



Rescue workers used a water-pumping machine at the entrance to the Tham Luang cave complex in northern Thailand on Monday.

'Eat, Eat, Eat': Found After 10 Days in Thai Cave

By MUKTITA SUHARTONO and RICHARD C. PADDOCK

MAE SAI, Thailand — The scrawny boys were huddled on the floor of the cave when the British divers emerged from the murky water.

As his light flickered from one boy to another, one diver called out, "How many of you?" "Thirteen," a boy answered. "Brilliant," the diver said.

After 10 days trapped in a flooded cave complex in northern Thailand, and after an enormous search effort that had transfixed Thailand, the missing 12 boys and their soccer coach had finally been found in Tham Luang Cave on Monday.

In a brief video filmed by another diver, which was posted on the Thai Navy SEAL Facebook page, the boys and their coach

seemed in surprisingly good condition. Some boys sat and some stood as they spoke with the rescuers.

Food was foremost on their minds. "Eat, eat, eat," one of the boys can be heard saying in English.

The group had been the focus of a search-and-rescue operation ever since the boys and their coach went into the cave complex after soccer practice on June 23 and were caught inside by rising floodwaters. While the cave is a popular spot to visit, a sign outside warns that in the rainy months starting in July, it is unsafe to go inside.

The two British divers who were the first to reach the boys were John Volanthen and Rick Stanton, both experts on cave rescues, according to Bill Whitehouse, the vice chairman of the British Cave Rescue Council.



The boys and their soccer coach just after divers found them.

The next challenge will be getting the soccer team out of the flooded cave in their weakened condition and without scuba training. The boys range in age from 11 to 16, and their coach is 25.

"I'd expect these children to be

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Trump Meets Four Finalists For Court Seat

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR and MAGGIE HABERMAN

WASHINGTON — President Trump interviewed four candidates on Monday to take Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's place on the Supreme Court as the White House raced to meet the president's promise to announce a replacement for the retiring justice early next week.

The White House refused to disclose the names of whom the president met with, but according to people briefed on the vetting process, they were the federal appeals court judges Amy Coney Barrett of the Seventh Circuit; Brett M. Kavanaugh of the District of Columbia Circuit; and Raymond M. Kethledge and Amul R. Thapar of the Sixth Circuit. The president met alone with them for 45 minutes each.

Judge Thapar, the son of Indian-American immigrants, was Mr. Trump's first nominee to an appeals court in 2017. A former district court judge from Kentucky with a conservative track record, Judge Thapar was among those the president considered as a replacement for Justice Antonin Scalia, who died in 2016.

Judge Kavanaugh, an appointee of President George W. Bush who also worked in Mr. Bush's White House, clerked at the Supreme Court for Justice Kennedy. He was also a prosecutor under the independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr, who investigated President Bill Clinton.

Mr. Trump has expressed a desire to name a woman to the court, and Judge Barrett is a favorite of religious conservatives. Deeply religious and a former law clerk for Justice Scalia, she once argued that Catholic judges should sometimes recuse themselves from sentencing in death penalty cases.

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The Himalayan town of Leh, at 11,562 feet, is the highest spot to which Amazon delivers. Page B1.

Facing Revolt, Merkel Allows Border Camps

Reversal Reflects Mood Shift in Germany

By KATRIN BENNHOLD and MELISSA EDDY

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel, who staked her legacy on welcoming hundreds of thousands of migrants into Germany, agreed on Monday to build border camps for asylum seekers and to tighten the border with Austria in a political deal to save her government.

It was a spectacular turnabout for a leader who has been seen as the standard-bearer of the liberal European order but who has come under intense pressure at home from the far right and from conservatives in her governing coalition over her migration policy.

Although the move to appease the conservatives exposed her growing political weakness, Ms. Merkel will limp on as chancellor. For how long is unclear. The nationalism and anti-migrant sentiment that have challenged multilateralism elsewhere in Europe are taking root — fast — in mainstream German politics.

Ms. Merkel agreed to the latest policy after an insurrection over migration policy led by her interior minister, Horst Seehofer, threatened to bring down her coalition.

Mr. Seehofer demanded that Germany block migrants at the border if they have no papers, or have already registered in another European country.

Ms. Merkel, who supports free movement across Europe's borders, has been opposed to any moves effectively resurrecting border controls until Monday night, when she made the deal to stay in power.

The new policy is subject to the approval of the Social Democrats, the third party in Ms. Merkel's coalition.

It would establish camps, called "transit centers," at points along the border. Newly arriving migrants would be screened in the

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SPEND OR ELSE, PRESIDENT WARNS NATO COUNTRIES

MILITARY COMMITMENTS

Stern Letters Sent Before Summit Talks Risk Alienating Allies

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

WASHINGTON — President Trump has written sharply worded letters to the leaders of several NATO allies — including Germany, Belgium, Norway and Canada — taking them to task for spending too little on their own defense and warning that the United States is losing patience with what he said was their failure to meet security obligations shared by the alliance.

The letters, sent in June, are the latest sign of acrimony between Mr. Trump and American allies as he heads to a NATO summit meeting next week in Brussels that will be a closely watched test of the president's commitment to the alliance. Mr. Trump has repeatedly questioned its value and has claimed that its members are taking advantage of the United States.

Mr. Trump's criticism raised the prospect of another confrontation involving the president and American allies after a blowup by Mr. Trump at the Group of 7 gathering last month in Quebec, and increased concerns that far from projecting solidarity in the face of threats from Russia, the meeting will highlight divisions within the alliance. Such a result could play into the hands of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, who is to meet with Mr. Trump in Helsinki, Finland, after the NATO meeting, and whose primary goal is sowing divisions within the alliance.

In his letters, the president hinted that after more than a year of public and private complaints that allies have not done enough to share the burden of collective defense, he may be considering a response, including adjusting the

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Companies like Stats deal in live scores and sports statistics.

Legal Sports Betting Intensifies A Cat-and-Mouse Data Game

By JAMES GLANZ and AGUSTIN ARMENDARIZ

Every weekend during soccer season in Britain, security personnel find them in stadiums, tapping furiously at their phones or talking nonstop into a mic — mysterious customers often wearing hoodies to conceal earpieces and their identity. While focused with unwavering intensity on the action of the game, they show none of the engagement and excitement of the ordinary fans around them.

The unofficial data scouts — or data thieves, depending on who is describing them — are quickly ejected once they are discovered.

The fleeting data they are collecting — the minutia of what is happening in the game — is the lifeblood of sports betting, perhaps the most crucial and valuable element of the entire industry. If gambling operators are to monetize sports betting fully, they have to offer wagers on far more than the outcomes of games. Data on the second-by-second action — exactly when a goal is scored, where it landed in the net, who had the assist — creates manifold betting opportunities.

In Britain, this so-called in-play

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New York City May Become First to Set Pay Floor for Uber Drivers

By EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS and NOAM SCHEIBER

New York City regulators are moving toward significantly raising wages for drivers for Uber and other ride-hailing apps. The step would make New York the first major American city to establish pay rules to grapple with the upheaval caused by hail-riding companies that has decimated the yellow cab industry and left many drivers in financial ruin.

The proposed rules from the Taxi and Limousine Commission were outlined in a study released on Monday and seek to address a problem at the heart of Uber's business model: Its rides are often less expensive and more comfortable than taxis, but many of its drivers are struggling to make a

decent living after the company gets its cut.

"Their low pay has persisted despite the rapid growth of the industry," the study said.

If a driver's earnings fall below \$17.22 per hour over the course of a week, the companies would be required to make up the difference. The study suggested the companies could absorb this cost partly by lowering their commis-

sions, which range from about 10 to 25 percent of passenger fares on average. The median net hourly earnings in the industry were about \$14.25, the study found.

The taxi commission has the power to adopt the rules without the support of Mayor Bill de Blasio or the City Council, but the

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