**World News Roundup**

### Unflappable Vinay wins National "Spelling Bee"

OXON HILL, Md., June 1, 2017 (AP) — Ananya Vinay never looked too impressed by the big win on the stage of the “Spelling Bee.”

She looked like a young prodigy — indeed, the consensus favorite — as the ESPN broadcast beamed a live feed of the national spelling bee into American homes.

The 12-year-old from Fresno, California, showed off her prodigious vocabulary the moment the final word — “bourdon” — was spelled correctly, perhaps with a smile. It was the 67th alphabetized word of the evening, and Vinay was the only student to spell all 50 words correctly. The stage was hers.

Ananya won the national title by spelling the word “Mogollon” as soon as he announced it on stage.

The Washington National Cathedral in D.C. lit up by orange lights as the grand finale of the biggest spelling bee of all time unfolded.

Ananya barely cracked a smile when her parents and younger brother climbed onto the stage to embrace her. The Associated Press reported that she took time to compose herself, realizing in one final moment what the scope of her achievement meant.

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