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“Timing is everything. If it's meant to happen, it will, at the right time, for the right reasons.”

-Author Unknown

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

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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Since it's the boring part of the NFL, at least as far as newsworthy football events are concerned, we'll continue breaking down the Minnesota Vikings' roster. So far we've covered the quarterbacks, running backs, fullbacks and wide receivers. This week we'll cover the tight end position, but first let's get to some Vikings news and notes.

The Vikings had three organized team activity periods (May 22-24, 29-31, and June 4-7). These three-day OTA periods are voluntary, but it's basically assumed every player will be there. Anthony Barr caused a stir when he missed part of the Vikings OTAs in May, but he was back after only a few days. When he came back, he explained he was absent due to taking out an insurance policy in case he gets injured before a long-term contract gets worked out between him and the team.

In other news, head coach Mike Zimmer had praise for a Vikings' rookie after OTAs. Speaking on KFAN the other day, Zimmer said first-round pick Mike Hughes has been the best at adjusting to his defense as any rookie corner during his time with the Vikings. That might not seem like heaping praise, but Zimmer isn't one to pass out compliments unless they're earned.

Ok, it's time to get back to business.

The Vikings have one of the best receiving corps in the NFL. Actually, according to Bucky Brooks of NFL.com, the Vikings have THE best receivers in the game if you include tight end Kyle Rudolph. Over the past three years, Rudolph hasn't missed a game and has averaged 63 receptions, 622 yards and 6.7 touchdowns per season (and that's with three different quarterbacks throwing him the ball). Kyle Rudolph isn't the fastest or the strongest tight end in the NFL, but he is a nice compliment to Stefon Diggs and Adam Thielen – especially in the red zone. New Vikings' quarterback Kirk Cousins already has an affinity for Rudolph, proclaiming that throwing to him was like "throwing into a mattress".

The two tight ends that will likely back up Rudolph are David Morgan and Blake Bell. Morgan was drafted by the Vikings in the sixth round of the 2016 draft while Bell was a fourth-round pick by the San Francisco 49ers in 2015. Neither player is asked to catch the ball very much, although both are plenty capable when given the chance. Instead, David Morgan and Blake Bell are primarily used when the team needs extra blocking.

The Vikings will likely only carry three tight ends into the regular season, but they could add a fourth if they decide to not have a fullback. The following players will be vying for one possible roster spot:

Tyler Conklin – drafted in the fifth round this past spring, Conklin is very similar to Rudolph because neither of them will win many foot races, but they are fast enough to contribute with short receptions while also being willing blockers. He is also a former basketball player. Since the team spent a mid-round pick on him, there is a good chance they find a spot for him on the roster.

Tyler Hoppes – an undrafted rookie from Nebraska, Hoppes might be the fastest tight end on the Vikings' roster. However, because of the talent in front of him, the best he can hope for is earning a practice squad spot.

Josiah Price – was on the Vikings' 90-man roster last season and has been invited back to compete this offseason. The Vikings have even more depth in front of Price this year, so it's hard to envision him sticking with the team.

Have any questions or comments? Reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL). Don't miss next week's article, where we cover the position that has the most question marks heading into the season: offensive line. Skoll!



**Miss South Dakota and her court, from left to right, 4rd runner-up Kaitlin O'Neill (GHS Graduate), 2nd runner-up Heather Egbert, Miss South Dakota 2017 Carrie Wintle, 1st runner-up Amber Hulse, 3rd runner-up Evy Johnson.** (Courtesy Photo)

## Carrie Wintle Crowned Miss South Dakota 2018

June 17, 2018, Hot Springs, SD – Carrie Wintle from Iroquois was crowned Miss South Dakota 2018 Saturday night. In addition to her scholarship award of \$9,600 for winning the pageant, Wintle was a preliminary talent winner Thursday evening (\$500), won the Miracle Maker award for raising the most money for Children's Miracle Network, the Children's Miracle Network Legacy Scholarship of \$300, the State Quality of Life Scholarship for \$500, and the \$1,000 Miss America Community Service Scholarship. Carrie's platform is "Money \$heep" and for her talent she played "Final Countdown" on the piano. She is the daughter of Bruce and Susan Wintle, and competed as Miss State Fair. She is the third former Miss South Dakota's Outstanding teen to go on and win the Miss South Dakota title, and was crowned Miss SD on the 10th anniversary of winning Miss SDOT.

Immediately after the crowning, it was announced that Brookings was awarded the contract to be the host city of the pageant for the next three years.

First runner-up was Amber Hulse of Hot Springs, garnering a \$4,300 scholarship. Hulse won the interview award of \$500. She was awarded the \$500 state community service award, and the \$1000 Miss America Academic award, second place for the Miracle Maker award, and second place for the Children's Miracle Network Legacy Scholarship (\$200).

Second runner-up was Miss USD Heather Egbert of Vermillion, taking home a scholarship of \$1,500. Egbert was also a preliminary swimsuit winner Thursday night.

Third runner-up was Miss Central States Fair Evy Johnson of Firesteel. In addition to the third runner-up scholarship of \$1,500, Johnson won the preliminary talent award Thursday evening (\$500) and the Sylvia Tannehill Kindness Award scholarship of \$1,000.

Fourth runner-up and winner of a \$1,200 scholarship was Miss Siouland Kaitlin O'Neill, of Aberdeen.

Rounding out the top nine semi-finalists were Carly Goodhart of Sisseton, Annie Woodmansey of Pierre, Cameron Schroder of Huron, and Chesney Garnos of Mitchell.

Schroder received the Ray Peterson "Rookie of the Year" award of \$500 for being the top-placing first-time contestant. Garnos was voted "People's Choice" through online voting, and received an additional \$250 scholarship for that title.

Miss SDSU Sarah Scott of Forest Lake, MN, won the Most Talented Non-Finalist (\$400 scholarship). Samantha Gervais, Miss Brookings, from Currie, MN, was named Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants (\$500 scholarship).

Wintle will compete at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in September 2018. The Miss America Pageant finals will air on ABC on Sunday, September 9.



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## Groton Blue takes second in Groton Tourney

The Groton Blue team took second place in the U8 tournament held Saturday at the Groton Baseball Complex. Pictured in front, left to right, are Shaydon Wood, Ian Kutter, Owen Sperry, Asher Johnson and Parker Lambertz; in the middle row, left to right, are Logan Clocksene, Jordan Schwan, Ryder Jangula, TC Schuster, Ryder Schelle and Easton Weber; and in back, left to right, are coaches Tom Schuster, Jeremy Weber and Ryan Schelle. (Photo from Groton Softball/Baseball Foundation Facebook Page)

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## Today in Weather History

June 18, 1964: A tornado moved from SSW to NNE damaging three farmsteads between Hoven to 8 NNW of Bowdle. This tornado was estimated to have F2 strength. An estimated five inches of rain fell in three hours near Bowdle causing soil erosion just before the tornado hit.

Another storm moved from south to north and intensified as it moved northward. Winds between 50 and 100 mph were reported. The highest damage was in McPherson County where an estimated 2 million dollars in crop damage occurred. Heavy rain was also observed on this day. Some storm total rainfall includes; 6.73 inches in Eureka, 4.28 in Roscoe, 3.75 in Leola, 2.68 in Shelby, 2.45 in Britton, and 2.31 inches in Ipswich.

June 18, 1991: Large hail up to 2 inches in diameter broke windows and produced widespread tree damage in Watertown and vicinity. Extensive damage was caused to surrounding soybean and corn fields. Approximately 25,000 acres of crops were destroyed. Thunderstorm winds of 55 mph uprooted trees and downed power lines primarily on the Revillo area. Trees fell on cars, and an apartment complex was damaged.

1875 - A severe coastal storm (or possible hurricane) struck the Atlantic coast from Cape Cod to Nova Scotia. Eastport ME reported wind gusts to 57 mph. (David Ludlum)

1958: Hailstones up to four inches in diameter killed livestock as a storm passed from Joliet to Belfry in Carbon County, Montana.

1970 - Wind and rain, and hail up to seven inches deep, caused more than five million dollars damage at Oberlin KS. (The Weather Channel)

1972: Hurricane Agnes was one of the most massive June hurricanes on record. The system strengthened into a tropical storm during the night of the 15th and a hurricane on the 18th as it moved northward in the Gulf of Mexico.

1987 - It was a hot day in the Upper Great Lakes Region. Nine cities in Michigan and Wisconsin reported record high temperatures for the date. The high of 90 degrees at Marquette, MI, marked their third straight day of record heat. Severe thunderstorm in the Northern and Central High Plains Region spawned half a dozen tornadoes in Wyoming and Colorado. Wheatridge, CO, was deluged with 2.5 inches of rain in one hour. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Severe thunderstorms in eastern North Dakota and northern Minnesota produced hail three inches in diameter and spawned four tornadoes in Steele County. Thunderstorms also produced wind gusts to 80 mph at Clearbrook MN. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in the southwestern U.S. In Arizona, afternoon highs of 103 degrees at Winslow, 113 degrees at Tucson, and 115 degrees at Phoenix were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

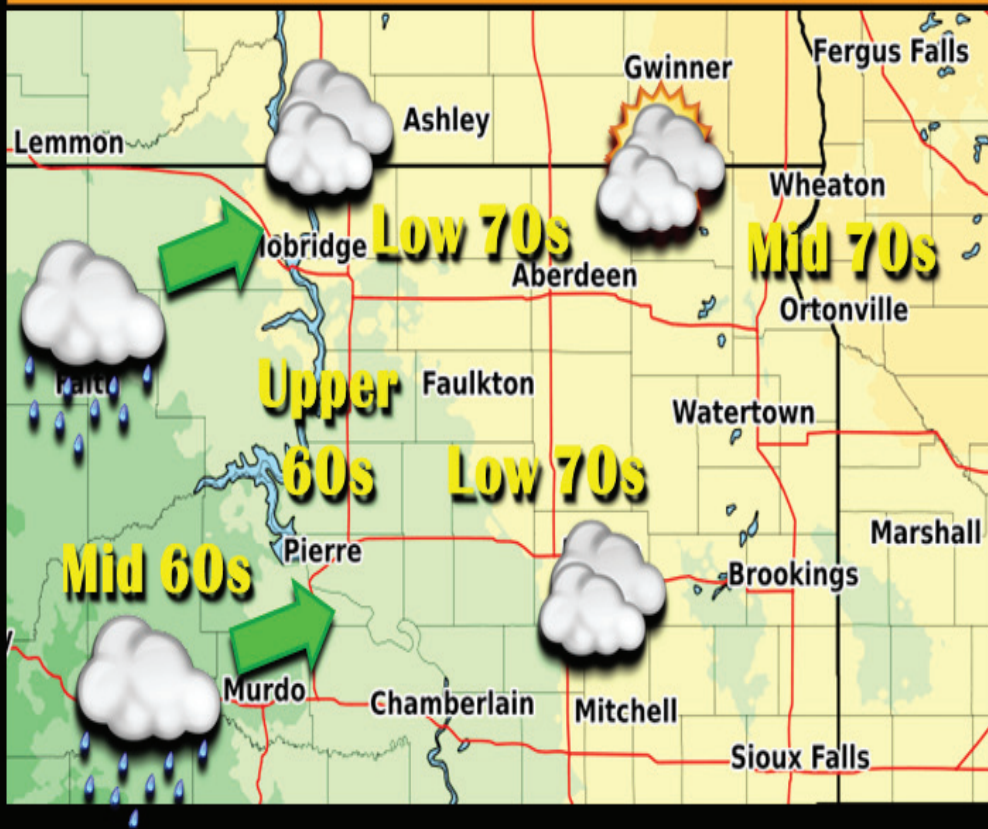


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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Partly Sunny then Slight Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 75 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 80 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 79 °F

## Some Sun Today - Rain Moving From West To East



**Active Pattern Continues...**

**Additional Rainfall Chances Through The Work Week**

**Mild Temperatures This Week Too**

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Showers this morning will dwindle - however additional rain showers will develop out west and push east through the next 24 hours. Additional chances for moisture are expected for the area through much of the work week.

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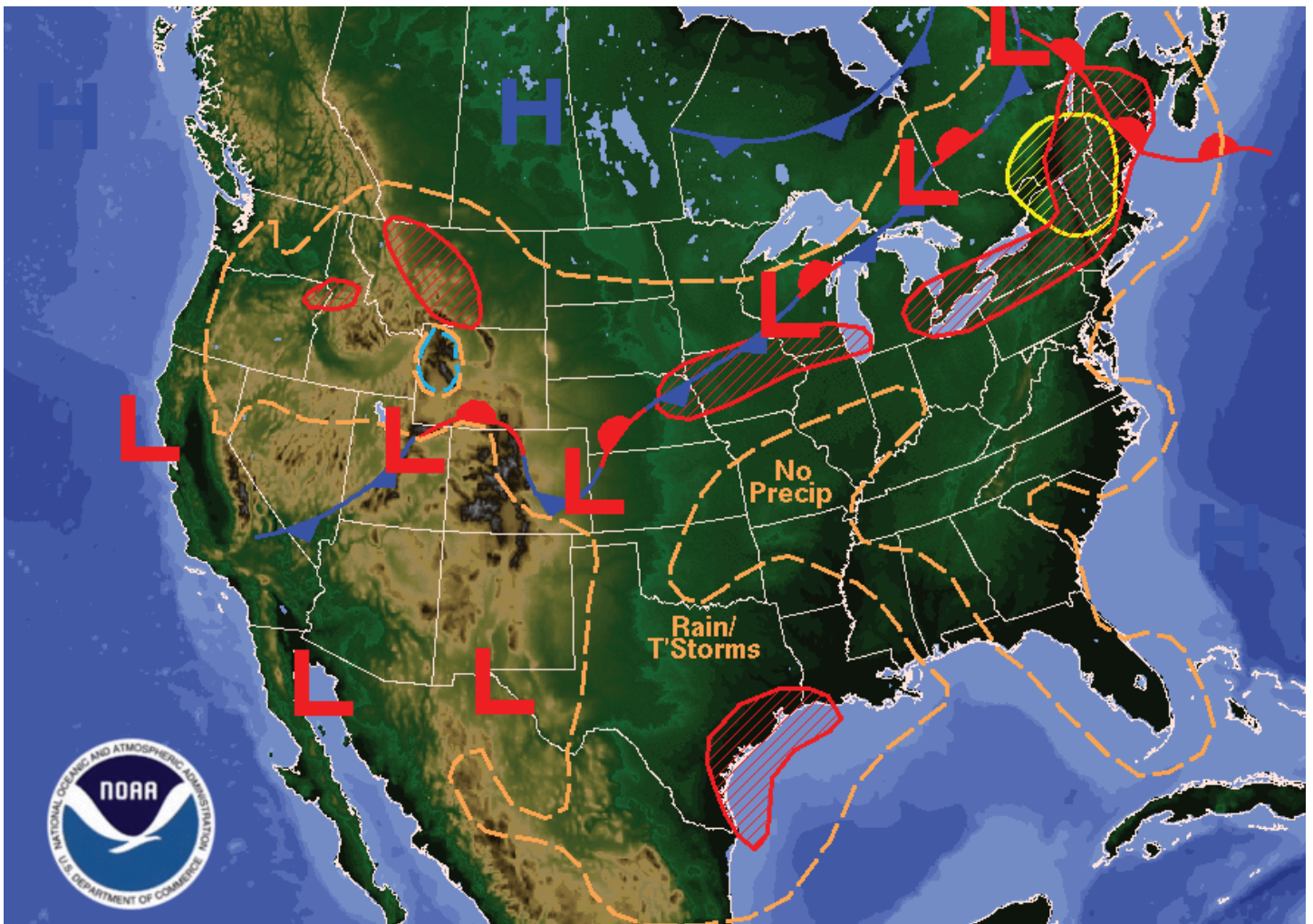
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp:** 68.6 F at 1:21 AM  
**Low Outside Temp:** 60.5 F at 11:48 AM  
**Wind Chill:**  
**High Gust:** 22.0 Mph at 10:08 AM  
**Precip:** 0.11

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 108° in 1933  
**Record Low:** 38° in 1902  
**Average High:** 78°F  
**Average Low:** 55°F  
**Average Precip in June:** 2.20  
**Precip to date in June:** 1.42  
**Average Precip to date:** 9.34  
**Precip Year to Date:** 5.72  
**Sunset Tonight:** 9:25 p.m.  
**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 5:44 a.m.



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Jun 18, 2018, issued 4:55 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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

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## CEASELESS PRAYER

Our Bible says much about prayer. It informs us about how we are to address God and that we are to pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. We are also directed to pray with and through the guidance of and in the power of the Holy Spirit. In Psalm 88, however, we read that the writer tells us what he does when he prays: "I call to You, O Lord, every day; I spread out my hands to You." Not a day went by in his life that he literally did not cry out to the Lord.

The writer of this Psalm was in constant contact with his Lord – Yahweh, He identified Him not as a god who was removed from his life, who lived in a distant location, who may or may not be available when he faced difficult times or wanted to worship Him. Indeed not. His God was a personal, present and powerful God who was always by his side. And his God was a God who he could speak to as though he was speaking to a friend and companion who was beside him waiting to be involved in a conversation.

What an impressive picture for us to place deeply in our minds and hearts. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing and whatever time it may be – day or night – Yahweh is by our side and we can call upon Him as our friend.

Notice, however, his body language when he prayed: "I spread out my hands to You." Hands that were "spread out" because when he prayed he expected God to respond immediately to his request just as any friend would do to a friend in need.

And he did this "every day." As Jesus would one day say, "Give us this day" what we need for just "this day."

Prayer: Father, Give us a "daily faith" – a faith that has no limits and a faith that knows You will hear and answer. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 88:9b Lord, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You.



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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

## News from the Associated Press

### Program allows South Dakota kids to fly

BY JEREMY HOECK, Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Zachary Schlaefli couldn't help himself.

He stepped off the small airplane and back on the ground and immediately cracked a wide smile. The 10-year-old then pumped his hands up and down in joy and ran to his mother, Pam, who was waiting nearby.

Schlaefli was officially a "Young Eagle."

"It was awesome," he said, with a smile, during a recent Young Eagles Rally at Yankton's Chan Gurney Municipal Airport.

Approximately 30 children and teens ages 8-17 participated in the annual free event conducted by the Yankton Chapter 1029 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), an organization based in Wisconsin.

The Young Eagles program of the EAA set a national goal of providing 100,000 kids a free airplane ride this year, and Schlaefli — who lives near Tabor — is now on the list, the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan reported.

"The cars were like little specks and the semi-trucks were little, tiny lines," he said. "And the houses looked like tiny cubes."

Schlaefli said his favorite part was when his pilot, Rolly Goeden, turned the plane.

"It was a great experience for him and a wonderful opportunity for these kids," Pam said. "When we told him we were coming over her, he was very excited."

That's the whole point of the program, according to Young Eagles coordinator Christen Lacey.

"It's all about getting them excited about flying," she said. "If we plant that seed right now, maybe one day they'll want to fly in some capacity."

According to the organization, the Yankton EAA chapter has given more than 3,000 kids rides in similar events in area airports — Yankton, Gregory, Vermillion, Bloomfield (Nebraska) and Hartington (Nebraska) — during the past 24 years.

The reactions of the youth who experience the short flights are what makes the event so much fun, according to Lacey.

"It's great to see the kids getting their first ride on a plane," she said. "It's fun to watch the faces of those who are nervous beforehand and then to see their smiles when they get back."

Those who participated in the event received a flight certificate, a pilot logbook for a free web-based ground school training (ages 13-17), and their names will be placed in the world's largest logbook at [www.young eagles.org](http://www.young eagles.org).

Yankton pilot Jake Hoffner, who has provided rides in many of the Young Eagles events, said he has personally given 470 kids a ride in his planes.

Although he could take up a group of kids at a time in one of his planes, Hoffner said he enjoys taking one up at a time.

"That's totally awesome," he said.

At one point, Hoffner said he gave one young boy a ride and, as the youngster was leaving the plane, Hoffner said he commented, "This is the best day of my life."

"The look on their faces is always priceless," Hoffner said.

There's also plenty of planning that goes into a Young Eagles event for the pilots, he added.

"We really stress safety," Hoffner said.

With that in mind, he said the Young Eagles Rally is also beneficial for the pilots as they stay current with their hours and techniques.

"Behind the scenes, a pilot has a huge responsibility," Hoffner said.

At the end of the day, though, the Young Eagles Rally was about the kids, and even those like 10-year-old Aubrie Etheridge, who had flown before enjoyed the experience.

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Etheridge, who lives near Yankton, participated in last year's event and said she remembered the "weird" feeling of being that far up in the area over her town.

She said the moment that stuck out most to her was when the pilot let the young boy flying with the group briefly test out the controls.

What else stood out?

"You can see everything up there," Etheridge said.

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

## South Dakota battles problems with beavers

By LUKE HAGEN, The Daily Republic

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — In the spring, Randy Becker's workload gets busy.

Busy as a beaver, you might say.

Becker is wildlife damage specialist for the South Dakota Game Fish & Parks Department. His job, otherwise known as "state trapper," involves ridding nuisance animals like coyotes and beavers for South Dakota landowners.

Yes, beavers — those little semi-aquatic rodents that can cause "a world of headaches" — are a big problem here.

"They're an amazing animal, but they get themselves in a lot of trouble," said Becker, who's worked for GF&P for just shy of a decade.

In the past five years, GF&P's Animal Damage Control program has received an average of 370 beaver calls annually statewide, The Daily Republic reported. The total funding spent removing beavers has climbed, too, and reached a peak in 2017 of \$213,800. Since 2013, GF&P has spent nearly \$1 million on removing beavers in South Dakota.

Due to a wet spring and fewer fur trappers in the market, requests for assistance and total dollars spent will likely climb again, officials said.

GF&P Wildlife Damage Program Administrator Keith Fisk said coyote assistance calls top the workload for his staff, but, somewhat surprising to many people, beaver complaints come in second.

"Beaver problems are not as out in the open as maybe some of the other things we deal with," Fisk said. "But nonetheless, it's a very important component to one of our programs."

During a recent morning, Becker hopped in his pickup and trekked to northern Davison County to check if any of his beaver traps captured a critter.

No luck.

He had already taken three beavers from Matt Hayes' property a few miles southeast of Letcher. Because of the abundance of precipitation in the past month, a stock dam was overflowing onto a gravel road when a family of beavers plugged up a culvert.

Evidence of beavers was everywhere nearby.

Sixty-foot cottonwood trees were knocked down, munched over in that arrow-point fashion that beavers do. They create dams and knock over trees, Becker said, to create better habitat for themselves.

"I don't think most people give beavers a second thought until they go into their backyard and see \$150 to \$200 trees chewed up," said Becker, whose office is based in Mitchell. "Then they're quick to find out who they need to get ahold of to get rid of these things."

In the spring, beaver and coyote assistance calls are split pretty evenly for Becker, he said. Beavers are a problem everywhere in South Dakota, but there are more issues in the southeastern part of the state. Hayes has called GF&P about the beaver-infested property for each of the past three years.

It's a regular occurrence to see these specific culverts get clogged with mud and branches each spring,



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he said. When that happened this year, the water went over the road and started causing erosion. Then, Becker came out and quickly removed three beavers.

"Unless you live close to water, you probably don't understand how they can cause havoc," said the 34-year-old Hayes.

Trapping and using snares are effective methods, but Becker thought he may need to do some night-vision hunting to finish off the last of the troublemakers.

And who cleans up the messes, such as the dams and clogged culverts?

Davison County Highway Superintendent Rusty Weinberg said his department responds to about three to five jobs each spring where beavers were active.

"Yeah, they're a little nuisance," he said.

Fewer people are interested in trapping now-a-days, Becker said.

It just doesn't pay.

"Beaver trapping is hard work and skinning them is not easy, either," Becker said. "To convince someone to go out and invest time, money, gas and equipment to go out and trap beavers that bring \$5 to \$7 a pelt, that just doesn't happen anymore."

They grow up to 70 pounds, and the average beaver Becker catches is around 35 to 40 pounds. In South Dakota, at least, man is the animal's biggest predator. The population of trappers nationwide is aging out, too.

There are 8,880 members in the National Trappers Association, an organization based in Indiana whose president, Chris McAllister, is from Dallas, South Dakota. The organization's membership is up about 130 from five years ago but down about 1,000 members in the past decade.

While beaver pelts can be used for making cowboy hats or work nicely as coyote bait for GF&P, it's the beaver castor that's most valuable. The castor is a secretion they use to mark their territories. It's an ingredient in high-end perfumes and also used as a lure for beaver trapping.

When setting a trap, Becker places beaver castor on a stick to pique the interest of nearby beavers.

Becker has caught beavers at golf courses, rural fields, and more specifically Dry Run Creek near the Highway 37 bypass, south of West Third Avenue, in Mitchell.

"Any place you have a watershed, you potentially may have beaver problems," Becker said.

Shortly after leaving Hayes' property, Becker drove to northeastern Mitchell, where the Firesteel Creek flows along an alfalfa field, to check on a report of beaver damage.

He set a trap, placed castor nearby and, the next morning, found the process worked as it should. Becker saved the day.

"That's what it's all about," he said.

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

## Thousands flock to Sioux Falls park for Pride celebration

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Rainbow flags were in abundance as thousands of people flocked to a Sioux Falls park this weekend for the annual Pride celebration.

The annual event at Terrace Park honoring the LGBTQ community has grown significantly over the last several years. Organizers with Sioux Falls Pride say it has grown from 400 people in a parking lot to nearly 10,000 people in the park over the third weekend of June.

Events included drag queen shows, entertainers, over 70 vendors, an inflatable jumpy castle for children, a "Puppy Pride" area for dogs, and food trucks. A number of Democratic politicians had booths, signing up voters and giving out campaign literature.

The Sioux Falls Police had a booth, too, as did banks like Wells Fargo and Service First Credit Union.

## **Delta creates special Rapid City flight for Belgian tourists**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Delta Air Lines recently created a special flight to help a group of Belgian tourists reach their South Dakota vacation after experiencing travel delays.

The tourists boarded a flight from Amsterdam on May 31 as part of a reward trip for coffee roasters using creamer by Dutch dairy cooperative FrieslandCampina. But inclement weather delayed the initial flight's takeoff to Minneapolis, where travelers met further delays because of short staffing at the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol checkpoint.

The delays forced the tourists to miss their flight to Rapid City, South Dakota, said Patrick Spiessens, a cooperative representative. Delta spokeswoman Adrian Gee said the two options were accommodating the passengers in hotels that night, followed by an eight-hour bus ride to Rapid City, or something quicker.

The Rapid City Journal reports the special flight idea developed when a tour organizer muddling in the baggage area explained what had happened to a Delta employee, who made a few phone calls. Airline officials soon identified a 160-passenger jumbo jet and crew available to take the roughly 20 tourists to their Black Hills destination.

Gee wouldn't say how much the special flight cost, but she estimated that sending the jet to Rapid City and back in a night amounts to "tens of thousands of dollars."

"It may not be the most cost effective option, but it's the right thing to do," she said.

The tourists arrived in Rapid City in time to visit Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, Custer State Park and other sites. They also took a trip to the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary before heading to Wyoming.

"Our experience in South Dakota was wonderful," said Elise Hinckx, the tour's organizer. "All of the participants loved the nature, the friendliness of the people and the 'real' American culture."

## **South Dakota agency find two-thirds of deer fawns survive**

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Game, Fish and Parks Department is studying the survival rate of white-tailed deer fawns for its third year.

Department officials attempt to place radio collars onto 150 fawns each spring to track survival rates, the Black Hills Pioneer reported . It requires the agency's staff to capture fawns that are only days old, otherwise they can easily outrun humans.

The collars are designed to loosen as the fawn grows. The material will eventually rip off over time, so biologists track the deer's survival during that first year. The department uses radio telemetry equipment to locate and reuse transponders.

The study has shown that about 66 percent of whitetail fawns survive through December.

"We'll have that birth pulse and will have a percentage that die to predation within the first couple days," said Chris Cudmore, a resource biologist with the agency. "Then about six weeks later we have another group of fawns get killed by predators."

Coyotes are the main culprit, he said.

The department aims to secure the radio collar around the fawn's neck and determine the animal's sex and weight as quickly as possible, according to Cudmore. Taking too long could lead the baby's mother to abandon it or put too much stress on the fawn, he said.

A deer's temperature begins to rise once captured, which can cause brain damage, Cudmore said.

The study also helps the department determine how many tags to allocate for hunting seasons.

"We want to make sure we don't increase or decrease tags too quickly," Cudmore said

## North Dakota author details comeback of American buffalo

By YOUSSEF RDDAD, Associated Press

North Dakota author Francie Berg's last book about the American buffalo was a guide for adventurers eager to get out on back roads to see the historic sites where the great animal once flourished. Then she found she had more to say.

The result is "Buffalo Heartbeats Across the Plains," a deeper dive into the stories and trails of the last book, with colorful illustrations, historic paintings and photographs for the history buff who may never leave her armchair.

"It's a companion piece to the self-guided tour book for people who want to dig a little deeper into the buffalo story," Berg said.

Bison, or buffalo, once thundered across the heart of North America in the tens of millions. But overhunting saw their numbers plummet to a few hundred by the late 1800s.

"I could see our country was changing fast," reads an excerpt from the new book quoting Plenty Coups, the last chief of the Crow Nation, in 1898. "Anybody could now see that soon there would be no buffalo on the plains, and everybody was wondering how we could live after they were gone."

The new book also tells of early restoration efforts by Peter Dupree and other families who took in bison calves and raised them on their lands. By the time of his death in 1898, the family was raising more than 80 bison and spurred restoration efforts.

"Tatanka" — the Lakota word for bison — was at the core of its people's culture for thousands of years, providing not only food but also a spiritual and physical connection.

"The buffalo provided virtually everything to live on and live from," said North Dakota Indian Affairs Commissioner Scott Davis, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

According to the National Bison Association, nearly 400,000 bison are now living in North America, on private ranches, native reservations and public lands like Yellowstone National Park.

"That's something we can celebrate," Berg said. "We didn't do a great job saving them, but we did save them."

Dave Carter, executive director of the Bison Association, said he considers buffalo restoration one of the greatest efforts of its kind in modern history. Its success can be seen in the wide availability of bison in restaurants and grocery stores.

"The best way to save bison is to eat them," Carter said, adding that the group recently launched an initiative to bring bison populations to more than 1 million in the U.S. and Canada over the coming decades.

The experiences described in Berg's books cater to history and nature enthusiasts. Her first book on the trail that opened last year covers a recommended two-day journey that starts in Hettinger, North Dakota, leading travelers through pasture and gravel roads and into South Dakota. The trail then turns north where visitors can gaze over the Standing Rock reservation and its herd of more than 250 bison.

Sara Otte Coleman, North Dakota's tourism director, said interest in the state's buffalo history has been growing, especially among international travelers. She cites a rise in traffic on the tourism department's web pages detailing buffalo hunting sites.

Inspired by Berg's books, Hettinger Public School Principal Darin Seamands said students at the high school will soon have the option to study the subject in a local history class. Seamands said it gives students the opportunity to learn about Native American culture and history "in our own backyard."

"Everybody needs to know their local history," she said. "A lot of people think history happened somewhere else."



## Strong quake near Osaka, Japan, kills 3, knocks over walls

By MARI YAMAGUCHI and KEN MORITSUGU, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Residents in western Japan were cleaning up debris Monday after a powerful earthquake hit the area around Osaka, the country's second-largest city of commerce, killing three people and injuring hundreds while knocking over walls and setting off fires.

The magnitude 6.1 earthquake that struck the area early Monday damaged buildings and left many homes without water or gas. The quake also grounded flights in and out of Osaka, and paralyzed traffic and commuter trains most of the day.

By the evening, bullet trains and some local trains had resumed operation, with stations swollen with commuters trying to get home, many of them waiting in long lines. An exodus of commuters who chose to walk home filled sidewalks and bridges.

Some commuters took refuge at nearby shelters instead of going home. Video on Japan's NHK public television showed dozens of men wearing ties and carrying briefcases sitting on gym mats at a junior high school gymnasium in Ibaraki city, where some families also gathered.

A 9-year-old girl was killed by a falling concrete wall at her school, and the two other fatalities were men in their 80s.

The Fire and Disaster Management Agency said 307 people were treated for injuries at hospitals. Most of the injured were in Osaka. Osaka officials did not give details, but the injuries reported in Kyoto and three other neighboring prefectures were all minor.

The quake struck shortly after 8 a.m. north of Osaka at a depth of about 13 kilometers (8 miles), the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The strongest shaking was north of Osaka, but the quake rattled large parts of western Japan, including Kyoto, the agency said.

Dozens of domestic flights in and out of Osaka were grounded, while train and subway service in the Osaka area, including bullet trains, were suspended to check for damage. Passengers exited trains on the tracks between stations.

Some subway service resumed in the afternoon, but stations remained crowded with passengers waiting for trains to restart, many of them sitting on the floor. Long lines of people waited to board bullet trains as they resumed operation.

The quake knocked over walls, broke windows and set off scattered building fires. It toppled bookcases in homes and scattered goods on shop floors. It also cracked roads and broke water pipes, leaving homes without water.

A falling concrete wall knocked down and killed the 9-year-old girl, Rina Miyake, as she walked at her elementary school in Takatsuki. NHK aired video showing the collapsed upper half of the high wall, which was painted cheerfully with trees, flowers and blue sky and surrounded the school swimming pool.

Takatsuki Mayor Takeshi Hamada apologized over her death because of the wall's collapse. The structure was old and made of concrete blocks — a known risk in earthquakes. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga ordered the Education Ministry to conduct nationwide safety checks of concrete block structures at public schools.

More than 1,000 schools were closed in Osaka and nearby prefectures, Kyodo News reported. Wall cracks and other minor damage were found at several schools.

A man in his 80s died in the collapse of a concrete wall in Osaka city. An 85-year-old man in nearby Ibaraki died after a bookcase fell on top of him at home, according to the disaster management agency.

Many homes and buildings, including a major hospital, were temporarily without power, though electricity was restored at most places by midafternoon.

Due to damage to underground gas lines, 110,000 homes in Takatsuki and Ibaraki cities were without gas, and repairs are expected to take as long as two weeks, according to Osaka Gas Co.

More building damage was found in the afternoon as disaster and relief workers inspected and cleaned up the affected areas. Roofs and roof tiles at homes and at least one temple fell to the ground in Osaka. At a shrine in Kyoto, stone lanterns broke and collapsed to the ground.

Defense troops joined rescue and relief operations in parts of Osaka, along with special vehicles to

deliver clean drinking water.

Residents cleaned up debris at home and stores throughout the day. Meteorological agency officials warned of strong aftershocks in the area, urging residents to stay away from damaged structures.

The earthquake reminded many of the magnitude 7.3 Hanshin-Kobe quake in 1995 that killed more than 6,000 people in the region. Monday's quake also followed a series of smaller quakes near Tokyo in recent weeks. Japan's northern prefectures are still recovering from the magnitude 9.0 quake and tsunami in 2011 that killed more than 18,000.

"It was not as bad as the Kobe quake," said Jun Kawanami, a 30-year-old lawyer in Osaka. He said his wife ducked under a table and elevators in his office building were out of operation. "I used the stairs but I was out of breath by the time I arrived at my office on the 22nd floor," he said.

Hiromi Tanoue in Osaka contributed to this report.

## Family separation policy starts dividing Republicans

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The emotional policy of separating children from their parents is also starting to divide Republicans and their allies as Democrats turn up the pressure.

Former first lady Laura Bush called the policy "cruel" and "immoral" while GOP Sen. Susan Collins expressed concern about it and a former adviser to President Donald Trump said he thought the issue was going to hurt the president at some point. Religious groups, including some conservative ones, are protesting.

Mrs. Bush made some of the strongest comments yet about the policy from the Republican side of the aisle.

"I live in a border state. I appreciate the need to enforce and protect our international boundaries, but this zero-tolerance policy is cruel. It is immoral. And it breaks my heart," she wrote in a guest column for the Washington Post Sunday. She compared it to the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, which she called "one of the most shameful episodes in U.S. history."

Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said she favors tighter border security, but expressed deep concerns about the child separation policy.

"What the administration has decided to do is to separate children from their parents to try to send a message that if you cross the border with children, your children are going to be ripped away from you," she said. "That's traumatizing to the children who are innocent victims, and it is contrary to our values in this country."

Former Trump adviser Anthony Scaramucci said in a weekend interview that the child separation interview could be dangerous for Trump. He said the president "should be immediately fixing this problem."

"This is a fuse that has been lit," he said. "The president is going to get hurt by this issue if it stays out there very, very long."

The signs of splintering of GOP support come after longtime Trump ally, the Rev. Franklin Graham, called the policy "disgraceful." Numerous religious groups, including some conservative ones, have pushed to stop the practice of separating immigrant children from their parents.

This pressure is coming as White House officials have tried to distance themselves from the policy. Trump blames Democrats falsely for the situation. The administration put the policy in place and could easily end it after it has led to a spike in cases of split and distraught families.

"Nobody likes" breaking up families and "seeing babies ripped from their mothers' arms," said presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway.

Nearly 2,000 children were separated from their families over a six-week period in April and May after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a new "zero-tolerance" policy that refers all cases of illegal entry for criminal prosecution. U.S. protocol prohibits detaining children with their parents because the children are not charged with a crime and the parents are.

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Trump plans to meet with House Republicans on Tuesday to discuss pending immigration legislation amid an election-season debate over one of his favorite issues. The House is expected to vote this week on a bill pushed by conservatives that may not have enough support to pass, and a compromise measure with key proposals supported by the president. The White House has said Trump would sign either of those.

Conway rejected the idea that Trump was using the kids as leverage to force Democrats to negotiate on immigration and his long-promised border wall, even after Trump tweeted Saturday: "Democrats can fix their forced family breakup at the Border by working with Republicans on new legislation, for a change!"

Asked whether the president was willing to end the policy, she said: "The president is ready to get meaningful immigration reform across the board."

To Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the administration is "using the grief, the tears, the pain of these kids as mortar to build our wall. And it's an effort to extort a bill to their liking in the Congress."

Schiff said the practice was "deeply unethical" and that Republicans' refusal to criticize Trump represented a "sad degeneration" of the GOP, which he said had become "the party of lies."

"There are other ways to negotiate between Republicans and Democrats. Using children, young children, as political foils is abhorrent," said Sen Jack Reed, D-R.I.

Even first lady Melania Trump, who has tended to stay out of contentious policy debates, waded into the emotional issue. Her spokeswoman says that Mrs. Trump believes "we need to be a country that follows all laws," but also one "that governs with heart."

"Mrs. Trump hates to see children separated from their families and hopes both sides of the aisle can finally come together to achieve successful immigration reform," spokeswoman Stephanie Grisham said.

The House proposals face broad opposition from Democrats, and even if a bill does pass, the closely divided Senate seems unlikely to go along.

Trump's former chief strategist said Republicans would face steep consequences for pushing the compromise bill because it provides a path to citizenship for young "Dreamer" immigrants brought to the country illegally as children. Steve Bannon argued that effort risked alienating Trump's political base and contributing to election losses in November, when Republicans hope to preserve their congressional majorities.

Conway and Schiff appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," Collins was on CBS' "Face the Nation," Lujan and Bannon spoke on ABC's "This Week," and Scaramucci was on Fox 11 in Los Angeles.

## First lady Melania Trump "hates" to see families separated

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Melania Trump "hates" to see families separated at the border and hopes "both sides of the aisle" can reform the nation's immigration laws, according to a statement from her office.

Stephanie Grisham, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Trump, said Sunday: "She believes we need to be a country that follows all laws, but also a country that governs with heart." She said Mrs. Trump hopes both sides "can finally come together to achieve successful immigration reform."

While the statement suggested the matter was an issue for Congress, Democratic lawmakers and others have pointed out that no law mandates the separation of children and parents at the border. A new Trump administration policy, which went into effect in May, sought to maximize criminal prosecutions of people caught trying to enter the U.S. illegally. More adults were being jailed as a result, which led to their children being separated from them.

A former first lady, Laura Bush, joined the debate, calling the separation policy "cruel" and "immoral" and said "it breaks my heart." In a guest column for the Washington Post, she compared the separation of the children to the internment camps for Japanese-Americans in World War II.

For both, it was an unusual entry into a fierce political debate.

Mrs. Trump didn't refer specifically to the Trump administration's "no tolerance" policy, which was leading to a spike in children being separated from their families. Government statistics indicate that nearly 2,000 children were separated from their families over a six-week period in April and May. Mrs. Trump's spokeswoman issued the statement after several days of images of crying children appearing on television and online.



President Trump said Friday, "I hate the children being taken away," but he also falsely blamed Democrats for a law requiring it.

## James Hansen wishes he wasn't so right about global warming

By **SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — James Hansen wishes he was wrong. He wasn't.

NASA's top climate scientist in 1988, Hansen warned the world on a record hot June day 30 years ago that global warming was here and worsening. In a scientific study that came out a couple months later, he even forecast how warm it would get, depending on emissions of heat-trapping gases.

The hotter world that Hansen envisioned in 1988 has pretty much come true so far, more or less. Three decades later, most climate scientists interviewed rave about the accuracy of Hansen's predictions given the technology of the time.

Hansen won't say, "I told you so."

"I don't want to be right in that sense," Hansen told The Associated Press, in an interview in his New York penthouse apartment. That's because being right means the world is warming at an unprecedented pace and ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland are melting.

Hansen said what he really wishes happened is "that the warning be heeded and actions be taken."

They weren't. Hansen, now 77, regrets not being "able to make this story clear enough for the public."

Global warming was not what Hansen set out to study when he joined NASA in 1972. The Iowa native studied Venus — a planet with a runaway greenhouse-effect run — when he got interested in Earth's ozone hole. As he created computer simulations, he realized that "this planet was more interesting than Venus." And more important.

In his 1988 study, Hansen and colleagues used three different scenarios for emissions of heat-trapping gases — high, low and medium. Hansen and other scientists concentrated on the middle scenario.

Hansen projected that by 2017, the globe's five-year average temperature would be about 1.85 degrees (1.03 degree Celsius) higher than the 1950 to 1980 NASA-calculated average. NASA's five-year average global temperature ending in 2017 was 1.48 degrees above the 30-year average. (He did not take into account that the sun would be cooling a tad, which would reduce warming nearly two-tenths of a degree Fahrenheit, said the Scripps Institution of Oceanography's Jeff Severinghaus.)

Hansen also predicted a certain number of days of extreme weather — temperature above 95 degrees, freezing days, and nights when the temperatures that don't drop below 75 — per year for four U.S. cities in the decade of the 2010s.

Hansen's forecast generally underestimated this decade's warming in Washington, overestimated it in Omaha, was about right in New York and mixed in Memphis.

Clara Deser, climate analysis chief at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said Hansen's global temperature forecast was "incredible" and his extremes for the cities were "astounding" in their accuracy. Berkeley Earth's Zeke Hausfather gives Hansen's predictions a 7 or 8 for accuracy, out of 10; he said Hansen calculated that the climate would respond a bit more to carbon dioxide than scientists now think.

University of Alabama Huntsville's John Christy, a favorite of those who downplay climate change, disagreed. Using mathematical formulas to examine Hansen's projections, he concluded: "Hansen's predictions were wrong as demonstrated by hypothesis testing."

Hansen had testified before Congress on climate change at a fall 1987 hearing that didn't get much attention — likely because it was a cool day, he figured.

So the next hearing was scheduled for the next summer, and the weather added heat to Hansen's words. At 2 p.m., the temperature hit a record high 98 degrees and felt like 102.

It was then and there that Hansen went out on a limb and proclaimed that global warming was already here. Until then most scientists merely warned of future warming.

He left NASA in 2013, devoting more time to what he calls his "anti-government job" of advocacy.

Hansen, still at Columbia University, has been arrested five times for environmental protests. Each time, he hoped to go to trial "to draw attention to the issues" but the cases were dropped. He writes about saving the planet for his grandchildren, including one who is suing the federal government over global warming inaction. His advocacy has been criticized by scientific colleagues, but he makes no apologies.

"If scientists are not allowed to talk about the policy implications of the science, who is going to do that? People with financial interests?" Hansen asked.

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## Trump adviser Roger Stone reveals new meeting with Russian

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special counsel Robert Mueller is examining a previously undisclosed meeting between longtime Donald Trump confidante Roger Stone and a Russian figure who allegedly tried to sell him dirt on Hillary Clinton.

The meeting between Stone and a man who identified himself as Henry Greenberg was described in a pair of letters sent Friday to the House Intelligence Committee and first reported by The Washington Post.

Stone and Michael Caputo, a Trump campaign aide who arranged the 2016 meeting, did not disclose the contact in their interviews with the committee. But they now believe the man was an FBI informant trying to set them up in a bid to undermine Trump's campaign. Greenberg could not immediately be reached for comment, but in a text to the Post he denied he was working for the FBI when he met with Stone.

The letters obtained by The Associated Press and written by Stone and Caputo's lawyers say that, in late May 2016, Caputo received a call from his Russian business partner introducing him to Greenberg, who claimed he had information about Clinton that he wanted to share with the campaign.

Caputo suggested Greenberg meet with Stone, who had left the campaign in 2015 but remained an informal Trump adviser.

At Caputo's request, Stone met with Greenberg at a Florida cafe, where Greenberg asked for \$2 million in exchange for the information, according to Stone's lawyer. Stone swiftly rejected the offer, explaining that neither he nor Trump would ever pay for "political information," his lawyer wrote.

Both men say they quickly forgot about the episode, which marks the latest in a long list of unusual contacts between Russians and Trump campaign officials as well as offers of help.

The special counsel has spent months investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 election and whether Trump campaign aides played any role in the foreign interference plot. Trump and his lawyer, meanwhile, have tried to discredit the investigation, insisting it's unfounded and plagued by misconduct and political bias.

"WITCH HUNT!" Trump tweeted on Sunday, insisting: "There was no Russian Collusion. Oh, I see, there was no Russian Collusion, so now they look for obstruction on the no Russian Collusion. The phony Russian Collusion was a made up Hoax. Too bad they didn't look at Crooked Hillary like this. Double Standard!"

As part of their campaign, Trump and his loyalists have tried to convince the public that the FBI violated its usual operating procedures, including installing "spies" inside Trump's campaign, though there's no evidence that's the case.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a member of Trump's legal team, on Sunday dismissed the significance of the Stone meeting.

"So, yes, sure, there was contact, as there was in that meeting. But that meeting led to nothing. This led to nothing. So, if anything, it's proof there was no collusion," he said in an interview with CBS's "Face the Nation," adding that Mueller's team "can investigate from here to, you know, to Timbuktu, and they're not going to find a darn thing."

Both Stone and Caputo failed to disclose the Greenberg meeting in their interviews with the House Intel-

ligence Committee — an omission their lawyers said was accidental.

Caputo's lawyer, Dennis Vacco, said his client had "simply forgotten about this brief encounter in 2016," and only remembered it as he was preparing for his interview with Mueller's team.

Caputo told the AP that Mueller's team asked him at length about the meeting.

"They knew more than I did, which set off alarms. I thought — was this a setup?" he recalled.

Caputo said he hired investigators using money from his legal defense fund to dig into Greenberg's background and has produced a "dossier" with the findings, which Stone endorses.

"Mr. Stone believes it is likely that Mr. Greenberg was actively working on behalf of the FBI at the time of their meeting with the intention of entrapping Mr. Stone and to infiltrate and compromise the Trump effort," his lawyer, Grant J. Smith, wrote.

The FBI declined to comment, but has said its counterintelligence investigation didn't begin until July 2016, two months after the meeting.

The Washington Post, citing interviews and documents, reported that Greenberg has at times used the name Henry Oknyansky, and claimed in a 2015 court filing that he had been providing information to the FBI for 17 years.

The Post notes the meeting happened around the same time that others members of the Trump campaign were being approached by people with Russian ties offering dirt on Clinton.

Several members of the campaign were also approached by another U.S. government informant in a possible bid to glean intelligence on Russian efforts to sway the race. Several news outlets including the Post, The Wall Street Journal and NBC News have identified an FBI confidential source as Cambridge University professor Stefan A. Halper.

## Hundreds of children wait in Border Patrol facility in Texas

By NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Inside an old warehouse in South Texas, hundreds of children wait in a series of cages created by metal fencing. One cage had 20 children inside. Scattered about are bottles of water, bags of chips and large foil sheets intended to serve as blankets.

One teenager told an advocate who visited that she was helping care for a young child she didn't know because the child's aunt was somewhere else in the facility. She said she had to show others in her cell how to change the girl's diaper.

The U.S. Border Patrol on Sunday allowed reporters to briefly visit the facility where it holds families arrested at the southern U.S. border, responding to new criticism and protests over the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy and resulting separation of families.

More than 1,100 people were inside the large, dark facility that's divided into separate wings for unaccompanied children, adults on their own, and mothers and fathers with children. The cages in each wing open out into common areas to use portable restrooms. The overhead lighting in the warehouse stays on around the clock.

The Border Patrol said close to 200 people inside the facility were minors unaccompanied by a parent. Another 500 were "family units," parents and children. Many adults who crossed the border without legal permission could be charged with illegal entry and placed in jail, away from their children.

Reporters were not allowed by agents to interview any of the detainees or take photos.

Nearly 2,000 children have been taken from their parents since Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the policy, which directs Homeland Security officials to refer all cases of illegal entry into the United States for prosecution. Church groups and human rights advocates have sharply criticized the policy, calling it inhumane.

Stories have spread of children being torn from their parents' arms, and parents not being able to find where their kids have gone. A group of congressional lawmakers visited the same facility Sunday and were set to visit a longer-term shelter holding around 1,500 children — many of whom were separated from their parents.



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"Those kids inside who have been separated from their parents are already being traumatized," said Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon, who was denied entry earlier this month to children's shelter. "It doesn't matter whether the floor is swept and the bedsheets tucked in tight."

In Texas' Rio Grande Valley, the busiest corridor for people trying to enter the U.S., Border Patrol officials argue that they have to crack down on migrants and separate adults from children as a deterrent to others.

"When you exempt a group of people from the law ... that creates a draw," said Manuel Padilla, the Border Patrol's chief agent here. "That creates the trends right here."

Agents running the holding facility — generally known as "Ursula" for the name of the street it's on — said everyone detained is given adequate food, access to showers and laundered clothes, and medical care. People are supposed to move through the facility quickly. Under U.S. law, children are required to be turned over within three days to shelters funded by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Padilla said agents in the Rio Grande Valley have allowed families with children under the age of 5 to stay together in most cases.

An advocate who spent several hours in the facility Friday said she was deeply troubled by what she found.

Michelle Brane, director of migrant rights at the Women's Refugee Commission, met with a 16-year-old girl who had been taking care of a young girl for three days. The teen and others in their cage thought the girl was 2 years old.

"She had to teach other kids in the cell to change her diaper," Brane said.

Brane said that after an attorney started to ask questions, agents found the girl's aunt and reunited the two. It turned out that the girl was actually 4 years old. Part of the problem was that she didn't speak Spanish, but K'iche, a language indigenous to Guatemala.

"She was so traumatized that she wasn't talking," Brane said. "She was just curled up in a little ball."

Brane said she also saw officials at the facility scold a group of 5-year-olds for playing around in their cage, telling them to settle down. There are no toys or books.

But one boy nearby wasn't playing with the rest. According to Brane, he was quiet, clutching a piece of paper that was a photocopy of his mother's ID card.

"The government is literally taking kids away from their parents and leaving them in inappropriate conditions," Brane said. "If a parent left a child in a cage with no supervision with other 5-year-olds, they'd be held accountable."

Dr. Colleen Kraft, the head of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said that she visited a small shelter in Texas recently, which she declined to identify. A toddler inside the 60-bed facility caught her eye — she was crying uncontrollably and pounding her little fists on mat.

Staff members tried to console the child, who looked to be about 2 years old, Kraft said. She had been taken from her mother the night before and brought to the shelter.

The staff gave her books and toys — but they weren't allowed to pick her up, to hold her or hug her to try to calm her. As a rule, staff aren't allowed to touch the children there, she said.

"The stress is overwhelming," she said. "The focus needs to be on the welfare of these children, absent of politics."

## In DC primary, minimum wage is the main topic of discussion

By ASHRAF KHALIL, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mayor and congressional delegate may top the ballot in Washington, D.C.'s primary on Tuesday, but the real drama for voters has to do with waiters, waitresses, bartenders and busboys.

Incumbent Mayor Muriel Bowser is expected to glide through to the nomination with no significant opposition, and the majority of incumbents on the D.C. Council are predicted to secure the Democratic nomination. The same goes for Eleanor Holmes Norton, Washington's long-serving non-voting delegate to the House of Representatives.

The actual election in November is even more of a formality in the District of Columbia, where the Republican Party holds little sway.

The greatest question mark surrounds a divisive ballot initiative that would change the way that restaurants and bars pay their tipped employees. Initiative 77 would eliminate the "tipped minimum wage" — the two-tiered system under which restaurant and bar owners pay servers, bartenders and bussers a lower hourly wage with the expectation that they will be compensated with tips from customers.

Currently, these employees can make as little as \$3.33 per hour; however, the employer is legally required to make up the difference if the employee's salary plus tips add up to less than the current minimum wage of \$12.50 per hour.

The ballot initiative would require employers to pay everyone at least the minimum wage and would incrementally raise that minimum wage up to \$15 per hour by 2025. A similar policy was adopted in New York City in 2015.

Proponents of the initiative argue that it would protect employees from unscrupulous owners who refuse to follow the law and match wages to bring earnings up to \$12.50 per hour. They also say it would reduce sexual harassment by making servers less dependent on the whims of sometimes-inappropriate customers.

However, the proposal has been opposed by a large percentage of both owners and tipped employees. Owners claim that the financial hit could force many bars and restaurants to close — and those that stay in business would only do so by introducing a new service charge, which would have the effect of eliminating most tipping.

Many servers and bartenders also say they are already guaranteed at least the minimum wage under the current law while retaining the potential to earn far more depending on those tips.

The controversy has played out publicly in the many bars and restaurants of Washington, with signs on the walls and many waiters, waitresses and bartenders wearing pins encouraging citizens to vote "no." While those who oppose the initiative have been particularly vocal in the weeks leading up to the vote, observers say it's difficult to predict exactly how the vote will go.

## **5 dead as SUV chased by Border Patrol crashes in South Texas**

BIG WELLS, Texas (AP) — At least five people were killed and several others hurt Sunday as an SUV carrying more than a dozen people during a suspected "smuggling event" crashed while fleeing from Border Patrol agents in South Texas, authorities said.

The SUV carrying 14 people went out of control at more than 100 mph and overturned on Texas Highway 85, ejecting most of the occupants, Dimmit County Sheriff Marion Boyd said.

"From what we can tell the vehicle ran off the road and caught gravel and then tried to recorrect," Boyd said, adding that "caused the vehicle to turn over several times."

Four victims were dead at the scene, Boyd said. He said at least one and possibly two others died at a hospital.

The Border Patrol said in a statement Sunday night that two other vehicles had been traveling alongside the SUV earlier in the day. An agent suspected they were conducting a "smuggling event," according to the statement, which did not elaborate.

The border agent stopped one of the vehicles and another agent stopped a second one. Multiple people from both vehicles were arrested.

The third vehicle kept going when agents encountered it, and a sheriff's deputy took over the chase prior to the fatal crash, the border patrol said.

The incident comes amid heightened tensions over the treatment of immigrants at the southern border. The Trump administration has said tougher immigration policies — even separating children from their parents — are needed to deter immigrants from coming to the country illegally. Over a six-week period ending in May, about 2,000 children had been separated from their families, administration officials said Friday.

Most of the occupants in the SUV were believed in the country without legal permission. Boyd said the

driver and one passenger were believed to be U.S. citizens. The driver was among those hospitalized, and a deputy who assisted the Border Patrol with the chase found the driver sitting upright in his seat and took him and the passenger into custody.

"This, I think, is a perfect example, of why are borders need to be secured," Boyd said.

Some injured were taken by helicopter to San Antonio, about 90 miles (144.83 kilometers) northeast. Dimmit County is directly north of Webb County and east of Maverick County, which border Mexico.

"Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of those who died in the crash," The Border Patrol said in the statement.

## Trump adviser says 'nobody likes' family separation policy

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top White House adviser on Sunday distanced the Trump administration from responsibility for separating migrant children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border, even though the administration put in place and could easily end a policy that has led to a spike in cases of split and distraught families.

President Donald Trump has tried to blame Democrats, who hold no levers of power in the government, for a situation that has sparked fury and a national debate over the moral implications of his hard-line approach to immigration enforcement.

"Nobody likes" breaking up families and "seeing babies ripped from their mothers' arms," said Kellyanne Conway, a counselor to the president.

Nearly 2,000 children were separated from their families over a six-week period in April and May after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a new "zero-tolerance" policy that refers all cases of illegal entry for criminal prosecution. U.S. protocol prohibits detaining children with their parents because the children are not charged with a crime and the parents are.

The administration wants to send a message, said Maine Sen. Susan Collins, a Republican critic of the policy, "that if you cross the border with children, your children are going to be ripped away from you. That's traumatizing to the children who are innocent victims, and it is contrary to our values in this country."

Trump plans to meet with House Republicans on Tuesday to discuss pending immigration legislation amid an election-season debate over an issue that helped vault the New York real estate mogul into the Oval Office in 2016. The House is expected to vote this week on a bill pushed by conservatives that may not have enough support to pass, and a compromise measure that includes key proposals supported by the president. The White House has indicated Trump would sign either of those.

Conway rejected the idea that Trump was using the kids as leverage to force Democrats to negotiate on immigration and his long-promised border wall, even after Trump tweeted Saturday: "Democrats can fix their forced family breakup at the Border by working with Republicans on new legislation, for a change!"

She, too, put the onus on Democrats, saying if there are serious about overhauling the system, "they'll come together again and try to close these loopholes and get real immigration reform."

Asked whether the president was willing to end the policy, she said: "The president is ready to get meaningful immigration reform across the board."

To Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the administration is "using the grief, the tears, the pain of these kids as mortar to build our wall. And it's an effort to extort a bill to their liking in the Congress."

Schiff said the practice was "deeply unethical" and that Republicans' refusal to criticize Trump represented a "sad degeneration" of the GOP, which he said had become "the party of lies."

"There are other ways to negotiate between Republicans and Democrats. Using children, young children, as political foils is abhorrent," said Sen Jack Reed, D-Rhode Island.

Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M., said Trump "could pick up the phone and stop it today."

Even first ladies past and present gave their viewpoints.

Melania Trump, who has tended to stay out of contentious policy debates, waded into the emotional issue. Her spokeswoman says that Mrs. Trump believes "we need to be a country that follows all laws,"



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but also one "that governs with heart."

"Mrs. Trump hates to see children separated from their families and hopes both sides of the aisle can finally come together to achieve successful immigration reform," spokeswoman Stephanie Grisham said.

Former first lady Laura Bush wrote in a guest column in The Washington Post Sunday that the policy of separating immigrant parents and children along the nation's southern border is "cruel," "immoral" and "it breaks my heart."

She compared it to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, which she called "one of the most shameful episodes in U.S. history."

The House proposals face broad opposition from Democrats, and even if a bill does pass, the closely divided Senate seems unlikely to go along.

Rep. Michael McCaul, who helped write the conservative version with Rep. Bob Goodlatte, said he had spoken to Trump on Saturday and that the president "is fully committed to both of these bills. He's put the full weight of his office behind it."

McCaul, R-Texas, said both bills satisfy Trump's main objectives.

"Without him coming to Capitol Hill on Tuesday, I don't think we'd have that sort of maximum pressure, if you will, to get us across the goal line, and I anticipate on Tuesday that he's going to be the leader he is and we're going to get something passed out of the House," said McCaul, R-Texas.

Trump's former chief strategist said Republicans would face steep consequences for pushing the compromise bill because it provides a path to citizenship for young "Dreamer" immigrants brought to the country illegally as children. Steve Bannon argued that effort risked alienating Trump's political base and contributing to election losses in November, when Republicans hope to preserve their congressional majorities.

"I strongly recommend that we just wait until 2019, right, to address this," he said, while defending the administration's practice of separating parents from children as an example of Trump making good on a key campaign promise.

"We ran on a policy, very simply, stop mass illegal immigration and limit legal immigration, get our sovereignty back, and to help our workers, OK? And so he went to a zero tolerance policy," Bannon said. "Zero tolerance, it's a crime to come across illegally, and children get separated,"

Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, said he was working on legislation that would end the practice of family separation.

Speaking from Texas, where he was leading a march to a town where a new tent structure for children recently opened, O'Rourke said "we can do the right thing by this country and for those kids, and not do it at the price of a 2,000-mile, 30-foot-high, \$30 billion wall, not doing it at the price of deporting people who are seeking asylum, deporting people in some cases back to certain death, not doing it at the cost of ending family migration, which is the story of this country."

The situation now is "inhumane" and "un-American," he said. The blame, he said, rests "on all of us, not just the Trump administration."

Conway and Schiff appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," Collins was on CBS' "Face the Nation," Lujan and Bannon spoke on ABC's "This Week," O'Rourke was interviewed on CNN's "State of the Union" and McCaul was on Fox's "Sunday Morning Futures."

This version clarifies paragraph 6, noting that the White House has indicated that Trump would sign either proposal under consideration,

## Colombia's president-elect seeks unity after polarizing vote

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO and JOSHUA GOODMAN, Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — President-elect Ivan Duque appealed for unity after winning a runoff election over a leftist firebrand whose ascent shook Colombia's political establishment and laid bare deep divisions over the nation's peace process.

The conservative Duque, the protege of a powerful former president, was elected Sunday with 54 per-

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cent of the vote. He finished more than 12 points ahead of former guerrilla Gustavo Petro, though the runner-up's performance at the ballot box was the best ever for the left in one of Latin America's most conservative nations.

When Duque takes office in August at age 42, he will be Colombia's youngest president in more than a century and in his first remarks as president-elect he vowed to work tirelessly to heal divisions and govern on behalf of all Colombians. He also promised a frontal attack on corruption while addressing a surge in cocaine production that he called a threat to national security.

"This is the opportunity that we have been waiting for — to turn the page on the politics of polarization, insults and venom," Duque told jubilant supporters Sunday night, joined by his young family.

The election was the first since outgoing President Juan Manuel Santos signed the 2016 peace agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and the race ultimately ended up being defined by the divisive accord.

Duque's promise to heal the scars from five decades of bloody conflict will demand a quick response. The FARC rebels who demobilized under the accord are struggling to reinsert themselves into civilian life in a nation where many people are hesitant to forgive. Vast swaths of remote territory remain under the control of violent drug mafias and residual rebel bands.

Duque, who only entered politics in 2014 after being lured back to Colombia by former President Alvaro Uribe from a cozy life in Washington, in his victory speech repeated pledges made on the campaign trail to roll back benefits in the peace accord for top rebel commanders behind atrocities.

He and running mate Marta Lucia Ramirez, who will become Colombia's first female vice president, have promised to make changes in the accord but Duque also has vowed not to "shred it to pieces" as some of his hawkish allies have urged.

"Undoubtedly, for the peace process, this is an important test," said Patricia Munoz, a professor of political science at Javeriana University in Bogota.

Petro energized young voters and drew millions to public plazas with fiery speeches vowing to improve the lives of poor Colombians long neglected by the political elite. His more than 8 million votes marked the biggest success for a leftist presidential contender ever in Colombia, where politicians on the left have long been stigmatized because of the civil conflict.

"Perhaps as time passes people will be less scared about voting for left-wing politicians," said Jorge Gallego, a professor at Bogota's Rosario University. "Although with this result, it's proven that Colombia is still a right-wing country."

Petro took his loss in stride, refusing to call it a defeat. In a concession speech that at times sounded celebratory, he challenged Duque to break with his hard-line allies, and Uribe in particular. He also promised to mobilize his considerable following into a combative opposition that will fight for social reforms and defend the peace accord.

"Those eight million Colombians are not going to let Colombia return to war," Petro said to a thunderous applause from supporters chanting "Resistance!"

Colombia's peace process to end a conflict that caused more than 250,000 deaths is considered largely irreversible. Most of the more than 7,000 rebels who have surrendered their weapons have started new lives as farmers, community leaders and journalists. Last year the rebels launched a new political party and will soon occupy 10 seats in congress.

But the accord remains contentious and Duque pledged throughout his campaign to make changes that would deliver "peace with justice." Through constitutional reform or by decree, he could proceed with proposals such as not allowing ex-combatants behind grave human rights abuses to take political office until they have confessed their war crimes and compensated victims.

The current agreement allows most rebels to avoid jail, a sore point for many.

Duque's detractors warn that his victory could throw an already delicate peace process into disarray.

"I think it will set up a big constitutional battle," said Cynthia Arnson, director of the Latin America program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington.

Duque is the son of a former governor and energy minister who friends say has harbored presidential

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aspirations since he was a child. The father of three entered public service almost two decades ago as an adviser to the man he will succeed a president, Santos, who was then Colombia's finance minister.

He later moved to Washington, where he spent more than a decade at the Inter-American Development Bank, first as an adviser for three Andean countries and later as chief of the cultural division.

It was during that time that Duque forged a close relationship with Uribe, the torchbearer of conservatives who is both adored and detested by legions of Colombians.

With Uribe's backing, Duque was elected to Colombia's Senate in 2014. He earned a reputation as a like-minded security hawk who did his homework and earned the respect of colleagues across the political spectrum.

Throughout his campaign, Duque was dogged by accusations he would be little more than a puppet for Uribe, who is constitutionally barred from seeking a third term. Though praised for weakening the FARC and drawing record foreign investment, Uribe has also been blamed for the military's killing of thousands of civilians who were falsely portrayed as rebels to inflate body counts.

Toward the end of his victory speech, Duque thanked Uribe but said he would strive to bridge Colombia's divisions. He said he wants to see rank-and-file guerrilla members succeed in civilian life and become part of a growing Colombian economy.

"I'm not going to govern with hatred," he said. "Neither in my mind nor my heart is there a desire for revenge and retaliation."

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Associated Press writers Cesar Garcia and Manuel Rueda contributed to this report.

## Art festival on verge of being shut down when shots rang out

By MIKE CATALINI and RON TODT

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A 24-hour arts and music festival in New Jersey was on the verge of being shut down because of numerous fights when gunfire erupted, authorities said. One suspect was killed and 22 people, including two other suspects, were injured.

Of the 17 people treated for gunshot wounds, including a 13-year-old boy, only one person, a suspect, remained in critical condition Sunday night, said Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo Onofri.

About 1,000 people were attending the Art All Night Trenton festival that showcases local art, music, food and films when shots rang out early Sunday morning, sending people scrambling to safety.

Onofri said numerous fights inside and outside the venue had prompted police to tell organizers that the event needed to be shut down.

"There was a report that the mood inside the venue had been changing," Onofri said. "During that time period, prior to the shooting, the Trenton Police Department began dispersing individuals. Those individuals, however, continued to loiter and additional fights broke out."

Authorities believe several neighborhood gangs had a dispute, and multiple suspects began shooting at each other, with police returning fire, Onofri said.

Tahajj Wells, 33, the suspect who was killed, had recently been released from prison and was on parole since February on homicide-related charges, Onofri said. Another suspect, 23-year-old Amir Armstrong, remained hospitalized in stable condition and was charged with a weapons offense. It was not immediately known if he had an attorney who could comment. A third suspect remained in critical condition.

Gennie Darisme was getting ready to leave the festival when she heard gunfire and saw people running. "There were people trampling other people, cars hitting other cars," she said.

When she was walking back to her car after the gunfire stopped, Darisme said she saw someone bleeding on the ground, in handcuffs.

"People were running to him, trying to see his face, to see if he's a family member or a friend," she said.

Theresa Brown, who has been volunteering at Art All Night for 12 years, said she was leaving her volunteer shift when she heard "pop, pop, pop. I thought it was a car backfiring," she said.

The festival had been scheduled to run from 3 p.m. Saturday to 3 p.m. Sunday, before it was canceled.



"We're very shocked. We're deeply saddened. Our hearts ache and our eyes are blurry but our dedication and resolve to building a better Trenton through community, creativity and inspiration will never fade. Not tonight. Not ever," festival organizers posted on social media.

Associated Press writer Christina Paciolla contributed to this report from Philadelphia.

## Trump adviser Roger Stone reveals new meeting with Russian

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special counsel Robert Mueller is examining a previously undisclosed meeting between longtime Donald Trump confidante Roger Stone and a Russian figure who allegedly tried to sell him dirt on Hillary Clinton.

The meeting between Stone and a man who identified himself as Henry Greenberg was described in a pair of letters sent Friday to the House Intelligence Committee and first reported by The Washington Post.

Stone and Michael Caputo, a Trump campaign aide who arranged the 2016 meeting, did not disclose the contact in their interviews with the committee. But they now believe the man was an FBI informant trying to set them up in a bid to undermine Trump's campaign. Greenberg could not immediately be reached for comment, but in a text to the Post he denied he was working for the FBI when he met with Stone.

The letters obtained by The Associated Press and written by Stone and Caputo's lawyers say that, in late May 2016, Caputo received a call from his Russian business partner introducing him to Greenberg, who claimed he had information about Clinton that he wanted to share with the campaign.

Caputo suggested Greenberg meet with Stone, who had left the campaign in 2015 but remained an informal Trump adviser.

At Caputo's request, Stone met with Greenberg at a Florida cafe, where Greenberg asked for \$2 million in exchange for the information, according to Stone's lawyer. Stone swiftly rejected the offer, explaining that neither he nor Trump would ever pay for "political information," his lawyer wrote.

Both men say they quickly forgot about the episode, which marks the latest in a long list of unusual contacts between Russians and Trump campaign officials as well as offers of help.

The special counsel has spent months investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 election and whether Trump campaign aides played any role in the foreign interference plot. Trump and his lawyer, meanwhile, have tried to discredit the investigation, insisting it's unfounded and plagued by misconduct and political bias.

"WITCH HUNT!" Trump tweeted on Sunday, insisting: "There was no Russian Collusion. Oh, I see, there was no Russian Collusion, so now they look for obstruction on the no Russian Collusion. The phony Russian Collusion was a made up Hoax. Too bad they didn't look at Crooked Hillary like this. Double Standard!"

As part of their campaign, Trump and his loyalists have tried to convince the public that the FBI violated its usual operating procedures, including installing "spies" inside Trump's campaign, though there's no evidence that's the case.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a member of Trump's legal team, on Sunday dismissed the significance of the Stone meeting.

"So, yes, sure, there was contact, as there was in that meeting. But that meeting led to nothing. This led to nothing. So, if anything, it's proof there was no collusion," he said in an interview with CBS's "Face the Nation," adding that Mueller's team "can investigate from here to, you know, to Timbuktu, and they're not going to find a darn thing."

Both Stone and Caputo failed to disclose the Greenberg meeting in their interviews with the House Intelligence Committee — an omission their lawyers said was accidental, but that Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on House Intelligence Committee, said was part of a pattern of deception.

"In multiple respects now, the testimony of Roger Stone appears inaccurate or deliberately misleading. Similarly, Michael Caputo's testimony omitted mention of this interaction with a Russian offering dirt on Hillary Clinton, something which could not plausibly have escaped his recollection," Schiff said in a statement. He pressed Republicans on the committee to make the interview transcripts available to Mueller's

team "for a determination whether any witnesses committed perjury before our committee."

Caputo's lawyer, Dennis Vacco, said his client had "simply forgotten about this brief encounter in 2016," and only remembered it as he was preparing for his interview with Mueller's team.

Caputo told the AP that Mueller's team asked him at length about the meeting.

"They knew more than I did, which set off alarms. I thought — was this a setup?" he recalled.

Caputo said he hired investigators using money from his legal defense fund to dig into Greenberg's background and has produced a "dossier" with the findings, which Stone endorses.

"Mr. Stone believes it is likely that Mr. Greenberg was actively working on behalf of the FBI at the time of their meeting with the intention of entrapping Mr. Stone and to infiltrate and compromise the Trump effort," his lawyer, Grant J. Smith, wrote.

The FBI declined to comment, but has said its counterintelligence investigation didn't begin until July 2016, two months after the meeting.

The Washington Post, citing interviews and documents, reported that Greenberg has at times used the name Henry Oknyansky, and claimed in a 2015 court filing that he had been providing information to the FBI for 17 years.

The Post notes the meeting happened around the same time that others members of the Trump campaign were being approached by people with Russian ties offering dirt on Clinton.

Several members of the campaign were also approached by another U.S. government informant in a possible bid to glean intelligence on Russian efforts to sway the race. Several news outlets including the Post, The Wall Street Journal and NBC News have identified an FBI confidential source as Cambridge University professor Stefan A. Halper.

## **Tough course or easy, Brooks Koepka repeats as US Open champ**

**By DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer**

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — One was about power. The other was about patience.

Brooks Koepka has a game for the U.S. Open no matter the course, no matter the test, no matter the circumstances.

He never lost hope when he began his title defense with a 75 and was 7-over par midway through the second round. He didn't lose his mind in the most punishing third round of a U.S. Open in nearly two decades.

And with a cool head and a hot putter, he didn't give anyone a chance down the stretch Sunday at Shinnecock Hills.

Koepka pulled away from a four-way tie for the lead with three birdies in five holes, held off Tommy Fleetwood and his record-tying 63 and closed with a 2-under 68 for a one-shot victory to become the first repeat U.S. Open champion in 29 years.

"I don't want to say I didn't think I could do it," Koepka said. "But I knew that it was going to be that much more difficult. And to finally do it, it's much more gratifying the second time. I can really appreciate how hard it is to win a major."

Koepka won with birdies on spacious Erin Hills last year. The signature moment from this U.S. Open was a trio of putts to escape trouble on the back nine — two for par, one for bogey.

"I enjoy being pushed to the limit," Koepka said. "Sometimes you feel like you are about to break mentally, but that's what I enjoy. I enjoy hard golf courses. I enjoy playing about the toughest in golf you are ever going to play."

Shinnecock Hills was every bit of that, particularly on Saturday when conditions were so severe that the last 45 players to tee off shot over par. The USGA conceded the course was over the top and pledged to add water to slow it down. Fleetwood raced into U.S. Open history with a 63, without making birdie on the two par 5s and missing an 8-foot birdie putt on the final hole.

That cost him more than the record. It cost him a chance in a playoff.

Koepka took a two-shot lead with a wedge to 3½ feet for birdie on the par-5 16th, allowing him a safe

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bogey on the final hole to finish at 1-over 281. It was the first time since 2013 at Merion that no one broke par, and it was 13 shots more than his winning score at Erin Hills.

Curtis Strange, the last player to go back-to-back in this major in 1988 and 1989, watched the entire final round as the Fox Sports reporter on the ground, and they shared a brief hug off the 18th green.

"Hell of a job," Strange said to him.

Fleetwood was one shot behind when he finished, and Koepka still had 11 holes to play as Shinnecock Hills began to get crisp under another sunny sky.

With a putting performance and calm demeanor reminiscent of Retief Goosen when he won the previous U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, in 2004, the 28-year-old Koepka began the back nine with three pivotal putts — one for birdie, one for bogey, one for par.

The biggest might have been his bogey on the nasty little par-3 11th.

Koepka pulled a pitching wedge to the left, down the slope and into thick grass. He chopped that up the slope with so much speed that it raced across the green and into the bunker. He blasted that out to 8 feet and made the putt to keep his lead at one shot.

"I think that was like making a birdie, maybe even making an eagle," he said. "Because it could have been a big momentum shift there, and we could have been playing tennis just going back and forth. To make bogey there was pretty incredible and I think kind of the reason why we won."

He wasn't through. He hacked out of the hay over the green at No. 12, pitched beautifully to 7 feet and made the par. Two holes later, after another drive into grass so thick he wasn't sure he could get it out, Koepka rolled in an 8-footer for another par save.

Fleetwood played with Koepka in the final group last year at Erin Hills. He finished his round as Koepka was finishing up the par-3 seventh.

"The best players in the world are up there trying to win a U.S. Open, and watching them down the stretch, you've got nothing but respect for how well Brooks did, just to hole the putts at the right time," Fleetwood said. "He kept it together, and he's a world player. He's one of the best players in the world. It wasn't great for me, but it was great as a golfer to watch how he did it."

Koepka moved to career-best No. 4 in the world with his fifth victory, this one coming two months after he returned following torn tendons in his left wrist that kept him out the first part of the season, including the Masters.

Dustin Johnson, part of the four-way tie for the lead to start the final round, couldn't keep up with one of his best friends. Johnson was one shot behind at the turn until a trio of three-putt bogeys on the back nine. A birdie on the final hole gave him an even-par 70 to finish alone in third and remain No. 1 in the world.

A year ago, Johnson called him on the eve of the final round to offer advice. On Sunday, they were playing side by side without exchanging words, each trying to play a course that was considerably softer than the previous day.

"We didn't really speak too much," Koepka said. "He was busy grinding his tail off and I was busy grinding mine. We're extremely close. I love the guy to death. It would have been fun to duel it out with him coming down the end, having to make some putts."

Only one of them did. Koepka took 14 fewer putts than Johnson on the weekend.

Masters champion Patrick Reed flirted with the second leg of the Grand Slam. He was tied for the lead when he ran off five birdies in his opening seven holes. Reed spent too much time in the high grass on the back nine and closed with a 68 to finish fourth.

Americans have won the last five majors — all of them in their 20s — and Koepka joined an elite group as only the seventh player to go back-to-back in what is regarded as golf's toughest test. Next up is Pebble Beach, and a chance to join Willie Anderson as the only player to win three in a row. Anderson won his third straight in 1905. Ben Hogan won three straight that he played, missing in 1949 after nearly getting killed when his car struck a bus.



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## Brazil held to 1-1 draw by Switzerland at World Cup

By DEREK GATOPOULOS, Associated Press

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — Brazil joined the list of big teams struggling to win their opening matches at the World Cup in Russia.

The five-time champions were held to a 1-1 draw by Switzerland on Sunday, a few hours after four-time champion Germany was beaten by Mexico 1-0.

Philippe Coutinho, who was making his World Cup debut, gave Brazil the lead in the 20th minute with a volley that bounced in off the right post. Steven Zuber then headed in the equalizer in the 50th. Mexican referee Cesar Ramos dismissed complaints that Zuber had shoved defender Miranda before getting to the corner from Xherdan Shaqiri.

"I was pushed out of the way. There is video of what happened and the referee could have seen it. But it didn't happen," Miranda said. "We got a draw but this is only the beginning for us. We knew this game wasn't going to be easy."

Ramos also ignored a penalty claim late in the second half when Gabriel Jesus was wrestled to the ground by Switzerland defender Manuel Akanji.

Swiss players ended up with three yellow cards, and 10 of the 14 fouls they committed were on Brazil forward Neymar.

Switzerland coach Vladimir Petkovic described the incident against Miranda as an "ordinary challenge." He also dismissed charges that Neymar had been treated harshly.

"Of course, neutralizing Neymar was a key ingredient of our game," he added.

Switzerland dominated the midfield for long spells against a Brazil team that had been keen to start with a win after its disastrous exit as host in 2014.

"I am proud of their determination," Petkovic said of his team. "The first 40 minutes were tough for us, and at halftime I told the players to stay cool and press forward. They did, and it worked."

Coutinho had another chance to put Brazil in the lead but he sent the ball wide in the 67th minute.

"I'm very glad to score but what was important was our effort to win and what we did as a team is what counts," Coutinho said. "We had some great moments and positive moments. Now we need to think about the next match."

Brazil has won 17 of its 22 matches since Tite took over as coach in 2016. But they couldn't get another one in front of a very Brazil-friendly crowd at the Rostov Arena.

Besides Brazil and Germany, Argentina was held to a 1-1 draw by Iceland on Saturday, and Spain and Portugal played to a 3-3 draw on Friday.

Tite said he wouldn't make excuses for the disappointing scoreline.

"What happened with Miranda was clear, but it doesn't explain the result," Tite said. "There was a lot of pressure and anxiety on the players and that translated into the finishes that were not precise. We had 20 finishes but we should have made the goalkeeper work harder.

"But of course I'm not happy with the result and of course I wanted to win tonight."

The Brazilians remain haunted by their 7-1 loss to Germany in the 2014 World Cup semifinals that was followed by a 3-0 defeat against the Netherlands in the third-place playoff.

### GROUP DYNAMICS

Brazil will next face Costa Rica on Friday in St. Petersburg, while Switzerland faces Serbia in Kaliningrad on the same day. Serbia leads Group E after its 1-0 victory over Costa Rica.

### THEY SAID IT

Petkovic said it was time the world took notice of his team, which is sixth in the FIFA rankings and won nine of its 10 qualifying matches to reach its fourth straight World Cup.

"I'm not surprised with the result," the Bosnian said. "Sometimes there is a lack of recognition (in Switzerland's ability) and I think that's a pity because this team really believes in itself and can achieve results.

"Against a difficult and strong opponent you need to be realistic and sometimes you play passes without thinking too much but I think the team has shown great determination and true spirit."

Tite said he was happy with his team's play until Switzerland scored.

"The goal, the aggressiveness, the creative plays, it was characteristic of our team," Tite said. "And then the opposition grew stronger and we were not advancing enough. We were not blocking enough."

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## Protections for immigrants erode under Trump since inaugural

By AMY TAXIN, Associated Press

The Trump administration's move to separate immigrant parents from their children on the U.S.-Mexico border has grabbed attention around the world, drawn scorn from human-rights organizations and overtaken the immigration debate in Congress.

It's also a situation that has been brewing since the week President Donald Trump took office, when he issued his first order signaling a tougher approach to asylum-seekers. Since then, the administration has been steadily eroding protections for immigrant children and families.

"They're willing to risk harm to a child being traumatized, separated from a parent and sitting in federal detention by themselves, in order to reach a larger policy goal of deterrence," said Jennifer Podkul, director of policy at Kids in Need of Defense, which represents children in immigration court.

To those who work with immigrants, the parents' plight was heralded by a series of measures making it harder for kids arriving on the border to get released from government custody and to seek legal status here.

The administration has said the changes are needed to deter immigrants from coming here illegally. But a backlash is mounting, fueled by reports of children being taken from mothers and distraught toddlers and elementary school age children asking, through tears, when they can see their parents.

About 2,000 children had been separated from their families over a six-week period ending in May, administration officials said Friday.

Among the parents caught up in the new rules is 29-year-old Vilma Aracely Lopez Juc de Coc, who fled her home in a remote Guatemalan village after her husband was beaten to death in February, according to advocates. When she reached the Texas border with her 11-year-old son in May, he was taken from her by border agents, she said.

Her eyes swollen, she cried when she asked a paralegal what she most wanted to know: When could she see her son again?

"She did not know what was going on," said paralegal Georgina Guzman, recalling their conversation at a federal courthouse in McAllen, Texas.

Similar scenarios play out on a daily basis in federal courtrooms in Texas and Arizona, where dozens of immigrant parents appear on charges of entering the country illegally after traveling up from Central America. More than the legal outcome of their cases, their advocates say, they're worried about their children.

Since Trump's inauguration, the administration has issued at least half a dozen orders and changes affecting immigrant children, many of them obscure revisions. The cumulative effect is a dramatic alteration of immigration policy and practice.

The measures require a senior government official to sign off on the release of children from secure shelters and allow immigration enforcement agents access to information about sponsors who sign up to take the children out of government custody and care for them.

The crackdown expanded in April, when the administration announced a "zero tolerance" policy on the border to prosecute immigrants for entering the country illegally in the hopes they could be quickly deported and that the swift deportations would prevent more people from coming.

Parents are now being arrested and placed in quick federal court proceedings near the border. Since

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children cannot be jailed in federal prisons, they're placed in shelters that have long existed for unaccompanied immigrant children arriving on the border alone.

The administration insists the new rules are necessary to send a message to immigrants.

"Look, I hope that we don't have to separate any more children from any more adults," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said last week. "But there's only one way to ensure that is the case: It's for people to stop smuggling children illegally. Stop crossing the border illegally with your children. Apply to enter lawfully. Wait your turn."

Immigration on the southwest border has remained high since the zero-tolerance policies took effect. Border agents made more than 50,000 arrests in May, up slightly from a month earlier and more than twice the number in May 2017. About a quarter of arrests were families traveling with children.

In addition to those trying to cross on their own, large crowds of immigrants are gathered at border crossings each day to seek asylum. Some wait days or weeks for a chance to speak with U.S. authorities. On a Texas border bridge, parents and children have been sleeping in sweltering heat for several days awaiting their turn.

Under U.S. law, most Mexican children are sent back across the border. Central American and other minors are taken into government custody before they are mostly released to sponsors in the United States.

The arrival of children fleeing violence in Central America is not new. President Barack Obama faced an even larger surge in border crossings that overflowed shelters and prompted the authorities to release many families. Nearly 60,000 children were placed in government-contracted shelters in the 2014 fiscal year.

Obama administration lawyers argued in federal court in Los Angeles against the separation of parents and children and in favor of keeping in family detention facilities those deemed ineligible for release.

Immigrant and children's advocates said the new measures are not only cruel but costly. They argued that children fleeing violence and persecution in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras will continue to come to the United States and remain in government custody longer, costing taxpayers more money.

The government pays more than \$1 billion a year to care for unaccompanied immigrant children, Sessions has said.

In May 2014, the average length of stay for children in custody was 35 days. So far this fiscal year, it's taking 56 days for children to be released to sponsors — in most cases, their own relatives.

Many children were released to sponsors who did not have legal immigration status. That's yet another concern child advocates now have since the Trump administration is requiring fingerprints of sponsors and their household members and will turn that data over to the immigration agency in charge of deportations.

Advocates say the new information sharing might lead some parents to shy away from sponsoring their own children and ask others to do so, a situation that can lead to cases of trafficking or neglect.

Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, legal director of the immigrant advocacy program at the Legal Aid Justice Center in Virginia, said he's never worked with immigrants who said U.S. policies influenced their decision to move. They are fleeing violence and persecution, and he doesn't see that changing even if the government deports parents.

"Look six months out from now," he said. "Are these moms going to stay in Guatemala? Hell no, they're going to come back looking for their kids."

## Border lake backdrops sealing of Greece, Macedonia name deal

By **COSTAS KANTOURIS** and **JASMINA MIRONSKI**, Associated Press

PSARADES, Greece (AP) — The foreign ministers of Greece and Macedonia endorsed an agreement to resolve a long fight over the Macedonia name Sunday during a signing ceremony filled with history and symbolism.

The Greek village of Psarades, located on the shores of Great Prespa Lake, was picked for the occasion since the borders of Greece and Macedonia meet in the water.

The two countries' prime ministers, Greece's Alexis Tsipras and Macedonia's Zoran Zaev, were there to see the deal they reached Tuesday get signed by their foreign ministers, Nikos Kotzias and Nikola Dimitrov,

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respectively.

Macedonians Zaev and Dimitrov arrived from across the lake on a small speedboat. Their Greek counterparts welcomed them with hugs on a jetty that was enlarged for the event.

Under the agreement, Greece's northern neighbor will be renamed North Macedonia to address long-standing appropriation concerns in Greece, which has a Macedonia province that was the birthplace of Alexander the Great.

Greece in return will suspend the objections that prevented Macedonia from joining NATO and the European Union.

The two countries' leaders said the signing would be the start of closer relations between them and an example for all nations in the Balkans region.

Recalling his first meeting with Zaev this year at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Tsipras told him, "Very few believed we would succeed" in ending "26 years of sterile dispute between our countries."

"This is our own appointment with history," Tsipras said, adding that Balkan peoples long have suffered from "the poison of chauvinism and the divisions of nationalist hatred."

Zaev, for his part, hailed an "end to decades of uncertainty." Greece and Macedonia would henceforth be "partners and allies" in modeling successful diplomacy for the whole region, he said.

"May we stay as united forever as we are on this day," Zaev said.

Following the signing, the officials took a boat to the Macedonian lake resort of Oteshevo for a celebratory lunch.

Police cordoned off all approaches to Psarades to prevent protesters from reaching the site. The agreement has aroused the fury of nationalists on both sides who claim, simultaneously, that it gave too much to the other side.

More than 4,000 Greek nationalists, who oppose another country having the Macedonia name, instead gathered near Pissoderi, a village 40 kilometers (25 miles) away. Banners in the crowd read "There is only one Macedonia and it is Greek" and "Macedonian identity can't be given away."

Several hundred marched to a nearby police blockade and began throwing rocks. Police responded with tear gas and stun grenades. The clashes went on into the afternoon. Greek police said 12 people were injured, including six police officers.

Church bells in Psarades and nearby villages rang sorrowfully throughout the ceremony. Most of the village's 60 inhabitants watched from afar, clearly in a sour mood.

"The church bells rang mournfully because something died today in Greece," said local Orthodox Christian priest Irinaios Hajiefremidis. "They are taking from us our soul, our name."

Hajiefremidis noted the ethnic and religious conflicts that generations of Greeks, Serbs and Bulgarians fought over the land that makes up present-day Macedonia.

"Today, we commemorated Father George Papadopoulos, who was butchered on June 16, 1907 because he did not say Mass in Bulgarian," he said.

Feelings run as strongly in Macedonia, but there are wide differences of opinion.

"I didn't follow the signing. Follow what? The capitulation? The vanishing of my identity?" retired doctor Vera Jovanov said. "I didn't get their approval to be what I am. Nothing will be good in the future. Nothing good for Macedonia."

Taxi driver Devan Stojanoski said "whatever we are called," Macedonia's people need "a chance for a better life and better standards."

"I do not care about the name any more. I am so disappointed about everything that I have stopped thinking and caring," he said.

A demonstration against the deal attracted an estimated 3,000 people in the southern city of Bitola, Macedonian media reported.

The rally was peaceful, but opposition leader Hristijan Mickoski of the VMRO-DPMNE party, the keynote speaker, used fighting words. He reiterated that his party would not support putting the new name in the Macedonian constitution, one of the terms of the deal.



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"I, Hristijan Mickoski, speaking from the heart and with a clear mind..., never, at any price, even if that would cost (my) life, will I support this act of capitulation by Zoran Zaev," Mickoski told the protesters.

A nighttime demonstration outside Macedonia's parliament in the capital of Skopje turned violent when a group of people described by police and media as soccer hooligans started pelting officers with rocks and flares and tried to break through the police cordon. Police used tear gas and stun grenades to beat back the crowd and detained one person. Seven police officers and three protesters were reported injured as the atmosphere remained tense late Sunday.

The signing ceremony was recognized internationally as a significant event. Among those attending were U.N. Under-Secretary for Political Affairs Rosemary di Carlo, EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini and EU Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn.

The United Nations' mediator for the name dispute, Matthew Nimetz, also was on hand. Nimetz spent the last 24 years trying to mediate between Greece and Macedonia, first as an envoy of U.S. President Bill Clinton and then representing successive UN secretaries-general.

Nimetz congratulated Tsipras and Zaev, adding that they demonstrated "political courage and strategic vision" not often found. He received warm applause, not only for his often-frustrated effort to make the name dispute a thing of the past, but because Sunday was his 79th birthday Sunday.

Since Macedonia seceded from the former Yugoslavia in 1991, Greece had objected to its use of the name "Macedonia" because it claimed that implied territorial designs on its own northern province of Macedonia.

Greek objections delayed U.N. recognition of Macedonia until April 1993 and then only as The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM). In 1995, the two countries signed an interim agreement after Macedonia agreed to modify its flag.

"I like to think positively and really hope this will be better. Finally, the agony ends and (membership in) EU and NATO will become real," Suzana Eftiska, an art curator in Macedonia, said.

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Associated Press writer Costas Kantouris reported this story in Psarades, Greece, and AP writer Jasmina Mironski reported from Skopje, Macedonia. AP writer Demetris Nellas in Athens contributed to this report.

## Sea convoy reaches Spain as migration debate roils Europe

By RENATA BRITO and IAIN SULLIVAN and JOSEPH WILSON, Associated Press

VALENCIA, Spain (AP) — An aid group's ship and two Italian military vessels docked Sunday at the Spanish port of Valencia, ending a weeklong ordeal for hundreds of people who were rescued from the Mediterranean Sea only to become pawns in a European political fight.

The Italian coast guard vessel Dattilo was the first of the boats in the convoy bearing 630 migrants to touch land, pulling in just before 7 a.m. The 274 rescued people on board disembarked after medical staff made a preliminary inspection.

The rescue ship Aquarius came in four hours later carrying another 106 migrants. Aid workers awaiting their arrival clapped and cheered as the first passengers walked down the gangway. An Italian navy ship, the Orione, came in shortly after 1 p.m. with the remaining 250.

The Aquarius, operated by the aid groups SOS Mediterranean Sea and Doctors Without Borders, was stuck off the coast of Sicily on June 9 when Italy's new populist government refused it permission to dock and demanded that Malta do so. Malta also refused.

After days of bickering and food and water running low on the ship, Spain stepped in and granted the rescue boat entry with a plan called "Operation Mediterranean Hope." The 1,500-kilometer (930-mile) journey across the Mediterranean from Sicily to Valencia took nearly a week.

After Spain invited the Aquarius to land, Italy sent the Dattilo and Orione to help transport the migrants. David Noguera, the head of Doctors Without Borders in Spain, said he was glad Spain welcomed the ship's passengers, who were picked up off the coast of Libya. He said he is worried that more European nations will close their ports to migrants who are rescued at sea.

"I have mixed feelings," Noguera told The Associated Press as the first boat arrived in Valencia. "I am

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happy that the journey (for the Aquarius migrants) is over — a journey that was too long — and I am worried for the situation in the Mediterranean and the closing of European ports.”

The migrants were met by emergency workers, health officials, Red Cross volunteers and psychologists at the city’s marina. Each was assigned to a translator, and authorities worked to determine their identities before they were sent to welcome centers.

The first person through the process was a 29-year-old man from South Sudan.

In total so far, there were 31 different nationalities represented, with the largest numbers of people coming from the Sudan, Algeria, Eritrea and Nigeria, according to Spanish authorities. There were also 68 minors, 46 of them traveling without an adult family member.

Valencia emergency official Jorge Suarez said some of the migrants were in a state of shock.

“They are very shaken,” Suarez said. “Put yourself in their position: you get off a ship and the first people who greet you are wearing masks.”

Physical exams did not reveal any serious health problems, but many passengers showed signs of exposure to high temperatures. A total of 144 were taken to hospitals for treatment of minor health issues.

David Beversluis, the chief Doctors Without Borders physician on the Aquarius, said several of the rescued women were victims of sexual violence and rape.

“The horrible stories that we hear from people who come out of Libya is gut-wrenching,” he said. “Spending time with people, listening to some of the torturous situations that they’ve been through, was really one of the most challenging parts of the entire operation.”

Spanish authorities are interviewing the migrants on a case-by-case basis to see who may qualify for asylum.

Due to their ordeal, the people from the Aquarius were granted authorization to remain in Spain for 45 days before they must begin resolving their legal situations.

“We have to strike a balance between our sensibilities and humanity, and our respect for the law,” said Spain’s migration minister, Magdalena Valerio.

“These people could not be left adrift in the Mediterranean, where they would face death,” she told Spanish radio Cope. “(The EU) must recognize that it needs an immigration policy that these times require.”

Meanwhile, several hundred more migrants were aboard an Italian coast guard vessel off Sicily on Sunday. The passengers came from a series of rescues in recent days, including ones carried out by cargo ships that Italy’s Rome-based search-and-rescue coordination center asked to aid migrant boats in distress.

They also counted 41 migrants who were taken aboard a U.S. Navy vessel on June 12, survivors of a sunken dinghy. A private aid ship said it couldn’t assume the unexpected passengers from Trenton because Italy wasn’t assigning it a port within its navigational capacity.

The rescued people stayed on the Navy boat for several more days before being transferred to the Italian coast guard vessel on Sunday morning.

The destination wasn’t immediately announced, but the coast guard said it wouldn’t dock until at least Tuesday.

Italy’s new interior minister, Matteo Salvini, thanked Spain for taking in the migrants who reached Valencia and said he wished the country would take in “66,629 more.”

Salvini, who heads the right-wing League party, said that if France, Malta and Portugal also open their ports to migrants rescued from smugglers’ unseaworthy boats, “we’ll be happier.”

The refusal by Italy and Malta to allow the Aquarius to dock has reignited a continentwide battle over how to handle immigration.

Under the EU’s asylum laws — currently the subject of a major political dispute and under revision — migrants must apply for asylum in the country where they first enter Europe. In practice, the policy has placed a heavy burden on Italy and Greece, where hundreds of thousands of asylum-seekers have arrived in recent years.

Spain’s new Socialist government has taken up the cause of the migrants to demonstrate its commitment to protecting human rights.

But overall, the European Union's 28 members have not agreed on how to handle the influx of refugees and migrants to Europe. The issue has put strong domestic pressure on German Chancellor Angela Merkel, provoked a spat between France and Italy and prompted eastern nations like Hungary and Poland to refuse to take in any migrants.

Immigration will be a top issue at the EU leaders' June 28-29 summit. Italy's new government will make any compromises on migration policy even more difficult.

The warmer weather has caused a spike in migration from North Africa to Europe. Spain's maritime rescue service pulled 1,290 people from several dozen smuggling boats near the Strait of Gibraltar and the Canary Islands from Friday through Sunday. It also recovered four bodies and declared another 43 people missing at sea.

At least 792 migrants have died crossing the Mediterranean so far this year, according to the United Nations. Through the first five months of 2018, some 35,455 migrants reached European shores.

Wilson contributed from Barcelona, Spain. Frances D'Emilio contributed from Rome.

## Giuliani says Trump could issue pardons after Russia probe

By HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani said Sunday the president might pardon his jailed, onetime campaign chairman and others ensnared in the Russia investigation once special counsel Robert Mueller's work wraps up, if he believed they were treated "unfairly."

Until then, consideration of clemency is unnecessary, Giuliani said, as the White House presses to bring the yearlong investigation to an end.

Giuliani denied that Trump was trying to send a message to Paul Manafort, who was the 2016 chairman for nearly five months, or others to refrain from cooperating with prosecutors. The former New York City mayor suggested that an end to the investigation could be in sight one way or the other — either by undercutting the Mueller's inquiry as illegitimate, or if necessary, by agreeing to a Trump interview with prosecutors under limited conditions.

"The president is not going to issue pardons in this investigation," Giuliani said. "Because you just cloud what is becoming now a very clear picture of an extremely unfair investigation with no criminality involved in it of any kind."

But, he added, "When it's over, hey, he's the president of the United States. He retains his pardon power. Nobody is taking that away from him. He can pardon, in his judgment."

Manafort was sent to jail last week after a federal judge revoked his house arrest over allegations of witness tampering in the Russia investigation. Trump has criticized that decision as "very unfair" as Manafort prepares for two criminal trials.

Trump has worked outside the traditional pardon process and used his clemency powers in cases where he believed prosecutors may have been motivated by politics. He made clear on Sunday his view of Mueller's investigation, saying it was "on pretty weak grounds right now."

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said she thought it would be "more helpful if the president never mentioned the word pardon again with respect to the Russian investigation because he wants to get that Russian investigation completed. And every time he brings up the issue of pardons it gives the investigators something else that they have to look into."

Seeking to undermine Mueller's work, Trump and his lawyers have seized on a Justice Department inspector general's report on the 2016 Hillary Clinton email investigation that found insubordination and poor judgment at the FBI. Some of the officials who worked on the Clinton investigation also worked on the FBI's Russia probe, but the report did not find that political bias had tainted the Clinton review.

The Justice Department has asked its internal watchdog to review whether there was any politically motivated surveillance by the FBI of the Trump campaign.

"This is a case where it's crying out for someone to investigate the investigators," Giuliani said. "We want

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the Mueller probe to be investigated, the way the Trump administration has been investigated.”

Echoing Giuliani’s view, former White House strategist Steve Bannon said there was no need for pardons because Trump could disrupt the Russia investigation by firing deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein, who oversees Mueller.

Bannon suggested that Trump should order Rosenstein to comply in the next two days with every subpoena he has received from congressional committees.

“If he does not do it in 48 hours, he’s fired,” Bannon said. “You’re not going to need pardons. ... With the exposure of all this, as we go into it, we’re going to get into the substrate and the foundation of the entire Mueller investigation.”

Signaling some openness to a Trump interview with Mueller’s team, Giuliani outlined the possibility under narrow conditions and said he expected Trump to make a decision by July 4. Giuliani said he is opposed to having an interview but “the president wants to do it so we have to sort through it.”

“If we did have it ...obviously what we would really like something in writing, responded to in writing. And it can be under oath.”

He said the interview could be audio recorded, but that questions would need to be limited just to specific questions about “the heart of the probe” — allegations of collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign. Mueller is also investigating questions of whether Trump improperly sought to obstruct the probe, such as by firing James Comey as FBI director, and if Trump refuses an interview, Mueller could resort to a subpoena to compel testimony.

Giuliani said they’d prefer that Trump sit for a two-hour interview and Mueller’s team probably wants four, “so let’s settle at 3.”

“There might be a narrow area that we could all agree on,” he said.

Giuliani spoke on CNN’s “State of the Union” and CBS’ “Face the Nation,” and Bannon appeared on ABC’s “This Week.” Collins was on CBS.

## ‘Incredibles 2’ crushes animation record with \$180 million

By LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The combined powers of superheroes, the Pixar brand and a draught of family-friendly films helped “Incredibles 2” become the best animated opening of all time, the biggest PG-rated launch ever and the 8th highest film launch overall.

Disney estimated Sunday that the film earned \$180 million in its first weekend in North American theaters — far surpassing industry analysts’ loftiest expectations which had the film pegged for a \$120 to \$140 million debut.

The previous animation record-holder was another Pixar sequel, “Finding Dory,” which had a \$135 million launch in 2016. It was Disney’s live-action “Beauty and the Beast” that held the record for a PG debut with \$174.8 million in 2017.

“You don’t get to this level of opening without appealing to everyone whether you’re a fan of animation, superheroes or just out to have a good time and want to see a good movie,” said Cathleen Taff, the head of distribution for Walt Disney Studios. “We had a film that had something for all ages.”

According to Disney, adults made up 31 percent of the audience, families accounted for 57 percent and teens 11 percent.

“Incredibles 2” comes 14 years after “The Incredibles,” which at the time boasted one of the biggest animated openings ever, and picks up right where the first film left off with the superhero family. Brad Bird returned to write and direct the sequel, which has been overwhelmingly well-received by both critics and audiences.

“This is one of the biggest over-performances I’ve ever seen,” said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. “To over-perform by \$40 million means everyone underestimated the power of animation to draw huge audiences.”

“Incredibles 2” is also the second biggest ever June debut, behind only “Jurassic World” (\$208.8 million),



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which has its own sequel preparing to take a bite out of the box office when it opens in North America next weekend.

It knocked "Ocean's 8" to a distant second in its second weekend in theaters with \$19.6 million. "Ocean's 8" still managed to outdo the non-"Incredibles" newcomers, like the R-rated comedy "Tag," also a Warner Bros. release, which opened in third place with \$14.6 million.

"Solo: A Star Wars Story," fell to fourth place with \$9.1 million and "Deadpool 2" rounded out the top five with an additional \$8.8 million.

Sony's "Superfly" remake landed in seventh place in its first weekend with \$6.3 million, and Vertical Entertainment's "Gotti," starring John Travolta, opened outside of the top 10. Playing in 503 locations, the long-delayed film which boasts a 0 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes, took in \$1.7 million.

After a slow early June, the box office overall is now running around 6 percent ahead of where it was last year and will likely continue that growth next weekend when "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" launches stateside.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Incredibles 2," \$180 million (\$51.5 million international).
2. "Ocean's 8," \$19.6 million (\$19.3 million international).
3. "Tag," \$14.6 million (\$1.4 million international).
4. "Solo: A Star Wars Story," \$9.1 million (\$5.2 million international).
5. "Deadpool 2," \$8.8 million (\$9.8 million international).
6. "Hereditary," \$7 million (\$5.7 million international).
7. "Superfly," \$6.3 million.
8. "Avengers: Infinity War," \$5.3 million (\$3.1 million international).
9. "Adrift," \$2.1 million (\$453,000 international).
10. "Book Club," \$1.9 million (\$730,000 international).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom," \$173.6 million.
2. "Incredibles 2," \$51.5 million.
3. "Ocean's 8," \$19.3 million.
4. "A Strong Insect Crossing the River," \$9.9 million.
5. "Deadpool 2," \$9.8 million.
6. "The Accidental Detective 2," \$6 million.
7. "Hereditary," \$5.7 million.
8. "Solo: A Star Wars Story," \$5.2 million.
9. "Race 3," \$4.8 million.
10. "Avengers: Infinity War," \$3.1 million.

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## **Afghan bomber kills 19, Taliban rejects cease-fire extension**

**By RAHIM FAIEZ, Associated Press**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber struck in Afghanistan's eastern city of Jalalabad on Sunday, killing at least 19 people in the second attack in as many days targeting Taliban fighters, security forces and civilians celebrating a holiday cease-fire. The Taliban later rejected an extension of the cease-fire.

Najibullah Kamawal, director of the provincial health department, said another 60 people were wounded in the attack, which struck a crowd of people as they left the governor's compound.

Saturday's attack, which also took place in Jalalabad, killed at least 36 people and wounded 65, according to Kamawal, director of the provincial health department.

No one has claimed the attacks, but they appeared to be the work of the Islamic State group, which is not included in the cease-fire and has clashed with the Taliban in the past. The local IS affiliate has a strong presence in the province.

The bomber on Saturday targeted a gathering of Taliban fighters who were celebrating a three-day truce coinciding with the Eid al-Fitr holiday.

After the attack, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani announced a nine-day extension of the cease-fire.

The chairman of the High Peace Council, a government body charged with negotiating an end to the nearly 17-year war, called on the Taliban to accept the extended cease-fire and join the peace process.

"We hope that the extension of the cease-fire will be announced by the leadership of the Taliban," Mohammad Karim Khalili told a news conference in the capital, Kabul. He said there had been an "exchange of views" between the government and the Taliban over the past week, without elaborating.

But later Sunday the Taliban announced that their cease-fire had ended and they had no intention of extending it. "The cease-fire was announced by the Taliban for just the three days of the Eid holidays, which have come to an end this Sunday evening," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid in a statement. "All Mujahidin (Taliban) should continue their operations against foreign invaders and their puppets,"

The Taliban's statement added that their cease-fire was for their fighters to celebrate the holiday peacefully and not in response to the government's cease-fire announcement.

The Taliban have steadily expanded their presence in recent years, seizing a number of districts across the country and carrying out near-daily attacks on Afghan security forces. But over the past two days Taliban fighters could be seen celebrating the truce alongside Afghan troops and other people in a number of locations.

Taliban leaders have at different times expressed interest in holding peace talks to end the conflict. But they have refused to meet with the U.S.-backed government, saying they will only negotiate with the United States directly. They have also demanded the withdrawal of all foreign forces.

## **Woman hurts 2 in south France with box cutter, is detained**

PARIS (AP) — A woman crying "Allahu akbar" — "God is great" in Arabic — injured two people with a box cutter Sunday at a supermarket in southern France before she was detained.

A customer in the store in the maritime town of La Seyne-sur-Mer was injured in the chest and hospitalized. A woman working the cash register was hurt less seriously, French radio station Europe 1 quoted the prosecutor in nearby Toulon as saying.

Prosecutor Bernard Marchal said the suspect may have mental health problems. She has not been identified. Police were searching her home.

"It's apparently an isolated case involving a person with psychiatric issues," the prosecutor told Le Monde newspaper quoted the prosecutor as saying. However, that does not exclude the possibility that the suspect was radicalized, Marchal added.

"There is a presumption of attempted murder and ... of a crime with terrorist implications," Marchal was quoted as saying.

Regional newspaper Nice-Matin, which first reported the 10:30 a.m. attack, quoted an unidentified witness as saying that people in the store stopped the woman from cutting anyone else.

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A sense of edginess has been with France since a murderous series of killings in 2015 in the name of the Islamic State group. Adding to concerns are the hundreds of French who have traveled to the Iraq-Syria war zone, or are returning as IS crumbles.

In March, an hours-long attack and hostage-taking in a supermarket near the southern French town of Carcassonne left four people dead. A man attacked people near the Paris Opera house in May, killing one person and injuring four, an action claimed by the Islamic State

Last week, a man who took hostages in a Paris building was hospitalized in a psychiatric unit.

## The Latest: Laura Bush says immigration policy 'cruel'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Latest on the Trump administration and its policy to separate migrant children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border (all times local):

11:45 p.m.

Former first lady Laura Bush says the policy of separating immigrant parents and children along the nation's southern border is "cruel," "immoral" and "it breaks my heart."

Bush was writing a guest column for The Washington Post Sunday and compared the policy to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

"I appreciate the need to enforce and protect our international boundaries, but this zero-tolerance policy is cruel," she wrote.

She said "the U.S. government "should not be in the business of warehousing children in converted box stores or making plans to place them in tent cities in the desert outside of El Paso."

She said it was "eerily reminiscent of the Japanese American internment camps of World War II," which she said are "now considered to have been one of the most shameful episodes in U.S. history."

4:30 p.m.

First lady Melania Trump is wading into the emotional controversy over policies enacted by her husband's administration that have increased the number of migrant children being separated from their parents.

Mrs. Trump's spokeswoman Stephanie Grisham says the first lady believes "we need to be a country that follows all laws," but also one "that governs with heart."

She says that Mrs. Trump "hates to see children separated from their families" and hopes "both sides of the aisle can finally come together to achieve successful immigration reform."

Nearly 2,000 children were separated from their families over a six-week period in April and May after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a new "zero-tolerance" policy that refers all cases of illegal entry for criminal prosecution.

Trump has tried to blame the practice on a law passed by Democrats that doesn't exist.

10:40 a.m.

A top White House adviser is distancing the Trump administration from responsibility for a jump in the number of migrant children being separated from their parents by American authorities at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Kellyanne Conway tells NBC's "Meet the Press" that "nobody likes" pulling apart families.

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Conway rejects the idea that President Donald Trump is using the kids as leverage to get Democrats to negotiate on immigration and his border wall.

But she says, "If the Democrats are serious, they'll come together again and try to close these loopholes and get real immigration reform."

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 18, the 169th day of 2018. There are 196 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 18, 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger on a six-day mission.

On this date:

In 1778, American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War.

In 1812, the War of 1812 began as the United States Congress approved, and President James Madison signed, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

In 1908, William Howard Taft was nominated for president by the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

In 1918, "The Ziegfeld Follies of 1918," featuring the Irving Berlin song "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," opened on Broadway.

In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour." Charles de Gaulle delivered a speech on the BBC in which he rallied his countrymen after the fall of France to Nazi Germany.

In 1948, Columbia Records publicly unveiled its new long-playing phonograph record in New York.

In 1953, a U.S. Air Force Douglas C-124 Globemaster II crashed near Tokyo, killing all 129 people on board. Egypt's 148-year-old Muhammad Ali Dynasty came to an end with the overthrow of the monarchy and the proclamation of a republic.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Japanese Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda spoke to each other by telephone as they inaugurated the first trans-Pacific cable completed by AT&T between Japan and Hawaii.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

In 1986, 25 people were killed when a twin-engine plane and helicopter carrying sightseers collided over the Grand Canyon.

In 1996, Richard Allen Davis was convicted in San Jose, California, of the 1993 kidnap-murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma. (Davis remains on death row.)

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said he would bring Osama bin Laden to justice in a way that wouldn't allow the terrorist mastermind to become a martyr, but that bin Laden might be killed if the U.S. government found him. (Bin Laden was tracked down and slain by U.S. forces in May 2011 during Obama's presidency.) French filmmaker Jean Delannoy died in Guainville, France, at age 100.

Five years ago: The Taliban and the U.S. said they would hold talks on finding a political solution to ending nearly 12 years of war in Afghanistan, as the international coalition formally handed over control of the country's security to the Afghan army and police. Declaring "the days of Rambo are over," Maj. Gen. Bennet Sacolick, director of force management for U.S. Special Operations Command, said that cultural, social and behavioral concerns might be bigger hurdles than tough physical fitness requirements for women looking to join the military's special operations units.

One year ago: Charleena Lyles, a 30-year-old African-American mother of four, was shot and killed by two white Seattle police officers after she called 911 to report a burglary; authorities said Lyles had pulled a knife on the officers. Nabra Hassanen, a 17-year-old Muslim girl, was killed as she walked to her mosque in Sterling, Virginia; a suspect was arrested. Voters gave French President Emmanuel Macron's fledgling party a solid victory in parliamentary elections. Brooks Koepka (KEHP'-kah) closed with a 5-under 67 to



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win the U.S. Open for his first major championship.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., is 81. Baseball Hall of Famer Lou Brock is 79. Sir Paul McCartney is 76. Actress Constance McCashin is 71. Actress Linda Thorson is 71. Rock musician John Evans is 70. Former Sen. Mike Johanns, R-Neb., is 68. Actress Isabella Rossellini is 66. Actress Carol Kane is 66. Actor Brian Benben is 62. Actress Andrea Evans is 61. Rock singer Alison Moyet is 57. Rock musician Dizzy Reed (Guns N' Roses) is 55. Figure skater Kurt Browning is 52. Country singer-musician Tim Hunt is 51. Rock singer-musician Sice (The Boo Radleys) is 49. Rhythm and blues singer Nathan Morris (Boyz II Men) is 47. Actress Mara Hobel is 47. Singer-songwriter Ray LaMontagne is 45. Rapper Silkk the Shocker is 43. Actress Alana de la Garza is 42. Country singer Blake Shelton is 42. Rock musician Steven Chen (Airborne Toxic Event) is 40. Actor David Giuntoli is 38. Drummer Josh Dun (Twenty One Pilots) is 30. Actress Renee Olstead is 29. Actor Jacob Anderson is 28. Actress Willa Holland is 27.

Thought for Today: "The way of a superior man is three-fold; virtuous, he is free from anxieties; wise, he is free from perplexities; bold, he is free from fear." — Confucius, Chinese philosopher (551-479 B.C.).