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Monday, May 1

School Lunch: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, tea bun.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Lemon chicken breast, creamy noodles, spinach salad, baked apple slices, whole wheat bread.

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

Groton School: Girls varsity golf at Lee Park in Aberdeen at 10 a.m., 7th/8th grade track at Redfield at 2 p.m., Kiwanis Athletic Banquet at 6:30 p.m.

City Council: 7 p.m. at Groton Community Center

United Methodist: Evening Bible Study at 7 pm.

Tuesday, May 2

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Goulash, corn, cherry crisp, whole wheat bread.

Groton School: Varsity track at Milbank at 2 p.m., Elementary Spring Concert at 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 3

School Lunch: Taco salad, refried beans, fruit, garlic toast.

School Breakfast: Egg sausage, biscuit, fruit, milk, juice.

Senior Menu: Bratwurst with bun, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, German chocolate cake.

St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid/LWML at 1:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle at 5 p.m., League at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7 p.m.

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

The cardboard/paper

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March Students of the Month

Back – Jackson
Bahr, Tanae Lipp,
Hattie Weismantel,
Kya Jandel

Front – Kate Helmer,
Cassandra Townsend,
Trista Keith

The student council is sponsoring Student of the Month. Each month the faculty select students who show outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and have an end of the year lunch with the principal.

Jackson Bahr, sixth grader, is the son of Damian and Erica Bahr, Groton. His sister is London Bahr. Jackson likes to go outside and play sports with his dad and go camping. He loves to be outside. His accomplishments are taking his dad's position and trying to be successful and get good grades. He doesn't really have any interests right now. Math and science are his favorite subjects. His future plans, he said, "I will go with the flow. I have a lot of time to decide what I want to do." His dad is his role model because "he is never, ever, lazy, he is hard working and usually keeps a positive attitude."

Trista Keith, seventh grader, is the daughter of Bary and Tricia Keith, Groton. Her siblings are Brady, 19, and Brandon, 17. Trista is a percussionist, involved in basketball, soccer, gymnastics, track, volleyball, softball and St. John's Lutheran youth group. Her accomplishments are taking first and all-around in every gymnastics meet in her seventh grade year, got a I rating at the music contest in her sixth grade year. She loves animals, sports and hanging out with friends. Math is her favorite subject and she would like to be a dentist or physical trainer. Her mom is her role model.

Tanae Lipp, eighth grader, is the daughter of Kami and Tom Lipp, Groton. Her siblings are Reilly Ell, Kyler Ell, Eric Lipp and Amanda. Her activities are Living Arts Dance, volleyball and band and she placed in MathCounts. She is interested in hanging out with friends, watching Netflix and reading. FACS is her favorite class and she plans to attend college to get a degree and work to make money. Her mom is her role model.

Kya Jandel, freshman, is the daughter of Cole and Heather Jandel, Bath. She has two sisters, Rease and Shea. Kya is involved in volleyball and 4-H and she has been on the honor roll and the Principal's Honor Roll. Reading, writing and baking are her interests and her favorite subject is history. Her future is undecided, but said, "I hope I will enjoy whatever job I choose." Will Smith is her role model.

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Cassandra Townsend, sophomore, is the daughter of Dean and Kellie Townsend, Andover. Travis is her brother. Cassandra's activities are FFA, FCCLA and horse showing. Her accomplishments are the honor roll, Principal's honor roll, top finishes at FFA CDE's and top places at horse shows. Her interests are showing horses, training animals and photography. She plans to be a veterinarian or equine sports medicine and her role model is her dad.

Hattie Weismantel, junior, is the daughter of Marty and Amy Weismantel, Columbia. Her sister is Eliana in the sixth grade. Hattie's activities are Jazz Band, show choir, dance, dance team, piano, girls' basketball stats, track stats, one-act play student director and stage technician, and an OST worker. Her accomplishments are National Honor Society, first place in state show choir in 2016, third place in state show choir in 2017, superior small group choir in 2015, 2016 and 2017, superior small group band in 2015 and 2016, excellent group piano in 2017 and state one-act in 2017. Her interests are bead craft, dance, singing, playing piano and watching movies. Choir is her favorite class and she plans to be a teacher of some sort in the future. Her role model is her dance teacher, Vicki Stuchl.

Kate Helmer, senior, is the daughter of Loren and Alicia Helmer, Andover. Her siblings are Josey and Riley. Kate's activities are 4-H, FFA and rodeo. Her accomplishments are honor roll, FFA President Groton Chapter and National Honor Society. She is interested in roping, raising cattle and riding horse. Horticulture is her favorite subject and she plans to attend SDSU and major in animal science and to be a large animal vet. Kayde Wiedrick is her role model.

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A BABY GIRL IS ON THE WAY!

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MAY 20, 2017
9:30 TO 11 A.M.
STEVE AND CAROL SMITH HOME
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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The NFL draft was Thursday, but since the Vikings didn't have a first-round pick, the first evening was pretty uneventful for fans of the purple and gold. The Vikings entered the second day armed with eight draft picks, but thanks to Rick Spielman and his love for trading draft picks, the Vikings ended up selecting eleven players (not including rookie free agents).

In the second round, the Vikings drafted Dalvin Cook, a running back from Florida State. Cook was one of the top running backs in the draft, with most draft analysts predicting he would be picked in the first round. The Vikings got excellent value with the pick, even if it wasn't at a position of need. Cook is a speedy running back who is a home-run threat every time he touches the ball. He has had some fumbling and injury concerns in college, but if he can stay healthy he has the potential to be special. I give this draft pick an A- because he is a special talent but has some concerns and didn't fill a "need".

In the third round, the Vikings selected Pat Elflein, a guard/center from Ohio State. I touched on Elflein in my article last week, and I'm glad the Vikings selected him. He brings leadership qualities and a nasty demeanor to the Vikings offensive line, both of which were missing last season. He played right guard through most of his college career before switching to center his senior season and winning the Remington award (best center in college football). This pick is an A, as Elflein fills a huge need and the Vikings were able to get him in the third round even though most analysts had him in the second.

In the fourth round, the Vikings selected Jaleel Johnson, a defensive tackle from Iowa. With Shariff Floyd's injury concerns, defensive tackle suddenly became a position of need. Linval Joseph is a beast, but he needs a running mate who can rush the passer and take up multiple blocks. Enter Jaleel Johnson. There were some analysts who said Johnson has first-round talent, but he slipped to the fourth round because of motivational issues. If he can put it together, he has the potential to be an above-average defensive tackle next to Linval Joseph. This pick gets a B because he will need to prove his value before he begins to see the field.

With their second pick of the fourth round, the Vikings picked Ben Gedeon, a linebacker from Michigan. Since Chad Greenway retired, the Vikings had a vacancy at linebacker they had to fill. The team already has Anthony Barr and Eric Kendricks who are the linebackers in the nickel package, so they needed a linebacker who can come in and provide run support, which is where Gedeon excels. He will start out on special teams, but should be able to earn playing time quickly. This pick gets a C, as I think the Vikings could have gotten Gedeon later in the draft.

With their first pick in the fifth round, the Vikings selected Rodney Adams, wide receiver from South Florida. Adams is 6'1" and ran a 4.44 second 40-yard dash at the combine. His speed shows up on film, and he's another player who is a home-run threat every time he touches the ball. He needs to bulk up a lot in the NFL, as his smaller frame won't be able to hold up to the punishment of the pros. Adams will immediately compete for the kick returner position which is open now that Cordarrelle Patterson took his talents to Oakland. This is another C grade, since I don't see him contributing at wide receiver, but he'll show his value on special teams.

With their other fifth round selection, the Vikings got Danny Isidora, an offensive guard from Miami. It isn't often that a starting-caliber guard can be found in the fifth round, but that might be the case here. Isidora played his entire career at right guard, and will compete right out of the gate at the same position in Minnesota. Isidora has an edge to him, similar to Elflein, which will help him in the pros. The plan will be to play Elflein at center, which leaves Isidora and Joe Berger to battle it out at right guard. Berger will likely win, but he is 33 and on the last year of his contract. This draft pick earns the team a B+, as I think Isidora can develop into an above-average guard.

Check out the article next week, as I'll break down the rest of the Vikings' draft picks. I'll also let you know who the team signed as rookie free agents. Until then, if you have any questions, reach out to me on Twitter: @SkolJWright

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KRISTI NOEM
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA



100 Days of Giving Control Back to You

We've just passed President Trump's 100-day mark. While that is a relatively short amount of time, it does make for a good opportunity to reflect on the progress so far.

A lot has changed since President Trump moved into the White House. For one, we're finally seeing the legislation conservatives have long fought for become law. Already, I've helped pass 29 bills that President Trump has signed – the most for a president's first 100 days since Truman was elected.

While President Obama used his executive authorities to expand government's influence over our lives, President Trump has worked with me and other members of Congress to return power to the American people. For instance, nearly half of the new laws peeled back harmful Obama-era regulations. Under the previous administration, new regulations promised to increase household costs by thousands of dollars. But through the work we've done this year alone, families and businesses are expected to save \$67 billion. This is a new era.

We've done much of this through the Congressional Review Act. While this provision has been used successfully only one time before, I've now helped pass more than a dozen Congressional Review Act resolutions that have landed on President Trump's desk and earned his signature.

In some cases, these regulatory repeals have provided relief for small businesses, energy workers, and retirees. In others, we've protected the most vulnerable among us: the unborn. One provision in particular gave states the ability to defund abortion providers, like Planned Parenthood. With President Trump's signature in mid-April, it's now the law of the land. This, along with the successful confirmation of Justice Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court, has offered long-awaited victories for the pro-life movement.

I've also been pleased to see some of the efforts that have come directly from the White House. In a state like South Dakota, families earning less than \$50,000 per year already spend one-fifth of their after-tax income on energy. Along with other measures, I've supported the Keystone Pipeline's construction to help drive these costs down and promote greater energy independence. But the Obama administration vetoed our efforts. I was thrilled, however, to see President Trump pick up the mantle and approve the pipeline's construction.

And much more is in the works.

We've gotten further on tax reform in the last few months than others have gotten in the last 30 years. While we continue to debate smaller details, Congress and the White House are united behind a few key principles: folks ought to be paying less, the tax code needs to be made simpler, and we have to incentivize growth again.

We've also made more progress on health care reform in 100 days than President Obama made in 400 days. I remain committed to repealing Obamacare and replacing it with a plan that gives you more freedom and flexibility.

As all this is taking place, we've been able to strengthen America's global posture and better secure our borders. In fact, in President Trump's first month alone, illegal border crossings decreased by 40 percent, according to U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

Once again, we're only 100 days in and already we've seen the tides change. Whether we're talking about deregulation, energy security, tax reform or health care reform, we're seeing power flow away from Washington, navigating its way back to the people – where it should have been all along.



Paris Climate Agreement Another Misguided Step That Puts U.S. At Competitive Disadvantage

Last year, President Obama entered into a radical climate agreement called the Paris Agreement with other global leaders in an attempt to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and greenhouse gas. Unfortunately, it is a bad deal for America. We all want to pass on a clean, safe environment to future generations, but the Paris Agreement was made without the support of Congress or the American people. The new energy restrictions outlined in the Paris Agreement will lead to higher electricity rates and regulatory costs for U.S. producers and manufacturers, which are passed onto us in the form of higher prices. This puts our country at a competitive disadvantage with the rest of the world as we compete for new markets to sell our goods and services. Simply put, the Paris Agreement is a bad deal for the United States' economy. It shackles our economy and raises electricity costs without even meeting the agreement's goal of having an effect on climate change.

Currently under the agreement, the United States is obligated to cut our greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent by the year 2025, or about 1.1 billion tons. That's in addition to the more than 820 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions we've already cut over the past decade. Meanwhile, other signers, including Russia, India and Iran, are allowed to actually increase or have no cap on their emissions output. Crazier yet, China, the world's largest producer of greenhouse gases, has no emissions cap. So, while we increase our costs of production, the rest of the world continues to produce greenhouse gases and grow their economies which explains why research has shown the agreement has no measurable effect on the environment.

Cutting emissions comes at a big cost to our economy. According to a March 2017 study by NERA Economic Consulting, the Paris Agreement will cost the United States \$3 trillion and cut 6.5 million jobs by 2040. Industry in the United States has already been stymied by the countless regulations imposed throughout President Obama's tenure in office. It's time that we allow industry to grow and create more jobs for our citizens. They should not have to leave the U.S. to competitively produce their products. The Paris Agreement is a bad deal, one which impacts our economy while allowing other countries to continue producing greenhouse gas emissions.

Good energy policies include an 'all of the above' approach that will strengthen our economy, create jobs and enhance our energy independence. While we only have one clean coal power plant located at Big Stone in South Dakota, we still rely on electricity produced at clean coal fired plants in other states.

In South Dakota, we have clean air and water. We intend to keep it that way. We also intend to have a strong economy that creates jobs for our citizens. These are not mutually exclusive. Let's do both. Let's not destroy our economy by adhering to the Paris Agreement, an agreement which clearly allows for the production of greenhouse gases by most of the rest of the world.

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It was another beautiful sunset Sunday evening. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

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Choices Behind The Wheel

Traffic fatalities are a recurring headline. Hardly a day goes by when we don't read another story, hear a radio report or see the terrible images on television.

The good news is the numbers indicate a decrease of traffic fatalities in South Dakota. In 2016, there were 115 fatal vehicle crashes. That is the lowest total since 2011 and the second lowest of all time.

Of course, even with this good news, every fatal crash is a tragedy. Each traffic death is a blow to a family, to a group of friends and to a community. That's why the Office of Highway Safety tracks crash data and keeps tabs on the state's fatality rate. Highway Safety uses the numbers to identify trends and to target their messaging on safe driving.

Data reveals the tragic facts: In 2015, 60 people died in motor vehicle crashes when not wearing a seat-belt belt or safety device of any kind; another 825 unrestrained occupants were injured. That same year, distracted drivers were to blame for 1,125 crashes including six fatal crashes.

Of course, alcohol also is still a problem. In 2015, alcohol was a factor in 1,085 motor vehicles crashes in South Dakota and was a factor in 41 fatal vehicle crashes. Additionally, drivers under the age of 25 (which make up only 15 percent of all drivers) account for almost 50 percent of the crashes involving speeding and more than 30 percent of the crashes involving alcohol.

Car accidents are preventable.

Every time you get behind the wheel, you have choices. You decide whether to wear your seatbelt and whether to ask your passengers to buckle up. You decide whether to look at that text or email. You determine whether to drive home after a few drinks or to get a ride. How fast you drive, how often you pull over, what role you'll play in your kids' driver's education – these are all up to you.

There are people who love you and want you to come home safely. Practice safe driving methods for their sake and for the sake of every other driver who has kids, grandkids, a spouse, parents and friends. Let's all make good choices when we get behind the wheel.

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Today in Weather History

May 1, 1959: Aberdeen recorded a high temperature of 102, which is the earliest date that Aberdeen reached 100 degrees.

May 1, 1967: One of the latest blizzards on records for South Dakota ended on this day. Snowfall amounts in the west were 5 to 12 inches with a 16-inch report in Lemmon and 30 inches in the northern Black Hills. Winds of 40 to 50 mph caused blowing snow which occasionally reduced visibility to near zero and snow drifts of 4 to 5 feet. Other snowfall amounts include 5 inches in Murdo and 6 miles SE of McIntosh; and 4 inches in Timber Lake.

May 1, 1997: Torrential rains of 1.5 to 2.5 inches with a separate 4.5-inch report fell over central South Dakota and caused flooding to several creeks, streams, low-lying areas, and roads. This early May rain only aggravated the areas flooded in March and April. Lyman County experienced the most significant flooding where 4.5 inches of rain fell, north of Vivian. Part of a golf course was flooded, and some personal property was flooded along with the KOA campground near Kennebec. Some rainfall amounts include 2.5 inches 7 miles NW of Presho and 2.01 inches near Stephan.

1857: The Washington Evening Star publishes the first US national weather summary using observations from volunteers to the Smithsonian Institution's cooperative network.

1933: An estimated F4 tornado struck Minden, Louisiana, killing 28 people and injuring 400 others. 500 homes were damaged or destroyed with \$1.3 million dollars in damage.

1999: Record, low temperatures for the date, were broken in the Deep South. Mobile, Alabama dropped to 46 degrees. Miami fell to 58; Miami Beach bottomed out at 61, and Vero Beach dropped to 47 degrees, all new records. Other stations in Florida also set record cold maximums for the date, including 61 at Jacksonville and Daytona Beach with 66 degrees.

2003: A record-setting 516 tornadoes occurred during the month of May 2003. In particular, during the period May 4-10, 2003, an unprecedented number of tornadoes, 393 total, affected the central and the southern United States. The tornadoes resulted in 39 deaths across four states. Six of these tornadoes were classified as violent (F4) on the Fujita Tornado Intensity Scale.

1926 - A hurricane came inland near Daytona Beach, FL. The hurricane caused 2.5 million dollars damage in eastern Florida, including the Jacksonville area. (David Ludlum)

1939 - The temperature at Lewiston, ID, hit 117 degrees to establish an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1943 - On a whim, and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. It started regular Air Force flights into hurricanes. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Minnesota spawned a tornado which moved in a southwesterly direction for a distance of thirty miles across Rice County and Goodhue County. Trees were uprooted and tossed about like toys, and a horse lifted by the tornado was observed sailing horizontally through the air. Thunderstorms drenched La Crosse, WI, with 5.26 inches of rain, their second highest 24 hour total of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Hot weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Williston, ND, reported a record high of 108 degrees. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the eastern U.S., and in southeastern Texas. Richland County, SC, was soaked with up to 5.5 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Yuma, AZ, experienced their most severe thunderstorm of record. Strong thunderstorm winds, with unofficial gusts as high as 95 mph, reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Yuma got nearly as much rain in one hour as is normally received in an entire year. The storm total of 2.55 inches of rain was a record 24 hour total for July. Property damage due to flash flooding and high winds was in the millions. (Storm Data)

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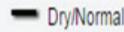
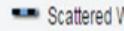
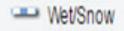
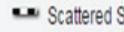
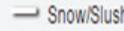
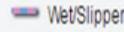
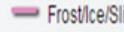
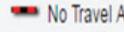
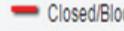
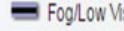
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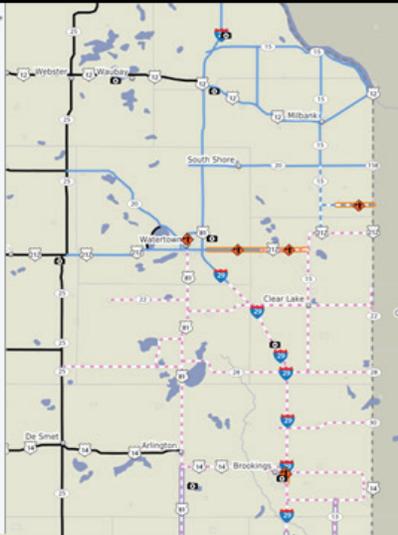
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Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny then Scattered Showers	Scattered Showers	Slight Chance Showers then Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 63 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 63 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 64 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 68 °F

Roads Slick and Slushy this A.M. Biggest impacts – Deuel, Grant, Codington, Hamlin

Current Road Conditions 5AM

Road Conditions

-  Dry/Normal
-  Scattered Wet
-  Wet
-  Wet/Snow
-  Scattered Snow/Slush
-  Snow/Slush
-  Wet/Slippery
-  Scattered Ice/Slippery
-  Frost/Ice/Slippery
-  Snow/Ice/Slippery
-  No Travel Advised
-  Closed/Blocked/Impassable
-  Unknown
-  Fog/Low Visibility
-  Road Work



Roads are becoming slushy and snow covered this morning

I-29 west of Brandt

I-29 - MRM 157 - West of Brandt - May 01 2017 - 05:02 AM CT



Use caution when traveling during the early morning



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 5/1/2017 5:18 AM Central

Published on: 05/01/2017 at 5:22AM

Snow is beginning to accumulate across east central South Dakota, with total accumulations varying from 1 to 5 inches for most areas by the time it ends later today. The latest road reports from the South Dakota Department of Transportation show slick and snow covered roads across much of Deuel and Hamlin counties. This graphic was created at 5am, so please visit www.safetravelusa.com for the latest road reports. The conditions along I-29 west of Brandt are deteriorating, with slushy snow accumulations beginning to affect travel. Please be careful this morning during the morning commute and be prepared for adverse travel conditions, mainly for folks across Deuel, Hamlin, Grant, and Codington counties. Rain will begin to switch to snow further north, but less accumulations are expected.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 55.9 F at 4:10 PM

Low Outside Temp: 34.6 F at 7:12 AM

High Gust: 24.0 Mph at 12:42 PM

Snow: Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 102° in 1959

Record Low: 19° in 1961

Average High: 64°F

Average Low: 38°F

Average Precip in May: 0.10

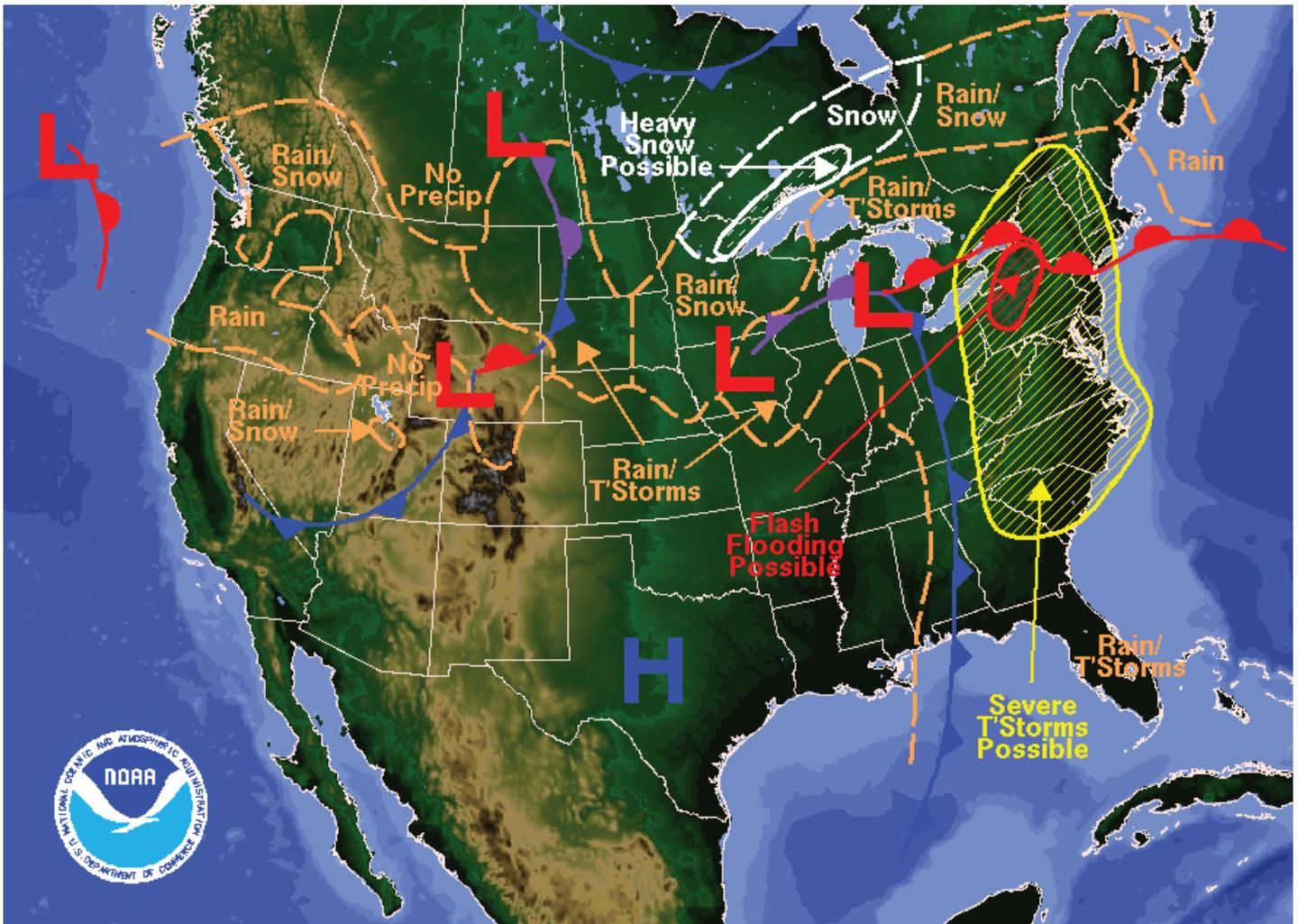
Precip to date in May: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 4.13

Precip Year to Date: 1.98

Sunset Tonight: 8:40 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:19 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, May 01, 2017, issued 5:10 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE VALUE OF COMMITMENT

There once was a jockey who lost his first race and felt humiliated. But he did not give up. In fact, he lost his next 250 races before he enjoyed victory. His name? Eddie Arcaro and he became one of the most famous jockeys of his day.

There once was a baseball player who struck out 1,330 times. But he is not remembered for striking out. He is remembered for being one of the greatest home run hitters of all time. His name? Babe Ruth, a true legend in the history of "the game."

There once was a man who once failed 99 times while doing the same experiment before it turned out right. But he is not remembered for his failures. Thomas Edison is remembered for being one of the world's greatest inventors and is credited with 1,093 patents and his famous "trial and error" or Edisonian Approach to research: work until "you get the results you are seeking."

Failure need not be fatal. It can be an important part of our learning process and lead us to ultimately discover the plan that God has in store for each of us.

There once was a man who denied his Lord. He often spoke without thinking, was brash and impulsive, turned his back on Jesus at His trial and even denied Him three times. Yet, he became the recognized leader among the disciples, was one of the "inner three" and became one of the greatest voices of the Gospel Message.

Prayer: We are grateful, Lord, that You will not give up on us as long as we stay close to You and seek Your will for our lives. May we never do less than our best for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3:1-6 My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.

News from the Associated Press

Dakotas, tribes getting historic preservation grants

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Both Dakotas and tribes in the two states are getting federal grant money for historic preservation work.

The grants are through the Interior Department and National Park Service. They're aimed at efforts that help preserve historic places, culture and traditions.

The state of North Dakota is getting about \$437,000 and South Dakota nearly \$443,000.

Eleven tribes in the two states also are getting money, ranging from \$27,000 for the Crow Creek Sioux to more than \$46,000 for the Cheyenne River Sioux.

Both are in South Dakota. Other tribes in that state getting funds are the Flandreau Santee, Oglala, Yankton and Rosebud Sioux tribes, and the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.

In North Dakota, the Spirit Lake and Standing Rock Sioux are getting grants, along with the Three Affiliated Tribes and Turtle Mountain Chippewa.

New camp hopes to erase memory of location's troubled past

CAITLYNN PEETZ, The Daily Republic

PLATTE, S.D. (AP) — Daniel Daum's eyes light up when he talks about a Christian summer camp that will soon "redeem" an area stamped by tragedy.

New Hope Christian Camp and Retreat Center, located on the former Westerhuis estate, has undergone extensive renovations and its "retreat center" is nearly complete, likely ready for use by the end of May, according to Daum, with the Platte Area Ministerial Association.

"It'll be really exciting to have that first group come in and utilize the facility," Daum told the Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2nVZJ6b>) earlier this month, looking out a window in the Retreat Center overlooking the 40.4 acre property.

The Ministerial Association hopes the camp will bring healing for Platte residents who were stunned by what authorities ruled as murder-suicide.

New Hope sits on the land formerly owned by Scott and Nicole Westerhuis, a pair of Platte residents allegedly involved in a string of scandals resulting in the termination of an annual \$4.3 million management contract held by Mid-Central Educational Cooperative, at which both were employed. In Sept. 2015, Scott is accused of shooting and killing Nicole and the couple's four kids, setting the family's home ablaze and killing himself.

In Sept. 2016, nearly a year to the day after the killings, the Ministerial Association purchased the land for \$370,000. And, if the Ministerial Association's vision for the property — including implementing a three-acre pond, paint ball area, rope course, playground and more — becomes a reality in the coming years, it could create a one-of-its-kind camp in South Dakota.

"Whether that work begins a year from now or two years from now, we're not really sure," Daum said. "Right now, we're just overwhelmed by God's grace to make everything possible this far."

The nearly completed retreat center is located on the second floor of the shop building, and features four bedrooms, bathrooms, a dining room, kitchen and other living space. Only minor work is left to be completed, Daum said, like drywall and trim work. The last "major" piece of the renovation is to install an outside doorway to serve as an exit from the second floor, that will be a stairwell that leads from a doorway to the ground outside.

But once the work at the retreat center is complete, the Ministerial Association will have to begin what it considers the "major" work at the site. Those renovations will include installing an industrial kitchen, renovating current buildings for cabins, building bathroom facilities and the outdoor chapel and creating space for various activities, Daum said.

Before that work can begin, the group has to do serious fundraising, Daum said. They have already started fundraising.

For \$500, people can sponsor one of 20 bunk beds the camp needs, or \$250 for a half-bunk. In its first week, the fundraiser has netted enough to buy half of the bunk beds the ministerial needs, and Daum said the fundraiser is expected to continue throughout April.

That kind of generosity isn't unprecedented for New Hope.

Most of the supplies for the camp have been donated, as has much of the labor involved in removing charred remains of the house that once sat on the property.

Some of the help has come from people who said they would not be associated with the camp, Daum said.

And while the Ministerial Association is anxious to have all of the work done, its members are more excited get campers to New Hope this summer.

"The thing about Platte is that it's a real God-fearing community, so tragedies like that don't happen here," Daum said. "They were content with sweeping it under the rug, and us coming in and making people talk about it again wasn't really well-received at first. We're breaking through that now — people are coming around."

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

Study: anglers spend \$47 million fishing Missouri River

NICK LOWREY, The Capital Journal

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — According to a recent study, direct spending on hunting and fishing in South Dakota between October 2015 and October 2016 was more than \$954 million. By comparison, the total value the state's wheat crop as estimated by the USDA was about \$440 million.

The Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2pruwI3>) reported that fishing accounted for a little more than \$271.3 million in direct spending around the state, while hunters spent just shy of \$683 million in the state. The study, conducted by Southwick Associates for about \$48,000, broke the spending down by region and by spending categories. The two main spending categories for both hunting and fishing were trip and equipment spending.

Fishing trip-related spending in the state was divided into two regions; the Missouri River and the rest of the state. Along the Missouri, anglers spent more than \$47.3 million on such things as lodging, food, fuel and liquor. Residents spent roughly \$25.7 million on trip expenses, while nonresidents spent a little more than \$21.6 million.

In the rest of the state, resident anglers spent around \$56.3 million while nonresident anglers spent a little more than \$30.6 million on trip expenses for a total of close to \$87 million. In all, anglers spent more than \$134.3 million on trip expenses in South Dakota, the Southwick Associates study found.

Equipment related spending for fishing was broken down between the East and West river regions of the state. Residents spent \$37.6 million on such things as rods, reels, lines and boats in West River South Dakota. Meanwhile, on the eastern side of the state, anglers spent roughly \$89.7 million. The statewide total for resident spending on equipment came to around \$127.4 million.

Statewide, nonresident spending on fishing equipment came to around \$9.5 million.

The Southwick Associates study broke spending on hunting in South Dakota into three regions; the Black Hills, East River and West River. The study also broke down how much money was spent on hunting different categories of game as well as trip-related and equipment expenses.

Trip-related and equipment spending by South Dakota Residents in the East River region came to almost \$257 million. In the West River region spending topped \$52.4 million and in the Black Hills, residents spent almost \$63 million. Statewide, resident spending topped \$372 million.

Nonresidents, meanwhile, spent a total of \$310.7 million on hunting in the state. In the Black Hills nonresidents spent a tad more than \$26 million. In the West River region, nonresidents spent close to \$56 million and in the eastern half of the state nonresidents spent more than \$228.5 million.

Unsurprising is the fact that pheasants drew the largest amount of hunting spending, according to the Southwick Associates study. Nonresidents spent roughly \$172.2 million on pheasant hunting, while residents spent a little more than \$112 million. Most of the spending, about \$236 million occurred East River, while West River saw about \$51 million.

Deer hunting drew the second highest amount of hunter spending, garnering \$160.3 million worth of direct spending. Residents, in this case, were the big spenders. They spent \$112.4 million. Nonresidents spent \$47.8 million on deer hunting.

East River saw \$101.7 million of the deer hunting-related spending, West River garnered \$20.2 million worth of spending and the Black Hills saw \$38.2 million spent on deer hunting.

Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

Biker mauled by buffalo sues South Dakota ranchers

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A North Dakota woman is suing a South Dakota ranch after she says she was mauled by a buffalo as she drove by the ranch on her motorcycle.

Marisol Heidrich, of Minot, North Dakota, contends that Mickelson Ranch and its owners are negligent, because they allegedly failed to take steps that would have prevented her injuries.

Heidrich is seeking more than \$75,000 in compensation from the ranch and its father-and-son owners, Sam and Travis Mickelson.

Heidrich's attorney says she and her husband were traveling on their motorcycles to the Sturgis rally in August 2014 when a buffalo cow charged Heidrich, knocking her off her motorcycle and stomping on her head.

The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2oVD8SY>) reports the Mickelsons deny any negligence and have asked the court to dismiss the complaint.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

Rapid City man pleads not guilty in motel killing

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man has pleaded not guilty to charges he fatally stabbed a woman at a motel.

Twenty-three-year-old Vincent Mousseaux is charged with first-degree murder and an alternative of second-degree murder in the death of 30-year-old Deziree Martinez. Police say Martinez was found dead March 8 in a room at the Price Motel in Rapid City following an argument involving Mousseaux.

A prosecutor has said Martinez was stabbed 40 years.

Mousseaux entered his plea Friday. The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2qsvpg0>) reports prosecutors

are expected to inform the court in May if they plan to seek the death penalty.

Mousseaux is also facing alternate charges of aggravated assault. Police say he stabbed another person in the hotel room.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

No vote by South Dakota Democrats on replacing party chair

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Democrats have tabled proposed rule changes that could have forced a vote on a new party chair.

There was an attempt Saturday to amend the party's constitution and move officer elections to the spring. That would have forced a vote on the continued leadership of South Dakota Democratic Party Chair Ann Tornberg.

But former state Sen. Larry Lucas tells the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2qiamAo>) that there was no vote on those amendments, which were tabled. Lucas says had the amendments passed, they would have forced a vote for a new chair on Saturday.

Lucas says he doesn't believe "any Democrat in South Dakota was prepared to do that."

Tornberg was elected party chair in 2014. Democrats have minorities in the state Legislature and don't hold any statewide offices.

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

Sioux Falls transgender woman asked to leave mission

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Dozens have rallied in support of a Sioux Falls transgender woman who said she was told to leave the Union Gospel Mission for wearing a dress.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2ph6AGF>) reported Isabella Red Cloud went to Union Gospel Mission on April 22 for breakfast, but was told she needed to change out of her dress and into male clothing before being served.

"I was told I could come back when I was dressed appropriately," Red Cloud said.

Red Cloud went live on Facebook following the incident. She returned to the mission and was escorted out again, broadcasting the incident.

"Places like that are for people like me," Red Cloud said. "They're supposed to be there for everybody."

On Saturday, Red Cloud stood wearing the same dress that got her denied breakfast at Union Gospel Mission a week before. About 35 supporters stood before her, carrying signs and flags.

Union Gospel Mission director Fran Stenberg says while he doesn't know the details of Red Cloud's interactions with staff, staff has asked men to leave for wearing dresses on multiple occasions.

"It's not about transgender; it's about what's in the heart and soul of a man. God created you as a man," Stenberg said.

LGBT activists say the mission's policy indicates a need for change in South Dakota, which has no state-level protections against discrimination on the basis of sexuality.

Kendra Heathscott, of TransAction South Dakota, said she hopes to start a dialogue with the mission to address issues of transgender access to the soup kitchen.

Red Cloud had been asked to leave the mission on one other occasion nearly seven years ago.

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

Craftsman donates equipment, time to St. Paul tool library

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — When the founders of a new tool library in St. Paul put out a call for tool donations, they didn't expect their shop floor to be filled by one man.

When the individual, David Merry, donated his entire massive collection of woodworking tools, the tool library gained, in a single donation, an inventory it thought might take a year to complete, KARE-TV (<http://kare11.tv/2oTx9yK>) reported.

"It was an amazing donation," said Pete Hoh, a member of the library's local advisory board. "I'm still flabbergasted."

The tools are significant to Merry because he considers them a link to his brother George, who died of a brain tumor at 21, when Merry was 15. He and his brother built a tool shop together on one side of a chicken coop on the farm they grew up on in South Dakota.

"I thought a lot of George and it was really tough for me," Merry said. "He was the one who got me started on doing things with my hands."

Merry has also donated his expertise as the 78-year-old helps the tool library's less experienced members with their projects. Members pay \$55 a year to work in the shop and check out tools.

Merry said there is nowhere he'd rather spend time than a place where building is being done.

"If we go into a restaurant one of the first things I do is, I tend to look at the table and see how it's built," Merry said.

The tool library was getting ready to open its doors in March as Merry and his wife were moving to assisted living, where there wasn't room for the tools, due to her declining health.

"My parents lost so much in the last year and a half that we really didn't know how to help him lose this too, so to not have to lose this it means the world," said Sharon MacFarlane, Merry's daughter

Information from: KARE-TV, <http://www.kare11.com>

Northern State to continue advising program after grant ends

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Northern State University plans to continue an advising program that was funded the past five years with a \$1.9 million grant that's expiring.

The Aberdeen News (<http://bit.ly/2pXhwd6>) reported that under the program, freshmen retention went from 68 percent to more than 74 percent.

"The whole premise of the grant was improving retention," said Alan LaFave, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Now we're institutionalizing that."

The funds allowed for each department to have one dedicated adviser, instead of having faculty act as advisers. The advisers know the curriculum and the best order for students to take classes, LaFave said. The grant allowed faculty to focus on teaching classes and mentoring students on a different level. However, faculty members are still involved with advising.

"Especially from a career point of view, a graduate school point of view, a futures point of view for the students," LaFave said.

The grant was tiered, meaning Northern received less money to help cover the adviser salaries each year the grant was active, LaFave said. The 2017-18 school year is the final year of the grant.

"They sort of ween you off," LaFave said. "It's not like, OK, you're done, now you have to do it on your own."

Northern holds most of the financial responsibility for the adviser salaries, said Veronica Paulson, vice

president of finance and administration.

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

Hill settles on \$1T spending bill, vote likely by Wednesday

By ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers on Monday unveiled a huge \$1 trillion-plus spending bill that would fund most government operations through September but denies President Donald Trump money for a border wall and rejects his proposed cuts to popular domestic programs.

The 1,665-page bill agreed to on Sunday is the product of weeks of negotiations. It was made public in the pre-dawn hours Monday and is tentatively scheduled for a House vote on Wednesday.

The catchall spending bill would be the first major piece of bipartisan legislation to advance during Trump's short tenure in the White House. While losing on the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump won a \$15 billion down payment on his request to strengthen the military, though that too fell short of what he requested.

The measure funds the remainder of the 2017 budget year, through Sept. 30, rejecting cuts to popular domestic programs targeted by Trump such as medical research and infrastructure grants.

Successful votes later this week would also clear away any remaining threat of a government shutdown — at least until the Oct. 1 start of the 2018 budget year. Trump has submitted a partial 2018 budget promising a whopping \$54 billion, 10 percent increase for the Pentagon from current levels, financed by cutting to foreign aid and other nondefense programs by an equal amount. Negotiators on the pending measure, however, rejected a smaller \$18 billion package of cuts and instead slightly increased funding for domestic programs.

Democrats were quick to praise the deal.

"This agreement is a good agreement for the American people, and takes the threat of a government shutdown off the table," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., a key force in the talks. "The bill ensures taxpayer dollars aren't used to fund an ineffective border wall, excludes poison pill riders, and increases investments in programs that the middle class relies on, like medical research, education and infrastructure."

Trump said at nearly every campaign stop last year that Mexico would pay for the 2,000-mile (3218.54-kilometer) border wall, a claim Mexican leaders have repeatedly rejected. The administration sought some \$1.4 billion in U.S. taxpayer dollars for the wall and related costs in the spending bill, but Trump later relented and said the issue could wait until September.

Trump, however, obtained \$1.5 billion for border security measures such as 5,000 additional detention beds, an upgrade in border infrastructure and technologies such as surveillance.

The measure is assured of winning bipartisan support in votes this week; the House and Senate have until midnight Friday to pass the measure to avert a government shutdown. It's unclear, however, how much support the measure will receive from GOP conservatives and how warmly it will be received by the White House.

Democrats played a strong hand in the talks since their votes are needed to pass the bill, even though Republicans control both the White House and Congress. As a result, the measure doesn't look much different than the deal that could have been struck on President Barack Obama's watch last year.

But Republicans are eager to move on to other issues such as overhauling the tax code and reviving their moribund effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama's health care law.

"The omnibus (spending bill) is in sharp contrast to President Trump's dangerous plans to steal billions

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from lifesaving research, instead increasing funding for the NIH (National Institutes of Health) by \$2 billion," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California, said in a statement that nonetheless fell short of endorsing the bill outright.

While the measure would peacefully end a battle over the current budget year, the upcoming cycle is sure to be even more difficult. Republicans have yet to reveal their budget plans, and battles between Trump and Congress over annual agency budgets could grind this summer's round of spending bills to a halt.

Among the final issues resolved was a Democratic request to help the cash-strapped government of Puerto Rico with its Medicaid burden, a top Pelosi priority.

The California Democrat and others in her party came up short of the \$500 million or so they had sought but won \$295 million for the island, more than Republicans had initially offered.

Democrats were successful in repelling many conservative policy "riders" that sought to overturn dozens of Obama-issued regulations. Such moves carry less urgency for Republicans now that Trump controls the regulatory apparatus.

House Republicans succeeded in funding a private school vouchers program for students in Washington, D.C.'s troubled school system through 2019.

GOP leaders demurred from trying to use the must-do spending bill to "defund" Planned Parenthood. The White House also backed away from language to take away grants from "sanctuary cities" that do not share information about people's immigration status with federal authorities. Trump's request for additional immigration agents was denied and the IRS budget would be frozen at \$11.6 billion.

Democrats praised a \$2 billion funding increase for the National Institutes of Health — a rejection of the steep cuts proposed by Trump — as well as additional funding to combat opioid abuse, fund Pell Grants for summer school, and additional transit funding. Senate forces, led by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and several Appalachia region Democrats, won a provision to extend health care for 22,000 retired Appalachian coal miners and their families, financed in part by changes to welfare.

For instance, the measure contains a \$2 billion disaster aid fund, \$407 million to combat Western wildfires, and additional grants for transit projects, along with \$100 million in emergency funding to fight the nation's opioid crisis.

The bill increases Amtrak's budget by \$105 million to \$1.5 billion, awards the FBI with a 3 percent budget increase, and maintains funding for an Obama-founded grant program for transportation grants at \$500 million. It also provides \$85 million to replace Tomahawk missiles fired in Trump's Syria assault and adds \$50 million for new fencing around the White House. It also taps \$68 million to reimburse New York City and other local governments for unexpected costs involved in protecting Trump Tower and other properties.

CIA chief visits South Korea amid heightened tension

By YOUKYUNG LEE, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — America's CIA director is making an unannounced visit to South Korea, the U.S. Embassy in Seoul confirmed Monday, amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

An embassy official said Mike Pompeo and his wife were in the South Korean capital on Monday, but wouldn't say for how long. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

South Korean media reports said the CIA chief arrived in South Korea over the weekend for meetings with the head of South Korea's National Intelligence Service and high-level officials in the presidential

office. The U.S. official, however, wouldn't confirm any meetings beyond ones with officials at U.S. Forces in Korea and the U.S. Embassy.

The visit comes after North Korea conducted another missile test on Saturday, and a U.S. aircraft carrier group was in nearby waters. A Japanese destroyer left port Monday, reportedly to escort U.S. naval ships as Japan increases its military role in the region.

The Japanese destroyer Izumo, a helicopter carrier, departed from Yokosuka port south of Tokyo in the morning.

Japanese media reports said it will meet up with and escort a U.S. supply ship, a first-time mission under new security legislation that allows Japan's military a greater role overseas. They said the U.S. ship is expected to refuel other American warships, including the USS Carl Vinson carrier strike group.

Japan's Defense Ministry only said that the Izumo would participate in an international naval event in Singapore on May 15.

In Australia, Prime Minister Malcom Turnbull used a commemoration of a World War II naval battle to warn North Korea against destabilizing the region.

"Today Australia and the United States continue to work with our allies to address new security threats around the world," Turnbull said. "Together, we're taking a strong message to North Korea that we will not tolerate reckless, dangerous threats to the peace and stability of our region."

Turnbull is to meet Trump for the first time Thursday in New York.

Associated Press writers Mari Yamaguchi in Tokyo and Rod McGuirk in Canberra, Australia, contributed to this story.

Police kill suspect in fatal San Diego pool party shooting

By GREGORY BULL, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Police shot and killed a 49-year-old man suspected of shooting seven people Sunday at a birthday pool party in an apartment complex near the University of California, San Diego, authorities said.

Authorities said the suspect, a white man identified as Peter Selis, shot four black women, two black men and one Latino man, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported (<http://bit.ly/2plxCfS>).

Rikky Galiendes, 27, heard gunshots around 6 p.m. and went to look outside his sixth-story apartment when he spotted a man bleeding and running near the pool below. Galiendes told The Associated Press that he called out to ask if the man needed help when his roommate grabbed him, yanked him down and then pointed toward a man sitting in a chair with a gun.

"When we looked over the balcony, he was just sitting down with a gun on his lap," Galiendes said. "He was calm, you know. I mean from my perspective, the guy was ready to do whatever he was going to do. He shot at people having a good time and having a party."

Galiendes and his roommate ran back inside and called police. They stayed indoors until neighbors yelled that it was safe to come out. Galiendes said it was a horrifying scene.

"As soon as I heard the gunshots I had goosebumps and the whole thing was really emotionally draining — seeing blood everywhere, seeing bodies on the ground, hoping they survived, seeing bloody footsteps you know of people who ran away. There was just so much blood. It was so surreal."

Galiendes, a full-time communications student at the University of California San Diego, said he has lived in the complex since September.

"It was chilling," he said. "La Jolla is known to be really safe and this is a family neighborhood."

One woman who was shot died, several victims were in surgery and others were still critical late Sun-

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day, Chief Shelley Zimmerman said at a news conference. An additional man was taken to the hospital after he broke his arm while fleeing.

"This is truly a horrific act of violence that took place here today," San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer said at a news conference. "Our entire city, all of our thoughts and prayers, all San Diegans' thoughts and prayers, are with the victims and their families tonight."

A police helicopter arrived to the scene first and the pilot reported seeing multiple victims on the ground and that the suspect, Selis, was still in the pool area and appeared to be reloading.

Three officers on the ground shot the suspect after he pointed a large-caliber hand gun at them, Zimmerman said.

Police believe that Selis lived in the complex but have not discovered a motive.

One of the partygoers is also believed to live at the complex, Zimmerman said.

Police are investigating.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. WHAT BUDGET LEGISLATION DOESN'T HAVE

A \$1 trillion-plus spending bill denies Trump money for a border wall and rejects his proposed cuts to popular domestic programs.

2. AP REVEALS HORROR OF SEX ASSAULTS BY K-12 STUDENTS

A yearlong investigation by the AP finds roughly 17,000 official reports of sexual assaults by students in kindergarten-12 schools over a four-year period.

3. SAN DIEGO POOL PARTY TURNS DEADLY

One woman is dead and six others injured after witnesses say a 49-year-old man calmly opened fire at a birthday pool party in an apartment complex before he was fatally shot by police.

4. TODAY IS MAY DAY

Immigrant and union groups will march in cities across the U.S. to mark workers' and immigrants' rights and protest against Trump's efforts to boost deportations.

5. RIGHTS GROUP CRITICIZES TRUMP'S INVITE TO DUTERTE

Human Rights Watch accuses the Philippine leader of being a mass murder "mastermind" amid thousands of deaths in his anti-drug crackdown.

6. WHY IRAQI LEADERSHIP IS WARY OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

The U.S.-led coalition has come under sharper scrutiny by monitoring groups and Baghdad fears it could complicate hopes of reconciliation with minority Sunnis.

7. 'WHATEVER WILL BE, WILL BE'

Japanese living near a key U.S. military base outside Tokyo are fatalistic about a new reality: the possibility of North Korean missile hitting their neighborhood.

8. NEVADA TAKING STAND AGAINST DRUG PRICES

A Nevada coalition is trying to force drugmakers to disclose how they set insulin prices — and issue refunds to diabetics or their insurance companies if annual price hikes surpass inflation.

9. GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR STAR WARS FANS

A Tokyo jeweler is offering a life-size Darth Vader mask made of 24-karat gold for \$1.4 million to mark the 40th anniversary of the first "Star Wars" movie.

10. WHO WERE BIG WINNERS AT DAYTIME EMMYS

"The Ellen DeGeneres Show" won the trophy for best entertainment talk show, while Steve Harvey was a double winner.

Nevada coalition seeks unprecedented insulin refund law

By ALISON NOON, Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Aiming to rein in soaring prescription drug prices, an unlikely Nevada coalition is trying to force pharmaceutical companies to disclose how they set insulin prices — and issue refunds to diabetics or their insurance companies if annual price hikes surpass inflation.

Las Vegas casino owners have banded together with their employees' unions of cooks, servers and other resort workers to support the unprecedented legislation in their effort to control their own medical insurance costs.

The bill expected to face its first vote in early May would attempt to cap how much employers, insurers and corporate middle men pay for insulin, which is injected to manage blood sugar levels. Lawmakers also hope the bill would cap what diabetics pay out of their own pockets near their current cost levels — typically between \$50 and \$600 per month, depending on diabetics' insurance coverage.

It remains far from clear that the bill, if passed, would survive legal challenges or have the intended effect. But it would make Nevada the first U.S. state to force detailed release of drugmakers' proprietary information and effectively establish a price control on prescription drugs via the refund plan.

The bill is expected to pass in both houses of Nevada's Democratic-controlled Legislature. Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval, in an interview with The Associated Press, did not rule out signing it.

The move in Nevada illustrates public ire reaching critical mass over price hikes on insulin, epinephrine, antibiotics and other common prescription medicines, said Steve Brozak, president of the New Jersey-based WBB Securities investment banking firm, which focuses on health care.

Brozak and other industry experts warned against assuming government intervention would result in lower pharmacy bills, and said drugmakers would likely sue to block the law. They said price constraints could have unintended consequences.

"I don't think this will work in the way people think it will, but this could be the shot across the bow," Brozak said.

The bill would trigger reimbursements to insurers and others who pay for diabetes-related drugs when price increases outpace the national Consumer Price Index Medical Care Component, which rose between 2 percent and 5 percent each of the last 10 years.

"There is no question that lives are at stake and that, every day that people have to make the choice between their medicine and putting food on the table, we go further down the road to reaching a true public health crisis," said bill sponsor Sen. Yvanna Cancela, former political director with the Culinary Union 226 lobbying for the bill's passage.

The pharmaceutical industry argues that basing refunds on sticker prices would be ineffective because those rates constantly fluctuate and the market is much more complex than bill supporters say. Drugmakers also say prices reflect research costs and point a finger at insurance companies that have drastically increased co-pays and deductibles.

Nevada's casino owners and unions representing casino workers have long opposed each other in wage proposals but formed their rare lobbying partnership after reviewing costs in their negotiated health care plans.

Insulin and other diabetes medications represent 21 percent of prescription costs for the casino unions' 57,000 Nevada members, and increased 21 percent from 2015 to 2016, said Bobbette Bond, health policy director at Unite Here Health, which oversees Culinary Union 226 health plans.

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About one in every 11 Nevada residents had diabetes in 2014, similar to the national average that year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Jacobo Perez-Jimenez, a Las Vegas cook who has diabetes, said a monthly bottle of insulin cost him \$7 in 2011. Now he pays \$75.

Perez-Jimenez, whose health insurance covers part of his medical costs, said insulin makers are "killing people with those prices."

The Nevada effort comes less than a year after the pharmaceutical industry won a major victory against prescription drug price controls in California. Ohio voters will consider the same proposal in November.

Lawmakers in about half of U.S. states have made some attempt to curb prescription drug prices.

Vermont last year adopted a law asking drugmakers to justify certain price increases of 15 percent or more, and California legislators are now seeking notification of price hikes above 10 percent.

The Nevada bill would mark the first time drugmakers would be required to publicly detail business data about specific drugs including research costs and discounts they give insurers, pharmacy benefit managers and wholesalers.

Supporters claim disclosure will prompt manufacturers to lower prices, but market experts said there's no guarantee the idea would work and the notion disappoints some consumers who want immediate action.

"Even if they cough up that information, what would it benefit me?" said Soila Solano, a diabetic resident of Las Vegas. "How would I know if they're really, you know, giving you the right information?"

Midwest, South recovering after deadly weekend storms

ATLANTA (AP) — Parts of the Midwest and the South were recovering Monday after a weekend round of storms, winds, hail and isolated tornadoes killed at least 14 people.

And a chance remained for more severe weather in the South. Parts of the Florida Panhandle, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi could be affected by severe thunderstorms, according to the National Weather Service.

Tornadoes hit several small towns in East Texas, killing four people. Flooding and winds killed five people in Arkansas, including a fire chief who was struck by a vehicle while working during the storm.

Two deaths were reported in Missouri, including a woman who drowned after rushing water swept away a car. One of two deaths in Mississippi included a 7-year-old who died by electric shock and a 2-year-old girl died in Tennessee after being struck by a soccer goal post thrown by heavy winds.

The storms rolled through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on Sunday with strong winds causing isolated pockets of damage.

In Durant in central Mississippi, one person died in the storms. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency didn't give details. Later Sunday the agency reported the death of a child from Rankin County, 20 miles (32 kilometers) east of Jackson, who died from electric shock in flood waters. The Rankin County Sheriff's Department reported that a 7-year-old boy had unplugged an electric golf cart and dropped the cord in water on the ground and was shocked.

Alexa Haik went to bed Saturday night expecting just rain, but heard the sirens Sunday morning and turned on the television to see the tornado warning. She rounded up her pets and hid in a hallway with her family, then was stunned to emerge to trees down in her neighborhood in Clinton, Mississippi, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of Jackson.

A trip up the road showed how isolated the worst of the storms were.

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"I really thought when we got out of our neighborhood, there would be damage everywhere. But our little subdivision was the only one hit," Haik said.

A 2-year-old girl in Tennessee died after being struck by a heavy, metal soccer goal post that was blown over by high winds, The Metro Nashville Police Department posted on its Twitter page Sunday evening. Melanie Espinoza Rodriguez was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead, according to a second post from the department.

Middle Tennessee was hit by a strong line of storms that knocked down trees and power lines earlier Sunday.

Rescuers in northwest Arkansas continued Sunday to look for an 18-month-old girl and a 4-year-old boy who were in a vehicle swept off a bridge by floodwaters in Hindsville, the Madison County Sheriff's Office said.

In northwest Arkansas, a 10-year-old girl drowned in Springdale and the body of a woman who disappeared riding an inner tube Saturday was found in a creek in Eureka Springs. Also, a 65-year-old woman in DeWitt in the eastern part of the state was struck and killed in her home by a falling tree, officials said.

An Arkansas volunteer fire department chief was killed while working during storms in north-central Arkansas, state police said.

Cove Creek/Pearson Fire Chief Doug Decker died shortly before 4 a.m. Sunday after being struck by a vehicle while checking water levels on Highway 25 near Quitman, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) north of Little Rock, Trooper Liz Chapman said. It wasn't known if he will be included as a storm-related death, she said.

Flooding closed part of Interstate 44 near Hazelgreen, Missouri, and officials expected it would be at least a day before the highway reopened. Interstate 70 in western Kansas was closed because crews were waiting for snow falling at 3 to 4 inches (8 to 10 centimeters) an hour being blown by 35 mph (56 kph) winds to subside.

Near Clever in southwestern Missouri, a man tried to save his 72-year-old wife from floodwaters that swept away their vehicle Saturday, but her body was found when the water receded, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

A second death from weekend flooding was announced Sunday by Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens but he did not release any details about the victim or the circumstances of the death.

In Texas, search teams were going door to door Sunday after the tornadoes the day before flattened homes, uprooted trees and flipped several pickup trucks at a Dodge dealership in Canton.

"It is heartbreaking and upsetting to say the least," Canton Mayor Lou Ann Everett told reporters at a news conference Sunday morning.

The storms cut a path of destruction 35 miles (56 kilometers) long and 15 miles (24 kilometers) wide in Van Zandt County, Everett said. The largely rural area is about 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Dallas.

The National Weather Service found evidence of four tornadoes with one twister possibly on the ground for 50 miles (80 kilometers).

The first reports of tornadoes came about 4:45 p.m. Saturday, but emergency crews were hampered by continuing severe weather, said Judge Don Kirkpatrick, the chief executive for Van Zandt County.

"We'd be out there working and get a report of another tornado on the ground," he said.

Ellen DeGeneres, Steve Harvey among top Daytime Emmy winners

By LYNN ELBER, AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” won the Daytime Emmy Award for best entertainment talk show Sunday, 20 years to the day that her character came out as gay on the sitcom “Ellen.”

“She did it because it was the right thing to do,” said Mary Connelly, “Ellen” executive producer, of DeGeneres’ decision to be open about her sexuality and do the same for her character in 1997. DeGeneres was absent and Connelly accepted the award.

“General Hospital” was honored as best daytime drama, with top acting awards going to Scott Clifton for “The Bold and the Beautiful” and Gina Tognoni for “The Young and the Restless.”

Clifton became the first actor to receive Daytime Emmys in the categories of best younger, supporting and lead actor in his career.

Steve Harvey skipped the ceremony but was a double winner. He was named best game show host for “Family Feud” and best host of an informative talk show for “Steve Harvey.”

“Good Morning America” won the best morning program trophy, while “The Dr. Oz Show” claimed the best informative talk show award. “Jeopardy!” was honored as best game show.

Sheryl Underwood, host with Mario Lopez of the live-streamed ceremony, also accepted the best entertainment talk show host award with fellow “The Talk” hosts including Sara Gilbert.

“Entertainment Tonight” was named best entertainment news program, and former “ET” anchor Mary Hart accepted a lifetime achievement award. Hart recounted the skepticism that greeted “ET” in the early 1980s when it launched TV’s now-flourishing Hollywood news magazine genre.

“We are not fluff,” she recalled saying at the time. “Had I known what was coming, I would have said, ‘We are not fake news.’”

Hart also asked that people, whether on college campuses or in government, make an effort to listen to other points of view. Gaby Natale, who was honored as best talent in a Spanish-language program for “SuperLatina with Gaby Natale,” issued her own plea.

She dedicated her award to the “people who are resisting inequality, misogyny, xenophobia and the rise of intolerance. Do not allow anyone to tell you otherwise: diversity is beautiful.”

The ceremony was held as negotiators for the Writers Guild of America and producers attempted to reach a deal on a new contract and avert a strike that could disrupt daytime and prime-time TV shows and movie production. The existing contract expires Monday night.

This story has been corrected to reflect that Sheryl Underwood hosts “The Talk,” and not “The View” as originally reported.

Led by Hayward, Utah Jazz moving on to new playoff turf

By BETH HARRIS, AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The only thing stopping Gordon Hayward in the playoffs was a case of food poisoning.

Utah’s All-Star forward averaged 23.7 points — breaking out for a career-high 40 in Game 3 — over seven games to propel the Jazz into the second round of the playoffs with a 104-91 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday.

Hayward fell ill in Game 4 and played just nine minutes in Utah’s win. Despite feeling shaky and weak-legged, he returned in Game 5 to score 27 points in another victory.

Bring on Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant and the top-seeded Golden State Warriors.

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"You can see his confidence out there," Utah coach Quin Snyder said of Hayward. "He's played through missed shots, contact, hot streaks, you name it. He's handled that with poise, and he's a heck of an offensive player. He's so versatile that he's hard to guard, and we try to use him in a way that allows him to shine in those situations."

Hayward has never been to the Western Conference semifinals.

"I'm sure people are going to talk about that," he said. "But we're moving forward as a team, and we'll use these experiences to help us."

Game 1 is Tuesday in Oakland.

The Warriors have been resting and waiting since last Monday to find out their opponent while the fifth-seeded Jazz played the only first-round series that went the distance.

"We come off a Game 7 win, you feel good, you have some momentum," said Hayward, who scored 26 points on Sunday. "You can kind of keep it rolling a little bit."

The Jazz won three of four on the road in the opening round, including Game 7 in Los Angeles.

It was a big boost of confidence for a team that hadn't won a playoff series since 2010.

"We've never been in the second round, so now that's another first," Snyder said. "We don't have to prove that we're not young and inexperienced. We are. There's nothing wrong with that. Maybe that can be an advantage in some way."

The Warriors swept Portland 4-0 in their first-round series that ended a week ago. The time off has allowed them to heal some minor injuries.

Durant will be in the lineup after missing two games and being limited to 20 minutes in Game 4 against the Trail Blazers because of a strained left calf. Reserve Matt Barnes is probable to return from a foot strain, while reserve Shaun Livingston is questionable with a sprained finger on his right hand.

The Warriors haven't said whether coach Steve Kerr will be back. He missed the last two games of the first round because of complications from two back surgeries. Assistant Mike Brown took over in his absence.

The Jazz overcame foul trouble by big man Rudy Gobert and Derrick Flowers to shoot 51 percent against the Clippers. Utah's bench accounted for 38 points: 17 by Favors to go with 11 by Rodney Hood and 10 from Joe Johnson.

"All 15 guys making an effort to pull out this win just shows that we're a deep team," said George Hill, who scored 17 points. "The way the ball was moving on the offensive end and the way we're defending, we can take that and try to carry it on to the next series."

Hill is one of three veterans, along with Johnson and Boris Diaw, that were brought in to provide some much-needed depth for the Jazz. The trio helped steady the team during the regular season when the lineup was ravaged by injuries to Hayward, Hood, Favors and even Hill.

Golden State took two out of three in the regular season from the Jazz, including a split on the Warriors' home floor.

The Warriors averaged 103 points to Utah's 90.66 in the three games. Two of them were decided by seven points or less, while the other was a 30-point blowout victory by the Warriors at home.

Utah's defense was the league's best in the regular season.

"We've just got to keep pounding away," Hill said. "Anything is possible. It's going to take all 15 guys."

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Immigrants, unions march in US for rights, against Trump
By AMY TAXIN and STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

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NEW YORK (AP) — Immigrant and union groups will march in cities across the United States on Monday to mark May Day and protest against President Donald Trump's efforts to boost deportations.

Tens of thousands of immigrants and their allies are expected to rally in cities such as New York, Chicago, Seattle and Los Angeles. Demonstrations also are planned for dozens of smaller cities from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to Portland, Oregon.

In many places, activists are urging people to skip work, school and shopping to show the importance of immigrants in American communities.

While union members traditionally march on May 1 for workers' rights in countries around the world, the day has become a rallying point for immigrants in the U.S. since massive demonstrations were held on the date in 2006 against a proposed immigration enforcement bill.

In recent years, immigrant rights protests shrank as groups diverged and shifted their focus on voter registration and lobbying. Larger crowds are expected to return this year as immigrant groups have joined with Muslim organizations, women's advocates and others in their united opposition to Trump administration policies.

"We have never seen such an outpouring of support since we have since the election of Donald Trump," said Kica Matos, a spokeswoman for the Fair Immigration Reform Movement.

As Trump approaches his first 100 days, he has aggressively pursued immigration enforcement, including executive orders for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and a ban on travelers from six predominantly Muslim countries. The government has arrested thousands of immigrants in the country illegally and threatened to withhold funding from jurisdictions that limit cooperation between local and federal immigration authorities.

In response, local leaders have vowed to fight back and civic participation has seen a boost, including February's "Day Without Immigrants." The travel ban and sanctuary order were temporarily halted by legal challenges.

In addition to rallies, immigrant rights activists in communities in Indiana, Massachusetts, Texas and elsewhere are calling for strikes to show Americans the demand for immigrant labor and immigrants' purchasing power.

"On this day, we will not go to work. We will not go to school. We will not buy anything," said Francisca Santiago, a farmworker from Homestead, Florida.

Immigrant advocates said they hope their message will reach Trump, congressional lawmakers and the public, as well as provide a sense of unity and strength to those opposed to the administration's policies. In spite of Trump's avowed crackdown on illegal immigration, many said they hoped a show of strength would help persuade politicians to rethink their plans.

Tom K. Wong, a professor of political science at University of California, San Diego, said the Trump administration's focus on immigration is generating more support for immigrant rights advocates.

"Every pivot back to the issue of immigration gives the immigrant rights movement another opportunity to make its best pitch to the public," he said.

Lawmakers seal deal on \$1T plan government-wide funding bill

By ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans and Democrats forged a hard-won agreement Sunday night on a huge \$1 trillion-plus spending bill that would fund the day-to-day operations of virtually every federal agency through September, denying President Donald Trump funding for a border wall and rejecting his cuts to popular domestic programs.

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Aides to lawmakers involved in the talks announced the agreement after weeks of negotiations. It's expected to be made public early Monday.

The catchall spending bill would be the first major piece of bipartisan legislation to advance during Trump's short tenure in the White House. While losing on the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump won a \$15 billion down payment on his request to strengthen the military.

The measure funds the remainder of the 2017 budget year, rejecting cuts to popular domestic programs targeted by Trump, such as medical research and infrastructure grants.

Successful votes later this week would also clear away any remaining threat of a government shut-down — at least until the Oct. 1 start of the 2018 budget year. Trump has submitted a partial 2018 budget promising a 10 percent increase for the Pentagon, financed by cuts to foreign aid and other nondefense programs that negotiators on the pending measure protected.

Democrats were quick off the mark to praise the deal.

"This agreement is a good agreement for the American people, and takes the threat of a government shutdown off the table," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., a key force in the talks. "The bill ensures taxpayer dollars aren't used to fund an ineffective border wall, excludes poison pill riders, and increases investments in programs that the middle class relies on, like medical research, education and infrastructure."

Trump said at nearly every campaign stop last year that Mexico would pay for the 2,000-mile (3218.54-kilometer) border wall, a claim Mexican leaders have repeatedly rejected. The administration sought some \$1.4 billion in U.S. taxpayer dollars for the wall and related costs in the spending bill, but Trump later relented and said the issue could wait until September.

Trump, however, obtained \$1.5 billion for border security measures such as more than 5,000 additional detention beds, an upgrade in border infrastructure and technologies such as surveillance.

The measure is assured of winning bipartisan support in votes this week; the House and Senate have until midnight Friday to pass the measure to avert a government shutdown. It's unclear how much support the measure will receive from GOP conservatives and how warmly it will be received by the White House.

Republicans are also eager to move on to other issues such as overhauling the tax code and reviving their moribund effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama's health care law.

While the measure would peacefully end a battle over the current budget year, the upcoming cycle is sure to be even more difficult. Republicans have yet to reveal their budget plans, and battles between Trump and Congress over annual agency budgets could grind this summer's round of spending bills to a halt.

Among the final issues resolved was a Democratic request to help the cash-strapped government of Puerto Rico with its Medicaid burden, a top priority of House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California. Pelosi and other Democrats came up short of the \$500 million or so they had sought but won \$295 million for the island, more than Republicans had initially offered.

Democrats were successful in repelling many conservative policy "riders" that sought to overturn dozens of Obama-issued regulations. Such moves carry less urgency for Republicans now that Trump controls the regulatory apparatus.

House Republicans succeeded in funding another round of private school vouchers for students in Washington, D.C.'s troubled school system.

GOP leaders demurred from trying to use the must-do spending bill to "defund" Planned Parenthood. The White House also backed away from language to take away grants from "sanctuary cities" that do not share information about people's immigration status with federal authorities.

Democrats praised a \$2 billion funding increase for the National Institutes of Health — a rejection of

the steep cuts proposed by Trump — as well as additional funding to combat opioid abuse, fund Pell Grants for summer school, and additional transit funding. Senate forces, led by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and several Appalachia region Democrats, won a provision to extend health care for 22,000 retired Appalachian coal miners and their families.

Democratic votes will be needed to pass the measure even though Republicans control both the White House and Congress. The minority party has been actively involved in the talks, which appear headed to produce a lowest common denominator measure that won't look too much different than the deal that could have been struck on Obama's watch last year.

For instance, the measure contains a \$2 billion disaster aid fund, \$407 million to combat Western wildfires, and additional grants for transit projects, along with \$100 million in emergency funding to fight the nation's opioid crisis.

The measure also taps \$68 million to reimburse New York City and other local governments for unexpected costs involved in protecting Trump Tower and other properties, a priority of lawmakers such as Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y.

Famed Swiss climber killed near Mount Everest in Nepal

By BINAJ GURUBACHARYA and FRANK JORDANS, Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — A Swiss climber acclaimed for his rapid ascents — including scaling dozens of peaks in the Alps in a little more than two months — died Sunday in a mountaineering accident near Mount Everest in Nepal, expedition organizers and officials said.

Ueli Steck died at Camp 1 of Mount Nuptse, Mingma Sherpa of Seven Summit Treks said. Steck's body was taken to Lukla, where the only airport in the Mount Everest area is located.

Steck's family said the exact circumstances of his death were still unclear.

"The family is infinitely sad and asks that the media refrain from speculating about his death out of respect and consideration for Ueli," his family said on Steck's website.

Nepalese mountaineering officials said Monday that Steck's death was accidental and would not require any special investigation.

"It was an unfortunate mountaineering accident and we are not planning any specific investigation," Durga Dutta Dhakal of the Tourism Department said, adding that a police report was being prepared and an autopsy would be done.

Ang Tshering of the Nepal Mountaineering Association said Steck was climbing alone when he died because his accompanying Sherpa had frostbite.

Steck was planning to climb 8,850-meter (29,035-foot) Mount Everest and nearby Mount Lhotse next month.

He was the first casualty in the spring mountaineering season in Nepal that began in March and will end in May. Hundreds of foreign climbers are in the Himalayan region to attempt to climb peaks in May when weather is most favorable.

The 40-year-old Steck was one of the most-renowned mountaineers of his generation. He was best known for his speed-climbing, including setting several records for ascending the north face of Eiger, a classic peak in the Bernese Alps that he climbed in two hours and 47 minutes without using a rope.

In 2013, he achieved the first solo climb of the Annapurna south face in Nepal after almost losing his life in a fall there in 2007. For that he received the "Piolet d'Or" — considered the Oscar of mountaineering — the following year.

In 2015, Steck decided to climb all 82 peaks in the Alps higher than 4,000 meters (13,100 feet) trav-

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eling between mountains by foot, bike and paraglider only. He completed the feat in 62 days, helping cement his reputation as the "Swiss Machine."

Steck once said he considered himself an "outsider" in the mountaineering scene because athletic achievement was more important to him than adventure.

In a recent post on his website, Steck mused about the transience of success in mountaineering and the inevitable decline that comes with age.

"A record is broken again and again, and the world keeps on turning," he wrote. "You are getting older and there comes a time when you have to adjust your projects to your age."

Steck suffered a setback during his last trip to Everest, in 2013, when he became involved in a violent altercation with a group of local guides. On his return this year, he aimed to perform a quick climb of Everest and Lhotse, including an overnight stop at more than 8,000 meters, an altitude that's known as the "death zone" because the dangerously thin air reduces the human body's performance to 20 percent of its normal rate.

Asked about the upcoming expedition, Steck told Swiss daily Tages-Anzeiger in an interview last month: "When I'm on Everest I can stop at any point. The risk is therefore quite small. For me it's primarily a physical project. Either I get through, or I don't have the strength for the whole traversal."

"Of course I want to climb Everest and Lhotse," Steck told the paper when asked about his measure of success. "But that's a very high goal. Failure for me would be to die and not come home."

Frank Jordans reported from Berlin.

Beyond 100 days, Trump faces more legislative challenges

By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump would get additional military funds, but no border wall dollars under a massive spending bill that Congress agreed to Sunday night.

The \$1 trillion plus spending agreement — which would fund virtually every federal agency through September — came just after Trump marked 100 days in office without any significant legislative wins. The bill does not deliver everything the White House sought, but it would be the first major piece of bipartisan legislation to advance during Trump's time in the White House.

The House and Senate have until Friday at midnight to pass the measure to avert a government shutdown.

Trump has spent his first 100 days coming to terms with the slow grind of government even in a Republican-dominated capital, and watching some of his promises — from repealing the nation's health care law to temporarily banning people from some Muslim nations — fizzle.

The spending measure funds the remainder of the 2017 budget year. Aides to lawmakers involved in the talks announced the agreement after weeks of negotiations. It denies Trump a win on his oft-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, but gives him a down payment on his request to strengthen the military and funding for additional border security measures.

Despite a renewed White House effort push, the House did not vote last week on a revised bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Health Care Act.

After the original effort failed to win enough support from conservatives and moderates, Republicans recast the bill. The latest version would let states escape a requirement under Obama's 2010 law that insurers charge healthy and seriously ill customers the same rates. The overall legislation would cut the Medicaid program for the poor, eliminate fines for people who don't buy insurance and provide

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generally skimpier subsidies. Critics have said the approach could reduce protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

But during an interview with "Face the Nation" on CBS aired Sunday, Trump said the measure has a "clause that guarantees" that people with pre-existing conditions will be covered.

Trump said: "Pre-existing conditions are in the bill. And I just watched another network than yours, and they were saying, 'Pre-existing is not covered.' Pre-existing conditions are in the bill. And I mandate it. I said, 'Has to be.'"

Trump said during the interview that if he's unable to renegotiate a long-standing free trade agreement with Mexico and Canada, then he'll terminate the pact.

He also spoke about tensions with North Korea. Asked about the failure of several North Korean missile tests recently, Trump said he'd "rather not discuss it. But perhaps they're just not very good missiles. But eventually, he'll have good missiles."

Trump also said he is willing to use the trade issue as leverage to get China's help with North Korea. "Trade is very important. But massive warfare with millions, potentially millions of people being killed? That, as we would say, trumps trade."

And he acknowledged the presidency is "a tough job. But I've had a lot of tough jobs. I've had things that were tougher, although I'll let you know that better at the end of eight years. Perhaps eight years. Hopefully, eight years."

Also this week, the president will welcome Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to the White House. And he'll head to New York City on Thursday where he'll visit the USS Intrepid to mark the 75th anniversary of a World War II naval battle.

On Sunday morning, Trump headed to Trump National Golf Club in Virginia. The White House did not immediately clarify whether he was holding meetings or golfing.

Trump marked his 100th day in office Saturday with a rally in Harrisburg, where he continued to pledge to cut taxes and get tough on trade deals.

"We are not going to let other countries take advantage of us anymore," he said Saturday in Harrisburg at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center. "From now on it's going to be America first."

Trump's rally Saturday night in Harrisburg offered a familiar recapitulation of what he and aides have argued for days are administration successes, including the successful confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, his Cabinet choices and the approval of construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Associated Press writer Andrew Taylor contributed to this report.

Joshua, with heavyweight title, may make boxing must-see TV

By TIM DAHLBERG, AP Boxing Writer

LONDON (AP) — Anthony Joshua remained in the ring long after 90,000 of his supporters had filed out of Wembley Stadium, posing happily for pictures with his team and hugging just about everyone he knew.

No reason to leave early when being the heavyweight champion is so much fun.

"I just want to fight everyone, man," Joshua said. "I'm really loving this right now."

There was a lot to love Saturday night in front of a packed crowd at England's national stadium, where Joshua got off the canvas to stop longtime champion Wladimir Klitschko in a coming out party of sorts that electrified the boxing world.

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The biggest heavyweight fight in British history was also the best. There was an epic fifth round where Joshua knocked Klitschko down and then held on himself to survive, along with a knockdown a round later by Klitschko.

And when Joshua had finished almost taking Klitschko's head off in the 11th round, a heavyweight division moribund for years was suddenly very much alive once again.

Just five years removed from winning an Olympic gold medal in London, Joshua stopped a fighter who dominated the heavyweight division for nearly a decade. Though the win came with some anxious moments for the hometown fans, it also established Joshua as a superstar in the making who just might be the fighter who can make boxing must-see TV once again.

"Anthony was better today than I," Klitschko said. "It's really sad that I didn't make it tonight. I was planning to do it. It didn't work. But all the respect to Anthony, congratulations."

A heavyweight title fight unlike any seen in the country that invented boxing didn't just end with the hometown favorite's hand aloft in victory. It ended in such spectacular fashion that Joshua can now write his own ticket in a heavyweight division long starved for star power.

That will at some point likely include a megafight with American Deontay Wilder, who owns a piece of the title and is a huge puncher himself. It could include a rematch with Klitschko, who had it written into his contract that he would have that right should he lose.

And then there's Tyson Fury, the British nomad who upset Klitschko in 2015 before being waylaid by mental and other issues.

"Tyson Fury, where you're at, baby? Is that what you want to see?" Joshua asked. "Come on, we're here, man. I enjoy fighting. I love fighting. I want to give 90,000 people another chance to witness a lovely night of boxing."

The possibilities are tantalizing indeed, and so are the prospects for stardom for Joshua. Largely unknown outside Britain except by ardent boxing fans, he announced himself as the future of the division with a spectacular right hand that made Klitschko look like a very large bobblehead in the 11th round of a fight that until then was either man's to win.

His knockout power is unquestioned, and after Saturday night so is his heart. In only his 19th fight, he gained invaluable experience and even more confidence in his ability to dominate any heavyweight in the ring.

The crowd at Wembley was drawn by all of that, and more. Joshua has the kind of charisma that fight promoters swoon over, and is so popular at home that the Sunday Times devoted the first full three pages of its sports section to his big win.

"You can hear I'm a little bit emotional because I know I've got doubters that think I can't do this and that, but I dig deep," Joshua said. "As I said, if you don't take part, you're going to fail. Just give it a go and you never know the outcome."

Wilder was at ringside to watch his new rival, as were former champions Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis. Wilder is also undefeated and a big puncher with a piece of the heavyweight title himself, and the two would do huge box-office business if they got together in a megafight.

First, though, Joshua must come to the U.S. and expose himself to American boxing fans in at least one fight, possibly two. The Fury fight would likely be in England, though a rematch with Klitschko could take place in the U.S.

"I'm only going to improve," said Joshua, whose quick path to success had been questioned by some outside his camp. "As I said, I'm not perfect, but I'm trying."

That was good enough on a chilly night at Wembley, where Klitschko won over fans who ignored him

over the years, and Joshua won the respect of the 41-year-old he knocked out.

"The best man won tonight," Klitschko said, "and it was an amazing night for boxing."

On that, all at Wembley would agree.

Philippines says Trump called Duterte to affirm alliance

By JIM GOMEZ, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — U.S. President Donald Trump has called Philippine leader Rodrigo Duterte and expressed Washington's commitment to their treaty alliance and his interest in developing "a warm, working relationship," a Filipino official said Sunday.

Presidential spokesman Ernie Abella said Trump mentioned he was looking forward to visiting the Philippines in November to attend an East Asia summit that Duterte will host with several world leaders and that Trump invited Duterte to visit the White House.

"The discussion that transpired between the presidents was warm, with President Trump expressing his understanding and appreciation of the challenges facing the Philippine president, especially on the matter of dangerous drugs," Abella said in a statement.

A White House statement described late Saturday's call as "very friendly" and said the U.S.-Philippine alliance "is now heading in a very positive direction."

Trump's chief of staff, Reince Priebus, said the friendlier ties are needed even with concerns about Duterte's human rights record, which includes extrajudicial killings of suspected drug dealers and users as part of the government's drug war. Priebus cited the military threat of North Korea.

"The purpose of this call is all about North Korea," Priebus told ABC's "This Week" on Sunday. "It doesn't mean that human rights don't matter."

Abella's remarks reflect the friendlier attitude Duterte has taken with Trump versus the antagonistic stance he had toward President Barack Obama, who he once asked to "go to hell" for criticizing the Philippine leader's bloody anti-drug crackdown. During Obama's final months in office, the Philippine president moved to build closer economic ties with China and Russia while repeatedly threatening to end his nation's longstanding military alliance with the U.S.

Duterte's apparent dislike for Obama began when the U.S. State Department expressed concern over his drug war — which has left thousands of suspects dead — and asked Philippine government officials to take steps to stop extrajudicial killings.

At one point Duterte suggested he may even move to abrogate a 2014 defense agreement that allows U.S. military access to five Philippine military camps.

He has walked back most of those threats but has proceeded with his efforts to align closer with China.

On Sunday, three Chinese navy ships, including a guided-missile destroyer and a guided-missile frigate, were welcomed in Davao city, Duterte's southern hometown, by officials, including presidential daughter and city Mayor Sarah Duterte, military officials said.

Asked if the rare Chinese naval visits were a sign that Duterte was backing away from Washington, Department of National Defense spokesman Arsenio Andolong said: "We are not veering away from the U.S. but rather we are expanding our relations with our fellow nations in the global community."

Abella said without elaborating that concern over North Korea came up in Trump's talk with Duterte.

Priebus indicated that the issue was Trump's primary concern, citing a North Korean threat "so serious" that it will require cooperation from Asian countries in the region. "So if something does happen in North Korea, ... we have everyone in line backing up a plan of action that may need to be put together with our partners in the area," he said.

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Duterte suggested in a news conference Saturday that the Trump administration should back away from an intensifying standoff with North Korea, not in surrender, but to avoid risking a nuclear holocaust that could smother Asia.

"It would be good for America to just restrain a little bit and if I were President Trump, I'll just back out, not really in surrender and retreat, but just to let the guy realize that, 'Ah, please do not do it,'" Duterte said.

Washington, he said, should not play into provocations of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"It behooves upon America, who wields the biggest stick, just to really be prudent and patient. We know that we are playing with somebody who relishes letting go of his missiles and everything," Duterte said.

Trump warns North Korea's missiles will get better

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Donald Trump said after North Korea's latest failed rocket launch that communist leader Kim Jong-Un will eventually develop better missiles, and "we can't allow it to happen."

In a taped interview broadcast Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," the president would not discuss the possibility of military action, saying: "It is a chess game. I just don't want people to know what my thinking is."

Separately, Trump's national security adviser, Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, said North Korea's most recent missile test represents "open defiance of the international community." He said North Korea poses "a grave threat," not just to the U.S. and its Asian allies, but also to China.

Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," McMaster said it is important "for all of us to confront this regime, this regime that is pursuing the weaponization of a missile with a nuclear weapon."

"This is something that we know we cannot tolerate," McMaster said.

On Saturday, a North Korean mid-range ballistic missile broke up a few minutes after launch, the third test-fire flop this month. The program's repeated failures over the past few years have given rise to suspicions of U.S. sabotage.

In the CBS interview, the president was asked why the North's rockets keep blowing up.

"I'd rather not discuss it," he said. "But perhaps they're just not very good missiles. But eventually, he'll have good missiles."

He added: "And if that happens, we can't allow it to happen."

Trump also called North Korea's leader "a pretty smart cookie" for being able to hold onto power after taking over at a young age. "People are saying, 'Is he sane?' I have no idea," the president said.

North Korean ballistic missile tests are banned by the United Nations because they are seen as part of the North's push for a nuclear-tipped weapon that can hit the U.S. mainland.

McMaster said that Trump "has made clear that he is going to resolve this issue one way or the other," but that the president's preference is to work with China and others to resolve it without military action.

That means, McMaster said, working to enforce current U.N. sanctions and perhaps ratcheting them up. "And it also means being prepared for military operations if necessary," he said.

Trump said he believes China's president, Xi Jinping, has been putting pressure on North Korea over its missile and nuclear weapons programs.

The launch comes at a point of particularly high tension in the region. Trump has sent a nuclear-powered submarine and an aircraft carrier to Korean waters.

The U.S. and South Korea also started installing a missile defense system that is supposed to be par-

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tially operational within days.

Residents in the village of Seongj, where the missile defense system is being installed, scuffled with police on Sunday. About 300 protesters faced off against 800 police and succeeded in blocking two U.S. Army oil trucks from entering the site, local media reported. A few residents were injured or fainted from the scuffle and were taken to a hospital.

The Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense system, or THAAD, is controversial in South Korea, and presidential front-runner Moon Jae-in has vowed to reconsider the deployment if he wins the May 9 election.

He has said that the security benefits of THAAD would be offset by worsened relations with China, which is the country's biggest trading partner and is opposed to its deployment.

Trump raised eyebrows in South Korea last week when he said would make Seoul pay \$1 billion for the missile defense system. McMaster said Sunday that the matter is subject to negotiation.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, May 1, the 121st day of 2017. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On May 1, 1967, Elvis Presley married Priscilla Beaulieu at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. (They divorced in 1973.) Anastasio Somoza Debayle became president of Nicaragua.

On this date:

In 1707, the Kingdom of Great Britain was created as a treaty merging England and Scotland took effect.

In 1786, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.

In 1866, three days of race-related rioting erupted in Memphis, Tennessee, as white mobs targeted blacks, 46 of whom were killed, along with two whites. (The violence spurred passage of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution defining American citizenship and equal protection under the law.)

In 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish squadron in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

In 1915, during World War I, a German submarine torpedoed and severely damaged the SS Gulflight, an American tanker near Britain's Scilly Isles, even though the United States was still neutral in the conflict.

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated. Singer Kate Smith made her debut on CBS Radio on her 24th birthday.

In 1941, the Orson Welles motion picture "Citizen Kane" premiered in New York.

In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane over Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

In 1971, the intercity passenger rail service Amtrak went into operation.

In 1987, during a visit to West Germany, Pope John Paul II beatified Edith Stein, a Jewish-born Carmelite nun who was gassed in the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. (She was canonized in 1998.)

In 1992, on the third day of the Los Angeles riots, a visibly shaken Rodney King appeared in public to appeal for calm, pleading, "Can we all get along?"

In 2011, President Barack Obama announced the death of Osama bin Laden during a U.S. commando

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operation (because of the time difference, it was early May 2 in Pakistan, where the al-Qaida leader met his end).

Ten years ago: In only his second veto, President George W. Bush rejected legislation to pull U.S. troops out of Iraq in a showdown with Congress over whether the war should end or escalate. Thousands of people protested across the country to demand a path to citizenship for an estimated 12 million people living in the U.S. without legal permission.

Five years ago: In a swift and secretive trip to the Afghan war zone, President Barack Obama signed an agreement vowing long-term ties with Afghanistan after America's combat forces returned home. Hundreds of activists across the U.S. joined worldwide May Day protests, with Occupy Wall Street members in several cities leading demonstrations and in some cases clashing with police.

One year ago: A wildfire broke out near Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada; in the days that followed, the blaze destroyed 2,400 homes and other buildings and forced more than 80,000 people to evacuate. Anti-government protesters disbanded from the heavily fortified Green Zone they had stormed a day earlier. After a half-century of waiting, Cuban-born passengers set sail from Miami on an historic cruise to Havana, the first such trip from the U.S. since recent policy changes. Elephants performed for the last time at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Providence, Rhode Island.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Judy Collins is 78. Actor Stephen Macht is 75. Singer Rita Coolidge is 72. Pop singer Nick Fortuna (The Buckingham) is 71. Actor-director Douglas Barr is 68. Actor Dann Florek is 66. Singer-songwriter Ray Parker Jr. is 63. Actor Byron Stewart is 61. Hall of Fame jockey Steve Cauthen is 57. Actress Maia Morgenstern is 55. Actor Scott Coffey is 53. Country singer Wayne Hancock is 52. Actor Charlie Schlatter is 51. Country singer Tim McGraw is 50. Rock musician Johnny Colt is 49. Rock musician D'Arcy is 49. Movie director Wes Anderson is 48. Actress Julie Benz is 45. Actor Bailey Chase is 45. Country singer Cory Morrow is 45. Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer Tina Campbell (Mary Mary) is 43. Actor Darius McCrary is 41. Actor Jamie Dornan is 35. Actress Kerry Bishe is 33.

Thought for Today: "He who is swift to believe is swift to forget." — Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, Polish-born scholar (1907-1972).