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FOR SALE

MARCY MWM900 Home Gym for sale. Asking \$100. Contact Brian at 397-7180.

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

The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**



Sunday, June 11

- St. John's Lutheran:** Worship, 9 a.m.
- Emmanuel Lutheran:** Worship at 9 a.m.
- United Methodist Church:** Conde worship, 9 a.m.; coffee fellowship time, 10 a.m., Groton worship, 11 a.m.
- Catholic Parish:** Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.
- First Presbyterian:** Bible Study at 9 a.m., Worship at 10 a.m.
- Jr. Legion:** at Northville Tourney

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- Senior Menu:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, apricots, whole wheat bread.
- Emmanuel Lutheran:** Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.
- Groton School:** School board meeting, 7 p.m.
- T-Ball:** Black team practice at 6 p.m., Gold team at Doland, 5 p.m.
- Legion:** hosts Mellette for 2 games, 6 p.m.
- Jr. Teener:** at Clark for 2 games, 6 p.m.
- U8 Red:** at Doland for 2 games, 6 p.m.
- Softball:** Mellette in Groton (U10 at 6 p.m., U12/14 DH at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.)
- Olive Grove:** Kid's lessons, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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- Senior Menu:** Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.
- Salad Buffet:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Groton Legion.
- Emmanuel Lutheran:** Church Council, 7 p.m.
- Jr. Legion:** at Milbank for 2 games, 6 p.m.
- U12:** hosts Kusler for 2 games, 6 p.m., Nelson Field
- U10:** hosts Webster for 2 games, 6 p.m., Nelson Field
- United Methodist:** Girl Scouts at 3:30 p.m.
- Olive Grove:** Ladies Night, 6 p.m.; Noon Bridge.

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FLAG DAY



Veterans' Selfless Service Keeps America Free and Safe

We recently recognized Memorial Day to honor the brave men and women who died in combat, as well as the 73rd anniversary of D-Day, where more than 116,000 Allied troops stormed the beaches of northern France to free Europe from the Nazis during World War II. These days serve as important reminders of the tremendous sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform and their families. They risk everything to protect the freedoms we enjoy in the United States each and every day.

While our debt to them can never be fully repaid, it is our duty to fulfill the promises we have made to them. I have the privilege of serving on the Senate Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committees, where I have been working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance legislation that will streamline and improve services for our military families. The Senate recently passed the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, which is a bipartisan bill that will improve the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It accomplishes this by further empowering the secretary to hold bad employees accountable for misconduct in the workplace and protect whistleblowers from unfair workplace retaliation and providing assurances to the many hardworking VA employees who are dedicated to the care of our vets. I was happy to cosponsor this legislation that will, when signed into law, remove some of the burdensome red-tape within the VA.

I have also been working on a few other bipartisan bills to improve veterans' lives after they leave service and transition back into civilian life. The Veterans To Enhance Studies Through (TEST) Accessibility Act will make sure veterans aren't forced to use up a full month of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits in order to be reimbursed for an inexpensive test or job certification. Under current law, vets are required to use a full month of their Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility to be reimbursed for licensing, certification and national tests, such as those required to be an athletic trainer, fire fighter or medical technician. This legislation would further empower and encourage veterans to use their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to increase their qualifications, which I hope will make veterans more successful when transitioning to civilian life.

I also introduced a bill with Senator Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) to help veterans' access to capital to start small businesses when their service is up. It would waive up-front fees for veterans who apply for the Small Business Administration's Export Express, Export Working Capital and International Trade loans of \$150,000 or less. This bill would simultaneously help veterans transition to civilian life and promote entrepreneurship.

Most recently, I introduced a bill to allow more flexibility in allocating Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to survivors of service members. The Increasing Transferability of Entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Act of 2017 would allow survivors of deceased service members, who had Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits transferred to them, to reallocate those benefits to other designated survivors. I expect this legislation to help the families, who have made enormous sacrifice to our country, to use Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits more effectively amongst a family's recipients.

These are just a few examples of the bills we are working on to improve the quality of life for veterans and their families. I will continue working with my colleagues in the Senate—on both sides of the aisle—to improve and streamline VA services for our nation's veterans. It is but one small way we can thank them for their service to our country.

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KRISTI NOEM
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA



Regulatory Rollback

The number of regulations coming out of Washington has plummeted under President Trump, providing much-needed relief to South Dakotans who have had to carry the burden of the Obama administration's eight-year regulatory onslaught. In fact, between Inauguration Day and the end of May, the Trump administration has approved just 15 major rules, compared to 93 during the same period under President Obama.

At the same time, Republicans across the Executive and Legislative branches have worked together to repeal or delay more than 90 Obama-era regulations. The administration has halted the EPA's Waters of the U.S. proposal, for example, which would have been one of the largest federal land grabs in U.S. history. We've also seen President Obama's greenhouse gas regulations rolled back, which even he admitted would "necessarily skyrocket" costs for families.

Now more than ever, the federal government is trying to get out of your way.

I've worked to make sure Congress does its part as well. Under the Congressional Review Act, Congress has the power to repeal certain regulations. While it's only been used successfully once before, this Congress has gotten 14 Congressional Review Act resolutions signed into law, saving \$3.7 billion in regulatory costs and 4.2 million hours of paperwork.

And our work continues.

In January, the House passed the REINS Act, a bill I cosponsored to stop the overreach of federal regulators. If enacted, any regulation with an economic impact of over \$100 million would need to be approved by Congress through an up-or-down vote. If this law was in effect for President Obama, more than 500 regulations would have been subject to a vote in Congress. The legislation is now on the Senate's doorstep.

Then, earlier this month, we provided relief from the Obama administration's Dodd-Frank Act. In 2010, President Obama led a 2,300-page rewrite of America's financial laws. The legislation included more regulations than all other Obama-era regulations combined. As a result, we've seen the "too big to fail" banks – who can afford the paperwork and expensive lawyers needed to navigate this regulatory maze – get bigger, while smaller financial institutions that had no part in the 2008 economic collapse have struggled. In fact, in the wake of Dodd-Frank, we're losing one community bank or credit union per day nationwide.

Instead of one-size-fits-all, government-knows-best regulations, we imposed the toughest penalties in history for financial fraud and ensured taxpayers won't be on the hook for more big bank bailouts. Additionally, we restructured the unconstitutional Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and repealed the Labor Department's controversial fiduciary rule, which put new costs on retirees and limited their choices. Finally, the legislation demands greater accountability and transparency from federal regulators by, among other things, forcing them to come to Congress for approval on all major regulations.

There is a lot that needs to be done to clean up Washington and eliminate the burdens it places on the American people. But by repealing unnecessary regulations and stopping bureaucrats from imposing additional burdens, it may be what Washington isn't doing that is producing the most good for South Dakota.

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A Good Compromise On Nonmeandered Waters

For at least 20 years, the northeastern part of our state has been dealing with the issue of nonmeandered waters. For that entire time, the state has NOT been dealing with the problems that our laws have caused.

This issue arose during the 1990s, when eastern South Dakota received far more moisture than normal. Excessive rainfall created new lakes – called nonmeandered lakes – out of areas that once were farmland, pastures, small sloughs or other watersheds. Nonmeandered lakes come in all shapes and sizes, and offer varying degrees of recreational opportunities. Some, such as Cottonwood Lake in Spink County, are well-developed with several boat ramps and over 100 cabins and homes surrounding it; others may be only a couple of acres and a few feet deep.

As the waters of nonmeandered lakes expanded, so did their recreational use, much of which is tied to exceptional fishing in some of the new lakes. As fishing became more commonplace, so did conflicts between sportsmen and landowners. Complaints emerged about boat trailers blocking roadways, littering, noise and many others.

Unfortunately, our state laws surrounding nonmeandered waters have been ambiguous. While the public has a right to use the water, private landowners also have a right to control their property. Governors and legislators have tried several times to address these issues, but the many competing opinions and interests have made compromise impossible.

Ambiguous laws lead to litigation, and the courts have tried to resolve these ambiguities. But in South Dakota, our courts still understand that it's not their job to write new laws – it's their job to ensure the laws are properly and fairly enforced. The South Dakota Supreme Court made that abundantly clear in their *Duerre v. Hepler* decision this past March. In that decision the Court stated, "it is ultimately up to the Legislature to decide how these waters are to be beneficially used in the public interest."

Our state legislators heard the Supreme Court's message loud and clear and the Legislature promptly convened an interim committee to find a solution.

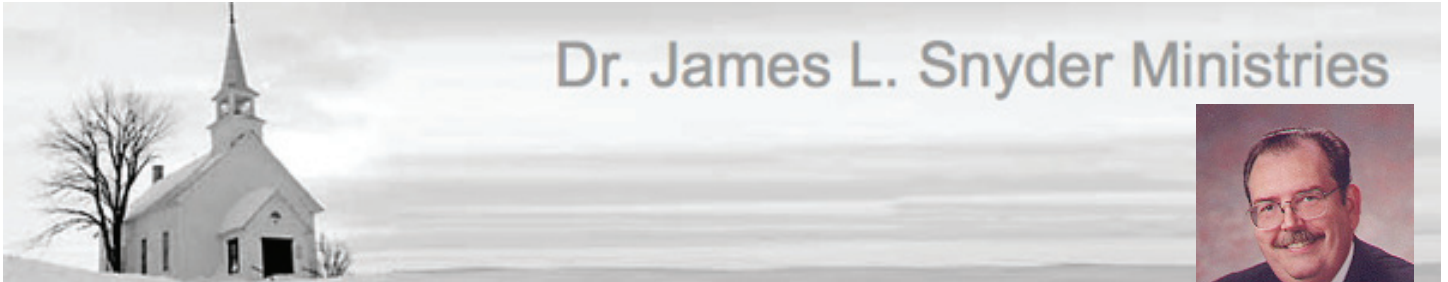
That committee acted quickly. Over the past six weeks, it held four meetings, toured areas inundated with nonmeandered waters, met with affected agricultural producers, sportsmen, and business owners, and heard testimony from over 70 individuals.

The committee was able to mold that mass of information and input into a compromise bill that balances the rights of landowners with the ability of sportsmen to use public waters for recreation. I applaud the efforts of the summer study committee and I support the bill. It will open tens of thousands of acres of nonmeandered waters to public recreation, while respecting the property rights of landowners. You can find it at sdlegislature.gov.

As I write this, I have called a Special Legislative Session for Monday, June 12, to address the recreational use of nonmeandered waters in South Dakota, and I am hopeful that we will finally resolve this issue for the betterment of our state.

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



Two In A Row Okay, But Three Is Suspicious

So that you know, I am not superstitious (knock on wood). I take a rather practical approach to life and try my best not to get bent out of shape. At my age, it's rather difficult to keep my shape. I try to keep my guard up, but no matter what I do, I drop it.

Tuesday I was engaged in a "project," when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came and brought me an apple fritter. "I thought," she said rather cheerfully, "that you could use an apple fritter."

I was most gracious for this apple fritter. Nothing raises your spirits and encourages you to do your best like an apple fritter. I know my wife and I disagree as to the nature of these apple fritters so it surprised me that she brought one to me.

My insistence is that an apple fritter is an apple and an apple is an apple. She, on the other side of the breakfast table, insists that it is a doughnut. We have never resolved this difference in our relationship. When she brought me an apple fritter I was a little bit surprised, but was thinking deep in my heart it may be I have convinced her that an apple fritter in deed is a fruit.

I smiled most graciously, thanked her and enjoyed the apple fritter like I enjoy every apple fritter I eat. It was the highlight of my afternoon, I can tell you that.

Nothing more was said about it because I do not like to spoil a good thing. I just enjoyed it and went on thinking that perhaps we have come to a conclusion about this contradiction.

Then Wednesday came around and in the middle of a project in the afternoon, my wife came in and said, "Here, I thought you might enjoy an apple fritter for today."

Without thinking, I took it, smiled and thanked her most graciously for this afternoon treat. Nothing bolsters my day more than a warm apple fritter. Nothing goes better with a cup of coffee than an apple fritter. I am quite convinced that in heaven we will enjoy apple fritters.

With me, whenever I have an apple fritter in the afternoon, the day goes by so smoothly. I enjoyed that apple fritter to the nth degree, whatever that may mean.

I did not think much of it, because you should just enjoy your day and whatever blessings come, like an apple fritter, just enjoy it to the best of your ability.

Let me repeat that I am not a very superstitious person (knock on wood), but I do like to take precautions. Once it is over, I like to move on.

Then on Thursday, the inconceivable happened.

"Here," my wife said most cheerfully, "I thought you would enjoy an apple fritter for the afternoon."

I did not know what to do or say. I put on a greasy smile, accepted the apple fritter, nodded my head and said, "Thank you."

For her to bring me one apple fritter was a wonderful thing, and I deeply appreciate it and did not give it too much thought.

For her to bring me the second apple fritter was a little suspicious, but I was not going to say anything or spoil the moment or discourage her in any way, so I accepted it.

Now the third apple fritter, three days in a row, has made me more than suspicious. I do not want to be judgmental here. I certainly don't want to do anything that would spoil the next apple fritter that might come. But I was suspicious. I mean, I was very suspicious about the whole scenario.

For her to bring me three apple fritters in a row, knowing that she does not like apple fritters, caused

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me to rethink the whole situation. Why, for example, was she doing this? What was she expecting from me in return? How much trouble am I really in now?

All of these questions jammed my brain so that I could think of nothing more.

Has she come over to my side concerning these apple fritters? Or, was she setting me up for something?

As I slowly munched on the third apple fritter, my mind went a million miles an hour. My mind was going so fast I almost could not enjoy the apple fritter. Never fear, I took the time to enjoy the apple fritter, then I resumed my suspicious thinking.

The first thing I thought about Friday morning when I got up was the suspicious apple fritters. Was she going to bring me another apple fritter today? Would I find out today the scheme behind this apple fritter scenario?

Friday afternoon as I was involved in some work my wife passed by and said, "How's everything going? You getting some work done?" I nodded and she continued walking without presenting me with an apple fritter.

To this day, she has never mentioned the apple fritter scenario. I, loving life and all its amenities, have never questioned her about it. What she meant by it and what was happening, I probably will never know.

Thinking about this I was reminded of what David once said, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

I do not know the story behind the apple fritters, but I certainly rejoice in those apple fritters.

SDSU
Extension



ANNIE'S PROJECT
EMPOWERING WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

**Management Education for
Today's Farm and Ranch Women**

Aberdeen

June 19, 26

July 3, 10, 17, and 24

5:30 pm - 8:45 pm

SDSU Extension Aberdeen Regional Center
13 2nd Ave SE

**Register by:
June 17, 2017**

at

www.iGrow.org/events

Registration: \$150 per person

If interested contact:

Shannon Sand

SDSU Extension Livestock
Business Management Field

Specialist

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Bikes for Sale

**Men's Bikes
Women's Bikes
Children's Bikes**

Some are free!

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Today in Weather History

June 11, 1982: Golf ball size hail fell in Hayti, in Hamlin County, creating three-foot drifts of hail.

June 11, 1990: Hail, up to golf ball size, cut a swath 1.5 miles wide and 50 miles in length from the Missouri River east of the Hyde County line. Thunderstorm winds destroyed a granary roof and downed numerous trees. Damage from large hail was considerable to crops with entire fields being wiped out. The County Agent placed crop damage estimates at 1.8 million dollars in Sully County. Hail also produced window damage to cars and homes.

June 11, 2008: A strong inflow of moist and unstable air into and over a warm surface front resulted in training thunderstorms and very heavy rain across parts of northeast South Dakota. Rainfall amounts of 2 to 6 inches occurred across much of the area resulting in widespread flash flooding. The flooding damaged many roads, bridges, and cropland. In Milbank, many basements were flooded and received sewer backup.

June 11, 2010: Thunderstorms produced damaging winds over a large part of southeast South Dakota beginning just before midnight on June 10th and continuing well into the predawn hours of June 11th. The storms also produced heavy rain, which caused flash flooding at several locations. Heavy rainfall of at least 3 inches caused Enemy Creek to overflow and flood nearby roads. The expensive also caused flooding of roads and basements in Mitchell. A motorcycle business was flooded, resulting in damage to merchandise, although little damage to the motorcycles was reported. Thunderstorm winds caused widespread damage in the Sioux Falls area. Wood and siding were blown off a new house, and a nearby fence was blown over. The winds caused tree damage, including 2 to 3-foot diameter trees blown down. Debris from the tree damage blocked several roads. Garages were blown off three homes which were next to each other, and other nearby homes suffered significant damage in an area on West Eli Court which was subjected to the strongest winds, estimated at 100 mph. Windows were blown out in several of these homes, and a large camper was overturned in the same area. A wind gust of 74 mph was measured elsewhere in the city. The winds blew down out power lines in parts of the city. Heavy rain caused flash flooding of several streets in the southern part of Sioux Falls, with water up to two feet deep. Basement flooding was also reported.

1842: A late season snowstorm struck New England. Snow fell during the morning and early afternoon, accumulating to a depth of ten to twelve inches at Irasburg, Vermont. Berlin, New Hampshire was blanketed with eleven inches of snow during the day. Snow whitened the higher peaks of the Appalachians as far south as Maryland. The latest date for the occurrence of a general snowstorm in our period over northern New England and northern New York came in 1842 on the morning of 11 June. Zadock Thompson, a professor of natural history and the Queen City's longtime weatherman, commented: "Snow during the forenoon's boards whitened and the mountains as white as in winter."

1877 - The temperature at Los Angeles, CA, reached 112 degrees during a heatwave. It would have been the all-time record for Los Angeles but official records did not begin until twenty days later. (The Weather Channel)

1972 - Heavy showers brought 1.64 inches of rain to Phoenix AZ, a record for the month of June. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - South Texas endured another day of torrential rains. Up to twelve inches of rain drenched Harris County, and nearly ten inches soaked Luce Bayou, mainly during the afternoon hours. Thunderstorm rains left seven feet of water over Highway 189 in northern Val Verde County. Flooding caused nine million dollars damage in Real County. A thunderstorm at Perryton, TX, produced golf ball size hail and 70 mph winds, and spawned a tornado which struck a mobile killing one person and injuring the other four occupants. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thirty cities in the central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including El Dorado, AR, with a reading of 48 degrees. Canaan Valley WV and Thomas WV dipped to 30 degrees. Flagstaff AZ was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 30 degrees. Coolidge, just 180 miles away, was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon high of 105 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the south central and southeastern U.S. during the day and night. Thunderstorms spawned eleven tornadoes, including one which tore the roof off a restaurant at Bee Branch, AR, injuring six persons. The tornado tossed one car into the restaurant, and another car over it. Temperatures soared into the 90s across much of Florida. Lakeland reported a record high of 99 degrees for the second day in a row. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
50% → 20%			40% 50%	30% 30%	20%	
Chance T-storms then Slight Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Chance Showers then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms then Chance Showers	Slight Chance T-storms	Sunny
High: 83 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 67 °F	High: 91 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 83 °F

Unsettled Weather through Tuesday

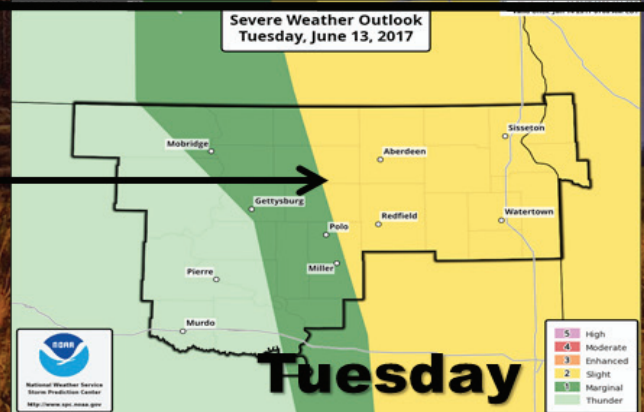
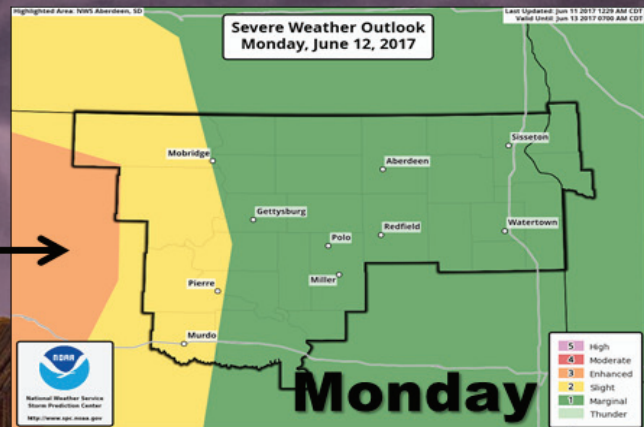
Thunderstorms this Morning

Monday – Monday Night

Severe Threat Best West of the Missouri River

Tuesday – Tuesday Night

Severe Threat in the Eastern Dakotas - Western Minnesota.



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD
www.weather.gov/abr

Published on: 06/11/2017 at 6:30AM

Unsettled weather will continue through the start of the work week as an upper level trough of low pressure impacts the region. Eastern South Dakota will see showers and thunderstorms this morning before pushing east of the area this afternoon. The threat for strong to severe storms will return to western South Dakota on Monday, and eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota on Tuesday.

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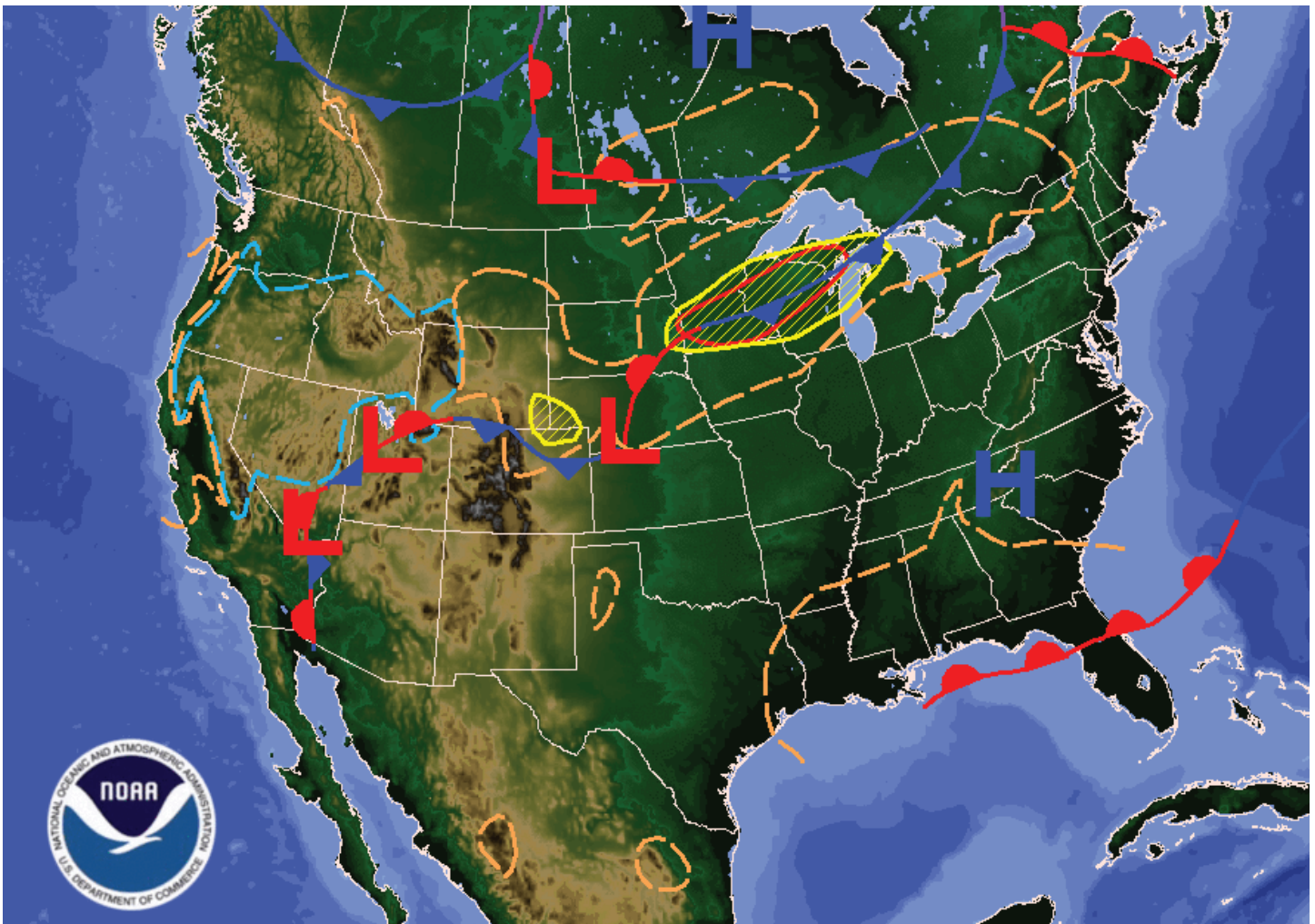
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 87.2 F at 5:40 PM
Heat Index: 86 at 1:19 PM
Low Outside Temp: 68.6 F at 11:56 PM
High Gust: 39.0 Mph at 12:34 AM
Precip: 0.27

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1893
Record Low: 31° in 1938
Average High: 76°F
Average Low: 53°F
Average Precip in June: 1.30
Precip to date in June: 0.35
Average Precip to date: 8.44
Precip Year to Date: 3.54
Sunset Tonight: 9:22 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:44 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Jun 11, 2017, issued 4:54 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Reinhart with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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GOD'S ANSWERS TO LIFE'S QUESTION

No matter how many years I went to school or how many tests I took, nothing was more disappointing or discouraging than to be reminded that my answers did not agree with the teacher's questions. Whenever there was a disagreement, I had to defer to the teacher's wisdom, knowledge and learning.

And when David asked God for the answer to "Life's Ultimate Question" God responded by giving him a simple, straightforward, easy-to-understand answer: "The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart." God's words to David address our walk, our work and our talk – which covers every aspect of our lives.

To walk blamelessly requires us to live and walk in God's path by being obedient to God's rules and regulations. His Word is not open to our interpretation nor do we have the right to pick and choose what we will or will not do. If He said it, we are to obey it and do it!

To do what is righteous requires that we are to behave – to live our lives – in ways that are consistent with the character of God. Our God is a loving God, a holy God and a saving and serving God. Righteousness goes far beyond piety because one can be pious and not do God's work in His world.

To speak the truth from our hearts means that our walk and our talk are consistent and conform to God's Word and come from the very center of our being.

Prayer: Give us the strength, Father, to persevere under pressure and walk, do and speak Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 15:2 The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart.

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News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Saturday:

Dakota Cash
01-02-12-14-30
(one, two, twelve, fourteen, thirty)
Estimated jackpot: \$225,000

Hot Lotto
05-15-20-21-31, Hot Ball: 13
(five, fifteen, twenty, twenty-one, thirty-one; Hot Ball: thirteen)
Estimated jackpot: \$7.24 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$101 million

Powerball
20-26-28-32-38, Powerball: 3, Power Play: 2
(twenty, twenty-six, twenty-eight, thirty-two, thirty-eight; Powerball: three; Power Play: two)
Estimated jackpot: \$435 million

Shortage of Native American doctors raises concern

By CHARLIE CLARK, Cronkite News

PHOENIX (AP) — Dena Wilson never doubted what she wanted to do with her life while growing up on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Her mother worked at the Indian Health Service as a social worker, and aside from a brief desire to be a bird in kindergarten, Wilson knew she wanted to become a doctor.

Wilson attended Chadron State College in Nebraska and then the University of Washington for medical school. After that, she pursued a cardiology fellowship at the University of Arizona's medical center, and she worked for a native cardiology program in Northern Arizona before coming to Phoenix to work for the Indian Health Service.

"Just growing up, receiving care in the Indian Health Service, knowing there was such a shortage, and never seeing any other native providers, this was something I wanted to do," Wilson said.

Wilson belongs to an exclusive club. Not only is she the lone cardiologist working for the Indian Health Service in Phoenix, but she's also Native American, a member of the Oglala Lakota Sioux tribe.

Of the nearly 19,000 graduates of medical school last year in the U.S., only 31 were Native American. Here in Arizona, there's an estimated 13,542 physicians statewide, and only 107 were Native American - that's less than 1 percent, according to a database by the Association of American Medical Colleges using 2013 numbers.

Experts said the shortage of Native American doctors in Arizona - in which there are more than 350,000 Native Americans - is concerning because it impacts the effectiveness of health care delivery overall, as well as the research into health disparities.

Historically, Native Americans have faced more health problems when compared with other Americans. Native Americans die at higher rates in several categories, including chronic liver disease, diabetes and

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chronic lower respiratory disease, and they have a life expectancy rate 4.4 years less than all other U.S. races, according to the Indian Health Service.

The Indian Health Service, which provides health services to about 2.2 million of the nation's estimated 3.7 million Native Americans, suffers from serious staff shortages. Earlier this year, the Government Accountability Office added it and other Native American programs to the "high-risk" list, meaning it's viewed as highly vulnerable to fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement.

But how do these disparities in health outcomes relate to a lack of Native American physicians?

"A lot of people think why should that matter?" said Dr. Lukejohn Day, the director of clinical gastroenterology at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and an associate professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. Day also is a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe.

"What a lot of studies have shown is a diverse health care workforce supplies better provider patient communication, follow ups and treatment adherence," Day said. "Also, what we've seen is the more diverse a workforce is, the more research there is on health care disparities."

And then there's the "people" part of the equation.

"People tend to comply better when they feel their physicians have a better understanding of who they are and where they come from," said Dr. Mary Owen, director of the Center of American Indian and Minority Health at the University of Minnesota Duluth campus.

Owen, who also serves on the board of directors for the Association of American Indian Physicians, added that people from diverse backgrounds are more likely to go back and serve in those communities.

"What I try to provide to my patients is a familiarity and understanding of their day-to-day challenges," said Wilson, the doctor from the Phoenix Indian Health Service. "I grew up on the reservation, and I understand that just going to the grocery store to get healthy ingredients to make a healthy meal is a challenge sometimes."

From 2012 to 2016, of the nearly 55,000 medical school graduates in the U.S., only 101 were Native American, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Owen said there are a lot of reasons why Native Americans don't go into medicine.

"To get into medicine requires so many different pieces of a puzzle to come together," Owen said. "It requires a strong background in science and math, strong communication skills and societal awareness. Pulling all those together from a group of people that have had trauma as long as we have. . We don't have all the resources that other people take for granted in medicine."

Owen said officials and community leaders need to make improvements to elementary and high school education for Native Americans, and they need to reach out earlier to Native students.

Day echoed a similar sentiment.

"If you are hitting them in college and medical school, it might be too late," he said. "Reach out at the high school and junior high level, and I think that makes a much bigger difference."

Another challenge exists in the medical school selection process.

Owen said medical schools have a tendency to focus on things like test scores instead of recognizing what a candidate brings to the table that's not reflected on an application.

Wilson said while her medical school did a great job recognizing the strengths she cultivated through her upbringing, she said the fixation on test scores can be a real problem.

"It's not just about knowledge," Wilson said. "Yeah, you have to have knowledge, I'm not saying everyone can get into med school and become a doctor. But just because you didn't score the highest on your MCATs doesn't mean you should be excluded."

Then there's the fact that just getting into medical school isn't enough. To survive, one needs a lot of support.

Wilson said one of her biggest challenges was dealing with loneliness. Not only was she a woman in a male-dominated specialty, but she also was a minority. She said running into another Native American was rare.

"For me, sometimes just going home and being back home with my community, I needed that to recharge my batteries," Wilson said.

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Despite the obstacles, Owen said she is optimistic that more Native American physicians will soon enter the fold, but she added that medical schools must look at students in a more holistic fashion.

"All these states should have a much higher number," she said.

Locally, the University of Arizona is trying to do its part.

There are 23 American Indian students enrolled at the University of Arizona's two college of medicine programs in Tucson and Phoenix, according to the university.

Additionally, the school also has programs aimed at recruiting and preparing Native students for a career in medicine. These include a pre-admissions workshop with the Association of American Indian Physicians, the Indians Into Medicine grant from the Indian Health Service, and the Navajo Nation Future Physicians' Scholarship Fund, which helps up to seven Navajo scholars per year pursue a medical degree from the university.

17-year NBA veteran Miller plans to keep on playing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — NBA veteran and South Dakota native Mike Miller is under contract with the Denver Nuggets through next season — and is anxious to fulfill that commitment.

The 17-year pro returned to his home state Saturday to participate in a basketball clinic in Sioux Falls. He tells the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2rd8B97>) that he still enjoys playing and he plans to keep going as long as he can.

Miller, who played high school basketball in Mitchell, was a former fifth overall NBA pick and was the 2001 rookie of the year with the Orlando Magic.

Miller says there is a lot of young talent in Denver and the team has a bright future. He says the Nuggets are a great organization and deserve good things.

Miller played in 20 games last season.

Police looking for man charged with assaulting trooper

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A warrant has been issued for a man accused of assaulting a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper during a traffic stop.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says 39-year-old Joshua Two Bulls is charged with aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, grand theft and escape.

The incident happened May 27 on state Highway 79 south of Rapid City. Authorities say Two Bulls was able to get control of the trooper's vehicle during a traffic stop, and the trooper was dragged as Two Bulls tried to flee.

The trooper shot at the vehicle, and the vehicle eventually crashed into a creek embankment. Two Bulls was able to get back into his vehicle and leave the area.

The trooper was treated at a hospital and released.

\$12.8 million water park being pushed in Pierre-Fort Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Three Pierre and Fort Pierre residents have unveiled a proposal for a \$12.8 million water park they hope will be built on the site of a 92-year-old outdoor swimming pool.

Organizers of the proposed Capital Cove tell the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2sbRDaY>) that it would fit the specifications for swim meets that could bring hundreds of competitors to weekend meets from across South Dakota, other states and Canada.

The Pierre Area Waterpark Committee aims to raise \$5 million in private donations and partner with the city, which would own and operate the facility. The city hasn't yet agreed.

Some residents pushed an idea a decade ago to consider a water park to serve both cities. A referendum shot down the idea, which was estimated to cost up to \$10 million.

The time is ripe to complete the general idea in a new form because the city's outdoor pool, built in the 1920s, is too old to make it worth maintaining, said Becky Burke, an organizer.

Pierre is the only South Dakota city of its size not to have updated its outdoor pool, she said.

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

Governor envisions potential rec area at Sturgis reservoirs

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says he's open to the idea of creating a state-managed recreation area out of four small reservoirs tucked into a steep and forested canyon a few miles south of Sturgis.

The reservoirs have been a topic in Sturgis for several years, including last year when the City Council and mayor adopted a resolution saying the best use of the reservoirs would be as a state park.

Daugaard visited the area Tuesday, and said the lack of a public road into the reservoirs and the site's rugged terrain might preclude the heightened level of development for camping and picnicking that typically comes with a state park, the Rapid City Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/2rEKEGc>).

However, Daugaard said a less-developed recreation area for day-use activities could be a possibility.

The governor said the recent failure of his proposal for a state park in Spearfish Canyon would not dissuade him from pursuing state involvement in the Sturgis site, if he becomes convinced that state involvement is appropriate.

"In this case, people have not had access, and so to the extent that the community sees this as something that would gain them something they don't have today, most of the public I would expect would want that," Daugaard said. "In the case of Spearfish Canyon, I think the public felt, 'We have access already, and we don't see any benefit to a state park.'"

Regardless of whether the state becomes involved in managing the Sturgis reservoirs, the public will soon have access to them for the first time in decades, thanks to the construction of a non-motorized trail system.

Sturgis City Manager Daniel Ainslie said the City Council voted Monday to open the reservoirs to the public as soon as appropriate signs and fencing can be installed, possibly in a few weeks.

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

Man found guilty to role in 2015 Pine Ridge beating death

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of instigating the deadly beating of another man on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 2015 has been convicted on two charges.

A jury on Friday afternoon found 25-year-old Calmer Cottier guilty of aiding and abetting second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit assault.

Cottier faces a maximum penalty of life in prison for the killing of 30-year-old Ferris Brings Plenty, who was beaten with a machete, a stick, a bat and a cinder block.

Authorities say Brings Plenty was visiting his mother and didn't know his attackers.

Cottier was acquitted of solicitation to commit a crime of violence.

Five of Cottier's co-defendants have been sentenced in the case, including three men for second-degree murder.

Police release photos of London attackers' fake bomb belts

LONDON (AP) — The London Bridge attackers wore fake suicide belts to create "maximum fear" as they carried out their rampage, police said Sunday.

The Metropolitan Police released photographs of the blood-splattered belts, which were made from plastic water bottles wrapped in duct tape.

Attackers Khuram Butt, Rachid Redouane and Youssef Zaghba wore the belts when they mowed down pedestrians on London Bridge then stabbed people in nearby Borough Market on June 3. They killed eight

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people before being shot dead by police.

Police Commander Dean Haydon said the attackers may have worn the belts because they planned to take hostages, "or it might be that they saw it as protection from being shot themselves."

Geoff Ho, a Sunday Express journalist who was stabbed and injured in the attack, described in the newspaper how he tried to stop the attackers entering a bar packed with people. Ho said "their eyes were full of rage," and he feared they were about to blow themselves up.

"I couldn't just attack," he wrote. "If I charged at them, maybe I could take out one or two. But one of those animals could detonate and kill us all."

Ho was stabbed in the throat by Butt. He credited his martial arts training with being able to fight off the attack enough to avoid being killed.

Police are still appealing for witnesses as they piece together details of the attack.

They say the attackers may have planned even worse carnage. Butt tried to rent a 7.5-ton box truck, but his payment was declined and he rented a smaller van instead.

Police found petrol bombs and blowtorches in the van, which crashed on the bridge.

Police are questioning six men over suspected links to the attackers, Pakistani-born British citizen Butt, Moroccan Redouane, and Zaghba, an Italian national of Moroccan descent.

France's Macron faces test in parliamentary elections

By SYLVIE CORBET, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French voters are choosing lawmakers in the lower house of parliament on Sunday in a vote that is crucial for newly-elected president Emmanuel Macron.

A total of 7,882 candidates are running for 577 seats in the National Assembly in Sunday's first round of the two-stage legislative elections. Top vote-getters advance to the decisive second round June 18.

Polls suggest the elections will strongly favor Macron's party and dramatically shake up French politics, punishing the traditional left and right parties and leaving no single strong opposition force.

Macron's year-old centrist movement, Republic on the Move, is seeking an absolute majority to be able to implement his campaign promises, which include simplifying labor rules and making it easier to lay off workers in hopes of boosting hiring.

The government outlined the main themes of a major labor reform that has already angered French unions and is likely to prompt tensions over the summer.

Macron also plans to quickly pass a law to strengthen security measures — effectively making the state of emergency permanent, after multiple Islamic extremist attacks in France — and another one that he says will put more ethics into French politics.

The government needs a new Assembly in place to vote on the bills.

Macron called on French voters to give him a "majority to make changes" on the night of his victory May 7. "That's what the country wants and that's what it deserves," he said.

A minimum of 289 seats is required to secure an absolute majority.

According to the latest polls, Macron's movement appears in a position to win potentially as many as 400 seats.

The candidates of Republic on the Move include many newcomers in politics, like a retired bullfighter, a fighter pilot and a mathematical genius. Half of them are women.

Candidates from the conservative Republicans party are expected to arrive in second position, and other parties with possibly more than 100 seats. The Socialists, who dominated the last Assembly, are expected to suffer a stinging defeat and win just a few dozen seats.

In the wake of far-right Marine Le Pen's qualification for the presidential runoff, the National Front party is expected to get its highest-ever score — but does not appear able to become the major opposition force Le Pen had hoped for. Polls project it could win about a dozen seats, in part because of a voting system that favors the biggest parties.

Le Pen herself is running for a seat in Henin-Beaumont in northern France.

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Far-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon, who came in a strong fourth place in the presidential vote with nearly 20 percent support, is running for a parliamentary seat in the southern city of Marseille. His movement could obtain between 10 and 20 seats.

Parisian voter Thibault Gouache says he's keen to see fresh faces in the parliament.

"The most important thing is changing the people that do politics," he told The Associated Press. Many candidates have already served multiple terms and "are disconnected to the reality of what we live on a day by day basis."

The turnout rate is expected to be low for France, with possibly only half of the voters going to the polls.

To win in the first round, candidates need an absolute majority and support from at least a quarter of the district's registered voters.

Otherwise, all contenders who get at least 12.5 percent of the votes of registered voters advance to the second round.

The French Parliament is made up of two houses, the National Assembly and the Senate. The legislative elections don't concern the Senate, which is currently run by a conservative majority.

The National Assembly always has the final say in the voting process of a law.

Nicolas Garriga in Paris contributed to this report.

1 winning Powerball ticket sold in California worth \$447M

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A sole winning Powerball ticket worth \$447.8 million and matching all six numbers was sold in southern California and will claim the 10th largest lottery prize in U.S. history, lottery officials said Sunday.

The winning ticket was sold at Marietta Liquor & Deli in southern California's Riverside County, about 80 miles (128.74 kilometers) south of Los Angeles, according to a release posted on the California Lottery's website. Lottery officials said the earliest the ticket could be redeemed is 8 a.m. Monday. The winner has one year to claim the prize.

The lucky numbers drawn Saturday night were 20-26-32-38-58, and the Powerball number was 3.

Powerball spokesman Randy Miller said the estimated jackpot prize is based on a winner choosing an annuity, which pays off over 29 years. The cash prize would be \$279.1 million. Both prize amounts would be before taxes are deducted.

Before the drawing Saturday night the jackpot was estimated at \$435 million. The jackpot had grown because no one had matched all the numbers since April 1.

The odds of winning Saturday's drawing were only one in 292.2 million.

California Lottery officials said the retailer where the winning ticket was sold will receive a \$1 million "retailer bonus."

Powerball is played in 44 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Batman forever: Original TV Batman Adam West dead at 88

By SANDY COHEN and KEITH RIDLER, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Batman" only aired for three seasons in the 1960s, but Adam West would remain associated with the role forever.

"You get terrible typecast playing a character like that," West told The Associated Press in a 2014 interview. "But in the overall, I'm delighted because my character became iconic and has opened a lot of doors in other ways, too."

West, who died late Friday at age 88, initially chafed as being typecast after "Batman" went off the air, but in later years he acknowledged he was happy to have had a role in kicking off a big-budget film franchise by showing the character's wide appeal.

His straight-faced portrayal of Batman in the campy 1960s TV series lifted the tight-clad Caped Crusader into the national consciousness, and inspired future wearers of the superhero's cape and cowl. The TV

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show was among the most popular in 1966, the year of its debut, and some of the era's top actors signed on to play villains. Burgess Meredith squawked as the Penguin. Eartha Kitt purred as Catwoman. And Cesar Romero cackled as the Joker.

Michael Keaton, Val Kilmer, George Clooney, Christian Bale and Ben Affleck have since portrayed Batman onscreen.

"Adam West exemplified heroism," Affleck wrote on Twitter Saturday. "Kind, funny and an all around great guy. Thank you for showing us all how it's done "

West remained friends with the actor who played Batman's trusty sidekick, Robin. Burt Ward said he and West were friends for more than 50 years.

"We shared some of the most fun times of our lives together, Ward told the entertainment trade paper Variety. "This is a terribly unexpected loss of my lifelong friend. I will forever miss him."

Julie Newmar, who played Catwoman to West's Batman, said, "He was bright, witty and fun to work with. "I will miss him in the physical world and savor him always in the world of imagination and creativity."

A whole new generation of fans knew West as the voice of nutty Mayor Adam West on the long-running animated series "Family Guy."

"Adam West was a joy to work with, and the kind of guy you always wanted to be around," "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane said in a statement. "His positivity, good nature, and sense of fun were undeniable, and it was always a big jolt of the best kind of energy when he walked in to record the show. He knew comedy, and he knew humanity... Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have given, Mr. Mayor. You're irreplaceable."

In April 2012, West received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Born William West Anderson in Walla Walla, Washington, he moved to Seattle at age 15 with his mother after his parents divorced.

He graduated from Whitman College, a private liberal arts school, in Walla Walla.

After serving in the Army, he went to Hollywood and changed his name to Adam West, and began appearing on a number of television series, including "Bonanza," "Perry Mason" and "Bewitched."

His publicist, Molly Schoneveld, said Saturday that West died after a "short but brave battle against leukemia." He is survived by his wife, Marcelle, six children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"Our dad always saw himself as The Bright Knight, and aspired to make a positive impact on his fans' lives," his children said in a statement. "He was and always will be our hero."

Ridler reported from Boise, Idaho.

Sessions to appear before Senate intelligence committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Jeff Sessions, whose contacts with Russia's ambassador to the U.S. during the presidential campaign have sparked questions, agreed Saturday to appear before the Senate intelligence committee as it investigates alleged Russian meddling in the election.

Sessions recused himself in March from a federal investigation into contacts between Russia and the presidential campaign of Donald Trump after acknowledging that he had met twice last year with the Russian ambassador to the United States. He had told lawmakers at his January confirmation hearing that he had not met with Russians during the campaign.

Sessions has been dogged by questions about possible additional encounters with the ambassador, Sergey Kislyak. Senate Democrats have raised questions about whether the men met at an April 2016 foreign policy event at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington. The Justice Department has said that while Sessions was there, for a speech by Trump, there were no meetings or private encounters.

Former FBI Director James Comey raised additional questions at a hearing on Thursday, saying that the FBI expected Sessions to recuse himself weeks before he actually did. Comey declined to elaborate in an open setting.

In a letter Saturday to Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., Sessions said that he had been scheduled to discuss the Justice Department budget before House and Senate Appropriations subcommittees but that it had

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become clear some members would focus their questions on the Russia investigation. Shelby chairs the Senate appropriations subcommittee.

Sessions said his decision to accept the intelligence committee's invitation to appear was due in part to Comey's testimony. He wrote that "it is important that I have an opportunity to address these matters in the appropriate forum." He said Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein would appear before the subcommittees.

Briefing congressional appropriators on the Justice Department's budget is a critical part of the attorney general's job. The fact that Sessions would delegate that task to his deputy showed the Russia investigation was distracting him from his core duties.

Sessions did not say in the letter whether his appearance would be in public or behind closed doors. Comey testified in public and then met with the committee in a closed session to discuss matters touching on classified information.

Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, said he was troubled that Sessions wouldn't appear before the appropriations panel and that the apparent reason was "he does not want to discuss the scope of his recusal from the investigation regarding the 2016 presidential campaign as well as his significant interactions with Russian officials."

"These are dark times if the attorney general of the United States is unwilling to answer questions under oath in an open session about his conduct or defend this administration's budget," Schatz said in a statement.

Tony Awards on Sunday take place under 'Hamilton' shadow

By MARK KENNEDY, AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Tony Awards kick off with Kevin Spacey as its first-time host hoping to shake the telecast's post-"Hamilton" hangover.

The leading musical Tony nominees on Sunday are "Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812" with 12 nominations, "Dear Evan Hansen" with nine and "Hello, Dolly!" with 10. The top play nominees are "A Doll's House, Part 2," with eight, and "Oslo" with seven. Last year, all eyes were on how many statuettes "Hamilton" would capture. This year, the awards are expected to be scattered around.

"It's such a great season for musicals," said Astrid Van Wieren, who stars in "Come From Away," a show based on real events about how a Canadian town opened its arms to stranded people on 9/11.

"There isn't just one. 'Hamilton' — God bless, great show; it reinvigorated everything — but there isn't that feeling that the season is owned by one show. There's so much for everyone to see," she said.

The presenters will be the regular mix of Broadway and Hollywood, including Orlando Bloom, Stephen Colbert, Tina Fey, Josh Gad, Taraji P. Henson, Scarlett Johansson, Anna Kendrick, Keegan-Michael Key, Olivia Wilde, Scott Bakula, Sara Bareilles, Glenn Close, Sally Field, Whoopi Goldberg, Mark Hamill, Allison Janney, John Legend, John Lithgow, Patina Miller, David Oyelowo, Sarah Paulson, Lea Salonga and Tom Sturridge.

Those watching will see musical numbers from nine new and revival musicals, including "Bandstand," "Come From Away," "Dear Evan Hansen," "Falsettos," "Groundhog Day The Musical," "Hello, Dolly!," "Miss Saigon," "Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812," and "War Paint."

But one thing they won't get to hear is Bette Midler sing after talks failed to land the diva, who is starring in a hit revival of "Hello, Dolly." In other sour notes, the thriving and popular show "Anastasia" didn't get a slot, despite its draw with young people, particularly women. Nor will the musicals "A Bronx Tale" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," despite their box office popularity and the inclusion of some other shows that are struggling.

Broadway producers will be thankful this year that the telecast won't have to compete with any NBA Finals games, but there will be a Stanley Cup playoff game. They'll also be keeping their fingers crossed that they avoid any technical or human snafus that have marred previous awards shows this year, including the wrong winner announced at the Oscars and sound issues at the Grammys.

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Pentagon: 3 US soldiers killed, 1 wounded in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Three U.S. soldiers were killed and another was wounded Saturday in eastern Afghanistan, the Pentagon said.

An Afghan official said the deaths and injury stem from an attack by an Afghan soldier, who also died. In a statement from Washington, the Pentagon didn't provide details about what led to the deaths of the U.S. soldiers. It said the incident was under investigation.

A spokesman for the provincial governor in Nangarhar province, Attahullah Khogyani, said in a statement that the attack took place in the Achin district.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid says in a statement that a Taliban loyalist had infiltrated the Afghan army "just to attack foreign forces."

In March, an Afghan soldier was killed after he opened fire on foreign forces at a base in Helmand province, wounding three U.S. soldiers.

White House spokesman Raj Shah told reporters traveling with President Donald Trump in New Jersey that Trump was "following the emerging situation in Afghanistan."

Police first responder describes London Bridge attack mayhem

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — One of the first police officers on the scene of the London Bridge attack says he was met by pandemonium, as people fled in panic and the wounded lay on sidewalks.

But he also described how, within minutes, police had killed the attackers, ushered bystanders to safety and begun treating and evacuating the wounded.

Inspector Jim Cole, who was scrambled from his south London police station, said the response was "like something out of a Battle of Britain film" as officers piled into vehicles and raced to the scene.

In an account of the June 3 attack released by the Metropolitan Police, Cole said he arrived at Borough Market to find "casualties on the pavements."

"I asked my officers to form a cordon to stop the public from going into the market, and that's when the shooting started just behind us," he said. "We had no idea what was going on. We didn't know if it was us shooting or if that bad guys had guns."

Armed officers fired almost 50 rounds, killing three attackers who had plowed a rented van into pedestrians on the bridge, killing three, then jumped out and stabbed Saturday night revelers in Borough Market, an area packed with bars and restaurants. Five people died of stab wounds, and almost 50 people were wounded in the attack.

Cole said he set up a triage area inside a pub to treat the wounded, including a man who had been stabbed in the stomach.

"I then heard more shouting and a stream of people came out of the market screaming and panicking. I got them into the pub's basement as a place of hard cover," he said.

He said that on his police radio "I could hear officers on London Bridge desperately calling for ambulances," and got a police cruiser to take the man who had been stabbed in the stomach to a hospital.

All of the 48 wounded people who were taken to hospitals survived.

Cole said that soon the situation "began to stabilize," with the attackers dead and the immediate threat contained.

"I felt that it had only been a few moments, but it had actually been about 10 or 15 minutes," he said.

Cole said that when he told the 200 people sheltering in the pub's basement that they were safe and would soon be evacuated, "I got a big round of applause."

"That was a really nice, unexpected moment," he said.

Cole, 41, said the attack was "the most challenging, most intense situation I've dealt with" in an 18-year police career.

"I've dealt with a lot of death and I've been to some pretty horrific scenes in my career, but nothing has ever been on that scale," he said. "It's going to stick with me for a long time."

Police are questioning seven suspects over suspected links to the attackers, Pakistani-born British citizen Khuram Butt, Moroccan Rachid Redouane, and Youssef Zaghba, an Italian national of Moroccan descent.

Rallies against Islamic law draw counter-protests across US

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Demonstrators at small but raucous gatherings around the country Saturday raised the specter that extremist interpretations of Islamic law might somehow spread across the U.S., but many of the rallies drew even more boisterous counter-protests by people who called such fears unfounded.

Hundreds of counter-protesters marched through downtown Seattle, banging drums, cymbals and cowbells behind a large sign saying "Seattle stands with our Muslim neighbors." Participants chanted "No hate, no fear, Muslims are welcome here" on their way to City Hall, where dozens of anti-Shariah protesters rallied.

A phalanx of bicycle police officers kept the sides separated during the sanctioned events, but authorities said a large fight broke out after the gatherings concluded. Police used tear gas to disperse rowdy demonstrators and arrested three people for obstructing law enforcement.

In front of the Trump building in downtown Chicago, about 30 people demonstrated against Islamic law and in favor of President Donald Trump, shouting slogans and holding signs that read "Ban Sharia" and "Sharia abuses women." About twice as many counter-protesters marshaled across the street.

A similar scene played out in a park near a New York courthouse, where counter-protesters sounded air-horns and banged pots and pans in an effort to silence an anti-Shariah rally. In St. Paul, Minnesota, state troopers arrested about a half-dozen people when scuffles broke out at the close of competing demonstrations at the state Capitol.

"The theme of today is drowning out racism," said New York counter-protester Tony Murphy, standing next to demonstrators with colorful earplugs. "The more racists get a platform, the more people get attacked."

The rallies, held in more than two dozen U.S. cities, were organized by ACT for America, which claims Islamic law is incompatible with Western democracy.

The organization said it opposes discrimination and supports the rights of those subject to Shariah. However, the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups, calls it the largest American anti-Muslim group.

"I don't believe Islam can peacefully co-exist with the Constitution," said Seattle anti-Shariah demonstrator Aaron Bassford, 29. "We need unity in this country under no ideology and no banner except the Constitution of the United States of America."

But the overwhelming majority of Muslims don't want to replace U.S. law with Islamic law, known as Shariah, and only "radical extremist groups" would call for that, said Liyakat Takim, a professor of Islamic studies at McMaster University in the Canadian city of Hamilton, Ontario.

Shariah, Takim said, refers to guidelines or principles — how Muslims should live. "Fiqh" refers to jurisprudence, or specific laws. The values embedded in Shariah do not change and are shared among Muslims, he said, while fiqh is open to interpretation and change, and in fact differs among Islamic sects and communities.

"The Quran allows slavery. So does the Old Testament. That doesn't mean we allow it today, too," Takim said. "Laws are amenable to change."

In Seattle, activists set up an "Ask an American Muslim" booth to give rally participants on either side a chance to speak with a Muslim.

"American Muslims support the American values and freedoms we all cherish," said Arsalan Bukhari, executive director of the state chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

The marches come amid a rise in reports of anti-Muslim incidents in the U.S., including arson attacks

and vandalism at mosques, harassment of women wearing Muslim head coverings and bullying of Muslim schoolchildren.

In California, small but raucous demonstrations were held in a handful of cities, including San Bernardino, where a husband and wife inspired by the Islamic State group killed 14 people and wounded 22 in a 2015 shooting attack.

Clusters of protesters and counter-protesters gathered on four corners of an intersection at a memorial to the slain, yelling and waving American flags and posters proclaiming various causes. Anti-Islamic law demonstrators marched past the building where the shootings occurred.

"There's an anti-Trump, a pro-Trump, anti-extremists, so there are a variety of messages here," San Bernardino police spokeswoman Eileen Hards said. "There are so many messages going on that I'm not sure who's who."

Anti-Islamic law protester Denise Zamora, 39, said she and others in her group were not opposed to all Muslims.

"We're anti-Shariah. We're anti-radicals," the Upland woman said. She added, of Shariah: "It's coming in very slowly, and a lot of the refugees are bringing that ideology here. All of it is just barbaric."

About 300 people attended San Bernardino's rallies. Three were arrested on suspicion of vandalism for smashing windows of two cars, Hards said.

Associated Press writers Andrew Selsky in Portland, Oregon; Deniz Cam in New York; Jeff Karoub in Detroit; Kimberlee Kruesi in Boise, Idaho; Robert Jablon in Los Angeles; Dave Kolpack in Fargo, North Dakota; and Michael Tarm in Chicago contributed to this report.

Adam West learned to embrace Batman role he couldn't shake

By KEITH RIDLER and SANDY COHEN, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before Michael Keaton, Val Kilmer, George Clooney, Christian Bale and Ben Affleck donned Batman's cape in a stream of Hollywood blockbusters, there was Adam West.

West's deadpan portrayal of the comic hero in a campy 1960's TV series brought the Caped Crusader into the national consciousness with a "bang!" The Dark Knight had been a brooding presence on the pages of comic books since 1939 and on the big screen in 1940s-era movie serials.

West died Friday night after "a short but brave battle with leukemia," his publicist, Molly Schoneveld, said Saturday in a statement. He was 88.

"Our dad always saw himself as The Bright Knight, and aspired to make a positive impact on his fans' lives," West's children said in a statement. "He was and always will be our hero."

When West took on the tights, he stoked the stoicism for laughs: a superhero letting everyone know he was in on the joke.

"We were making overstated morality plays for children that adults could watch and enjoy," West told the Los Angeles Times in a 2004 interview. "We played it terribly serious, and that's half the fun of it."

West's Batman, which he called his "Bright Knight," protected Gotham City from Technicolor criminals such as the Penguin, the Riddler and Catwoman.

Viewers came to expect fight scenes where Batman and his trusted sidekick, Robin the Boy Wonder, played by Burt Ward, would battle an array of anonymous henchmen, dispatching them with comedic blows obscured by graphics that filled the screen and hid the violence: Bam! Whap! Pow! He would be associated with the role for the rest of his life.

"You get terribly typecast playing a character like that," he told The Associated Press in a 2014 interview.

"But in the overall, I'm delighted because my character became iconic and has opened a lot of doors in other ways, too." "Batman" was among the most popular TV shows in 1966, the year of its debut, and some of the era's top actors signed on to play villains.

Burgess Meredith squawked as the Penguin. Eartha Kitt purred as Catwoman. And Cesar Romero cackled as the Joker. It was the start of a tradition that would continue when the characters re-emerged as

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Hollywood mainstays in 1989.

The show lasted just three seasons but has endured in reruns and video sales. After "Batman" went off the air in 1968, West continued to work in TV, appearing in "Laverne & Shirley" and "Fantasy Island."

But he said he had been turned down for some roles because of his time portraying millionaire, playboy Bruce Wayne and his spandex-wearing alter ego, Batman. It was a source of tension until he realized his work helped kick off the big-budget film franchise by showing the character was a hit with wide audiences.

"It is kind of a double-edged sword, but I made up my mind a long time ago to enjoy it," West told The Desert Sun newspaper in Palm Springs, California, in a June 2006 interview. "Not many actors get the chance to create a signature character."

He returned to the role in an episode of "The Simpsons" and in 2003's "Return to the Batcave," in which he reminisced with his former co-star Ward, reprising his role as Robin, while chasing villains who had stolen the Batmobile from a museum.

More recently, he did the voice of nutty Mayor Adam West on the long-running "Family Guy" series. In April 2012, West received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Born William West Anderson in Walla Walla, Washington, he moved to Seattle at age 15 with his mother after his parents divorced. He graduated from Whitman College, a liberal arts school, in Walla Walla.

After serving in the Army, he went to Hollywood, changed his name to Adam West and began appearing on a number of shows, including "Bonanza," "Perry Mason" and "Bewitched."

He was married three times and had six children. West had homes in Los Angeles and Palm Springs, California, but he and his wife, Marcelle, spent most of their time at their ranch near Sun Valley, Idaho, where he remained in on the joke.

An online search of the Sun Valley directory for Adam West results in a prompt to "See Wayne, Bruce (Millionaire)," which results in "Please consult Crime Fighters in the Yellow Pages," leading to "See Batman," leading back to Adam West. None have phone numbers.

West is survived by Marcelle, six children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ridler reported from Boise, Idaho. Associated Press writer Greg Moore in Phoenix contributed to this report.

UK leader May strikes tentative deal with N Ireland party

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Theresa May struck a deal in principle with Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party on Saturday to prop up the Conservative government, stripped of its majority in a disastrous election.

The result has demolished May's political authority, and she has also lost her two top aides, sacrificed in a bid to save their leader from being toppled by a furious Conservative Party.

The moves buy May a temporary reprieve. But the ballot-box humiliation has seriously — and possibly mortally — wounded her leadership just as Britain is about to begin complex exit talks with the European Union.

May's office said Saturday that the Democratic Unionist Party, which has 10 seats in Parliament, had agreed to a "confidence and supply" arrangement with the government. That means the DUP will back the government on key votes, but it's not a coalition government or a broader pact.

Downing St. said the Cabinet will discuss the agreement on Monday.

The announcement came after May lost Downing St. chiefs of staff Nick Timothy and Fiona Hill, who resigned Saturday. They formed part of May's small inner circle and were blamed by many Conservatives for the party's lackluster campaign and unpopular election platform, which alienated older voters with its plan to take away a winter fuel allowance and make them pay more for long-term care.

In a resignation statement on the Conservative Home website, Timothy conceded that the campaign

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had failed to communicate "Theresa's positive plan for the future," and missed signs of surging support for the opposition Labour Party.

Some senior Tories had made the removal of Hill and Timothy a condition for continuing to support May, who has vowed to remain prime minister. May's party won 318 seats, 12 fewer than it had before May called a snap election, and eight short of the 326 needed for an outright majority. The main opposition Labour Party surpassed expectations by winning 262.

May announced later that Gavin Barwell — a former housing minister who lost his seat in Thursday's election — would be her new chief of staff.

May said Barwell would help her "reflect on the election and why it did not deliver the result I hoped for."

Conservative legislator Nigel Evans said the departure of the two aides was "a start," but there needed to be changes to the way the government functioned in the wake of the campaign.

He said the Conservative election manifesto — which Hill and Timothy were key in drafting — was "a full assault on the core Tory voters, who are senior citizens."

"It was a disaster," he said. "Our manifesto was full of fear and the Labour Party's manifesto was full of promises."

Martin Selmayr, senior aide to European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, responded to the resignations by tweeting the word "bauernopfer" — German for the sacrifice of a pawn in chess.

May called the early election when her party was comfortably ahead in the polls, in the hope of increasing her majority and strengthening Britain's hand in exit talks with the EU.

Instead, the result has sown confusion and division in British ranks, just days before negotiations are due to start on June 19.

May wanted to win explicit backing for her stance on Brexit, which involves leaving the EU's single market and imposing restrictions on immigration while trying to negotiate free trade deal with the bloc. Some say her failure means the government must now take a more flexible approach to the divorce.

The Times of London said in an editorial that "the election appears to have been, among other things, a rejection of the vague but harshly worded prospectus for Brexit for which Mrs. May sought a mandate."

It added that "the logic leading to Mrs. May's departure from Downing St. is remorseless."

The Downing St. resignations came as May worked to fill jobs in her minority government and replace ministers who lost their seats on Thursday. Her weakened position in the party rules out big changes, and May's office has said that the most senior Cabinet members — including Treasury chief Philip Hammond, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Home Secretary Amber Rudd — will keep their jobs, but she is expected to shuffle the lower ranks of ministers.

The arrangement with the DUP will make governing easier, but it makes some Conservatives uneasy. The DUP is a socially conservative pro-British Protestant group that opposes abortion and same-sex marriage and once appointed an environment minister who believes human-driven climate change is a myth.

The DUP was founded in the 1970s by the late firebrand preacher Ian Paisley, and in the 1980s was a key player in the "Save Ulster from Sodomy" campaign, which unsuccessfully fought against the legalization of gay sex.

Ruth Davidson, the Conservative leader in Scotland, said she had asked May for assurances that there would be no attack on gay rights after a deal with the DUP.

Northern Ireland is the only part of the U.K. in which same-sex marriage is illegal.

"It's an issue very close to my heart and one that I wanted categorical assurances from the prime minister on, and I received (them)," said Davidson, who is engaged to be married to her female partner.

DUP Leader Arlene Foster recently denied the party was homophobic.

"I could not care less what people get up to in terms of their sexuality. That's not a matter for me," she said. "When it becomes a matter for me is when people try to redefine marriage."

A deal between the government and the DUP could also unsettle the precarious balance between Northern Ireland's British loyalist and Irish nationalist parties.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, riding a wave of acclaim for his party's unexpectedly strong showing,

called on May to resign.

Newspaper headlines saw her as just clinging on. "May fights to remain PM," said the front page of the Daily Telegraph, while the Times of London said: "May stares into the abyss."

But she seems secure for the immediate future, because senior Conservatives don't want to plunge the party into a damaging leadership contest.

"I don't think throwing us into a leadership battle at this moment in time, when we are about to launch into these difficult negotiations, would be in the best interests of the country," Evans said.

Unseeded, just 20, Ostapenko wins French Open for 1st title

By HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Right from the start of the French Open final, Jelena Ostapenko made quite clear to anyone unfamiliar with her name, or her game, what she is all about.

Yes, she was just two days past her 20th birthday. Yes, she was ranked only 47th. Yes, she was trying to become the first unseeded women's champion at the tournament since — get this — 1933. And yes, she was trying to become the first woman in nearly four decades to make a Grand Slam title the first tour-level triumph of her career. None of that mattered to Ostapenko.

She began what would become an enthralling, 2-hour encounter by breaking No. 3-seeded Simona Halep at love with a series of grip-it-and-rip-it shots, eliciting loud, appreciative gasps from spectators. So what if Ostapenko wound up dropping that set, then facing big deficits in the second and third? Ostapenko never wavered, using bold strokes and an unbending will to come back and stun Halep 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 for an unlikely championship at Roland Garros.

"Before the match, 5-10 minutes, I was a little bit nervous," said Ostapenko, the first Latvian to win a major. "But then, when I went on court, I felt quite free."

Halep, a 25-year-old from Romania, was the 2014 French Open runner-up and would have moved up to No. 1 in the WTA rankings if she had won Saturday. She appeared headed for a runaway victory when up a set and 3-0 in the second, plus holding three break points for the chance to lead 4-0. But Ostapenko would not go quietly, winning that game and the next three en route to forcing a third set.

"I felt a little bit nervous," said Ostapenko, the first woman since Jennifer Capriati in 2001 to win the French Open after losing the final's opening set. "But then I felt: 'I have nothing to lose, so I'm just going to enjoy the match and do my best.'"

She again summoned a veteran's resolve down 3-1 in the third set, taking the match's last five games and, fittingly, striking a pair of winners on the last two points.

"Enjoy, be happy, and keep it going," Halep told Ostapenko during the trophy ceremony, "because you're like a kid."

Sure is. Quite a precocious one.

Ostapenko was playing in only her eighth Grand Slam tournament and never had been past the third round before. Clay isn't even her preferred surface — she likes grass better, and won the Wimbledon junior title in 2014 — which made this two-week joyride even more unpredictable.

Consider: Last year in Paris, Ostapenko lost in the first round. The year before that, she lost in the first round of qualifying.

"Everybody knows she can play very good, but I think nobody expected (her) to (do) what she did," said Anabel Medina Garrigues, who began coaching Ostapenko in April.

Asked why Ostapenko never won a WTA Tour event until now, Medina Garrigues began answering, then interrupted herself after 10 words and laughed.

"I mean, I don't know," she said. "Actually, it's something I cannot understand. It's unbelievable."

The last woman to win her first tour-level title at a major was Barbara Jordan at the 1979 Australian Open. Not coincidentally, that was also the last time at any Grand Slam tournament that none of the women's quarterfinalists had previously won a major championship.

So Ostapenko stepped into the considerable opening created by the absences of Serena Williams (who

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is pregnant) and Sharapova (denied a wild card after a drug ban). Also missing was two-time major champ Victoria Azarenka, while No. 1 Angelique Kerber lost in the first round.

Ostapenko burst onto the scene with a brash brand of tennis. Accenting shots with high-pitched ex-hales, she likes points quick. The impatience of youth not only showed up in Ostapenko's play but also, occasionally, in her demeanor. When she'd miss, she would slap her thigh or crack her racket on the red clay or raise a palm as if to say, "What was up with that shot?"

Things went her way to the tune of 54 winners, a remarkably high total that was 46 more than the defensive-minded Halep. Ostapenko also made 54 unforced errors, to Halep's 10.

When Ostapenko is at her best, Halep's coach, Darren Cahill said, "You don't touch the ball. You become a spectator."

A telling statistic: Of the 33 points Halep won in the first set, only one came via a winner off her racket.

Still, there were plenty of entertaining points during the back-and-forth match between the disparate styles, played in a slight breeze with the temperature at about 80 degrees (above 25 Celsius) and with nary a cloud marking the azure sky.

But the difference on this day: Halep faded at the end of the second and third sets, while Ostapenko surged, bringing her mother — a tennis instructor who taught young Jelena how to play — to tears in the stands.

"I've been sick in the stomach with emotion," Halep said. "Maybe I was not ready to win it."

Ostapenko certainly was ready, sooner than even she could imagine.

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Biden encourages Romney to consider Senate run in Utah

By MICHELLE L. PRICE, Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Former Vice President Joe Biden has encouraged onetime GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney to run for the Senate in Utah if longtime Republican incumbent Orrin Hatch decides to retire next year.

Biden made the recommendation to Romney on Friday evening at the Utah resort where Romney was hosting an annual invitation-only business and politics summit.

The Biden-Romney event, like most of the discussions and speeches at the gathering, was closed to reporters. But people who were there confirmed the conversation and described it as a warm, bipartisan talk.

Romney did not give any indication he was considering a run, should Hatch, 83, decide not to run again next year, said one person in attendance, Maryland videographer Dean Dykema.

"Mitt didn't have a chance to ask many questions because Joe pretty much took over the show," Dykema said.

Hatch, who has been in office since 1977, has said he hasn't decided if he'll seek another term but he might step aside if Romney ran.

The 70-year-old former Massachusetts governor now lives in Utah, where he's remained popular as the man who led a turnaround of the scandal-plagued 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics and as a prominent Mormon businessman and politician in a state that's home to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In April, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he reached out to Romney about running for Hatch's seat, but said he'd support the longtime senator if he decided to run again.

Hatch has said that he hopes everyone in Utah could get behind Romney and avoid a divisive primary contest like the one in 2010 that ousted his close friend, the late Utah Republican Sen. Robert Bennett. Bennett was defeated by a tea party-backed Republican, Mike Lee.

On Friday in Utah, Romney and Biden did not discuss the 2012 election where they ran on opposing tickets, but Biden did discuss the 2016 election.

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He made some comments critical of President Donald Trump, but said he felt his own party and its candidate Hillary Clinton failed to connect with some key voting blocs, including millennials and those in working-class states where Biden was sent as a surrogate for the campaign.

Biden also discussed a need for bipartisanship in Congress, lamenting how Republicans and Democrats don't sit together anymore in the Capitol dining room, and spoke of his efforts to improve cancer research, a cause he has focused on since his son, former Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, died in 2015 of brain cancer.

Today in History **By The Associated Press**

Today in History

Today is Sunday, June 11, the 162nd day of 2017. There are 203 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 11, 1947, the government announced the end of sugar rationing for households and "institutional users" (e.g., restaurants and hotels) as of midnight.

On this date:

In 1258, the Oxford Parliament (also known as the "Mad Parliament") convened during the reign of King Henry III, who agreed to the creation of a privy council that would advise him and provide oversight, an arrangement which did not last.

In 1509, England's King Henry VIII married his first wife, Catherine of Aragon.

In 1770, Captain James Cook, commander of the British ship Endeavour, "discovered" the Great Barrier Reef off Australia by running onto it.

In 1919, Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner.

In 1937, eight members of the Soviet Red Army High Command accused of disloyalty were put on trial, convicted and immediately executed as part of Josef Stalin's Great Purge.

In 1942, the United States and the Soviet Union signed a lend-lease agreement to aid the Soviet war effort in World War II.

In 1959, the Saunders-Roe Nautical 1, the first operational hovercraft, was publicly demonstrated off the southern coast of England.

In 1962, three prisoners at Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay staged an escape, leaving the island on a makeshift raft; they were never found or heard from again.

In 1977, a 20-day hostage drama in the Netherlands ended as Dutch marines stormed a train and a school held by Moluccan extremists; six gunmen and two hostages on the train were killed. Seattle Slew won the Belmont Stakes, capturing the Triple Crown.

In 1987, Margaret Thatcher became the first British prime minister in 160 years to win a third consecutive term of office as her Conservatives held onto a reduced majority in Parliament.

In 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that people who commit "hate crimes" motivated by bigotry may be sentenced to extra punishment; the court also ruled religious groups had a constitutional right to sacrifice animals in worship services.

In 2001, Timothy McVeigh, 33, was executed by injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.

Ten years ago: Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, was arrested at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in a restroom sex sting. (Craig, who denied soliciting an undercover police officer, later pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and paid a fine.) A divided panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the Bush administration could not use new anti-terrorism laws to keep Ali al-Marri, a legal U.S. resident, locked up indefinitely without charging him. (The issue was rendered moot in 2009 when the Obama administration ordered al-Marri turned over to civilian authorities; al-Marri pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization, and was sentenced to eight years in prison.) Actress Mala Powers died in Burbank, California, at age 75.

Five years ago: Testimony began in the trial of former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry San-

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dusky, accusing of sexually abusing 10 boys over 15 years. (Sandusky was later convicted and sentenced to at least 30 years in prison.) Rafael Nadal (rah-fay-ehl nah-DAHL') won his record seventh French Open title, defeating Novak Djokovic (NOH'-vak JOH'-kuh-vich) 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5. The Los Angeles Kings won their first NHL championship, beating the New Jersey Devils 6-1 in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals. Ann Rutherford, 94, the demure brunette actress who played Scarlett O'Hara's youngest sister in "Gone With the Wind," died in Beverly Hills.

One year ago: Queen Elizabeth II and her family marked her official 90th birthday with a parade, a colorful military ceremony and an appearance on the Buckingham Palace balcony. Creator closed with a rush and caught Destin at the wire to win the Belmont Stakes by a nose, with Preakness winner Exaggerator finishing well back in the field.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., is 87. Comedian Johnny Brown is 80. International Motorsports Hall of Famer Jackie Stewart is 78. Singer Joey Dee is 77. Actress Adrienne Barbeau is 72. Rock musician Frank Beard (ZZ Top) is 68. Animal rights activist Ingrid Newkirk is 68. Rock singer Donnie Van Zant is 65. Actor Peter Bergman is 64. Pro Football Hall of Famer Joe Montana is 61. Actor Hugh Laurie is 58. TV personality Mehmet Oz, M.D., is 57. Singer Gioia (JOY'-ah) Bruno (Expose) is 54. Rock musician Dan Lavery (Tonic) is 51. Country singer-songwriter Bruce Robison is 51. Actress Clare Carey is 50. Actor Peter Dinklage is 48. Country musician Smilin' Jay McDowell is 48. Actor Lenny Jacobson is 43. Rock musician Tai Anderson (Third Day) is 41. Actor Joshua Jackson is 39. Americana musician Gabe Witcher (Punch Brothers) is 39. Christian rock musician Ryan ShROUT is 37. Actor Shia LaBeouf (SHY'-uh luh-BUF') is 31.

Thought for Today: "A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him." — David Brinkley, American broadcast journalist (born 1920, died this date in 2003).