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Monday, Aug. 25

Senior Menu: Lemon baked cod, au gratin, Italian blend, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.

School Lunch: Beef stroganoff, rice.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Senior Citizens meet with potluck dinner at noon, Groton Community Center

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Senior Menu: Chicken and rice casserole, peas and carrots, peaches, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast slider.

School Lunch: Chicken breast, tiny whole potatoes.

NEC Boys Golf at Lee Park, Aberdeen, 10 a.m.

Volleyball hosts Hamlin (Arena: C-5, JV-6, V-7:15)

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Senior Menu: Ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend, 5 cup salad, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Omelets.

School Lunch: Cheese quesadilla, refried beans.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.



Thursday, Aug. 28

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, cherry fluff, garlic bread.

School Breakfast: Biscuits.

School Lunch: Lasagna bake, corn.

Soccer in Groton: Boys vs. Freeman Academy at 4 p.m.; Girls vs. Garretson, 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29

NO SCHOOL

Senior Menu: Sloppy Joe, cucumber salad, green beans, fruit.

Football at Mobridge, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30

C Volleyball Tournament at Matchbox Sport Recreation Center, Aberdeen, 8 a.m.

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1440

Why 1440? The printing press was invented around the year 1440, spreading knowledge to the masses and changing the course of history. More facts: In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. We're here to make each one count.

El Mayo Guilty Plea

Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada is expected to plead guilty today in a Brooklyn courthouse to federal drug, money laundering, and weapons charges. The 77-year-old drug lord cofounded Mexico's Sinaloa cartel alongside Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán.

Prosecutors have characterized the Sinaloa cartel as the world's largest drug trafficking organization. In the early 2010s, the group was believed to control 40% to 60% of Mexico's drug market, earning as much as \$3B annually. It is the leading exporter of cocaine and heroin to the US, largely responsible for fueling the opioid epidemic that has killed hundreds of thousands of Americans. The group also engaged in kidnappings, assassinations, and torture.

Zambada was arrested in El Paso, Texas, last year after being brought to the US in a private plane. He says he was kidnapped and betrayed by one of El Chapo's sons. The group has since devolved into factions, with violence in the Mexican state of Sinaloa surging to its highest level since 2008.

Burning Man Begins

Burning Man 2025 kicked off yesterday, beginning the nine-day gathering in Black Rock Desert, 120 miles north of Reno, Nevada. Its name derives from the week's main event, where a 40-foot-tall wooden man atop a 30-foot structure is set ablaze.

The event, first started in 1986, draws tens of thousands of people annually to a seven-square-mile temporary city in the desert. Attendees, calling themselves "burners," adhere to 10 community principles, including radical inclusion, self-reliance, and decommmodification. Campers can opt to stay in themed villages; vending is banned.

This year's theme is "Tomorrow Today," with the venue showcasing tech-forward art installations. More than 70,000 people are estimated to attend, with participants paying a sliding scale of \$550 to \$3,000 per ticket. The festival did not sell out this year and operated at a loss last year, raising concerns about its financial outlook.

Starship Delayed

The 10th test flight of SpaceX's massive Starship space vehicle was called off last night just minutes before the launch window was set to open, with company officials citing an issue with ground systems (typically referring to the launch infrastructure, not the rocket itself). The next launch window is yet to be announced, but is expected within the week.

The flight will be the fourth of 2025 as the company seeks to accelerate its flagship space vehicle program. Each of the previous three ended in failure, and a fourth rocket exploded in June during a fueling test. Progression of the Starship, designed to carry up to 100 people on long-duration trips, is central to CEO Elon Musk's vision to colonize Mars.

The test flight comes a few days after SpaceX successfully launched the eighth experimental mission of the US Space Force's secretive X-37B vehicle. The uncrewed spaceplane is designed to spend multiple years in orbit and has logged 1.3 billion miles traveled to date.

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Sports, Entertainment, & Culture

Tommy Fleetwood wins 2025 PGA Tour Championship to take FedEx Cup title and \$10M top prize.

Jerry Adler, actor best known for starring role in "The Sopranos," dies at age 96.

Chinese Taipei tops Nevada 7-0 to win first Little League World Series title since 2017.

Science & Technology

Meta to partner with AI startup Midjourney to license the company's image and video generation technology.

Researchers discover deep sea microbes that collaborate via electrical signals to consume methane seeping from the ocean floor; neither of the two microbe species can break down the molecule on their own.

New study reveals random and inherited genetic mutations can interact to raise the risk of developing blood cancers; findings may lead to new early detection methods.

Business & Markets

US stock markets close higher Friday (S&P 500 +1.5%, Dow +1.9%, Nasdaq +1.9%), with Dow closing at record high following Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's comments seeming to signal lower interest rates.

European and Asian postal services suspend service to the US ahead of the expiration of "de minimis" this Friday; the tariff exemption for packages valued below \$800 allowed 1.4 billion packages to enter the US duty-free last year.

Waymo gets approval to test self-driving vehicles in New York City, with trained safety officer in the front seat; won't pick up passengers yet.

Politics & World Affairs

US immigration officials plan to deport Kilmar Abrego Garcia to Uganda if he rejects plea deal on human smuggling charges, refuses deportation to Costa Rica.

Russia accuses Ukraine of launching a drone that causes a fire at Kursk Nuclear Power Plant; Russia launched over 70 drones, one ballistic missile at Ukraine as the country celebrated its 34th Independence Day.

More than 30 million people in the US have been under extreme weather and heat alerts over the weekend, including in California, Oregon, and Washington (More)

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This Week on GDILIVE.COM

GT on

Volleyball
Hamlin at Groton
Tues., Aug. 26th
Varsity around 7:15 p.m.

Groton
Area
Tigers
Groton, SD

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GT on

Funeral Service
Joan Fahrenwald
10:30, Tuesday, Aug. 26th
UMC, Conde

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Tigers
Groton, SD

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GT on

Boys Soccer
Freeman Academy at Groton
Thurs., Aug. 28th
4:00

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Area
Tigers
Groton, SD

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GT on

Girls Soccer
Garretson at Groton
Thurs., Aug. 28th
6:00

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Area
Tigers
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GT on

Football
Groton at Mobridge-Pollock
Friday, Aug. 29th
7:00

Groton
Area
Tigers
Groton, SD

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Peripheral Artery Screening: A Lifesaving Check-Up for Your Circulation

While you've likely had your blood pressure checked in your arm countless times, you may have never had it measured in your leg. Yet this simple and often overlooked screening can be critical for detecting restricted blood flow. If left untreated, inadequate blood flow could lead to serious complications including limb loss, disability or even death.

Many people are unaware of a common and serious condition known as peripheral artery disease (PAD). PAD occurs when the arteries in your legs become narrowed or blocked due to plaque buildup, reducing blood flow to your lower limbs. This condition affects over 8 million Americans and is especially common in those over 60 or with a history of smoking, diabetes or heart disease.

PAD doesn't always come with obvious symptoms, but when it does, they may include leg pain or cramping during walking (called claudication), numbness, cold feet or wounds on the legs or feet that are slow to heal. Unfortunately, because these symptoms can be subtle or mistaken for other issues like arthritis or aging, PAD is often overlooked, until it leads to serious complications like infections, non-healing wounds or even amputation.

PAD can be detected easily and painlessly with a simple screening called the ankle-brachial index (ABI). Although traditionally completed with a Doppler ultrasound, screening can be completed with an automatic blood pressure cuff. The ABI test compares the systolic blood pressure (the first number) in your ankle to the blood pressure in your arm. The whole process takes only a few minutes and can help identify if blood is not flowing properly to your legs.

Health care providers, including physical therapists, are trained to help identify conditions like PAD early. If we detect signs of reduced circulation through an ABI screening, we'll refer you to a medical provider for further evaluation. If PAD is diagnosed, treatment often begins with lifestyle changes like quitting smoking, increasing physical activity (especially walking) and managing other health conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes. Physical therapy can play a key role in treatment. One of the most effective approaches is supervised exercise therapy, which has been shown to improve walking distance, reduce symptoms and enhance overall cardiovascular health. In a supervised setting, physical therapists guide patients through structured walking programs, gradually improving circulation and tolerance to activity in a safe, monitored environment. In some cases, medications or procedures may be needed to improve blood flow.

Screening for PAD is especially important because many people don't know they have it until it's advanced. Early detection can prevent serious outcomes and allow you to keep moving and living independently.

If you're over 60, have diabetes, smoke or have a family history of cardiovascular disease, consider asking your health care provider or physical therapist about ABI screening. It's quick, non-invasive and could make a life-saving difference.

Your legs have something important to tell you. Make sure you're listening.



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The Vikings wrapped up the preseason with a 23–13 loss to the Titans in Nashville. Minnesota finished the exhibition slate 1–2; their only win was the game that J.J. McCarthy started, while Tennessee moved to 2–1. The Titans led 14–3 at halftime and held off a late Vikings push in the fourth quarter.

It was Max Brosmer's night to open at quarterback with J.J. McCarthy among the starters watching. Brosmer did not waste the opportunity, going 15-of-23 for 161 yards and a third-quarter touchdown to rookie tight end Bryson Nesbit from 21 yards out. Brett Rypien relieved Brosmer and finished 7-of-14 for 62 yards with one interception.

On the ground, Minnesota ran it 22 times for 100 yards. Xazavian Valladay led with 8 carries for 39 yards, followed by Xavier Scott with 5 for 28 and Tre Stewart with 5 for 22.

With several regulars still idle, a handful of receivers made their case. Dontae Fleming caught 2 passes for 53 yards, Nesbit added 2 for 45 and the score, and Jashaun Jones chipped in 4 for 41. Thayer Thomas also grabbed 4 for 19.

Special teams had a little of everything. Will Reichard went 2-for-4 on field goals, including a 58-yarder in the fourth quarter after earlier tries from 63 and 55 came up short and wide left. Tennessee's Joey Slye answered with a perfect 3-for-3 night that included a 63-yard bomb. Silas Bolden sparked the return game with 2 kick returns for 57 yards, and Xavier Scott added one for 29. Myles Price handled a punt return for 3 yards.

Defensively, the Vikings produced three sacks and five quarterback hits. Austin Keys, Jonathan Harris, and Levi Drake Rodriguez each recorded a sack, while five tackles for loss helped keep things competitive after halftime.

The biggest swing plays went Tennessee's way. Brandon Allen hit Van Jefferson for a 65-yard touchdown in the second quarter, and Julius Chestnut punched in a 1-yard score to cap a 90-yard drive led by No. 1 pick Cam Ward. Minnesota pulled within 20–13 on Reichard's long make, but Slye's late field goal closed the door.

Minnesota opens the regular season on Monday, September 8, at Chicago. Before that, however, looms cut-down day. On Tuesday, NFL teams will cut their roster from 90 to 53. Then, on Wednesday, the roster is tweaked even further, as players that were cut by other teams are claimed, and more players are cut to make room. Well over a thousand players will have their dream of playing in the NFL crushed, while some veterans will learn they are being replaced by younger, cheaper players. The NFL can be cruel.

One more thing to mention is the issue the Vikings have at wide receiver. Justin Jefferson has missed most of training camp with a hamstring issue (although he recently returned to practice and should be ready to go week 1), Jordan Addison will miss the first three weeks of the season because of suspension, and Jalen Nailor, the team's WR3, hurt his hand and could miss some time. The Vikings clearly want to bring in a veteran WR, and one name being brought up is Adam Thielen. After playing his first nine seasons in Minnesota, Thielen left in 2023 to join the Carolina Panthers. Reports say the Vikings have inquired about trading for the home-grown player; however, as of this moment, Thielen is still a Panther. To make room for a potential veteran WR, the Vikings traded veteran defensive tackle Harrison Phillips to the New York Jets last week.

The Vikings traded for Sam Howell this offseason to back up J.J. McCarthy. After getting an up-close and personal look at him these past few months, the Vikings must not have liked what they saw, because they turned around and traded him to the Eagles on Sunday. To fill the now-vacant QB2 spot, the Vikings signed former Eagle Carson Wentz. And, coincidentally, to make room for Howell, the Eagles waived former Vikings first-round pick Lewis Cine.

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Powerball second prize purchased in Mobridge

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Lottery players continued their winning ways Saturday.

Saturday's Powerball drawing resulted in a \$2 million winner. The winning ticket was purchased at Gas N More in Mobridge. The selling retailer will also receive a \$25,000 retailer bonus.

The winning ticket matched five of five winning numbers, but did not match the Powerball. The winning player also doubled their second prize by purchasing the Power Play add on.

Saturday's Powerball win comes just weeks after the Lotto America jackpot was won from a winning ticket purchased in Vermillion. The \$20,000 Dakota Cash jackpot was also won in Saturday's drawing. The winning ticket was purchased at Corner Travel Plaza in North Sioux City.

The excitement around Powerball won't end with Saturday's win. Monday's drawing will feature a \$750 million jackpot.

The South Dakota Lottery advises the winner to sign the back of your ticket immediately and speak to a financial adviser before claiming the prize. Players have 180 days after the date of the drawing to claim their prize.

Players may claim their prize at any South Dakota Lottery redemption center. For more information on the prize claim process, visit <https://lottery.sd.gov/claim-your-prize/>.

The state's General Fund, which supports K-12 schools, state universities and technical institutes, receives 70 percent of net revenue from lotto games such as Lotto America. The state's Capital Construction Fund receives the remaining 30 percent. This supports the Water and Environment Fund, the Ethanol Fuel Fund, and the State Highway Fund.

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EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What is “rewilding” all about and has it been successful in restoring degraded ecosystems or is it just pie in the sky?

-- John Germans, New York, NY

Rewilding is an effort to bring back nature by letting ecosystems fix themselves, mostly by putting native animals and plants back where they belong and cutting back on human interference. It's become more talked about lately, both among scientists and in the news. But people often ask: is it really working, or just a nice dream that won't come true?

What rewilding looks like in real life is pretty simple but not always easy. Sometimes it means taking down fences so animals can roam free again. Other times it means actively putting big predators or important species back that had been wiped out. People also let natural things like wildfires or floods happen again, things we usually try to stop. Plus, they plant native trees and get rid of invasive plants. One well-known case is when wolves were brought back to Yellowstone. That helped control elk numbers, which let plants grow back and even changed river flows.

Over in Europe, they're trying this with bison and beavers to bring habitats back to life. In Scotland, rewilding helps store carbon by restoring native woodlands, and it's brought more wildlife, which means more biodiversity. So, it can work, but it's not a quick or easy fix.

There are issues. Farmers and ranchers often don't like it because predators can kill livestock. Plus, with climate change and humans spreading out more, some folks say we can't really get ecosystems back to what they were before. Some believe rewilding is just a feel-good idea without much impact. Plus, money, laws and politics can make it hard to get projects going. Even so, rewilding could help fight climate change by storing carbon and helping nature bounce back. It might slow species loss too. More and more people—scientists, groups and governments—are supporting it.

When done right, rewilding can help heal damaged places and let plants and animals thrive again. If you want to learn more or help out, many groups offer guides and volunteer chances. The Rewilding Institute and Rewilding Europe have info on how communities can get involved. Whether it's through planting native species, spreading the word, or joining restoration efforts, anyone can help.

So, rewilding isn't just a pipe dream, it's a growing conservation strategy that might really make a difference. By supporting these efforts, whether through local projects or simply raising awareness, we can all play a part in helping restore the balance of nature. Every small action counts toward building a healthier planet for future generations.



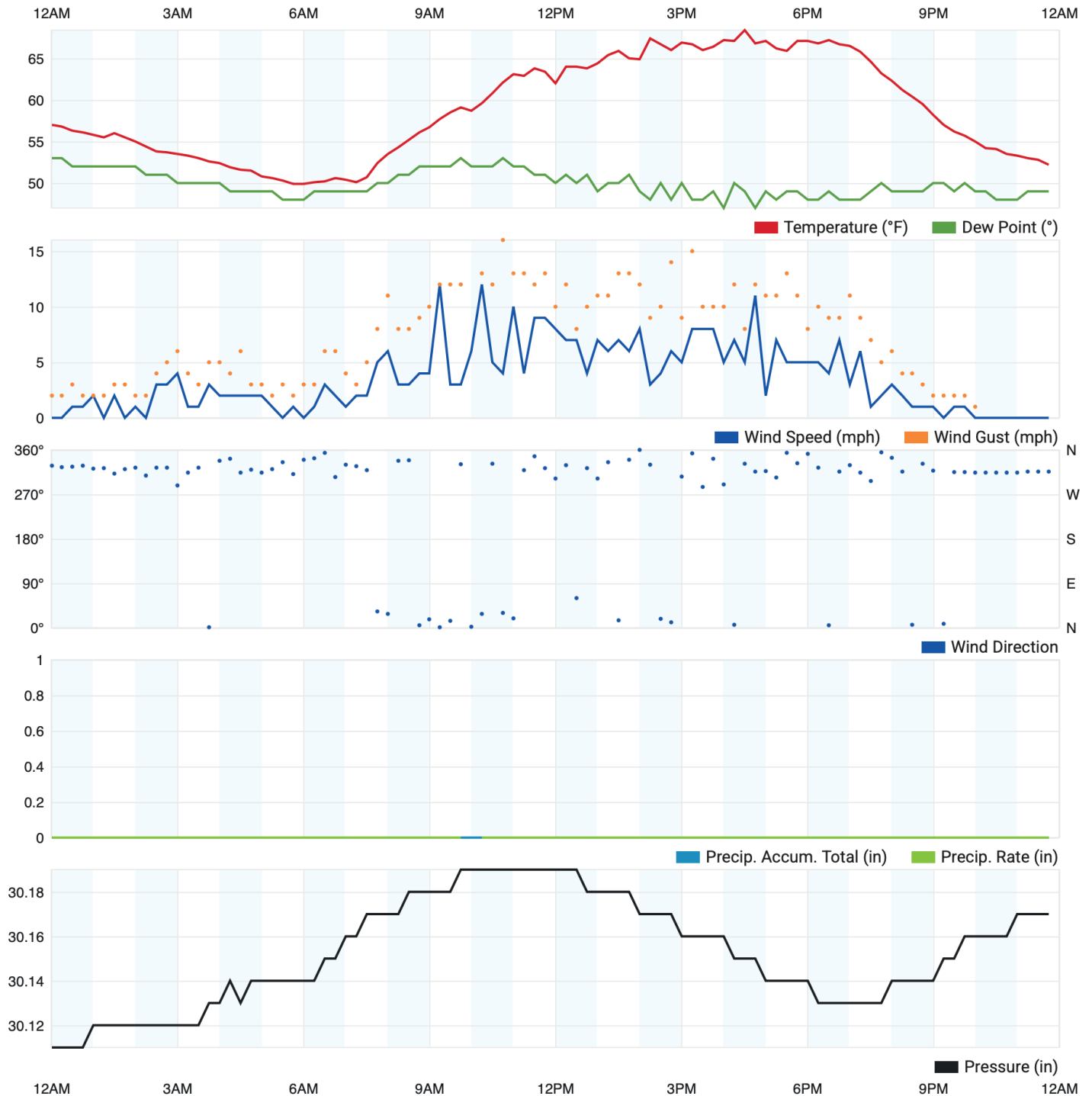
Rewilding is an effort to bring back nature by letting ecosystems fix themselves, mostly by putting native animals and plants back where they belong and cutting back on human interference. Credit: Pexels.com.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs

August 24, 2025



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Today



High: 70 °F

Sunny

Tonight



Low: 46 °F

Clear

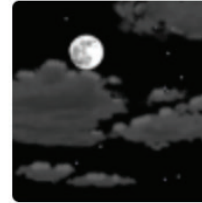
Tuesday



High: 75 °F

Sunny

Tuesday Night



Low: 53 °F

Partly Cloudy

Wednesday



High: 80 °F

Sunny



The Coming Week

August 24, 2025

2:52 PM

Gradual Warming Trend Through Wednesday

Monday

High:

65-77°

Overnight Low:

45-50°

Wind:

N 5-10 mph

Tuesday

High:

72-82°

Overnight Low:

52-58°

Wind:

S 10-15 mph

Wednesday

High:

77-86°

Overnight Low:

54-57°

Wind:

E 5-10 mph

Thursday

High:

77-87°

Overnight Low:

54-59°

Wind:

E 10-15 mph

Friday

High:

76-85°

Overnight Low:

55-60°

Wind:

SE 10-15 mph
Gust 20-25 mph



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

Here is the forecast for this next week! Calm pattern continues as rain chances remain low through most of the week. A gradual warming trend is expected through Wednesday, with highs in the mid 70s to 80s.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 68 °F at 4:29 PM

Low Temp: 50 °F at 5:47 AM

Wind: 16 mph at 10:38 AM

Precip: : 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 101 in 1926

Record Low: 38 in 1896

Average High: 82

Average Low: 54

Average Precip in August.: 1.81

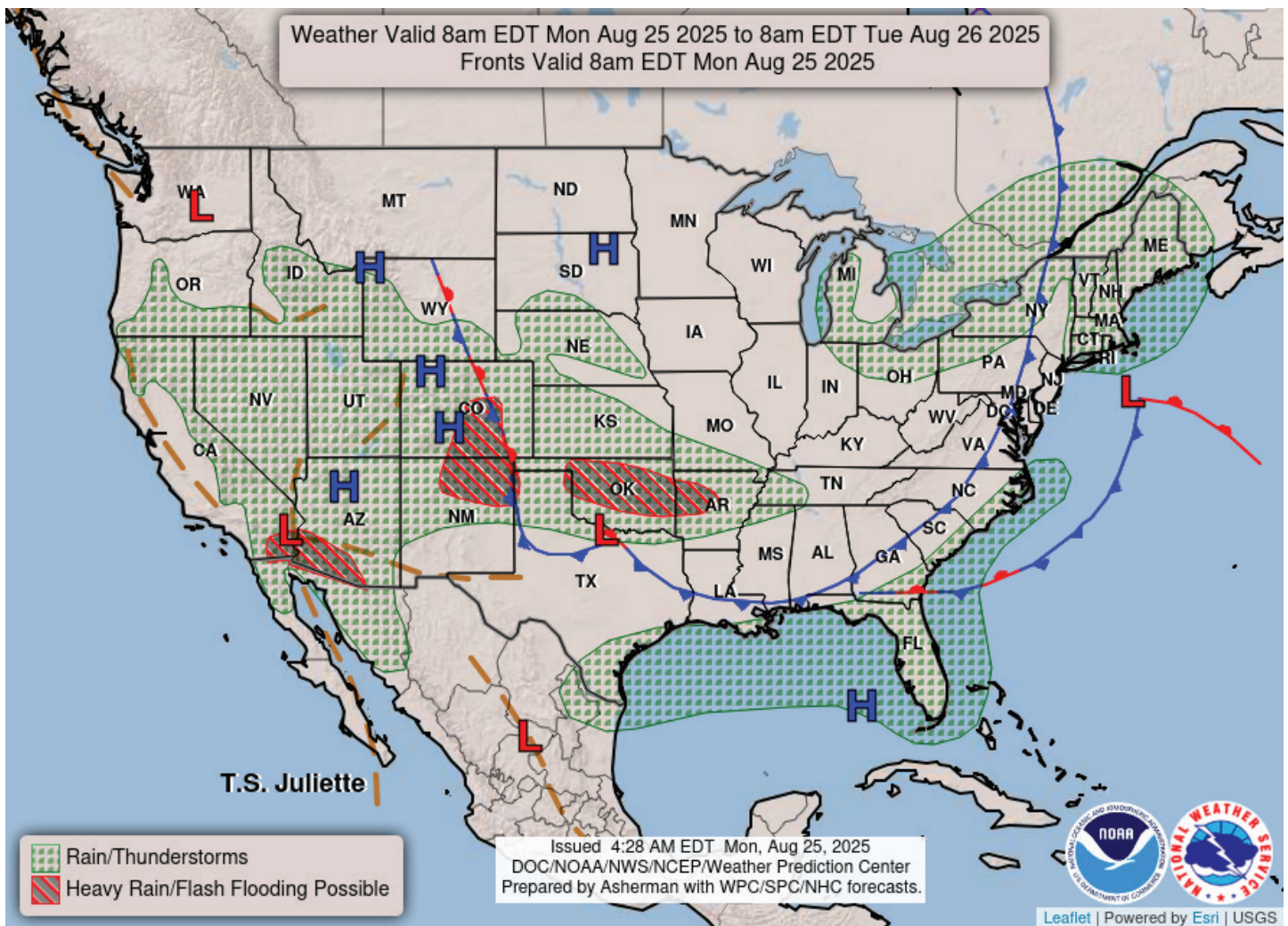
Precip to date in August: 4.42

Average Precip to date: 15.91

Precip Year to Date: 20.30

Sunset Tonight: 8:23 pm

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:47 am



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Today in Weather History

August 25, 1990: Severe thunderstorms moved across central and northeastern South Dakota produce golf ball size hail and wind gusts exceeding 60 mph. One storm produced a weak F0 tornado between Bowdle and Roscoe in Edmunds County.

1814: In the early afternoon, a strong tornado struck northwest Washington D.C. and downtown. The severe tornadic storm arrived the day after the British Troops had set fire to the Capitol, the White House, and other public buildings. The storm's rains would douse those flames. The tornado did major structural damage to the residential section of the city. The tornado's flying debris killed more British soldiers than by the guns of the American resistance. The storm blew off roofs and carried them high up into the air, knocked down chimneys and fences and damaged numerous homes. Some homes were destroyed. It lifted two pieces of cannon and deposited them several yards away. At least 30 Americans were killed or injured in the heavily damaged buildings, and an unknown number of British killed and wounded.

1885 - A severe hurricane struck South Carolina causing 1.3 million dollars damage at Charleston. (David Ludlum)

1940 - New Jersey experienced its coldest August morning of record, with lows of 32 degrees at Layton and Charlotteburg. (The Weather Channel)

1948: One of the worst tornadoes to strike New Zealand occurred at Hamilton on this day. This estimated F2tornado killed three people, injuring dozens, and destroying or severely damaging almost 150 houses and 50 business premises in Hamilton and Franklin.

1987 - Morning thunderstorms produced heavy rain in eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa. Stanton IA reported 10.50 inches of rain. Water was reported up to the handle of automobiles west of Greenwood NE. Rainfall totals for a two day period ranged from 7 to 14 inches across southwestern Iowa. Crop damage was in the millions for both states. Subsequent flooding of streams in Iowa the last week of August caused millions of dollars damage to crops, as some streams crested ten feet above flood stage. (Storm Data)

1988 - Seven cities in California reported record high temperatures for the date, including Sacramento with an afternoon reading of 104 degrees. Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in Arizona. Chino Valley was drenched with 2.50 inches of rain in just thirty minutes washing out a couple of streets in town. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Morning thunderstorms drenched Spencer, IN, with 4.10 inches of rain in three hours causing extensive street flooding. Evening thunderstorms in eastern Kansas produced up to six inches of rain around Emporia, and four inches of rain in just forty-five minutes near Parsons, and also produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Lake Melvern. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005 - Katrina becomes a hurricane just before landfall in south Florida between Hallandale Beach and North Miami Beach. Maximum sustained winds at the time of landfall were near 80 mph. There were eleven fatalities in South Florida, including four by falling trees. More than 1.3 million customers lost electrical services, and preliminary insured loss estimates ranged from \$600 million to \$2 billion in the state of Florida (Associated Press).

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HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

We are all grateful for our "first responders." They save lives, bind wounds, bring food, give clothing, provide shelter, and restore power. They have become our "rescuers." And, they certainly fulfill a critical, essential role.

But as Christians, when we face a time of trial or tragedy, we have One who has been waiting for us to call upon Him when we need help. He is always waiting for an opportunity to prove His power whenever we face a difficult situation.

One morning, about four o'clock, Peter was in serious trouble. He and a few of his friends were in a small boat far from shore when a fierce storm arose out of nowhere. Fearing for their lives they became even more frightened when they saw what they thought was a ghost. They screamed in horror. And over the howling wind came a stern voice that said, "Stop being afraid." It was Jesus assuring them that there was no reason for them to fear for their lives because He was there to save them when they needed Him the most.

"If it is you," said Peter, "tell me to come to You – let me walk on the water!" "Certainly," said Jesus, "come on. You've nothing to fear!" He got out of the boat, felt the wind on his face and the waves beneath his feet but then lost his faith, and began to sink. He shouted, "Save me, Lord," and He did.

It is never the eloquence of our words or length of our prayer that counts, but our simplicity and sincerity. It is never a formula but our faith. He will always come to our rescue if we call on Him in a faith that believes in Him.

Prayer: Lord, we do indeed believe in Your power and Your promises. Yet, when it counts most, we doubt. Increase our faith whenever we doubt. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race. Psalm 12:1

We all need the encouragement, comfort, and peace that comes through God's grace. Our daily devotionals, known as Seeds of Hope, have been a means through which thousands of people have experienced this grace. Each devotional comes from God's Word and we pray this good "seed" finds good soil in your heart. Our aim is that the Seeds of Hope will be a great source of daily encouragement to you and that God will use them to draw you near to Him

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WINNING NUMBERS

MEGA MILLIONS

WINNING NUMBERS: 08.22.25

18 30 44 48 50 12

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$253,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 1 Days 17 Hrs 31 Mins
57 Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

LOTTO AMERICA

WINNING NUMBERS: 08.23.25

1 6 11 28 31 10

All Star Bonus: 3x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$2,350,000

NEXT DRAW: 16 Hrs 46 Mins 57
Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

LUCKY FOR LIFE

WINNING NUMBERS: 08.24.25

9 16 18 25 42 15

TOP PRIZE:

\$7,000/week

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 1 Mins 58
Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

DAKOTA CASH

WINNING NUMBERS: 08.23.25

3 7 14 27 31

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$20,000

NEXT DRAW: 2 Days 17 Hrs 1 Mins
58 Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

POWERBALL

DOUBLE PLAY

WINNING NUMBERS: 08.23.25

9 23 24 33 44 19

TOP PRIZE:

\$10,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 30 Mins 58
Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

POWERBALL

WINNING NUMBERS: 08.23.25

11 14 34 47 51 18

Power Play: 2x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$750,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 30 Mins 58
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08/23/2025 Glacial Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
09/05/2025 Homecoming Parade 1pm
09/06/2025 Lion's Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm
09/06-07/25 Groton Airport Fly-In/Drive-In, Groton Municipal Airport
09/07/2025 Couples Sunflower Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 10am
09/07/2025 9th Annual Doggie Day at the Swimming Pool 3-5pm
10/10/2025 Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10am
10/11/2025 Pumpkin Fest at the City Park 10am-3pm
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News from the **AP** Associated Press

Israeli airstrike on southern Gaza hospital kills 8, health ministry says

By WAFAA SHURAF, SAMY MAGDY and SAM METZ Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli strike hit a southern Gaza's main hospital Monday, killing at least eight people, Gaza's health ministry said.

The victims on the fourth floor of Nasser Hospital were killed in a double-tap strike with one missile hitting first, then another moments later as rescue crews arrived, the ministry said.

Khan Younis' Nasser Hospital, the largest in southern Gaza, has withstood raids and bombardment throughout 22 months of war, with officials citing critical shortages of supplies and staff.

Neither Israel's military nor the Prime Minister's office immediately responded to questions about the strike.

Those killed at Nasser Hospital were among 12 reported dead Monday, including six aid seekers. Three Palestinians, including a child, were killed in a strike on a neighborhood in Gaza City, where Israel is preparing for a broader ground invasion in the coming days.

Al-Awda Hospital reported six aid-seekers trying to reach a distribution point in central Gaza were killed by Israeli gunfire in an incident that also wounded 15. Israel's military did not immediately respond to a question about the aid seekers.

Israeli strikes and raids on hospitals are not uncommon. Multiple hospitals have been struck or raided across the Gaza Strip, with Israel claiming its attacks had targeted militants operating inside the medical facilities, without providing evidence.

A June strike on Nasser Hospital killed three people and wounded 10, according to the health ministry. At the time, Israel's military said it had targeted Hamas militants operating from a command and control center inside the hospital. A March strike on the hospital's surgical unit days after a ceasefire broke down killed two people.

The health ministry said Sunday that at least 62,686 Palestinians have been killed in the war. It does not distinguish between fighters and civilians but says around half have been women and children. The U.N. and independent experts consider it the most reliable source on war casualties. Israel disputes its figures but has not provided its own.

Keurig Dr Pepper to buy Peet's Coffee owner in \$18 billion deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Keurig Dr Pepper said Monday it will buy Peet's Coffee owner JDE Peet's in a deal worth about \$18 billion (15.7 billion euro).

When the acquisition is complete, the company plans to split into two separate companies, one focused on coffee and the other focused on beverages including Dr Pepper, Canada Dry, 7Up and energy drinks.

The coffee business will have about \$16 billion in combined sales and the beverage business about \$11 billion.

"Through the complementary combination of Keurig and JDE Peet's, we are seizing an exceptional opportunity to create a global coffee giant," said Tim Cofer, Keurig Dr Pepper's CEO.

In addition to Peet's, Amsterdam-based JDE Peet's brands include L'OR, Jacobs, Douwe Egberts, Kenco, Pilao, OldTown, Super and Moccona.

Once the two companies are separated, Cofer will become CEO of the beverage business, which will be based in Frisco, Texas, and Keurig Dr Pepper CFO Sudhanshu Priyadarshi will lead the coffee business, which will be located in Burlington, Mass., with its international headquarters in Amsterdam.

Back home in Maryland, Kilmar Abrego Garcia faces deportation again as he reports to ICE office

BALTIMORE (AP) — Kilmar Abrego Garcia was expected Monday to report to U.S. immigration officials in Maryland as the Trump administration says it intends to deport the El Salvadoran national whose arrest and fight to stay in the country have become a flashpoint in the president's immigration crackdown.

The scheduled check-in at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Baltimore comes just days after the 30-year-old immigrant was released from a jail in Tennessee, where he had been detained since June after being brought back to the U.S. following his mistaken deportation to El Salvador.

Immigration officials have said they plan to deport Abrego Garcia to Uganda, which recently agreed to a deal to accept certain deportees from the U.S., after he declined an offer to be removed to Costa Rica in exchange for pleading guilty to human smuggling charges.

According to his defense attorneys, the government has given Abrego Garcia until first thing Monday to accept the plea deal and deportation to Costa Rica, or "that offer will be off the table forever."

Abrego Garcia's attorneys have declined to say if he's still considering the deal.

On Friday, Abrego Garcia returned to his family in Maryland. Video released by advocates of the reunion showed a room decorated with streamers, flowers and signs. He embraced loved ones and thanked them "for everything."

Filings in federal court show the Costa Rican government saying Abrego Garcia would be welcomed as a legal immigrant and wouldn't face detention.

In a statement, Justice Department spokesperson Chad Gilmartin said the criminal charges underscore how Abrego Garcia presents a "clear danger" and that he can either plead guilty or stand trial.

"Either way, we will hold Abrego Garcia accountable and protect the American people," Gilmartin said.

Abrego Garcia's case became a flash point in President Donald Trump's immigration agenda after he was mistakenly deported to El Salvador in March, despite a judge's earlier determination that he faced a "well-founded fear" of violence there. Facing a court order, the Trump administration brought him back to the United States in June, only to detain him on human smuggling charges.

He pleaded not guilty and asked the judge to dismiss the case, claiming that it is an attempt to punish him for challenging his deportation to El Salvador. The Saturday filing came as a supplement to that motion to dismiss, stating that the threat to deport him to Uganda is more proof that the prosecution is vindictive.

The smuggling charges stem from a 2022 traffic stop in Tennessee for speeding. There were nine passengers in the car, and officers discussed among themselves their suspicions of smuggling. Abrego Garcia was allowed to continue driving with only a warning.

Abrego Garcia has an American wife and children and has lived in Maryland for years. Although he was deemed eligible for pretrial release last month, he remained in jail at the request of his attorneys, who feared the Republican administration could try to immediately deport him again if he were freed.

A recent ruling in a separate case in Maryland required ICE to provide 72 hours' notice before initiating deportation proceedings — time to allow a prospective deportee to mount a defense. An email from ICE sent to attorneys at 4:01 p.m. on Friday refers to that decision.

"Please let this email serve as notice that DHS may remove your client, Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia, to Uganda no earlier than 72 hours from now (absent weekends)," it states. Uganda recently agreed to take deportees from the U.S., provided they do not have criminal records and are not unaccompanied minors.

Federal officials have argued that Abrego Garcia can be deported because he came to the U.S. illegally and because a U.S. immigration judge deemed him eligible for expulsion in 2019, just not to his native El Salvador.

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'KPop Demon Hunters' gives Netflix its first box-office win

By ITZEL LUNA and JAKE COYLE Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Netflix appears to have its first No. 1 box-office title in the streaming company's 18-year history thanks to the sensation of "KPop Demon Hunters."

Rival studios on Sunday estimated "KPop Demon Hunters" led all films over the weekend with \$16-18 million in ticket sales. Distribution executives from three studios shared their estimates for the Netflix phenomenon on condition of anonymity because the streaming company has a policy of not reporting ticket sales.

Following a dominating few weeks as one of the most popular Netflix releases ever, the streamer put the film into 1,750 theaters for sing-along screenings Saturday and Sunday. Studios are able to accurately estimate ticket sales for all releases on Sunday morning, though the uncommon nature of the "KPop Demon Hunters" releases means a wider variance. Some estimates were as high as \$20 million.

It amounted to a victory lap for "KPop Demon Hunters," arguably the biggest hit of Hollywood's summer, and an ironic success for Netflix, whose emphasis on streaming, not theatrical release, upended the movie industry. Another sore spot for Hollywood: The film was developed and produced by Sony Pictures, which sold it to Netflix.

Not all exhibitors went along. AMC, the largest theater chain in North America, declined to show the movie. But that didn't stop Netflix from claiming the box-office title its more traditional competitors typically own.

David A. Gross, who runs the movie consulting firm FranchiseRe, called it "a completely unique two-day musical event."

"It may turn out to be higher," said Gross. "Theater owners are quick on their feet and can add capacity according to demand."

The theatrical release, though limited, is out of the ordinary for the streaming giant, which has long stressed a commitment to subscriber releases. The movie debuted on the platform in late June and is currently Netflix's most-watched animated original film.

The film centers on Huntr/x, a KPop superstar trio who double as demon hunters. The members, Rumi (Arden Cho), Mira (May Hong) and Zooey (Ji-young Yoo), must protect their fans and face their biggest enemy yet: a rival boy band made up of demons in disguise.

Zach Cregger's horror hit "Weapons" maintained strength in the box office during its third weekend, bringing in \$15.6 million domestically. The buzzy horror movie has proved its staying power, raking in over \$100 million globally since its release.

Disney's "Freakier Friday" landed behind the horror movie once again, earning \$9.2 million in North American theaters.

The two films are "real bright spots" as the box office heads into a "rather quiet finish" for the summer, said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for the data firm Comscore. Both films, which premiered simultaneously earlier this month, had a minimal 36% drop from last weekend.

"I think we have to look at the currency of the goodwill generated by people having these great summer moviegoing experiences," Dergarabedian said. "We have to look at that as a more important metric than just the bottom-line dollars and cents."

"The Fantastic Four: First Steps" earned \$5.9 million domestically during its fifth weekend. The movie enjoyed a strong \$118 million debut but has experienced a steady decline.

Newcomer "Honey Don't!" opened in 1,317 North American theaters with a weekend gross estimate of \$3 million, in line with expectations. The movie made it to the top 10, right above "The Naked Gun."

The dark comedy stars Margaret Qualley as Honey O'Donahue, a small-town private investigator who investigates a slew of strange deaths tied to a church in Bakersfield, California.

Top 10 movies by domestic box office

With final domestic figures being released Monday, this list factors in the estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore:

1. "Weapons," \$15.6 million.

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2. "Freakier Friday," \$9.2 million.
3. "The Fantastic Four: First Steps," \$5.9 million.
4. "The Bad Guys 2," \$5.1 million.
5. "Nobody 2," \$3.7 million.
6. "Superman," \$3.4 million.
7. "Honey Don't!" \$3 million.
8. "The Naked Gun," \$3 million.
9. "Jurassic World Rebirth," \$2.1 million.
10. "Relay," \$2 million.

Shilo Sanders waived by the Buccaneers, AP source says

By ROB MAADDI AP Pro Football Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Shilo Sanders was waived by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, less than 24 hours after he was ejected from a preseason game for throwing a punch, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't announced its cuts.

Sanders, the son of Hall of Fame cornerback Deion Sanders, was battling for a roster spot after going undrafted out of Colorado, where he played for his father. He was also penalized for pass interference earlier in Tampa Bay's 23-19 loss to Buffalo on Saturday night.

"You can't throw punches in this league. It's inexcusable. They're gonna get you every time," Buccaneers coach Todd Bowles said. "You gotta grow from that."

The Buccaneers could still add Sanders to the practice squad if he doesn't get claimed off waivers by another team.

Sanders, a hard-hitting and playmaking safety at Colorado, had an impressive debut for the Buccaneers in the preseason opener. But he had strong competition to make Tampa Bay's roster.

Sanders was engaged with Zach Davidson for a few yards, pushing and shoving each other. He was immediately flagged after throwing a punch that sent him to the locker room.

It was a tough Saturday for both of the sons of "Coach Prime" in the preseason. Shedeur Sanders, a fifth-round pick by Cleveland, was 3 of 6 for 14 yards and took five sacks.

Mediterranean rescues find 3 Sudanese sisters dead on an overcrowded migrant boat

By RENATA BRITO Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Three young sisters have died after an overcrowded rubber dinghy took on water in bad weather while trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea to Italy, a German nonprofit organization reported Sunday.

The sisters from war-torn Sudan, who were 9, 11 and 17 years old, are the latest known victims of a Mediterranean migration route that has claimed more than 30,000 lives since the International Organization for Migration started counting in 2014.

Volunteers with the German group RESQSHIP found their bodies after rescuing some 65 people from the unseaworthy boat in international waters north off Libya on the night of Friday to Saturday. A fourth person was reported missing at sea.

Their mother and brother were among survivors who were brought to shore on the Italian island of Lampedusa late Saturday, the group said.

The green rubber dinghy had departed Zuwara in western Libya earlier Friday.

"The boat was really overcrowded and partially deflated," Barbara Satore, one of the rescuers, told The Associated Press. "It was a really pitch dark night with 1.5 meter (4.9 feet) waves, and the boat had been taking on water for hours."

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Satore said they found it after an alert from the Alarm Phone network, which receives calls from migrant boats in distress.

It was only after rescuers evacuated around two-thirds of the people on board that the bodies emerged floating in a pool of water and fuel at the bottom of the boat.

"I heard a woman screaming and a man pointing into the water," Satore said. The darkness and weather conditions made the rescue very dangerous, she added. "The medical team attempted resuscitation but they had been underwater for an extended period of time."

The mother remained in shock and sat next to the remains of her daughters aboard the rescue ship, Satore said. Relatives asked the crew for white sheets and wrapped the bodies with them.

Among the other people rescued were pregnant women and many children, Satore said. Four of them required urgent medical evacuation and were transferred to an Italian coast guard vessel alongside their family members. Survivors came from Sudan but also Mali, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia and Eritrea she added.

Separately, a different Mediterranean rescue group said it had saved more than 50 people from one migrant boat but failed to reach a second boat in distress after it had been intercepted by Libyan coast guards.

"The so-called Libyan Coast Guard and associated actors are accused by an independent United Nations Fact-Finding Mission of serious human rights violations and crimes against humanity in Libya," the SOS Humanity NGO said in a statement. "Forcing people who seek protection back to a country where they face torture and abuse is violating international law."

Nigerian military airstrikes free 76 hostages, including children

By DYEPKAZAH SHIBAYAN Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — At least 76 hostages, including children, have been freed after Nigeria's military targeted militants with precision airstrikes in the country's northwest, local authorities said.

The airstrikes were launched on targets around Pauwa Hill, located in the Kankara area of Katsina state, in the early hours of Saturday, Nasir Mu'azu, the state's commissioner for internal security, said in a statement. The air assault was launched in a manhunt for a notorious kidnapper.

The rescued hostages include some of those kidnapped during an attack on a mosque in Unguwan Mantau that led to the death of at least 50 people, the commissioner said.

"However, it was regrettably noted that one child tragically lost his life during the ordeal," Mu'azu said.

In recent months, there has been an uptick in attacks on communities in the northwest and north-central regions of Africa's most populous country, where farmers often clash over limited access to land and water. An attack last month in north-central Nigeria killed 150 people.

The conflict has become deadlier in recent years, with authorities and analysts warning that more herdsmen are taking up more sophisticated arms.

The commissioner said the air assault is "part of a broader strategy to dismantle criminal hideouts, weaken their networks and put an end to the cycle of killings, kidnappings, and extortion that have plagued innocent citizens."

The West African country is also dealing with an insurgency in its northeast region that has resulted in the death of around 35,000 civilians and the displacement of more than 2 million others, according to the United Nations.

Also on Saturday, separate airstrikes in the northwest of Nigeria killed 35 militants in a targeted attack.

Despite the efforts by the government of President Bola Tinubu to curb jihadi attacks, the militancy has persisted.

Maria Sharapova and Bryan Brothers enter tennis hall, with surprise appearance by Serena Williams

By JIMMY GOLEN AP Sports Writer

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Serena Williams made a surprise — and early — appearance at the International Tennis Hall of Fame, emerging from behind the stage to introduce “former rival, former fan and forever friend” Maria Sharapova for her induction on Saturday night.

Williams, a 23-time Grand Slam champion who will be eligible for her own enshrinement in 2027, drew gasps and shrieks from the crowd at the Newport shrine.

“There are only a few players in my career who challenged me to be the very best, every single time we stepped out on the court,” Williams said. “Maria Sharapova was one of them. Whenever I saw her name next to mine in the draw, I made sure I practiced harder.”

And the feeling was mutual.

“It’s a gift to have someone who motivates you to reach those heights. And I’ll forever be grateful for bringing out the best in me,” Sharapova said in her acceptance speech. “We both knew no other way than to fight our hearts out. ... We both hated to lose more than anything on this earth, and we both knew that the other was the biggest obstacle between ourselves and the trophy.”

The first Russian woman ever to reach No. 1 in the rankings and one of 10 women to complete the career Grand Slam, Sharapova was joined in the Class of 2025 by dominating doubles team Mike and Bob Bryan. The twin brothers finished their speech with one of their trademark chest bumps.

Hall of Famers Martina Navratilova, Jim Courier, Stan Smith and Andy Roddick were among those in the crowd, wearing their blue Hall of Fame blazers. Sharapova and the Bryan brothers also received a cast tennis racket that is the hall’s newest offering to inductees.

Sharapova was described in her introductory video as someone who “combined grit with glamour,” and some of the stylish outfits she competed in are already displayed in the hall — including a tuxedo-inspired dress she wore at Wimbledon in 2008.

Williams noted that her rival was the highest-paid female athlete in the world for 11 straight years — bolstered by endorsement income that surpassed her on-court winnings.

“She showed us all how to take excellence on the court and turn it into excellence in business, and fashion, branding and everything that she touched,” Williams said. “She changed how women not only approached tennis, but sports and opportunity. She showed us that you can be fierce on the court and strategic off the court, and unapologetically herself the entire time.”

Sharapova said her induction gave her a chance to look back — something she tried not to do when she was playing. And she credited her success to “embracing the struggles and leaning into the hard stuff.”

“When voices inevitably tell you to ease up, to round your edges, dull your ambition, I hope you can find a way to ignore them,” she said. “Compete fiercely. Raise your standard. Set goals that intimidate you. And don’t forget to celebrate your victories, no matter how small.

“In giving my life to tennis, tennis gave me a life,” she said. “And what a remarkable, remarkable life. And I’m so deeply grateful for it.”

The Bryans shared a speech as if they were taking turns hitting on a court, alternating at the microphone as they thanked coaches, friends and Davis Cup teammates from a career in which they won 119 ATP titles, including 16 Grand Slams, and an Olympic gold medal. They spent a record 438 weeks atop the world rankings.

Navratilova, who won the 2006 U.S. Open mixed doubles title with Bob Bryan, credited the brothers for keeping the doubles disciplines from being forgotten.

“Not too many athletes transcend their sport,” she said. “For twins to do it is amazing.”

Bob Bryan said he was fortunate because “for most of my career, I had the No. 1 player in the world across the hall.”

“Doubles was our love from Day 1,” Mike Bryan said. “We loved everything about doubles. We loved the strategy, the teamwork, sharing the highs and lows. Like our personalities, our games complemented each other perfectly.”

Great white sharks are going north. Here's what the numbers say

By PATRICK WHITTLE Associated Press

SCARBOROUGH, Maine (AP) — New data shows that great white sharks are spending more time in the chilly waters off New England and Canada's Atlantic coast.

That means boaters, beachgoers and fishermen who spend time in the northern waters are learning to live with the predators made famous by the movie "Jaws" 50 years ago. Sightings of the sharks are up in places like Maine, where they were once very rarely spotted.

Scientists link the white shark sightings to increased availability of the seals the sharks feast on, and say beachgoers are generally very safe from shark bites.

Here's a breakdown by the numbers.

93 great white sharks identified off Maine from 2020 to 2024

The Maine Department of Marine Resources has been monitoring great white shark activity in the Gulf of Maine since 2020. The department has said it intends to use the data to better understand white shark distribution off the state's coast.

Nineteen unique white sharks were recorded in 2024 on 47 unique dates, the department reported.

2 confirmed unprovoked shark attacks in Maine waters since 1837

The first recorded fatal shark attack in Maine happened in 2020 when a great white shark killed 63-year-old Julie Dimperio Holowach off Bailey Island.

Shark experts describe fatal shark bites as exceedingly rare, in Maine and everywhere else.

Nearly 2.5-fold increase in detection of white sharks off Nova Scotia

The number of white sharks detected off Halifax, Nova Scotia, increased about 2.5 times from 2018 to 2022, according to a paper published in May in the journal Marine Ecology Progress Series. Even farther north, the number detected in the Cabot Strait that separates Nova Scotia and Newfoundland increased nearly four times over, the paper said.

8 shark species known to live in Maine waters

In addition to the great white shark, at least seven other shark species live in Maine's waters. They are the basking shark, porbeagle, blue shark, sand tiger shark, common thresher, shortfin mako and spiny dogfish.

Most of these sharks pose a very minimal threat to humans and some are harmless.

949 unprovoked shark attacks in recorded human history since 1580

The International Shark Attack File at the Florida Museum of Natural History keeps a record of documented shark attacks. While the great white shark holds the record for most documented attacks on humans, the totals are still very low.

The white shark has been the source of 351 documented unprovoked shark attacks, and 59 of those have been fatal, the International Shark Attack File has reported.

Boxer Julio César Chávez Jr. to stand trial in Mexico over alleged cartel ties

By ABRAHAM TÉLLEZ Associated Press

HERMOSILLO, Mexico (AP) — A judge in Mexico said boxer Julio César Chávez Jr. will stand trial over alleged cartel ties and arms trafficking but could await that trial outside of detention, the boxer's lawyer said.

Chávez's lawyer, Rubén Fernando Benítez Alvarez, confirmed that the court imposed additional measures and granted three months of further investigation into the case. He described the claims against his client as "speculation" and "urban legends" following the court hearing on Saturday in the northern Mexican city of Hermosillo.

If convicted, Chávez — who took part in the hearing virtually from a detention facility — could face a prison sentence of between four and eight years, Alvarez said.

Chávez, 39, who had been living in the United States for several years, was arrested in early July by

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federal agents outside his Los Angeles home for overstaying his visa and providing inaccurate details on an application to obtain a green card. The arrest came just days after a fight he had with famed American boxer Jake Paul in Los Angeles.

Since 2019, Mexican prosecutors have been investigating the boxer following a complaint filed by U.S. authorities against the Sinaloa Cartel for organized crime, human trafficking, arms trafficking and drug trafficking.

The case led to investigations against 13 people, among them Ovidio Guzmán López — the son of convicted drug lord Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán — along with some collaborators, hitmen and accomplices of the criminal organization. Guzmán López was arrested in January 2023 and extradited to the U.S. eight months later.

Following the inquiry, the Federal Attorney General’s Office issued several arrest warrants, including one against Chávez.

Mexico’s President Claudia Sheinbaum said Chávez was wanted since 2023 in Mexico, but that he wasn’t detained because he spent most of the time in the U.S.

“The hope is that he will be deported and serve the sentence in Mexico,” Sheinbaum said in July.

The boxer, who is the son of Mexican boxing great Julio César Chávez, was deported by the U.S. on Aug. 19 and handed over to agents of the Federal Attorney General’s Office in Sonora state, who transferred him to the Federal Social Reintegration Center in Hermosillo.

The high profile case come as the Trump administration is pressuring Mexico to crack down on organized crime, canceling visas of notable Mexican artists and celebrities and ramping up deportations.

Chávez has struggled with drug addiction throughout his career and has been arrested multiple times. In 2012, he was found guilty of driving under the influence in Los Angeles and was sentenced to 13 days in jail.

He was arrested last year for weapons possession. Police reported that Chávez had two rifles. He was released shortly afterward upon posting \$50,000 bail, on the condition that he attend a facility to receive treatment for his addiction.

Multiple journalists killed by Israeli strikes on Gaza hospital

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Four journalists were among at least eight people killed on Monday in a strike on a hospital in southern Gaza, including a freelancer who worked for the Associated Press.

Mariam Dagga, 33 freelanced for the AP since the Gaza war began, as well as other news outlets.

Dagga reported on Nasser Hospital doctors struggling to save children with no prior health issues who were wasting away from starvation.

Al Jazeera confirmed that its journalist Mohammed Salam was among those who were killed in the Nasser hospital strike. Reuters reported that its contractor cameraman Hussam al-Masri was also killed in the strike. Photographer Hatem Khaled, who was also a Reuters contractor, was wounded, the news agency reported.

The Israel-Hamas has been one of the bloodiest conflicts for media workers, with a total of 192 journalists killed in Gaza in the 22-month conflict, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. Comparatively, 18 journalists have been killed so far in the Russia-Ukraine war, according to the CPJ.

The Israeli Prime Minister’s Office and Israeli military refused to comment on the incident.

Some National Guard units in Washington are now carrying firearms in escalation of Trump deployment

By JONATHAN J. COOPER, LEAH ASKARINAM and KONSTANTIN TOROPIN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some National Guard units patrolling the nation’s capital at the direction of President Donald Trump have started carrying firearms, an escalation of his military deployment that makes good on a directive issued late last week by his defense secretary.

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A Defense Department official who was not authorized to speak publicly said some units on certain missions would be armed — some with handguns and others with rifles. The spokesperson said that all units with firearms have been trained and are operating under strict rules for use of force.

An Associated Press photographer on Sunday saw members of the South Carolina National Guard outside Union Station with holstered handguns.

A statement from the joint task force that has taken over policing in the nation's capital said units began carrying their service weapons on Sunday and that the military's rules say force should be used "only as a last resort and solely in response to an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm." It said the force is committed to protecting "the safety and wellbeing" of Washington's residents.

The defense official who spoke to The Associated Press said only troops on certain missions would carry guns, and that would include those patrolling to establish a law enforcement presence throughout the capital. Those working in transportation or administration would likely remain unarmed.

Thousands of National Guard and federal law enforcement officers are now patrolling the district's streets, drawing sporadic protests from local residents.

The development in Trump's extraordinary effort to override the law enforcement authority of state and local governments comes as he is considering expanding the deployments to other Democratic-led cities, including Baltimore, Chicago and New York.

Earlier Sunday, the president responded to an offer by Maryland's governor to join him in a tour of Baltimore by saying he might instead "send in the 'troops.'"

Gov. Wes Moore, a Democrat, has criticized Trump's unprecedented flex of federal power aimed at combatting crime and homelessness in Washington. Moore last week invited Trump to visit his state to discuss public safety and walk the streets.

In a Truth Social post on Sunday, Trump said Moore asked "in a rather nasty and provocative tone," and then raised the specter of repeating the National Guard deployment he made in Los Angeles over the objections of California's Democratic governor, Gavin Newsom.

"Wes Moore's record on Crime is a very bad one, unless he fudges his figures on crime like many of the other 'Blue States' are doing," Trump wrote, as he cited a pejorative nickname he uses frequently for the California governor. "But if Wes Moore needs help, like Gavin Newsom did in L.A., I will send in the 'troops,' which is being done in nearby DC, and quickly clean up the Crime."

Moore said he invited Trump to Maryland "because he seems to enjoy living in this blissful ignorance" about improving crime rates in Baltimore. After a spike during the pandemic that matched nationwide trends, Baltimore's violent crime rate has fallen. The 200 homicides reported last year were down 24% from the prior year and 42% since 2021, according to city data. Between 2023 and 2024, overall violent crime was down nearly 8% and property crimes down 20%.

"The president is spending all of his time talking about me," Moore said on CBS's "Face the Nation" on Sunday. "I'm spending my time talking about the people I serve."

Trump is "spouting off a bunch of lies about public safety in Maryland," Moore said in a fundraising email.

In Washington, where Trump has surged National Guard troops and federal law enforcement officers, a patchwork of protests popped up throughout the city over the weekend, while some normally bustling corners were noticeably quiet. In some of the most populated areas, residents walked by small groups of national guardsmen, often talking among themselves. Videos of arrests and detainments circulated on social media.

Trump has said Chicago and New York are most likely his next targets, eliciting strong pushback from Democratic leaders in both states. The Washington Post reported Saturday that the Pentagon has spent weeks preparing for an operation in Chicago that would include National Guard troops and potentially active-duty forces.

Asked about the Post report, the White House pointed to Trump's earlier comments discussing his desire to expand his use of military forces to target local crime.

"I think Chicago will be our next," Trump told reporters at the White House on Friday, adding, "And then

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we'll help with New York."

Trump has repeatedly described some of the nation's largest cities — run by Democrats, with Black mayors and majority-minority populations — as dangerous and filthy. Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott is Black, as is Moore. The District of Columbia and New York also have Black mayors.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, speaking during a religious event Sunday at Howard University in Washington, said the Guard's presence in the nation's capital was not about crime: "This is about profiling us."

"This is laced with bigotry and racism," he later elaborated to reporters. "Not one white mayor has been designated. And I think this is a civil rights issue, a race issue, and an issue of D.C. statehood."

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, a Democrat, said there is no emergency warranting the deployment of National Guard troops in Chicago.

"Donald Trump is attempting to manufacture a crisis, politicize Americans who serve in uniform, and continue abusing his power to distract from the pain he's causing families," Pritzker wrote on X. "We'll continue to follow the law, stand up for the sovereignty of our state, and protect Illinoisans."

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson said the city doesn't need "a military occupation" and would sue to block one. He said there has been no communication from the White House about a possible military deployment.

"We're not going to surrender our humanity to this tyrant," Johnson said Sunday on MSNBC. "I can tell you this, the city of Chicago has a long history of standing up against tyranny, resisting those who wish to undermine the interests of working people."

Israeli airstrikes targeting Iran-backed Houthis rock Yemen's capital

By SAMY MAGDY, MELANIE LIDMAN and SAM METZ Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Israeli airstrikes hit Yemen's capital on Sunday, days after the Houthi rebels fired a missile toward Israel that its military described as the first cluster bomb the rebels had launched at it since 2023.

The Iranian-backed Houthis said multiple areas across Sanaa were hit, while the Houthi-run health ministry said at least six people were killed and 86 others were wounded, seven of them in critical condition.

The rebels' Al-Masirah satellite television reported that a strike hit an oil facility owned by the country's main oil company, which is controlled by the rebels, and video on social media showed a fireball erupting at the plant.

Israel's military said it struck the Asar oil facility and the Hizaz power plant, which it called "a significant electricity supply facility for military activities," along with a military site where the presidential palace is located.

Sanaa residents told The Associated Press they heard explosions close to a closed military academy and the presidential palace. They saw plumes of smoke near Sabeen Square, a central gathering place in the capital.

"The sounds of explosions were very strong," said Hussein Mohamed, who lives close to the presidential palace.

Ahmed al-Mekhlafy said he felt the sheer force of the strikes. "The house was rocked, and the windows were shattered," he told the AP by phone.

The Houthis have launched missiles and drones toward Israel and targeted ships in the Red Sea for over 22 months, saying they are attacking in solidarity with Palestinians amid the war in Gaza.

Nasruddin Amer, deputy head of the Houthi media office, vowed to continue attacks on Israel, writing on social media that "our military operations supporting Gaza won't stop, God willing, unless the aggression is stopped, and the siege is lifted."

The Israeli strikes were the first to hit Yemen since a week ago, when Israel said it targeted energy infrastructure it believed was used by the rebels.

The latest strikes follow the Houthis' claim of launching a newly equipped missile toward Israel on Friday, targeting the country's largest airport, Ben Gurion. There was no reported damage or injuries. Israel's military said it fragmented mid-air after several interception attempts.

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An Israeli Air Force official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with military regulations, called Friday's projectile a new threat — a cluster munition, meant to detonate into multiple explosives on impact.

The use of cluster bombs makes interception more difficult and represents additional technology provided to the Houthis by Iran, the official asserted.

The official also said over 10 Israeli fighter jets carried out Sunday's strikes.

Defense Minister Israel Katz said in a statement that Israel continues to "impose an air and naval blockade," without details. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in televised remarks that the rebel group is "paying a heavy price for its aggression."

Houthi attacks over the past two years have upended shipping in the Red Sea, through which about \$1 trillion of global goods passes each year. From November 2023 to December 2024, the Houthis targeted more than 100 commercial and naval ships with missiles and drones.

The rebels stopped the attacks during this year's brief ceasefire in Gaza and later became the target of a weekslong airstrike campaign ordered by U.S. President Donald Trump.

In May, the United States announced a deal with the Houthis to end the airstrikes in return for an end to attacks on shipping, although the rebels said the agreement did not include halting attacks on targets it believed were aligned with Israel.

Last month, the Houthis said they would target merchant ships belonging to any company that does business with Israeli ports, regardless of nationality, as part of what they called a new phase of operations against Israel.

In May, Israeli airstrikes hit the Sanaa airport in a rare daytime attack that destroyed the terminal and left craters in its runway. At least six passenger planes were hit, including three belonging to Yemenia Airways, according to airport authorities.

4 Palestinians shot dead by Israeli forces while seeking aid near Gaza City, witnesses say

By WAFAA SHURAF, SAMY MAGDY and SAM METZ Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli forces shot dead four Palestinian aid-seekers traveling Sunday through a military zone south of Gaza City that is regularly used to reach a food distribution point, a hospital and witnesses said.

Gaza City is in famine after 22 months of war, while Israel's military moves ahead with a planned offensive to seize the city, perhaps within days. Israel's defense minister has warned that the city of hundreds of thousands of people could be destroyed.

Al-Awda Hospital and two witnesses told The Associated Press the Palestinians were killed when troops opened fire on a crowd heading to a site run by the Israeli-backed U.S. contractor Gaza Humanitarian Foundation in the Netzarim corridor area, hundreds of meters (yards) from the site.

"The gunfire was indiscriminate," said Mohamed Abed, a father of two from the Bureij refugee camp.

Abed and Aymed Sayyad, another aid-seeker, said troops opened fire when a group near the front of the crowd pushed toward the site before its scheduled opening. Sayyad said he and others helped two people wounded by gunshots.

"This incident didn't occur near our site nor as described," the GHF said in an email. The Israeli military did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Eight more malnutrition-related deaths

Gaza's Health Ministry reported another eight malnutrition-related deaths Sunday, including a child. That brings the total number of malnutrition-related deaths during the war to 289, with 115 of them children.

Palestinians by the thousands Sunday again trekked for the chance to grab a sack of flour or other food staples for their families.

At least 62,686 Palestinians have been killed in the war, according to the ministry, including missing people confirmed dead by a special ministry judicial committee.

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Of those, more than 2,000 Palestinians have been killed and more than 13,500 wounded while seeking aid at distribution points or along convoy routes used by the United Nations and other aid groups, according to the Health Ministry.

The Health Ministry does not say how many of the dead are fighters or civilians but says around half have been women and children. The ministry is part of the Hamas-run government and staffed by medical professionals. The U.N. and independent experts consider it the most reliable source on war casualties. Israel disputes its figures but has not provided its own.

The world's leading authority on food crises, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, said Friday that famine is occurring in Gaza City and could spread south to Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis by the end of next month.

Aid groups have long warned that the war and months of Israeli restrictions on food and medical supplies entering Gaza are causing starvation. Israel has denied the existence of widespread hunger, calling reports of starvation "lies" promoted by Hamas.

'Non-stop explosions' near Gaza City

In Jabaliya, the densely populated refugee camp just north of Gaza City, residents said they endured heavy explosions overnight. Days after Israel's military announced it was intensifying its operations in the area and mobilizing tens of thousands of reservists to take the city, they said they lived in constant fear.

One displaced Palestinian there, Ossama Matter, said neighborhoods had been razed beyond recognition. "They want it like Rafah," he said, referring to the southern Gaza city destroyed earlier in the war. "There have been non-stop explosions and strikes in the past days."

While fleeing Jabaliya, teacher Salim Dhaher said he saw robots planting explosives as troops advanced. Dhaher said he feared it was part of a larger effort to forcibly remove Palestinians from the north.

The aim is clear, he said: "To destroy everything above the ground and force the transfer."

There was little sign of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians evacuating south ahead of Israel's invasion of Gaza City, which Israel says is still a Hamas stronghold. Many are exhausted by repeated displacements and unconvinced that any area — including so-called humanitarian zones — offers safety.

The war began when Hamas-led militants abducted 251 people and killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, in the Oct. 7, 2023, attack. Most of the hostages have been released in ceasefires or other deals but 50 remain in Gaza, with around 20 believed to be alive.

Hostages' loved ones fear a new offensive will endanger them further, and many Israelis are increasingly vocal about the need for a deal to stop the fighting and bring everyone home. A new call-up of reservists has added to the anxiety.

But efforts toward a ceasefire appear to be waiting for Israel's next move, after Hamas said it accepted a new proposal from Arab mediators.

"We agreed to a partial deal, while we also expressed readiness for a comprehensive one, HOWEVER, (Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin) Netanyahu rejects all solutions," Hamas said in a statement Sunday.

Expect health insurance prices to rise next year, brokers and experts say

By TOM MURPHY AP Health Writer

Pricey prescriptions and nagging medical costs are swamping some insurers and employers now. Patients may start paying for it next year.

Health insurance will grow more expensive in many corners of the market in 2026, and coverage may shrink. That could leave patients paying more for doctor visits and dealing with prescription coverage changes.

Price increases could be especially stark in individual coverage marketplaces, where insurers also are predicting the federal government will end some support that helps people buy coverage.

"We're in a period of uncertainty in every health insurance market right now, which is something we haven't seen in a very long time," said Larry Levitt, an executive vice president at the nonprofit KFF, which

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studies health care.

What's hitting insurers

In conference calls to discuss recent earnings reports, insurers ticked off a list of rising costs: More people are receiving care. Visits to expensive emergency rooms are rising, as are claims for mental health treatments.

Insurers also say more healthy customers are dropping coverage in the individual market. That leaves a higher concentration of sicker patients who generate claims.

Enrollment in the Affordable Care Act's insurance marketplaces swelled the past few years. But a crack-down on fraud and a tightening of eligibility verifications that were loosened during the COVID-19 pandemic makes it harder for some to stay covered, Jefferies analyst David Windley noted.

People who use little care "are disappearing," he said.

Prescription drugs pose another challenge, especially popular and expensive diabetes and obesity treatments sometimes called GLP-1 drugs. Those include Ozempic, Mounjaro, Wegovy and Zepbound.

"Pharmacy just gives me a headache, no pun intended," said Vinnie Daboul, Boston-based managing director of the employee benefits consultant RT Consulting.

There are more super expensive drugs

New gene therapies that can come with a one-time cost of more than \$2 million also are having an impact, insurance brokers say. Those drugs, which target rare diseases, and some newer cancer treatments are part of the reason Sun Life Financial covered 47 claims last year that cost over \$3 million.

The financial services company covers high-cost claims for employers that pay their own medical bills. Sun Life probably had no claims that expensive a decade ago and maybe "a handful at best" five years ago, said Jen Collier, president of health and risk solutions.

Some of these drugs are rarely used, but they cause overall costs to rise. That raises insurance premiums.

"It's adding to medical (cost growth) in a way that we haven't seen in the past," Collier said.

Marketplace pain is in the forecast

Price hikes will be most apparent on the Affordable Care Act's individual coverage marketplaces. Insurers there are raising premiums around 20% in 2026, according to KFF, which has been analyzing state regulatory filings.

But the actual hike consumers see may be much bigger. Enhanced tax credits that help people buy coverage could expire at the end of the year, unless Congress renews them.

If those go away, customer coverage costs could soar 75% or more, according to KFF.

Business owner Shirley Modlin worries about marketplace price hikes. She can't afford to provide coverage for the roughly 20 employees at 3D Design and Manufacturing in Powhatan, Virginia, so she reimburses them \$350 a month for coverage they buy.

Modlin knows her reimbursement only covers a slice of what her workers pay. She worries another price hike might push some to look for work at a bigger company that offers benefits.

"My employee may not want to go to work for a large corporation, but when they consider how they have to pay their bills, sometimes they have to make sacrifices," she said.

Employers may shift costs

Costs also have been growing in the bigger market for employer-sponsored coverage, the benefits consultant Mercer says. Employees may not feel that as much because companies generally pay most of the premium.

But they may notice coverage changes.

About half the large employers Mercer surveyed earlier this year said they are likely or very likely to shift more costs to their employees. That may mean higher deductibles or that people have to pay more before they reach the out-of-pocket maximum on their coverage.

Drug coverage changes are possible

For prescriptions, patients may see caps on those expensive obesity treatments or limits on who can take them.

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Some plans also may start using separate deductibles for their pharmaceutical and medical benefits or having patients pay more for their prescriptions, Daboul said.

Coverage changes could vary around the country, noted Emily Bremer, president of a St. Louis-based independent insurance agency, The Bremer Group.

Employers aren't eager to cut benefits, she said, so people may not see dramatic prescription coverage changes next year. But that may not last.

"If something doesn't give with pharmacy costs, it's going to be coming sooner than we'd like to think," Bremer said.

Typhoon Kajiki drenches southern China's Hainan island and heads toward Vietnam

BEIJING (AP) — Strong winds and heavy rain whipped southern China's Hainan island and nearby parts of Guangdong province on Sunday, as Typhoon Kajiki passed over open waters to the south and headed toward Vietnam's central coast.

About 20,000 people were evacuated from potentially hazardous areas ahead of the storm, China's official Xinhua News Agency said. Fishing boats returned to port and more than 21,000 crew members came onshore.

A short video posted online by Guangdong Radio and Television showed winds snapping off tree branches and heavily rocking a docked boat and sending waves sliding over the pier.

Kajiki gained strength as it moved west over the sea with maximum sustained winds of 162 kilometers (100 miles) per hour, China's National Meteorological Center said.

Rainfall of 25 to 35 centimeters (10 to 14 inches) was forecast for southern parts of Hainan island including Sanya, a popular beach resort.

Sanya shut down businesses and scenic tourist areas and halted public transportation and shipping, Xinhua said. A social media post by the city urged residents not to go out unless necessary.

Kajiki, which can mean spearfish or swordfish in Japanese, was expected to make landfall on Vietnam's coast on Monday afternoon.

Farmers in the city of Hue were rushing to harvest their rice crops before the arrival of the storm, the official Vietnam News Agency said.

Coastal provinces have banned ships from going out to sea starting Monday and were calling in those already out, the news agency said. Authorities have asked provinces and cities to reinforce dykes, reservoirs and irrigation systems.

Wildfires threaten homes in Oregon and California, prompting hundreds of evacuations

By TAMMY WEBBER Associated Press

Thousands of homes in Northern California wine country and central Oregon were under evacuation orders and warnings Sunday as firefighting crews battled wildfires in dry, hot weather.

The Pickett Fire, which had charred about 10 square miles (26 square kilometers) of Napa County, was just 11% contained by Sunday evening, according to the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, or Cal Fire.

About 150 people were ordered to leave their homes, while another 360 were under evacuation warnings as the fire threatened 500 structures near Aetna Springs and Pope Valley, 80 miles (127 kilometers) north of San Francisco, said Cal Fire spokesperson Jason Clay. Some evacuation orders were later lifted.

In Oregon, the 29-square-mile (75-square-kilometer) Flat Fire in Deschutes and Jefferson counties had about 4,000 homes under various levels of evacuation notice, including 1,000 with orders to leave immediately, according to the state Fire Marshal's Office.

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Firefighters were able to cut containment lines and continued to suppress fires in some residential areas. However, they faced significant challenges with difficult terrain, low humidity and triple-digit temperatures in some areas, officials said.

Some homes have burned, and officials said they were working to confirm the status of structures.

More than 1,230 firefighters backed by 10 helicopters were battling the California fire, which began in a remote area Thursday after a week of hot weather. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Residents of the western United States have been sweltering in a heat wave that hospitalized some people, with temperatures hitting dangerous levels throughout the weekend in Washington, Oregon, Southern California, Nevada and Arizona.

Clay said the weather has moderated since the California fire began, with Sunday's high about 94 Fahrenheit (34 Celsius). But humidity levels were expected to drop with increasing winds later in the day.

"That's been a driving factor in the afternoons since we've seen the fire activity pick up for the last three days," Clay said, adding that "support from all up and down California has been critical to our efforts."

The Pickett Fire began in the same area as the much larger Glass Fire in 2020, which crossed into Sonoma County and eventually burned about 105 square miles (272 square kilometers) and more than 1,500 structures.

The 2020 blaze was driven by wind, while the current conflagration is fueled mainly by dry vegetation on steep slopes — some of it dead and downed trees left over from the Glass Fire and some of it grass and brush that grew back and then dried out again, said Clay.

The area of the Oregon fire is in a high desert climate, where dried grasses and juniper trees are burning and fire is racing through canyon areas where it's challenging to create containment lines, said Jason Carr, Deschutes County sheriff's spokesman.

The fire began Thursday night and grew quickly amid hot, gusty conditions. Fire officials were keeping an eye on isolated thunderstorms in southern Oregon that could drift north on Sunday, state Fire Marshals spokesman Chris Schimmer said in a video posted to Facebook.

"If we get thunderstorms that roll through, it can ... cause the fire to jump (containment) lines," said Carr, adding the downdrafts can push fire in multiple directions.

In central California, the state's largest blaze this year, the Gifford Fire, was at 95% containment Sunday after charring nearly 206 square miles (534 square kilometers) of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties since erupting on Aug. 1. The cause is under investigation.

Although it's difficult to directly tie a single fire or weather event directly to climate change, scientists say human-caused warming from burning fossil fuels like coal and gas is causing more intense heat waves and droughts, which in turn set the stage for more destructive wildfires.

Moscow says Kyiv has struck a nuclear power plant as Ukraine marks Independence Day

By The Associated Press undefined

Russia accused Ukraine on Sunday of launching drone attacks that sparked a fire at a nuclear power plant in its western Kursk region overnight, as Ukraine celebrated 34 years since its independence.

Russian officials said several power and energy facilities were targeted in the overnight strikes. The fire at the nuclear facility was quickly extinguished with no injuries reported, according to the plant's press service on Telegram. While the attack damaged a transformer, radiation levels remained within normal ranges.

The United Nations' nuclear watchdog said it was aware of media reports that a transformer at the plants had caught fire "due to military activity," but hadn't received independent confirmation. It said its director-general, Rafael Mariano Grossi, said that "every nuclear facility must be protected at all times."

Ukraine did not immediately comment on the alleged attack.

Firefighters also responded to a blaze at the port of Ust-Luga in Russia's Leningrad region, home to a major fuel export terminal. The regional governor said approximately 10 Ukrainian drones were shot down, with debris igniting the fire.

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Russia's Defense Ministry claimed its air defenses intercepted 95 Ukrainian drones over Russian territory overnight into Sunday.

Russia fired 72 drones and decoys, along with a cruise missile, into Ukraine overnight into Sunday, Ukraine's air force said. Of these, 48 drones were shot down or jammed.

Another wartime Independence Day

The incidents occurred as Ukraine marked Independence Day, commemorating its 1991 declaration of independence from the Soviet Union. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy delivered remarks in a video address from Kyiv's Independence Square, emphasizing the nation's resolve.

"We are building a Ukraine that will have enough strength and power to live in security and peace," Zelenskyy said, calling for a "just peace."

"What our future will be is up to us alone," he said, in a nod to the U.S.-Russia summit in Alaska earlier in August, which many feared would leave Ukrainian and European interests sidelined.

"And the world knows this. And the world respects this. It respects Ukraine. It perceives Ukraine as an equal," he said.

U.S. special envoy Keith Kellogg was in attendance at Independence Day celebrations in Kyiv, during which Zelenskyy awarded him the Ukrainian Order of Merit, of the 1st degree.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney arrived in Kyiv on Sunday morning for meetings with Zelenskyy.

"On this special day — Ukraine's Independence Day — it is especially important for us to feel the support of our friends. And Canada has always stood by our side," wrote Andriy Yermak, Zelenskyy's chief of staff.

Military aid and prayers for peace

In a joint news conference with Zelenskyy, Carney said Canada will invest 2 billion Canadian dollars (\$1.5 billion) in new military assistance for Ukraine to boost its army and provide urgently needed weapons.

Zelenskyy said the two leaders were considering the presence of Canadian forces on the ground in Ukraine as part of a reassurance force.

Norway announced significant new military aid Sunday, pledging about 7 billion kroner (\$695 million) for air defense systems. Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said Norway and Germany are jointly funding two Patriot systems, including missiles, with Norway also helping procure air defense radar.

Pope Leo XIV prayed Sunday for peace in Ukraine as he marked the country's Independence Day with a special appeal during his weekly noon blessing. He said the faithful were joining Ukrainians "asking that the Lord give peace to their martyred country."

Leo also sent a telegram to Zelenskyy, which the Ukrainian leader posted on X along with similar notes from other world leaders.

In the letter, Leo assured his prayers for all Ukrainians who are suffering, and wrote: "I implore the Lord to move the hearts of people of good will, that the clamor of arms may fall silent and give way to dialogue, opening the path to peace for the good of all."

A war of attrition

Meanwhile, Russia's troops continued their push in eastern and northern Ukraine, where Russia claimed Saturday that its forces had seized two villages in the Donetsk region. The Main Intelligence Directorate of Ukraine's Defense Ministry said Sunday that Ukraine had taken back control of the village of Novomykhailivka, also in the Donetsk region.

Russia's Defense Ministry said Sunday that 146 Russian servicemen had been returned from Ukraine, in exchange for the same number of Ukrainian servicemen. The ministry said the latest exchange also included eight residents of Russia's Kursk region, which was subject to a surprise Ukrainian incursion in August 2024, who were returned to Russia after being held in Ukraine.

Shortly after the Russian announcement, Zelenskyy said "our people are coming home." He said that those being exchanged included members of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, the National Guard, the State Border Guard Service and civilians. "Most of them had been in captivity since 2022," he said.

Zelenskyy did not confirm the number of prisoners involved in the exchange.

'Sopranos' star Jerry Adler, Broadway backstage vet turned late-in-life actor, dies at 96

By MALLIKA SEN Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry Adler, who spent decades behind the scenes of storied Broadway productions before pivoting to acting in his 60s, has died at 96.

Adler died Saturday, according to a brief family announcement confirmed by the Riverside Memorial Chapel in New York. Adler "passed peacefully in his sleep," Paradigm Talent Agency's Sarah Shulman said on behalf of his family. No immediate cause was given.

Among Adler's acting credits are "The Sopranos," on which he played Tony Soprano adviser Hesh Rabkin across all six seasons, and "The Good Wife," where he played law partner Howard Lyman. But before Adler had ever stepped in front of a film or television camera, he had 53 Broadway productions to his name — all behind the scenes, serving as a stage manager, producer or director.

He hailed from an entertainment family with deep roots in Jewish and Yiddish theater, as he told the Jewish Ledger in 2014. His father, Philip Adler, was a general manager for the famed Group Theatre and Broadway productions, and his cousin Stella Adler was a legendary acting teacher.

"I'm a creature of nepotism," Adler told TheaterMania in 2015. "I got my first job when I was at Syracuse University and my father, the general manager of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, called me (because) there was an opening for an assistant stage manager. I skipped school."

After a long theater career, which included the original production of "My Fair Lady" and working with the likes of Marlene Dietrich, Julie Andrews and Richard Burton, among many others, Adler left Broadway during its 1980s slump. He moved to California, where he worked on television productions like the soap opera "Santa Barbara."

"I was really getting into the twilight of a mediocre career," he told The New York Times in 1992.

But the retirement he was contemplating was staved off when Donna Isaacson, the casting director for "The Public Eye" and a longtime friend of one of Adler's daughters, had a hunch about how to cast a hard-to-fill role, as The New York Times reported then. Adler had been on the other side of auditions, and, curious to experience how actors felt, agreed to try out. Director Howard Franklin, who auditioned dozens of actors for the role of a newspaper columnist in the Joe Pesci-starring film, had "chills" when Adler read for the part, the newspaper reported.

So began an acting career that had him working consistently in front of the camera for more than 30 years. An early role on the David Chase-written "Northern Exposure" paved the way for his time on a future Chase project, "The Sopranos."

"When David was going to do the pilot for 'The Sopranos' he called and asked me if I would do a cameo of Hesh. It was just supposed to be a one-shot," he told Forward in 2015. "But when they picked up the show they liked the character, and I would come on every fourth week."

Films included Woody Allen's "Manhattan Murder Mystery," but Adler was perhaps best known for his television work. Those credits included stints on "Rescue Me," "Mad About You," "Transparent" and guest spots on shows ranging from "The West Wing" to "Broad City."

He even returned to Broadway, this time onstage, in Elaine May's "Taller Than a Dwarf" in 2000. In 2015, he appeared in Larry David's writing and acting stage debut, "Fish in the Dark."

"I do it because I really enjoy it. I think retirement is a road to nowhere," Adler told Forward, on the subject of the play. "I wouldn't know what to do if I were retired. I guess if nobody calls anymore, that's when I'll be retired. Meanwhile this is great."

Adler published a memoir, "Too Funny for Words: Backstage Tales from Broadway, Television and the Movies," last year. "I'm ready to go at a moment's notice," he told CT Insider then, when asked if he'd take more acting roles. In recent years, he and his wife, Joan Laxman, relocated from Connecticut back to his hometown of New York. Survivors include his four daughters, Shulman said.

For Adler, who once thought he was "too goofy-looking" to act, seeing himself on screen was odd, at least initially. And in multiple interviews with various outlets, he expressed how strange it was to be rec-

ognized by the public after spending so many years working behind the scenes. There was at least one advantage to being preserved on film, though, as he told The New York Times back in 1992.

"I'm immortal," he said.

Epstein accuser Virginia Giuffre wrote a memoir. Months after her death, it's coming out

By HILLEL ITALIE AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A posthumous and "unsparing" memoir by one of Jeffrey Epstein's most prominent accusers, Virginia Roberts Giuffre, will be published this fall, publishing house Alfred A. Knopf said Sunday.

"Nobody's Girl: A Memoir of Surviving Abuse and Fighting for Justice" is scheduled for release Oct. 21, the publisher confirmed to The Associated Press. Giuffre, who died by suicide in April at age 41, had been working on "Nobody's Girl" with author-journalist Amy Wallace and had completed the manuscript for the 400-page book, according to Knopf. The publisher's statement includes an email from Giuffre to Wallace a few weeks before her death, saying that it was her "heartfelt wish" the memoir be released "regardless" of her circumstances.

"The content of this book is crucial, as it aims to shed light on the systemic failures that allow the trafficking of vulnerable individuals across borders," the email reads. "It is imperative that the truth is understood and that the issues surrounding this topic are addressed, both for the sake of justice and awareness."

Giuffre had been hospitalized following a serious accident March 24, Knopf said, and sent the email April 1. She died April 25.

"In the event of my passing, I would like to ensure that NOBODY'S GIRL is still released. I believe it has the potential to impact many lives and foster necessary discussions about these grave injustices," she wrote to Wallace.

In 2023, the New York Post had reported that Giuffre had reached a deal "believed to be worth millions" with an undisclosed publisher. Knopf spokesperson Todd Doughty said that she initially agreed to a seven-figure contract with Penguin Press, but moved with acquiring editor Emily Cunningham after Knopf hired Cunningham as executive editor last year.

Giuffre had stated often that, in the early 2000s, when she was a teenager, she was caught up in Epstein's sex-trafficking ring and exploited by Britain's Prince Andrew and other influential men. Epstein was found dead in a New York City jail cell in 2019 in what investigators described as a suicide. His former girlfriend, Ghislaine Maxwell, was convicted in late 2021 on sex trafficking and other charges.

Andrew had denied Giuffre's allegations. In 2022, Giuffre and Andrew reached an out-of-court settlement after she had sued him for sexual assault. A representative for Andrew did not immediately return the AP's request for comment.

"Nobody's Girl" is distinct from Giuffre's unpublished memoir, "The Billionaire's Playboy Club," referenced in previous court filings and initially unsealed in 2019. Through Doughty, Wallace says she began working with Giuffre on a new memoir in spring 2021.

Giuffre's name has continued to appear in headlines, even after her death. In July, President Donald Trump told reporters that Epstein had "stolen" Giuffre from Mar-a-Lago, his private club in Florida where she once worked. She had alleged being approached by Maxwell and hired as a masseuse for Epstein. Maxwell has denied Giuffre's allegations.

Doughty declined to provide details about the Epstein associates featured in "Nobody's Girl," but confirmed that Giuffre made "no allegations of abuse against Trump," who continues to face questions about Epstein, the disgraced financier and his former friend.

Knopf's statement says the book contains "intimate, disturbing, and heartbreaking new details about her time with Epstein, Maxwell and their many well-known friends, including Prince Andrew, about whom she speaks publicly for the first time since their out-of-court settlement in 2022." Knopf Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Jordan Pavlin, in a statement, called "Nobody's Girl" a "raw and shocking" journey and "the story of a fierce spirit struggling to break free."

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Giuffre's time with Epstein is well documented, although her accounts have been challenged. She had acknowledged getting details wrong, errors she attributed to trying to recall events from years ago. In 2022, she dropped allegations against Alan Dershowitz, saying in a statement at the time that she may "have made a mistake in identifying" the famed attorney as an abuser.

"'Nobody's Girl' was both vigorously fact-checked and legally vetted," a Knopf statement reads.

Giuffre's co-author on her memoir, Wallace, is an award-winning magazine and newspaper reporter whose work has appeared in The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times, among other publications. She has also collaborated on two previous books, Pixar co-founder Ed Catmull's "Creativity, Inc." and former General Electric CEO Jeff Immelt's "Hot Seat."

Trump says he'll be at Ryder Cup and he thinks captain Keegan Bradley should play

By DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — President Donald Trump says he will be at the opening round of the high-charged Ryder Cup next month in New York, and he thinks U.S. captain Keegan Bradley should be playing.

Trump posted Saturday night on his social media site that he would be there on Friday, Sept. 26, for the start of three-day matches between the United States and Europe.

He said he was invited by the PGA Tour, making a common mistake distinguishing between the tour and the PGA of America, which runs the Ryder Cup in America. A PGA of America spokesman said the organization and Bradley invited Trump.

Already the most raucous event in golf, this Ryder Cup has more anticipation than usual because of the venue — the Black course at Bethpage State Park on New York's Long Island, a public course with a reputation for having the rowdiest fans.

Given his passion for golf, it was expected Trump would make a presence at some point during the Ryder Cup. He met with PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan and Tiger Woods earlier this year to try without success to solve the divide created by the breakaway, Saudi-funded LIV Golf. The PGA Tour announced this week it would return to Trump National Doral in Florida next year for the first time in nearly a decade.

The added wrinkle to this Ryder Cup is Bradley, who is debating whether to become the first captain to play in the matches since Arnold Palmer in 1963.

Bradley, 39, is the youngest American captain since Palmer was 34. Whether he should play and maintain captain duties has been the subject of much debate, and Bradley has added to the intrigue by winning twice in the last year.

He shot 63 on Saturday — a few hours before Trump's post on Truth Social — to get into fourth place with a chance to win the season-ending FedEx Cup.

"Keegan Bradley should DEFINITELY be on the American Ryder Cup Team — As Captain!!! He is an AMAZING guy. It will be a great Ryder Cup," Trump wrote.

Trump, who attended the Super Bowl in February and most recently the final of the FIFA Club World Cup in New Jersey, is friendly with several prominent golfers. Bryson DeChambeau, who qualified for the U.S. team, has played golf with Trump and was the only golfer Trump appointed to the President's Council on Sports, Fitness and Nutrition.

Bradley's decision on whether to play will come Wednesday when he announces his six captain's picks.

What to know: Four ways ICE is training new agents and scaling up

By REBECCA SANTANA Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) — Immigration and Customs Enforcement is an agency inside the Department of Homeland Security that is integral to President Donald Trump's vision of carrying out the mass deportations he promised during the campaign. Deportation officers within a unit called Enforcement and Removal Operations are the ones who are responsible for immigration enforcement. They find and remove people from the United States who aren't American citizens and, for a variety of reasons, no longer can stay in

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the country.

Some might have gone through immigration court and a judge ordered them removed. Or they were arrested or convicted of certain crimes, or they've repeatedly entered the country illegally or overstayed a visa. ICE also manages a growing network of immigration detention facilities around the country where it holds people suspected of immigration violations.

Overall, its activities — and how it carries them out — have polarized many Americans in recent months.

After years when the number of deportation officers largely remained even, the agency is now rapidly hiring. Congress this summer passed legislation giving ICE \$76.5 billion in new money to help speed up the pace of deportations. That's nearly 10 times the agency's current annual budget. Nearly \$30 billion is for new staff.

Last week, The Associated Press got a chance to visit the base in southern Georgia where new ICE recruits are trained and to talk to the agency's top leadership. Here are details about four things ICE is doing that came out of those conversations.

ICE is surging its hiring

ICE currently has about 6,500 deportation officers, and it is aggressively looking to beef up those numbers. Acting Director Todd Lyons says he wants to hire an additional 10,000 by year's end.

The agency has launched a new recruiting website, offered hiring bonuses as high as \$50,000, and is advertising at career expos. Lyons said the agency has already received 121,000 applications — many from former officers.

New recruits are trained at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia. That's a sprawling facility near the coast where federal law enforcement officers — not just ICE agents — from around the country live and train. ICE is looking to more than double the number of instructors who train deportation officers.

Caleb Vitello, who runs training for ICE, says it has cut Spanish-language requirements to reduce training by five weeks, and he's been looking for ways to streamline the training and have recruits do more at the field offices where they're assigned.

ICE is also preparing for conflict

As Trump's effort to deport millions of people has intensified, violent episodes have unfolded as ICE seeks to arrest people. Critics have said ICE is being too heavy-handed in carrying out arrests while ICE says its people are the ones being attacked.

Vitello said the agency tracks every time officers use force as well as any time someone attacks its officers. According to the agency's data, from Jan. 21 through Aug. 5 there were 121 reported assaults of ICE officers compared with 11 during the same period last year.

Lyons said that after recent operations in Los Angeles turned violent, ICE is making gas masks and helmets standard issue for new agents. "Right now we're seeing and we're having to adapt to all different scenarios that we were never trained for in the past," he said.

Lyons says the agency is also starting to send out security teams to accompany agents making arrests: "We're not gonna allow people to throw rocks anymore, because we're going to have our own agents and officers there to protect the ones that are actually out there making that arrest."

And it's beefing up specialized units for risky situations

About eight deportation officers dressed in military-style camouflage uniforms, helmets and carrying an assortment of weapons stand outside a house yelling "Police! We have a warrant!" before entering and clearing the house.

They are members of a Special Response Team taking part in a demonstration at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. These officers are like a SWAT team — deportation officers with special training to assist in difficult situations. They also accompany detainees the agency deems dangerous when they are deported.

"Everybody is trained to serve a warrant," Vitello said. "These guys are trained to serve high-risk warrants."

There are roughly 450 deportation officers with the special training to serve on these teams, and Lyons

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says they have been deployed to assist with immigration enforcement in Los Angeles, Portland, Oregon, and Washington.

He said he'd like to have more such units but wouldn't put an exact number on how many. Vitello said they're also in the process of getting more of the specially armored vehicles.

ICE teaches whom agents can arrest — and when

New recruits to ICE receive training on immigration law and the Fourth Amendment, which protects against unlawful searches. Longtime officers get regular refreshers on these topics.

In limited situations, ICE agents are allowed to enter someone's home. Generally when they're seeking someone they're trying to remove from the country, they have an administrative warrant as opposed to a criminal warrant. That administrative warrant doesn't allow them to enter the house without first getting permission.

Vitello says the new recruits are taught about the different warrants and how the rules differ. And they're taught how those who allowed ICE to enter their house can change their mind.

"If somebody says 'Get out,' and you don't have your target, you have to leave," he said.

Multiple videos on social media have shown ICE officers breaking car windows to pull someone out of a vehicle and arrest that person.

As ICE sees it, Vitello said, deportation officers do have the authority to arrest someone in a car or truck. Vitello said in the rare case where a target was in a motor home, officers would talk to the agency's lawyers first to figure out what protections apply.

Advocates for immigrants and the government have often disagreed about how much authority ICE has to make those arrests and where.

2021 US Open champion Emma Raducanu wins a match in New York for the 1st time since her title

By HOWARD FENDRICH AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Emma Raducanu finally ended her winless rut at the U.S. Open, earning her first victory at the Grand Slam tournament since taking the 2021 title there as an 18-year-old qualifier, eliminating Ena Shibahara 6-1, 6-2 in just 62 minutes on Sunday.

"Of course, I'm very, very pleased," Raducanu said, noting that it had been a while since she came out on the right side of a score in New York, "so it's extra special."

After her surprising championship four years ago, which remains her only tour-level trophy, Raducanu lost in the first round at Flushing Meadows in 2022, missed the tournament in 2023 — when she had operations on both of her wrists and an ankle — and again exited in her opening match a year ago.

"First rounds are always difficult, especially at a Slam," Raducanu said Sunday. "There are always nerves."

But Raducanu, who is now 22, has been enjoying something of a renaissance this season, putting in strong performances, even in a pair of losses to No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka, and lifting her ranking from outside the top 70 to No. 36 this week, leaving the 22-year-old from Britain just outside the seedings at the U.S. Open.

On a partly cloudy and breezy morning, Raducanu came out strong in the day's first match at Louis Armstrong Stadium, needing just 40 minutes to lead by a set and two breaks at 3-0 in the second.

With her new coach, Francisco Roig, who worked with 22-time major champion Rafael Nadal for many years, sitting near a corner of the court and constantly offering positive reinforcement, Raducanu's groundstrokes frequently rushed Shibahara, a qualifier from Japan who is ranked 128th.

"Vamos!" Roig said at one point. "You're doing very good."

Shibahara hadn't dropped a set through her three qualifying wins — and Raducanu knows better than anyone what sort of momentum can be gained from that sort of prelude to the main draw. Raducanu is the only tennis player to win a Grand Slam title after needing to go through qualifying to earn a spot in the tournament bracket.

Since that life-altering triumph, though, things haven't gone to plan for Raducanu. In 2022, she became only the third reigning women's champion in the professional era to lose in the first round a year later,

after Svetlana Kuznetsova and Angelique Kerber.

And then came several injury issues.

Raducanu is healthy now, and she showed what she can do when at her best against an overmatched opponent.

She faced only one break point — and saved it.

She made only six unforced errors — and made headway by allowing Shibahara to finish with 36.

"Managed myself, managed my game, during that match," Raducanu said. "I see the progress I'm making on the practice court."

Schools use field logos, higher concession prices and more to pay for the new era in college sports

By EDDIE PELLIS AP National Writer

It was an exercise in corporate branding that wouldn't have raised an eyebrow in most pro sports. In college sports, it bordered on revolutionary.

In a full room of reporters, boosters and executives, the University of South Carolina delivered the news that it was bringing on a new sponsor that would put its logo on the football field for Gamecocks home games, starting Sept. 6 against South Carolina State.

The deal with a machinery company was the centerpiece of a partnership that, Gamecocks athletic director Jeremiah Donati explained, represented the "largest single financial investment into our athletics department in our history, which will help us shape the future of our programs and our university for years to come."

In a nod to the new realities of college sports, the NCAA just 14 months ago lifted a decades-old restriction on branding on the field of play.

It opened a new financing stream for universities that are sharing up to \$20.5 million in revenue with their players over the next year while also doling out millions more in scholarships in an industry reshaped by the multibillion-dollar lawsuit settlement that has turned college sports into something that looks more like the pros.

Not everyone is seeing money walk through the door.

Just last week, the board Virginia Tech received a bracing message from athletic director Whit Babcock: Without an influx of around \$44 million to bring the sports budget to \$200 million, the Hokies would keep falling behind.

"If we don't radically leap forward now," Babcock said, "we're likely sealing our own fate for years and generations to come."

Field branding is part of a bigger set of tools that schools are using to try to stay competitive; often those tools involve asking students, fans and the public to pay more.

"As the financial requirements in college athletics continue to evolve and grow, the pressure on athletic departments, our multimedia partners and others to provide new and different revenue streams is certainly there," said J Batt, the athletic director at Michigan State, which has partnered with PlayFly Sports to identify new ways to raise money.

Ticket and concession prices

These have been couched in lots of different ways, but bottom line, it's going to cost more to attend games at many schools.

Tennessee was among the first to introduce what it called a "talent fee," which was a 10% surcharge on all athletic tickets.

Multiple Big Ten teams have increased student season ticket prices for football. Arkansas added a 3% "Student-Athlete Scholarship Enhancement Fee" to concessions sold at its sports events in what athletic director Hunter Yurachek told fans in a letter was a "small but meaningful way" to support athletes.

Nebraska, for the first time, will be selling beer to fans in general seating.

Adding to cost of tuition

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Among the schools that added "athletic fees" to the cost of attendance are Clemson (\$300 a year), South Carolina (\$300), Louisville (\$200) and West Virginia (\$250). At Clemson, that fee is expected to raise around \$7 million a year.

One possible hiccup: A bill making its way through Congress proposes to bar schools from using these sort of fees to bankroll college athletic programs.

Shifting money within the university

A 2023 analysis by Sportico estimated the "per student" level at which most schools subsidized their athletic departments through a mix of fees, direct and indirect financial support, government funding and other sources. At Power Four schools, it ranged from nothing to \$1,400 per student. The numbers figure to trend upward.

Earlier this year, Texas Tech said it was earmarking an additional \$9 million to support its athletic program, which has a budget of around \$129 million and is also backed by its billionaire board of regents chair, Cody Campbell.

At Missouri, administrators covered a \$15.2 million deficit in the athletics budget with an "internal loan," and also increased financial support for fiscal 2024 by \$2.9 million to \$25.7 million.

Kentucky's board of trustees recently approved a plan to lend the athletic department \$141 million — \$110 million of which will go to fund facility projects and the rest going to offset expected deficits in 2025 and 2026.

Michigan State floated a \$12.1 million "internal loan" to the athletic department, with the expectation it will be repaid through increased revenue coming out of this new era in college sports.

Batt said Michigan State has signed a new concession deal with an outside provider, completed new, bigger scoreboards in the football stadium and is refurbishing its luxury boxes, all with an eye on generating more income.

"Finding those opportunities but staying true to the brand is part of those 'win-wins' that we're looking for," Batt said.

Asking boosters for more

Aside from tying increased giving to ticket prices, athletic directors are being transparent with their fans and simply letting them know that things are going to cost more.

In a letter to the Michigan fan base from June, athletic director Warde Manuel said payments to players and an increase in scholarship budget had the department facing a \$27 million deficit for the 2025-26 school year.

He gave a detailed analysis of measures Michigan has taken to cut the deficit to \$15 million. It included staff reductions and a \$6 million reduction in TV revenues the department gave back to the university. But the letter came with the overarching message: "We still need your continued support."

At some schools, the support will come in the form of unique "experiences." At Oklahoma, two fans can sit in on the postgame news conference for the price of somewhere between \$500 and \$700.

At Kansas, they might not have to get so creative.

Last week, billionaire alum David Booth gave \$300 million — believed to be the largest donation in college history — to be targeted toward construction around the football stadium and to generate income that athletic director Travis Goff said could last for decades.

Could it turn a school known for one the nation's best basketball programs into a behemoth on the football field, as well?

"Philanthropy, like investing, pays dividends over time," Booth said.

Great white sharks head north, following seals and alarming beachgoers

By PATRICK WHITTLE Associated Press

SCARBOROUGH, Maine (AP) — Rick Clough spent some four decades fishing for lobsters and sea urchins off the Maine coast before spotting one of the ocean's most recognized predators — a great white shark.

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The approximately 8-foot (2.4-meter) shark, seen off the beach town of Scarborough in July, surprised Clough, but didn't make him fear the ocean — though he admitted, "I'm not sure I'd want to go urchin diving now."

Boaters, beachgoers and fishermen like Clough who spend time in the chilly waters of New England and Atlantic Canada are learning to live with great white sharks, the creatures made famous by the 1975 film "Jaws." Sightings of the apex predators are up in places like Maine, where they were once very rarely spotted.

Scientists link the white shark sightings to increased availability of the seals the sharks feast on, and say beachgoers are generally very safe from shark bites. The sharks can grow close to 20 feet (6 meters) long, though most don't get that big.

David Lancaster, a commercial clam digger in Scarborough, used a drone to get a look at an approximately 12-foot (3.6-meter) shark near the town's famed beaches earlier this month. He described the animal as "magnificent" and "really amazing" to see. But he also said the shark's presence reminded him that swimmers need to look out for the big fish.

Why are great whites going north?

Sightings of great whites off Cape Cod, Massachusetts, have become increasingly frequent in recent years, and the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy has documented hundreds of the animals over more than a decade. But new data shows the sharks are heading even farther north into New Hampshire, Maine and beyond, said Greg Skomal, a senior fisheries biologist with the Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries and a veteran white shark researcher.

The number of white sharks detected off Halifax, Nova Scotia, increased about 2.5 times from 2018 to 2022, according to a paper published by Skomal and others in May in the journal Marine Ecology Progress Series. Even farther north, the number detected in the Cabot Strait that separates Nova Scotia and Newfoundland increased nearly four times over, the paper said.

Skomal said the average residency in these northern waters has also increased from 48 days to 70 days, suggesting that white sharks appear to be increasingly comfortable farther north.

A key reason for the shift seems to be the successful conservation of seals off New England and Canada via laws such as the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which has allowed seals to thrive and provide a food source for the predatory sharks, Skomal said.

"It could be a function of a growing prey base," Skomal said. "And that would be seals."

Sharks are protected, too

Great white sharks also benefit from protections, including a ban on fishing for them in U.S. federal waters that has stood since 1997. They are still considered vulnerable by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

In Massachusetts, the marine fisheries department said it strengthened its fishing laws after fishermen in 2024 chose to target white sharks anyway. The state prohibited the use of certain kinds of heavy fishing gear in shoreline areas where white sharks are most commonly found.

"We believe here in Massachusetts that targeting white sharks from the beach is not a safe practice," Skomal said. "Not only because it could result in the death of the shark, but because it could be a public safety issue."

Despite the size and strength of the sharks, dangerous encounters between white sharks and humans are vanishingly rare. Worldwide, there have been fewer than 60 fatal great white shark bites on humans in recorded history, according to the International Shark Attack File at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Living with great whites

The first recorded fatal shark attack in Maine happened in 2020 when a great white shark killed 63-year-old Julie Dimperio Holowach off Bailey Island.

"It's an exceedingly rare event. But we're providing all of this information to mitigate human behavior and hopefully reduce any negative encounters between humans and sharks," said Ashleigh Novak, research coordinator with the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy.

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The growth of social media has made shark sightings go viral in recent summers. A smartphone app called Sharktivity also allows shark spotters to report their sightings.

Lancaster, a surfer, said living with great whites is just something people in New England are going to have to adjust to.

"It's crazy that they are around, as fishermen and surfers, and something we have to accept," Lancaster said. "It's in the back of your head, but you have to accept it."

At least 1 dead in Moscow shopping center explosion, 3 injured

MOSCOW (AP) — At least one person was killed on Sunday in an explosion at a prominent retail building in central Moscow, emergency services said.

The blast happened on the third floor of the Central Children's Store shopping mall, on Lubyanka Square. Emergency services said the blast was caused by a gas cylinder, according to the state-owned RIA Novosti news agency.

Two of the injured were hospitalized, Moscow's Department of Health said.

City mayor Sergei Sobyenin said the incident was likely caused by a technical malfunction of equipment. The building was evacuated following the explosion.

Russia's Investigative Committee has opened an investigation into the incident.

Cal Raleigh hits his 48th homer to match MLB season mark for catchers set by Salvador Perez in 2021

By ANDREW DESTIN AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Mariners slugger Cal Raleigh hit his major league-leading 48th home run on Sunday against the Athletics, tying the single-season record for catchers set by Salvador Perez with the Kansas City Royals in 2021.

The switch-hitting Raleigh, batting from the right side, homered off A's left-hander Jacob Lopez in the first inning to make it 2-0.

It was the 39th longball Raleigh has delivered as a catcher this year. He has nine while serving as a designated hitter.

Perez hit 15 home runs as a DH in 2021, and 33 at catcher.

Only four other players in big league history have hit at least 40 homers in a season while primarily playing catcher: Johnny Bench (twice), Roy Campanella, Todd Hundley and Mike Piazza (twice). Bench, Campanella and Piazza are Hall of Famers.

Raleigh launched 27 homers in 2022, then 30 in 2023 and 34 last season.

A first-time All-Star at age 28, Raleigh burst onto the national scene when he won the All-Star Home Run Derby in July. He became the first switch-hitter and first catcher to win the title. He is the second Mariners player to take the crown, after three-time winner Ken Griffey Jr.

Raleigh's homer gave him 104 RBIs on the season. He is the first catcher with consecutive 100-RBI seasons since Piazza (1996-2000), and the first American League backstop to accomplish the feat since Thurman Munson (1975-77).

Today in History: August 25, National Park Service created

By The Associated Press undefined

Today is Monday, Aug. 25, the 237th day of 2025. There are 128 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On August 25, 1916, Woodrow Wilson signed the National Park Service Organic Act, establishing the National Park Service as an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior to maintain the country's natural and historic wonders and "leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Also on this date:

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In 1875, Matthew Webb became the first person to swim across the English Channel, crossing from Dover, England, to Calais (ka-LAY'), France, in under 22 hours.

In 1928, an expedition led by Richard E. Byrd set sail from Hoboken, New Jersey, on its journey to Antarctica.

In 1944, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation during World War II.

1948 – In the House Un-American Activities Committee's first televised congressional hearing, Alger Hiss denied charges by Whittaker Chambers that Hiss was a communist involved in espionage. (Hiss was later charged with perjury and sentenced to five years in prison, but maintained his innocence until his death in 1996.)

In 1981, the U.S. spacecraft Voyager 2 came within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the ringed planet.

In 2001, R&B singer Aaliyah (ah-LEE'-yah) was killed with eight others in a plane crash in the Bahamas; she was 22.

In 2012, Neil Armstrong, 82, who commanded the historic Apollo 11 lunar landing and was the first man to set foot on the moon in July 1969, died in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey, the fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in more than a decade, made landfall near Corpus Christi, Texas, with 130 mph sustained winds; the storm would deliver five days of rain totaling close to 52 inches, the heaviest tropical downpour that had ever been recorded in the continental U.S.

In 2020, two people were shot to death and a third was wounded as 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse opened fire with an AR-15-style rifle during a third night of protests in Kenosha, Wisconsin, over the police shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake. (Rittenhouse, who was taken into custody in Illinois the next day, said he was defending himself after the three men attacked him as he tried to protect businesses from protesters; he was acquitted on all charges, including homicide.)

In 2022, regulators approved California's plans to require all new cars, trucks and SUVs to run on electricity or hydrogen by 2035. (President Donald Trump signed a resolution in June 2025 blocking California's plan, prompting a court challenge by the state).

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tom Skerritt is 92. Former U.S. Poet Laureate Charles Wright is 90. Film director John Badham is 86. Baseball Hall of Famer Rollie Fingers is 79. Rock musician Gene Simmons (Kiss) is 76. Rock singer Rob Halford (Judas Priest) is 74. Musician Elvis Costello is 71. Film director Tim Burton is 67. Country musician Billy Ray Cyrus is 64. Actor Blair Underwood is 61. NFL Hall of Famer Cornelius Bennett is 60. DJ Terminator X (Public Enemy) is 58. Singer-songwriter Jeff Tweedy (Wilco) is 58. Television chef Rachael Ray is 57. Country singer Jo Dee Messina is 55. Model Claudia Schiffer is 55. NFL Hall of Famer Marvin Harrison is 53. Actor Alexander Skarsgard is 49. Actor Kel Mitchell is 47. Actor Rachel Bilson is 44. Actor Blake Lively is 38. Actor China Anne McClain is 27.