged previous norms about the importance of religious thought and generated “mechanistic attitudes.” Many believed nature could be “improved” by human innovation and promoted agricultural techniques that would soon contribute to massive industrial farming practices. As technical innovations continued to develop across various fields of application, the Industrial Revolution was soon brought about by the creation of steam-powered engines, leading to flourishing production rates and mechanical advancements, like the internal-combustion engine. Many of these advancements were powered by coal, a fossil fuel.

As humans continued to use machinery powered by fossil-fuels (like oil and gas) and carry out agricultural and industrial processes (like mining or waste processing), they released greenhouse gases. The most harmful ones, carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane and nitrous oxide, trap heat in Earth's atmosphere. The World Meteorological Organization now reports that the last time such CO₂ levels were present was three to five million years ago, when the world was two to three degrees Celsius hotter.

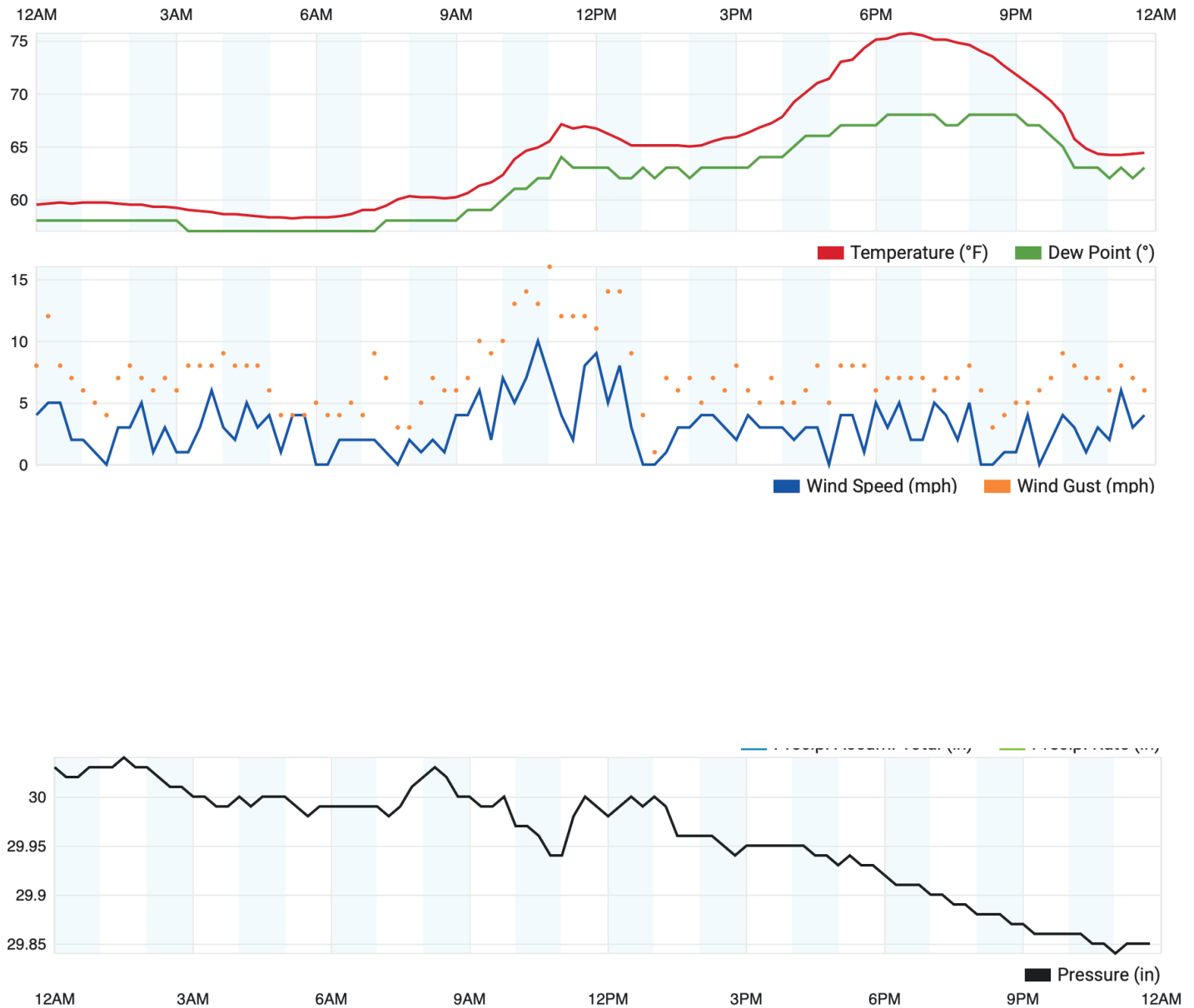
Greenhouse gases continue to be released through various processes worldwide, contributing to climate change, and as its effects become increasingly pervasive, they raise concerns about the harmful, growing impact of the human footprint. Climate change leads to extreme weather, including wildfires, hurricanes and floods, affecting not just humans but animals as well, reducing biodiversity and ruined ecosystems.

There are ways to mitigate these effects, like moving to wind or solar power, using public transit, and engaging in conservation efforts. It is now humanity's obligation to turn things around.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



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Monday



High: 80 °F

T-storms
Likely then
Chance
T-storms

Monday Night



Low: 57 °F

Slight Chance
T-storms

Tuesday



High: 78 °F

Mostly Cloudy
then Slight
Chance
Showers

Tuesday Night



Low: 55 °F

Slight Chance
T-storms

Wednesday



High: 81 °F

Slight Chance
T-storms then
Chance
Showers

THREAT ASSESSMENT

HIGHEST LOCAL RISK

3

WHAT THIS MEANS:
Numerous severe storms
possible

TIMING

Monday afternoon

PRIMARY THREATS



LARGE HAIL

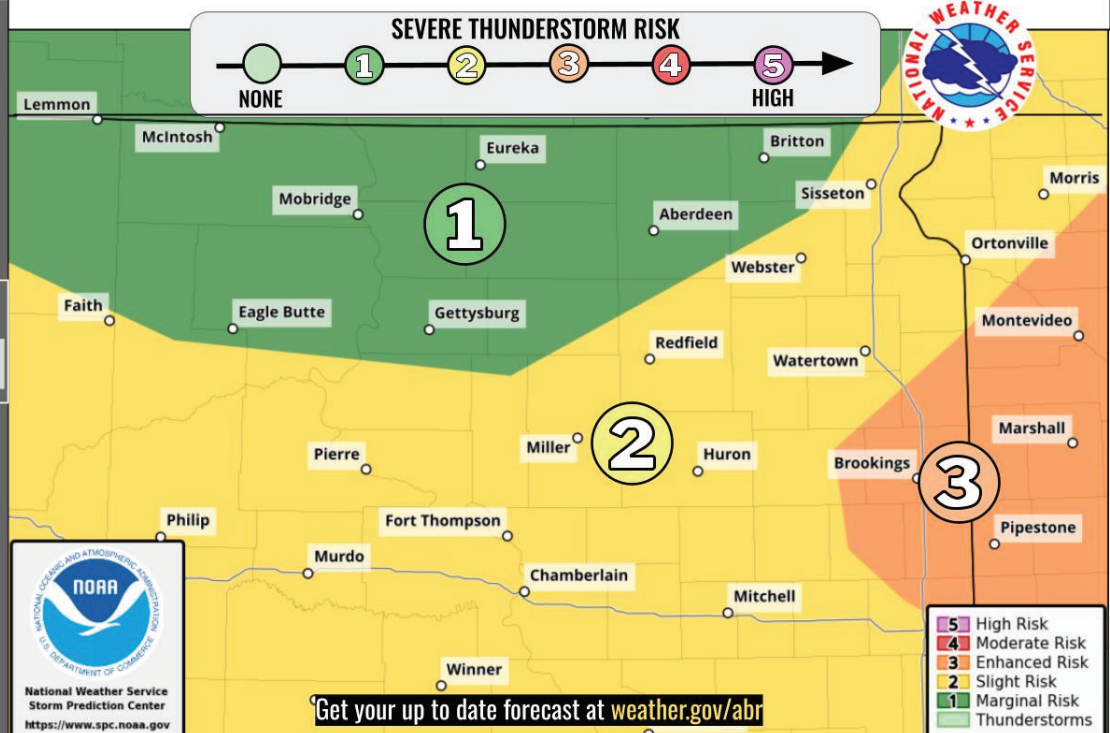


DAMAGING WIND



ISOLATED / BRIEF TORNADO POSSIBLE

SEVERE STORMS Possible Monday Afternoon



Scattered to numerous storms are expected Monday afternoon. All threats (large hail, damaging winds, and a tornado or two) are possible. The tornado threat would be mainly south and east of Ortonville and Watertown into west central MN where there is an enhanced risk (level 3 out of 5) for severe thunderstorms.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 76 °F at 6:36 PM

Low Temp: 58 °F at 5:04 AM

Wind: 16 mph at 10:51 AM

Precip: : 0.00

Day length: 15 hours, 43 minutes

Today's Info

Record High: 109 in 1933

Record Low: 34 in 1903

Average High: 81

Average Low: 56

Average Precip in June.: 1.90

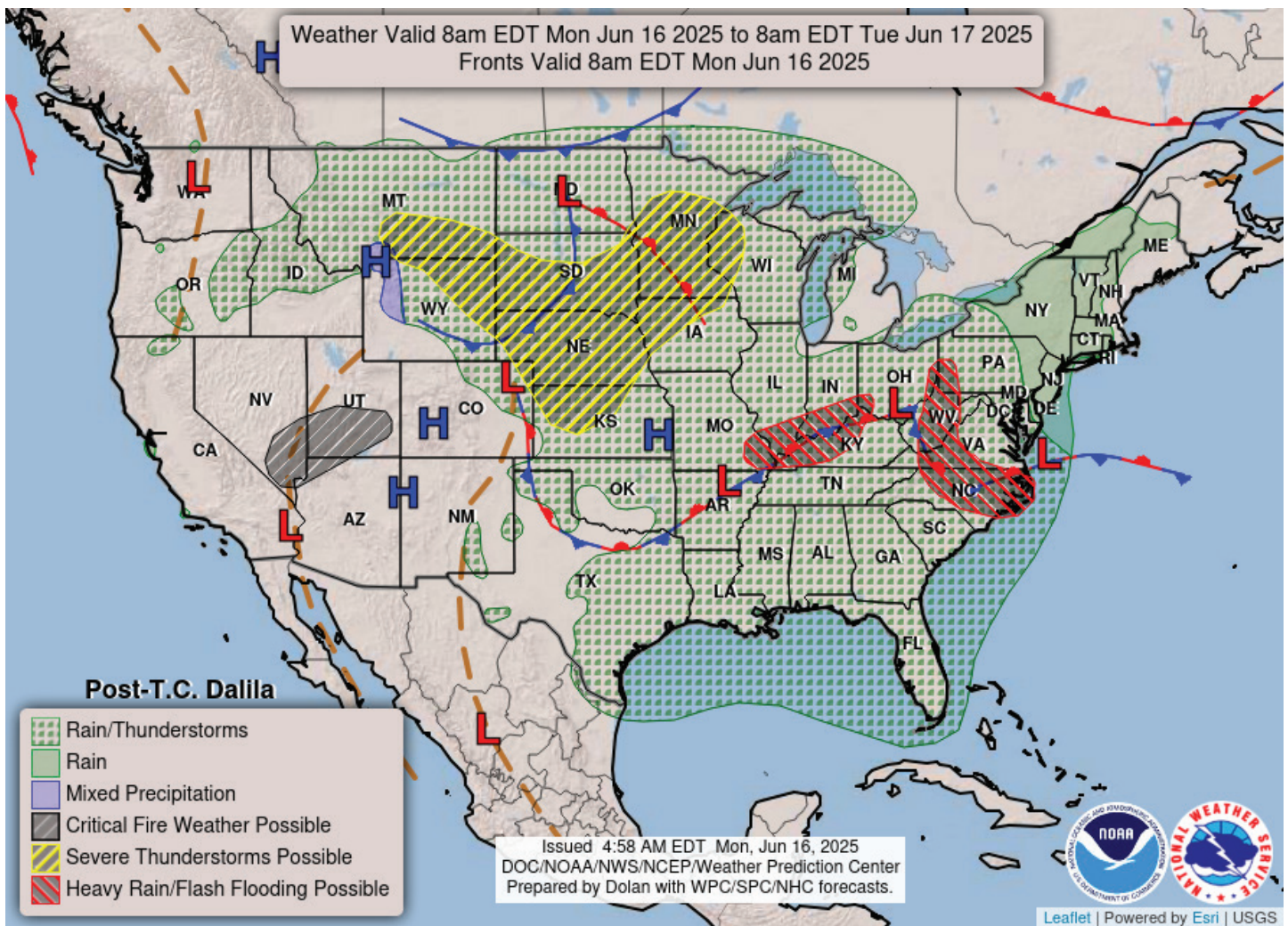
Precip to date in June: 1.98

Average Precip to date: 9.15

Precip Year to Date: 8.03

Sunset Tonight: 9:25:01 pm

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:41:31 am



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Today in Weather History

June 16th, 1915: A tornado swept over a narrow path in Hughes, Hyde, and Hand counties during the afternoon. This tornado caused several thousands of dollars in property damage and seriously injured many people. Luckily, no fatalities were reported.

June 16th, 1992: An F3 tornado caused significant destruction as it moved northeast across the northwestern side of Ft. Thompson. The tornado virtually destroyed the Lake Sharpe Visitor Center. In Ft. Thompson, the tornado destroyed at least four homes, and 15 mobile homes were damaged, leaving about 55 persons homeless. Eight people were injured, two of them seriously. The storm also destroyed other buildings, six 50,000-bushel grain bins, and four high-voltage towers from Big Bend Dam. At the Shady Bend Campground, 19 campers and several boats were destroyed.

Also, heavy rains fell over three days beginning on the 15th. The hardest-hit area was Clear Lake, where the three-day total was 11.53 inches. As a result, a wall of water up to 15 feet high swept down creeks in the Clear Lake area. The resultant flash flooding went through the first floors of many houses and even filled basements of homes on hills. In addition, all roads into Clear Lake were cut off as the town became surrounded by water. Officials in Deuel County estimated the heavy rainfall destroyed at least 37 bridges and culverts. Other three-day rainfall totals include 6.35 inches in Conde, 5.99 in Castlewood, 4.91 inches 2NW of Big Stone City, 4.90 in Redfield, and 4.65 inches at Artichoke Lake.

June 16th, 2009: Severe thunderstorms produced large hail up to 2 inches in diameter, several tornadoes, and flash flooding. Slow-moving thunderstorms brought heavy rains 2 to 4 inches in and around Aberdeen, causing extensive road flooding. Dozens of basements were flooded and damaged, with some sewer backups. There were also some power outages. A tornado touched down briefly northwest of Lebanon in Potter County, with no damage occurring. A tornado touched down southeast of Polo in Hand County in an open field. No damage occurred. Heavy rains of 3 to over 5 inches caused flash flooding of several roads and crops in north-central and northeast Spink County. Torrential rains from 3 to 6 inches fell across southeast Brown County, bringing flash flooding. Many roads were flooded and damaged, along with many acres of cropland. A tornado touched down in southeastern Hand County and remained on the ground for nearly 15 minutes before lifting. No damage occurred with this tornado as it stayed in the open country.

June 16th, 2010: Powerful winds were observed in Dewey County, South Dakota, during the evening hours. Three weather stations near Lantry observed winds from 101 to 142 mph. One station had recorded a 101 mph wind before it was destroyed. The other two stations recorded 131 mph and 142 mph winds. The winds destroyed an airplane hangar and severely damaged another one. Several semi-trailers were also tipped over and damaged by the very high winds.

1806 - A total eclipse of the sun was viewed from southern California to Massachusetts. (David Ludlum)

1917 - The temperature soared to 124 degrees at Mecca climaxing the most destructive heat wave of record in California history. (David Ludlum)

1944 - A tornado in Sioux City, IA, traveled an odd course. It spun in one place for about twenty minutes, made a U-turn, traveled southeast for about three miles, then traveled south, east, north, and finally east again. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Temperatures soared above 100 degrees in the Upper Midwest, reaching 104 degrees at Lincoln, NE. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 96 mph at Valley City, ND, and baseball size hail near Red Oak, IA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - After a brief respite, hot weather returned to the Northern High Plains Region. Late night thunderstorms in Montana produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Polson and north of Lake Seeley. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Daytime thunderstorms produced severe weather from northern Florida to the Middle Atlantic Coast. The thunderstorms spawned eight tornadoes, and there were 138 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Thunderstorm winds gusting to 87 mph caused twenty million dollars damage at Columbia SC. Strong thunderstorm winds killed one person at McLeansville NC. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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"God's gonna get you for that!"

There was little doubt in Sally's mind about God's justice.

Any time anyone said anything she didn't want to hear, out would come her famous "threat."

With red hair, pointed finger, and a strong voice, she would continue,

"You just wait and see. Maybe not before you fall asleep. But, I'd keep one eye open while I slept tonight if I were you! I know He's coming after you for that! What you said was wrong."

Everyone on campus loved Sally.

Her enthusiasm for life, her happy smile, the twinkle in her eye.

Every time she uttered those words, the receiver could not help but look around for a speeding truck or bolt of lightning. Or both.

She was very convincing.

But here's the truth:

Justice belongs to God, not Sally.

He is righteous. He is fair. He has no favorites.

He sees what we don't. And Scripture reassures us:

"He does all things well."

God will not allow others to destroy His beloved children—His Son died for them.

"The righteous person is rescued from trouble," said Solomon,

"and it falls on the wicked instead."

He knew that when the righteous are targeted with harm, God will intervene at the right time.

Our God does not overlook injustice—He becomes personally involved.

Even if we don't see how or when, justice is in His hands.

Isaiah said it best:

"For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him."

Prayer: Help us, Father, to trust in Your justice. We are human, and naturally resentful and spiteful. You, however, are loving and fair and will do what is right.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Today's Scripture: "The righteous person is rescued from trouble," said Solomon, "and it falls on the wicked instead." Proverbs 11:8

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: 06.13.25

8 10 22 40 47 1

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$280,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 1 Days 17 Hrs 30 Mins
14 Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

LOTTO AMERICA

WINNING NUMBERS: 06.14.25

19 22 26 31 51 9

All Star Bonus: 2x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$2,150,000

NEXT DRAW: 16 Hrs 45 Mins 14
Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

LUCKY FOR LIFE

WINNING NUMBERS: 06.15.25

12 17 25 40 44 7

TOP PRIZE:

\$7,000/week

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 14 Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

DAKOTA CASH

WINNING NUMBERS: 06.14.25

13 21 22 23 31

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$29,000

NEXT DRAW: 2 Days 17 Hrs 14
Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

POWERBALL

DOUBLE PLAY

WINNING NUMBERS: 06.14.25

19 20 39 47 55 15

TOP PRIZE:

\$10,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 29 Mins 14
Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

POWERBALL

WINNING NUMBERS: 06.14.25

4 6 9 23 59 25

Power Play: 3x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$90,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 29 Mins 14
Secs

[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
09/6-7/25 Fly in/Drive in at Groton Municipal Airport
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
11/30/2025 Snow Queen Contest, 4 p.m.
12/06/2025 Olive Grove Holiday Party and Silent Live Auction Fundraiser

News from the **AP** Associated Press

Iran missile attacks on Israel kills 5, while Israel claims it now has air superiority over Tehran

By AMI BENTOV Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Iran fired a new wave of missile attacks on Israel early Monday, killing at least five people, while Israel claimed in the fourth day of the conflict that it had now achieved “aerial superiority” over Tehran and could fly over the Iranian capital with impunity.

After days of attacks on Iranian air defenses and missile systems, the Israeli military said its aircraft now control the skies from western Iran to Tehran and had destroyed more than 120 surface-to-surface missile launchers that had been firing at Israel in overnight missions.

“Now we can say that we have achieved full air supremacy in the Tehran airspace,” said military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin.

Iran, meantime, announced it had launched some 100 missiles and vowed further retaliation for Israel’s sweeping attacks on its military and nuclear infrastructure, which have killed at least 224 people in the country since last Friday.

One missile fell near the American consulate in Tel Aviv, causing minor damage, U.S. Ambassador Mike Huckabee said on X. There were no injuries to American personnel.

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Israel said so far 24 people have been killed and more than 500 injured as Iran launched more than 370 missiles and hundreds of drones. In response the Israeli military said fighter jets had struck 10 command centers in Tehran belonging to Iran’s Quds Force, an elite arm of its Revolutionary Guard that conducts military and intelligence operations outside Iran.

Explosions rock Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva

Powerful explosions, likely from Israel’s defense systems intercepting Iranian missiles, rocked Tel Aviv shortly before dawn on Monday, sending plumes of black smoke into the sky over the coastal city.

Authorities in the central Israeli city of Petah Tikva said that Iranian missiles had hit a residential building there, charring concrete walls, shattering windows and ripping the walls off multiple apartments.

The Israeli Magen David Adom emergency service reported that two women and two men — all in their 70s — and one other person were killed in the wave of missile attacks that struck four sites in central Israel.

“We clearly see that our civilians are being targeted,” said Israeli police spokesman Dean Elsdunne outside the bombed-out building in Petah Tikva. “And this is just one scene. We have other sites like this near the coast, in the south.”

Petah Tikva resident Yoram Suki rushed with his family to a shelter after hearing an air raid alert, and emerged after it was over to find his apartment destroyed.

“Thank God we were OK,” the 60-year-old said.

Despite losing his home, he urged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to keep up the attacks on Iran.

“It’s totally worth it,” he said. “This is for the sake of our children and grandchildren.”

In addition to those killed, the MDA said paramedics had evacuated another 87 wounded people to hospitals, including a 30-year-old woman in serious condition, while rescuers were still searching for residents trapped beneath the rubble of their homes.

“When we arrived at the scene of the rocket strike, we saw massive destruction,” said Dr. Gal Rosen, a paramedic with MDA who said he had rescued a 4-day-old baby as fires blazed from the building.

No sign of conflict letting up

During an earlier barrage of Iranian missiles on central Israel on Sunday, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas

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Araghchi said that Iran will stop its strikes if Israel does the same.

But after a day of intensive Israeli aerial attacks that extended targets beyond military installations to hit oil refineries and government buildings, the Revolutionary Guard struck a hard line on Monday, vowing that further rounds of strikes would be "more forceful, severe, precise and destructive than previous ones."

Health authorities also reported that 1,277 were wounded in Iran, without distinguishing between military officials and civilians.

Rights groups, like the Washington-based Iranian advocacy group called Human Rights Activists, have suggested that the Iranian government's death toll is a significant undercount. Human Rights Activists says it has documented more than 400 people killed, among them 197 civilians.

Israel argues that its assault on Iran's top military leaders, uranium enrichment sites and nuclear scientists was necessary to stop Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

Iran has always insisted its nuclear program is peaceful, and the U.S. and others have assessed that Tehran has not pursued a nuclear weapon since 2003.

But Iran has enriched ever-larger stockpiles of uranium to near weapons-grade levels in recent years and was believed to have the capacity to develop multiple weapons within months if it chose to do so.

Ahead Israel's initial attack, its Mossad spy agency positioned explosive drones and precision weapons inside Iran, and since then Iran has reportedly detained several people on suspicion of espionage.

On Monday, Iranian authorities hanged a medical doctor identified as Esmail Fekri, who had been in prison since 2023 after being convicted of supplying the Mossad with "sensitive and classified" information, Iranian state-run television reported.

Spaniards turn water guns on visitors in Barcelona and Mallorca to protest mass tourism

By JOSEPH WILSON Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Protesters used water guns against unsuspecting tourists in Barcelona and on the Spanish island of Mallorca on Sunday as demonstrators marched to demand a rethink of an economic model they believe is fueling a housing crunch and erasing the character of their hometowns.

The marches were part of the first coordinated effort by activists concerned with the ills of overtourism across southern Europe's top destinations. While several thousands rallied in Mallorca in the biggest gathering of the day, hundreds more gathered in other Spanish cities, as well as in Venice, Italy, and Portugal's capital, Lisbon.

"The squirt guns are to bother the tourists a bit," Andreu Martínez said in Barcelona with a chuckle after spritzing a couple seated at an outdoor café. "Barcelona has been handed to the tourists. This is a fight to give Barcelona back to its residents."

Martínez, a 42-year-old administrative assistant, is one of a growing number of residents who are convinced that tourism has gone too far in the city of 1.7 million people. Barcelona hosted 15.5 million visitors last year eager to see Antoni Gaudí's La Sagrada Família basilica and the Las Ramblas promenade.

Martínez says his rent has risen over 30% as more apartments in his neighborhood are rented to tourists for short-term stays. He said there is a knock-on effect of traditional stores being replaced by businesses catering to tourists, like souvenir shops, burger joints and "bubble tea" spots.

"Our lives, as lifelong residents of Barcelona, are coming to an end," he said. "We are being pushed out systematically."

Around 5,000 people gathered in Palma, the capital of Mallorca, with some toting water guns as well and chanting "Everywhere you look, all you see are tourists." The tourists who were targeted by water blasts laughed it off. The Balearic island is a favorite for British and German sun-seekers. Housing costs have skyrocketed as homes are diverted to the short-term rental market.

Hundreds more marched in Granada, in southern Spain, and in the northern city of San Sebastián, as well as the island of Ibiza.

In Venice, a couple of dozen protesters unfurled a banner calling for a halt to new hotel beds in the

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lagoon city in front of two recently completed structures, one in the popular tourist destination's historic center where activists say the last resident, an elderly woman, was kicked out last year.

'That's lovely'

Protesters in Barcelona blew whistles and held up homemade signs saying "One more tourist, one less resident." They stuck stickers saying "Citizen Self-Defense," in Catalan, and "Tourist Go Home," in English, with a drawing of a water gun on the doors of hotels and hostels.

There was tension when the march stopped in front of a large hostel, where a group emptied their water guns at two workers positioned in the entrance. They also set off firecrackers next to the hostel and opened a can of pink smoke. One worker spat at the protesters as he slammed the hostel's doors.

American tourists Wanda and Bill Dorozenski were walking along Barcelona's main luxury shopping boulevard where the protest started. They received a squirt or two, but she said it was actually refreshing given the 83 degree Fahrenheit (28.3 degrees Celsius) weather.

"That's lovely, thank you sweetheart," Wanda said to the squirter. "I am not going to complain. These people are feeling something to them that is very personal, and is perhaps destroying some areas (of the city)."

There were also many marchers with water guns who didn't fire at bystanders and instead solely used them to spray themselves to keep cool.

Crackdown on Airbnb

Cities across the world are struggling with how to cope with mass tourism and a boom in short-term rental platforms, like Airbnb, but perhaps nowhere has surging discontent been so evident as in Spain, where protesters in Barcelona first took to firing squirt guns at tourists during a protest last summer.

There has also been a confluence of the pro-housing and anti-tourism struggles in Spain, whose 48 million residents welcomed record 94 million international visitors in 2024. When thousands marched through the streets of Spain's capital in April, some held homemade signs saying "Get Airbnb out of our neighborhoods."

Spanish authorities are striving to show they hear the public outcry while not hurting an industry that contributes 12% of gross domestic product.

Last month, Spain's government ordered Airbnb to remove almost 66,000 holiday rentals from the platform that it said had violated local rules.

Spain's Consumer Rights Minister Pablo Bustinduy told The Associated Press shortly after the crackdown on Airbnb that the tourism sector "cannot jeopardize the constitutional rights of the Spanish people," which enshrines their right to housing and well-being. Carlos Cuerpo, the economy minister, said in a separate interview that the government is aware it must tackle the unwanted side effects of mass tourism.

The boldest move was made by Barcelona's town hall, which stunned Airbnb and other services who help rent properties to tourists by announcing last year the elimination of all 10,000 short-term rental licenses in the city by 2028.

That sentiment was back in force on Sunday, where people held up signs saying "Your Airbnb was my home."

'Taking away housing'

The short-term rental industry, for its part, believes it is being treated unfairly.

"I think a lot of our politicians have found an easy scapegoat to blame for the inefficiencies of their policies in terms of housing and tourism over the last 10, 15, 20 years," Airbnb's general director for Spain and Portugal, Jaime Rodríguez de Santiago recently told the AP.

That argument either hasn't trickled down to the ordinary residents of Barcelona, or isn't resonating.

Txema Escorsa, a teacher in Barcelona, doesn't just oppose Airbnb in his home city, he has ceased to use it even when traveling elsewhere, out of principle.

"In the end, you realize that this is taking away housing from people," he said.

Man suspected of shooting 2 Minnesota lawmakers is in custody after surrendering to police

By OBED LAMY, STEVE KARNOWSKI, MIKE BALSAMO and ALANNA DURKIN RICHER Associated Press BELLE PLAINE, Minn. (AP) — The man suspected of killing a Minnesota lawmaker and wounding another crawled to officers in surrender Sunday after they located him in the woods near his home, bringing an end to a massive, nearly two-day search that put the entire state on edge.

Vance Boelter was arrested and charged with two counts of murder and two of attempted murder. He is accused of posing as a police officer and fatally shooting former Democratic House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, in their home early Saturday in the northern Minneapolis suburbs.

Authorities say he also shot Sen. John Hoffman, a Democrat, and his wife, Yvette. They were injured at their residence about 9 miles (about 15 kilometers) away.

"One man's unthinkable actions have altered the state of Minnesota," Democratic Gov. Tim Walz said at a news conference after Boelter's arrest.

The search for Boelter was the "largest manhunt in the state's history," Brooklyn Park Police Chief Mark Bruley said. It began when Brooklyn Park officers went to check on Hortman's home and saw her husband gunned down before the shooter fled.

Authorities on Sunday located a vehicle Boelter was using abandoned in rural Sibley County, where he lived, and a police officer reported that he believed he saw Boelter running into the woods, Bruley said. Police set up a large perimeter and called in 20 different tactical teams, divvying up the area and searching for him.

During the search, police said they received information confirming someone was in the woods and searched for hours, using a helicopter and officers on foot, until they found Boelter. He surrendered to police, crawling out to officers in the woods before he was handcuffed and taken into custody in a field, authorities said.

Jail records show Boelter was booked into the Hennepin County Jail at 1:02 a.m. Central Time Monday and include two mug shots, one from the front and one from the side, of Boelter wearing an orange prison shirt.

A targeted attack

Drew Evans, superintendent of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, said the violence likely would've continued had Brooklyn Park officers not checked on Hortman's home, causing Boelter to flee.

The Hoffmans were attacked first at their home in Champin early Saturday. A criminal complaint unsealed after Boelter's arrest indicated their adult daughter called 911 just after 2 a.m. to say a masked person had come to the door and shot her parents.

After police in nearby Brooklyn Park learned that a lawmaker had been shot, they sent patrol officers to check on the Hortmans' home.

Brooklyn Park police officers arrived just in time to see Boelter shoot Mark Hortman through the open door of the home, the complaint says. It says they exchanged gunfire with Boelter, who fled inside the home before escaping the scene. Melissa Hortman was found dead inside, the complaint said.

Authorities said Boelter posed as a police officer, even allegedly altering a vehicle to make it look like a police car.

No details on motive

Authorities did not give a motive as they announced Boelter's arrest.

A list of about 70 names was found in writings recovered from the fake police vehicle that was left at the crime scene, said two law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details of the ongoing investigation. The writings and list of names included prominent state and federal lawmakers and community leaders, along with abortion rights advocates and information about healthcare facilities, according to the officials.

A Minnesota official told AP lawmakers who had been outspoken in favor of abortion rights were on the list. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

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Boelter is a former political appointee who served on the same state workforce development board as Hoffman, records show, though it was not clear if or how well they knew each other.

Around 6 a.m. Saturday, Boelter texted friends to apologize for his actions, though he didn't say what he had done.

"I'm going to be gone for a while. May be dead shortly, so I just want to let you know I love you guys both and I wish it hadn't gone this way," he wrote in messages viewed by AP.

An escalation in political violence

The shootings come as political leaders nationwide have been attacked, harassed and intimidated amid deep political divisions. Lawmakers said they were disturbed by the attacks as Twin Cities residents mourned.

"This cannot be the norm. It cannot be the way that we deal with our political differences," Walz said Sunday.

On Sunday evening, U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar shared a statement from Yvette Hoffman expressing appreciation for the outpouring of public support.

"John is enduring many surgeries right now and is closer every hour to being out of the woods," Yvette Hoffman said in a text that Klobuchar posted on social media. "He took 9 bullet hits. I took 8 and we are both incredibly lucky to be alive. We are gutted and devastated by the loss of Melissa and Mark."

Brightly colored flowers and small American flags were placed Sunday on the gray marbled stone of the Minnesota State Capitol along with a photo of the Hortmans. People scrawled messages on small notes including, "You were our leader through the hardest of times. Rest in Power."

Pam Stein came with flowers and kneeled by the memorial. An emotional Stein called Hortman an "absolute powerhouse" and "the real unsung hero of Minnesota government."

G7 summit opens in Canada with a focus on trade, wars — and not riling Trump

By JOSH BOAK and ROB GILLIES Associated Press

KANANASKIS, Alberta (AP) — When U.S. President Donald Trump last came to Canada for a Group of Seven summit, the enduring image was of him seated with his arms folded defiantly as then-German Chancellor Angela Merkel stared daggers at him.

If there is a shared mission at this year's G7 summit, which begins Monday in Canada's Rocky Mountains, it is a desire to minimize any fireworks at a moment of combustible tensions.

The 2018 summit ended with Trump assailing his Canadian hosts on social media as he departed on Air Force One, saying he had instructed the U.S. officials who remained in Quebec to oppose the G7 joint statement endorsed by the leaders of Japan, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany and, of course, Canada.

"I have instructed our U.S. Reps not to endorse the Communique as we look at Tariffs on automobiles flooding the U.S. Market!" Trump posted on the site then known as Twitter.

This time, Trump already has hit several dozen nations with severe tariffs that risk a global economic slowdown. There is little progress on settling the wars in Ukraine and Gaza and now a new and escalating conflict between Israel and Iran over Tehran's nuclear program.

Add to all of that the problems of climate change, immigration, drug trafficking, new technologies such as artificial intelligence and China's continued manufacturing superiority and chokehold on key supply chains.

Asked if he planned to announce any trade agreements at the G7 as he left the White House on Sunday, Trump said: "We have our trade deals. All we have to do is send a letter, 'This is what you're going to have to pay.' But I think we'll have a few, few new trade deals."

At stake might be the survival of the G7 itself at a time when the Trump administration has sent mixed signals about whether the president will attend the November Group of 20 summit in South Africa.

What Trump opposed at the 2018 summit in Quebec wasn't just tariffs, but a focus on having alliances with a shared set of standards seeking to shape policies.

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"The big dispute in Quebec were the references to the rules-based international order and that's where that famous photo comes from," said Peter Boehm, Canada's counselor at the 2018 G7 summit in Quebec and a veteran of six G7 summits. "I think it gave everyone the idea that G7s were maybe not business as usual."

The German, U.K., Japanese and Italian governments have each signaled a belief that a friendly relationship with Trump this year can reduce the likelihood of outbursts.

"Well, I have got a good relationship with President Trump, and that's important," U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer said Saturday as he flew to Canada.

There is no plan for a joint statement this year from the G7, a sign that the Trump administration sees no need to build a shared consensus with fellow democracies if it views such a statement as contrary to its goals of new tariffs, more fossil fuel production and a Europe that is less dependent on the U.S. military.

"The Trump administration almost certainly believes that no deal is better than a bad deal," said Caitlin Welsh, a director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank who was part of Trump's team for the G7 in Trump's first term.

The White House has stayed decidedly mum about its goals for the G7, which originated as a 1973 finance ministers' meeting to address the oil crisis and steadily evolved into a yearly summit that is meant to foster personal relationships among world leaders and address global problems.

The G7 even briefly expanded to the G8 with Russia as a member, only for Russia to be expelled in 2014 after annexing Crimea and taking a foothold in Ukraine that preceded its aggressive 2022 invasion of that nation.

Trump will have at least three scheduled bilateral meetings during the summit with other world leaders while in Canada, starting on Monday morning with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. The U.S. president is also expected to have bilateral meetings with Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, according to an administration official.

The U.S. president has imposed 25% tariffs on steel, aluminum and autos, all of which have disproportionately hit Japan. Trump is also charging a 10% tax on imports from most countries, though he could raise rates on July 9, after the 90-day negotiating period set by him would expire.

The United Kingdom reached a trade framework with the U.S. that included quotas to protect against some tariffs, but the 10% baseline would remain as the Trump administration is banking on tariff revenues to help cover the cost of its income tax cuts.

Canada and Mexico face separate tariffs of as much as 25% that Trump put into place under the auspices of stopping fentanyl smuggling, though some products are still protected under the 2020 U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement signed during Trump's first term.

The Trump administration has insisted that its broad tariffs will produce trade agreements that box out China, though it's unclear how antagonizing trade partners would make them want to strengthen their reliance on the U.S. Carney, the Canadian leader, has been outspoken in saying his country can no longer look to the U.S. as an enduring friend.

That might leave Trump with the awkward task of wanting to keep his tariffs in place while also trying to convince other countries that they're better off siding with the U.S. than China.

"Trump will try to coordinate the group against China's economic coercion," Josh Lipsky, chair of international economics at the Atlantic Council, wrote in an analysis. "But the rest of the leaders may turn back to Trump and say that this kind of coordination, which is at the heart of why the G7 works, would be easier if he weren't imposing tariffs on his allies."

Minnesota Sen. Tina Smith contemplates increased security after shooting of Democratic lawmakers

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI Associated Press

Lawmakers on Sunday continued to reel from the shooting of two Democratic Minnesota state legislators in their homes that led to the death of one and her husband, contemplating a previously unthinkable

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world where democratically-elected representatives need full-time security details to protect them from the public.

"I don't want to think that I have to a personal security detail everywhere I go, but I think we really have to look at the situation that we're in," Democratic Minnesota Sen. Tina Smith said Sunday on NBC News. "This is no way for our government to work when people, any number of us, feel this kind of threat."

The state's other U.S. Senator, Amy Klobuchar, directly addressed the increasingly toxic atmosphere around politics as she remembered state Rep. Melissa Hortman, who was killed in the attack.

"These are real people, and before you start ascribing motives or going after them online maybe you should think about Melissa Hortman's life," Klobuchar, a Democrat, said on CNN. "This is a person that did everything for the right reasons. Regardless of political parties, look at her face before you send out your next post."

The attack that killed Hortman, her husband Mark and gravely wounded state Sen. John Hoffman and his wife was a nightmare scenario for the thousands of Americans who serve as legislators across the 50 states and in Washington. They routinely attend public events with little or no security screening and live with their families in communities torn by the nation's political divides.

The suspect, Vance Boelter, 57, was caught late Sunday.

The attacks amid a recent flurry of political violence that appears to be coming from all ideological corners.

U.S. Capitol Police increased security for Klobuchar and Smith following the attacks, which occurred early Saturday morning. Minnesota's entire congressional delegation, both Republicans and Democrats, released a joint statement condemning the killings.

"Today we speak with one voice to express our outrage, grief, and condemnation of this horrible attack on public servants," the statement said. "There is no place in our democracy for politically-motivated violence."

"Nothing brings us together more than, you know, mourning for somebody else who's in political life," GOP Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul said on NBC. "Republican or Democrats. You know, we come together about this."

Paul said that he himself had been the victim of political violence when he was attacked by a neighbor in 2017, as well as at the Republican practice for the Congressional baseball game where a gunman severely injured several people, including House Majority Whip Steve Scalise.

J.J. Spaun weathers the worst of wet Oakmont to win US Open

By DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — J.J. Spaun endured the toughest test in golf on the toughest course in America in the worst kind of conditions. And then he turned this miserable, wet Sunday at Oakmont into a finish as memorable as any in the U.S. Open.

The champion not many expected delivered two shots no one will forget.

First came his driver on the 314-yard 17th hole onto the green for a two-putt birdie that gave him the lead. Then, needing two putts from 65 feet on the 18th to win, he finished his storybook Open by holing the longest putt all week at Oakmont for birdie and a 2-over 72.

For all the mess Oakmont became in a series of downpours, for all the bad breaks and bad lies and bad shots that cost so many contenders, Spaun overcame a start that would have ended hopes of more seasoned players and weathered the pressure to claim his greatest prize.

"I never thought I would be here holding this trophy," said Spaun, who finished last year at No. 119 in the world and moved up to No. 8 with his U.S. Open victory. "I always had aspirations and dreams. I never knew what my ceiling was. I'm just trying to be the best golfer I can be."

"I'm happy to display that here at Oakmont."

He finished at 1-under 279, the sole survivor to par, and won by two shots over Robert MacIntyre of Scotland, who watched the finish from a scoring room and could only applaud the stunning conclusion.

Five players shared the lead with an hour to go. Four players were still tied as the U.S. Open made its way to the final four holes that frustrated Sam Burns and Tyrrell Hatton, and crushed the hopes of Adam

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Scott and Carlos Ortiz.

The last man standing was Spaun, the 34-year-old Californian with an eerie resemblance to the late Pittsburgh Steelers great Franco Harris.

Never mind that Spaun lacked the pedigree of so many players groomed in elite competition, that he had only one PGA Tour title until Sunday, was playing in only his second U.S. Open and had never cracked the top 20 in his previous eight majors.

The ending was magical. The road leading to his U.S. Open title was hard work and resiliency, especially Sunday. One shot behind to start the final round, he had five bogeys in six holes, including a shot that hit the pin on No. 2 and caromed 35 yards back into the fairway, turning birdie into a bogey.

"It felt like as bad as things were going, I just still tried to just commit to every shot. I tried to just continue to dig deep. I've been doing it my whole life," Spaun said. "I think that's been the biggest difference this year has been being able to do that. Fortunately, I dug very deep on the back nine, and things went my way, and here we are with the trophy."

It was calamity for so many others.

Burns had a two-shot lead going to the 11th tee, made a double bogey from a divot in the first cut on No. 11 and from a lie in the fairway on No. 15 so wet he thought he deserved relief. He shot 78.

"It's a tough golf course, and I didn't have my best stuff, and clearly it showed," he said.

Scott, trying to become the first player to go more than 11 years between major titles, was tied for the lead with five holes to play. One of the best drivers could no longer find the fairway. He played them in 5 over and shot 79.

"I missed the fairway. I hadn't done that all week really. Then I did, and I paid the price and lost a lot of shots out there," Scott said.

Ortiz and Hatton also slashed away in slushy lies, all making mistakes that cost them a chance to survive this beast of day.

The rain that put Oakmont on the edge of being unplayable might have saved Spaun.

He was four shots behind and facing the tough ninth hole. And then came a rain delay of 1 hour, 37 minutes.

"The weather delay changed the whole vibe of the day," Spaun said.

Remarkably, he made only one bogey the rest of the way.

But oh, that finish.

MacIntyre, the 28-year-old from Oban toughened by the Scottish game of Shinty, became the new target. He also struggled at the start and fell nine shots behind at one point. But he birdied the 17th and split the fairway on the 18th for a key par, a 68 and the clubhouse lead.

Three groups later, Spaun delivered what looked like the winner on the 17th, a powerful fade that rolled onto the green like a putt and settled 18 feet behind the cup.

On the final putt, he was helped by Viktor Hovland being on the same line and going first. Spaun rapped it through the soaked turf, walked to the left to watch it break right toward the hole and watched it dropped as thousands of rain-soaked spectators erupted.

He raised both arms and tossed his putter, jumping into the arms of caddie Mark Carens.

The celebration carried into those who lost the battle.

Hatton was talking with reporters, bemoaning a bad break on the 17th ended his chances of winning. He watched the Spaun's putt and it brightened his mood.

"Unbelievable. What a putt to win. That's incredible," he said. "I'm sad about how I finished, but I'm very happy for J.J. To win a major in that fashion is amazing."

Hovland, who shot 73 to finish third, saw it all — the putt at the end, the bogeys at the start.

"After his start, it just looked like he was out of it immediately," Hovland said. "Everyone came back to the pack. I wasn't expecting that really. I thought I had to shoot maybe 3-under par today to have a good chance, but obviously the conditions got really, really tough, and this golf course is just a beast."

Hatton (72) and Ortiz (73), both part of LIV Golf and in serious contention at a major for the first time, tied for fourth along with Cameron Young (70). The consolation for Ortiz was getting into the Masters

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next year.

Scottie Scheffler, 10 shots behind early in the final round, was somehow still part of the conversation on the back nine. But he missed far too many birdie chances even three-putting from 12 feet on the 11th hole. The world's No. 1 player finished with a 70 to tie for seventh with Jon Rahm (67) and Burns, his best friend who will feel the sting.

He had a double bogey by missing the green into a bad lie on the slope of a bunker. He missed a pair of 6-foot birdie putts to seize control. And when he made a mess of the 15th for another double bogey.

Through it all, Spaun emerged as a U.S. Open champion hardly anyone saw coming — not at the start of the year, not at the start of the round.

G7 leaders gather in Canada for a summit overshadowed by Israel-Iran crisis and trade wars

By ROB GILLIES and JILL LAWLESS Associated Press

KANANASKIS, Alberta (AP) — Leaders of some of the world's biggest economic powers arrived in the Canadian Rockies on Sunday for a Group of Seven summit, overshadowed by an escalating conflict between Israel and Iran and U.S. President Donald Trump's unresolved trade war.

Israel's strikes on Iran and Tehran's retaliation, which appeared to catch many world leaders unawares, is the latest sign of a more volatile world.

Trump in recent days vetoed an Israeli plan to kill Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, a U.S. official told The Associated Press, in an indication of how far Israel was prepared to go.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said he had discussed efforts to de-escalate the crisis with Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as other world leaders and said he expected "intense discussions" would continue at the summit.

Trump is summit's wild card

As summit host, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has decided to abandon the annual practice of issuing a joint statement, or communicate, at the end of the meeting.

With other leaders wanting to talk to Trump in an effort to talk him out of imposing tariffs, the summit risks being a series of bilateral conversations rather than a show of unity.

Trump is the summit wild card. He arrived at the international summit sporting a "Make America Great Again" hat. He was greeted by four Mounties. Looming over the meeting are his inflammatory threats to make Canada the 51st state and take over Greenland. French President Emmanuel Macron visited Greenland on Sunday for a highly symbolic stop on his way to Canada. Macron warned that Greenland is "not to be sold" nor "to be taken."

"Everybody in France, the European Union thinks that Greenland is not to be sold, not to be taken," he said during a news conference, applauded by the local crowd.

"The situation in Greenland is clearly a wakeup call for all Europeans. Let me tell you very directly that you're not alone," Macron added.

Trump's plane landed in Alberta late Sunday. He will have a bilateral meeting with Carney on Monday morning before the summit program begins.

'He tends to be a bully'

Leaders who are not part of the G7 but have been invited to the summit by Carney include the heads of state of India, Ukraine, Brazil, South Africa, South Korea, Australia, Mexico and the UAE. Avoiding tariffs will continue to be top of mind.

Asked if he planned to announce any trade agreements at the G7 as he left the White House on Sunday, Trump said: "We have our trade deals. All we have to do is send a letter: 'This is what you're going to have to pay.' But I think we'll have a few, few new trade deals."

Bilateral meetings with the American president can be fraught as Trump has used them to try to intimidate the leaders of Ukraine and South Africa.

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Former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien told a panel this week that if Trump does act out, leaders should ignore him and remain calm like Carney did in his recent Oval Office meeting.

"He tends to be a bully," Chrétien said. "If Trump has decided to make a show to be in the news, he will do something crazy. Let him do it and keep talking normally."

Last month Britain and the U.S. announced they had struck a trade deal that will slash American tariffs on U.K. autos, steel and aluminum. It has yet to take effect, however, though British officials say they are not concerned the Trump administration might go back on its word.

Starmer's attempts to woo Trump have left him in an awkward position with Canada, the U.K.'s former colony, close ally and fellow Commonwealth member. Starmer has also drawn criticism — especially from Canadians — for failing to address Trump's stated desire to make Canada the 51st state.

Asked if he has told Trump to stop the 51st state threats, Starmer told The Associated Press: "I'm not going to get into the precise conversations I've had, but let me be absolutely clear: Canada is an independent, sovereign country and a much-valued member of the Commonwealth."

Zelenskyy expected to meet Trump

The war in Ukraine will be on the agenda. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is due to attend the summit and is expected to meet with Trump, a reunion coming just months after their bruising Oval Office encounter which laid bare the risks of having a meeting with the U.S. president.

Starmer met with Carney in Ottawa before the summit for talks focused on security and trade, in the first visit to Canada by a British prime minister for eight years.

German officials were keen to counter the suggestion that the summit would be a "six against one" event, noting that the G7 countries have plenty of differences of emphasis among themselves on various issues.

"The only the problem you cannot forecast is what the president of the United States will do depending on the mood, the need to be in the news," said Chrétien.

Israel and Iran trade strikes for a third day and threaten more to come. Over 230 are reported dead

By JON GAMBRELL, NATALIE MELZER and TIA GOLDENBERG Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Israel and Iran traded more missile attacks Sunday despite calls for a halt to the fighting, with neither country backing down as their conflict raged for a third day.

Iran said Israel struck its oil refineries, killed the intelligence chief of its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard and hit population centers in intensive aerial attacks that raised the death toll in the country since Israel launched its major campaign Friday to 224 people. Health authorities also reported that 1,277 were wounded, without distinguishing between military officials and civilians.

Israel, which has aimed its missiles at Iran's rapidly advancing nuclear program and military leadership, said Iran has fired over 270 missiles since Friday, 22 of which slipped through the country's sophisticated multi-tiered air defenses and caused havoc in residential suburbs, killing 14 people and wounding 390 others.

In an indication of how far Israel was seemingly prepared to go, a U.S. official told The Associated Press that President Donald Trump nixed an Israeli plan to kill Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who serves as a religious authority and commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

Israel, the sole though undeclared nuclear-armed state in the Middle East, has said this attack — its most powerful ever against Iran — was to prevent the country from developing a nuclear weapon.

The latest round of talks between the U.S. and Iran on the future of Tehran's nuclear program had been scheduled Sunday in Oman but were canceled after Israel's attack.

Iran turns metro stations, mosques into bomb shelters

Claiming to operate almost freely in the skies over Iran, Israel said its attacks Sunday hit Iran's Defense Ministry, missile launch sites and factories producing air defense components.

Iran also acknowledged Israel had killed three more of its top generals, including Gen. Mohammad Kazemi, the Revolutionary Guard intelligence chief.

But Israeli strikes have increasingly extended beyond Iranian military installations to hit government

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buildings including the Foreign Ministry and several energy facilities, Iranian authorities said, most recently sparking huge fires at the Shahr oil depot north of Tehran and a fuel tank south of the city.

Those new targets Sunday, coming after Israel attacked Iran's South Pars, the world's largest natural gas field, raised the prospect of a broader assault on Iran's heavily sanctioned energy industry that remains vital to the global economy and markets.

Deputy Foreign Minister Saeed Khatibzadeh and other Iranian diplomats shared photos of the Foreign Ministry's offices and library laid to waste by flying shrapnel.

Iran's state TV broadcast footage of a dust-covered man carrying a baby away from the ruins of a residential building and a woman covered in blood making panicked phone call from the site of an Israeli missile strike in downtown Tehran. The spokesperson for Iran's Health Ministry, Hossein Kermanpour, said 90% of the 224 people killed were civilians.

The Washington-based rights advocacy group, called Human Rights Activists, reported a far higher death toll in Iran from Israeli strikes, saying the attacks have killed at least 406 people and wounded another 654. Iran routinely has undercounted casualties in recent crises, such as the 2022 mass demonstrations over mandatory hijab laws after the death of Mahsa Amini.

State TV reported that metro stations and mosques would be made converted into bomb shelters beginning Sunday night. Tehran residents told of long lines at gas stations and cars backed up for hours as families fled the city.

Traffic police closed a number of roads outside the city to control congestion. Energy officials on state TV sought to reassure the jittery public there was no gasoline shortage despite the long lines.

Iranian state-linked media acknowledged explosions and fires stemming from an attack on an Iranian refueling aircraft in Mashhad deep in the country's northeast. Israel described the attack on Mashhad as the farthest strike it has carried out in Iranian territory.

The death toll rises in Israel

Air raid sirens sounded across Jerusalem and major Israeli cities, sending Israelis scrambling to bomb shelters in the seaside metropolis of Tel Aviv and the northern port city of Haifa.

The Israeli military reported that almost two dozen Iranian missiles had slipped through the vaunted Iron Dome aerial defense system and struck residential areas.

Early Sunday, Israel's Magen David Adom emergency service reported that at least six people, including a 10-year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl, were killed when a missile smashed into a high-rise apartment in Bat Yam, a coastal city south of Tel Aviv.

Daniel Hadad, a local police commander, said 180 people were wounded and seven missing in Bat Yam. Residents appeared dazed, staggering through the rubble of their homes to retrieve personal belongings while rescuers sifted through twisted metal and shattered glass in their search for more bodies.

Another four people, including a 13-year-old, were killed and 24 wounded when a missile struck a building in the Arab town of Tamra in northern Israel, emergency authorities said, while a strike on the central city of Rehovot wounded 42 people.

The Weizmann Institute of Science, a center for military and other research also in Rehovot, reported "a number of hits to buildings on the campus" and said no one was harmed.

An oil refinery was damaged in the northern Israeli city of Haifa, the firm operating it said. Israel's main international airport and airspace was closed for a third day.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said if Israeli strikes on Iran stop, then "our responses will also stop."

Netanyahu says conflict could result in regime change in Iran

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has brushed off urgent calls by world leaders to de-escalate.

In an interview with Fox News on Sunday, he said regime change in Iran "could certainly be the result" of the conflict. He also claimed, without providing evidence, that Israeli intelligence indicated Iran intended to give nuclear weapons to Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen.

Iran has always said its nuclear program was peaceful, and the U.S. and others have assessed that it

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has not pursued a nuclear weapon since 2003.

But Iran has enriched ever-larger stockpiles of uranium to near weapons-grade levels in recent years and was believed to have the capacity to develop multiple weapons within months if it chose to do so.

A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive nuclear talks, said Washington remained committed to the negotiations and hoped the Iranians would return to the table.

The region is already on edge as Israel seeks to annihilate the Palestinian militant group Hamas, an Iranian ally, in the Gaza Strip, where war still rages after Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack on southern Israel.

'Many months' to repair nuclear facilities

In Iran, satellite photos analyzed by AP show extensive damage at Iran's main nuclear enrichment facility in Natanz. The images captured Saturday by Planet Labs PBC show multiple buildings damaged or destroyed. The structures hit include buildings identified by experts as supplying power to the facility.

U.N. nuclear chief Rafael Grossi told the Security Council that the above-ground section of the Natanz facility was destroyed. The main centrifuge facility underground did not appear to be hit, but the loss of power could have damaged infrastructure there, he said.

Israel also struck a nuclear research facility in Isfahan. The International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, said four "critical buildings" were damaged, including an uranium-conversion facility. The IAEA said there was no sign of increased radiation at Natanz or Isfahan.

An Israeli military official, speaking on condition of anonymity Sunday in line with official procedures, said it would take "many months, maybe more" to restore the two sites.

Trump vetoed Israeli plan to kill Iran's supreme leader, US official tells AP

By AAMER MADHANI Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump rejected a plan presented by Israel to the U.S. to kill Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, according to a U.S. official familiar with the matter.

The Israelis informed the Trump administration in recent days that they had developed a credible plan to kill Khamenei.

After being briefed on the plan, the White House made clear to Israeli officials that Trump was opposed to the Israelis making the move, according to the official, who was not authorized to comment on the sensitive matter and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The Trump administration is desperate to keep Israel's military operation aimed at decapitating Iran's nuclear program from exploding into an even more expansive conflict and saw the plan to kill Khamenei as a move that would enflame the conflict and potentially destabilize the region.

Asked about the plan during an interview on Fox News Channel's "Special Report with Bret Baier," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu did not directly address whether the White House rejected the plan.

"But I can tell you, I think that we do what we need to do, we'll do what we need to do," Netanyahu said. "And I think the United States knows what is good for the United States."

Netanyahu spokesperson Omer Dostri later called reports about the Israeli plan to kill Khamenei "fake."

Netanyahu in the Fox interview also said regime change "could certainly be the result" of the conflict "because the Iranian regime is very weak."

Trump's rejection of the proposal was first reported by Reuters.

Meanwhile, Trump on Sunday issued a stark warning to Iran not to retaliate against U.S. targets in the Middle East.

Trump in an early morning social media posting said the United States "had nothing to do with the attack on Iran" as Israel and Iran traded missile attacks for the third straight day. Iran, however, has said it would hold the U.S. — which has provided Israel with much of its deep arsenal of weaponry — responsible for its backing of Israel.

"If we are attacked in any way, shape or form by Iran, the full strength and might of the U.S. Armed Forces will come down on you at levels never seen before," Trump said.

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Hours later Trump took to social media again to predict "Iran and Israel should make a deal, and will make a deal" and that it could come "soon."

But as he departed the White House on Sunday evening for the Group of Seven leaders summit in the Canadian Rockies, Trump was more tempered in comments to reporters about when the Israeli strikes and Iranian retaliation would wind down.

"I hope there is going to be a deal, and we'll see what happens, but sometimes they have to fight it out," Trump said.

The conflict is expected to loom large during his talks with the leaders of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the European Union.

The U.S. president said he has a track record for de-escalating conflicts, and that he would get Israel and Iran to cease hostilities "just like I got India and Pakistan to" after the two countries' recent cross-border confrontation.

India struck targets inside Pakistan after militants in April massacred 26 tourists in Indian-controlled Kashmir. Pakistan has denied any links to the attackers. Following India's strikes in Pakistan, the two sides exchanged heavy fire along their de facto borders, followed by missile and drone strikes into each other's territories, mainly targeting military installations and airbases.

It was the most serious confrontation in decades between the countries. Trump on Sunday repeated his claim, disputed by India, that the two sides agreed to a ceasefire after he had offered to help both nations with trade if they agreed to de-escalate.

Trump also pointed to efforts by his administration during his first term to mediate disputes between Serbia and Kosovo and Egypt and Ethiopia.

"Likewise, we will have PEACE, soon, between Israel and Iran!" Trump posted. "Many calls and meetings now taking place. I do a lot, and never get credit for anything, but that's OK, the PEOPLE understand. MAKE THE MIDDLE EAST GREAT AGAIN!"

There's a divide in Trump world about how far the president should go in backing Israel.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk and former Fox News host Tucker Carlson are among the prominent backers of Trump who have argued that voters supported Trump because he would not involve the nation in foreign conflicts.

GOP Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul praised Trump for having shown restraint and said he hoped the president's "instincts will prevail."

"So, I think it's going to be very hard to come out of this and have a negotiated settlement," Paul told NBC's "Meet the Press." "I see more war and more carnage. And it's not the U.S.'s job to be involved in this war."

In an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation," GOP South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham said he preferred diplomatic efforts, but if diplomacy doesn't work Trump should "go all in" on destroying Iran's nuclear program.

"If that means providing bombs, provide bombs," he said. "If that means flying with Israel, fly with Israel."

A teenager with a job making burritos became a powerful Minnesota lawmaker who trained service dogs

By JOHN HANNA and STEVE KARNOWSKI Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Melissa Hortman's influence at the Minnesota Capitol and her power as a Democratic leader to shape the course of a deeply divided Legislature were a far cry from her job as a teenager making chili-cheese burritos and overshadowed her volunteer work training service dogs for veterans.

She was a lifelong Minneapolis-area resident who went to college in Boston and then returned home for law school and, with degree fresh in hand, worked as a volunteer lawyer for a group fighting housing discrimination. Elected to the Minnesota House in 2004, she helped pass liberal initiatives like free lunches for public school students in 2023 as the chamber's speaker. With the House split 67-67 between Democrats

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and Republicans this year, she helped break a budget impasse threatening to shut down state government.

Tributes from friends and colleagues in both parties poured in after Hortman and her husband were shot to death early Saturday in their suburban Brooklyn Park home in what authorities called an act of targeted political violence. Helping Paws, which trains service dogs, posted a message on its Facebook page, along with a 2022 photo of a smiling Hortman with her arm around Gilbert, a friendly-looking golden retriever trained to be a service dog and adopted by her family.

"Melissa Hortman was a woman that I wish everyone around the country knew," U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a longtime friend and Democratic ally, said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Klobuchar added: "She was a true leader and loved her work, but was always so grounded and such a decent person. I think that's probably the best word to describe her. You look at her pictures and you know what she was about."

The shootings followed a big Democratic dinner

The killings of Hortman and her husband early Saturday followed the shootings and wounding of another prominent Minnesota lawmaker, state Sen. John Hoffman, and his wife, at their home in Champlin, another Minneapolis suburb. Hoffman is chair of the Senate committee overseeing human resources spending. A nephew posted Sunday on Facebook that the Hoffmans were out of surgery and recovering from multiple gunshot wounds.

The Hortmans, the Hoffmans and other top Democrats had gathered at a downtown Minneapolis hotel Friday night for their party's annual Humphrey-Mondale dinner. It's named for two Minnesota liberal icons who served both as U.S. senators and vice presidents, Hubert Humphrey and Walter Mondale.

Minnesota Democrat and U.S. Sen. Tina Smith said she saw both lawmakers at the dinner.

"So it feels so personal, because we're all very good friends, of course, to have that have happened so shortly after we were all together," Smith said on CNN's "Inside Politics Sunday."

Outside the state Capitol in St. Paul, a memorial to Hortman and her husband included flowers, candles, small American flags and a photo of the couple. Visitors left messages on Post-It notes commending Hortman's legislative work, including, "You changed countless lives."

Hortman supplied a key vote for a budget deal Democrats disliked

Legislative colleagues described Hortman as funny, savvy and fiercely committed to liberal causes. When lawmakers convened in January with a vacancy in a Democratic seat in the House giving the GOP a temporary advantage, Hortman led a boycott of daily sessions for more than three weeks to force Republicans into a power-sharing arrangement.

Republicans were intent this year on ending state health coverage for adult immigrants who entered the U.S. illegally, authorized in 2023 as part of a sweeping liberal program. Democrats wanted to keep it, and lawmakers began June — the last month of the 2025 budget year — without having passed a 2026-27 spending blueprint.

Hortman helped negotiate a package that included a bill ending the state health coverage for adult immigrants on Jan. 1, 2026. She was the only House Democrat to vote for it last week— the 68th vote it needed to pass the chamber.

She told reporters afterward that Republicans insisted on the bill, and Minnesota voters who gave the House an even partisan split expect the parties to compromise. But she acknowledged she worries about people who will lose their health insurance.

"I know that people will be hurt by that vote," she said, choking up briefly before regaining her composure. "We worked very hard to try to get a budget deal that wouldn't include that provision."

Tacos, auto parts, physics and Habitat for Humanity

Hortman's earliest jobs didn't suggest that she'd become a power in Minnesota politics. The earliest job listed on her LinkedIn.com profile, when she was 16, was as a cook and cashier at a restaurant, where she made tacos and, "most importantly, chili cheese burritos." She also worked for caterers and was a runner at an auto parts store, putting inventory away and retrieving items for customers.

Her husband, Mark, earned a physics degree from the University of North Carolina and later, a master's

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of business administration. He was the chief operating officer of an auto parts company for 10 years before co-founding a business consulting firm. He was active in Helping Paws and worked with homebuilding nonprofit Habitat for Humanity. They have an adult son and an adult daughter.

Melissa Hortman earned a degree in philosophy and political science from Boston University, where she also worked as a residence assistant in one of its dormitories. She earned her law degree from the University of Minnesota, but also a master's of public administration from Harvard University.

She served a decade on the board of a local nonprofit providing transportation and car repairs for low-income residents. She also was part of a committee in 2005 considering whether Minneapolis should submit a bid to host the Summer Olympics.

"We remember Melissa for her kindness, compassion, and unwavering commitment to making the world better," Helping Paws said in its Facebook message.

Political violence is threaded through recent US history. The motives and justifications vary

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI Associated Press

The assassination of a Democratic Minnesota state lawmaker and her husband and the shooting of another lawmaker and his wife at their homes are just the latest addition to a long and unsettling roll call of political violence in the United States.

The list, in the past two months alone: the killing of two Israeli embassy staffers in Washington, the firebombing of a Colorado march calling for the release of Israeli hostages, and the firebombing of the official residence of Pennsylvania's governor — on a Jewish holiday while he and his family were inside.

And here's just a sampling of some other attacks before that — the killing of a health care executive on the streets of New York late last year, the attempted assassination of Donald Trump in small-town Pennsylvania during his presidential campaign last year, the 2022 attack on the husband of former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi by a believer in right-wing conspiracy theories, and the 2017 shooting by a liberal gunman at a GOP practice for the congressional softball game.

"We've entered into this especially scary time in the country where it feels the sort of norms and rhetoric and rules that would tamp down on violence have been lifted," said Matt Dallek, a political scientist at George Washington University who studies extremism. "A lot of people are receiving signals from the culture."

Politics behind both individual shootings and massacres

Politics have also driven large-scale massacres. Gunmen who killed 11 worshippers at a synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018, 23 shoppers at a heavily Latino Walmart in El Paso in 2019 and 10 Black people at a Buffalo grocery store in 2022 each cited the conspiracy theory that a secret cabal of Jews were trying to replace white people with people of color. That has become a staple on parts of the right who support Trump's push to limit immigration.

The Anti-Defamation League found that from 2022 through 2024, all of the 61 political killings in the United States were committed by right-wing extremists. That changed on the first day of 2025, when a Texas man flying the flag of the Islamic State group killed 14 people by driving his truck through a crowded New Orleans street before being fatally shot by police.

"You're seeing acts of violence from all different ideologies," said Jacob Ware, a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations who researches terrorism. "It feels more random and chaotic and more frequent."

The United States has a long and grim history of political violence, from presidential assassinations dating back to the killing of President Abraham Lincoln, lynching and violence aimed at Black people in the South, the 1954 shooting inside Congress by four Puerto Rican nationalists. Experts say the past few years, however, have most likely reached a level not seen since the tumultuous days of the 1960s and 1970s, when icons like Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X and Robert F. Kennedy were assassinated.

Ware noted that the most recent surge comes after the new Trump administration has shuttered units that focus on investigating white supremacist extremism and pushed federal law enforcement to spend

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less time on anti-terrorism and more on detaining people who are in the country illegally.

"We're at the point, after these six weeks, where we have to ask about how effectively the Trump administration is combating terrorism," Ware said.

Of course, one of Trump's first acts in office was to pardon those involved in the largest act of domestic political violence this century — the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol, intended to prevent Congress from certifying Trump's 2020 election loss.

Those pardons broadcast a signal to would-be extremists on either side of the political debate, Dallek said: "They sent a very strong message that violence, as long as you're a Trump supporter, will be permitted and may be rewarded."

Ideologies aren't always aligned — or coherent

Often, those who engage in political violence don't have clearly defined ideologies that easily map onto the country's partisan divides. A man who died after he detonated a car bomb outside a Palm Springs fertility clinic last month left writings urging people not to procreate and expressed what the FBI called "nihilistic ideations."

But, like clockwork, each political attack seems to inspire partisans to find evidence the attacker is on the other side. Little was known about the man police identified as a suspect in the Minnesota attacks, 57-year-old Vance Boelter. Authorities say they found a list of other apparent targets that included other Democratic officials, abortion clinics and abortion rights advocates, as well as flyers for the day's anti-Trump parades.

Conservatives online seized on the flyers — and the fact that Boetler had apparently once been appointed to a state workforce development board by Democratic Gov. Tim Walz — to claim the suspect must be a liberal. "The far left is murderously violent," billionaire Elon Musk posted on his social media site, X.

It was reminiscent of the fallout from the attack on Paul Pelosi, the former House speaker's then-82-year-old husband, who was seriously injured by a man wielding a hammer. Right-wing figures theorized the assailant was a secret lover rather than what authorities said he was: a believer in pro-Trump conspiracy theories who broke into the Pelosi home echoing Jan. 6 rioters who broke into the Capitol by saying: "Where is Nancy?!"

On Saturday, Nancy Pelosi posted a statement on X decrying the Minnesota attack. "All of us must remember that it's not only the act of violence, but also the reaction to it, that can normalize it," she wrote.

Trump had mocked the Pelosis after the 2022 attack, but on Saturday he joined in the official bipartisan condemnation of the Minnesota shootings, calling them "horrific violence." The president has, however, consistently broken new ground with his bellicose rhetoric towards his political opponents, whom he routinely calls "sick" and "evil," and has talked repeatedly about how violence is needed to quell protests.

The Minnesota attack occurred after Trump took the extraordinary step of mobilizing the military to try to control protests against his administration's immigration operations in Los Angeles during the past week, when he pledged to "HIT" disrespectful protesters and warned of a "migrant invasion" of the city.

Dallek said Trump has been "both a victim and an accelerant" of the charged, dehumanizing political rhetoric that is flooding the country.

"It feels as if the extremists are in the saddle," he said, "and the extremists are the ones driving our rhetoric and politics."

'How to Train Your Dragon' soars in box office debut with \$83.7 million, beating 'Lilo & Stitch'

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr. AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "How to Train Your Dragon" took flight at the box office this weekend, proving that some remakes still have teeth.

The Universal live-action adaptation of the beloved animated franchise soared to a strong \$83.7 million debut in North American theaters, according to Comscore estimates Sunday. The film, directed by franchise veteran Dean DeBlois, follows the unlikely friendship between a young Viking named Hiccup (Mason

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Thames) and a dragon called Toothless.

The reboot easily outpaced 2019's "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," which opened with \$55 million. The latest film earned more than \$114.1 million internationally, bringing the global total to \$197.8 million.

"This is yet another example of a live-action remake really delivering on the promise of the marketing," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore. "I think the longevity and playability of some of these films particularly in the summer has been nothing short of miraculous."

"How to Train" also claimed the No. 1 spot ahead of Disney's "Lilo & Stitch," which slipped to second place after topping the charts for three weekends. That hybrid live-action remake added another \$15 million, pushing its domestic total past \$386.3 million.

"Materialists," a modern-day New York love story starring Dakota Johnson, Pedro Pascal, and Chris Evans, rounded out the top three films of the week with a \$12 million debut. The romantic dramedy features Johnson as a savvy matchmaker caught between two suitors: a broke, struggling actor who happens to be her ex, and a wealthy "unicorn" who seems too good to be true.

"Mission: Impossible — The Final Reckoning" slid to fourth place, taking in \$10.3 million and avoiding a dip into single-digit territory.

The John Wick spinoff "Ballerina" fell to fifth place with \$9.4 million, despite strong reviews from both critics and audiences. Directed by Len Wiseman, the action film stars Ana de Armas and features Keanu Reeves reprising his role in a supporting turn.

Dergarabedian said "Ballerina" could have a surge later down the line similar to 2014's "John Wick."

"It took a while for that franchise to really catch on," he said. "You saw a huge outpouring of interest for the first 'John Wick' when it hit home video or streaming, I should say, and I think the same will happen here."

In sixth place, "Karate Kid: Legends" earned \$5 million followed by "Final Destination: Bloodlines" at seventh with \$3.9 million. Wes Anderson's latest "The Phoenician Scheme" brought in \$3 million eighth place. "The Life of Chuck," based on a Stephen King story, placed ninth with \$2.1 million.

Rounding out the top 10 was "Sinners." The Ryan Coogler film starring Michael B. Jordan, drew \$1.4 million - which is impressive since the movie is available to watch at home through online and digital platforms after being released two months ago.

Overall, the box office is up 23% from this point in 2024.

Dergarabedian said he's looking forward to films in the coming weeks that could have a positive presence at the box office, such as "Elio," "F1," "Superman" and "28 Days Later."

Top 10 movies by domestic box office

With final domestic figures being released Monday, this list factors in the estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore:

1. "How to Train Your Dragon," \$83.7 million
2. "Lilo and Stitch," \$15.5 million.
3. "Materialists," \$12 million.
4. "Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning," \$10.3 million.
5. "From the World of John Wick: Ballerina," \$9.4 million.
6. "Karate Kid: Legends," \$5 million.
7. "Final Destination: Bloodlines," \$3.9 million.
8. "The Phoenician Scheme," \$3 million.
9. "The Life of Chuck," \$2.1 million.
10. "Sinners," \$1.4 million.

At least 8 dead in shooting near Israeli and US-supported aid sites in Gaza

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KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) — At least eight Palestinians were killed and dozens more wounded Sunday in a shooting near Israeli- and U.S.-supported food distribution points in the Gaza Strip, according to health officials. Witnesses blamed the Israeli military, which did not immediately comment.

Witnesses said Israeli forces opened fire around dawn toward crowds of desperate Palestinians heading to two aid sites in the southern city of Rafah.

Experts and aid workers say Israel's monthslong blockade and military campaign have caused widespread hunger and raised the risk of famine in the population of over 2 million. The vast majority rely on international aid because the offensive has destroyed nearly all of Gaza's capacity to produce food.

The war in Gaza rages more than 20 months after Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack, which sparked a chain of events that helped lead to Israel's surprise attack on Iran on Friday.

The shooting on Sunday happened close to the sites that are operated by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, a group that Israel and the United States hope will replace a system of aid distribution run by the United Nations, which has rejected the initiative, saying it violates humanitarian principles.

Witness describes aid distribution as 'a trap'

There have been near-daily shootings near the sites since they opened last month. Witnesses say Israeli forces have repeatedly fired on crowds, and health officials say scores have been killed. The military has acknowledged firing warning shots at what it says were suspects approaching its forces.

"There were wounded, dead, and martyrs," Ahmed al-Masri told The Associated Press on Sunday as he returned from one site empty-handed. "It's a trap."

Umm Hosni al-Najjar said she joined the crowd heading to the aid point in Rafah's Tal al-Sultan neighborhood around 4:30 a.m. She said the shooting began as people were advancing to the site a few minutes after her arrival.

"There were many wounded and martyrs," she said. "No one was able to evacuate them."

The Nasser Hospital in the nearby city of Khan Younis said it received eight bodies after the shooting.

The aid system rolled out last month has been marred by chaos and violence, while the U.N. system has struggled to deliver food because of Israeli restrictions and a breakdown of law and order, despite Israel loosening a total blockade it imposed from early March to mid-May.

"A person dies next to you and you cannot carry him. If you wanted to carry him with your hands, you would return to your children without food. Life is death," said Alaa Saqer, among those seeking aid.

Gaza's Health Ministry said Sunday that overall, the bodies of 65 people killed by Israeli strikes or gunfire had been brought to hospitals over the past 24 hours.

Later, al-Awda Hospital said it received the bodies of 11 people killed in an Israeli strike on a house along Salah al-Din Street in central Gaza. It said 35 others were wounded.

UN has criticized the new aid system

Israel and the U.S. say Hamas has siphoned aid from the U.N.-run system, while U.N. officials say there is no evidence of systematic diversion. The U.N. says the new system does not meet Gaza's needs, allows Israel to control who gets aid and risks further mass displacement as people move closer to the sites.

Two are in the southernmost city of Rafah — now mostly uninhabited — and all three are in Israeli military zones that are off limits to independent media.

The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation says there has been no violence in or around the distribution points. It has warned people to stay on designated routes and recently paused delivery to discuss safety measures with the military.

Separately, Israel's military body in charge of aid coordination in Gaza, COGAT, said 292 trucks of aid from the U.N. and international community entered Gaza over the past week. About 600 trucks entered per day during the latest ceasefire.

"I feed my children bread and salt, I swear to God," said Mohammad Misleh in Gaza City.

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Hamas started the war with its Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel as Palestinian militants killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took another 251 hostage. The militants still hold 53 hostages, fewer than half of them alive, after most of the rest were released in ceasefire agreements or other deals.

Israel's military campaign has killed over 55,300 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. It says women and children make up most of the dead but doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants. Israel says it has killed more than 20,000 militants, without providing evidence.

The war has destroyed vast areas of Gaza and displaced around 90% of its population, often multiple times.

Remains of Air India crash victims are handed over to relatives

By AIJAZ HUSSAIN, SHONAL GANGULY and PIYUSH NAGPAL Associated Press

AHMEDABAD, India (AP) — Authorities have started handing over remains of the victims of one of India's worst aviation disasters, days after the Air India flight crashed and killed at least 270 people, officials said Sunday.

The London-bound Boeing 787 struck a medical college hostel in a residential area of the northwestern city of Ahmedabad minutes after takeoff Thursday, killing 241 people on board and at least 29 on the ground. One passenger survived.

Hundreds of relatives of the crash victims provided DNA samples at the hospital. Most of the bodies were charred or mutilated, making them unrecognizable.

Rajneesh Patel, an official at the Civil Hospital in Ahmedabad, said authorities have so far identified 32 victims through DNA mapping and their families were informed. He said the remains of 14 victims were handed over to relatives.

The victims' families waited outside the hospital mortuary as authorities worked to complete formalities and transfer the bodies in coffins into ambulances. Most of them have expressed frustration at a slow pace of the identification process. Authorities say it normally takes up to 72 hours to complete DNA matching and they are expediting the process.

Among the passengers, 169 were Indians, 53 Britons, seven Portuguese and one Canadian.

Qasim Rashid Ahmed, a British national of Indian origin whose charity provided food and accommodation to the victims' relatives, said most of the British victims had relatives in Gujarat state and had given their DNA samples.

Alongside the formal investigation, the Indian government has set up a high-level committee to examine the causes leading to the crash. The committee will focus on formulating procedures to prevent and handle aircraft emergencies in the future, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said in a statement Saturday.

Authorities have also begun inspecting Air India's entire fleet of Boeing 787 Dreamliners, Minister of Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu said Saturday in New Delhi at his first news briefing since Thursday's crash.

Eight of the 34 Dreamliners in India have already undergone inspection, Kinjarapu said, adding that the remaining aircraft will be examined with "immediate urgency."

Investigators on Friday recovered the plane's digital flight data recorder, or the black box, from a rooftop near the crash site.

The device is expected to reveal information about the engine and control settings, while the voice recorder will provide cockpit conversations, said Paul Fromme, a mechanical engineer with the U.K.-based Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

The plane that crashed was 12 years old. Boeing planes have been plagued by safety issues on other types of aircraft. There are currently around 1,200 of the 787 Dreamliner aircraft worldwide and this was the first deadly crash in 16 years of operation, according to experts.

Justice Department's early moves on voting and elections signal a shift from its traditional role

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ATLANTA (AP) —

In North Carolina, it was a lawsuit over the state's voter registration records. In Arizona and Wisconsin, it was a letter to state election officials warning of potential administrative violations. And in Colorado, it was a demand for election records going back to 2020.

Those actions in recent weeks by the U.S. Department of Justice's voting section may seem focused on the technical machinery of how elections are run but signal deeper changes when combined with the departures of career attorneys and decisions to drop various voting rights cases.

They represent a shift away from the division's traditional role of protecting access to the ballot box. Instead, the actions address concerns that have been raised by a host of conservative activists following years of false claims surrounding elections in the U.S. Some voting rights and election experts also note that by targeting certain states — presidential battlegrounds or those controlled by Democrats — the moves could be foreshadowing an expanded role for the department in future elections.

David Becker, a former department attorney who worked on voting rights cases and now leads the Center for Election Innovation & Research, said the Justice Department's moves represent a departure from focusing on major violations of federal law.

"This would be like the police department prioritizing jaywalking over murder investigations," he said.

A Justice Department spokesperson responded with "no comment" to an emailed request for more information about the actions, including whether similar ones had been taken in any other states.

Actions come amid major changes at the DOJ

Conservatives for years have called for an overhaul at the Justice Department in both personnel and priorities. President Donald Trump also has criticized how elections are run, falsely blaming his 2020 loss on widespread fraud. Earlier this year, he signed an executive order seeking a sweeping overhaul of election operations — an authority the Constitution grants to the states and Congress.

After his win last November, Trump installed key allies at the Justice Department, including Attorney General Pam Bondi, who has made similar claims about the 2020 election. Multiple reviews in the presidential battleground states affirmed Democrat Joe Biden's win in 2020, Trump and his allies lost dozens of lawsuits, and even Trump's attorney general at the time said there was no evidence of widespread fraud.

Justin Levitt, a former deputy assistant attorney general in the department's civil rights division, said most of the DOJ's actions appeared reasonable and focused on issues that had already been raised by conservative activists in those states. They also are the type that would be expected from a conservative administration, he said, with the exception of the Colorado request. He called that "well out of bounds."

"This administration has prioritized grievance, even perceived grievance when there is no basis in fact," said Levitt, who also served as a senior policy adviser in the Biden administration. "And it's dismaying, but not surprising, that the civil rights division would do the same."

Department wants records related to the 2020 election

The department's request to Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold, a Democrat, asked for all records relating to last year's presidential election. Federal law requires those to be kept for 22 months.

In the request, the department stated it had received a complaint alleging that Griswold's office was not in compliance with federal law relating to voter registration. The request also directs Griswold to preserve any records of the 2020 election that might still be in the state's possession.

Griswold, in an interview, called the request a "fishing expedition" and said her office responded by providing state voting files.

"I'm not even sure they know what they are looking for," Griswold said. "They can request all the data they want, and it's not going to prove anything."

North Carolina elections have been a particular target for Republicans

In North Carolina, where Republican lawmakers recently wrested control of the state election board

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from the Democratic governor, Justice Department lawyers filed a lawsuit accusing state election officials of failing to ensure that all voter records include identifying information, such as a driver's license.

Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon, who oversees the civil rights division, said in a statement announcing the lawsuit that accurate voter rolls are critical to ensuring elections are conducted "fairly, accurately, and without fraud."

The previous board had acknowledged the issue and updated the state's voter registration form. The new board leadership has vowed to address it.

Skeptical of the motives

In Wisconsin, which Trump won in 2016 and 2024 but lost in 2020, department lawyers recently sent a letter to the state election commission accusing it of not providing a complaint process for those raising concerns.

This comes as Republican state lawmakers are pushing legislation to expand the ability to appeal decisions made by the six-member commission, which is equally divided between Republicans and Democrats. Republican lawmakers have long complained about commission decisions they perceive as benefiting Democrats.

The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, a law firm that frequently defends Republicans on election issues, supports both efforts, said Lucas Vebber, the firm's deputy counsel.

"It's ensuring that Wisconsinites are entitled to have their complaints heard and adjudicated," he said. "As something as important as our elections, it's vital to ensure that process is transparent and available to everyone."

Rep. Lee Snodgrass, a Democrat on the Wisconsin Legislature's elections committee, said state law needs some tightening around how election complaints are handled, but she's dubious about the motives of the Trump administration and conservative activists in the state.

They are looking for ways "to cast doubt on election integrity, so if they don't get the results they want they can cry foul," Snodgrass said.

Concerns about future actions

In Arizona, DOJ lawyers said the state was not clearly telling voter registration applicants to provide a driver's license if they have one and asked the state to conduct a review to identify any noncitizens.

Secretary of State Adrian Fontes, a Democrat, responded by saying Arizona requires those registering to vote in state and local elections to provide proof of citizenship and conducts checks using the state's motor vehicle records.

In Oregon, Justice Department lawyers weighed in on an ongoing lawsuit filed by the conservative group Judicial Watch. It alleges the state has failed to comply with federal laws on maintaining voter lists and making these records available for public inspection.

John Powers, a former Justice Department attorney who now serves as legal director for the Advancement Project, said he was concerned about the moves coupled with the Justice Department's staff departures and its withdrawal from voting rights cases.

Powers said he hoped, with midterm elections next year, that the department would not pursue minor technical issues in a way that could undermine public confidence in elections.

"I would be lying if I said I wasn't concerned about what the future might hold," he said.

Today in History: June 16

Valentina Tereshkova becomes first woman in space

By The Associated Press undefined

Today is Monday, June 16, the 167th day of 2025. There are 198 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On June 16, 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, 26, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6. Tereshkova spent 71 hours in flight, circling the Earth 48 times before returning safely.

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Also on this date:

In 1858, accepting the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the issue of slavery in the United States had to be resolved, declaring, "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

In 1903, the Ford Motor Company was incorporated in Detroit, Michigan.

In 1976, thousands of Black students in Johannesburg's Soweto township demonstrated against the imposition of the Dutch-based Afrikaans language in schools; police opened fire on the students, killing at least 176 and as many as 700.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos signed the instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties during a ceremony in Panama City.

In 2015, real estate mogul Donald Trump launched his successful campaign for the presidency of the United States with a speech at Trump Tower in Manhattan.

In 2016, Walt Disney Co. opened Shanghai Disneyland, its first theme park in mainland China.

In 2022, witnesses testified to the Jan. 6 committee that Donald Trump's closest advisers viewed his last-ditch efforts to pressure Vice President Mike Pence to reject the tally of state electors and overturn the 2020 election as "nuts," "crazy" and even likely to incite riots.

Today's Birthdays: Author Joyce Carol Oates is 87. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 86. R&B singer Eddie Levert is 83. Boxing Hall of Famer Roberto Durán is 74. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 73. Actor Laurie Metcalf is 70. Rapper MC Ren is 56. Golfer Phil Mickelson is 55. Actor John Cho is 53. Actor Daniel Brühl is 47. Actor Missy Peregrym is 43. Singer Diana DeGarmo (TV: "American Idol") is 38. NFL wide receiver Justin Jefferson is 26. Tennis player Bianca Andreescu is 25.