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## Monday, June 12

**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.

## Tuesday, June 13

**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.

## Wednesday, June 14

### FLAG DAY

**Senior Menu:** Sweet and sour pork, steamed rice, carrot and broccoli medley, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

**Outdoor Story Time:** at the Little Free Library located south of the Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m.

**United Methodist:** Wednesday coffee time, 9 a.m.; Finance Committee, 6 p.m.; Ad Council, 7:15 p.m.

**T-Ball:** Black team at Claremont, 5 p.m., gold team practice at 6 p.m.

**U12:** at Claremont, for 1 game, 8 p.m.

**U10:** at Claremont for 1 game, 7 p.m.

**U8 Red:** at Claremont for 1 game, 6 p.m.

**Olive Grove:** Men's League, 6 p.m.

## 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**

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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

As Vikings fans, we tend to be an optimistic bunch. Every year we look at the schedule after it is released, trying to determine whether our favorite team is headed to the playoffs or if they will be in the running for the first overall pick in next year's draft. This week, I wanted to take a look at what the "experts" are saying about the Vikings, and how they will finish in the NFC North this season.

ESPN – Ben Goessling, ESPN's resident Vikings expert, predicted the team would finish 8-8. That record places Minnesota third in the division behind the Packers (11-5) and the Lions (9-7). Goessling went on to say "The Vikings will take advantage of an early stretch of home games, but it's a difficult late-season road schedule -- including three consecutive road games against the Lions, Falcons and Panthers -- that could end their playoff hopes. A Saturday night game on Dec. 23 against the Green Bay Packers doesn't do them any favors, either."

Sports Illustrated – Jonathan Jones over at SI.com wrote an article detailing every team's win-loss record for 2017. Jones had the Vikings finishing 8-8, which would be another third place finish in the division behind the Packers (13-3) and the Lions (9-7). Jones had this to say about the Vikings: "Teddy Bridgewater's knee injury has scared the Vikings enough to decline his fifth-year option, which leads me to believe Sam Bradford will again spend all year as the starter. After a 5-0 start last year, the league caught up to Bradford and the Vikings, who went 3-8 after their bye week. Minnesota will need to get creative this summer."

Fox Sports – Nick Wright (no relation) has made a career out of his hot takes. He predicted how each team would finish the 2017 season in an article on FoxSports.com, and he lists the Vikings as a 10-6 team. Nick thinks the Vikings will finish second in the NFC North, behind the Packers (12-4).

USA Today Sports predicted each NFL team's 2017 record, and then they asked three "experts" to weigh in on whether they would take the over or under. The article listed the Vikings as an 8.5 win team, which would put them in second place in the division. All three "experts" picked the over, meaning they all thought Minnesota would finish with nine wins or more this season.

Steven Ruiz: "I'll go with the over. Mike Zimmer is going to have that defense playing at a top-10 clip, and the offense will be better."

Luke Kerr-Dineen: "Eesh. 7.5 would be a lock on the over, but I'd stretch to take the over here. Zimmer's a top-notch coach, and Bradford's second year in the system will be better than his first."

Charles Curtis: "There's something about this Vikings team, even with an offense that didn't move the ball all that well last year. I'm cautiously buying the over."

Bleacher Report – Brent Sobleski, a writer for Bleacher Report, predicted the Vikings would finish with a 10-6 record. He has the Vikings finishing second in the division, a game behind the Packers (11-5). Sobleski had perhaps the most in-depth breakdown of each team. Here is a snippet of what he said about our favorite team: "Bradford provided the best season of his career, yet he received no help from the offensive line or running game. He shouldn't suffer from the same problems this fall, because the front office significantly invested in both."

All five of the analysts predicted Green Bay would win the division, and that's not a difficult prediction to make as long as Aaron Rodgers is throwing the pigskin for the team in Green and Gold. It was interesting to see how they all ranked Minnesota and Detroit, as three of the articles gave the Vikings second place, while two gave the nod to the Lions. If we average out the predicted finishes, the Vikings will end the 2017 season with 9 wins and 7 losses, which should put them right in the thick of the race for the playoffs. Of course, looking at the season through my purple and gold colored lenses, it's hard to find a single loss for the Vikings! SKOL

What do you think of the "expert's" predictions? Do you think they are too high or too low? Does anyone think the Vikings have a chance to unseat the Packers? How worried should they be about the Lions and Bears? Let me know by reaching out to me on Facebook ([facebook.com/SkolJWright](https://www.facebook.com/SkolJWright)) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright).

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## Junior Legion places third at Northville Tourney

In back, left to right, are Coach Jim Jones, Coach Dave Blackmun, Austin Jones, Grady O'Neill, Kaleb Furney, Garrett Schroeder, Alex Morris, Hunter Schaller, Peyton Johnson, Darien Shabazz and Coach Zelos Johnson.

In front, left to right, are Riley Thurston, Lee Iverson, Anthony Schinkel, Wyatt Locke, Korbin Blackmun, Kaden Kurtz, Jaden Zak and Trey Johnson. Not pictured are Lane Krueger, Jordan Bjerke, Lucas Simon and Evin Nehls.

### Groton 16, Claremont 1

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Groton 4 6 3 3 X - 16

Groton won the first game with a 16-1 win over Claremont.

Darien Shabazz had two singles, Korbin Blackmun and a double and three singles, Austin Jones had a triple and a single, Peyton Johnson a single, Alex Morris a single, Wyatt Locke had two doubles, Anthony Schinkel had a single, Garrett Schroeder a single and Grady O'Neill a single.

Austin Jones was the pitcher with 11 strike-outs, one walk and one hit. Alex Morris was the catcher.

### Frederick 7, Groton 2

Groton 0 0 2 0 0 0 - 2  
Frederick 0 0 0 4 1 2 X - 7

Frederick defeated Groton in the second game, 7-2.

Frederick scored four runs in the fourth and added one in the fifth and two in the sixth to beat Groton, 7-2. Groton's two runs came in the third inning. Players getting a single each were Korbin Blackmun, Austin Jones, Peyton Johnson and Anthony Schinkel.

Peyton Johnson had eight strike-outs, eight hits, six walks and two hit by pitch. The catcher was Alex Morris.

### Groton 11, Milbank 10

In the third place game, Groton scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to come from behind to beat Milbank, 11-10. Garrett Schroeder got on with an error and Darien Shabazz was hit by a pitch. Korbin Blackmun hit a single to score Shabazz and Schroeder and Groton won the game.

Darien Shabazz had a double and a single, Korbin Blackmun had two doubles and three singles, Austin Jones had a single, Peyton Johnson had a single and a triple, Wyatt Locke had a single, Hunter Schaller a single, Garrett Schroeder had a single and Riley Thurston had a single.

Wyatt Locke was the pitcher with 12 strike-outs, three walks, two hit by pitch and six hits. Korbin Blackmun was the catcher.

Groton 1 0 6 0 1 1 2 - 11  
Milbank 2 4 2 0 2 0 0 - 10

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## Today in Weather History

June 12, 1924: A tornado moved southeast from the southwestern edge of Lake Kampeska, passing southwest of Watertown. Two barns were destroyed and 20 smaller farm buildings were heavily damaged. This tornado was estimated to have F2 strength.

June 12, 1983: Lightning struck and killed two cows near Miller in Hand County. Lightning also struck a home six miles north of Aberdeen, breaking a ceramic statue, and blow out light bulbs. Another home in Aberdeen was struck by lightning, rupturing a gas line and starting the house on fire. Also, heavy rains up to seven inches fall around the area. Some storm total rainfall amounts include; 2.00 inches at 2NW of Stephan; 2.40 inches in Miller; 3.03 at 4 miles west of Mellette; and 6.30 inches in Orient.

June 12, 1994: In Hand County, a thunderstorm caused an estimated 3 million dollars in crop damage. Hail, the largest being baseball size, was reported in drifts of three to four feet high. About 70 thousand acres of cropland and pastures were completely destroyed. Pheasants, ducks were killed by the hail and many cattle injured. Many windows were broken in homes, holes were punched in mobile homes, damaged occurred to contents of homes from hail which entered through windows, and many vehicles were extensively damaged.

June 12, 2013: A line of thunderstorms moving northeast across the region brought damaging wind gusts from 60 to 80 mph to parts of central and northeast South Dakota. Many branches along with several trees were downed. Some buildings were also damaged with a couple buildings destroyed. A cabin on the east shore of the Missouri River and north-northwest of Pierre was destroyed by an estimated eighty mph wind. A hundred foot by seventy-five foot storage building was flattened south of Doland in Spink County. Tractors and planters and other equipment in the building were damaged.

1915: An estimated F4 tornado moved northeast from northwest of Waterville, Iowa crossing the Mississippi River two miles south of Ferryville, Wisconsin. A man and his daughter were killed in one of three homes that were obliterated southwest of "Heytman", a small railroad station on the Mississippi River. 60 buildings and 8 homes were destroyed in Wisconsin. This tornado caused approximately \$200,000 in damage. In addition to this tornado, another estimated F4 tornado moved northeast across Fayette and Clayton Counties in northeast Iowa. One farm was devastated, the house and barn leveled. Heavy machinery was thrown 300 yards. Clothing was carried two miles.

1948: The Columbia River Basin flood peaked on this date in the Northwest. The flood produced the highest water level in the basin since the flood there in 1894. The damage estimate for the 1948 flood was \$101 million dollars and 75 lives were lost.

1881 - Severe thunderstorms spawned more than half a dozen tornadoes in the Lower Missouri Valley. Five of the tornadoes touched down near Saint Joseph MO. In south central Kansas a tornado nearly wiped out the town of Floral. Hail and high winds struck Iowa and southern Minnesota. In Minnesota, Blue Earth City reported five inches of rain in one hour. (David Ludlum)

1947 - A heavy wet snow blanketed much of southern and central Wyoming, and gave many places their heaviest and latest snow of record. Totals included 18.4 inches at Lander, 8.7 inches at Cheyenne, and 4.5 inches at Casper. (11th-12th) (The Weather Channel)

1969 - Record late season snows covered parts of Montana. Five inches was reported at Great Falls and east of Broadus. Billings, MT, tied their June record with lows of 32 degrees on the 12th and the 13th. (The Weather Channel)



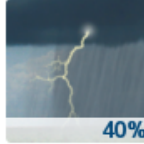




1983 - The state of Utah was besieged by floods and mudslides. Streets in downtown Salt Lake City were sandbagged and turned into rivers of relief. The town of Thistle was completely inundated as a mudslide made a natural dam. (The Weather Channel)

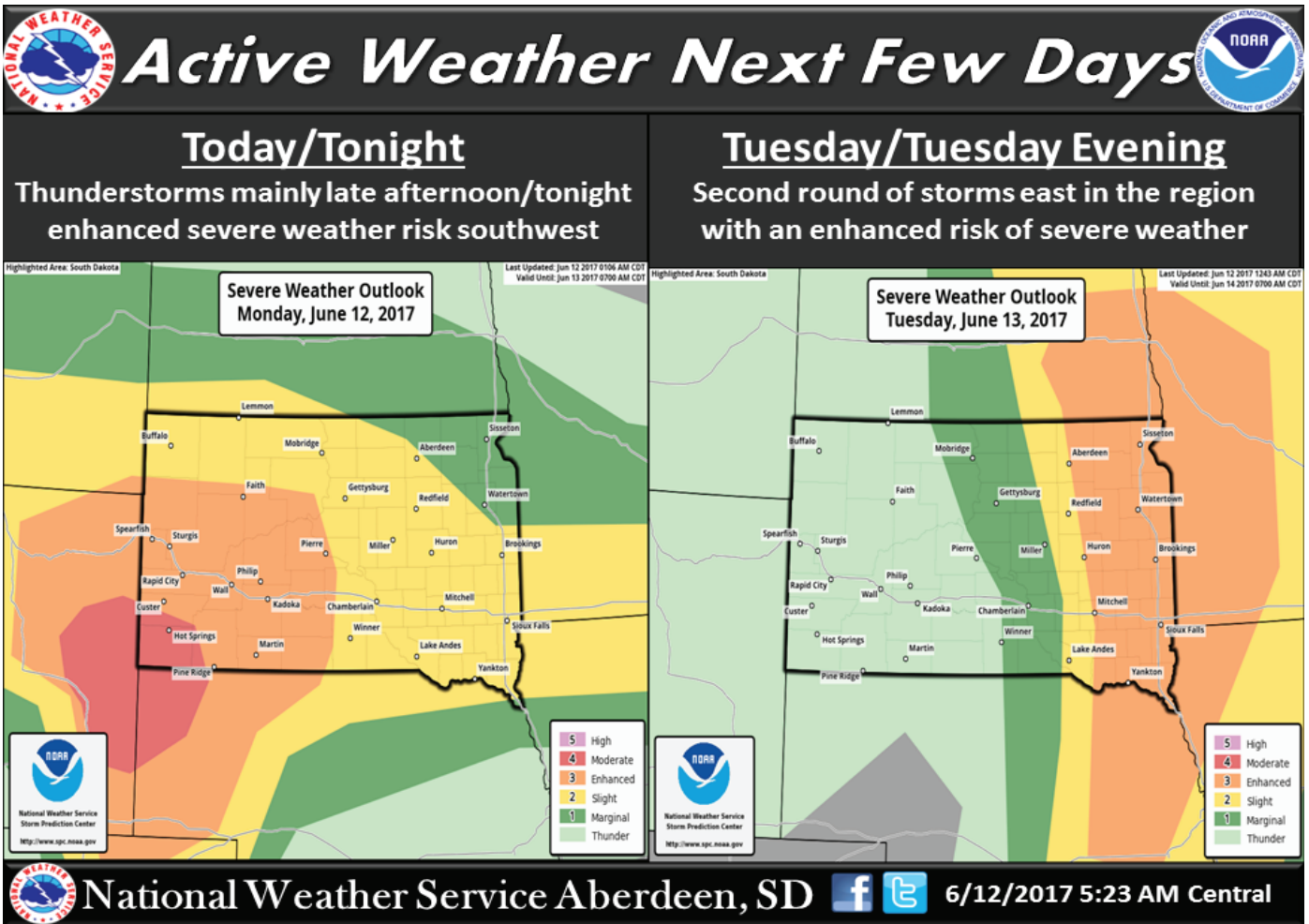
1987 - Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced softball size hail around Fremont and Ames, and 3.5 inches of rain in less than one hour. Four and a half inches in less than an hour caused flooding around Ithica, NE. A tornado destroyed a mobile home near Broken Bow, NE, injuring both occupants. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Fifteen cities in the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Asheville with a reading of 40 degrees. Drought conditions continued to intensify across the eastern half of the nation. Rainfall at Nashville, TN, was running 12.5 inches below normal. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Mostly Sunny	Chance T-storms 50%	Chance T-storms 40%	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny
High: 85 °F	Low: 66 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 84 °F



Published on: 06/12/2017 at 5:44AM

A warm front surging northward this afternoon and tonight along with an upper level low pressure area moving across the region tonight into Tuesday night will bring a couple rounds of thunderstorms to the region. There is an enhanced risk of severe weather southwest in the region later this afternoon and tonight. The enhanced risk of severe weather will be east of the James Valley for Tuesday and Tuesday evening.

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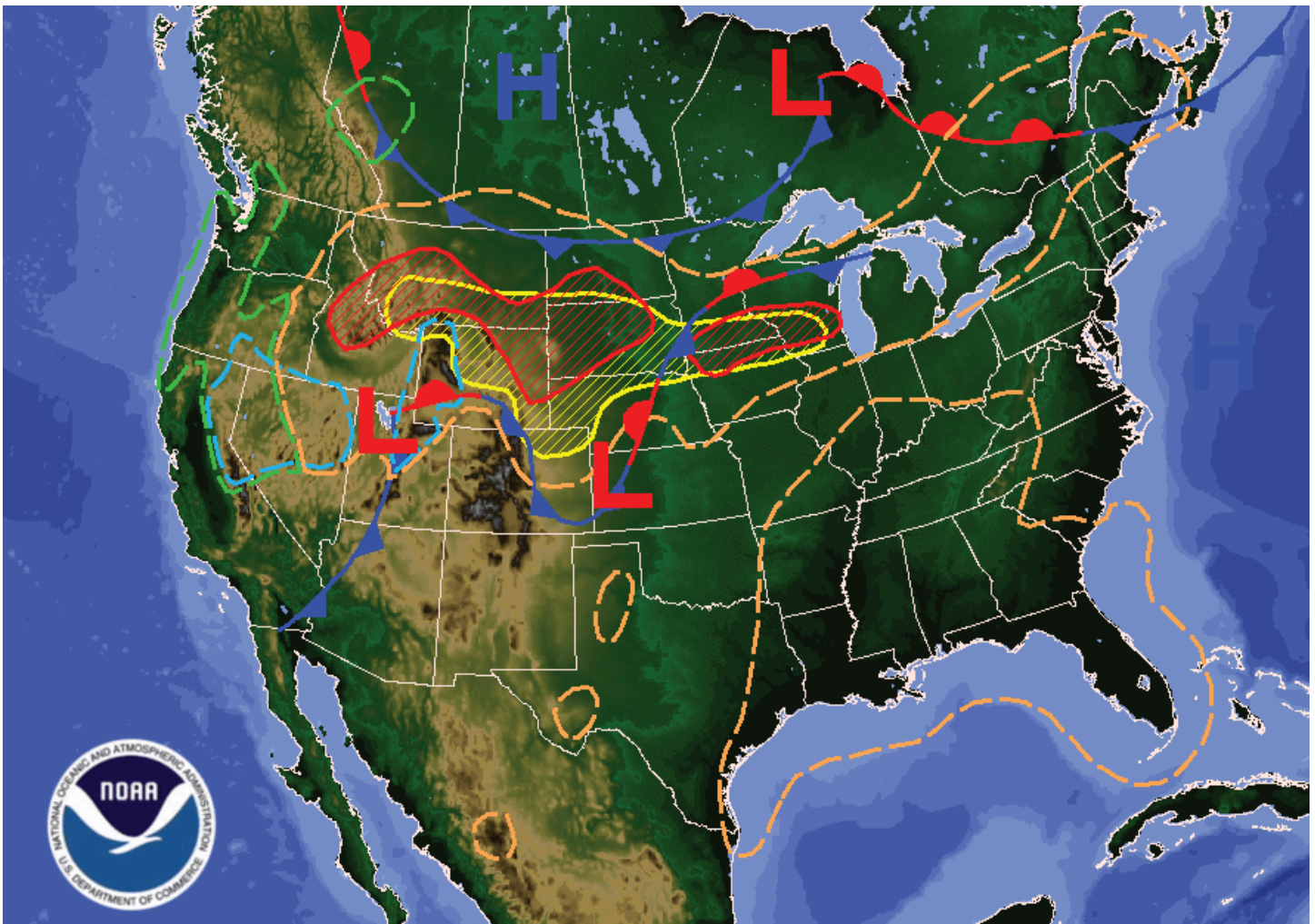
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 85.4 F at 5:39 PM**  
**Heat Index: 87 at 3:44 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 60.9 F at 5:53 AM**  
**High Gust: 30.0 Mph at 9:39 AM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## 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 Mon, Jun 12, 2017, issued 4:51 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds 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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## GOING BEYOND THE ORDINARY

What does it take to "go beyond?" Education? Wealth? Family? Networking? Occupation? Power?

What about "going beyond" for the Christian? Is it any different?

The first Psalm almost explodes with a joyful exclamation of one who "goes beyond." That one is called "blessed." And it is not just anyone. It is "the one" – the one who is genuinely "glad" to be a follower of Christ.

To look at some who profess to be followers of the Lord does not provide an answer. They do not seem to be satisfied with life, have a sense of peace about them or look forward to life with expectancy and joy. They appear "ordinary." They give the world the wrong impression of what God has to offer us through Christ.

The first Psalm provides the "do's" and "do not's" to "go beyond" the ordinary Christian and become an extraordinary Christian.

Negatively, the extraordinary Christian does not follow the advice of the wicked, spend time talking to them, listening to their advice and even avoids being in their presence whenever possible.

Positively, the extraordinary Christian takes pleasure in honoring God, following His teachings and being obedient to His Word.

The extraordinary Christian is always seeking ways to grow into the likeness of Christ, to follow His teachings and to worship Him daily.

Prayer: Help us, Heavenly Father, to willingly make every and any sacrifice that is necessary to become all that we can become in You and through You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

## News from the Associated Press

### Projects get share of \$5 million for Knight Cities Challenge

DETROIT (AP) — The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation says 33 projects across the U.S. will share \$5 million as winners of the Knight Cities Challenge.

Winners announced Monday include five projects each in Detroit and Philadelphia as well as efforts in Miami and more than a dozen other communities. Projects seek to help attract and keep residents, expand economic opportunities and create a culture of civic engagement.

Highlights include efforts in Detroit to make a beach along part of the Detroit River and in Akron, Ohio, to create a forest and public space.

Other communities include Aberdeen, South Dakota; Biloxi, Mississippi; Bradenton, Florida; Columbia, South Carolina; Charlotte, North Carolina; Duluth, Minnesota; Gary, Indiana; Grand Forks, North Dakota; Lexington, Kentucky; Macon, Georgia; San Jose, California; and Wichita, Kansas.

Online:

<http://knightfoundation.org>

### Special session set over use of lakes on private land

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers are returning to the Capitol on Monday for a special legislative session to debate rules for outdoor enthusiasts who want to use lakes on private land in South Dakota for recreation.

The issue has long vexed landowners and outdoor enthusiasts. Some key information about the session on so-called nonmeandered waters over private land:

#### NONMEANDERED WHAT?

All waters in South Dakota are regarded as public property. Nonmeandered waters are bodies of water that weren't specially designated during government surveys in the late 1800s. Some private property has since flooded, forming new, unofficial bodies of water and creating good fishing, but it's come at the cost of farmland and pastures lost by agriculture producers.

There are thousands of nonmeandered lakes in South Dakota, but only roughly 90 have had fishing, according to South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks.

#### WHAT'S GOING ON?

State officials are intervening after a March ruling from the South Dakota Supreme Court that said the Legislature must decide the extent the public can use nonmeandered waters on private land for recreation. Since the decision, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks has limited access to infrastructure on more than 20 lakes in the state.

Lawmakers convened a study committee that has endorsed draft legislation.

"Status quo, to me, is not an option," Game, Fish and Parks Secretary Kelly Hepler said. "I want to get these discussions out of the hands of the lawyers into the hands of the people who want to go fishing with their families and the people that work the land."

#### THE COURT

The high court ruling came after Day County landowners filed a lawsuit seeking to prevent public use of waters on their property without their permission. People had started using sloughs in northeastern South Dakota in 2001. The court found that until the Legislature acts, neither the landowners nor the public have a superior right to use the waters.



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## THE BILL

The study committee's proposal would restore access to nearly 30 lakes for public recreation hampered after the high court ruling. The bill also specifies that other lakes on private property are open for recreational use unless a landowner installs signs or buoys saying an area is closed, though property owners could still grant permission to use the water. The measure would bar them from being paid for such things as allowing fishing.

Under the bill, Game, Fish and Parks would be able to negotiate with landowners to open access to such lakes for recreation. If approved, the measure would take effect immediately and would sunset in July 2021. It needs two-thirds support in each chamber to pass.

## REACTIONS

Since the ruling, business at Donna Bumann's bait shop and motel in Lake Preston has suffered significantly. Bumann said she didn't realize how much of her business relied on a lake named "Dry #2."

"If we can get these lakes open, absolutely that will help my business," said Bumann, who is generally supportive of the measure. "I've got people waiting. They haven't made a reservation yet, because they want to know, but absolutely I know that my sales are going to improve drastically."

Daugaard has said the bill balances landowners' rights with the ability for sportsmen to use public waters recreationally.

"I applaud the efforts of the summer study committee and I support the bill," Daugaard wrote in his weekly column. "It will open tens of thousands of acres of nonmeandered waters to public recreation, while respecting the property rights of landowners."

Bill Antonides, an executive board member of the South Dakota Wildlife Federation, said the group opposes the bill because it turns over water held in the public trust to private control. The outdoor sporting and conservation organization is working against its passage, he said.

"I hope the state has the foresight to not pass something bad just to fix a problem that's been decades in the making," Antonides said. "This really needs to be thought out. We owe it to future generations."

## SPECIAL SESSIONS

The gathering will be South Dakota's 26th special legislative session, said Daugaard's chief of staff, Tony Venhuizen. The most recent was in 2011 for legislative redistricting.

## Lead opera house introducing show mimicking Grand Ole Opry

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — The Historic Homestake Opera House in Lead is introducing a series of events this summer to satisfy the tastes of country music lovers as well as the fanciers of old-time Nashville show business.

The Black Hills Opry aims to be a miniature Grand Ole Opry, the famous country music variety show in the Tennessee capital that's also considered the capital of country music.

The Black Hills Opry is intended to add variety to the offerings at the opera house, the Black Hills Pioneer reported (<http://bit.ly/2s1PChq>). Events are scheduled June through October, with each of the concerts featuring the classic country band Aces & Eights.

Band musicians Kim Bachman and Harland Allen came up with the opry concept and contacted opera house Executive Director Sarah Carlson.

"We thought we had something unique," Allen said. "I don't know of anyone in the Black Hills that has done anything similar to this."

Guest artists and country bands will join Aces & Eights throughout the summer. Bachman and Allen are doing the booking for the show, and the opera house is managing the business end of things.

"We want to present old-time, classic country including well-known tunes," Carlson said.

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Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

## Watertown teenager killed in apparent neighborhood dispute

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a Watertown teenager was shot and killed in an apparent neighborhood dispute.

Police say a 30-year-old man shot 17-year-old Jayden Harley in the midsection with a handgun during an argument Saturday night.

Harley died at a local hospital. Authorities say he was unarmed.

The suspect was arrested and booked into the Codington County Detention Center. Bond has been set at \$50,000 cash.

Watertown police have scheduled a news conference Sunday afternoon to talk about the case.

Britton to keep current design on landmark water tower

BRITTON, S.D. (AP) — City leaders in Britton have decided against a redesign of what many consider the town's landmark water tower.

The tower reads "You are in Britton" in black letters that form the shape of a smiley face.

The American News reports (<http://bit.ly/2sKXstk>) that the City Council earlier this year proposed repainting the tower with an American flag, using grant money the town had received for infrastructure upgrades.

Mayor Clyde Fredrickson says the "internet blew up" with opposition when word got out.

The smiley face has existed since the 1970s, and Britton resident Wendy Blegen says many people feel sentimental about it.

The City Council recently held a special meeting and decided to keep the current design.

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

## Puerto Rico upholds statehood demand in contentious vote

By DANICA COTO, Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's governor is vowing to make the U.S. territory the 51st state after statehood won in a non-binding referendum hit by a boycott and low turnout that raised questions about the vote's legitimacy.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello told a couple hundred supporters waving U.S. flags late Sunday that he will soon create a commission to appoint two senators and five representatives to demand statehood from the U.S. Congress, which has to approve any changes to the island's political status.

"The United States of America will have to obey the will of our people!" Rossello yelled to a crowd clutching U.S. flags and dancing to a tropical jingle that promoted statehood.

But experts say it is highly unlikely a Republican-controlled Congress would acknowledge Sunday's results, let alone accept them because Puerto Rico tends to favor Democrats.

The referendum has sparked dozens of memes that turned viral, including some showing the tropical island covered in snow.

More than half a million people voted for statehood during Sunday's referendum, followed by nearly 7,800 votes for free association/independence and more than 6,800 votes for the current territorial status. Voter turnout was just 23 percent.

It was the lowest level of participation in any election in Puerto Rico since 1967, noted Carlos Vargas Ramos, an associate with the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College in New York. He told The Associated Press that even among voters who supported statehood, turnout was lower this year compared with the previous referendum in 2012.

"Supporters of statehood did not seem enthusiastic about this plebiscite as they were five years ago," he said.

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Rossello brushed aside those concerns, noting that the referendum was a democratic process in which the majority prevailed as he questioned why more people did not come out to defend alternatives to statehood. He also said that participation rates varied from 7 percent to 35 percent for states including Wisconsin and Hawaii when they were ratified as states.

Three of Puerto Rico's political parties including the main opposition party had called on their supporters to boycott the referendum, which they labeled a failure.

Former Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla, who did not seek re-election last year and whose party supports the status quo, rejected Sunday's results.

"Whoever claims that statehood triumphed is being intellectually dishonest," he said. "The boycott defeated statehood."

The referendum coincided with the 100th anniversary of the United States granting U.S. citizenship to Puerto Ricans, though they are barred from voting in presidential elections and have only one congressional representative with limited voting powers.

Many believe the island's territorial status has contributed to its economic crisis, largely caused by decades of heavy borrowing and the elimination of federal tax incentives.

Puerto Rico is exempt from the U.S. federal income tax, but it still pays Social Security and Medicare and local taxes and receives less federal funding than U.S. states.

"We have been a colony for 500 years, and we have had U.S. citizenship for 100 years, but it's been a second class one," Rossello said.

Nearly half a million Puerto Ricans have fled to the U.S. mainland to escape the island's 10-year economic recession and 12 percent unemployment rate.

Those who remain behind have faced new taxes and higher utility bills on an island where food is 22 percent more expensive than the U.S. mainland and public services are 64 percent more expensive.

Jose Rosa, a 62-year-old retired corrections officer, said the island's situation is the reason he voted for the first time in such a referendum, the fifth on Puerto Rico's status.

"We need a change in the way we're living," he said. "You can see the crisis."

No clear majority emerged in the first three referendums on status, with voters almost evenly divided between statehood and the status quo. During the last referendum in 2012, 54 percent said they wanted a status change. Sixty-one percent who answered a second question said they favored statehood, but nearly half a million voters left that question blank, leading many to claim the results weren't legitimate.

The results of the newest referendum could lead to similar claims, Vargas said.

"Whether those results are legitimate or not depends on the audience that may be receiving (them)," he said. "If the advocates for statehood for Puerto Rico want to address the results to the U.S. Congress... then the results may appear weak, particularly when five years ago 834,000 voters supported statehood for the island. If the audience is the electorate in Puerto Rico, well, they spoke louder by their overwhelming abstention."

Danica Coto on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/danicacoto](http://www.twitter.com/danicacoto)

## Russia opposition leader Navalny arrested ahead of protest

By JIM HEINTZ and NATALIYA VASILYEVA, Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Protests spearheaded by prominent opposition figure Alexei Navalny were taking place across the country on Monday, but Navalny himself was reportedly arrested outside his Moscow home en route to the centerpiece demonstration in the capital city.

Navalny's wife, Yulia, said on his Twitter feed that he was arrested about a half-hour before the demonstration was to begin. There was no immediate statement from police.

Although city authorities had agreed to a location for the Moscow protest, Navalny called for it to be moved to Tverskaya Street, one of Moscow's main thoroughfares. He said contractors hired to build a stage at the agreed-upon venue could not do their work after apparently coming under official pressure.

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Tverskaya, known in Soviet times as Gorky Street, was closed off to traffic on Monday for an extensive commemoration of the national holiday Russia Day, including people dressed in historical Russian costumes.

After the change, Moscow police warned that "any provocative actions from the protesters' side will be considered a threat to public order and will be immediately suppressed."

A regional security official, Vladimir Chernikov, told Ekho Moskvyy radio that police would not interfere with demonstrators on the street — as long as they did not carry placards or shout slogans.

More than 1,000 protesters were arrested at a similar rally March 26.

The protests in March took place in scores of cities across the country, the largest show of discontent in years and a challenge to President Vladimir Putin's dominance of the country.

The Kremlin has long sought to cast the opposition as a phenomenon of a privileged, Westernized urban elite out of touch with people in Russia's far-flung regions. But Monday's protests could demonstrate that it has significant support throughout the vast country.

Navalny's website reported Monday that protests were held in more than a half-dozen cities in the Far East, including the major Pacific ports of Vladivostok and Khabarovsk and in Siberia's Barnaul. Photos on the website suggested turnouts of hundreds at the rallies.

Eleven demonstrators were arrested in Vladivostok, according to OVD-Info, a website that monitors political repressions.

Navalny has become the most prominent figure in an opposition that has been troubled by factional disputes. He focuses on corruption issues and has attracted a wide following through savvy use of internet video. His report on alleged corruption connected to Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev was the focus of the March protests.

Navalny has announced his candidacy for the presidential election in 2018. He was jailed for 15 days after the March protests. In April, he suffered damage to one eye after an attacker doused his face with a green antiseptic liquid.

## 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. SESSIONS POISED TO FACE SHARP QUESTIONING

The U.S. attorney general is preparing to face former Senate colleagues Tuesday over his role in the controversy around ties between the Trump campaign and Russia.

### 2. WHAT IS THE NEW FRONTIER IN CANCER CARE

Immune therapy is stirring hope by creating "living drugs" that grow inside the body into an army that seeks and destroys tumors.

### 3. PULSE NIGHTCLUB MASSACRE TO BE MARKED WITH SOLEMN TRIBUTES

Church bells throughout Orlando will ring 49 times at noon and flags flown at half-staff, a year after the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

### 4. LOSING TERRITORY IN STRONGHOLDS, ISLAMIC STATE UPS RECRUITING

With attacks in Egypt, Britain and Iran and a land-grab in the Philippines during Ramadan, the extremist group is trying to show it will endure and win the competition for jihadi recruits in spite of battlefield losses.

### 5. WHY SOME MILITIA GROUPS WON'T LAY DOWN ARMS

Despite relief that Trump won the presidency, they are still preparing for an economic crisis, attacks from Islamic extremists or whatever else may come.

### 6. 'HE COULD BE A FANTASTIC WITNESS'

Bill Cosby could charm jurors at his sexual assault trial if he testifies this week, but experts say the risk would be considerable.

### 7. PUERTO RICO UPHOLDS STATEHOOD DEMAND IN CONTENTIOUS VOTE

The Caribbean island's governor is vowing to turn the U.S. territory into the 51st state after statehood wins in a low turnout, non-binding referendum.

## 8. BACK TO BACK CHAMPS: PENS WIN STANLEY CUP

Pittsburgh wins its fifth title — and the first since Detroit in 1997 and '98 as repeat champions — to tie the Gretzky-Messier-era Oilers for sixth on the all-time list.

## 9. WHO WON BIG AT TONYS

"Dear Evan Hansen," the touching, heartfelt musical about young outsiders, wins the best new musical trophy at the Tony Awards.

## 10. FIRST FAMILY TOGETHER AGAIN UNDER SAME ROOF

After nearly five months of living apart, Trump's wife, Melania, and the couple's young son, Barron, have moved into the White House.

## Back to back champs: Penguins beat Preds 2-0 for Stanley Cup

By **TERESA M. WALKER, AP Sports Writer**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Sidney Crosby is bringing the Stanley Cup back home to Pittsburgh for a second consecutive year. He's bringing another MVP trophy, too.

Patric Hornqvist scored with 1:35 left and Matt Murray made 27 saves for his second straight shutout as the Penguins became the first team in nearly two decades to repeat as champion with a 2-0 win over the Nashville Predators in Game 6 on Sunday night.

The Penguins won their fifth title — all of them clinched on the road — to tie the Wayne Gretzky-Mark Messier-era Edmonton Oilers for sixth on the all-time list. The Detroit Red Wings in 1997 and '98 were the last champion to defend their title. The Penguins are the first to do it in the salary-cap era.

"We knew it was going to be tough all year, but we just tried to keep with it," Crosby said. "We had a lot of injuries and things like that. We just kept finding ways. That was really what we did all season, all playoffs. It's great to be able to do it."

Crosby also became just the third player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy in consecutive years as the Stanley Cup MVP to go along with his third championship. He led the Final in scoring with one goal and six assists, including three in a 6-0 win in Game 5 that put the Penguins on the doorstep of another title. Only teammate Evgeni Malkin (28 points) had more than Crosby's 27 this postseason.

"You have a small window to play and have a career," Crosby said. "I feel fortunate, but I also understand how difficult it was so you just want to try to make the best of it."

Hornqvist scored off Nashville goalie Pekka Rinne's left elbow, the former Predator silencing the raucous crowd that had stood for long minutes and flung a few more catfish, too. Nashville challenged for goalie interference, but the goal was upheld. With Pekka Rinne pulled for an extra attacker, Carl Hagelin set off a bench celebration with an empty netter with 13.6 seconds left.

"Obviously, it's going to be the biggest goal I'm ever going to score," Hornqvist said. "That's always going to stand really close to my heart."

All that was left was the celebrating. Crosby took the Cup from NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman before handing the trophy off to veteran defenseman Ron Hainsey who passed it to veteran forward Matt Cullen.

Nashville lost for just the first time in regulation on home ice this postseason and this one had some hard luck. Colton Sissons had a goal erased by a whistle 67 seconds into the second period. The Predators went 0 of 4 with the man advantage, including 32 seconds of a 5-on-3 in the third.

"It stings," said defenseman P.K. Subban, brought over in a trade stunner in the offseason and a foil for Crosby all series. "I think the biggest thing we've got to take from this is, remember the feeling. That's what's going to drive us. .... We're going to be back here again next year."

Forget a golden anniversary: The Penguins will cap their 50th season with their names on the most famous silver cup in sports — again. It is also the third championship for Crosby and a handful of teammates from the 2009 title team, surpassing the two won by the Penguins teams led by current owner Mario Lemieux in the 1990s.

And it's the second championship in 18 months for coach Mike Sullivan, who has yet to lose a playoff series since taking over after Mike Johnston was fired. Sullivan is the first American-born coach to win

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the Cup not once, but twice.

"It's been an amazing year from the start, trying to repeat," Lemieux said. "A lot of these guys played injured in the playoffs and showed a lot of character. Of course, Sid being the best player in the world again and winning the Conn Smythe. He was our leader and picked up the team when we needed it."

Murray became the first goalie to win not one, but two Stanley Cups as a rookie after being a late-season call up a year ago who didn't play enough games to get that tag removed. That's something neither Patrick Roy, Ken Dryden or Cam Ward ever managed, but the 23-year-old Murray finished this Final shutting out Nashville for the final 146:52. He set a rookie record with two shutouts in the Final.

"What an experience," he said. "It doesn't get any better."

The loss ended the upstart Predators' deepest playoff run in their 19-year history and one that became the talk of the town — and the league.

Having won just three of 12 playoff series before this year, Nashville opened this postseason by eliminating the top-seeded Chicago Blackhawks in four games. In doing so, the Predators became the first eighth-seeded team to sweep a first-round series since the current playoff format was introduced in 1994. Nashville went through St. Louis and then Anaheim to the Final, where only captain Mike Fisher on the roster had ever played before.

The stingy Predators found Pittsburgh was up to the task, with the Penguins taking the first two games on home ice. Nashville roared back at home to even things up, but the Penguins routed Nashville to set up Game 6.

The Penguins ruined Nashville's big party on the final night of CMA Music Festival, which brought more than 100,000 to downtown Nashville. Country star Luke Bryan serenaded fans from the rooftop of a honky-tonk in a performance that kicked off the television broadcast, and he also sang a four-song set for fans inside and outside the arena an hour before face-off.

Faith Hill became the latest to sing the national anthem with husband, star Tim McGraw, giving her a hug once finished before waving a towel in each hand. At least five catfish hit the ice before the face-off.

Then a series that hadn't featured even a single one-goal game went scoreless through the first 58 minutes. The Predators thought they had the first goal of the game, just like they did in Game 1 in Pittsburgh, only to have referee Kevin Pollock wave it off immediately. He had whistled the play dead when he lost sight of the puck with Murray on the ice between him and the puck.

Sissons tapped the puck into the net 67 seconds into the second period behind Murray's back. Officials huddled, but the goal was not allowed.

Murray also stopped Sissons on a breakaway midway through the second and also gloved a shot from Viktor Arvidsson later in the period. The Penguins also killed off 32 seconds of a 5-on-3 at 8:47 of the third after Trevor Daley punched Ryan Ellis with Olli Maatta already in the box for tripping. Murray made a big stop on a shot by Mattias Ekholm followed by a save on Arvidsson.

"We never gave up," Fisher said. "We lost a lot of guys to injuries. Sixteen seed. No one really gave us a chance against anyone and here we are in Game 6. Things didn't go our way, but that happens. That's sport. Like I said, this team never gave up. We believed all the way."

This championship season for the Penguins lacked some of the drama from a year ago, but it was far from a slam dunk. Washington won the President's Trophy for a second straight season and pushed Pittsburgh to seven games in the second round. Ottawa did the same thing, forcing the Penguins to double overtime to clinch the Eastern Conference title.

Crosby, Malkin and others also played in the World Cup of Hockey before the season, making this an even longer year than usual. In the end, the Penguins had more than enough in the tank to bring home another title.

"We've got a collection of guys who understand what it takes to win," Crosby said.

Notes: Lemieux won the Conn Smythe in 1992 and 1992, and Bernie Parent was the first to win the MVP trophy in consecutive years in 1974 and 1975. ... Murray is the first goalie with two shutouts in one Cup Final since Boston's Tim Thomas and Vancouver's Roberto Luongo had two apiece in 2011. ... Nashville

finished the series going 0 of 8 on the power play over the final two games. ... Grammy winners Cage the Elephant performed during the second intermission after playing at Bonnaroo on Friday night.

AP Hockey Writer John Wawrow and AP Sports Writer Steve Megargee contributed to this report.

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This story has been corrected to show Murray shutout streak was 146:52.

## Outsiders make good as 'Dear Evan Hansen' wins big at Tonys

By MARK KENNEDY, AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Dear Evan Hansen," the touching, heartfelt musical about young outsiders, has won the biggest theater popularity contest — winning the best new musical trophy at the Tony Awards along with five other statuettes, including best score, book and top actor honors for Ben Platt.

The show came into the night as the second-leading Tony nominee but ended up on top, with a revival of "Hello, Dolly!" starring Bette Midler next with four Tonys. "Oslo," a three-hour meditation on diplomacy, was named best play.

Midler took the best actress trophy and — to the amusement and cheers of the audience — refused to be played off, forcing the swelling orchestra into silence.

"This has the ability to lift your spirits in these terrible, terrible times," she said of her show.

"Dear Evan Hansen" came into the night behind "Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812" with 12 nominations, but that musical which dramatizes a 70-page slice of Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace" stalled after winning just two technical awards, for best set and lighting.

Instead, the night belonged to "Dear Evan Hansen," a show that centers on a profoundly lonely 17-year-old who fabricates a prior friendship with a classmate who has just committed suicide.

Platt thanked his cast mates, crew and family, calling his parents his heroes. He had this inspiring message to young people out there: "The things that make you strange are the things that make you powerful."

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, who recently won an Oscar for the song "City of Stars" from the movie "La La Land," added to a remarkable year by earning Tonys for best score for writing the songs for "Dear Evan Hansen."

Moments later, the show's story writer, Steven Levenson, won the Tony for best book, and Alex Lacamoire earned one for best orchestration. Rachel Bay Jones won her first Tony for her work in the musical, capping a long career onstage with plenty of zigs and zags.

Cynthia Nixon won her second Tony, this time for her work in Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes." Nixon, the "Sex and the City" star, struck a defiant political tone, saluting those who refuse to stand by and watch bad things happen in the world.

Kevin Kline won his third Tony Award playing an egomaniacal matinee idol in the midst of personal turmoil in the play "Present Laughter." He thanked, among others, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Andy Blankenbuehler won his second choreography Tony in as many years — last year for "Hamilton" and this time for "Bandstand."

Laurie Metcalf won her first Tony, winning best actress honors in "A Doll's House, Part 2." She won three Emmy Awards for her role as Jackie Harris on "Roseanne" and thanked her children. Rebecca Taichman won best directing play honors for "Indecent."

"Am I dreaming? Is this some kind of crazy dream?" she asked.

Kevin Spacey kicked off his first-ever Tony Award hosting gig with grace and self-deprecating wit, dancing, singing and joking his way through an opening number that linked all four best new musical nominees and doing his best Glenn Close impersonation.

Spacey, who was named Tony host after several other celebrities turned down the job, laughed at himself in the 10-minute opening song, in which he gradually grew comfortable with hosting duties despite what

he fears will be nasty tweets directed at him.

The telecast opened on a mournful host dressed like the title character in "Dear Evan Hansen" — complete with arm cast — before he soon showed up in a bed to mock "Groundhog Day The Musical" with an assist with Stephen Colbert, and then donned a fake beard as if he was in "Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812." He went on to do impersonations of former President Bill Clinton and Johnny Carson.

The show's comedy had zings for Democrats and Republicans alike, with Colbert mocking President Donald Trump as if he were a show from Washington with bad hair and makeup that will be "closing early" due to poor reviews. Spacey, as Clinton, joked about his wife's fake email accounts.

In an attempt to shake up the show, producers asked the Rockettes back on a Tony stage after 13 years and asked all four playwrights nominated for best play Tonys appear to present their works.

The Rockettes had their own number and got to dance with the cast of "Come From Away," a feel-good Canadian musical set against the horror of 9/11. It earned Christopher Ashley the Tony for best direction of a musical. He dedicated it to 9/11 first responders and all those who were generous on that terrible day.

Spacey even had fun with speculation about his sexual orientation while singing the Andrew Lloyd Webber song "As If We Never Said Goodbye" from "Sunset Boulevard." Spacey, dressed as Close, sang "I'm coming out..." and then paused, tantalizingly. "Of makeup..."

Then Spacey led a line of high-kicking, tap dancers in a top hat, a white tie, tuxedo and a cane. "I'm Broadway bound," he sang. "Your next host is found." After the hectic number, he requested that his cardiologist be nearby.

The year after "Hamilton" took many prizes, Spacey jokingly pointed out that the subjects on Broadway this season included infidelity, suicide, greed, 9/11 and economic upheaval. His Frank Underwood from "House of Cards" made a late appearance, striding onto the stage with his TV wife played by Robin Wright. Later, he and Patti LuPone closed the show with a lovely duet of "The Curtain Falls" by Bobby Darin, a role he played onscreen.

Other winners included August Wilson's "Jitney," which drove away with the Tony for best play revival. Gavin Creel won his first Tony for featured actor in a musical in "Hello, Dolly!"

There were no technical or human snafus — other than Midler's elongated speech — that marred previous awards shows this year, including the wrong winner announced at the Oscars and sound issues at the Grammys. Spacey talked about the show's accountants and said: "You guys do not have to worry about them tonight, at all," he said.

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## Under Trump, US militias not ready to lay down arms

By LISA MARIE PANE, Associated Press

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — In the woods south of Atlanta, John and Yvette DeMaria are with about a dozen camouflage-wearing, heavily armed Americans huffing and puffing as they scramble to navigate the sprawling piece of property where they train, one weekend a month, to ward off enemies — foreign or domestic.

The DeMarias are with the Georgia Security Force militia, whose members are relieved that Donald Trump won the presidency but believe it would be a mistake to lay down their arms just because he is in the White House. So they continue to take to the woods to be ready for whatever may come, whether it's an economic crisis that spawns unrest or Islamic extremists carrying out attacks on American soil.

"I started to realize that I got very angry because the system has been so abused over and over and over again, making rights out of thin air for people who don't deserve to get anything," said John DeMaria, who goes by the nickname Rooster J.

While it is impossible to track all the groups that often are no more than a handful of men gathering in woods, experts says that militia activity tends to fall off under Republican presidents and ramp up under



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Democrats. But just as last year's election upended conventional models, those who watch militias say life in the Trump era may not follow the same patterns.

If anything, it could be a potential powder keg, if those feelings of having a kindred spirit in Trump erupt into a sense of betrayal if he fails to deliver on his promises.

"What would concern me is that nobody gets more angry than a fan spurned," said James Corcoran, a professor at Simmons College in Boston who has watched militias closely for decades and has written extensively about the movement.

The leader of the Georgia Security Force, Chris Hill, remains deeply skeptical of Congress and worries the lawmakers will undermine Trump's agenda: preventing him from building a wall on the Mexico border, repealing "Obamacare" and fulfilling his promise to "Make American Great Again."

"Even if President Trump is able to do the things that he wants to do, he's still got Congress to contend with. Congress is the same old dog-and-pony show. All they do is fight. They're never going to grant us more freedom," said Hill, who goes by the nickname General BloodAgent.

"A lot of people have let their guard down because he was elected, and I would wholeheartedly say that is a big mistake. ... If anything we should use this time wisely. Like the Good Book says, a wise man prepares, a fool takes his chances."

Modern-day militias began to surge in the 1990s during the Clinton administration, then ebbed during the Bush years. Following a dramatic spike after the 2008 election of President Barack Obama, there are now an estimated 165 militias in the U.S., according to Ryan Lenz, a senior investigative reporter with the Southern Poverty Law Center.

For Hill and his group, the 2008 election was their defining moment, the one that signaled the U.S. was on the wrong track. They believed Obama wanted to restrict gun rights and forever alter their way of life.

Yvette DeMaria said she and her husband were looking for "like minds" and found the Georgia Security Force through Facebook and a pastor friend who had traveled to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, with the militia to help out after fires in the Smoky Mountains devastated the region. That act of charity had moved her.

Even before Obama was elected, the DeMarrias felt the country was heading down the wrong path, with the military and law enforcement no longer cherished or revered. Yvette DeMaria said she believes protesters have been allowed to get out of control after police shootings.

Political correctness has run amok, she said, with politicians and the courts carving out constitutional protections that strayed far from the intent of the nation's forefathers. She laments, for example, the legalization of same-sex marriage and the transgender bathroom issue, believing they amount to a war on her Christian faith.

"We cannot be silent anymore. We have voices. We need to rise up. We need to speak up. We need to find like minds," Yvette DeMaria said. "We're going to church every Sunday — but Monday through Saturday, what are we doing?"

She and her husband found their mission and some like-minded people in the militia, which is part of the Three Percenters movement. It derives its name from the belief that just 3 percent of the colonists rose up to fight the British. They have vowed to resist any government that infringes on the U.S. Constitution.

While focused on training, the militia is also social.

In the woods, they use hand signals and walkie-talkies to alert the others to where and how many enemies are lurking. They then navigate obstacles made of firehoses, logs and scraps of wood, metal and string to eliminate the threats.

The first two runs are "dry fire" exercises; the guns aren't loaded. The last exercise of the day involves live rounds in their weapons — from AR-15s to handguns. After the targets are riddled with holes, the militia members gather around a fire at a campsite a short walk away to enjoy music and a barbecue.

For Hill, a paralegal by day, the Trump election was a defining moment to be celebrated.

"We're being called Trump militia. It's something I'm probably going to wear as a badge now," Hill said. "I feel a connection to President Trump."

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2017. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia*, unanimously struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

On this date:

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature adopted a Declaration of Rights.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1920, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Warren G. Harding for president on the tenth ballot; Calvin Coolidge was nominated for vice president.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Republican national convention in Cleveland. (Coolidge had become president in 1923 upon the sudden death of Warren G. Harding.)

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, received a diary for her 13th birthday, less than a month before she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.

In 1957, bandleader Jimmy Dorsey died in New York at age 53.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)

In 1967, the James Bond film "You Only Live Twice," starring Sean Connery, premiered in London, a day before its U.S. opening.

In 1979, 26-year-old cyclist Bryan Allen flew the human-powered Gossamer Albatross across the English Channel.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, exhorted Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

In 1997, baseball began regular-season interleague play, ending a 126-year tradition of separating the major leagues until the World Series. (In the first game played under this arrangement, the San Francisco Giants defeated the Texas Rangers 4-3.) The Treasury Department unveiled a new 50-dollar bill meant to be more counterfeit-resistant.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush went to Capitol Hill, where he prodded rebellious Senate Republicans to help resurrect legislation that could provide eventual citizenship for millions of immigrants without legal status. Afghan police mistook U.S. troops for Taliban fighters and opened fire, prompting U.S. forces to return fire, killing seven Afghan police officers. Justin Verlander pitched a no-hitter to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Milwaukee Brewers 4-0. Don Herbert, television's "Mr. Wizard," died in Bell Canyon, California, at age 89.

Five years ago: Attorney General Eric Holder fended off Republican demands during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing that he appoint a special counsel outside of the Justice Department to look into national security leaks. Democrat Ron Barber, who almost lost his life in the Arizona shooting rampage that seriously wounded former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, won a special election to succeed her. Elinor Ostrom, 78, an Indiana University political scientist who to date is the only woman to have been awarded a Nobel Prize in economics, died in Bloomington, Indiana. Former mobster Henry Hill, the subject of the movie "Goodfellas," died in Los Angeles a day after his 69th birthday.

One year ago: An American-born Muslim opened fire at the Pulse nightclub, a gay establishment in Orlando, Florida, leaving 49 people dead and 53 wounded before being shot dead by police. The mass shooting cast a pall over that evening's Tony Awards, where "Hamilton," the hip-hop stage biography of Alexander Hamilton, won the 2016 prize for best new musical. Former Republican U.S. senator and two-term Ohio

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governor George Voinovich, 79, died in Cleveland. Actress Janet Waldo, the voice of Judy Jetson, died in Encino, California, at age 96. The Pittsburgh Penguins won the fourth Stanley Cup in franchise history by beating the San Jose Sharks 3-1 in Game 6 of the final.

Today's Birthdays: Former President George H.W. Bush is 93. Singer Vic Damone is 89. Songwriter Richard M. Sherman is 89. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 87. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 76. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 76. Singer Roy Harper is 76. Pop singer Len Barry is 75. Actor Roger Aaron Brown is 68. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 66. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 65. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burnette is 64. Actor Timothy Busfield is 60. Singer Meredith Brooks is 59. Actress Jenilee Harrison is 59. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 58. Rapper Grandmaster Dee (Whodini) is 55. Actor Paul Schulze is 55. Actor Eamonn Walker is 55. Actress Paula Marshall is 53. Actress Frances O'Connor is 50. Actor Rick Hoffman is 47. Actor Mel Rodriguez is 44. Actor Jason Mewes is 43. Actor Michael Muhney is 42. Blues musician Kenny Wayne Shepherd is 40. Actor Timothy Simons (TV: "Veep") is 39. Actor Wil Horneff is 38. Singer Robyn is 38. Actor Dave Franco is 32. Country singer Chris Young is 32. Actor Luke Youngblood is 31. Rap group MC Jay Are is 28. Actor Ryan Malgarini is 25.

Thought for Today: "It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in argument." — William Gibbs McAdoo, American government official (1863-1941).