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“Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others; it is the only means.”

-Albert Einstein



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**Closed:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

## Hanlon Brothers Gravel Hauling

New & Cleaning of  
Stockdams with our  
60' reach trackhoe



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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



## Where Have All the Fathers Gone?

Around this time of the year, my thoughts wander back to my father. He's been gone quite a spell but his memory lingers. I often wonder what he would think of what is happening in our world today if he were to come back.

I grew up with a father who believed in being "the" father. I confess he was not always right all the time, but what he said was law in our house. That is, of course, unless his wife contradicted him. Then it was time for us kids to seek sanctuary outside where we could not hear what was going on.

I cannot help but believe that some of the problems we are having in our society today would not be such a problem if we had fathers. How many families are there where children grow up not knowing their father? No wonder they have no respect for authority.

Although my father was not a very well educated person, he knew how to use the Board of Education on the Seat of Learning for all his children. Some of the stuff he did back in "the day," would bring him some real legal problems today.

For example. My father believed he had the right to be judge, jury and executioner concerning all things in his children's life, with no appeal to a higher authority.

In the kitchen hanging next to the door to go outside was a very interesting parenting tool, at least in my father's eyes. It was a paddle with a religious inscription, "I Need Thee Every Hour." The inscription was quite true to the reality of life in our home.

Spanking was a routine exercise in our home. My father had the idea that if you were in trouble in school you were also in trouble at home. He had this fantastic idea that the teacher was right and I was wrong. I guess he knew me and that I could take a little bit of truth and spin it into a lie. I wonder who I learned that from?

Several times I got in trouble at school, which involved a spanking down at the principal's office. The first time this happened I well remember walking into the kitchen and saw my father standing there holding in his hand that infamous paddle. Within a few moments, the paddle was doing its duty and I was doing the "paddle dance."

After the paddling, my father sat down with me and said, "Okay, what trouble did you get into at school requiring the principal to paddle you?"

I wished he had asked me before the paddling, because now I had no incentive whatsoever to lie. Looking back, maybe that was the whole purpose of the paddling.

I well remember one time out in the backyard, I did something requiring parental action. My father looked at me and said, "Go get me a switch. You need to be taught a lesson."

At the time, I thought it was funny, however, after the fact I could see no humor whatsoever in it. I went to get the "switch" according to my father's

## Groton Job Opportunities

C.N.A.s ~ Nurses

Part-Time Cook

Contact Brynn Pickrel or Nellie Hatfield at 605-397-2365 or apply in person.

EOE/AA/M/F/V/D-Drug Free Workplace



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instructions and came back with a twig. I thought it was funny, but my father had no sense of humor about this. In a few moments, my sense of humor evaporated because my father went and got a switch, which is a whole lot different from a twig, just ask my backside.

Ruminating over these things, I tried to calculate how many spankings I actually got during my lifetime. Let me just say, it was significant. More than that. It taught me respect for authority.

I wonder if some of these young people getting into trouble today ever had a spanking? Of course, today that is completely against PC. My father did not believe in PC, but he did believe emphatically in BS (Back Side). I think if parents today would focus more on BS than PC, things might be a lot different.

Today, people think those old-fashioned spankings represent cruel and unusual punishment. However, if you look at this generation that has not had an old-fashioned spanking; I think the evidence speaks for itself.

To spank or not to spank, that is the dilemma today. Most gravitate towards the "not to spank" aspect unaware that they are creating a lot of damage for the next generation.

I must say that my father was not too much interested in what people call "love" today. He was more interested in respecting authority. In fact, as I think about this, when you are respecting authority you are exhibiting love. People today do not know how to love because they do not know how to respect authority.

I think if some of these youngsters could spend a week with my father and his infamous "paddle" they would grow to respect authority. Unfortunately, there is no authority figure in most homes today. Even those homes that have fathers are coerced into believing the father has no real significance in the family.

All I can do is to quote a famous psychologist, "How's that working?"

Well, how is that working?

The wisest man in the world, Solomon, said, "For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth" (Proverbs 3:12).

True love always corrects that which is wrong, especially in the person they love.

**The Groton Community  
is Invited to**

**FREE** *Rootbeer Float*



**LIVE MUSIC**

**Wednesday, June 13th  
6:30 p.m.**



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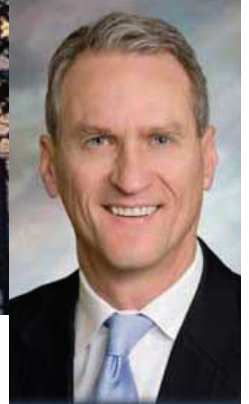
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South Dakota Governor  
Dennis Daugaard



## Three More Trail of Governors Statues

June is a beautiful time to visit our Capital City. The flowers at the State Capitol are in bloom, the sun shines brightly on the Fighting Stallions and the veterans memorials, and fishing and sport boats flock to the Missouri River.

On June 15, Pierre will gain a few more points of interest, as the Trail of Governors unveils three new statues. The Trail of Governors project combines art and history, placing life-sized bronze statues of every former South Dakota governor throughout the Capital City, on a trail that connects the Capitol grounds with the downtown business district. Nineteen statues are already in place.

The three new statues to be unveiled this year are William H. McMaster, M. Q. Sharpe and Ralph Herseth.

William H. McMaster was a small-town banker in Gayville, and then a state legislator from Yankton. He served as Gov. Peter Norbeck's lieutenant governor and then followed Norbeck into the Governor's Office in 1920. A progressive, McMaster memorably fought high gasoline prices by selling gasoline from state highway shops at two cents above wholesale. He went on to serve in the U.S. Senate.

M. Q. Sharpe was an attorney from Kennebec. As attorney general, he investigated corruption and mismanagement in a state-run farm loan program. During the Bushfield administration, Sharpe was the state's representative to the Missouri River States Committee and as governor from 1943 to 1947, Sharpe continued that effort, leading the negotiation of the Pick-Sloan Plan that built four Missouri River dams in South Dakota.

Ralph Herseth was a farmer from Houghton. He was elected governor in 1958 amidst unrest over property tax valuations. Herseth created a pension plan for the state's teachers and pushed for water development projects. He started a legacy of public service that continued with his wife, Secretary of State Lorna Herseth; their son, longtime legislator Lars Herseth; and their granddaughter, Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, who spent seven years in the U.S. House and is now the president of Augustana University.

The public is invited to the State Capitol rotunda at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 15, to see the unveiling of statues of McMaster, Sharpe and Herseth. Then, on Saturday morning, the inaugural "Run with the Govs" event will be held – an opportunity to run or walk a 4-mile route that includes every Trail of Governors statue. You will be able to actually run with at least one former governor – I know former Gov. Frank Farrah, at a youthful 89 years old, plans to participate. Search online for "Run with the Govs" to learn more.

Whether it's a drive, walk, or run, the Trail of Governors is a great way to experience our Capital City and learn a little bit about South Dakota history. I encourage you to check it out next time you come to Pierre.

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## GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

School Board Meeting June 11, 2018 – 7:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.
- POTENTIAL CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE PURSUANT SDCL 23-3
- CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Approval of minutes of May 14, 2018 and May 29, 2018 special school board meetings as drafted or amended.
  2. Approval of May 2018 Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments
  3. Approval of May 2018 School Transportation Report
  4. Approval of May 2018 School Lunch Report
  5. Approval of May District bills for payment
  6. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as fiscal agent.
  7. Authorize request of 2018-2019 energy quotes (fuel/oil/diesel/gas) with due date of 4:00 PM on June 25.
  8. Authorize request of 2018-2019 newspaper specifications and quote form with due date of 5:00 PM on June 25.
  9. Authorize Business Manager to publish 2018-2019 Groton Area School District Budget with 8:00 PM public hearing set for July 9th organizational school board meeting.
- OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:
1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
  2. School Board Committee Reports:
    - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Clint Fjelstad, Merle Harder
    - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Deb Gengerke, Kara Pharis
    - c. Negotiations: Steve Smith, Grant Rix, Marty Weismantel
  3. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Reports; (c) Business Manager Report
  4. Second Reading and Adoption of Recommended of Policy Amendments
    - a. AC Nondiscrimination (Amend), BDDC Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Amend), EFC Meal Charge Policy (Amend), GBL Personnel Records (Amend), GCBDD Military Leave of Absence (Amend), IGBC Limited English Proficiency Instruction (NEW), JEAA Students Alternative Instruction (Amend), JGB Restraint and Seclusion (NEW), JGB-E(1) Restraint and Seclusion Incident Report (NEW), JGB-E(2) Restraint and Seclusion Debriefing (NEW), JOA-E(2) Student Directory Opt Out (Amend), KMB Title I Parental Involvement (Amend), KMC Annual Notification of Parents (NEW)
  5. Second Reading and Adoption of Recommended Changes to OST Handbook
  6. Consider amendment to 2018-2019 school calendar to address PROM/ACT Conflict
- NEW BUSINESS:
1. Curriculum Review Presentation – FACS, Ag, Tech, Business
  2. Declare items surplus for disposal [Mr. Weber will provide list on Monday night]
  3. First Reading of Recommended Changes to MS/HS Student Handbook
  4. Approve resignation of Mary Johnson, MS SS/Language Arts Teacher.
  5. Approve re-assignment of Kristi Anderson from 3rd Grade Teacher to MS SS/Language Arts Teacher for 2018-2019.
  6. Approve hiring Lindsey DeHoet, Kindergarten Teacher, for 2018-2019 school year with salary to be published in July.
  7. Approve hiring Emily Fischer, 2nd Grade Teacher, for 2018-2019 school year with salary to be published in July.
  8. Approve hiring Mellissa Smith, 3rd Grade Teacher, for 2018-2019 school year with salary to be published in July.
  9. Approve ESY Agreement for Todd Peterson.

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10. Approve Agreement for Summer Library for Melissa Ulmer.
  11. Approve lane change for Jan Seibel from BS+30 to BS+45
  12. Approve lane change for Brooke Lingbeck from BS+15 to BS+30
  13. Approve Jeremy Weber and Drake Patterson as volunteer boys basketball coaches for 2018-2019.
  14. Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) negotiations and SDCL 1-25-2(2) student issue.
  15. Act on Open Enrollment #19-02 (Grade 6) from Aberdeen School District.
  16. Approve 2018-2019 Administrative Staff Negotiated Agreement and approve amended administrative contracts.
  17. Issue work agreements for auxiliary administrative staff for 2018-2019.
- ADJOURN

## **What's going on this week in State Government** **Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Public Commitments; Public Meetings:**

Friday, June 15, 10 a.m. CDT, Pierre, Capitol Building – Gov. Dennis Daugaard will speak at the Trail of Governors ceremony for the unveiling of the bronze statues of governors McMaster, Sharpe and Herseth in the Capitol Rotunda.

Monday, June 11, 2 p.m. CDT, Pierre, 330 S. Poplar Suite 102 – The South Dakota Building Authority will meet. For more information, go to <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=14>.

Tuesday, June 12, 10 a.m. CDT, Pierre, Capitol Building – The juvenile justice oversight council will meet. For more information, go to <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=134>.

Tuesday, June 12, 9:30 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Economic Development Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m. CDT at 711 E. Wells Ave. Please contact Cassie Stoeser, GOED finance director, at 605-773-GOED (4633) for more information. <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=31>.

Tuesday, June 12, 6 – 9 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – DENR will host a meeting to discuss and accept public input to develop and implement South Dakota's Volkswagen Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. The meeting will be held from 6-9 p.m. CDT at the Ramada Hotel & Suites, 1301 W. Russell, Sioux Falls. For more information, visit <http://denr.sd.gov/des/aq/aaVW.aspx> or contact Barb Regynski, DENR, at 605-773-3151.

Wednesday, June 13, 9 a.m. CDT, Sioux Falls, 4009 W. 49th St. – The SD Retirement System Board of Trustees will meet. For more information, go to <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=86>.

Wednesday, June 13, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. MDT, Custer – The South Dakota Abstracters' Board of Examiners will hold a meeting to conduct licensing examinations at the Creekside Lodge at Custer State Park Resort, 13389 U.S. Highway 16A, in the Creekside Conference Room. The full agenda is available online at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=3>. For more information or to request accommodations for the meeting, contact Professional Licensing at 605-642-1600 or [proflic@rushmore.com](mailto:proflic@rushmore.com).

Thursday, June 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m. MDT, Custer State Park – The South Dakota Abstracters' Board of Examiners will hold a meeting at the Creekside Lodge at Custer State Park Resort, 13389 U.S. Highway 16A, in the Creekside Conference Room. The full agenda is available online at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=3>. For more information or to request accommodations for the meeting, contact Professional Licensing at 605-642-1600 or [proflic@rushmore.com](mailto:proflic@rushmore.com).

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Thursday, June 14, 1:30 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The Petroleum Release Compensation Board will meet by conference call. Agenda items are available at <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?Boardid=73>. For more information, contact Vickie Maberry, DENR, at 605-773-3769.

Thursday, June 14, 8 a.m. CDT, State Penitentiary – The Board of Pardons and Paroles will meet in the Jameson Annex Visit Room. For more information, go to <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=74>.

Thursday, June 14, 9 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Transportation Commission of the South Dakota Department of Transportation will hold a meeting via conference call. Staff will be available in the Commission Room of the Becker-Hansen building located at 700 E. Broadway Ave. in Pierre. The public is invited to attend. To view the meeting agenda, posted 48 hours in advance, visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=96>. For more information contact Kellie Beck at 605-773-3265.

Thursday, June 14, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – The Department of Social Services' Board of Addiction and Prevention Professionals will hold a board of directors meeting at Park Place Center, 3101 W. 41st St., in the conference room. Public input will begin at 11 a.m. For more information please contact Tina Nelson at 605-332-6778. To view the agenda, please visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=29>.

Thursday, June 14, 9 a.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – The South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners will be holding a board meeting at 101 N. Main Ave., Suite 215. For more information or to view the agenda please visit <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=65>.

Friday, June 15, 10 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The South Dakota Board of Dentistry will be holding a board meeting at 3060 East Elizabeth Street. For more information or to view the agenda please visit <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=27>.

Friday, June 8, 7 – 9 p.m. CDT, and Saturday, June 9, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Yankton – The Family Support Council will meet at the Best Western in Yankton. For more information, please call 605-773-3438.

## **You Might Also Be Interested To Know:**

Monday, June 11, to Thursday, June 14: The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Field Service Officers will be at the following County and Tribal Veterans Service Offices to assist with veteran related claims, issues, and questions.

Monday, June 11:

- 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. CDT, Clear Lake - 415 3rd Ave. S. 605-360-7819
- 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Faulkton – 110 9th Ave. – 110 9th Ave. N. 605-280-4308
- 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Hayti – 300 4th St. 605-390-7819
- 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Lake Andes – 400 Main St. 605-280-4306
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT, Rapid City -725 N. LaCrosse St. #200 605-280-4307
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT, Yankton Sioux Tribe – 200 Main St. SW 605-280-4306

Tuesday, June 21:

- 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. CDT, Armour – 706 Braddock St. 605-280-4306
- 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. MDT, Custer – 420 Mt. Rushmore Rd. 605-280-4307
- 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. MDT, Deadwood – 80 Sherman St. 605-280-4307
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. MDT, Eagle Butte – Tribal Office 605-280-4308
- 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Lake Andes – 400 Main St. 605-280-4306

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- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. CDT, Sisseton (Roberts Co) 411- 2nd Ave. E Ste. #2 605-360-7819
- 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Sisseton (SWO) Post Ofc. across from courthouse 605-360-7819

Wednesday, June 13:

- 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Herried - American Legion 605-280-4308
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – 725 N. LaCrosse St. #200 605-280-4307
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. CDT, Redfield – 210 E. 7th Ave. 605-280-4306
- 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – 521 N. Main Ave. 605-360-7819

Thursday, June 14:

- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Huron – 450 3rd St. SW # 103 605-280-4306
- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. MDT, Kadoka – 700 Main St. 605-280-4308
- 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Vermillion - 211 W. Main St. 605-360-7819

Tuesday, June 12, to Thursday, June 14 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will host Job Search Assistance Programs (JSAP). JSAP is a workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. JSAP will be offered at the following locations:

Tuesday, June 12, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT, Madison – at 223 S. Van Eps Ave. For more information, call 605-256-5300 or visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

· Thursday, June 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Huron – at 333 9th St. SW, in the Huron Campus Center, Hohm Conference Room. The Financial Literacy class is in the morning and the Job Search Assistance class is in the afternoon. For more information or to register to attend the class, call 605-353-7155 or visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

· Thursday, June 14, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT, Watertown – at 2001 9th Ave. SW, Suite 200. For more information, call 605-882-5131 or visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

Tuesday, June 12 to Wednesday, June 13 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will hold itinerant office hours. Both job seekers and employers interested in receiving employment and career services at no cost may visit or call during these office hours. More information on programs and services is available at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org). Itinerant office hours will be held at the following locations:

· Tuesday, June 12, 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Redfield – at the Spink County Court House, third floor. For more information during these hours, call 605-380-8930 and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

· Tuesday, June 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. MDT, Sturgis – at 1401 Lazelle St., Meade Room or call 605-641-0965 during these office hours and 605-642-6900 at any other time. Additional information at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

Wednesday, June 13, 1 – 4:30 p.m. CDT, Wagner – at City Hall, 60 S. Main. For more information, call 605-487-7607, ext. 207 or 212, or visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

· Wednesday, June 13, 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Webster – at the Day County Court House basement. For more information during these hours, call 605-380-8930 and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

Tuesday, June 12, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT, Brookings – General Education Development (GED) testing will take place at the Brookings Job Service, 1310 Main Ave. S., Suite 103. For more information, call 605-688-4350 or visit [www.GED.com](http://www.GED.com).

Tuesday, June 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – The South Dakota Department of Revenue will host a basic sales tax seminar. The seminar will take place at the Department of Revenue's Sioux Falls office, located at 300 S. Sycamore Ave., Ste. 102. To register for this free seminar, visit <http://dor.sd.gov> then click on the Education tab. For more information, contact Courtney Dosch at 605-773-3311.



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Tuesday, June 12 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

- Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT
- Canton, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT
- Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
- Webster, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
- Timber Lake, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT

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- Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
- Salem, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
- Dupree, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT

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- Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
- Lemmon, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MDT
- Armour, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT



## Father's Day Lessons from Dads

Father's Day gives us a chance to celebrate dads and thank them for everything they do for their families. As any dad can attest, raising our four kids was both the hardest and most rewarding job I've ever had. Jean and I are incredibly proud of our kids, and we've enjoyed watching them grow and start families of their own. We look forward to spending time with them this Father's Day, however this year it will look a little different. This is the first Father's Day without my dad, Grandpa Don, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 90.

Grandpa Don was a shining example of what it meant to be a dad. He always put God and his family first and dedicated his life to serving others. He was a hard worker, a good provider, and he always saw the good in everyone. While we miss him every day, we are grateful for the lifelong lessons he taught not just his family, but everyone who knew him.

One lesson in particular that stands out is advice he used to share in the 1960s, when he often gave commencement speeches at high school graduations. As the oldest child, my dad would sometimes let me come along for these speeches, and his message to the students sticks with me today.

Those old enough to live through the 1960s can remember that it was a time when it wasn't "cool" to be "square." According to the cool kids back then, being a "square" meant being conventional, boring, inhibited and nerdy – definitely not part of the cool crowd. So, my dad would tell the graduates about the real meaning of "square." To him and his generation, being "square" was a good thing. You were honest so you could look people "square" in the eye. When you worked your way out of debt, you became "square" with the world. If someone was hungry, you gave him a "square" meal. You stood "foursquare" for what you believed in.

He told graduates that they should be "square" because "square" really meant being honest, fair, genuine, upright, straightforward and ethical, as in always giving other people a "square deal." The phrase "square deal" was coined by President Teddy Roosevelt. It was his philosophy that we should not grant special favors to any group of Americans, but to be fair to all. At the end of his commencement speeches, dad would invite the graduates to be "squares" for the rest of their lives.

In today's society, dad's graduation message resonates stronger than ever. I am grateful to be able to pass along his advice, especially with young people, as I did recently at Boys and Girls State and while delivering the commencement address at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology. These young people – and so many like them across the state – are smart, talented and driven to make the world a better place. While we recognize their accomplishments, we are also grateful for the fathers behind the scenes, offering unconditional love, support and sacrifice. May we all take a moment this Father's Day to celebrate the dads in our lives whose guidance helps us be stronger, better and more "square" in our daily lives.

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## Today in Weather History

June 10, 1998: Torrential rains of two to three inches in a short period caused flash flooding on the Crow Creek, near Gann Valley. As a result, some dams and roads were washed out.

June 10, 2004: An F1 tornado damaged 3 barns and numerous other buildings on a farm located 22 miles west of Ft. Pierre. This tornado also downed power lines and broke windows out of a home. There were no injuries reported.

June 10, 2008: A strong low-level jet impinging on a frontal surface boundary extending across southern South Dakota brought many severe thunderstorms to central and northeast South Dakota. Large hail and high winds brought some tree damage, trees down, along with some structural damage. Eighty mph winds blew down a 46 by 100 foot Quonset with tin strewn over a quarter-mile. Several trees were also uprooted in Hosmer in Edmunds County. An EF1 tornado touched down briefly and downed a power pole, snapped off a road sign, and blew a metal shed 100 yards destroying it. The tornado also broke off several large tree branches. This tornado occurred eight miles east-northeast of Eden in Marshall County.

1752: It is believed that this was the day Benjamin Franklin narrowly missed electrocution while flying a kite during a thunderstorm to determine if lightning is related to electricity.

1957 - A dust devil at North Yarmouth, ME, lifted a 600 to 1000 pound chicken shelter into the air and carried it 25 feet. It landed upright with only slight damage. It is unknown whether any eggs were scrambled. (The Weather Channel)

1958 - A woman was sucked through the window of her home in El Dorado, KS, by a powerful tornado, and was carried sixty feet away. Beside her was found a broken phonograph record entitled Stormy Weather . (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced 2 to 4 inch rains in southern Texas. Two and a half inches of rain at Juno TX caused flooding and closed a nearby highway. Flooding on the northwest side of San Antonio claimed one life as a boy was swept into a culvert. Thunderstorms in the north central U.S. produced an inch and a half of small hail at Monida Pass MT. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Three dozen cities, mostly in the eastern U.S., reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins, WV, with a reading of 33 degrees. Unseasonably hot weather continued in the Northern High Plains Region. The record high of 105 degeees at Williston, ND, was their seventh in eight days. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather through the day and night across much of the southern half of the Great Plains Region. Thunderstorms spawned 14 tornadoes, and there were 142 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Hail three inches in diameter caused three millions dollars damage at Carlsbad, NM. Hail four inches in diameter was reported at Estelline TX and Stinnett, TX. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 80 mph at Odessa TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1997: Flash Flooding occurred in many locations in Mississippi. Highway 80 and many other streets were flooded in and around Vicksburg. Water engulfed one person's car, but the person was rescued. This event caused \$300,000 in property damages. Over 6 inches of rain fell in Lexington in a little over 3 hours. The torrential rains caused Bear Creek to overflow and flood much of the town of Lexington. 45 businesses were affected by the flooding and 30 of these suffered major losses. As many as 300 homes had water damage. This event caused 10 million dollars in property damages. Portions of Jones County experienced flash flooding as 3 inches of rain fell in just 1.5 hours over saturated ground.

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Severe Thunderstorms and Breezy then Severe Thunderstorms	Chance T-storms then Chance Showers and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny
High: 91 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 51 °F	High: 78 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 83 °F

## Severe Storms Possible This Evening / Tonight

### Threat Potential

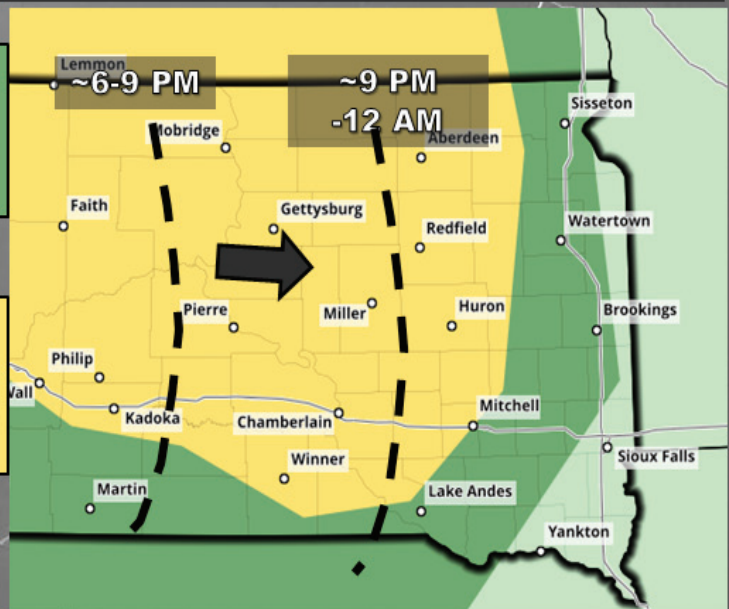


1-2" diameter hail and 70 mph wind gusts are possible.

**Marginal**  
Isolated Severe Storms Possible

**Slight**  
Scattered Severe Storms Possible

### Severe T-storm Outlook + Timing



**Forecast Notes:** A favorable environment for severe weather will be in place late this afternoon through tonight. Hail threat best early, then transition over to damaging winds tonight.



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 6/10/2018 5:42 AM Central

Published on: 06/10/2018 at 5:44AM

A frontal boundary will slide across the area tonight, with showers and thunderstorms developing across the central part of the state this evening. These storms then spread eastward through the overnight hours. Some storms may be severe with large hail and strong winds being the main threats.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 87.6 F at 1:57 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 66.8 F at 5:23 AM**

**Wind Chill:**

**High Gust: 24.0 Mph at 2:23 PM**

**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 100° in 1933**

**Record Low: 37° in 1936**

**Average High: 76°F**

**Average Low: 52°F**

**Average Precip in June: 1.18**

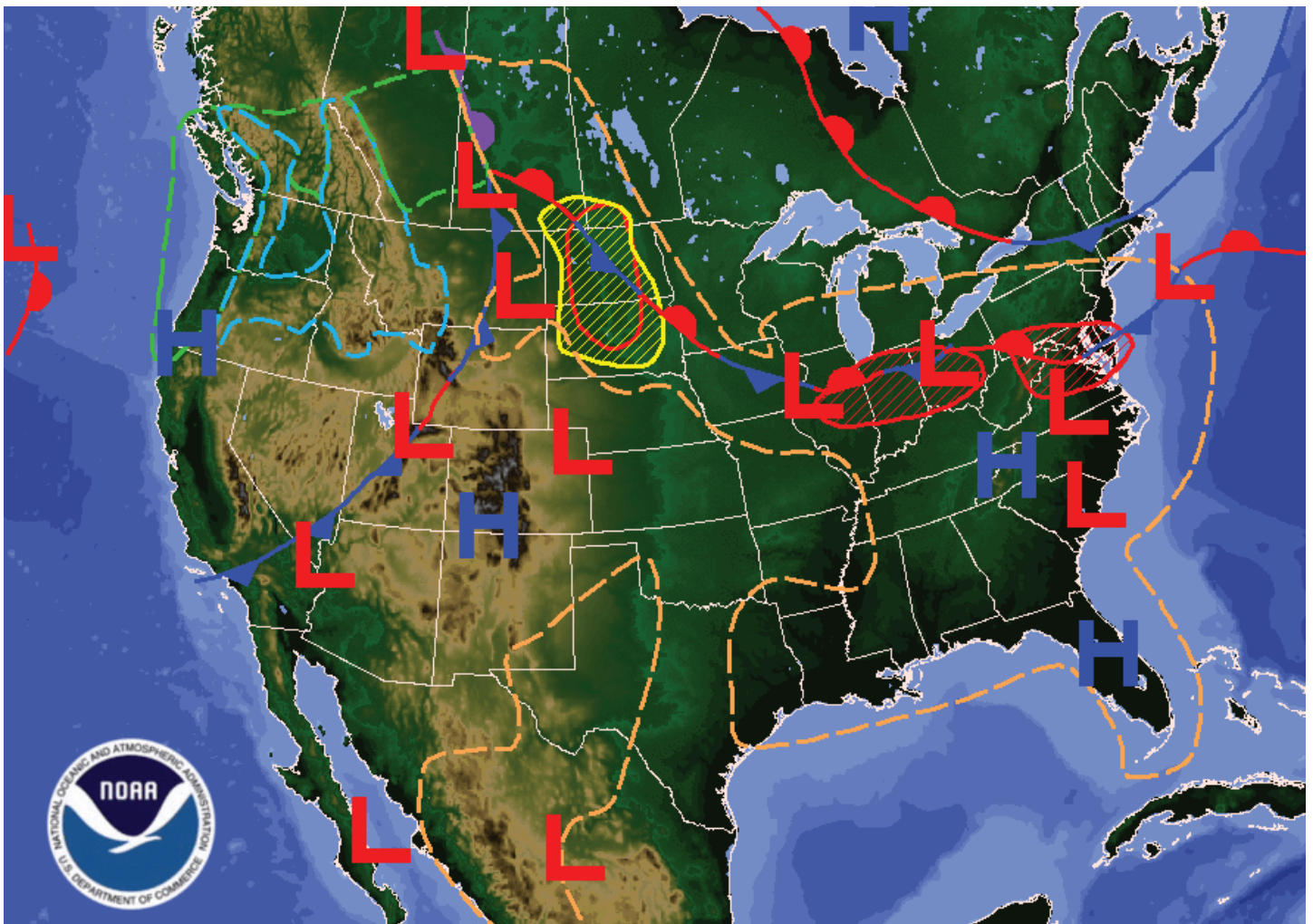
**Precip to date in June: 0.29**

**Average Precip to date: 8.32**

**Precip Year to Date: 4.59**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:21 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:44 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Jun 10, 2018, issued 4:56 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Oravec 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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## CONSTANT COMPLIANCE

"I give up!" he shouted as loudly as he could.

Turning from my computer to the door of my office, I saw a student who had been struggling to live a godly life. He was faithful in reading and studying his Bible, had a solid prayer life and did well in his classes. I was puzzled by his comment.

"What are you giving up?" I asked.

"Well, I was reading Psalm 119:3 and I just give up. That verse is beyond the reach of everyone. I can't imagine who he is referring to – 'They do not wrong but follow His ways.' I do my best to follow His way but I still do wrong from time to time. I must not be a Christian."

"Why don't you sit where I am sitting and type this paragraph from this commentary? I need it for a class I'm teaching," I asked.

He sat and began to type the long paragraph. It was not long before he finished and we went to the "spell checker" to see how well he had done.

"Oops – there's a mistake," I said. "O my – there's another. I wonder," I asked, "if you made two mistakes does that mean you do not know how to spell?"

"Of course not," came the reply. "I know how to spell. I just made two small mistakes that I didn't mean to make. But I can still spell."

"Well," I said, "it's also possible for one who is a Christian to commit an incidental sin from time to time and still be a Christian. Besides, our God will forgive."

Prayer: Our Father, help us to keep focused on You and to follow Your ways. But if we fail, please forgive us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 119:3 They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.

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## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2018 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/22/2018 Summer Fest (4th Sunday in July)
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party
  
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

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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  
05-10-15-25-35  
(five, ten, fifteen, twenty-five, thirty-five)  
Estimated jackpot: \$58,000

Lotto America  
05-10-15-19-36, Star Ball: 8, ASB: 4  
(five, ten, fifteen, nineteen, thirty-six; Star Ball: eight; ASB: four)  
Estimated jackpot: \$3.41 million

Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$144 million

Powerball  
06-10-15-25-36, Powerball: 14, Power Play: 3  
(six, ten, fifteen, twenty-five, thirty-six; Powerball: fourteen; Power Play: three)  
Estimated jackpot: \$105 million

### South Dakota student overcomes adversities

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Lincoln High School graduate has published her first book and earned a full scholarship to Stanford University after overcoming verbal, sexual and physical abuse.

Damian Marlow told the Argus Leader that after overcoming her adversities she feels "satisfied with my life."

"Coming out of that grew like this fire, if that makes sense," Marlow said. "And it makes you not angry, but more passionate about things because you can fix any situation you're in."

Marlow released her book, "Looks like Honey, Tastes like Vinegar," last month on Amazon as a way to help others through her poetry. She said her book explores "overcoming certain things in your life."

Marlow, who now lives with her grandmother, said she found help and support through her teachers and school counselor.

Marlow will start Stanford in the fall and plans to major in international relations.

"When I got the full ride, it was a relief," Marlow said. "Even if I wasn't sure if I was going there yet, I was just really relieved because I could afford college."

She said after speaking with other students from the university she felt that she fit in there. Marlow also said she's also currently working on her second book.

"I'm kind of comfortable that I've achieved what I wanted to," said Marlow "There's more, but at this point in my life, I've achieved everything that I can."

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



## South Dakota family recovers from injuries after house fire

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man says his family injured in a house fire last month should make a full recovery.

Bill McKee told The Black Hills Pioneer that doctors have predicted his son, Jason McKee, daughter, Mandy McKee, and grandson, Ethan Baker, will fully heal with time. The three family members suffered smoke inhalation injuries in the May 12 fire that destroyed McKee's home in Sturgis. It's unclear what caused the fire.

McKee's adult children and his grandson were staying in his house when the fire broke out early in the morning. Ethan Baker was sleeping on the living room couch and alerted the others. Bill McKee, his wife, Cherie, and his daughter and grandson were able to evacuate the burning house, but Jason McKee was still stuck inside.

Sturgis police arrived on scene before the fire department and rescued Jason McKee.

"If it weren't for those officers trying and trying and trying to get him out, he wouldn't be here today," Bill McKee said. "I tried so many ways to get in that house. I couldn't do it and they did."

Jason McKee said he will be forever grateful to the officers who saved his life.

"Everyone is doing very well, but it's going to take a very long time for them to heal," Bill McKee said. "The smoke in their lungs has been cleared, but they have to be really careful."

Bill and Cherie McKee are living in a motel while the insurance company settles plans for their former home's future.

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

## Peltier supporter says pardon request 'worth the effort'

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A supporter of jailed American Indian activist Leonard Peltier says he considers President Donald Trump "a wild card" who might be willing to look into setting Peltier free.

The 73-year-old Peltier has spent most of his life in prison for the killing of two FBI agents in South Dakota in 1975. President Barack Obama denied a clemency request for Peltier before leaving office last year.

A Peltier attorney has filed a formal request asking Trump to grant a pardon or commute Peltier's sentence. Paralegal Sheridan Murphy tells KFGO radio that "it's certainly worth the effort" because "you have no idea" what Trump will do.

Murphy says Peltier is in poor health and wants to go home to the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation in North Dakota.

The White House declined comment.

Information from: KFGO-AM, <http://www.kfgo.com>

## Authorities identify woman killed in Meade County crash

WASTA, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a woman who died in one-vehicle rollover in Meade County. The Highway Patrol says 65-year-old Carol Barber, of Wall, was driving north of Wasta Tuesday afternoon when she lost control of her pickup truck on a curve. The truck traveled into a ditch and rolled over. Barber was alone in the vehicle. The patrol says she was wearing a seatbelt.

## Isolated Kim takes big gamble leaving home for Trump summit

By FOSTER KLUG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Spare a moment, as you anticipate one of the most unusual summits in modern history, to consider North Korea's leader as he left the all-encompassing bubble of his locked-down stronghold of Pyongyang on Sunday and stepped off a jet onto Singapore soil for his planned sit-down with President Donald Trump on Tuesday.

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There's just no recent precedent for the gamble Kim Jong Un is taking.

As far as we know, his despot father only traveled out of the country by train, and rarely at that, because of fears of assassination. Kim, up until his recent high-profile summit with South Korea's president on the southern side of their shared border, has usually hunkered down behind his vast propaganda and security services, or made short trips to autocrat-friendly China.

While Singapore has authoritarian leanings, it is still a thriving bastion of capitalism and wealth, and Kim will be performing his high-stakes diplomatic tight-rope walk in front of 3,000 international journalists, including a huge contingent from the ultra-aggressive South Korean press — sometimes referred to by Pyongyang as "reptile media" — two of whom were arrested by Singapore police investigating a report of trespassing at the residence of the North Korean ambassador.

While he famously attended school in Switzerland, traveling this far as supreme leader is an entirely different matter for someone used to being the most revered, most protected, most deferred to human in his country of 25 million. Kim is, essentially, upsetting two decades of carefully choreographed North Korean statecraft and stepping into the unknown.

There's wild speculation about how Kim will perform on the world stage, although one question was answered Sunday: His grim-faced, well-muscled bodyguards marched alongside his armored limousine at one point in Singapore, just as they did when he met the South Korean leader in April. But amid the curiosity is an even more fundamental question: Why is he taking this risk at all?

Here's a look:

## THE LOGISTICS

First the nuts and bolts: How do you protect what many North Koreans consider their single most precious resource, the third member of the Kim family to rule and a direct descendant of North Korea's worshipped founder Kim Il Sung?

Hundreds of North Korean security experts have no doubt been up nights wondering how to safeguard Kim Jong Un since Trump shocked the world by accepting the North's invitation to meet.

Kim arrived Sunday on a Chinese plane, not his official plane, which is called "Chammae-1" and named after the goshawk, North Korea's national bird.

Kim may have shipped over the massive bulletproof and fireproof limousine that became a social media sensation when Kim was shown being driven across the border between the Koreas during his first summit with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, in April, with a dozen staunch bodyguards encircling the



**FILE - In this April 27, 2018, file photo, North Korean security persons run by a car carrying North Korean leader Kim Jong Un return to the North side for a lunch break after a morning meeting with South Korean President Moon Jae-in at the border village of Panmunjom in Demilitarized Zone. Kim is on a rare trip abroad as he leaves the all-encompassing bubble of his locked-down stronghold of Pyongyang and steps off a jet onto Singaporean soil for his planned sit-down with U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.**

(Korea Summit Press Pool via AP, File)

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auto. He could be seen speeding through Singapore on Sunday in a black limousine adorned with large North Korean flags.

Singapore's The Straits Times reported earlier this month that the Singapore government declared that four black BMW sedans with armored bodies that can withstand gunshots, explosives and grenades were exempt from certain traffic rules through June 30. The newspaper said the vehicles weren't from a local authorized dealer, which suggests the cars were brought in specifically for the summit and may be used by Kim.

Kim's bodyguards traveled with him, providing trusted protection to back up local Singapore security who were controlling the perimeter and crowds,

One benefit of Singapore from the North Korean point of view is that there will probably not be any anti-North Korea protests during Kim's stay. "Singapore is like a police state. How can such rallies take place there? Anyone involved in rallies would be arrested," said Choi Kang, vice president of Seoul's Asan Institute for Policy Studies.

Kim arrived Sunday at the St. Regis hotel, where his close aide has been based as he leads a North Korean advance team arranging security and logistics details. South Korea's Hankook Ilbo reported that Singapore recommended the St. Regis, which hosted Chinese President Xi Jinping during his 2015 summit with Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou, because it can be easily secured.

## WHY'S HE TAKING THE RISK?

The short answer might be that, despite his safety worries, Kim could end up getting much more out of this summit than he will have to give up.

The standard thinking goes that he needs quick help to stabilize and then rebuild an economy that has suffered amid a decades-long pursuit of nuclear bombs, and that the North Koreans see a unique chance to win concessions, legitimacy and protection from a meeting with a highly unconventional U.S. president who's willing to consider options past American leaders would not.

Kim also gets an "obvious and immediate win" by simply meeting with Trump, writes Joseph Yun, who was the top U.S. diplomat on North Korea until March.

It's "a sign of recognition that the North Koreans have sought for decades. In my meetings with North Korea's foreign ministry, its officials have repeatedly emphasized that only a leader-to-leader dialogue could break the nuclear impasse. At the root of this desire lies their central concern: regime survival," he wrote.

The summit has been portrayed as a "get to know you" meeting.

"That's a perfect deal for North Korea. They pocket all of it and lose essentially nothing," said Christopher Hill, President George W. Bush's lead nuclear negotiator with the North. "The North Koreans have already gotten what they need out of this. Their only issue is how much they have to give up. From what I can tell from (Trump's recent comments at the White House), they're not going to be asked to do much."

Kim may also be seeing the gamble in a light never considered by his autocratic father and grandfather because of "his determination to modernize North Korea," according to Ryan Haas, an Asia expert at the John L. Thornton China Center.

"Kim confronts rising expectations from within at the same time that he contends with ever-tightening sanctions from abroad," Haas wrote. "So, according to this logic, in order to satisfy internal expectations, he will need to reduce external pressure, and this dynamic could push Kim down the path of denuclearization."

Haas offers a useful warning, though, as people around the world settle in to watch the show in Singapore: "Virtually no North Korea analyst inside or outside of the U.S. government" expects Kim to actually give up his nukes.

Associated Press writers Kim Tong-hyung and Hyung-jin Kim in Seoul, South Korea and Gillian Wong in Beijing contributed to this report.

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## Unorthodox Trump faces toughest test yet in NKorea summit

By ZEKE MILLER and CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Embarking on a self-described “mission of peace,” President Donald Trump’s seat-of-the-pants foreign policy is facing its toughest test yet as he attempts this week to personally broker an end to North Korea’s nuclear program in talks with Kim Jong Un.

The impulsive American president, who just this weekend sowed chaos within the Western alliance, is set to face his match on the global stage as he prepares to meet Kim in Singapore on Tuesday.

In the historic first meeting between the leaders of the technically-still-warring nations, Trump is prioritizing instinct over planning. Unlike traditional summits between heads of state, where most of the work is completed in advance, U.S. officials say the only thing certain ahead of these talks will be their unpredictability.

Ever since Trump shocked allies, White House officials and, by some accounts, the North Koreans themselves when he accepted Kim’s March invitation for a meeting, the two leaders have lurched toward an uncertain encounter that could affect millions.

“It’s unknown territory in the truest sense, but I really feel confident,” Trump told reporters Saturday. “I feel that Kim Jong Un wants to do something great for his people and he has that opportunity and he won’t have that opportunity again.”

Kim arrived in Singapore on Sunday afternoon, with Trump scheduled to land later in the evening.

Trump’s engagement with Kim fulfills the North Korean ruling family’s long-unrequited yearning for international legitimacy, itself a substantial concession after more than a generation of U.S. efforts to isolate the country on the global stage.

“It’s never been done before,” Trump said. “And obviously, what has been done before hasn’t worked.”

A triumvirate of forces is bringing the meeting to fruition, said Scott Snyder, senior fellow for Korea Studies and director of the Program on U.S.-Korea Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations. He describes the summit as “produced by Kim, directed by (South Korean President Moon Jae-in), and inspired by Trump.”

Each man has his motivations: Hard-hitting sanctions and a desire for legitimacy brought Kim to the table. Moon’s efforts to avert a potentially catastrophic U.S. first strike pushed Trump and Kim to take a risk. And Trump is the first U.S. president willing to sit-down with Kim with so few concessions, believing his self-professed negotiating prowess will guide him through uncharted diplomatic waters.

Raising expectations in advance of the meeting, Trump said the outcome will depend heavily on his own instincts. The U.S. president said he will know “within the first minute” of meeting Kim whether the North Korean leader is serious about nuclear negotiations.

“I think I’ll know pretty quickly whether or not, in my opinion, something positive will happen. And if I think it won’t happen, I’m not going to waste my time. I don’t want to waste his time,” Trump said.



**A police officer guards the entrance of the international media center Sunday, June 10, 2018, in Singapore ahead of the summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12.** (AP Photo/Wong

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"This is a leader who really is an unknown personality," Trump added of Kim. "People don't know much about him. I think that he's going to surprise on the upside, very much on the upside."

White House aides described Trump in the days after receiving the initial Kim invitation as being obsessed by visions of winning the Nobel Peace Prize and of using the skills he laid out in his book "The Art of the Deal" to put his mark on the global order.

In recent weeks, though, Trump's enthusiasm has been tempered somewhat by the challenge of deal-making with such an unpredictable opponent. And there are worries from the White House to East Asian allies that Trump's desire for an agreement will lead him to accept any deal — even if it's a bad one.

Trump is dangling before Kim visions of protection, economic investment and even a White House visit, in return for a commitment to abandon his nuclear weapons program. Kim, U.S. officials say, has agreed to put his stockpile of 50 or more weapons on the table for negotiation, but the two countries have offered differing visions of what that would entail.

Despite Kim's apparent eagerness for a summit with Trump, there are doubts that he would fully relinquish his nuclear arsenal, which he may see as the guarantor of his survival.

U.S. defense and intelligence officials have assessed the North to be on the threshold of having the capability to strike anywhere in the continental U.S. with a nuclear-tipped missile — a capacity that Trump and other U.S. officials have said they would not tolerate.

Trump reiterated his promise Saturday that the U.S. "will watch over and we'll protect" Kim and his government in return for him giving up the nuclear program.

With his Singapore summit, Trump is looking to temporarily escape his flaring personal conflicts with key U.S. allies over trade as well as domestic pressure like the swirling Russia probe. Acutely aware of his coverage in the media, Trump has enjoyed how the impending North Korea summit has overshadowed some of the more negative coverage of his tumultuous White House.

Still, Trump's team has not always been on the same page, with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo — who has been leading the administration's efforts — more supportive, while the hawkish National Security Adviser John Bolton has been more skeptical. Bolton has been far less visible in the planning process, after a comment he made about favoring the "Libya model" for denuclearization enraged the North Koreans.

Libya gave up its nuclear program at an early stage only to see its longtime dictator overthrown and killed less than a decade later.

En route to Singapore, Trump left behind a trail of diplomatic wreckage as he exited the annual Group of Seven summit Saturday in Quebec, highlighting the extent to which he increasingly keeps his own counsel, eschewing the cautionary advice of aides and confident in his ability to single-handedly attempt to redraw the global order.

In Canada, the U.S. president threatened longtime allies over trade practices at a defiant exit press conference before abruptly withdrawing his endorsement of the group's final joint statement and tweeting that host Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was "weak."

"His message from Quebec to Singapore is that he is going to meld the industrial democracies to his will — and bring back Russia," said Steve Bannon, Trump's former campaign and White House adviser.

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Lucey reported from Souda Bay, Greece.

## Kim lands in Singapore ahead of high-stakes Trump summit

By FOSTER KLUG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un arrived Sunday in Singapore ahead of one of the most unusual and highly anticipated summits in recent world history, a sit-down with President Donald Trump meant to settle a standoff over Pyongyang's nuclear bomb arsenal.

A jet carrying Kim landed Sunday afternoon amid huge security precautions on this city-state island. After shaking hands with the Singapore foreign minister, Kim sped through the city's streets in a massive limousine, two large North Korean flags fluttering on the hood, surrounded by other black vehicles

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with tinted windows and bound for the luxurious and closely guarded St. Regis Hotel. Trump was scheduled to arrive later Sunday.

Kim smiled broadly Sunday evening as he met with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

"The entire world is watching the historic summit between (North Korea) and the United States of America, and thanks to your sincere efforts ... we were able to complete the preparations for the historic summit," Kim told Lee through an interpreter.

The North Korean autocrat's every move will be followed by 3,000 journalists who have converged on Singapore, and by gawkers around the world, up until he shakes hands with Trump on Tuesday. It's a reflection of the intense global curiosity over Kim's sudden turn to diplomacy in recent months after a slew of North Korean nuclear and missile tests last year raised serious fears of war.

The North, many experts believe, stands on the brink of being able to target the entire U.S. mainland with its nuclear-armed missiles, and while there's deep skepticism that Kim will quickly give up those hard-won nukes, there's also some hope that diplomacy can replace the animosity between the U.S. and the North.

Part of the interest in Tuesday's summit is simply because Kim has had such limited appearances on the world stage. He has only publicly left his country three times since taking power after his father's death in late 2011 — twice traveling to China and once across his shared border with the South to the southern part of the Demilitarized Zone in recent summits with the leaders of China and South Korea respectively.

But it is Kim's pursuit of nuclear weapons that gives his meeting with Trump such high stakes. The meeting was initially meant to rid North Korea of its nuclear weapons, but the talks have been portrayed by Trump in recent days more as a get-to-know-you session. Trump has also raised the possibility of further summits and an agreement ending the Korean War by replacing the armistice signed in 1953 with a peace treaty. China and South Korea would have to sign off on any legal treaty.

It's unclear what Trump and Kim might decide Tuesday.

Pyongyang has said it is willing to deal away its entire nuclear arsenal if the United States provides it with a reliable security assurance and other benefits. But many say this is highly unlikely, given how hard it has been for Kim to build his program and that the weapons are seen as the major guarantee to holding onto his unchecked power.

Any nuclear deal will hinge on North Korea's willingness to allow unfettered outside inspections of the country's warheads and nuclear fuel, much of which is likely kept in a vast complex of underground facilities. Past nuclear deals have crumbled over North Korea's reluctance to open its doors to outsiders.

Another possibility from the summit is a deal to end the Korean War, which North Korea has long demanded, presumably, in part, to get U.S. troops off the Korean Peninsula and, eventually, pave the way for a North Korean-led unified Korea.

The fighting ended on July 27, 1953, but the war technically continues today because instead of a difficult-



**In this photo released by the Ministry of Communications and Information of Singapore, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, right, arrives at the Changi International Airport, Sunday, June 10, 2018, in Singapore ahead of a summit with U.S. President Donald Trump.** (Ministry of Communications and

Information of Singapore via AP)

to-negotiate peace treaty, military officers for the U.S.-led United Nations, North Korea and China signed an armistice that halted the fighting. The North may see a treaty — and its presumed safety assurances from Washington — as its best way of preserving the Kim family dynasty. The ensuing recognition as a “normal country” could then allow sanctions relief, and later international aid and investment.

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## Body language: Photo of Merkel, Trump captures G-7 tensions

By DAVID McHUGH, Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — One viral photo is telling it all about tensions at the G-7 summit.

A picture of U.S. President Donald Trump and German Chancellor Angela Merkel displaying less-than-friendly body language is turning out to be a defining image of the contentious meeting of the Group of Seven leaders of the world’s advanced economies.

The picture, snapped Saturday by German government photographer Jesco Denzel, shows a standing Merkel with her hands firmly planted on a table staring down at Trump, who is seated with his arms folded and eyes glaring. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stands next to Trump, also with folded arms, as French President Emmanuel Macron leans in next to Merkel.

The photo was tweeted by Merkel spokesman Steffen Seibert. Shortly afterward, the White House issued a separate photo showing a sitting Trump speaking as Merkel, Abe and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau listen.

The BBC parsed the picture by identifying all nine individuals in it, including British Prime Minister Theresa May, who is barely visible, and Larry Kudlow, head of Trump’s National Economic Council as well as several Japanese officials and U.S. national security adviser John Bolton.

Another image of the same gathering however suggests a more relaxed interaction, with Merkel smiling and Trump making eye contact.

The G-7 — an informal annual summit of democracies with highly developed economies — took place Friday and Saturday in the Quebec resort town of Charlevoix in Canada, which holds the rotating leadership this year.

Saturday’s picture was not the first awkward moment between Trump and Merkel, who makes no secret of her disagreement with the American leader’s approach on trade, his rejection of the deal to limit Iran’s nuclear program and his decision to take the United States out of the global Paris deal to fight climate change.



**In this photo made available by the German Federal Government, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, center, speaks with U.S. President Donald Trump, seated at right, during the G7 Leaders Summit in La Malbaie, Quebec, Canada, on Saturday, June 9, 2018.** (Jesco Denzel/German Federal Government via AP)

Merkel's March 2017 visit to the White House was marked by Trump either not hearing or ignoring her offer to shake hands in the Oval Office. A subsequent visit in April this year warranted only a working lunch for the German leader, several days after fellow EU leader Macron got the full, formal state dinner treatment from Trump.

The Charlevoix G-7 summit was marked by sharp disagreements over Trump's decision to impose higher import taxes on aluminum and steel imports. The measure hits EU trading partners even though the main target is overcapacity at state-backed Chinese producers, who Europe and the U.S. have long complained have flooded markets with cheap steel.

The G-7 summit participants managed to patch over their disagreements and agree to disagree on some issues in a joint final statement. Yet after leaving the summit, Trump tweeted that he would instruct U.S. officials not to endorse the G-7 statement, after objecting to comments from summit host Trudeau.

## Trump pulls out of joint G-7 statement, attacks Trudeau

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LA MALBAIE, Quebec (AP) — The annual G-7 summit appeared to have weathered tensions over President Donald Trump's threats of a tariff-fueled trade war until the mercurial American pulled out of a joint statement while citing "false statements" by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

It was an unprecedented attack on the leader of the U.S. neighbor and ally.

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**President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference at the G-7 summit, Saturday, June 9, 2018, in La Malbaie, Quebec, Canada.** (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)



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## Helicopter crashes into Wisconsin river, killing 1 man

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP) — A helicopter hit power lines and plunged into the Fox River in eastern Wisconsin Saturday, killing one man.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office says the helicopter went down near the Wisconsin Street Bridge in Oshkosh, 94 miles (151 kilometers) north of Milwaukee after it hit the electrical wires.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Capt. Lara Vendola-Messer said special equipment had to be brought in by Wisconsin Public Service to help remove the electrical lines from the water. Divers then entered the water and the helicopter was lifted to the surface Saturday evening. A photograph showed the frame collapsed and the tail broken.

The Oshkosh Northwestern later reported that the Winnebago County Coroner's office confirmed one man died in the crash. His name was not released.

Gary Lemiesz, of Oshkosh, said that he watched as helicopter flew east over the Fox River before turning back and flying west. He said it struck the wires and part of the propeller broke off, after which "it hit hard and sunk."

Oshkosh Fire Dept. Assistant Chief John Ziemer said boats did a surface search but did not find anyone in the water.

The crash happened on a busy weekend in the city. Increased boat traffic for an annual charity poker run — a poker tournament that includes various stops on the water — had to re-routed from the area. In addition, officials for a walleye tournament had to change their weigh-in destination.

Boat traffic on the river near the crash site was stopped for hours while authorities carried out the search.

It is the second helicopter crash in Wisconsin this year. Three people died in April when a medical helicopter crashed near Hazelhurst, in the northern part of the state.



**A helicopter is removed from the Fox River in Oshkosh, Wis., on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Witness Gary Lemiesz said the aircraft struck the wires and part of the propeller broke off, after which "it hit hard and sunk."** (Doug Raflik/

The Oshkosh Northwestern via AP)

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## Justifiable! Racing gets 13th Triple Crown with Justify

By BETH HARRIS, AP Racing Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Justify defied all the odds on his way to achieving Triple Crown immortality.

The late bloomer won the Belmont Stakes by 1¾ lengths on Saturday, giving the sport its 13th Triple Crown champion. American Pharoah ended a 37-year drought in 2015 and now just four years later, racing is celebrating another sweep of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont.

Justify began his racing career on Feb. 18, a scant 77 days before the Derby. He won his first three races by a combined 19 lengths, making trainer Bob Baffert a believer.

The big chestnut colt with the appetite to match burst onto the national scene with a 2½-length victory on a sloppy track in the Derby. Two weeks later, he survived a challenge in the fog-shrouded Preakness, winning by a half-length, again in the slop to set up a Triple Crown try.

"The raw talent is there," Baffert said. "He just came on there and broke every curse there was. It was meant to be."

On a cloudy 80-degree day at Belmont Park, Justify proved a cool customer.

He didn't flinch when greeted by 90,327 roaring fans as he walked onto the track. He stood so quietly in the starting gate that jockey Mike Smith wondered if he'd respond when it sprang open.

Did he ever.

Justify led all the way in achieving one of the sports world's toughest feats 45 years to the day that Secretariat won the Belmont by a record 31 lengths. Baffert called Justify one of the all-time greats.

"I think he's the greatest of all time," Smith said. "I just won the Triple Crown, man. He's my champion."

Justify accomplished a lot in a very short time.

At 6-0, he joins Seattle Slew in 1977 as the only two undefeated Triple Crown winners; he's the first to sweep the series without racing at age 2 (because of a pulled muscle); and he's the only horse to beat nine rivals in the Belmont with a Triple try on the line. Slew also was a wire-to-wire Belmont winner.

Justify's human handlers also made history.

Baffert became the second trainer to win the Triple Crown twice, having overseen American Pharoah. James "Sunny Jim" Fitzsimmons guided Gallant Fox in 1930 and Omaha in 1935.

"It never gets old," Baffert said. "American Pharoah, he'll always be my first love."

At 52, Smith became the oldest jockey to win the Triple Crown. He celebrated by grabbing white carnations from the winner's blanket and tossing them in the air.

"He just puts an old man out there to sit still, who stays out of the way and lets a good horse be a good horse," Smith said, crediting Baffert for using him.

Smith and Justify took a curtain call before entering the winner's circle. Back in New York where he dominated in the 1990s, Smith took Justify on a walk past the packed grandstand, soaking in the cheers and giving the crowd a closer look at racing's newest hero.

Justify's victory gives racing its second Triple Crown winner of the decade. The last time there were



**Justify (1), with jockey Mike Smith up, crosses the finish line to win the 150th running of the Belmont Stakes horse race, Saturday, June 9, 2018, in Elmont, N.Y.** (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

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two Triple Crown champions in the same decade was the 1970s, which produced Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed.

Purchased for \$500,000, Justify earned \$800,000 for his Belmont win, giving him \$3,798,000 in his brief career.

The powerful colt with the blaze running the length of his face showed no signs that the rigors of running a compressed schedule had gotten to him.

On a fast, dry track, Justify was just as good in his third race in five weeks at his third different track.

Sent off as the 4-5 favorite, Justify ran 1½ miles — the longest race of the series — in 2:28.18 and paid \$3.60, \$3.50 and \$2.80.

"This horse ran a tremendous race, he's so gifted," Smith said. "He's sent from heaven. I tell you, it's just amazing."

Baffert had fretted after Justify drew the No. 1 post, a spot he detests for his horses. But Smith turned it into an advantage, gunning Justify to the lead and defying any horse to challenge.

Restoring Hope, also trained by Baffert, ran interference for the champion while traveling second and deterring any threats by forcing them to go extremely wide. Nobody did.

Smith got the colt into a relaxed rhythm under a moderate pace heading into the backstretch, and he had an easy trip from there.

"You can't doubt him now, there's no way," said Bill Mott, trainer of third-place Hofburg. "He did it right up on the pace, and everybody had an opportunity to take their shot. They didn't do it. They let it go too easy."

There were mild bids turning for home. Vino Rosso made the most serious move to get within a length but never threatened. Justify pulled away down the 1,097-yard stretch in front of screaming fans with only 24-1 shot Gronkowski picking off a half-dozen rivals in taking up the chase down the lane.

"My thought turning for home was that he had a shot to get him if Justify was vulnerable at mile and a half," said Chad Brown, who trains Gronkowski. "I thought maybe, because I could see Gronkowski flying, but he just couldn't get to that horse."

Gronkowski, named for and partly owned by New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, returned \$13.80 and \$7 in his U.S. debut after arriving from England.

Hofburg paid \$3.70 to show.

Vino Rosso finished fourth, followed by Tenfold, Bravazo, Free Drop Billy, Restoring Hope, Blended Citizen and Noble Indy.

For more Belmont coverage: <https://apnews.com/tag/Horseracing>

## Trump casts North Korea summit as 'one-time shot' for Kim

By CATHERINE LUCEY and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — President Donald Trump cast his Tuesday summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un as a "one-time shot" for the autocratic leader to ditch his nuclear weapons and enter the community of nations, saying he would know within moments if Kim is serious about the talks.

Trump said Saturday he was embarking on a "mission of peace," as he departed the Group of Seven meeting in Canada to fly to the summit site in Singapore. Saying he has a "clear objective in mind" to convince Kim to abandon his nuclear program in exchange for unspecified "protections" from the U.S., Trump acknowledged that the direction of the high-stakes meeting is unpredictable, adding it "will always be spur of the moment."

"It's unknown territory in the truest sense, but I really feel confident," he told reporters. "I feel that Kim Jong Un wants to do something great for his people and he has that opportunity and he won't have that opportunity again."

"It's a one-time shot and I think it's going to work out very well," he said.

The Trump-Kim meeting be the first between a sitting U.S. president and a North Korean leader. Unlike

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traditional summits between heads of state, where most of the work is completed in advance of a photo-op, U.S. officials say the only thing certain ahead of these talks will be their unpredictability.

Raising expectations in advance of the meeting, Trump said the outcome will rely heavily on his own instincts. The U.S. president, who prides himself on his deal-making prowess, said he will know "within the first minute" of meeting Kim whether the North Korean leader is serious about the nuclear negotiations.

"I think I'll know pretty quickly whether or not, in my opinion, something positive will happen. And if I think it won't happen, I'm not going to waste my time. I don't want to waste his time," Trump said.

"This is a leader who really is an unknown personality," Trump added of Kim. "People don't know much about him. I think that he's going to surprise on the upside, very much on the upside."

The Kim sit-down comes as Trump's combative style of diplomacy has been on stark display this weekend in Canada during the annual Group of Seven summit. Tensions flared between Trump and U.S. allies over his protectionist economic policies and decisions to exit the Iran nuclear deal and Paris climate accord.

After cutting short his participation over the icy reception, Trump veered within hours from espousing a great relationship with the U.S. allies to tweeting that his host, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, had been "Very dishonest & weak" in post-summit remarks. He cited Trudeau's comments as a reason to withdraw from the G-7's official statement, underscoring the unpredictable nature of negotiations with the American president.

As he looks to the Kim meeting, Trump is taking a high-stakes risk in hopes of containing the increasingly challenging national security threats from North Korea's advanced nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Seeing Nobel Peace Prize laurels and eyeing potential to show up his critics at home and abroad, Trump is granting Kim the international legitimacy he's long sought in hopes of securing a legacy-defining accord.

"He could take that nation with those great people and truly make it great," Trump said. "That's why I feel positive, because it makes so much sense."

Trump also praised the North Koreans, saying they have been "really working very well with us" during preparations for the summit, even though Trump had canceled the summit last month following a recent period of what he called "tremendous anger and open hostility" from the North Korean government. But then Trump did a quick pivot, signaling almost immediately after scrapping the meeting that he was open to going ahead with it after all.

Delegations from both countries then launched into a frenetic period of negotiations that are expected to culminate with Tuesday's meeting.

"So far, so good. We're going to have to see what happens. I very much look forward to it," Trump said. Still, questions remain about what a deal on the North's nuclear weapons could look like.

Trump has said he believes Kim would agree to denuclearization — and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday he had received Kim's personal assurances to that effect — but the two countries



**President Donald Trump boards Air Force One for a trip to Singapore to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Canadian Forces Base Bagotville, in Canada.** (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

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have offered differing visions of what that would entail. Despite Kim's apparent eagerness for a summit with Trump, there are doubts that he would fully relinquish his nuclear arsenal, which he may see as his guarantee of survival.

U.S. defense and intelligence officials have assessed the North to be on the threshold of having the capability to strike anywhere in the continental U.S. with a nuclear-tipped missile — a capacity that Trump and other U.S. officials have said they would not tolerate.

Trump reiterated his promise Saturday that the U.S. "will watch over and we'll protect" Kim and his government in return for him giving up the nuclear program. He also indicated that South Korea, China and Japan would be prepared to invest in the North to boost its besieged economy.

Lucy reported from La Malbaie, Quebec. Associated Press writer Darlene Superville in Washington contributed to this report.

## Trump throws G-7 into disarray with tweets after he leaves

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Trump's recent moves, building on 18 months of nationalist policy-making, left him out of step with the globally minded organization and prompted speculation that the group could fracture into something more like the "G-6 plus one."

A key question was whether the seven countries could agree on a joint statement of priorities at the conclusion of the meeting. Macron said Thursday on Twitter, "The American President may not mind being

isolated, but neither do we mind signing a 6 country agreement if need be." Trump said Friday he thinks the group will produce a joint statement.

In public, Trump bantered easily with his fellow leaders, but the meeting came at a tense moment in the relationships, with allies steaming over Trump's new tariffs on imported steel and aluminum from Canada, Mexico and the European Union.

French President Emmanuel Macron said he and Trump had "open and direct" discussions, adding that he thought there was a way to get a "win-win" outcome on trade. Details remained unclear.

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## Bourdain's death means loss of a voice for immigrant workers

By TERRY TANG, Associated Press

Anthony Bourdain's culinary passions went far beyond the cuisine he put on a plate. He also was committed to the immigrant workers who toil in his and other kitchens throughout the restaurant industry.

Bourdain, who died Friday in France in an apparent suicide at age 61, was an outspoken critic of President Donald Trump's immigration policies and a fierce defender of Hispanic workers.

The chef, global traveler and author, whose popularity grew with his CNN series "Parts Unknown," often was the first to tip his hat to his employees from Central America or Mexico. He promoted his Mexican-born sous chef, the late Carlos Llaguno Garcia, to run two of his New York restaurants and complained loudly about the United States' "ridiculously hypocritical attitudes" toward immigration.

"Some, of course, like to claim that Mexicans are stealing American jobs," Bourdain said in 2014. "But in two decades as a chef and employer, I never had one American kid walk in my door and apply for a dishwashing job, a porter's position or even a job as prep cook."

During the 2016 presidential campaign season, Bourdain slammed Trump's promises to deport immigrants in the U.S. illegally and build a wall along the Mexican border.

"If Mr. Trump deports 11 million people or whatever he's talking about right now, every restaurant in America would shut down," Bourdain said in an interview with SiriusXM radio.

Trump has said the wall is needed to keep immigrants and drugs out of the U.S. and his policies are designed to keep the country safe.

Julian Medina, the owner of eight Mexican restaurants in New York, said he and Bourdain crossed paths a few times at industry events.



**FILE - This Dec. 19, 2001 file photo shows Anthony Bourdain, the owner and chef of Les Halles restaurant, sitting at one of the tables in New York. On Friday, June 8, 2018, Bourdain was found dead in his hotel room in France, while working on his CNN series on culinary traditions around the world.** (AP Photo/Jim Cooper,File)



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"The Latino community was very important to him because in the kitchens of New York there are many Latinos," Medina said. "He supported that because he always worked beside a Latino and put Carlos in charge of his kitchen."

Saul Montiel, executive chef at the Mexican restaurant Cantina Roof Top in Manhattan, said Garcia, who died of cancer in 2015, always spoke highly of Bourdain. For an episode of Bourdain's Travel Channel show, "No Reservations," Garcia gave Bourdain a tour of his hometown, Puebla. Bourdain claimed all the best cooks in his New York restaurants came from there.

Montiel, who started in the business washing dishes 15 years ago, said Bourdain was "one of the few chefs that valued the work of the Latinos in the kitchen."

"There are many chefs," he said, "that never recognize the hard work of the Hispanics."

Mel Mecinas, an executive chef in Scottsdale, Arizona, who was born in Oaxaca, Mexico, remembers when Bourdain featured his home state on "Parts Unknown." He liked that Bourdain went to smaller villages and wasn't afraid to sit on the floor and eat, sampling traditional dishes such as tamales with mole negro sauce wrapped in banana leaves instead of corn husks.

"When he goes somewhere, he always finds the place where he can find the root of the culture," Mecinas said. "I was so impressed about how down-to-earth he is and his sense of humor."

Occasionally, Bourdain's penchant to spotlight minorities attracted a backlash. Last year, a blogger accused him of banning white chefs from getting exposure on a "Parts Unknown" episode on Houston's culinary scene. Bourdain responded on Twitter, calling it "shameful, dishonest race-baiting click bait."

Latinos weren't the only minority group that embraced Bourdain. Jason Wang, CEO of Xi'an Famous Foods in New York, planned to donate profits at all its locations on Friday to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

In a Facebook post, Wang said Bourdain's impact on his family's Chinese street food business was immeasurable. In 2007, Bourdain endorsed the Wangs' basement food stall, which served lamb noodle soup with hand-ripped noodles on "No Reservations."

The bump in business was swift. Wang and his father gradually went from that stall to six eateries. In 2015, Wang had the chance to relay his gratitude in person.

"I looked at him in the eyes and said, 'this is something we will always be thankful for Tony,'" Wang wrote. "And he simply replied, 'I'm just calling out good food like it is, that's all.'"

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Associated Press editor Sigal Ratner-Arias in New York contributed to this report.

## Prosecutor: No evidence of any foul play in Bourdain death

By THOMAS ADAMSON, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — There's no evidence of foul play or violence in celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain's death in a French hotel room, a French prosecutor said Saturday.

The famed cook, writer and host of the CNN series "Parts Unknown" killed himself Friday in a luxury hotel in the ancient village of Kaysersberg, Christian de Rocquigny, the prosecutor of Colmar in France's eastern Alsace region, told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

Rocquigny said there did not appear to be much planning in the television personality's suicide.

"There is no element that makes us suspect that someone came into the room at any moment," he said, adding that a medical expert had concluded that there were no signs of violence on Bourdain's body.

Rocquigny said toxicology tests were being carried out on Bourdain's body, including urine tests, to see if the 61-year-old American took any medications or other drugs, in an effort to help his family understand if anything led him to kill himself.

Olivier Nasti, the chef and owner of Le Chambard, the luxury hotel in Kaysersberg where Bourdain took his life, paid tribute to his colleague Saturday.

"It is with great respect for the leader, the author, the TV entertainer, the visionary Anthony Bourdain

that I express all my condolences to his family and to the anonymous people around the world who he made dream so much," Nasti said in a statement Saturday.

"It is the whole family of French gastronomy that joins me, to renew our deep friendship to our bereaved American brothers," he added.

Kaysersberg Mayor Pascal Lohr told The AP his town is extending its grief "to the entire United States."

Italian tourist Fulvio Lotti, visiting the town, said, "I felt very surprised and sad of course because I like his show, I like his books ... and then to know that he suddenly died in a city where I came for a weekend from Florence, it's weird."

Lotti plans to dine at the Chambard's restaurant, and "I will have a thought about him."

Bourdain filmed a segment of his show this week at the Michelin-starred Auberge d'Ill in nearby Illhaeusern, where staff are reeling from his death.

"You actually don't really believe it. You think it's probably a fake," the restaurant's sommelier, Herve Fleuriel, told The AP, recalling "that great Chef who was here on Wednesday lunch."

It was one of his last meals. Fleuriel described to the AP what Bourdain ate — goose liver, frog's legs, fish and pigeon — and a lively exchange Bourdain had with close friend chef Eric Ripert about the wine and food and how to pair them.

"They looked like they were pretty happy."

Jeffrey Schaeffer in Kaysersberg and Illhaeusern, France, contributed to this report.

## Pope to oil execs: Energy needs mustn't destroy civilization

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis told leading oil executives Saturday that the transition to less-polluting energy sources "is a challenge of epochal proportions" and warned that satisfying the world's energy needs "must not destroy civilization."

The Vatican said Francis held a two-day conference with the executives as a follow-up to his encyclical three years ago that called on people to save the planet from climate change and other environmental ills.

Participants included the CEOs of Italian oil giant ENI, British Petroleum, ExxonMobil and Norway's Statoil as well as scientists and managers of major investment funds. Their remarks on the first day of the closed-door conference were not released by the Vatican.

While Francis lauded the oil executives for embedding an assessment of climate change risks into their planning strategies, he also put them on notice for their "continued search for fossil fuel reserves," 2½ years after the Paris climate accord "clearly urged keeping most fossil fuels underground."



**Pope Francis meets a group of children who traveled on a special train from Milan and arrived at St. Peter's station at the Vatican, Saturday, June 9, 2018 as part of an initiative to give children living in disadvantaged areas of the country a day of joy.** (AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

clearly urged keeping most fossil fuels underground."

"Civilization requires energy, but energy must not destroy civilization," he implored.

Energy experts and those who advocate fighting climate change expressed doubts before the conference that it would amount to anything other than a PR opportunity for the companies to burnish their image without making meaningful changes.

In his remarks, the pope said he hoped the meeting gave participants the chance to "re-examine old assumptions and gain new perspectives."

Francis said that modern society with its "massive movement of information, persons and things requires an immense supply of energy." And still, he said, as many as one billion people still lack electricity.

The pope said meeting the energy needs of everyone on the planet must be done in ways "that avoid creating environmental imbalances, resulting in deterioration and pollution that is gravely harmful to our human family, both now and in the future."

Francis also recalled his own appeal in the "Laudato Si" encyclical for an energy policy "aimed at averting disastrous climate changes that could compromise the well-being and future of the human family, and our common home." That includes transitioning to efficient, clean energy sources.

"This is a challenge of epochal proportions," he said Saturday. "At the same time it is an immense opportunity to encourage efforts to ensure fuller access to energy by less developed countries ... as well as diversifying energy sources and promoting the sustainable development of renewable forms of energy."

The pope called for a "long-term global strategy to provide energy security," along with "precise commitments" to tackle the challenge of climate change.

He said it was "disturbing and a cause for real concern" that the levels of carbon dioxide emissions and the concentrations of greenhouse gases remain high despite commitments taken in the 2015 Paris accord to fight global warming.

He urged participants to use their "demonstrated aptitude for innovation" to address "two of the great needs in today's world: the care of the poor and the environment." He noted that the poor pay the highest price for climate change, often being forced to migrate due to water insecurity, severe weather and an accompanying collapse in agriculture.

"The transition to accessible and clean energy is a duty that we owe toward millions of our brothers and sisters around the world, poor countries and generations yet to come," the pope said.

## Holocaust survivor Gena Turgel, consoler of Anne Frank, dies

By DANICA KIRKA, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Gena Turgel, a Holocaust survivor who comforted Anne Frank at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp before the young diarist's death and the camp's liberation a month later, has died. She was 95.

Turgel died Thursday, Britain's chief rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, said on Twitter. The news triggered tributes from some of the people the Polish native touched in the decades she shared her World War II experiences, including witnessing the horrors of the Nazi camps at Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Bergen-Belsen.

After World War II, Turgel married one of Bergen-Belsen's British liberators, Norman Turgel, earning the nickname "The Bride of Belsen." Her wedding dress, made from parachute silk, is part of the collection of the Imperial War Museum in London.

Turgel attended Britain's annual Holocaust remembrance two months ago in a wheelchair with a blanket draped over her knees.

"My story is the story of one survivor, but it is also the story of 6 million who perished," she said at the event in London's Hyde Park. "Maybe that's why I was spared — so my testimony would serve as a memorial like that candle that I light, for the men, women and children who have no voice."

Born in Krakow, Poland as Gena Goldfinger on Feb. 1, 1923, Turgel had to move with her family in 1941 to a Jewish ghetto with only a sack of potatoes, some flour and a few belongings. One brother was shot by the Nazi SS police and another disappeared after trying to escape, according to the Holocaust Educa-

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tional Trust in London.

A sister of hers was shot while trying to smuggle food into a labor camp. In January 1945, Turgel and her mother were forced onto a death march from Auschwitz, leaving her remaining sister behind.

It was in a hospital at Bergen-Belsen, where the 22-year-old Turgel arrived in February, that she cared for Anne Frank as the 15-year-old girl was dying from typhus.

"I washed her face, gave her water to drink, and I can still see that face, her hair and how she looked," Turgel once told the BBC.

Turgel published a memoir, "I Light a Candle," in 1987 and kept retelling her story in schools across Britain until the end of her life.

"Gena dedicated her life to sharing her testimony to hundreds of thousands in schools across the country," "Her story was difficult to hear - and difficult for her to tell, but no one who heard her speak will ever forget," Karen Pollock, chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said he met Turgel at the Hyde Park event in April and was "inspired by her lifelong commitment to educating people about the horrors of the Holocaust."

"Let us hope for a better future where anti-Semitism and all hatred should be demolished, shouldn't be tolerated," Turgel said at the time. "And I do beg you, don't forget those who are less fortunate than yourselves."

She is survived by her three children, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.



**FILE - In this Jan. 27, 2004 file photo, Holocaust survivor Gena Turgel poses for a photo, in London. Turgel, a Holocaust survivor who comforted diarist Anne Frank at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp months before its liberation, has died. She was 95. Britain's chief rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, said Turgel died Thursday, June 7, 2018. Turgel had been in two other camps before she met Anne Frank in a hospital at Bergen-Belsen where the teenager was dying from typhus. After World War II, Turgel married one of the camp's British liberators, Norman Turgel, earning the nickname "The Bride of Belsen."** (Paul Faith/PA via AP, File)

## 4th time's the charm: Halep tops Stephens to win French Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Maybe all of those losses in Grand Slam finals helped Simona Halep actually win one.

She'd gone 0-3 in matches with a major trophy on the line before facing Sloane Stephens for the French Open title Saturday, so there was plenty to remember: what it felt like to give a lead away, to make a key mistake, to walk away with regrets.

"All the experience from those three finals that I lost ... was a positive thing," Halep said, "and gave me a little bit more power to believe."

Halep added Grand Slam trophy No. 1 to her No. 1 ranking, coming back from a set and a break down to beat Stephens 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 and win the championship at Roland Garros in a match made up of long points and key momentum swings.

"That's the most important thing — that I stay there focused," said Halep, the first Romanian to collect a

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major title since her manager, Virginia Ruzici, at the 1978 French Open. "I believed. And I never gave up."

The 26-year-old Halep was describing this particular match. She could have been speaking about her career.

Halep lost two previous finals at Roland Garros — against Maria Sharapova in 2014, then Jelena Ostapenko in 2017 despite leading by a set and 3-0 in the second. Her third runner-up finish came against Caroline Wozniacki at the Australian Open in January.

"Been kicked in the stomach a couple of times when she's had chances," said Halep's coach, Darren Cahill. "They say the destination is more beautiful if there's a bit of a bumpy road and you eventually get there. And that's what happened to her today."

On a muggy afternoon, Halep began slowly, unable to solve Stephens, the 10th-seeded American who won her first Grand Slam title at last year's

U.S. Open. Both women are adept at defense, figuring out ways — via speed, strength, skill and instinct — to get nearly every ball back over the net. They're also both able to switch to offense in a snap.

Those traits lent themselves to engaging exchanges of 10 strokes, 20 strokes or more, sometimes interrupted by spectators who would gasp or begin to clap, thinking that a point was over when it still was not.

The players were not trading looping shots, mind you, meant merely to keep the ball between the lines. For the most part, they were violent smacks at the ball, delivered with the intention of ending a point. It often seemed effortless for Stephens, who broke for a 3-1 edge when Halep put a forehand in the net.

When Halep ended a 14-stroke point by pushing a backhand wide, Stephens owned the first set. She wheeled toward her box, which included U.S. national soccer team player Jozy Altidore, and shook a fist. Not much after that, Stephens broke to begin the second set, then held for a 2-0 lead. It appeared she was on her way to improving to 7-0 in tournament finals.

And then, suddenly, everything changed. Stephens started missing. A double-fault here. A forehand into the net there. A backhand wide. Another long. Halep took 15 of 18 points and four games in a row.

Both Halep and Cahill thought Stephens looked a little gassed.

From 4-all in the second, Halep grabbed seven games in a row to take that set and build a 5-0 edge in third.

One key: Halep began putting a little more air under the ball, being a little less aggressive, waiting for Stephens to make mistakes. That worked. Stephens ended up with 39 unforced errors, 13 more than Halep.

Boisterous fans pushed Halep throughout, chanting "See-moe-nah! See-moe-nah!" When the match ended, Halep dropped her racket at the baseline and covered her face with her hands. Soon enough, she was climbing up into the stands to share a big hug with Cahill.

During the trophy ceremony, Stephens — more experienced in such matters, given her triumph in New York last September — noticed that Halep was casually holding her new silver trophy. Stephens indicated to Halep she should raise it proudly overhead.

"You have been waiting for this," Stephens would say later. "So you better put it up in the air and show



**Romania's Simona Halep kisses the trophy as she celebrates winning the final match of the French Open tennis tournament against Sloane Stephens of the U.S. in three sets 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Saturday, June 9, 2018.** (AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

them what you got today.”

Halep listened. Now she will proudly display that bit of hardware at home.

She yearned for a Grand Slam title to go with her WTA ranking. Took some missteps along the way, but she has what she wanted.

“Her journey has been tough. And she had a heartbreak here last year and in Australia and all the things that have happened to her,” Stephens said. “I mean, it’s a great story and just a great moment for her.”

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## Trump disrupts G-7 gender equality meeting by arriving late

By ROB GILLIES, Associated Press

LA MALBAIE, Quebec (AP) — President Donald Trump arrived late for a gender equality meeting at an international summit, prompting Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to kick it off without waiting for “stragglers” to arrive.

Trump created a distraction when he walked in late for Saturday’s breakfast meeting during the Group of Seven summit of leading industrialized nations being held in Quebec.

He missed Trudeau’s introductory statement and entered the room while Gender Equality Advisory Council co-chair Isabelle Hudon was speaking.

Security personnel had to open a path for Trump through a throng of journalists and cameramen. The camera clicks for Trump almost drowned out Hudon.

French President Emmanuel Macron stared at Trump after he sat down.

Trudeau and Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland later tweeted photos of the women’s empowerment meeting, showing Trump’s empty chair.

Trudeau had made the issue of gender equality a priority for the gathering. He said gender equality must “cut through” everything the G-7 does.



**German Chancellor Angela Merkel and IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde wait for the arrival of President Donald Trump to the Gender Equality Advisory Council breakfast during the G-7 summit, Saturday, June 9, 2018, in La Malbaie, Quebec Canada.** (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

## In pro-Trump ND, Democrat Heitkamp has no time for resisting

By THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

MANDAN, North Dakota (AP) — Heidi Heitkamp has no time for resisting.

That’s what the North Dakota Democrat in one of the most Donald Trump-friendly states says, though it would seem she also doesn’t have that luxury.

The first-term U.S. senator, among the most vulnerable in her party seeking re-election this year, is

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maneuvering herself at once as an ally of the Republican president on policy, and a polite opponent at other times.

"If you simply focus on resistance, if that's your sole motivation and purpose, I don't know how you'd ever get anything done," Heitkamp said during an Associated Press interview at a coffee shop in Mandan, her hometown. "When we agree, we work together."

Heitkamp's record of championing some of Trump's proudest deregulation moves has frustrated Republicans, who would like nothing more than to paint her as obstructing the president, as Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., has promised to do. Instead, Heitkamp's Republican opponent, U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer is competing with the incumbent to stand out as the better friend to Trump.

It's a tack that Heitkamp says overstates Trump's popularity.

Heitkamp is among 10 Democratic senators seeking re-election this year in states Trump carried in 2016. Their fate will go a long way to deciding whether Democrats stand a chance at capturing the majority in November. Republicans now hold a 51-49 edge.

On the surface, Heitkamp's challenge may appear greater than those faced by her peers: In 2016, Trump won North Dakota by 36 percentage points, a margin exceeded only in West Virginia.

But Heitkamp, 62, is a near-40-year political veteran of this deeply conservative state. She comes to this moment with a background of statewide political success, heartbreaking defeat and deep insight about the issues of agriculture, energy and trade which drive this lightly populated but pivotal state.

"I've won elections by big margins, by little margins. And I've lost elections," said Heitkamp, a former state attorney general and failed candidate for governor who won her Senate seat by 3,000 votes in 2012. "And that's not what motivates me to do this work — winning and losing elections. It's the work."

Heitkamp has championed Trump's move to loosen federal rules that she has called onerous for North Dakota's farmers and mining industry. Last month, she stood gleefully alongside Trump as he signed a measure easing regulations on community banks and credit unions, on which many farmers and rural businesses rely.

Heitkamp also has voted to confirm 21 of Trump's 26 Cabinet-level nominations. Only West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, another Democrat facing re-election in a conservative state, has voted for more. Heitkamp has voted for the vast majority of Trump's judicial nominees, including Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch.

Cramer, whose main campaign claim is his devotion to the president, has criticized Heitkamp for voting in December against Trump's tax cuts, his chief domestic achievement.

Heitkamp also voted against move forward on a bill that would make nearly all abortions illegal after 20 weeks of pregnancy, and that's a sore spot with North Dakota's active evangelical conservatives.

She did lead a bipartisan effort to lift the 40-year ban on U.S. oil exports in 2015, against the wishes of



**FILE - In this May 24, 2018, file photo, President Donald Trump hands a pen to Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., right, after signing the "Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act," in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington. Heitkamp, in one of the most challenging Senate re-election races this year, mixes pro-Trump record with Democratic leanings, though describing them as non-partisan and not part of Democratic resistance movement. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)**

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Democratic President Barack. But she faced a backlash from the petroleum industry this year for voting to keep in place limits on burning excess natural gas released from oil drilling sites. Heitkamp, a former natural gas company director, argued that the excess could be captured and sold.

Cramer said Heitkamp is in a bind.

"She has a big dilemma," he told the AP. "On one hand, she wants to portray herself in North Dakota as a Trump supporter. On the other hand, she wants to be a Democrat and not torque off her big-money, liberal friends. People aren't falling for it."

But Heitkamp is a known entity in North Dakota, recognizable to many with her unruly red hair, barn coat and booming laugh.

She visited a grain cooperative and ethanol processing plant in the high, green plains west of Bismarck during the Senate's Memorial Day recess. Republican Mike Appert, a farmer who met Heitkamp for the first time last week at Red Trail Energy, said she gets high marks from conservatives for her support of the ethanol industry.

Appert, disappointed by her tax-cut and abortion bill opposition, said he appreciates her willingness to work with Trump.

"From a lot of people I've talked to, people who voted for Trump for president are going to vote for Heidi," said Appert, who is undecided in the Senate race, but said Heitkamp "deserves a close look."

Heitkamp's up-front spot at Trump's banking bill signing recalled the time when she joined him on stage for a rally in North Dakota last fall, a symbol of their uncommon bond.

She flew aboard Air Force One from Washington to Bismarck for a September rally. That was nine months after Trump invited her during the presidential transition to Trump Tower, where she rejected his offer of a Cabinet-level position.

Cramer, who initially turned down challenging Heitkamp early this year, changed his mind after a multiple attempts by Trump, including a White House dinner with Cramer and his wife, to recruit him. "He begged me," Cramer told the AP last week.

Cramer has used the sales job to portray himself as close to the president in a state where Trump's approval runs well ahead of his national rating.

"She can't use my support for the Trump agenda against me," he said. "She's essentially saying 'vote for me because I'm going to be like Kevin.' I'm telling voters to vote for me because I am Kevin."

But Heitkamp said no one agrees with Trump all of the time, even in North Dakota.

"Do I want to have a relationship so I can pick up the phone and talk about things like farm policy, trade policy? Yeah. I think that's in the best interest of North Dakota," she said. "I say if you want someone who is going to vote with the president 100 percent of the time, that's not going to be me. Because I don't think he's 100 percent right."

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Associated Press writer James MacPherson in Bismarck, North Dakota, contributed to this report.

## **In first, Afghan Taliban announce cease-fire for Eid holiday**

**By RAHIM FAIEZ, Associated Press**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Afghan Taliban announced a three-day cease-fire over the Eid al-Fitr holiday at the end of the holy month of Ramadan, a first for the group, following an earlier cease-fire announcement by the government.

A statement released Saturday by the Taliban said that they would defend themselves in case of any attack. They say foreign forces are excluded from the cease-fire and Taliban operations would continue against them.

The statement added that the leadership of the Taliban may also consider releasing prisoners of war, if they promise not to return to the battlefield.

Mohammad Haroon Chakhansuri, spokesman for the Afghan president, welcomed the cease-fire announcement during a news conference in Kabul.



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"We hope that (the Taliban) will be committed to implementing their announcement of the cease-fire," he said. "The Afghan government will take all steps needed to make sure that there is no bloodshed in Afghanistan."

"The government of Afghanistan is hopeful that this process will become a long term process and will result in a sustainable peace," Chakhansuri added.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Thursday announced a weeklong cease-fire with the Taliban to coincide with the holiday.

A statement sent from the president's office on Thursday said the government's cease-fire will begin on 27 Ramadan, or June 12 on the Western calendar, and last through the Eid al-Fitr holiday, until around June 19, adding that the cease-fire does not include al-Qaida or the Islamic State group.

The palace statement referred to a gathering of Afghanistan's top clerics last week in which they issued a decree against suicide attacks and called for peace talks. A suicide bomber struck just outside the gathering as it was dispersing, killing at least seven people and wounding 20 in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group.

The Taliban had denounced the gathering, insisting that its jihad, or holy war, against foreign invaders was justified. It instead urged the clerics to side with it against the "occupation."

NATO has led international security efforts in Afghanistan since 2003. It wound down its combat mission in 2014 but its Resolute Support mission comprises almost 16,000 troops from around 40 countries.

The conflict has been at a stalemate for several years, and NATO's best chances of leaving lie in the Taliban agreeing to peace talks and eventually joining the government. The Trump administration has sent additional troops to try to change the course of America's longest war.

On Friday, senior U.S. officials said they will intensify combat against the Islamic State affiliate in the country during the Kabul government's temporary halt to attacks on the Taliban.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said this could, for example, allow the U.S. to partially shift the focus of aerial surveillance from the Taliban to IS fighters as well as al-Qaida extremists, who remain a threat 17 years after the U.S. invaded. Mattis spoke to reporters during a break in a NATO defense ministers meeting.

In the meantime, Taliban insurgents have continued to carry out attacks.

Just hours before the Taliban's announcement, at least 17 soldiers were killed when their checkpoint came under attack by Taliban fighters in western Herat province, said Gelani Farhad, spokesman for the provincial governor.

Farhad said one soldier was wounded. He added that eight insurgents were killed and more than a dozen others were wounded in the gun battle in Zewal district.

In northern Kunduz province, at least 13 local policemen were killed early Saturday when their checkpoint



**FILE - In this Feb. 23, 2011, file photo, Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani speaks during the integration ceremony of TAPI pipeline in Herat city, west of Kabul, Afghanistan. The Afghan Taliban have announced a three-day cease-fire over the Eid al-Fitr holiday at the end of the holy month of Ramadan, a first for the group, following an earlier cease-fire announcement by the government. Ghani on Thursday, June 7, 2018 announced a weeklong cease-fire with the Taliban to coincide with the holiday.** (AP Photo/Hamed Sarfarazi)

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came under an attack by Taliban fighters, said Nematullah Temori, spokesman for the provincial governor. Temori said seven others were wounded in Qala-e Zal district. Around 10 insurgents were also killed and nine others wounded during the battle, he said.

In eastern Nangarhar province, a possible candidate for a district council seat was killed when his vehicle was destroyed by a sticky bomb Saturday, said Mohammad Nasim, Rodat district governor.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement posted on its news agency Aamaq website.

Nasim said that Ghulam Mohiadin was a district level official for the education department and planned to run for the district council later this year.

Also Saturday, a bomb blast in Nangarhar killed at least four civilians and wounded 16 others, said Atahullah Khogyani, spokesman for the provincial governor.

Khogyani said that four of 16 wounded are children and three of them are in critical condition.

No one immediately claimed the attack in Kot district, but both the Taliban and IS are active in eastern Afghanistan, especially in Nangarhar.

Meanwhile, in northern Sari Pul, at least six public protection forces were killed after a checkpoint came under an attack by Taliban fighters, said Zabi Amani, spokesman for the provincial governor.

Amani said that seven other forces were wounded in the attack late Friday night near Sari Pul city. "Insurgents have set fire to two military Humvees as well as the checkpoint," he said.

He said there was a report of a single Taliban casualty but the group has not commented.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, June 10, the 161st day of 2018. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 10, 1978, Affirmed, ridden by Steve Cauthen, won the 110th Belmont Stakes to claim horse racing's 11th Triple Crown. (Alydar was second while Darby Creek Road came in third in a five-horse field.)

On this date:

In 1610, Englishman Lord De La Warr arrived at the Jamestown settlement to take charge of the Virginia Colony.

In 1692, the first execution resulting from the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.

In 1892, the Republican national convention in Minneapolis nominated President Benjamin Harrison for re-election and Whitelaw Reid for vice president. (Harrison, however, lost the election to former President Grover Cleveland.)

In 1907, eleven men in five cars set out on a race from "Peking to Paris"; Prince Scipione Borghese (ship-ee-OH'-nay bohr-GAY'-seh) of Italy was the first to arrive in the French capital two months later.

In 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio, by Dr. Robert Holbrook Smith and William Griffith Wilson.

In 1942, during World War II, German forces massacred 173 male residents of Lidice (LIH'-dyiht-zeh), Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of Nazi official Reinhard Heydrich.

In 1944, German forces massacred 642 residents of the French village of Oradour-sur-Glane.

In 1957, in Canadian elections, John Diefenbaker (DEE'-fehn-BAY'-kur) led the Progressive Conservatives to an upset victory over the Liberal party of Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent (LOO'-ee sant law-RAHNT').

In 1967, six days of war in the Mideast involving Israel, Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Iraq ended as Israel and Syria accepted a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee with six others; he was recaptured June 13.

In 1985, socialite Claus von Bulow was acquitted by a jury in Providence, Rhode Island, at his retrial of

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trying to murder his heiress wife, Martha "Sunny" von Bulow.

In 1990, Alberto Fujimori (foo-jee-MOHR'-ee) was elected president of Peru by a narrow margin over novelist Mario Vargas Llosa. Two members of the rap group 2 Live Crew were arrested in Hollywood, Florida (they and a third band member were later acquitted of obscenity charges).

Ten years ago: A Sudanese jetliner skidded off a runway and crashed into airport lights after landing in Khartoum, killing 30 of the 214 people on board.

Five years ago: Jury selection began in Sanford, Florida, in the trial of neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, charged with second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. (Zimmerman was acquitted.)

One year ago: British Prime Minister Theresa May struck a deal in principle with Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party to prop up the Conservative government, which had been stripped of its majority in a disastrous election. Unseeded Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia stunned No. 3 Simona Halep (HAL'-ehp) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 in an enthralling French Open final for the first title of her career. Tapwrit overtook favored Irish War Cry in the stretch to win the Belmont Stakes by two lengths.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 97. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 85. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 79. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 77. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 77. Media commentator Jeff Greenfield is 75. Football Hall of Famer Dan Fouts is 67. Country singer-songwriter Thom Schuyler is 66. Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., is 65. Actor Andrew Stevens is 63. Singer Barrington Henderson is 62. Former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer is 59. Rock musician Kim Deal is 57. Singer Maxi Priest is 57. Actress Gina Gershon is 56. Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is 55. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 54. Actor Ben Daniels is 54. Actress Kate Flannery is 54. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 53. Rock musician Joey Santiago is 53. Actor Doug McKeon is 52. Rock musician Emma Anderson is 51. Country musician Brian Hofeldt (The Derailers) is 51. Rapper The D.O.C. is 50. Rock singer Mike Doughty is 48. Rhythm and blues singer JoJo is 47. Former Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is 47. Rhythm and blues singer Faith Evans is 45. Actor Hugh Dancy is 43. Rhythm and blues singer Lemisha Grinstead (702) is 40. Actor DJ Qualls is 40. Actor Shane West is 40. Country singer Lee Brice is 39. Singer Hoku is 37. Actress Leelee Sobieski is 36. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tara Lipinski is 36. Americana musician Bridget Kearney (Lake Street Drive) is 33. Actress Tristin Mays is 28. Sasha Obama is 17.

Thought for Today: "It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious." — Corollary to "Murphy's Law."