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for the Soul.

“Faith is what makes life bearable, with all its tragedies and ambiguities and sudden, startling joys.”

—Madeleine L'Engle

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**WHAT A SUNRISE FOR A MONDAY MORNING!**

## Weekly Vikings Roundup By Jordan Wright

It might be the offseason, but the Minnesota Vikings are hard at work signing core players to contract extensions. This past week, the Vikings gave defensive end Danielle Hunter a 5-year, \$72 million extension, making him one of the highest paid DEs in the NFL. The Vikings don't have any time to rest, however, as they'll undoubtedly be working on extensions for both Stefon Diggs and Anthony Barr over the next few weeks.

As we continue the roster breakdowns, it's time to shift our focus from offense to the defensive side of the ball. This week, we look at Danielle Hunter and the rest of the defensive linemen.

Last year, the Vikings started the season with nine defensive linemen on the 53-man roster (five defensive ends, four defensive tackles). The Vikings currently have 14 defensive linemen listed on the team's website, but one of them – undrafted rookie Hercules Mata'afa – will be out for the season after tearing his ACL back in June.

The starting four defensive linemen are pretty much set in stone at this point.

Everson Griffen, right defensive end – Entering his ninth season in the NFL and fifth as a full-time starter, Griffen is one of the best players in Mike Zimmer's defense. Griffen has made three straight Pro Bowls and was having a fantastic 2017 campaign before a foot injury slowed him down.

Danielle Hunter, left defensive end – A third-round draft pick by the Vikings in 2015, Hunter had 12.5 sacks as a backup in 2016 before becoming a full-time starter last season. The extension he signed is proof the Vikings think he is a special player, and he will be terrorizing opposing offensive linemen in purple and gold for many years to come.

Linval Joseph, defensive tackle – Entering his fifth year on the team, Joseph is perhaps the most important piece to Zimmer's defense – yet he is rarely talked about. Joseph's role on the defensive line is to occupy two offensive linemen which frees up the other players to make the highlight plays.

Sheldon Richardson, defensive tackle – Richardson was brought in this offseason to start beside Linval Joseph on the defensive line. Although they are both defensive tackles, Joseph and Richardson are asked to do two completely different things. While Linval is tasked with taking up blockers, Richardson's goal is to penetrate the offensive line and collapse the pocket to make the opposing quarterback uncomfortable and unable to step up and deliver the football.

While the starters may be set in stone, the backup defensive linemen will be an important camp battle to keep an eye on. Zimmer likes to rotate his defensive line, so the backups will still receive plenty of playing time.

Ade Aruna, defensive end – The Vikings drafted Aruna in the sixth round of the NFL draft a few months ago. He is very athletic but needs plenty of work to refine his skills. Ideally the Vikings would be able to stash him on the practice squad this year, but there is always the risk another team will poach him.

Tashawn Bower, defensive end – an undrafted rookie last season, Bower is similar to Aruna in that he is very athletic but needs time and work before he sees the field much. If he doesn't make the final 53-man roster the Vikings will want to get him on the practice squad.

Curtis Cothran, defensive tackle – this undrafted player out of Penn State is an undersized defensive tackle who will need to add a lot of strength to his game if he wants to make professional football his career.

JayIn Holmes, defensive tackle – drafted in the fourth round of this year's draft, Holmes will need time to add weight and strength after playing defensive end at Ohio State. He will likely make the Vikings' roster, however, just because he was a high draft pick and the Vikings don't want to risk losing him to another team if they place him on the practice squad.

Jaleel Johnson, defensive tackle – The Vikings used a fourth-round pick on Johnson last year, and he will likely be the primary backup to Sheldon Richardson this season.

Ifeadi Odenigbo, defensive end – a 2017 seventh-round draft pick, Odenigbo was on the Vikings' practice squad last year and will be lucky to end up there again with all the competition along the defensive line.

Brian Robison, defensive end – The fourth-round pick of the Vikings back in 2007 is entering his 12th and final season. Robison has started 103 games in his career, and even though he isn't a starter, he will play plenty of snaps while also mentoring the young players on this roster.

Stephen Weatherly, defensive end – drafted in the seventh round of the 2016 draft, Weatherly has played in 17 games as a backup. He was drafted as a project, and this might be the last offseason for him to prove he's worth a roster spot.

Jonathan Wynn, defensive end – another undrafted player, Wynn is a long shot to make the Vikings' final roster.

Don't miss next week's article, where we will cover the linebackers! And as always, if you have any questions or comments you can reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL). Skol!

## **ACCESS SOCIAL SECURITY'S EDUCATOR TOOL KIT**

**By: Patty Hoffman**

**Social Security Public Affairs Specialist**

With so many students gone for the summer, teachers may now have time to prepare a different kind of lesson plan. Help students prepare a better future for themselves with practical knowledge about financial planning. There's no better time to let young people know that the younger they start saving, the easier it will be to reach their goals.

Let us introduce you to the Social Security Educator Toolkit. This is a rich resource for teachers and advocates. Our Information for Educators page contains a toolkit with information and resources to educate and engage students on Social Security. It includes:

- o Two lesson plans with objectives;
- o Infographics and handouts for each lesson plan;
- o Links to Social Security webpages;
- o Talking points; and
- o Quiz questions and answers.

It's important for students to understand why Social Security was created and why it is essential to their lives today and in the future. This knowledge and understanding will provide students a strong base on which to build their financial future.

You can access the webpage and toolkit at [www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/educators.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/educators.html).

Young workers can also see how Social Security directly relates to them at [www.socialsecurity.gov/people/students](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/students).

Getting young people excited about saving can be a somewhat abstract subject. Let them know their dreams can be achieved with thoughtful planning and a bit of discipline. Social Security is securing today and tomorrow with your help and the help of today's educated youth.

We're also always here for you if you need information about programs and benefits. Visit us anytime at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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I think we're finally done decorating the yard for the Fourth of July. It looks pretty neat in the day-time as well. This is at 110 N Washington St. in Groton.

## Groton Property Manager Wanted

Real Estate Rental property manager wanted. Must live in or near Groton. Potential income of up to \$5,000 a month. Experience a plus. For details, call Lee at 605-824-4888.

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## See a Flash, Dash Inside!

**STOP** all activities

Seek shelter in a building or  
hard-topped vehicle

Wait 30 minutes after the storm to  
resume activities



[weather.gov/lightning](http://weather.gov/lightning)

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**Don't be stuck outdoors during a storm. When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!**

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## Today in Weather History

July 2, 1921: Barns were destroyed on two farms near Frederick in Brown County. A boy who could not make it to the cellar was killed in the open near a barn. This death is one of the earliest known from a significant, estimated F2 tornado in Brown County.

July 2, 1960: Hail shredded corn flattened grain and hay and pounded soybeans into the ground in a strip extending from Clinton to Montevideo in Minnesota. Leaves and bark were stripped from trees. Hailstones were reported to pile up to a depth of four feet in low spots. One farmer lost 2000 turkeys. Twelve barns demolished, many outbuildings destroyed and several homes damaged by winds. Near Appleton, 45 cars of a moving 174 car freight train derailed by the wind, one hanger destroyed, and two planes were damaged. In Big Stone County alone, the cost to repair power lines and poles estimated to be near 10,000 dollars. Total crop acreage affected was near 64,000 acres. The three counties of Big Stone, Swift, and Chippewa Counties, was designed a disaster area.

July 2, 2005: A line of severe thunderstorms with powerful straight-line winds moved from northeast Wyoming and southeast Montana across northwest South Dakota during the evening. Widespread wind gusts of 60 to 80 mph affected northwestern South Dakota; breaking tree limbs, downing trees, and knocking down snow fences. The high winds capsized a boat on the Belle Fourche Reservoir near Orman Dam. Five people, including an infant, were rescued by emergency personnel with no one injured. The strongest winds were reported north of Newell, near Castle Rock, where gusts estimated at 100 mph damaged a barn roof and ripped a chimney off a house. Hail to the size of quarters was also reported across parts of the area, and combined with the wind, caused some minor damage.

1833: The following is from the "History and Description of New England" published in 1860: "On the 2nd of July, 1833, this town (Holland, Vermont) was visited by a violent tornado, which commenced on Salem Pond in Salem, and passed over this place in a northeasterly direction. It was from half to three-quarters of a mile wide and prostrated and scattered nearly all the trees, fences, and buildings in its course. It crossed the outlet of Norton Pond and passed into Canada, and its path could be traced through the forests nearly to Connecticut River."

1843: An alligator reportedly fell from the sky onto Anson Street in Charleston, SC during a thunderstorm.

1987 - Thunderstorms in Colorado produced hail as large as golf balls northwest of Kiowa, which accumulated to a depth of twelve inches. Hail two and a half inches in diameter was reported at Black Forest. Hail damaged 900 acres of crops south of the town of Wiggins. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Twenty-six cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. The morning low of 47 degrees at Roanoke, VA, broke the July record set the previous day. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the south central U.S., with 158 reports of large hail and damaging winds through the day. Evening thunderstorms in northeastern Texas produced softball size hail which caused more than five million dollars damage at Allen, and wind gusts to 90 mph at Dallas, which injured eight persons and caused seven million dollars damage. Winnfield LA reported 29.52 inches of rain in six days, for a total of 62.50 inches for the first six months of the year. Midland, TX, reported an all-time record high of 112 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2001: In Michigan, frost and freezing temperatures were observed in some locations with Grant dropping to 29 degrees. Muskegon reported their coldest July temperature on record with 39 degrees. Other daily record lows included: Lansing: 38, Muskegon: 39, Flint: 40, Youngstown, Ohio: 40, and Grand Rapids, Michigan: 43 degrees.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Independence Day	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Hot	Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	T-storms Likely	Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Sunny
High: 91 °F	Low: 68 °F	High: 92 °F	Low: 70 °F	High: 91 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 85 °F

## Typical July Weather Ahead

**Tonight**



L: 55-62°

A few sprinkles or isolated storms through early evening, then dry.

**Monday**



H: 86-91°

Afternoon/evening thunderstorms possible. A few could be strong to severe mainly east of the Missouri River.

**Tuesday**



H: 87-94°

Warming trend continues. Showers and a few strong thunderstorms possible.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July**



H: 86-92°

Heat persists, scattered storms possible.



Updated: 7/1/2018 3:00 PM Central

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Heat builds, and showers + storms are possible through the first half of the work-week.



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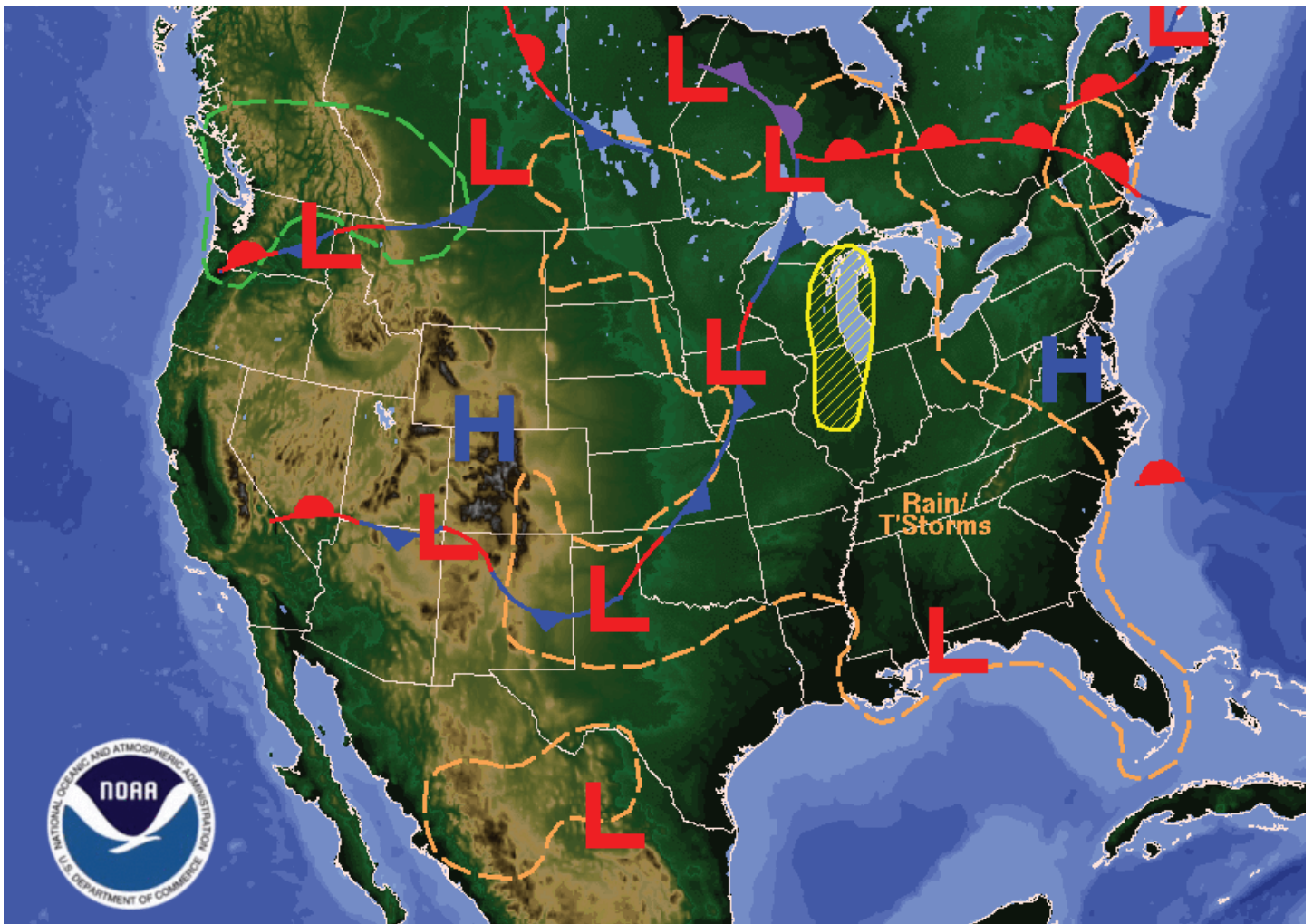
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 85.4 F at 5:44 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 62.0 F at 5:40 AM**  
**High Gust: 14.0 Mph at 3:37 PM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 101° in 1911**  
**Record Low: 41° in 1995**  
**Average High: 82°F**  
**Average Low: 58°F**  
**Average Precip in July: 0.11**  
**Precip to date in July: 0.00**  
**Average Precip to date: 10.96**  
**Precip Year to Date: 5.82**  
**Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:50 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Jul 01, 2018, issued 4:41 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Hammond 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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## WHEN WHAT IS - IS NOT ENOUGH

Many doubt that our God is the creator of all that is and is in control of what we see as well as what we cannot see. The Psalmist is not one who has any doubt about this fact. Yet, he goes far beyond the majestic statement that we hold dear: "In the beginning God created..." In simple words he acknowledged that "Your hands," (God) "have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding that I may learn Your commands." In other words, he realized that he was more than a creature that began in the mud. He was the most important part of God's creation and needed God to give him His understanding of things.

"God," he declared, "You not only took time to make me, but You actually fashioned me for a specific purpose in this, Your universe. I need You, God, to tell me what that purpose is!"

The word "fashioned" is a term that refers to the work of a potter making an object out of clay. Although the same clay may be used for different vessels or objects, each one has been "fashioned" for a specific purpose. The size, shape and purpose of each vessel the potter makes are always determined in the mind of the potter before he begins to form it on his wheel.

So it is with God. His Word tells us that "Before I formed you in your mother's womb I knew you...I set you apart...I appointed you..." Although God has a plan for us, the Psalmist says we must look to Him and His Word to understand it. He has made us in His image, but we must allow Him to fashion us for the purpose He has for us.

Prayer: Father, give us an understanding of Your will and a willingness to follow it all the days of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 119:74 May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word.

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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

### **Winnebago Tribe takes over troubled hospital on reservation**

WINNEBAGO, Neb. (AP) — The Winnebago Tribe has taken over the management of a troubled hospital on its Native American reservation in northeastern Nebraska.

The Sioux City Journal reports that the Tribal Council officially took over management of the embattled hospital from Indian Health Services on Sunday. It will be renamed Twelve Clans Unity Hospital.

Tribal Councilwoman Victoria Kitcheyan says this will be a new beginning for the hospital.

The hospital will now be run by the same group that oversees all the tribes health clinics and other services.

The change comes more than two years after the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services terminated the hospital's Medicare contract after the Indian Health Service and hospital officials failed to correct serious quality-of-care deficiencies the agency had found.

Information from: Sioux City Journal, <http://www.siouxcityjournal.com>

### **South Dakota gymnast strives to be elite athlete**

By **REBEKAH TUCHSCHERER, Argus Leader**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — With a spring floor beneath her feet, Danielle Sievers calculates her next run before performing a set that only one gymnast before has ever successfully landed in competition.

A double flip with a half twist. Better known as "The Biles."

Named after 2016 Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles, the skill is officially known as a double layout with a half twist, and it's a difficult one to master.

At 14 years old, Sievers has done it, putting the Deuel High School student on a fast track to success in a demanding sport, the Argus Leader reported.

Sievers, who trains at the All American Gymnastics Academy in Sioux Falls, has quite a few titles to her name, including two-time floor exercise champion and fourth place all-around gymnast in her age division at the Junior Olympic National Championships, most recently last month in Cincinnati.

Before even starting high school, Sievers had already verbally committed to the University of Nebraska on a full-ride scholarship offer to compete in college.

"She knows what she wants, and she knows how to get there," says Karen Sievers of her daughter, who participates in club rather than high school gymnastics. "It's not just hanging at the ice cream stand with her friends. She knows that she has to practice and put in the time."

To turn her ambitions into trophies, Sievers dedicates four hours each day to stretching, conditioning and practicing skills in each of the four gymnastic events: balance beam, uneven bars, vault and her favorite — floor exercise.

She spends a total of 20-30 hours each week during both the summer and school year at practice, making the sport a major commitment for the resident of Gary, a town of 230 residents located 40 miles southeast of Watertown.

With a 210-mile round trip to Sioux Falls, the travel for gymnastics adds up to more than 65,000 miles a year.

Between time spent at practice and on the road, Sievers did most of her schooling online her freshman year of high school. She plans to fulfill half her classes in school for her upcoming sophomore year and hopes to maintain her No. 1 class ranking.

Despite her success, Sievers has faced setbacks and injury. She has battled back from a broken hand and fractured wrist, in addition to a hamstring injury this past season that slowed her progress and added a few learning curves.

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Those obstacles didn't stop her from defending her title as a national floor champion and landing invitations to join the Junior Olympic national team and attend the national training camp, honors given to only the top four gymnasts in each division at the national championships.

Sievers will be traveling to the National Team Camp at Flip Fest in Crossville, Tennessee, in September to work with Olympic-level coaches and hone in on new skills.

"I've just done it for so long," said Sievers of the sport. "All the friends that I've met along the way make it better."

Surrounded by teammates, Sievers' ears often ring with cheers of 'Go Dani!' before tumbling along with her floor routine or approaching a dismount off the beam.

Currently, she's one of seven Level 10 competitors at the All American Academy and hopes to join the Elite training program sometime soon.

Don Otis, her coach at the academy, said that Sievers is a great teammate and has the personal drive to attempt skills that other competitors might be reluctant to try.

"She picks up on a lot of things really quickly, which is fun," Otis said. "You can ask her to throw some of these big skills, and she'll just get it."

Sievers has been competing in gymnastics for 11 years, beginning with a promising cartwheel at age 3. After starting in the Dakota Gold program in Watertown, she began traveling to Sioux Falls in 2012 to train in the Junior Olympics program after her sister, Meaghan, decided to switch gyms for a higher competition level.

Her parents are just as committed to the sport, driving Sievers to practice and travelling to competitions and camps across the country. The family has a streak of athleticism, with Meaghan competing in gymnastics for Iowa State and brother Devon wrestling for South Dakota State.

"It's just fun to watch them work hard and achieve goals," said father Dan Sievers. "They just work so hard, and they're so committed."

Even after hours of work, Danielle said that her teammates are what make the sport worth the time and physical commitment.

"They're just fun and make me laugh all the time," she said.

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

## South Dakota company makes signs for veteran parking spaces

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota company is making "Reserved For Veterans" parking signs for businesses.

Robert Lindsay of Midwest Striping in Yankton has started making the signs to let veterans park closer to businesses, The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reported. Midwest Striping donates the signs to interested businesses.

Lindsay is a sergeant in the South Dakota Army National Guard. He said he came up with the idea before his last deployment about two years ago.

"I left (for deployment) and figured I'd hold off until this year," he said. "I threw the idea around at a few places before I left and they sounded pretty interested."

Lindsay said it's a chance to provide a service for those who have served.

"With our business, this is one easy way to give back to veterans and the local community," he said.

So far, a Hy-Vee and Charlie's Pizza House have spots designated for veterans. Lindsay says two local archery complexes will also be getting signs.

Lindsay said some businesses have expressed interest in the idea, but haven't been able to commit to the signs because of space.

"A lot of places want to do it but can't because they have really limited parking," he said. "Even the ones that can't do it love the idea."

Lindsay said he may create similar signage for spaces for emergency personnel, such as firefighters and

police officers.

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

## Work finishing on new hiking trail in South Dakota

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Finishing touches are being made to a new trail that's already open to the public in western South Dakota.

The Savoy Trail in Spearfish Canyon stretches about 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) from the Roughlock Falls Trailhead to the Savoy pond, the Black Hills Pioneer reported . The trailhead sign describes the trail's difficulty as moderate.

"It extends the stay of people that, when they do show up in the Canyon, they can go a little bit further than what they normally could," said Shannon Percy, the Black Hills Trails district supervisor for the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks.

The department began working on the trail project last year, Percy said. The free trail is currently open to hikers, though there is still work being done in the area, he said.

"Make a day of it, and spend a whole day in the Canyon," he said. "Just go out and enjoy it."

The trail enhances connectivity in the Savoy area around the Spearfish Canyon Lodge and the Latching Restaurant, Percy said.

"So all of that would be connected now," he said. "We're in the process of hopefully finishing up that middle section this summer."

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

## South Dakota man sentenced to 25 years for drug conspiracy

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for dealing large quantities of methamphetamine.

Thirty-eight-year-old Quadiri Ayodele, of Sioux Falls, was convicted in federal court of conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of meth, and violating release conditions stemming from a 2008 drug conviction.

Authorities say Ayodele led a drug ring that transported meth from Phoenix to South Dakota. Law enforcement found 100 grams of the drugs at a Sioux Falls motel room and Ayodele was later arrested in Nebraska after police found nearly 300 grams of meth in his backpack.

Ayodele pleaded guilty in January.

## Tearful reunion for mom, daughter separated at border

By JOSH REPLOGLE and KELLI KENNEDY, Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — It had been nearly two months since Buena Ventura Martin Godinez has seen her 7-year-old daughter after the frightened young mother was separated from her family trying to cross from Mexico into the U.S. They've spoken tearfully by phone, but seeing her at a Miami airport Sunday for the first time, she grabbed the child in a tight embrace, tears running down her cheeks during a reunion she feared may never happen.

"I feel very happy, now and to complete my joy I would like to have my husband released," Martin said in Spanish as her daughter Janne clutched a stuffed dog and blue balloons and played with her younger brother at baggage claim.

Martin carried her infant son from Mexico into the U.S in May, fleeing what she said were threats from violent local gangsters demanding money in their hometown in northwestern Guatemala. Her husband followed two weeks later with the young girl.

But the family was caught by the Border Patrol and scattered about under President Donald Trump's zero-tolerance immigration policy forcing families to be separated when crossing the border. Her husband,

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Pedro Godinez Aguilar, was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of illegal entry into the U.S. and awaits almost certain deportation at a jail in Atlanta. Martin was held for a week with her infant in Arizona and Texas, at times sleeping on the concrete floor of a detention facility before she was released. She now wears a heavy black monitoring device strapped to her ankle. She and her baby boy are with relatives in a gritty town south of Miami.

The little girl was in the custody of a child welfare agency in Michigan and made heartbreaking calls to her mother, asking when they'd be reunited.

The family is one of thousands who have tried to find refuge in the U.S. in recent weeks only to be caught up in the harsh reality of an immigration system that has never been as welcoming as many desperate migrants hoped and has grown harsher under Trump, with the separation of parents from children being used as a means of discouraging illegal immigration.

More families are crossing the Southwest border from Guatemala than any other nation, with 29,278 families apprehended between October and the end of May.

Martin and her husband could easily have been apprehended under the previous administration, too, and would have faced a tough battle for asylum. But the father wouldn't have been prosecuted for a first-time crossing; he would likely have been briefly detained with his daughter and then released with a monitoring device while they battled their future out in court. Their daughter also would not have been shipped alone across the country, leaving them desperately trying to get her back.

At Sunday's emotional reunion, the child's uncle Nicolas Godinez said his family had been sick with worry about her return. They'd heard unsubstantiated rumors the U.S. government was putting children like Janne up for adoption.

"To receive her is the most marvelous thing I could receive," he said through tears.

Martin, who worked as a nurse in Guatemala, said she and her husband decided to leave San Juan Atitan because masked men were demanding extortion payments from her husband's small business selling internet access.

They traveled by bus to an area just south of the border in Arizona. She said they didn't use smugglers, though many Central Americans do and find themselves paying off the fees for years. Martin said she waded through knee-deep water with several other migrants and was immediately apprehended. Court records show her husband was caught in the same area on May 16.

Martin has been getting some help from a local activist since she can't afford a lawyer. She has been working at a nearby plant nursery, earning \$9 an hour. She puts her baby in day care as she presses her case for asylum.

As the grateful mother clutched her daughter Sunday, she had a warning for other families.

"I would advise people to find another country to seek refuge ... because here the law is very tough. People don't have a heart," she said with tears streaming down her cheeks. "Your child is a treasure and to have them separated is very painful."

## APNewsBreak: Border Patrol arrests drop sharply in June

By ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — Border Patrol arrests fell sharply in June to the lowest level since February, according to a U.S. official, ending a streak of four straight monthly increases.

The drop may reflect seasonal trends or it could signal that President Donald Trump's "zero-tolerance" policy to criminally prosecute every adult who enters the country illegally is having a deterrent effect.

The agency made 34,057 arrests on the border with Mexico during June, down 16 percent from 40,344 in May, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the numbers are not yet intended for public release. The June tally is preliminary and subject to change.

Arrests were still more than double from 16,077 in June 2017, but the sharp decline from spring could undercut the Trump administration's narrative of a border in crisis.

Customs and Border Protection, which includes the Border Patrol, declined to comment on the numbers,

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saying it doesn't discuss them as a matter of policy until public release "to ensure consistency and accuracy."

The administration announced in early May that it was prosecuting every illegal entry, including adults who came with their children. The separation of more than 2,000 children from their parent sparked an international outcry and Trump reversed course on June 20, ordering that families should stay together.

Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan told agents to temporarily stop referring illegal entry arrests to the Justice Department for prosecution if they involve parents unless they had a criminal history or the child's welfare was in question. His edict came "within hours" of Trump's directive to avoid splitting families.

McAleenan told reporters last week that border arrests were trending lower in June but said he wouldn't provide numbers until their public release in early July.

"I believe the focus on border enforcement has had an impact on the crossings," McAleenan said.

Rising temperatures could also be a major influence, discouraging people from walking in the scorching and potentially lethal heat in much of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Arrests fell from May to June in four of the previous five years, last year being the exception.

Still, the month-to-month percentage decline is notable. It fell in the low single digits in 2014 amid a major surge in illegal crossings and in 2015. Declines approached 20 percent in 2016 and 2013.

Border arrests - an imperfect gauge of illegal crossings - surged during much of last year after falling dramatically in the early months of the Trump administration.

The numbers do not reflect activity at official crossings. The Border Patrol polices between ports of entry, not at them.

## **I never said that! High-tech deception of 'deepfake' videos**

**By DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hey, did my congressman really say that? Is that really President Donald Trump on that video, or am I being duped?

New technology on the internet lets anyone make videos of real people appearing to say things they've never said. Republicans and Democrats predict this high-tech way of putting words in someone's mouth will become the latest weapon in disinformation wars against the United States and other Western democracies.

We're not talking about lip-syncing videos. This technology uses facial mapping and artificial intelligence to produce videos that appear so genuine it's hard to spot the phonies. Lawmakers and intelligence officials worry that the bogus videos — called deepfakes — could be used to threaten national security or interfere in elections.

So far, that hasn't happened, but experts say it's not a question of if, but when.

"I expect that here in the United States we will start to see this content in the upcoming midterms and national election two years from now," said Hany Farid, a digital forensics expert at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. "The technology, of course, knows no borders, so I expect the impact to ripple around the globe."

When an average person can create a realistic fake video of the president saying anything they want, Farid said, "we have entered a new world where it is going to be difficult to know how to believe what we see." The reverse is a concern, too. People may dismiss as fake genuine footage, say of a real atrocity, to score political points.

Realizing the implications of the technology, the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is already two years into a four-year program to develop technologies that can detect fake images and videos. Right now, it takes extensive analysis to identify phony videos. It's unclear if new ways to authenticate images or detect fakes will keep pace with deepfake technology.

Deepfakes are so named because they utilize deep learning, a form of artificial intelligence. They are made by feeding a computer an algorithm, or set of instructions, lots of images and audio of a certain person. The computer program learns how to mimic the person's facial expressions, mannerisms, voice and inflections. If you have enough video and audio of someone, you can combine a fake video of the



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person with a fake audio and get them to say anything you want.

So far, deepfakes have mostly been used to smear celebrities or as gags, but it's easy to foresee a nation state using them for nefarious activities against the U.S., said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., one of several members of the Senate intelligence committee who are expressing concern about deepfakes.

A foreign intelligence agency could use the technology to produce a fake video of an American politician using a racial epithet or taking a bribe, Rubio says. They could use a fake video of a U.S. soldier massacring civilians overseas, or one of a U.S. official supposedly admitting a secret plan to carry out a conspiracy. Imagine a fake video of a U.S. leader — or an official from North Korea or Iran — warning the United States of an impending disaster.

"It's a weapon that could be used — timed appropriately and placed appropriately — in the same way fake news is used, except in a video form, which could create real chaos and instability on the eve of an election or a major decision of any sort," Rubio told The Associated Press.

Deepfake technology still has a few hitches. For instance, people's blinking in fake videos may appear unnatural. But the technology is improving.

"Within a year or two, it's going to be really hard for a person to distinguish between a real video and a fake video," said Andrew Grotto, an international security fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University in California.

"This technology, I think, will be irresistible for nation states to use in disinformation campaigns to manipulate public opinion, deceive populations and undermine confidence in our institutions," Grotto said. He called for government leaders and politicians to clearly say it has no place in civilized political debate.

Crude videos have been used for malicious political purposes for years, so there's no reason to believe the higher-tech ones, which are more realistic, won't become tools in future disinformation campaigns.

Rubio noted that in 2009, the U.S. Embassy in Moscow complained to the Russian Foreign Ministry about a fake sex video it said was made to damage the reputation of a U.S. diplomat. The video showed the married diplomat, who was a liaison to Russian religious and human rights groups, making telephone calls on a dark street. The video then showed the diplomat in his hotel room, scenes that apparently were shot with a hidden camera. Later, the video appeared to show a man and a woman having sex in the same room with the lights off, although it was not at all clear that the man was the diplomat.

John Beyrle, who was the U.S. ambassador in Moscow at the time, blamed the Russian government for the video, which he said was clearly fabricated.

Michael McFaul, who was American ambassador in Russia between 2012 and 2014, said Russia has engaged in disinformation videos against various political actors for years and that he too had been a target. He has said that Russian state propaganda inserted his face into photographs and "spliced my speeches to make me say things I never uttered and even accused me of pedophilia."

## Divers with extra supplies advance in Thai cave passageway

By TASSANEE VEJPONGSA, Associated Press

MAE SAI, Thailand (AP) — Rescue divers on Monday were making progress through a key passageway inside the flooded mountain cave in northern Thailand where 12 boys and their soccer coach have been missing for more than a week.

Thai navy SEALs said in a Facebook post early Monday that divers since Sunday night had reached a bend where the kilometer- (half-mile-) long passage splits in two directions. The divers are aiming for a sandy chamber on higher ground in the cave, where they believe the group would be safe.

The boys, aged 11 to 16, and their 25-year-old coach entered Tham Luang Nang Non cave in Chiang Rai province on June 23. Heavy rains that flooded key passages are believed to have trapped the soccer players and have thwarted the search for them.

Divers have been stymied again and again by rising water that has filled sections of the cave and forced them to withdraw for safety reasons. When water levels dropped Sunday, the divers went forward with a more methodical approach, deploying a rope line and extra oxygen supplies along the way.

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"I hope that today we will continue to have another good day. It will be even better if everything else could run smoothly," Chiang Rai Gov. Narongsak Osatanakorn told reporters Monday.

He said the passageway the divers are making their way through goes upward in some places and downward in others and is extremely narrow. It is difficult for divers with all their gear to fit through.

In addition to the divers, teams have been working to pump out water as well as divert groundwater. Other efforts have focused on finding shafts on the mountainside that might serve as a back door to the blocked-off areas where the missing may be sheltering.

Teams have been combing the mountainside looking for fissure that might lead to such shafts. Several have been found and explorers have been able to descend into some, but so far it is not clear whether they lead to anywhere useful.

Narongsak said they were focusing Monday on six shafts, up from two the day before. Authorities also used helicopters to place heavy equipment such as backhoes and drilling machinery on the mountainside. The plan is to try to widen some of those shafts.

Experts in cave rescues from around the world continued to gather at the site. An official Australian group has now followed a U.S. military team, British cave experts, Chinese lifesaving responders and several other volunteer groups from various countries.

## **Collins would oppose court nominee with an 'activist agenda'**

**By HOPE YEN and KEN THOMAS, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. Susan Collins, a key vote on President Donald Trump's pick for the Supreme Court, said Sunday she would oppose any nominee she believed would overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

The White House is focusing on five to seven potential candidates to fill the vacancy of retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, a swing vote on the court. The Maine senator said she would only back a judge who would show respect for settled law such as the 45-year-old Roe decision, which has long been anathema to conservatives.

"I would not support a nominee who demonstrated hostility to Roe v. Wade because that would mean to me that their judicial philosophy did not include a respect for established decisions, established law," Collins said.

Such a judge, she said, "would not be acceptable to me because that would indicate an activist agenda."

Trump spent the weekend at his New Jersey golf club conferring with his advisers, including White House counsel Don McGahn, as he considers his options to fill the vacancy that might make precedent-shattering court decisions on abortion, health care, gay marriage and other issues.

The president told reporters Friday that he was homing in on up to seven candidates, including two women, and would announce his choice on July 9.

Trump is expected to begin his search in earnest this week at the White House and said the process could include interviews at his golf club before he reaches a final decision following the Fourth of July holiday.

During his 2016 campaign and presidency, Trump embraced anti-abortion groups and vowed to appoint federal judges who will favor efforts to roll back abortion rights. But he told reporters on Friday that he would not question potential high-court nominees about their views on abortion, saying it was "inappropriate to discuss."

The Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973, but anti-abortion advocates hope Roe v. Wade will soon be overruled if Trump gets the chance to appoint a justice who could cast a potentially decisive vote against it.

Without Kennedy, the high court will have four justices picked by Democratic presidents and four picked by Republicans, giving Trump the chance to shift the ideological balance toward conservatives for years to come. Both Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Neil Gorsuch, Trump's first pick to the high court, have indicated more broadly that they respect legal precedent.

On Sunday, Leonard Leo, an outside adviser to Trump on judicial nominations, said he expected Trump to select a nominee who is mindful of precedent but who is also more "originalist and textualist." That

judicial approach typically involves a more literal interpretation of the Constitution as compared to broader rulings such as Roe.

Possible nominees being eyed include Thomas Hardiman, who serves alongside Trump's sister on the Philadelphia-based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Raymond Kethledge, a federal appeals court judge who clerked for Kennedy. Also of interest are Amul Thapar, who serves on the federal appeals court in Cincinnati; Brett Kavanaugh, a former clerk for Kennedy who serves on the federal appeals court in Washington, D.C.; and Amy Coney Barrett, who serves on the federal appeals court in Chicago.

Echoing Leo's view, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a member of the Judiciary Committee, said he didn't think Trump would be overly focused on the Roe ruling.

"You don't overturn precedent unless there's a good reason," Graham said. "I would tell my pro-life friends: You can be pro-life and conservative, but you can also believe in 'stare decisis,'" he said, citing the legal term involving legal precedent that means "to stand by things decided."

Republicans hold a narrow 51-49 majority in the Senate, and it's even closer because of the absence of ailing Sen. John McCain of Arizona. Even though McConnell changed Senate rules last year to allow confirmation by simple majority, if Democrats hold together, he cannot afford defections. Vice President Mike Pence can be called on to break a tie.

Collins appeared on ABC's "This Week" and CNN's "State of the Union," Leo spoke on "Fox News Sunday" and Graham was on NBC's "Meet the Press."

## Police: Motive unclear in birthday party stabbing attack

By REBECCA BOONE, Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Several families who had fled danger and violence overseas were enjoying a 3-year-old's birthday party in Boise, Idaho, when the unthinkable happened: A man ran up and began chasing and stabbing the children, turning his knife on the adults who tried to intervene.

The attack came Saturday night at a low-income apartment complex that is also home to refugee families from around the world. Nine people were injured, including the birthday girl and five other children ranging in age from 4 to 12.

The most gravely injured were clinging to life Sunday evening, Boise Police Chief William Bones said. "The victims are some of the newest members of our community," Bones said Sunday. "This was an attack against those who are most vulnerable."

The chaos began shortly before 8:46 p.m. Saturday, when police received a report of a man with a knife. They arrived less than four minutes later to find victims lying in the street, in the parking lot and inside the complex. Thirty-year-old Timmy Kinner was found and arrested a short distance away; investigators later found a knife believed to be used in the attack in a nearby canal.

Members of refugee families from Syria, Iraq and Ethiopia were among the injured.

Kinner, who is not a refugee, had been asked to leave the apartment complex Friday after staying there for a short time with a resident, Bones said. Kinner faces several felony charges, including aggravated battery and injury to a child. Bones did not know Sunday if Kinner had an attorney.

"We have no specific evidence at this time to believe it was a hate crime," Bones told reporters at a press conference Sunday, saying the victims may have simply been targeted because of where they were located on the property. Still, Bones said, the motive remains under investigation.

Esrom Habte, 12, and Fathi Mahamoud, 11, were playing in the grass behind their apartment when the attack began. They ran for safety when they saw the suspect chasing people.

"We saw a killer and didn't want to get stabbed," Esrom said. "We saw him saying, like, bad words and stabbing a kid and a grown-up really hard and a lot of times."

The two ran into an apartment and hid in a closet with Esrom's two sisters and another child, and stayed inside until police told them it was safe to come out.

"I saw the police cleaning stuff, and then I came outside," Fathi said. He said the stabbing victims are his friends. The victims include members of three refugee families from Iraq, Ethiopia and Syria.

The attack resulted in the most victims in a single incident in Boise Police Department history, the chief said.

"The crime scene, the faces of the parents struggling, the tears coming down their faces, the faces of the children in their hospital beds will be something that I carry with me for the rest of my life, as will every first responder that night," he said.

Police believe Kinner had only been in Boise for a short time when he met a resident of the complex, who offered him a temporary place to stay. She asked him to leave on Friday because of his behavior.

"I believe her perception was, 'Here's a helping hand I can give in return for a helping hand I have been given,'" Bones said.

The woman was not among the victims, Bones said.

The apartment complex is just off of one of Boise's busier streets, separated from the traffic by one of the many irrigation canals that run through the city. On Sunday, colorful bouquets had been placed just outside the crime-scene tape.

Residents of the apartments and the rest of the community were "reeling" from the violence, Bones said, and the victims will need long-term community support.

"This isn't something that gets over in the days or weeks that follow. ... The level of the some of the injuries will be life-altering in a very negative way," Bones said.

Mayor Dave Bieter condemned the stabbings.

"Last night's horrific attack does not represent Boise," Bieter wrote. "Please join me in praying for the injured and their families. We must come together to condemn this vile act."

Megan Schwab, who works with the International Rescue Committee in Boise, said the organization was working to provide temporary housing, counseling and other support to those affected by the attack. A candlelight vigil was planned for Monday evening, and several organizations and individuals were launching fundraising campaigns to help cover the victims' expenses.

For some of the refugees living at the complex, the attack revived traumatic memories of the war and violence they had fled. The blood from the stabbings reminded Fathi's mother, Thado Aip, of the terror she left in Somalia, an interpreter said on Sunday.

Fathi stayed close by his mother's side Sunday, at times sitting on the grass to lean against her legs as he watched the police at the crime scene.

## LA-Bron: James agrees to 4-year contract with Lakers

By TOM WITHERS, AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James is leaving home for Hollywood and an iconic team.

The Los Angeles Lakers have a new superstar — L.A.-Bron.

The four-time NBA MVP announced Sunday night that he has agreed to a four-year, \$154 million contract with the Lakers, joining one of the league's most storied franchises and switching conferences to try and dethrone the Golden State Warriors and grow his own legacy.

For the second time in his career, James is saying goodbye to the Cleveland Cavaliers, who drafted the teenage sensation from Akron in 2003 and have to be satisfied with winning just one title in the 11 years they had him.

Unlike his two previous forays in free agency, James did not drag out his decision and made the announcement less than 24 hours after NBA free agency opened.

This Summer of LeBron was barely a fling.

His management agency, Klutch Sports Group, announced his agreement with the Lakers with a simple, short release. It was a stark contrast from eight years ago, when a poorly conceived TV special to announce his departure from Cleveland backfired and damaged James' image.

James isn't planning any more comments and there won't be a welcoming press conference or celebration in Los Angeles, a person familiar with his plans said Sunday night on the condition of anonymity.

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James will make his next public comments on July 30 in Akron when he opens a public school started by his family foundation.

It was all different this time.

The game's biggest star will now lead a young Lakers team — run by Lakers Hall of Famer Magic Johnson — that has been overmatched in recent years while rebuilding. But the Lakers will instantly rise with James, a three-time champion who after being swept by the Warriors in this year's NBA Finals said he is still driven and very much in "championship mode."

James wasn't planning to have any face-to-face meetings, but Saturday night he met with Johnson, who sold him on his vision for the Lakers, the person told AP. Earlier in the week, Johnson seemed resigned to the possibility he might not get James or Paul George, who ended up re-signing with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

But Johnson was confident he could pull something off.

"I'm Magic Johnson," he said.

The Lakers' rich legacy is something that has always appealed to James and it wasn't long after his announcement that he heard from Kobe Bryant, who won five titles during 20 seasons with Los Angeles.

"Welcome to the family @KingJames," Bryant said on Twitter . "#lakers4life #striveforgreatness."

James and Bryant were Olympic teammates and there has been a perceived rivalry between the pair of alpha males. They're now linked like never before and if James wants to prepare for his eventual life after basketball, who better to learn from than Johnson, who has made a fortune as a business entrepreneur, or Bryant, an Academy Award winner.

The massive Los Angeles market will also provide James with a grander platform for his philanthropy and social activism. He already owns two homes in Southern California and has a film production company.

This is the third time in eight years James has changed teams. After bolting from Cleveland in 2010, he returned in an emotional homecoming four years later, determined to make the Cavs champions. The 33-year-old had previously said he wanted to finish his career in Ohio, and although he's leaving again, Cavs fans are more forgiving after he ended the city's 52-year sport title drought in 2016.

Shortly after the announcement, which came in a surprising manner, James posted a three-photo tribute to Cleveland fans on his Instagram account.

"Thank you Northeast Ohio for an incredible four seasons," James wrote. "This will always be home."

But there will always be a portion of Cleveland fans disappointed that James left again and that he wouldn't give the Cavs a longer commitment. His deal with the Lakers is his longest since he signed for six years with Miami in 2010.

And unlike eight years ago when he ripped James for leaving, Cavs owner Dan Gilbert thanked him. Gilbert opened his comments by referring to Cleveland's 2016 title as "a championship that united generations of Clevelanders, both living and passed."

"LeBron, you came home and delivered the ultimate goal," Gilbert said in a statement . "Nothing but appreciation and gratitude for everything you put into every moment you spent in a Cavaliers uniform. We look forward to the retirement of the famous #23 Cavs jersey one day down the line..."

On Friday, James informed the Cavs that he was not exercising his \$35.6 million option and becoming a free agent. While in Los Angeles following a family vacation, he spoke to Cavs general manager Koby Altman moments after free agency opened on Sunday, and it appears that was more a courtesy than a chance for Cleveland to make one last pitch.

Cleveland's roster was exposed during this year's finals, and James may not have seen a way for it to improve enough to win a fourth title.

James gave Cleveland something to remember in his final season. He played in all 82 regular-season games and then somehow carried a team that underwent several transformations to a fourth straight conference title and matchup against the Warriors.

As has been the case in the past, James didn't have enough help as the Cavs were swept, dropping him to 3-6 in the NBA Finals — a record sometimes used to compare him to Michael Jordan.

His stay with the Cavaliers will best be remembered for 2016, when he rallied the Cavs from a 3-1 deficit

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in the finals to stun the Warriors. James helped seal a Game 7 win with a chase-down block of Andre Iguodala, the signature moment of a career that has shown no signs of decay.

With the Lakers, James will be playing in the Western Conference for the first time and just down the Pacific Coast Highway from the Warriors, the team that has stymied him three times in the past four finals.

The chance to play for one of America's most storied franchises is a new challenge for James, who prides himself on knowing the game's history. In Los Angeles, championships are the standard and he'll feel new pressure in upholding the legacies of Johnson, Bryant, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Jerry West and other Lakers greats.

It's now his turn.

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## Mexico gives leftist Lopez Obrador big presidential win

By MARK STEVENSON, PETER ORSI and CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN, Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Angry and frustrated over corruption and violence, Mexican voters delivered a tidal wave presidential election victory to leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, giving him a broad mandate to upend the political establishment and govern for the poor.

An official quick count from electoral authorities late Sunday forecast that Lopez Obrador would win with between 53 percent and 53.8 percent of the votes, a remarkable margin not seen in the country for many years. Early Monday, with about 20 percent of the votes counted, Lopez Obrador's advantage was close to the quick count's statistical sample.

A prominent exit poll predicted his party allies were poised to score big victories in congressional races, possibly winning absolute majorities in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

Lopez Obrador, who campaigned on vows to transform Mexico and oust the "mafia of power" ruling the country, rode widespread voter anger and discontent with the governing Institutional Revolution Party, or PRI, of President Enrique Pena Nieto and had led opinion polls since the beginning of the campaign.

The PRI, which dominated Mexican politics for nearly the entire 20th century and recaptured the presidency in 2012, was set to suffer heavy losses not just for the presidency but in other races as well.

In brief remarks at a hotel in central Mexico City, Lopez Obrador called for reconciliation after a polarizing campaign and promised profound change but with respect for the law and constitutional order.

"I confess that I have a legitimate ambition: I want to go down in history as a good president of Mexico," said Lopez Obrador, who won after losses in the previous two elections. "I desire with all my soul to raise the greatness of our country on high."

The president-in-waiting, whose term will begin Dec. 1, devoted much of his speech to appealing to citizens of all stripes and seeking to reassure those who have eyed his candidacy nervously.

"This new national project will seek to establish an authentic democracy and we do not intend to establish a dictatorship," Lopez Obrador said. "The changes will be profound, but in accordance with established order."

Conservative Ricardo Anaya of a right-left coalition and the PRI's Jose Antonio Meade acknowledged defeat shortly after polls closed nationwide. The quick count had them around 22 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

Lopez Obrador's supporters began wild celebrations in Mexico City, cruising up and down the central Paseo de la Reforma boulevard honking horns to the tune of "Viva Mexico!" and waving Mexican flags from car windows and moon roofs.

Thousands poured into the sprawling main square known as the Zocalo, where the 64-year-old former mayor of the capital had called on his backers to rally. Many danced to the trills of mariachi music.

Retired teacher Susana Zuniga beamed and said the country was experiencing a moment similar to the Mexican Revolution a century ago.

"The people are fed up. That is what brought us to this," she said.

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U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted congratulations: "I look very much forward to working with him. There is much to be done that will benefit both the United States and Mexico!"

Lopez Obrador said individual and property rights would be guaranteed, promised respect for the autonomy of the Bank of Mexico and said his government will maintain financial and fiscal discipline.

He said contracts obtained under energy reforms passed under President Enrique Pena Nieto will be scrutinized for any corruption or illegality, but otherwise contracts will be honored.

"There will be no confiscation or expropriation of assets. ... Eradicating corruption will be the principal mission," he said.

Lopez Obrador also spoke of support for migrants and said the most forgotten and humble people of Mexico will be given preference in his government. He said he will seek a relationship of "friendship and respect" with the United States. And rather than the use of force to fight spiraling violence, he will look to fix root causes such as inequality and poverty.

"Peace and tranquility are the fruits of justice," Lopez Obrador said.

Exit polling by Consulta Mitofsky for the Televisa network forecast gubernatorial wins for allies of Lopez Obrador's Morena party in at least four of eight state races on the ballot plus for the head of government in Mexico City. The central state of Guanajuato was expected to go to a candidate of the conservative National Action Party.

Mitofsky predicted Morena allies would take between 56 and 70 seats in the 128-member Senate and between 256 and 291 spots in the 500-seat lower house.

"The anger that the average Mexican feels toward the way things are being governed has favored Lopez Obrador," said Shannon O'Neil, senior fellow for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. "He's been able to capture the mantle of the person who's on the outside who wants change."

In a speech to the huge crowd in the Zocalo, he struck a moderate tone, stressing a need to act respectfully, to maintain economic and financial stability.

He also pledged to increase support payments for the elderly and to give scholarships or paid apprenticeships to young people.

"Now that he has won, he cannot fail this new generation that believes in him," said Mariano Bartolini, a 29-year-old lawyer who voted for Lopez Obrador in the northwestern city of Rosarito, near Tijuana. "It is thanks to us young people who are supporting him that he was able to get more votes than he did in past elections."

Associated Press writers Maria Verza and Andrea Rodriguez in Mexico City and Nancy Moya in Tijuana contributed to this report.

## **Bolton: US has plan to dismantle NK nuclear program in year**

**By MATTHEW PENNINGTON and LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has a plan that would lead to the dismantling of North Korea's nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs in a year, President Donald Trump's national security adviser said Sunday, although U.S. intelligence reported signs that Pyongyang doesn't intend to fully give up its arsenal.

John Bolton said top U.S. diplomat Mike Pompeo will be discussing that plan with North Korea in the near future. Bolton added that it would be to the North's advantage to cooperate to see sanctions lifted quickly and aid from South Korea and Japan start to flow.

Bolton's remarks on CBS' "Face the Nation" appeared to be the first time the Trump administration had publicly suggested a timeline for North Korea to fulfill the commitment leader Kim Jong Un made at a summit with President Donald Trump last month for the "complete denuclearization" of the Korean Peninsula.

Despite Trump's rosy post-summit declaration that the North no longer poses a nuclear threat, Washington and Pyongyang have yet to negotiate the terms under which it would relinquish the weapons that it developed over decades to deter the U.S.

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Doubts over North Korea's intentions have deepened amid reports that it is continuing to produce fissile material for weapons.

The Washington Post on Saturday cited unnamed U.S. intelligence officials as concluding that North Korea does not intend to fully surrender its nuclear stockpile. Evidence collected since the June 12 summit in Singapore points to preparations to deceive the U.S. about the number of nuclear warheads in North Korea's arsenal as well as the existence of undisclosed facilities used to make fissile material for nuclear bombs, according to the report.

It said the findings support a new, previously undisclosed Defense Intelligence Agency estimate that North Korea is unlikely to denuclearize. Some aspects of the new intelligence were reported Friday by NBC News.

A U.S. official told The Associated Press that the Post's report was accurate and that the assessment reflected the consistent view across U.S. government agencies for the past several weeks. The official was not authorized to comment publicly on the matter and requested anonymity.

Bolton on Sunday declined to comment on intelligence matters.

He said the administration was well aware of North Korea's track record over the decades in dragging out negotiations with the U.S. to continue weapons development.

"We have developed a program. I'm sure that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will be discussing this with the North Koreans in the near future about really how to dismantle all of their WMD and ballistic missile programs in a year," Bolton said. "If they have the strategic decision already made to do that, and they're cooperative, we can move very quickly," he added.

He said the one-year program the U.S. is proposing would cover all of the North's chemical and biological weapons, nuclear programs and ballistic missiles.

Even if North Korea is willing to cooperate, dismantling its secretive weapons of mass destruction programs, believed to encompass dozens of sites, will be tough. Stanford University academics, including nuclear physicist Siegfried Hecker, a leading expert on the North's nuclear program, have proposed a 10-year roadmap for that task; others say it could take less time.

Pompeo has already visited Pyongyang twice since April to meet with Kim - the first time when he was still director of the CIA - and there are discussions about a possible third trip to North Korea late next week but such a visit has not yet been confirmed.

Trump reiterated in an interview broadcast Sunday that he thinks Kim is serious about denuclearization.

"I made a deal with him. I shook hands with him. I really believe he means it," the president said on Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo."

Trump defended his decision to suspend "war games" with close ally South Korea - a significant concession to North Korea, which so far has suspended nuclear and missile tests and destroyed tunnels at its nuclear test site but not taken further concrete steps to denuclearize.

"Now we're saving a lot of money," Trump said of the cancellation of large-scale military drills that involve flights of U.S. bombers from the Pacific U.S. territory of Guam.

"So we gave nothing. What we are going to give is good things in the future. And by the way I really believe North Korea has a tremendous future. I got along really well with Chairman Kim. We had a great chemistry," Trump added.

Pressure will now be on Pompeo to make progress in negotiations with North Korea to turn the summit declaration into concrete action. He spoke with the foreign ministers of China, Japan and South Korea in recent days about the situation with the North, according to the State Department, which has declined to comment on any upcoming travel.

Pompeo postponed plans to meet with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and their counterparts from India on July 6, citing unavoidable circumstances, which has fueled speculation he will make a third trip to Pyongyang.



## Zero tolerance sowed confusion from start

By COLLEEN LONG and RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's top health official could barely conceal his discomfort.

As Health and Human Services secretary, Alex Azar was responsible for caring for migrant children taken from their parents at the border. Now a Democratic senator was asking him at a hearing whether his agency had a role in designing the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy that caused these separations.

The answer was no.

"We deal with the children once they're given to us," responded Azar. "So we don't — we are not the experts on immigration."

Separating families while sidelining the agency responsible for caring for the children was only one example of a communication breakdown in the federal government that left immigrant children in limbo, parents in the dark about their whereabouts and enraged Americans across the country.

Today, the Trump administration is still dealing with the fallout: It's still not clear how officials will implement the policy or comply with a court order requiring that families be reunited within 30 days.

Instead, the administration is hoping Congress will fix the mess, despite its recent failure to pass immigration legislation.

"We are happy to change the policy when Congress gives us the tools to do it. That's what we're asking for," Marc Short, White House director of legislative affairs, said on MSNBC.

The idea of separating families goes back to the first two months of the Trump presidency. John Kelly, then the Homeland Security secretary, said it could be used as a deterrent. But the notion was quickly dropped, even as President Donald Trump pushed a hard line on immigration, a crucial issue for his political base.

But behind the scenes, senior policy adviser Stephen Miller and others hadn't given up on the concept. It suddenly reappeared this spring after a persistent spike in illegal crossings. It took the form of the zero-tolerance policy announced by Attorney General Jeff Sessions that requires criminally prosecuting anyone coming to the U.S. illegally. Sessions and others argued families would have to be separated because children can't go to jail with their parents.

How or whether families would be reunited wasn't much of a concern to the policymakers, according to administration officials and others with knowledge of the discussions who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. That lack of planning was evident in an interview Kelly, now White House chief of staff, did with NPR in May.

"The children will be taken care of — put into foster care or whatever — but the big point is they (the parents) elected to come illegally to the United States," he said.

The policy sowed confusion and anger not only in the border region, but in Washington. There was a lack of coordination among some of the government agencies involved in the process, the officials said. And there were multiple agencies involved: Customs and Border Protection, part of Homeland Security, detains immigrants. Health and Human Services is responsible for caring for children. Adults are referred to the Justice Department for prosecution. After those cases are resolved — generally a quick process — the adult immigrants are detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, another DHS agency.

Children were being sent hundreds of miles away from their parents and parents were unable to access hotlines to help them find their children. Some were deported without their kids. There was no system set up beforehand to link families and no plan on how to bring them back together, the officials said. More than 2,000 children were being separated from about 2,000 parents.

Religious and humanitarian leaders decried the policy. Doctors warned of serious trauma from separation. A pediatrician spoke of seeing a toddler weeping uncontrollably in a shelter and staff prevented from comforting her. Audio leaked of Border Patrol officers joking amid sobbing children.

As the crisis worsened, Trump tried to blame Democrats. Sessions quoted the Bible in his defense of the policy. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen took questions during a tense White House press briefing and said there wasn't a policy to separate children. She was later heckled at a Mexican restaurant where she was eating dinner.

As criticism became more intense, Trump sought to calm the situation, the officials said. He had initially

wanted to sign a full immigration bill as part of an executive order, but was told by attorneys that it wasn't possible, they said.

So, instead, Trump said he wanted an order written, and written quickly, they said. By midday on June 20, about six weeks after the policy started, Trump had signed papers that stopped separation — but also still required 100 percent criminal prosecution for improper entry.

"We're going to have strong, very strong borders, but we're going to keep the families together," Trump said.

Now, the administration is arguing over how to implement the hastily formed order. They're struggling with how to reunite the families — pushed by a court order this past Tuesday requiring they do so within 30 days, and within 14 days for children younger than 5.

While administration officials insist they know where all the children are, there has been no clear plan on how families will be reunited. Parents are still detained. Some 500 children were already returned to their parents, but those kids never made it out of Border Protection custody.

Some White House aides were determined to reunite families with their children as soon as possible, recognizing it was the only way to put the episode behind them. But another group, including Miller and many at the Justice Department, were advocating a more combative approach, prioritizing removals and prosecutions. Any shift toward the humanitarian concerns, some in that camp have argued, would be a sign of weakness that would reflect poorly on the president, the officials said.

Trump continues to advocate immediate removal, without an appearance before a judge or other due process, for those apprehended entering the country illegally.

Vice President Mike Pence and Nielsen met with Central American leaders on Thursday to discuss the number of migrants trying to cross into the U.S.

In a speech in Guatemala, he said the U.S. was working to reunite families "from your nations who've been caught trying to illegally enter the United States - because we believe that we can — as the old book says — "do justice and love kindness."

But Pence also cautioned: "If you want to come to the United States, come legally, or don't come at all."

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## Restless Democratic newcomers bringing change to House

By LISA MASCARO, AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ready or not, change is coming to the House Democrats.

Across the country, a new generation is making its way to Washington. It's not just that some of the Democrats, like 28-year-old Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, are young and progressive. They are. Or that many are women entering politics who want to fight President Donald Trump. They do. Or even that some of them live in Trump country.

They also come to politics steeped in an era of resistance and revolt, like the tea party Republicans who rose against President Barack Obama and the so-called Watergate babies elected after President Richard Nixon.

If the newcomers provide the numbers to give Democrats control of the House, or even fall short and end up in the ranks of the minority, they will be a force to be reckoned with upon arrival. That holds especially true for Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the longtime House Democratic leader.

"There is a hunger for generational change, for a new generation of leadership," said freshman Rep. Ro Khanna of California. "I think we're going to see some of the most impressive young people being elected across the country, and it's going to be, in my view, an extraordinary class, like the Watergate Class."

Last Tuesday, Ocasio-Cortez pulled off a stunning primary election romp in New York, toppling 10-term congressman Joe Crowley of Queens. He was once thought of as a possible successor to Pelosi, but has now become a symbol of how the party is being transformed in the Trump era.

The defeat of Crowley, the Democratic caucus chairman, opens up the fourth spot on the leadership

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rung. A robust contest is expected to replace him, but the leadership changes may not stop there.

Several Democratic candidates for Congress have said they would not support Pelosi as leader. And even some of those Democrats who want Pelosi to reclaim the speaker's gavel, if Democrats retake the majority, have made clear that new approaches are needed.

"I think there was a lack of listening on the ground, a lack of going to the grocery store and saying, 'Hey, how are you doing?'" Ocasio-Cortez said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." She pointed to a Democratic Party at risk of becoming out of touch with its communities. "The messaging isn't as clear to the communities that we are trying to represent — are we fighting or not?"

Ocasio-Cortez, who says being a Democratic socialist is "a part of what I am, it's not all of what I am" — declined to say whether she would support Pelosi as House leader, calling any decision now "premature."

There remains no obvious replacement for Pelosi or the second-ranking Democrat, House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, so many aren't convinced there will be an immediate leadership shuffle after the election. But in the next few years, even newcomers "like Alexandria could be there," said Khanna, who backed both Ocasio-Cortez and Crowley in the race. "The traditional rules of politics don't apply."

Pelosi has shown no signs of loosening her hold on leadership, however.

"We just want to win," she told reporters this week. She recalled the questions she heard after the Women's March in 2017, when people would ask how Democrats were going to use all of that energy. She said she told them, "It's not a question of how we will use it. It's a question about how they will use us."

She added last week: "Everything is at stake in our country. People all see the urgency of it, they want to take responsibility for it. That gives us an opportunity to win."

"So I just say, 'Just win, baby,'" she said.

Two-term Rep. Ruben Gallego of Arizona, an Iraq War combat Marine, is not one to discount the staying power of Pelosi and the other top leaders. But he is certain they will be tested by the new arrivals.

"Whoever the leaders are of this caucus, are going to have to be accountable to this new caucus that's going in," he said. "They're going to have to come to caucus and give arguments — why they are in leadership and why they should stay in leadership."

One traditional factor in leadership races has been fundraising. Pelosi has been the party's top fundraiser, and Crowley has long been skilled at bringing donors to the table. But the younger generation of Democrats doesn't value fundraising the way leaders do. At a time when candidates like Ocasio-Cortez can win a primary with a big social media presence and small-dollar donations, they don't need to cozy up to the party power structure.

As far as traditional arguments to win leadership races, "that's not going to fly with these incoming members of Congress," Gallego said.

Other competing factors will be at play when House Democrats decide their leadership slate, including ideology and geography.

Rep. Mark Pocan of Wisconsin, a co-chairman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, said Democrats need "to make sure progressives are represented in leadership." The primary elections are showing that "bold progressive messages work, and we're hoping leadership will take that to heart," he said.

Rep. Cheri Bustos of Illinois, one of a dozen Democrats who represent districts that Trump won in the 2016 election, said it's the corners of the country like her Midwestern stronghold that should have more voice in leadership. She wants the caucus to reflect the nation's geographic diversity.

"Where we need more Democrats is in these districts that are a little tougher to navigate," Bustos said. "And I think it's very important that we don't lose sight of that."

As the top Democrat on the rules committee, Rep. Jim McGovern of Massachusetts said he would like to loosen the process to give more rank-and-file lawmakers a chance to propose amendments. That would allow them to bring their ideas to the table.

McGovern said it recently took him two hours to shop for groceries back home because so many constituents stopped to talk with him. Voters, he said, want Democrats "to stand up to Trump's racism and his bigotry and all his hateful policies." But they also want them to make strides on Democratic priorities, he said.

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"What people are looking for is not just for us to be right on the issues," he said. "They want to know what we're going to do to fight for these issues."

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## Host Russia extends World Cup party by eliminating Spain

By GRAHAM DUNBAR, AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Stretching every part of his body out into a star shape and diving to his right, Igor Akinfeev flicked out his left foot and kicked the ball high away from danger.

Akinfeev's foot kept Russia's party going Sunday night, ended the international career of one of Spain's biggest stars and sealed the biggest upset of the tournament and one of the greatest in World Cup history.

Akinfeev saved two shots during the shootout, while all of his teammates scored to give Russia a 4-3 advantage after a draw that was dominated by Spain in every way but the 1-1 score. Russia — the lowest ranked team in the World Cup at No. 70 in the world — is stunningly going to the quarterfinals to face Croatia on Saturday.

Millions of Russian fans, many of whom were mocking this team just a couple of weeks ago, are jumping loudly on the bandwagon.

"We're hosting a fantastic tournament," Akinfeev said. "I think our fans and foreign fans have recognized that we're a country that can play football and organize big events."

Akinfeev's winning save against forward Iago Aspas made the national stadium in Moscow shake with the roar of around 70,000 Russians celebrating their team's best World Cup run since it was the Soviet Union in 1966.

It was a shocking elimination for Spain, joining former champions Germany and Argentina. Still, World Cup history was on Russia's side after its well-organized team survived two hours of barely having the ball.

Russia extended a streak of World Cup hosts winning penalty shootouts to five. France, South Korea, Germany and Brazil have also won shootouts since 1998.

Akinfeev ensured that, in the 32-year-old captain's 111th game for his country.

With Spain taking first, the shootout was poised at 2-2 when Akinfeev dived to his right to push away the kick by Jorge "Koke" Resurreccion. The Atletico Madrid midfielder lifted his shirt over his eyes in dismay.

Russian penalty kickers were perfect against Spain's struggling goalkeeper David De Gea. After Akinfeev acrobatically blocked the left-footed shot of Aspas, he leapt up, punched the air with both hands and dove into a belly flop cross the rain-soaked turf as teammates raced to him from the halfway line.

"I just feel emptied out," Akinfeev said. "Over the whole second half and extra time we were defending our goal and managed it, we were hoping for penalties because Spain are hard to beat."

It gave Russia its greatest win for 10 years, since Akinfeev was in goal for an extra-time victory over the Netherlands in a European Championship quarterfinal. That run was ended days later by a Spain team beginning its era of dominance.

Spain has now failed to win a knockout game at three major tournaments since it won Euro 2012, its third straight major title after Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup.

It was too passive a performance by the Spanish, who were ranked 10th and among the pre-tournament favorites. Turmoil erupted two days before the opening game, when the federation fired the head coach.

"It's painful, there's nothing else we can say," Spain captain Sergio Ramos said. "We left our soul in the pitch."

It is unclear if interim coach Fernando Hierro will continue in a job he did not seek before Julen Lopetegui was sent home. Lopetegui was fired because he didn't tell Spain's soccer leaders he accepted an offer to coach Real Madrid after the tournament.

Sunday's defeat ended Andres Iniesta's Spain career. The 34-year-old Barcelona midfielder came off the bench and almost won the game with an 85th-minute shot well saved by Akinfeev. Iniesta also scored the first spot-kick of the shootout.

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Spain was more urgent in extra time after being too passive for 90 minutes. Though Spain completed a World Cup game record of 1,029 passes, it rarely threatened Akinfeev's goal.

Spain led in the 12th minute when Ramos helped force Russia's Sergei Ignashevich into an own goal when his back was turned to the play. Ramos and Ignashevich got tangled up and the ball went in off of the Russian defender's heel.

A defensive error let Russia level in the 41st, after Gerard Pique's raised arm blocked a header by Artyom Dzyuba. Dzyuba's penalty kick fooled goalkeeper David De Gea to dive the wrong way.

"We're insanely happy," Dzyuba said. "We've given everyone a party and we believed in ourselves to the end. We believed that order, discipline and dedication can beat class."

## SPECIAL GUESTS

King Felipe VI of Spain was at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. The king is a soccer fan who, as crown prince, attended the 2010 World Cup final in Johannesburg to see Spain beat the Netherlands 1-0.

Russia was represented by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, who was on his feet and leaning on a protective barrier to watch the shootout.

## FOURTH SUBSTITUTE

World Cup history was made with the first use of a fourth substitute, which FIFA now allows teams in extra time. Russia's Alexander Yerokhin went on in the 97th minute against Spain, replacing fellow midfielder Daler Kuzyaev.

## ONE SAVE

De Gea made one save at the entire World Cup, and none Sunday when Artyom Dzyuba's 41st-minute penalty was Russia's only shot on target. Russia then scored all four spot-kicks in the shootout.

More AP World Cup coverage: [www.apnews.com/tag/WorldCup](http://www.apnews.com/tag/WorldCup)

## Canada tariffs on US goods from ketchup to lawn mowers begin

By PAUL WISEMAN and TRACEY LINDEMAN, Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Canada began imposing tariffs Sunday on \$12.6 billion in U.S. goods as retaliation for the Trump administration's new taxes on steel and aluminum imported to the United States.

Some U.S. products, mostly steel and iron, face 25 percent tariffs, the same penalty the United States slapped on imported steel at the end of May. Other U.S. imports, from ketchup to pizza to dishwasher detergent, will face a 10 percent tariff at the Canadian border, the same as America's tax on imported aluminum.

Trump had enraged Canada and other U.S. allies by declaring imported steel and aluminum a threat to America's national security and therefore a legitimate target for U.S. tariffs. Canada is the United States' second-biggest trading partner in goods, just behind China.

Speaking Sunday in Leamington, Ontario, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau thanked Canadians for standing united against President Donald Trump's sanctions. He urged Canadians to "make their choices accordingly" in considering whether to buy American products.

The selection of Leamington, known as Canada's tomato capital, was no accident. The town is home to a food-processing plant that supplies tomato paste and other products to French's, a major competitor of Kraft Heinz. Heinz left Canada and sold its Leamington plant in 2014, after 105 years of Canadian operations.

The new Canadian tariffs, which took effect at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, are hitting a long list of U.S. consumer goods, including ketchup and other Kraft Heinz products.

As part of his combative America First approach, Trump has repeatedly attacked the trade policies of the United States' northern neighbor, citing Canada's triple-digit tariffs on dairy products, which account for only about 0.1 percent of U.S.-Canada trade. The United States, in fact, last year enjoyed a \$2.8 billion overall trade surplus with Canada.

Trump has also tried to pressure Canada and Mexico into agreeing to rewrite the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement to shift more auto production and investment to the United States. But

that effort has stalled, and Trump said Sunday that he didn't expect a deal that he could support until after the U.S. midterm elections in November.

Wiseman reported from Washington.

## Teen's police killing tests long-frustrated black Pittsburgh

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK, AP National Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The day after Antwon Rose Jr. was shot through the cheek and elbow and in the back, killing the 17-year-old honors student, young black people swarmed the East Pittsburgh police station.

Over the next several days, outraged protesters took over thoroughfares, disrupted rush hour and shouted from the steps of the county courthouse, demanding that the white officer who killed the black teenager be charged.

Rose's killing is the first in the Pittsburgh area in the Black Lives Matter era, and residents are galvanized. From the sustained marches to the swift announcement that Officer Michael Rosfeld will face charges of criminal homicide, what has unfolded in the hills of western Pennsylvania's steel country is a rare response to the killing of an unarmed black male, despite longstanding tensions in the area between police and the scattered black community.

Residents are guardedly optimistic the case could result in an even rarer conviction.

"It's a different political climate, a different energy with the people who are coming out," said Brandi Fisher, an activist who started the Alliance for Police Accountability in 2010. "This was a cold-blooded murder, and it's the first for this generation in our city to have witnessed."

For nearly two weeks, and despite a heavy media focus on immigration at the Mexican border, protesters have turned national attention to Pittsburgh without big names like the Rev. Al Sharpton or lawyer Ben Crump, and demonstrators have been largely local and diverse.

Unlike Ferguson, Missouri; Baltimore; Cleveland and other places where similar cases have caused outcry, Allegheny County is 81 percent white and 13 percent black. The black unemployment and poverty rates are triple that of whites. And the mountain-and-valley terrain that separates communities that are actually quite close as the crow flies can also prevent coalescence.

It all creates a climate that has failed and exhausted the area's black community, organizer Tresa Murphy said.

"We live in a city that has systematically oppressed us since our grandparents got here," said Murphy, 24.

In talking about Rose's killing in East Pittsburgh, several miles outside Pittsburgh, residents frequently reference the region's systemic inequities, particularly in segregation and policing.

The small borough of about 1,800 residents is 60 percent black, but its eight-member police force is predominantly white. Pittsburgh's police department was the first subjected to a federal consent decree in 1997 after a Department of Justice investigation found a pattern of excessive force and other shortcomings.

Residents recalled that the era angered many in the black community but action was less common. They point to more muted protests after the 1995 death of Jonny Gammage, a 31-year-old unarmed black man who was stopped in suburban Brentwood for erratic driving. He died of suffocation after officers pinned him to the pavement.

The case drew headlines because Gammage was the cousin of Pittsburgh Steelers player Ray Seals. Two of the five officers involved were tried twice for involuntary manslaughter, but both cases ended in mistrials.

The 2012 Pittsburgh shooting of Leon Ford — who was shot in the chest five times after being pulled over for running a stop sign and survived, though he was left a paraplegic — produced outrage but not on the scale of the Rose demonstrations.

Ford, who also was unarmed, was awarded \$5.5 million in a federal lawsuit, but a jury in a criminal trial cleared one officer of assault and battery allegations and was deadlocked on whether the other used excessive force.

The Rev. Shanea Leonard, of Judah Fellowship Christian Church in Pittsburgh, who protested in a down-

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town march on Wednesday, sees more unity around the Rose case.

"It was enough years ago, but the community has been galvanized," Leonard said. "We're not seeing justice. It's more of us that are tired than ever before."

Protests have continued since the announcement of charges for Rosfeld, as the community raises concerns about the legal process. While happy about the charges, many are outraged that he was released on bond less than an hour after turning himself in.

"That says they plan to show this officer favor," Fisher said. "He's at home with his family, and he didn't have to pay a dime to get out of prison."

Rose was killed June 19 after fleeing during a traffic stop. He was a passenger in a car suspected in a drive-by shooting that occurred earlier that evening in neighboring North Braddock.

Police arrested another 17-year-old, who also ran from police, on Wednesday. Prosecutors say that teenager is the suspected shooter in the drive-by and that Rose was not involved.

Rosfeld gave inconsistent statements about whether he saw Rose with a weapon, officials say. Rosfeld's attorney has said that he believes the shooting was justified and that the officer should face an involuntary manslaughter charge at most.

Christian Carter, 18, said he has never felt distanced from gun violence or the killings of black men by police. He has been a fixture in the recent Pittsburgh-area protests and said people are fueling the unrest, which he does not expect to subside soon.

"We're growing up in America, where it's a daily thing to see these deaths," Carter said. "I think a lot of the older people are scared to see what's going to happen to us, being on the front lines, but I'm doing it because this is something that's important to me, that I want to stop. We're not backing down."

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This story has been corrected to show the reverend's first name is Shanea, not Shamea.

## Heavily armed men in helicopter free notorious French inmate

By SYLVIE CORBET, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A notorious French criminal serving 25 years for murder made an audacious escape from prison Sunday after several heavily armed men landed a helicopter in a courtyard, freed him from a visiting room and carried him away.

It was the second daring escape by Redoine Faïd, who once blasted his way out of a different prison with explosives hidden in tissue packs.

His latest escape, from Reau Prison, took only "a few minutes," France's Justice Ministry said. Unarmed guards said they could do nothing to prevent it.

Dressed all in black, two men wearing balaclavas and police armbands got off the chopper and entered the prison to look for Faïd. They used a grinding machine to open the door to the visiting room, Martial Delabroye, a representative of the guards' union, told BFM television.

The men set off smoke canisters to hide from video cameras, and the helicopter touched down in the only part of the complex that was not covered by anti-helicopter netting, said another union member, Loïc Delbrot.

When the chopper arrived, Faïd was meeting with his brother in the visiting room. A third man was holding the pilot at gunpoint, union members said.

French media reported that the three men took the pilot hostage at a flying club in the Paris region. He was later released with no physical injuries.

The helicopter was found burned in the town of Garges-les-Gonesse, in the northern suburbs of Paris. Faïd was believed to have left by car along with his accomplices.

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French prosecutors opened an investigation into the escape. Investigators were questioning Faid's brother on Sunday afternoon.

The 46-year-old Faid was serving time for the 2010 death of a young police officer killed during a botched robbery. In the 1990s, he led a gang involved in robbing banks and armored vans. He was arrested in 1998 after three years on the run in Switzerland and Israel, according to French media reports.

Faid was freed in 2009 after serving 10 years. At the time, he swore that he had turned his life around, writing a confessional book about his life of crime and going on an extensive media tour in 2010.

Still, he was the suspected mastermind of the attempted armed robbery in 2010 that led to a high-speed chase and a shootout with police that killed 26-year-old Aurelie Fouquet. He was arrested in 2011.

## Rescuers clear hurdle in cave search for missing Thai boys

By TASSANEE VEJPONGSA, Associated Press

MAE SAI, Thailand (AP) — Rescue divers cleared a key hurdle Sunday in the increasingly desperate search for 12 boys and their soccer coach who went missing in a cave in northern Thailand more than a week ago, officials said.

A team led by Thai navy SEAL divers pushed through the murk of a kilometer-long (half-mile-long) chamber to a passageway that could lead to where the missing may have taken shelter, said the SEALs' commander, Rear Adm. Arpakorn Yookongkaew.

But Arpakorn said even though the divers made some progress, they're not yet where they want to be. "It's still tough as the water stream is quite strong," he said.

The missing boys, aged 11 to 16, and their 25-year-old coach entered the sprawling Tham Luang Nang Non cave in Chiang Rai province after soccer practice on June 23. They were apparently trapped inside by flooding caused by heavy rain and have not been heard from since.

The divers have been stymied again and again by muddy water rising to the ceiling of the chamber, forcing them to withdraw for safety reasons. When water levels dropped, the divers went forward with a more methodical approach, deploying a rope line and extra oxygen supplies along the way. The teams that swam Sunday included the SEALs, Australian divers and rescuers from the Thai city of Ayutthaya.

The effort had rebounded from earlier Sunday, when it appeared divers were making little progress.

"Today we made good progress, and it was a positive improvement, very positive," Chiang Rai Gov. Narongsak Osatanakorn told reporters.

The divers' goal is to get to an area of the cave known as Pattaya Beach. That section of the cave has a higher elevation, and authorities hope it remained dry and the 13 missing took shelter there.

The search has been going slowly, largely because flooding has blocked rescuers from going through chambers to get deeper into the cave. Pumping water out of the cave hasn't solved the problem, so other teams have been looking to divert groundwater.

Other efforts have focused on finding shafts on the mountainside that might serve as a back door to the blocked-off areas where the missing may be sheltering.

Teams have been combing the mountainside looking for fissure that might lead to such shafts. Several have been found and explorers have been able to descend into some, but so far it is not clear whether they lead to anywhere useful.

"We surveyed all areas and there were reported to be about 20, and out of that there are about 10 with the possibility of having shafts," Gov. Narongsak said. "But at the moment, we have narrowed it down to two. Today we are working inside those two shafts."

Experts in cave rescues from around the world continued to gather at the site. An official Australian group has now followed a U.S. military team, British cave experts, Chinese lifesaving responders and several other volunteer groups from various countries.



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## At another small paper, community ties are personal

By KEVIN MCGILL, Associated Press

HOUMA, La. (AP) — The news of the bloody attack came from a newspaper more than 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) away, but not unlike their own, with deep ties to their town stretching back more than a century.

At The Courier in Houma, amid the bayous that marble south Louisiana, the staff was still digesting the outburst of violence that left five dead Thursday at the Capital Gazette and shattered the community of Annapolis, Maryland.

With a population of about 34,000, Houma is slightly smaller than Annapolis, which has roughly 39,000 residents. Like the Capital Gazette, The Courier is a community newspaper, focusing on people and events that make up the town — the newest contestant for school board, the summer basketball league, where people can see Fourth of July fireworks.

Readers reach out to executive editor Keith Magill through email or social media, but just as likely they'll see him on the street and ask why something did — or, more likely, did not — appear in the newspaper.

"You're not an anonymous face. You don't disappear into the ether. You're part of the community, and if that's not for you, then you don't want to be part of a small newspaper," said Magill, who has some three decades in the business, much of it at The Courier.

To newsroom secretary Edith Nevis, who has defused a lot of angry callers, the shooting in Annapolis is a reminder of the need to be wary, but she feels the very people they write about daily would come to their aid if anything were to happen.

"We live in a community that's very tight-knit," she said. "If something happens, I have no doubt our neighbors would come out to our defense."

Houma is about an hour and half drive southwest of New Orleans in coastal Louisiana. Sugar cane is still grown here and the local tourism industry touts Cajun culture and seafood, but oil is what drives the economy — as evidenced by the sprawling shipyards and oilfield service companies that line the highway.

The economic downturn from low oil prices and coastal erosion are big topics for the paper, Magill said. Recent headlines ranged from the serious — "Brain-eating amoeba no longer in Terrebonne water system" — to the more community-oriented — "Wetlands summer camp immerses kids in bayou ecosystem."

The connection between The Courier, which has been publishing for more than a century, and its readers is personal and often direct. The paper has been a constant presence in the life of Jason Bergeron, 43, a technology consultant, and his 66-year-old father, Gene. Both said Saturday that they grew up reading it.

"Every day, you know it's going to be there," Jason Bergeron said.

Gene prefers the print edition. Jason usually reads it online now, although he still likes to read the Sunday print edition during weekend visits to his in-laws.

"I still touch something related to The Courier every day," said Bergeron, who is chairman of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Courier reporter Natalie Schwartz pointed to the Capital Gazette staff's decision to still put out a newspaper after the heartbreaking mayhem as an inspiration.

"It reinforces the idea that community news matters and that no matter what happens over the course of the day, journalists are dedicated to putting out the truth," said Schwartz, who's in her third month as the crime and courts reporter.

With more than a dozen reporters serving The Courier and its sister paper, The Daily Comet in nearby Thibodaux, publisher Lee Bachlet sees the local coverage as vital to the community — and something nobody else provides in a city like Houma.

"If my reporters aren't covering that local council meeting, if my reporters aren't covering that school board meeting, if my reporters aren't covering that volleyball match — nobody is," Bachlet said.

Jimmy Ellis agrees. An oncologist in New Orleans, he read The Courier and The Daily Comet for 16 years when he worked at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center. He said media from other markets, even relatively close New Orleans, wouldn't devote such detailed attention to the area's government, politics or sports

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and wouldn't be interested in features on honors handed to local high school bands.

"You had to be a really big deal for something in that part of the state to make it to the Times-Picayune," said Ellis, referring to a New Orleans newspaper.

As for the Courier, he said: "They're still relevant."

Associated Press writer Rebecca Santana in New Orleans contributed to this report.

## Gunfire, clashes amid Iran protests over water scarcity

By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Gunfire erupted as Iranian security forces confronted protesters early Sunday amid demonstrations over water scarcity in the country's south, violence that authorities said wounded at least 11 people, mostly police.

The protests around Khorramshahr, some 650 kilometers (400 miles) southwest of Tehran, come as residents of the predominantly Arab city near the border with Iraq complain of salty, muddy water coming out of their taps amid a yearslong drought.

The unrest there only compounds the wider unease felt across Iran as it faces an economic crisis sparked by President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Protests began in Khorramshahr, Abadan and other areas of Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan province on Friday. The demonstrations initially were peaceful, with protesters chanting in both Arabic and Farsi.

But late Saturday and into early Sunday morning, protesters began throwing stones and confronting security forces in Khorramshahr, according to widely shared online videos. State television aired images of rocks and broken glass covering sidewalks, as well as smashed ATMs. Women and children fled as gunfire echoed.

Heavy machine gun fire could be heard in one video showing demonstrators dragging away a man who couldn't walk. Another video appeared to show a man carrying a Kalashnikov assault rifle on the back of a motorcycle near protesters.

State TV reported Sunday afternoon that "peace had returned" to Khorramshahr and an unspecified number of protesters had been arrested. It said some demonstrators carried firearms during the unrest.

It's unclear what sparked the violence. Iranian Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli told journalists Sunday there had been no deaths. A deputy to Fazli later said the violence wounded one civilian and 10 police officers, according to the semi-official ISNA news agency.

"Such protests are directed by the propaganda of opportunists from places and people that are recognized by us as foes," Fazli said. "You observe how they are fueling such incidents in the foreign media and in the cyberspace these days."

Khorramshahr and the wider Khuzestan province have seen pipeline bombings by Arab separatists in the past. Tens of thousands of civilians and soldiers were killed in the province during the 1980s Iran-Iraq war.

Exacerbating that unrest is the drought. The Iran Meteorological Organization estimates 97 percent of the country faced some form of drought. Analysts also blame government mismanagement for diverting water away from some farmers in favor of others.

"Although Iran has a history of drought, over the last decade, Iran has experienced its most prolonged, extensive and severe drought in over 30 years," said a recent report by the Food and Agriculture Organization, a United Nations agency.

Some 230 people were poisoned in Khuzestan province after a 20-hour water outage in Ramhormoz county led to drinking water not being chlorinated, the semi-official Fars news agency reported Sunday. The protests did not appear to be linked to the poisoning.

The protests overnight came after three days of demonstrations last week in Tehran, including protesters confronting police outside parliament and officers firing tear gas at the demonstrators. The rallies led to the temporary closure of the city's Grand Bazaar.

The anger is fueled by the Iranian rial plunging to 90,000 to the dollar — double the government rate

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of 42,000 — as people watch their savings dwindle and shopkeepers hold onto some goods, uncertain of their true value.

Similar economic protests roiled Iran and spread to some 75 cities and towns at the end of last year, becoming the largest demonstrations in the country since the months-long rallies following the 2009 disputed presidential election. At least 25 people were killed and nearly 5,000 arrested during the protests in late December and early January, which took place largely in Iran's provinces rather than the capital.

The economic crisis has been fueled by Trump's May 8 decision to pull the U.S. out of the 2015 nuclear deal and restore sanctions. International firms that made billion-dollar deals with Iran largely have pulled out of them, while the U.S. now is demanding its allies stop buying Iranian oil.

Iran's first Vice President Eshaq Jahangiri on Sunday mocked the U.S. for "begging the Saudis" to increase oil production to drive down rising global oil prices. Trump claimed Saturday that Saudi Arabia might increase its production by some 2 million barrels of oil a day after a call with King Salman. Saudi Arabia later acknowledged the call, but did not mention Trump's 2-million-barrel claim.

"If any country attempts to take Iran's place in the oil market in this battle, we will consider it a big treachery to the Iranian nation and the world community and they will surely pay for this betrayal someday," Jahangiri said, without elaborating.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2018. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 2, 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

On this date:

In 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1867, New York's first elevated rail line, a single track between Battery Place and Greenwich Street, went into operation.

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.)

In 1892, the Populist Party (also known as the People's Party) opened its first national convention in Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1917, rioting erupted in East St. Louis, Illinois, as white mobs attacked black residents; nearly 50 people, mostly blacks, are believed to have died in the violence.

In 1926, the United States Army Air Corps was created.

In 1955, "The Lawrence Welk Show" premiered on ABC-TV under its original title, "The Dodge Dancing Party."

In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

In 1977, Russian-American author Vladimir Nabokov, 78, died in Montreux, Switzerland.

In 1987, 18 Mexican immigrants were found dead inside a locked boxcar near Sierra Blanca, Texas, in what authorities called a botched smuggling attempt; a 19th man survived.

In 1997, Academy Award-winning actor James Stewart died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 89.

Ten years ago: Five years ago: Colombian military spies tricked leftist rebels into freeing 15 hostages: Ex-presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, three U.S. military contractors, and 11 Colombian policemen

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and soldiers. Police in Randolph, Vt., unearthed the body of 12-year-old Brooke Bennett from a makeshift grave, ending a weeklong search.

Five years ago: The Obama administration unexpectedly announced a one-year delay, until after the 2014 elections, in a central requirement of the health care law that medium and large companies provide coverage for their workers or face fines. Homer Bailey threw his second no-hitter in 10 months, pitching the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-0 victory over the slumping San Francisco Giants. Olympic track star Suzy Favor Hamilton's name was removed from the Big Ten female athlete of the year award following revelations she had worked as a prostitute.

One year ago: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was photographed with his family soaking up the sun on a beach he had closed to the public for the Fourth of July weekend because of a government shutdown.

Today's Birthdays: Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos is 89. Jazz musician Ahmad Jamal is 88. Actor Robert Ito is 87. Actress Polly Holliday is 81. Racing Hall of Famer Richard Petty is 81. Former White House chief of staff John H. Sununu is 79. Former Mexican President Vicente Fox is 76. Writer-director-comedian Larry David is 71. Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, is 71. Actor Saul Rubinek is 70. Rock musician Roy Bittan (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 69. Rock musician Gene Taylor is 66. Actress Wendy Schaal is 64. Actress-model Jerry Hall is 62. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 57. Country singer Guy Penrod is 55. Rock musician Dave Parsons (Bush) is 53. Actress Yancy Butler is 48. Contemporary Christian musician Melodee DeVevo (Casting Crowns) is 42. Actor Owain (OH'-wyn) Yeoman is 40. Race car driver Sam Hornish Jr. is 39. Singer Michelle Branch is 35. Actress Vanessa Lee Chester is 34. Figure skater Johnny Weir is 34. Actor Nelson Franklin is 33. Actress-singer Ashley Tisdale is 33. Actress Lindsay Lohan (LOH'-uhn) is 32. Actress Margot Robbie is 28.

Thought for Today: "No great man lives in vain. The history of the world is but the biography of great men." — Thomas Carlyle, Scottish critic and historian (1795-1881).