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Monday, Sept 15

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.
School Lunch: Corn dog, baked beans.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.
Groton Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cross Country at Webster, 2 p.m.
JV Football at Milbank, 4 p.m.
3rd-6th GBB Skills, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

School Breakfast: Breakfast sliders.
School Lunch: Pizza burger, tri tater.
St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
Cross Country at Redfield, 10 a.m.
JH Football at Milbank, 7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)
Soccer at Dakota Valley (Girls at 4 p.m., Boys at 5:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, Sept. 17

School Breakfast: Omelets.
School Lunch: Mac and cheese peas.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.



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

Thursday, Sept. 18

School Breakfast: Biscuits.
School Lunch: Burrito. Bowl, corn.
Cross Country at Lee Park, Aberdeen, 11 a.m.
Volleyball at Clark ((7th-5, 8th-6; C-5, JV-6, V-7:15))

Friday, Sept. 19

School Breakfast: Doughnuts.
School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans.
Football at Deuel, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20

Volleyball at Hamlin Invitational, 9 a.m.
JH/JV Football at Webster Jamboree, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Boys Soccer at Freeman Academy, Noon

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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.

Emmy Awards

The 77th Primetime Emmy Awards, hosted by comedian Nate Bargatze, were presented last night. The three-hour ceremony ended only three minutes overtime, after Bargatze challenged winners to keep speeches under 45 seconds.

HBO Max's "The Pitt" nabbed best drama and best actor in a drama (Noah Wyle)—two of the night's top awards. Apple TV+'s "The Studio" swept up a record-breaking 13 awards this year (including nine Creative Arts Emmys last week), the most wins by a comedy series in a single season. The show took home best comedy and best actor in a comedy (Seth Rogen), with Rogen also winning a directing award.

Owen Cooper—the 15-year-old star of Netflix's crime drama "Adolescence"—separately became the youngest male winner in any acting category when he won best actor in a limited series.

Unite the Kingdom Rally

An estimated 100,000 to 150,000 people protested at the nationalist-populist Unite the Kingdom rally in London Saturday. Some protesters turned violent—punching, kicking, and throwing bottles at police officers—injuring 26 people. Over two dozen people were arrested.

The event was organized by Tommy Robinson, an advocate for free speech and British heritage known for his anti-Muslim and anti-migrant views. This year, Robinson interviewed Elon Musk over video link, in which the world's richest man called for the dissolution of the UK Parliament over the issue of migration. Musk specifically called on centrists to take action, saying "violence is coming" and "you either fight back or you die". An estimated 5,000 people participated in a counter-protest organized by Stand Up to Racism.

Net migration to the UK was over 430,000 people last year, down from 2022 and 2023, and up since the 2010s.

Newsom Eyes AI Bill

California lawmakers passed a landmark AI safety bill during the early hours of Saturday morning, sending the measure to Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) for signature. The package, set to go into effect Oct. 12 pending Newsom's approval, is a pared-back version of a similar proposal he vetoed last year.

Home to more than 30 of the world's top 50 AI firms, regulations in the state often have nationwide reach. The bill's central feature requires companies with cutting-edge models with billions or trillions of parameters (known as "frontier" models) to develop and publish safety frameworks. Organizations—including Meta, OpenAI, Alphabet, Anthropic, and others—would be required to demonstrate compliance with those plans, and the legislation also creates whistleblower protections.

Observers say the bill may have significant political ramifications. Its author, state Rep. Scott Weiner (D), has filed to run for retiring Rep. Nancy Pelosi's (D, CA-11) seat, while the term-limited Newsom is widely expected to explore a 2028 presidential bid.

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Sports, Entertainment, & Culture

American Melissa Jefferson-Wooden, Jamaican Oblique Seville win women's and men's 100-meter titles at Track and Field World Championships.

"Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle" hauls in \$70M for the biggest US domestic box office opening weekend ever for an anime film.

Terence Crawford beats Canelo Alvarez to become first male boxer to be undisputed world champion in three weight classes.

Ricky Hatton, British former world champion boxer, dies at age 46.

Science & Technology

Electric vehicle sales in January through August rise 25% worldwide compared to the same window last year, increase 6% in North America.

New tsunami alert system from NASA successfully detected 8.8-magnitude earthquake off Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula in late July, provided warning to Hawaii 30 to 40 minutes before waves arrived.

Neuroscientists create miniature wearable microscope allowing imaging of mouse brains in real time; will help link behaviors and perception with specific brain circuits.

Business & Markets

US stock markets close mixed Friday (S&P 500 -0.0%, Dow -0.6%, Nasdaq +0.4%) in lead-up to anticipated interest rate cuts this week.

Cryptocurrency exchange Gemini, backed by the Winklevoss twins, raises \$425M in initial public offering, with shares closing up 14.3%.

Penske Media—owner of Rolling Stone, Billboard, The Hollywood Reporter, and Variety—sues Google over AI summaries; attributes drop in site traffic, revenue to the rollout.

Politics & World Affairs

Memorial honoring conservative activist Charlie Kirk is set for this upcoming Sunday, Sept. 21, in Arizona. Taliban rulers say they have reached a deal with the US to swap detainees, with at least six Americans still held captive in Afghanistan; White House has not confirmed as of this writing.

Romania and Poland deploy fighter jets to protect their airspace following detection of Russian drones.

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Pennington County Fatal Crash

What: Single vehicle fatal crash

Where: US Highway 16a, mile marker 52, seven miles south of Keystone, SD

When: 5:05 p.m., Saturday, September 13, 2025

Driver 1: 27-year-old female from McCall, ID, fatal injuries

Vehicle 1: 2015 Husqvarna FE501 motorcycle

Helmet Used: Yes

Pennington County, S.D.- A McCall, Idaho woman died in a single motorcycle crash seven miles south of Keystone, SD Saturday evening.

The name of the person involved has not been released pending notification of family members.

Preliminary crash information indicates the driver of a 2015 Husqvarna motorcycle was traveling east-bound on US Highway 16A and began to pass a group of motorcycles. Entering a sharp curve, the rider lost control and became separated from her motorcycle, sliding off the road. She was wearing a helmet.

The rider was transported to a Rapid City hospital where she died from her injuries.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating the crash. All information released so far is only preliminary.

The Highway Patrol is an agency of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.



JV Football

Groton at Milbank

Monday., Sept. 15, 4 p.m.

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"On the Spectrum"

I had a friend in high school who was generally considered a bit odd. He didn't dress quite right, never knew how to "read the room," and often talked far too long and in far too much detail about computers— at a time when very few households even had one.

The movie *Rain Man*, in which an autistic character is abducted from an institution by his greedy younger brother, had yet to be released, and certainly no one in my circle was familiar with autism. Once we were, it was Dustin Hoffman's portrayal of Raymond Babbitt that defined our understanding. For decades, this was the dominant image, even while the diagnostic criteria expanded to include people with less dramatic challenges. Today, I suspect my friend would have been recognized as being "on the spectrum."



Debra Johnston, MD

Autism is an ancient condition. Some researchers suspect it explains stories about changelings, fey creatures swapped for humans. While most individuals with classic autism have disappeared from the historical record, and certainly, given that it wasn't until the DSMIII was published in 1980 that autism was defined as a distinct condition, we can only speculate about historical figures. Nevertheless, many of our greatest thinkers and innovators may have been "on the spectrum." Michelangelo, DaVinci, Newton, Einstein, Orwell, Twain. . . the list goes on. Sia, Bella Ramsey, Dan Ackroyd, Anthony Hopkins, and of course Elon Musk have all publicly disclosed their diagnoses.

People with autism spectrum disorders are unique human beings, in the same way we are all unique. The condition may present very differently between one person and another. That can make it challenging, for families, schools, clinicians, and of course for the individual themselves! The support that is critical for one person may be utterly useless for another, but research consistently shows that the right support at the right time can help someone succeed, academically, and socially. Of course this is true for us all, but since the challenges faced by people with autism are by definition greater, the need is greater.

Autism is often accompanied by other conditions, such as ADHD, OCD, epilepsy, and allergies, and well recognized genetic disorders such as Down syndrome. This merely adds to the diversity of the autism experience, and further demonstrates why there isn't a single "box" into which people with autism can be sorted.

My high school friend? Well, we've lost touch over the years, but I know he followed his passion for computers and is very successful in his field.

I hope he is surrounded by people who appreciate him for who he is.

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The Minnesota Vikings hosted the Atlanta Falcons as the two teams met on Sunday Night Football. The Vikings got completely demolished, losing 22-6.

Just like last week, the Vikings were sluggish out of the gate. The Falcons got the ball to open the game, and on their three first-quarter drives, they ran 17 plays for 113 yards (6.7 yards per play). On the flip side, the Vikings ran two drives and managed eight yards on seven plays (1.1 yards per play). Luckily for Minnesota, the defense bent but didn't break, holding Atlanta to field goals and keeping the score 6-0 heading into the second quarter.

The Vikings finally got a drive going in the second quarter, going 53 yards on 17 plays, although they had to settle for a field goal, which cut the deficit to three points. A Falcons' punt got the ball back to MIN, but three plays later, J.J. McCarthy threw an interception, which ATL turned into a field goal. The Vikings received the ensuing kickoff with 25 seconds left in the half, took a sack on the first play of the drive, then Justin Jefferson caught a 50-yard pass, which allowed Will Reichard to kick a 51-yard field goal as time expired. Despite a rough start, the Vikings were only down three at halftime.

The Vikings got the ball to begin the second half, and three plays later punted the ball to the Falcons, who marched down the field for another field goal. Both teams punted on their next possessions, and suddenly we were already into the fourth quarter. Despite being outgained 214 to 140, it was only a one-score game. The Vikings just needed to capture some of that fourth-quarter magic they displayed last week.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, McCarthy was sacked and fumbled, which was recovered by Atlanta, who converted the turnover into another field goal. The Vikings responded with another three-and-out, then let the Falcons march down the field for the game's first touchdown, which extended their lead to 16 points.

This game was bad. There's no way to sugarcoat it. The Vikings played a horrible game in week one as well, but a miraculous fourth quarter against an inferior team got our hopes up. Got us thinking maybe the team, and specifically J.J. McCarthy, just needed some time to find their groove. This embarrassing week two loss has made it clear that this team is a long way from competing for a championship. Frankly, I'm ashamed to be a Vikings fan right now. Can the Vikings turn this around? The magic eight ball says, "Outlook not so good".

Looking ahead, the Cincinnati Bengals come to town. At least this game will be at noon, so the entire nation won't be watching what will likely be another pathetic performance.

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EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Is it really possible from a legal/constitutional perspective for the Trump administration to sell off public lands across the American West to the highest bidding developers and resource extractors as threatened? —MG Daly, Burlingame, CA

National parks, wildlife refuges, forests, and other public land is at risk of being sold and exploited by the Trump administration. This land is owned by the American people, yet the administration hopes to pass legislation to increase development, logging, mining, and sell our lands to private owners. President Trump's secretary of the interior Doug Burgum stated that these resources are "national assets" and could be used to reduce national debt. And these projects aren't new. When Trump was in office in 2017, he set into motion an executive order that aimed to reduce the size of monuments greater than 100,000 acres in size, claiming that it was "another egregious use of government power." This was abolished in Biden's presidency, and many people challenged Trump's reduction.

Recent news has reported that the Trump administration has already removed vital protection for two lands in order to increase mining for mineral production. Trump has also issued an executive order that plans to identify public lands that may have mineral deposits to increase mining there, no matter whether the land is protected or a national monument.

But is this legally possible? The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 outlines management and protection guidelines for the federal government for the purpose of enhancing public lands in federal ownership. It does permit the sale of land, but only under certain criteria such as public interest. Many Native American tribes and environmental activists argue that Trump's actions go beyond the President's power and require congressional approval.

If we take a look at the Constitution, this rings true. In Article 4, it is stated that Congress, not the President "shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States." This essentially means that land sales largely require Congress to be involved.

Additionally, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to make an assessment of environmental impact prior to legal action. Despite these clear regulations being in place, the Trump administration can find loopholes. By reducing the power of conservation laws, proposing land sales to FLPMA, and changing the classification of certain lands to allow for private leasing, selling public land isn't impossible.

If President Trump succeeds in implementing these orders, the damage would be massive. Animals face habitat destruction and pollution. This is also a bipartisan issue. Most Americans are in opposition to the reduction of national parks and public land. To take a stand against this issue, raise awareness by participating in protests against the Trump Administration. For instance, just last week, there was a protest through Yosemite National Park. In addition to engaging with local advocacy groups, sign petitions and email your representative to fight for change!



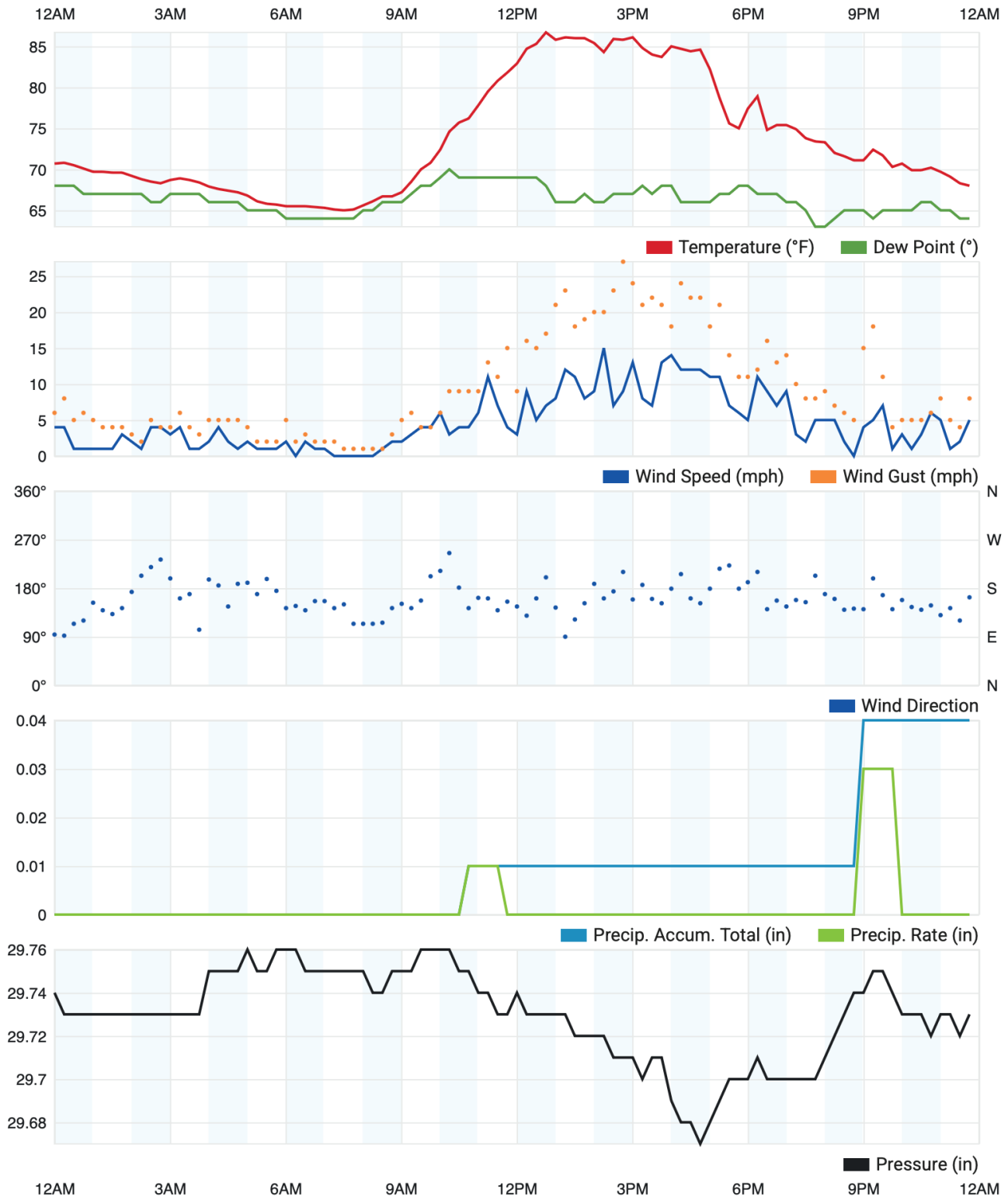
What can we do to stop the Trump administration from selling off parts of our national parks, wildlife refuges, forests & other public lands?

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs

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Monday

Monday Night

Tuesday

Tuesday Night

Wednesday



High: 83 °F

Slight Chance
Showers then
Sunny



Low: 58 °F

Mostly Clear



High: 82 °F

Mostly Sunny



Low: 60 °F

Chance
T-storms



High: 73 °F

Chance
Showers then
Chance
T-storms



Early Week Weather Outlook

September 15, 2025
4:10 AM

Highlights

- 20-30% chance for showers and storms across north central and northeast SD this morning / 15-20% chance tonight across central SD
- Above normal temperatures the next couple days with highs warming into the 80s and lows cooling into the upper 50s to low 60s
- Marginal Risk for Severe Storms in far south central SD late Tuesday
 - 40-70% chance Tue night/Wednesday



Today

- Highs: 80-89°
- Wind: E. SD/WC MN - S 10-25 mph
Central SD - SE 10-20 mph



Tuesday

- Highs: 78-87°
- Wind: E. SD/WC MN - Vrb 5-10 mph
Central SD - N-NE 10-15 mph



Wednesday

- Highs: 71-80°
- Wind: NE 10-20 mph



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

After some morning showers across portions of north central and northeast South Dakota this morning, the area will see a bit of a break from the rain through the afternoon into the evening. Another slight chance for a shower or storm will return to parts of central South Dakota tonight. Most of the daytime Tuesday should remain dry and warm before a better chance of rain and cooler temperatures return late Tuesday through midweek.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 87 °F at 12:44 PM

Heat Index: 91 °F at 12:45 PM

Low Temp: 65 °F at 7:24 AM

Wind: 27 mph at 2:44 PM

Precip: : 0.04

Today's Info

Record High: 100 in 1955

Record Low: 28 in 1964

Average High: 76

Average Low: 47

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.02

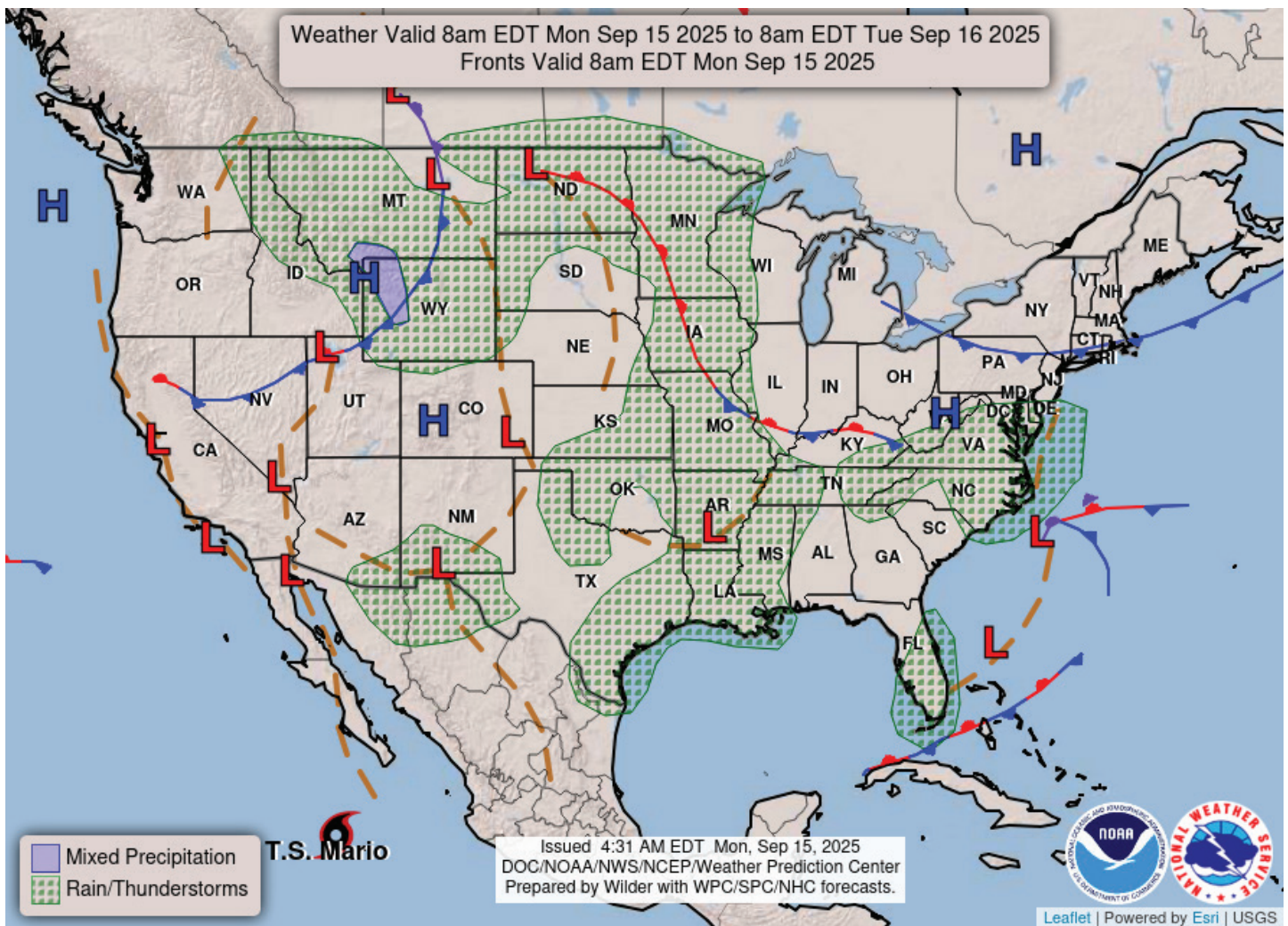
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.28

Average Precip to date: 17.36

Precip Year to Date: 20.58

Sunset Tonight: 7:43 pm

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:12 am



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Today in Weather History

September 15, 1977: Sioux Falls residents received a rude awakening during the morning hours as thunderstorms rolled through the city. Over two and one-half inches of rain fell in the town in an hour and 15 minutes. A large amount of rain in a short period led to street flooding in some areas. Lightning strikes from the storms also started several small fires.

1747: Some historical accounts of a hurricane caused flooding on the Rappahannock River in Virginia. A slave ship was overturned, and several fatalities were reported.

1752 - A great hurricane produced a tide along the South Carolina coast which nearly inundated downtown Charleston. However, just before the tide reached the city, a shift in the wind caused the water level to drop five feet in ten minutes. (David Ludlum)

1910 - Rains of .27 inch on the 14th and .73 inch on the 15th were the earliest and heaviest of record for Fresno CA, which, along with much of California, experiences a ""rainy season"" in the winter. (The Weather Channel)

1939 - The temperature at Detroit MI soared to 100 degrees to establish a record for September. (The Weather Channel)

1945: A hurricane entered the south Florida coast at Homestead, curving northward right up through the center of Florida, remaining over land, and exited near Jacksonville Beach with winds gusting to 170 mph. The following is from the Homestead Air Reserve Base. "On Sept. 15, 1945, three years to the day after the founding of the Homestead Army Air Field, a massive hurricane roared ashore, sending winds of up to 145 miles per hour tearing through the Air Field's buildings. Enlisted housing facilities, the nurses' dormitory, and the Base Exchange were all destroyed. The roof was ripped from what would later become building 741, the Big Hangar. The base laundry and fire station were both declared total losses. The few remaining aircraft were tossed about like leaves."

1982 - A snowstorm over Wyoming produced 16.9 inches at Lander to establish a 24 hour record for September for that location. (13th-15th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - The first snow of the season was observed at the Winter Park ski resort in Colorado early in the day. Eight inches of snow was reported at the Summit of Mount Evans, along with wind gusts to 61 mph. Early morning thunderstorms in Texas produced up to six inches of rain in Real County. Two occupants of a car drowned, and the other six occupants were injured as it was swept into Camp Wood Creek, near the town of Leakey. Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in central and northeastern Oklahoma. Wind gusts to 70 mph and golf ball size hail were reported around Oklahoma City OK. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to parts of the central U.S. Rainfall totals of 2.87 inches at Sioux City IA and 4.59 inches at Kansas City MO were records for the date. Up to eight inches of rain deluged the Kansas City area, nearly as much rain as was received the previous eight months. Hurricane Gilbert, meanwhile, slowly churned toward the U.S./Mexican border. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms produced locally heavy rain in the Central Appalachians. Virgie VA received 2.60 inches of rain during the evening hours, and Bartlett TN was deluged with 2.75 inches in just ninety minutes. Heavy rain left five cars partially submerged in high water in a parking lot at Bulls Gap TN. Thunderstorms over central North Carolina drenched the Fayetteville area with four to eight inches of rain between 8 PM and midnight. Flash flooding, and a couple of dam breaks, claimed the lives of two persons, and caused ten million dollars damage. Hugo, churning over the waters of the Caribbean, strengthened to the category of a very dangerous hurricane, packing winds of 150 mph. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2010: The largest hailstone in Kansas was found in southwest Wichita. It measured 7.75 inches in diameter.

2011: An EF0 Waterspout moved ashore in Ocean City, Maryland.

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WILLING

One morning Michael Faraday was walking past a high fence with a large iron gate. Puzzled, he looked through the gate wondering what the fence was hiding. Not being able to see very much he struggled hard and was able to get his head, shoulders, and arms through the gate. When he tried to extract himself, he realized that he was stuck! Laughing at himself he said, "My head and arms are on one side, and my body is on the other."

He tried desperately to free himself but had no success. Finally, a stranger came to his rescue and was able to pull him from the gate and set him free.

Later in life, after becoming one of the world's most respected scientists in the field of electromagnetism, he said, "That experience taught me a precious lesson. My head and heart and hands should always be together."

Another famous person, King David, said the same thing in different words: "Your troops should be willing on your day of battle." The word "willing" literally means "willing offerings" or "a freewill offering." So, we can interpret the verse to read, "Your troops are to be a free-will offering." Could there be a more descriptive way to explain the true meaning of consecration?

Consecration is the voluntary surrender of our heads, hearts, and hands to the Lord. It is to say, "Lord, let your Word make its way from my head to my heart and from my heart to my hands as I willingly use them to do your work!"

Imagine what God could do with us if we are willing!

Prayer: Lord, in Your infinite love, infinite wisdom and infinite power do what You will with my life. I am willing, and I am Yours! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: -But You, O Sovereign Lord, deal well with me for Your name's sake; out of the goodness of Your love, deliver me. Psalm 109:21

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: 09.12.25

17 18 21 42 64 7

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$400,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 1 Days 17 Hrs 28 Mins
23 Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

LOTTO AMERICA

WINNING NUMBERS: 09.13.25

20 24 25 28 46 1

All Star Bonus: 3x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$2,800,000

NEXT DRAW: 16 Hrs 43 Mins 23
Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

LUCKY FOR LIFE

WINNING NUMBERS: 09.14.25

23 33 34 38 40 17

TOP PRIZE:

\$7,000/week

NEXT DRAW: 16 Hrs 58 Mins 23
Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

DAKOTA CASH

WINNING NUMBERS: 09.13.25

8 19 24 31 32

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$23,000

NEXT DRAW: 2 Days 16 Hrs 58
Mins 23 Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

POWERBALL

DOUBLE PLAY

WINNING NUMBERS: 09.13.25

3 6 20 34 49 12

TOP PRIZE:

\$10,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 27 Mins 23
Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

POWERBALL

WINNING NUMBERS: 09.13.25

28 37 42 50 53 19

Power Play: 2x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:

\$64,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 27 Mins 23
Secs

PREVIOUS RESULTS

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Upcoming Groton Events

08/09/2025 Groton Legion 30th Anniversary Celebration
08/07/2025 Groton Firemen Summer Splash in the GHS Parking Lot 7:30-8:30pm
08/11/2025 Vitalant Blood Drive at the Community Center 3:30-6pm
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
10/31/2025 Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm
10/31/2025 United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm
11/15/2025 Legion Post #39 Turkey Party 6:30pm
11/27/2025 Community Thanksgiving 11:30am-1:30pm Community Center (Thanksgiving)
11/30/2025 Snow Queen Contest, 4 p.m.
12/06/2025 Olive Grove Holiday Party and Silent Live Auction Fundraiser

News from the **AP** Associated Press

Retief Goosen wins in South Dakota for 4th PGA Tour Champions title

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Retief Goosen won the Sanford International on Sunday for his fourth career PGA Tour Champions victory, closing with a 3-under 67 for a two-stroke margin over Bo Van Pelt.

Goosen finished at 13-under 197 at Minnehaha Country Club. The 56-year-old South African star — the 2001 and 2004 U.S. Open champion — won for the first time since The Galleri Classic in March 2024.

Van Pelt finished with a 68.

Ernie Els (73) and Darren Clarke (68) tied for third at 8 under. Charles Schwab Cup leader Miguel Angel Jimenez was 7 under after a 71.

Steve Stricker was unable to defend his title as he recovers from back surgery. He hopes to return to the PGA Tour Champions in December.

Stricker won the previous three years in South Dakota and has four wins there since the tournament began in 2018.

Utah governor says the motive in Kirk shooting is not yet certain but the suspect was on the left

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI and JOSH BOAK Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Family and friends of the 22-year-old accused of fatally shooting conservative activist Charlie Kirk described his politics as veering left in recent years as he spent large amounts of time scrolling the “dark corners of the internet,” Utah Gov. Spencer Cox said Sunday.

Investigators were still piecing together information about the suspect, Tyler Robinson, and not yet ready to discuss a potential motive. But Cox noted that Robinson, who is not cooperating with law enforcement, disliked Kirk and may have been “radicalized” online.

Kirk founded Turning Point USA to bring more young, conservative evangelical Christians into politics as effective activists, and he was a confidant of President Donald Trump, leading to a flood of tributes that included a vigil Sunday night at the Kennedy Center in Washington. Kirk, a 31-year-old father of two, became prominent in part through his speaking tours, and he was shot Wednesday while speaking at Utah Valley University.

“There clearly was a leftist ideology,” Cox said on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” citing interviews with Robinson’s relatives and acquaintances. “Friends have confirmed that there was kind of that deep, dark internet, the Reddit culture, and these other dark places of the internet where this person was going deep.”

He pointed to references found engraved on the ammunition used to kill Kirk, which included anti-fascist and meme-culture language. Court records show that one bullet casing had the message, “Hey, fascist! Catch!”

A Republican who has called on all partisans to tone down their rhetoric following the attack, the governor added: “I really don’t have a dog in this fight. If this was a radicalized MAGA person, I’d be saying that as well.”

Utah’s governor says a motive still isn’t pinned down

Cox stressed on several Sunday morning news shows that investigators are still trying to pin down a motive for the attack on Kirk, a Trump confidant. The governor said more information may come out once Robinson appears in court Tuesday.

Cox said the suspect’s partner was transgender, which some politicians have pointed to as a sign Robinson was targeting Kirk for his anti-transgender views. But authorities have not said whether it is relevant as they investigate Robinson’s motive.

“The roommate was a romantic partner, a male transitioning to female,” Cox said. “I can say that he has been incredibly cooperative, this partner has been very cooperative, had no idea that this was happening.”

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Investigators have spoken to Robinson's relatives and carried out a search warrant at his family's home in Washington, Utah, about 240 miles (390 kilometers) southwest of Utah Valley University.

State records show Robinson is registered to vote but not affiliated with a political party and is listed as inactive, meaning he did not vote in the two most recent general elections. His parents are registered Republicans.

The suspect grew up in southwestern Utah

Robinson grew up around St. George, in the southwestern corner of Utah between Las Vegas and natural landmarks including Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks.

He became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, known widely as the Mormon church, at a young age, church spokesperson Doug Andersen said.

Online activity by Robinson's mother reflects an active family that traveled widely. In one photo, a young Robinson can be seen smiling as he grips the handles of a .50-caliber heavy machine gun outside a military facility.

A high school honor roll student who scored in the 99th percentile nationally on standardized tests, he was admitted to Utah State University in 2021 on a prestigious academic scholarship, according to a video of him reading his acceptance letter that was posted to a family member's social media account.

But he attended for only one semester, according to the university. He is currently enrolled as a third-year student in the electrical apprenticeship program at Dixie Technical College in St. George.

Tributes emphasize Kirk's religious faith

The vigil at the Kennedy Center was among numerous tributes to Kirk that also included moments of silence at professional sporting events. The line of mourners in Washington wrapped around the center. Some people wore suits or summer dresses, while others were dressed in jeans and wore "Make America Great Again" caps.

Seventeen-year-old Domiano Maceri and his mother drove about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Purcellville, Virginia, to attend the Kennedy Center event. He said Kirk helped him find a way to better talk with friends who hold different opinions.

"I definitely feel like I was inspired in different ways," Maceri said as he waited to get inside. "It definitely gave me confidence to speak to my friends about my beliefs more."

Speakers included White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, two House members whose remembrances of Kirk were briefly stalled when they teared up, and House Speaker Mike Johnson.

"Father, help us remember the principles of your word that Charlie worked every day -- to advance that we not return evil for evil but we overcome evil with good," Johnson prayed.

At Dream City Church in Phoenix, where Kirk hosted one of his "Freedom Night in America" gatherings, attendees viewed clips of the conservative activist discussing his desire to be "remembered for courage for my faith."

During a question-and-answer session, a church pastor, Angel Barnett, called on the crowd to honor Kirk by carrying on his message.

"The left is nervous," Barnett said. "And they're concerned because they've lost control. Charlie started that, and we will continue it."

Added church panelist Brandon Tatum: "These cowards thought that they could end or eliminate the movement."

"They just made it bigger. They just made it stronger."

'The Studio' and Seth Rogen have record-setting Emmys as Noah Wyle and 'The Pitt' get top drama wins

By ANDREW DALTON AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Seth Rogen and "The Studio" turned the Emmys into a wrap party, winning best comedy series Sunday and breaking a comedy record for victories in a season with 13, while Noah Wyle

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and "The Pitt" took the top drama prize.

The evening also brought meaningful wins for Jean Smart, Stephen Colbert and 15-year-old Owen Cooper, whose Netflix series "Adolescence" dominated the limited series categories.

"I'm legitimately embarrassed by how happy this makes me," "The Studio" co-creator Rogen said with his signature giggle, surrounded by cast and crew from the Apple TV+ movie-business romp after it won best comedy at the Peacock Theater in a show hosted by Nate Bargatze that aired on CBS. Rogen personally won four, including best actor.

"The Pitt" from HBO Max completed a sentimental journey with its win for best drama series. The character-driven medical drama won over viewers and gained emotional momentum during a season whose biggest drama prizes once seemed destined to be swept by "Severance."

Wyle won best actor in a drama for playing a grizzled, warm-but-worn-down supervising doctor, getting his first Emmy after five nominations with no victories in the 1990s for playing a scrubbed young cub doctor on "ER."

"What a dream this has been," Wyle said. "Oh my goodness."

Katherine LaNasa, whose nurse is perhaps the show's most beloved character, was a surprise winner of best supporting actress in a drama over three women of "The White Lotus" on a night when every acting Emmy but one went to a first-time victor.

The first-timers included Britt Lower, who won best actress in a drama, and Tramell Tillman, who won best supporting actor, in the night's two biggest moments for "Severance."

Along with its creative arts wins, the Orwellian workplace satire ended up with eight for its acclaimed second season. Star Adam Scott lost out to Wyle for best actor.

The show's losses kept the evening from being a total triumph for Apple TV+, which has still never won a best drama prize, though it has now won best comedy three times between "The Studio" and "Ted Lasso."

Lower's win was a surprise in a category where Kathy Bates was considered a heavy favorite, for "Matlock."

Cristin Milioti won best actress in a limited series for "The Penguin."

Jean Smart bucked the rookie trend, winning her fourth Emmy for best actress in a comedy for "Hacks" and her seventh Emmy overall. At 73, she extended her record for oldest winner in the category.

'Adolescence' triumphs

Netflix's widely acclaimed "Adolescence," the story of a 13-year-old in Britain accused of a killing, won six times, including the Emmy for best limited series. Co-creator Stephen Graham won for lead acting and writing while Cooper won best supporting actor and became the youngest Emmy winner in over 40 years.

Cooper said in his acceptance that he was "nothing three years ago."

"It's just so surreal," Cooper said. "Honestly, when I started these drama classes a couple years back, I didn't expect to be even in the United States, never mind here."

Best supporting actress went to Erin Doherty, who played a therapist opposite Cooper in a riveting episode that like all four "Adolescence" episodes was filmed in a single shot.

A blockbuster night for 'The Studio'

"The Studio" came into the evening having won nine Emmys already during last weekend's Creative Arts ceremony. On Sunday night, it added four more, which all went to Rogen. Along with the comedy series award, he won best directing with his co-creator and longtime collaborator Evan Goldberg, and best writing with Goldberg and others.

The show brought blockbuster buzz for its first season from the start and the Emmys ate it up, whether because of Hollywood's love for stories about itself (with A-list guest stars) or the television industry's love for stories that mock the self-importance of movie people.

Backstage, Rogen clumsily tried to hold up all four Emmys at once. Asked whether the night will be fodder for season two, he said no.

"This is, like, far too good a thing to have happen on our show," he said. "Our show is generally based on stress and disappointment and right now, we're all very happy."

A night of surprise winners

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Smart's castmate and constant scene partner Hannah Einbinder, who had also been nominated for all four seasons of "Hacks" but unlike Smart had never won, took best supporting actress in a comedy.

She said she had become committed to a long-term bit where "it was cooler to lose."

"But this is cool too!" she shouted, then ended her speech by cursing the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency and saying "Free Palestine!" Political sentiments from the stage were otherwise rare.

In perhaps the night's biggest upset, Jeff Hiller won best supporting actor in a comedy for "Somebody Somewhere," over Ike Barinholtz of "The Studio" and others.

Colbert gets a rousing send-off

Colbert may have been the night's most popular winner, taking best talk series for "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" for the first time. He got huge ovations both when he took the stage to present the first award and when he won.

The win may have been the result of a protest vote and a desire to pay tribute to its host, weeks after its cancellation by CBS. Jimmy Kimmel, who was among his competitors, campaigned for Colbert to win.

"Sometimes you only truly know how much you love something when you get a sense that you might be losing it," Colbert said in his acceptance.

Many perceived the end of the show as punishment of Colbert and placation of President Donald Trump after Colbert was harshly critical of a legal settlement between the president and Paramount, which needed administration approval for a sale to Skydance Media. Executives called the decision strictly financial.

Colbert showed no bitterness to CBS, thanking the network, which telecast the Emmys and aired a commercial celebrating his win, for letting him be part of the late-night tradition.

Bargatze delivered his opening monologue only after the first award was handed out.

The show opened with a sketch where "Saturday Night Live" stars Mikey Day, Bowen Yang and James Austin Johnson joined Bargatze, who played television inventor Philo T. Farnsworth opining on what the future of TV will be like.

Bargatze-as-Farnsworth mentions that there will one day be a Black Entertainment Television. When asked if there will be a network for white people, he replied, "Why, CBS of course."

King Charles III to deploy tiara diplomacy as UK prepares to welcome Trump for second state visit

By DANICA KIRKA Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Windsor Castle staff are setting the 50-meter-long (164-foot-long) mahogany table. Grooms are buffing the hooves of the horses that will pull the royal carriages. And the military honor guard is drilling to ensure every step lands with precision.

Throughout the halls and grounds of the almost 1,000-year-old castle west of London, hundreds of people are working to make sure King Charles III puts on the best show possible when he welcomes U.S. President Donald Trump for his historic second state visit this week.

The visit, featuring glittering tiaras, brass bands and a sumptuous banquet served on 200-year-old silver, is a display of the pomp and ceremony that Britain does like no one else. But it's a spectacle with a purpose: to bolster ties with one of the world's most powerful men at a time when his America First policies are roiling longstanding trade and security relationships.

"We're buttering up to him," said Robert Lacey, a royal historian and consultant on the Netflix series "The Crown."

"He wouldn't come to Britain if he wouldn't have the chance to stay at Windsor Castle, probably pay homage to the (late) queen he admires so much, and to meet the king."

Soft power in action

Three centuries after Britain's kings and queens gave up political power and settled for the role of ceremonial head of state, the royals remain a robust instrument of "soft power," which the elected government uses to reward friends and wring concessions out of reluctant allies.

State visits are the monarchy's ultimate tool, with world leaders vying to get the full royal treatment.

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During seven decades on the throne, the late Queen Elizabeth II hosted everyone from Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu to South African President Nelson Mandela.

The royals have also hosted the last four U.S. presidents, though not all were full-scale state visits.

Hospitality with purpose

While the impact of soft power is hard to quantify, it contributes to a feeling of friendship that "may incline another party to be more open to your entreaties," said Martin Farr, an expert in modern British history at Newcastle University.

Six years ago, Britain sought Trump's support as it prepared to leave the European Union. This time the U.K. is lobbying for favorable trade terms and help in combating Russian aggression in Ukraine.

"A new Trump presidency, a new prime minister, a different government, but the same sense of panic and the same feeling that the biggest lever we can pull with this president is to flatter him and to try and connect him with something he seems genuinely to be impressed by, which is monarchy, and the fact that his mother of course was born" in Scotland, Farr said.

So Prime Minister Keir Starmer hurried to Washington in February, just five weeks after Trump began his second term, and handed him the king's invitation for a state visit.

It was the first time any world leader received the honor of a second state visit, and the first time the invitation was delivered in a personal letter from the king, which Trump proudly displayed for TV cameras.

"It's a great, great honor, and that says at Windsor," Trump said as he praised the king. "That's really something."

Pomp and circumstance

There will be plenty of glitz for a president who has gilded the Oval Office and plans to build a White House ballroom for 650 guests.

While the president and first lady Melania Trump will arrive in the U.K. late Tuesday, the meat of the visit begins the next day.

After welcoming the Trumps, Charles and Queen Camilla will accompany them on a carriage ride through the Windsor estate, then back to the castle along a path lined by members of the armed forces.

Inside the crenellated walls of the castle, which William the Conqueror started building in 1070, a military band will play the national anthems of both countries before Charles and Trump review the guard of honor in scarlet tunics and tall bearskin hats.

Hundreds of military personnel will take part in the ceremonies — mounted troops, foot guards and musicians — after months of rehearsals.

When rifles are shouldered, it will come with a single thwack. When boots hit the ground, they will do so in unison. "God Save the King" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" will be note-perfect.

Highlighting history

After the welcoming ceremonies, the Trumps will view an exhibit of documents and artwork put together to highlight the shared history of Britain and the U.S. The palace hasn't said what will be included, but the options are myriad for two countries with common legal and democratic traditions that stretch back to Magna Carta, the historic charter of rights signed in 1215 at Runnymede, just a few miles from Windsor.

But the centerpiece of the visit will be Wednesday night's state banquet, where the men will don white ties and tail coats and the women will wear designer gowns and jewels that will sparkle in the flickering light from antique candelabra.

"The tiaras will be out in force," said Hugo Vickers, a royal historian and author of "Alice," a biography of the late Prince Philip's mother. "It will all look very splendid."

Dinner for many

The king and queen will join their guests around the massive Waterloo Table, which is about half the length of a football field and has space for 160 guests. It takes five full days to set the table, which will be laid with the Grand Service, a silver-gilt dining service that includes more than 4,000 pieces ranging from serving dishes to dinner plates and egg cups.

Vickers said the silver and ceremonies pave the way for conciliation, which Elizabeth believed was the

way to solve even intractable problems.

"Keir Starmer has, cleverly in a way, used the king to lure President Trump over here, to give him a very good time," he said. "And (it's) a wonderful opportunity, with all the goodwill that will be engaged at this point, to talk to him ... and if there's any hope of sorting out Ukraine, etc. This is all a step in the right direction."

Those discussions take place Thursday, when Trump and Starmer meet at Chequers, the country estate of British prime ministers.

Rubio is in Israel in wake of Qatar attack as Israeli strikes intensify in northern Gaza

By MATTHEW LEE and SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio was in Israel on Sunday as its military intensified attacks on northern Gaza, flattening multiple high-rise buildings and killing at least 13 Palestinians.

Rubio said before the trip that he would seek answers from Israeli officials about their view of a path forward in Gaza, following Israel's attack on Hamas leaders in Qatar last week that upended efforts to broker an end to the conflict.

His two-day visit also represents a show of support for the increasingly isolated Israel as the United Nations holds what is expected to be a contentious debate next week on commitment to the creation of a Palestinian state. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu strongly opposes the recognition of a Palestinian state.

Qatar fallout

Rubio's visit proceeded despite U.S. President Donald Trump's anger at Netanyahu over the Israeli strike in Doha, which he said the United States wasn't notified of beforehand.

On Sunday, Netanyahu, Rubio and their wives, along with U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee and his wife, toured the Western Wall and the excavated tunnels near it.

"I think his (Rubio's) visit here is a testament to the durability, the strength of the Israeli-American alliance. It's as strong and as durable as the stones of the Western Wall we just touched," Netanyahu said.

On Friday, Rubio and Trump met with Qatar's prime minister about the fallout from the Israeli operation. The back-to-back meetings with Israel and Qatar illustrate how the Trump administration is trying to balance relations between key Middle East allies despite widespread international condemnation of the attack.

The Doha attack, which killed at least six people, also appears to have ended attempts to secure an Israel-Hamas ceasefire and the release of hostages before the upcoming U.N. General Assembly session, at which the war in Gaza is expected to be a primary focus.

Meanwhile, Qatar's prime minister denounced Israel as foreign ministers from Arab and Muslim nations met Sunday to discuss a possible unified response. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, who also serves as foreign minister, said Qatar remained committed to working with Egypt and the U.S. to reach a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war, but that Israel's strike represented "an attack on the principle of mediation itself."

Deadly airstrikes mount

On Sunday, at least 13 Palestinians were killed and dozens wounded in Israeli strikes across Gaza, according to local hospitals.

One strike on a tent in the city of Deir al-Balah killed at least six members of the same family. Two parents, their three children and the children's aunt were killed, according to Al-Aqsa Hospital. The family was from the northern town of Beit Hanoun, and arrived in Deir al-Balah last week after fleeing a Gaza City shelter.

The Israeli military didn't immediately comment.

Associated Press video showed what appeared to be thousands of people fleeing Gaza City on the seaside road to the south with their belongings packed on vehicles, even as smoke rose from an airstrike some distance away. Israel has been warning residents to evacuate Gaza City as it expands its operation.

"We have begun to wish for death, death, rather than this life we live today," said Ashraf Elwan, a young

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man displaced from Gaza City. "Our young men have had their limbs amputated, our women have become widows, our children have become orphans, our lives have become hell."

The Israeli military destroyed three high-rise buildings Sunday after warning residents to evacuate. One building, part of the Islamic University in Gaza City, was struck twice and flattened. Al-Shifa hospital reported casualties, but couldn't confirm how many, saying some bodies remain trapped inside.

Before the strikes, residents scrambled to pull out belongings, tossing mattresses from balconies and wheeling away items, including suitcases.

The military said Hamas had positioned observation points on the buildings to gather intelligence about troop movements and that militants were poised to strike Israeli troops, though it offered no evidence to support those claims.

"This is part of the genocidal measures the (Israeli) occupation is carrying out in Gaza City," said Abed Ismail, a Gaza City resident. "They want to turn the whole city into rubble, and force the transfer and another Nakba."

The word Nakba is Arabic for catastrophe and refers to when around 700,000 Palestinians were expelled by Israeli forces or fled their homes in what is now Israel, before and during the 1948 war that surrounded its creation.

Israeli strongly denies accusations of genocide in Gaza.

Starvation in Gaza

Separately, two Palestinian adults died of causes related to malnutrition and starvation in the Gaza Strip over the last 24 hours, the territory's Health Ministry reported Sunday.

That has brought the death toll from malnutrition-related causes to 277 since late June, when the ministry started to count adult fatalities, while another 145 children died of malnutrition-related causes since the start of the war in October 2023, the ministry said.

The Israeli defense body overseeing humanitarian aid in Gaza said that more than 1,200 trucks carrying aid, primarily food, entered Gaza over the past week. Aid workers say the aid that reaches Gaza is insufficient for the territory's enormous needs. Much of it is also looted before it can reach Palestinians in desperate need.

International teams also finished repair work on a water line from Israel to Gaza, one of three water lines from Israel to Gaza, increasing the daily amount of water coming into Gaza from Israel to 14,000 cubic meters (3.7 million gallons), Israel said.

Since Israel launched its offensive, Gaza's water access has been progressively limited. Parents and children often chase down water trucks that come every two or three days, filling bottles, canisters and buckets and then hauling them home.

The war in Gaza began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, killing around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting 251. There are still 48 hostages remaining in Gaza, of whom Israel believes that 20 are still alive.

Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed at least 64,871 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't say how many were civilians or combatants.

Brazil's Lula pushes back against tariff, tells Trump the country's democracy 'is not on the table'

By ELÉONORE HUGHES and EDUARDO FRANÇOIS Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva on Sunday pushed back against a 50% tariff on Brazilian imported goods to the United States, arguing that it was "political" and "illogical."

Lula said in a New York Times op-ed that his government is open to negotiating anything that can bring mutual benefits. "But Brazil's democracy and sovereignty are not on the table," he said.

U.S. President Donald Trump imposed the tariff on Brazil in July, citing what he called a "witch hunt" against former President Jair Bolsonaro, who at the time stood accused of trying to illegally hang onto power.

The trial came to an end on Thursday after a panel of Supreme Court justices ruled that Bolsonaro had

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attempted a coup after his 2022 electoral defeat to Lula, sparking fears of further U.S. measures against Brazil.

Lula said he was proud of the Supreme Court for its "historic decision" which safeguards Brazil's institutions, the democratic rule of law and is not a "witch hunt."

"(The ruling) followed months of investigations that uncovered plans to assassinate me, the vice president and a Supreme Court justice," Lula said.

Lula added that the tariff increase was "not only misguided but illogical," citing the surplus of \$410 billion in bilateral trade in goods and services the U.S. has accumulated over the past 15 years.

The op-ed is a sign that Brazil is bracing for more possible sanctions after the Supreme Court's decision.

After Thursday's ruling, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio posted on X that Trump's government "will respond accordingly."

Brazil's Foreign Ministry called Rubio's comments an inappropriate threat that wouldn't intimidate the government, saying the country's judiciary is independent and that Bolsonaro was granted due process.

Bolsonaro on Sunday briefly left his home in Brasilia where he is under house arrest to undergo a medical procedure at a nearby hospital, his first public appearance since Thursday's ruling.

Escorted by police, Bolsonaro went to the DF Star hospital in Brazil's capital in the morning for procedures related to skin lesions — a temporary release granted by Justice Alexandre de Moraes on Sept. 8.

He was later discharged, doctors from the hospital said in a statement. Medical staff removed eight skin lesions that will be sent for analysis to establish a definitive diagnosis and assess the need for further treatment.

The 70-year-old far-right politician was placed under house arrest in early August, after de Moraes said that Bolsonaro had violated precautionary measures imposed on him in the context of the coup trial. He had already been wearing an ankle monitor.

In late August, de Moraes increased security measures further and ordered that police conduct inspections of all vehicles leaving Bolsonaro's residence and monitor the exterior of the house.

After the medical visit, Bolsonaro must file a certificate of attendance, indicating the date and times of the appointments, to the Supreme Court.

Bolsonaro's son Carlos took to social media to complain about what he deemed to be excessive policing around his father's trip to the hospital.

"I'm with my father and witnessing the continuation of the biggest circus in Brazilian history," he wrote on X. "A convoy with more than 20 men ostensibly armed with rifles (...) just to promote the humiliation of an honest man."

Die-hard supporters of Bolsonaro awaited the ex-president when he arrived at the hospital on Sunday and greeted him with shouts of "Amnesty now!" The chant is in reference to the push of Bolsonaro's allies in Congress to grant the former president some kind of amnesty.

"We're here to provide spiritual and psychological support," said Deusélis Filho, 46, the president of a group of Bolsonaro supporters called Influencers of Brazil.

Thursday's sentence doesn't mean that Bolsonaro will immediately go to prison. The court panel has now up to 60 days to publish the ruling. Once it does, Bolsonaro's lawyers have five days to file motions for clarification.

His lawyers have said that they will try to appeal both the conviction and sentence before the full Supreme Court of 11 justices, although some experts think it's unlikely to be accepted.

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights expands at a critical moment in U.S. history

By MICHAEL WARREN Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A popular museum in Atlanta is expanding at a critical moment in the United States — and unlike the Smithsonian Institution, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights is privately funded, putting it beyond the immediate reach of Trump administration efforts to control what Americans learn

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about their history.

The monthslong renovation, which cost nearly \$60 million, adds six new galleries as well as classrooms and interactive experiences, changing a relatively static museum into a dynamic place where people are encouraged to take action supporting civil and human rights, racial justice and the future of democracy, said Jill Savitt, the center's president and CEO.

The center has stayed active ahead of its Nov. 8 reopening through K-12 education programs that include more than 300 online lesson plans; a LGBTQ+ Institute; training in diversity, equity and inclusion; human rights training for law enforcement; and its Truth & Transformation Initiative to spread awareness about forced labor, racial terror and other historic injustices.

These are the same aspects of American history, culture and society that the Trump administration is seeking to dismantle.

Inspiring children to become 'change agents'

Dreamed up by civil rights icons Evelyn Lowery and Andrew Young, the center opened in 2014 on land donated by the Coca-Cola Company, next to the Georgia Aquarium and The World of Coca-Cola, and became a major tourist attraction. But ticket sales declined after the pandemic.

Now the center hopes to attract more repeat visitors with immersive experiences like "Change Agent Adventure," aimed at children under 12. These "change agents" will be asked to pledge to something — no matter how small — that "reflects the responsibility of each of us to play a role in the world: To have empathy. To call for justice. To be fair, be kind. And that's the ethos of this gallery," Savitt said. It opens next April.

"I think advocacy and change-making is kind of addictive. It's contagious," Savitt explained. "When you do something, you see the success of it, you really want to do more. And our desire here is to whet the appetite of kids to see that they can be involved. They can do it."

This ethos is sharply different from the idea that young people can't handle the truth and must be protected from unpleasant challenges but, Savitt said, "the history that we tell here is the most inspirational history."

"In fact, I think it's what makes America great. It is something to be patriotically proud of. The way activists over time have worked together through nonviolence and changed democracy to expand human freedom — there's nothing more American and nothing greater than that. That is the lesson that we teach here," she said.

Encouraging visitors to be hopeful

"Broken Promises," opening in December, includes exhibits from the post-Civil War Reconstruction era, cut short when white mobs sought to brutally reverse advances by formerly enslaved people. "We want to start orienting you in the conversation that we believe we all kind of see, but we don't say it outright: Progress. Backlash. Progress. Backlash. And that pattern that has been in our country since enslavement," said its curator, Kama Pierce.

On display will be a Georgia historical marker from the site of the 1918 lynching of Mary Turner, pockmarked repeatedly with bullets, that Turner descendants donated to keep it from being vandalized again.

"There are 11 bullet holes and 11 grandchildren living," and the family's words will be incorporated into the exhibit to show their resilience, Pierce said.

Items from the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. collection will have a much more prominent place, in a room that recreates King's home office, with family photos contributed by the center's first guest curator: his daughter, the Rev. Bernice King. "We wanted to lift up King's role as a man, as a human being, not just as an icon," Savitt explained.

Gone are the huge images of the world's most genocidal leaders — Hitler, Stalin and Mao among others — with explanatory text about the millions of people killed under their orders. In their place will be examples of human rights victories by groups working around the world.

"The research says that if you tell people things are really bad and how awful they are, you motivate people for a minute, and then apathy sets in because it's too hard to do anything," Savitt said. "But if you

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give people something to hope for that's positive, that they can see themselves doing, you're more likely to cultivate a sense of agency in people."

Fostering a healthy democracy

And doubling in capacity is an experience many can't forget: Joining a 1960s sit-in against segregation. Wearing headphones as they take a lunch-counter stool, visitors can both hear and feel an angry, segregationist mob shouting they don't belong. Because this is "heavy content," Savitt says, a new "reflection area" will allow people to pause afterward on a couch, with tissues if they need them, to consider what they've just been through.

The center's expansion was seeded by Home Depot co-founder and Atlanta philanthropist Arthur M. Blank, the Mellon Foundation and many other donors, for which Savitt expressed gratitude: "The corporate community is in a defensive crouch right now — they could get targeted," she said.

But she said donors shared concerns about people's understanding of citizenship, so supporting the teaching of civil and human rights makes a good investment.

"It is the story of democracy — Who gets to participate? Who has a say? Who gets to have a voice?" she said. "So our donors are very interested in a healthy, safe, vibrant, prosperous America, which you need a healthy democracy to have."

After Kirk's killing a growing chorus of conservatives wants his critics ostracized or fired

By JOSH BOAK and NICHOLAS RICCARDI Associated Press

BASKING RIDGE, New Jersey (AP) — After years of complaints from the right about "cancel culture" from the left, some conservatives are seeking to upend the lives and careers of those who disparaged Charlie Kirk after his death. They're going after companies, educators, news outlets, political rivals and others they judge as promoting hate speech.

A campaign by public officials and others on the right has led just days after the conservative activist's death to the firing or punishment of teachers, an Office Depot employee, government workers, a TV pundit and the expectation of more dismissals coming.

This past weekend, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy posted that American Airlines had grounded pilots who he said were celebrating Kirk's assassination.

"This behavior is disgusting and they should be fired," Duffy said on the social media site X.

As elected officials and conservative influencers lionize Kirk as a warrior for free expression who championed provocative opinions, they're also weaponizing the tactics they saw being used to malign their movement — the calls for firings, the ostracism, the pressure to watch what you say.

Such tactics raise a fundamental challenge for a nation that by many accounts appears to be dangerously splintered by politics and a sense of moral outrage that social media helps to fuel. For his part, Trump on Sunday suggested he was already using the government to look into his political adversaries when asked if he would investigate them after Kirk's death.

"They're already under major investigation, a lot of the people that you would traditionally say are on the left," Trump told reporters.

The aftermath of Kirk's death has increasingly become a test of the public tolerance over political differences. Republicans are pushing not only to punish the alleged killer but those whose words they believe contributed to the death or dishonored it. At the same time, some liberals on social media have criticized those, such as actress Kristin Chenoweth, who expressed sympathy online over Kirk's death.

"This pattern that we've seen for decades seems to be happening much more now and at this moment than it ever has before," said Adam Goldstein of the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression. He dates the urge to persecute people for their private views on tragedies at least to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. "If there was ever time to support the better angels of our nature, it's now."

Goldstein noted that it's unpopular speech, like people praising the assassination, that stands as the greatest test of acceptance of the First Amendment — especially when government officials get involved.

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"The only time you're really supporting free speech is when it's unpopular," Goldstein said. "There's no one out there trying to stop people from loving puppies and bunnies."

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox, a Republican, has cautioned that the motive for the assassination has not been confirmed. He said the suspect in custody clearly identifies with the political left and had expressed dislike of Kirk before the shooting. But he and other authorities also say the suspect was not known to have been politically engaged.

Kirk was seen as an architect of President Donald Trump's 2024 election win, helping to expand the Republican outreach to younger voters. That means many conservatives see the remarks by liberals as fomenting violence, rather than as acts of political expression.

"I think President Trump sees this as an attack on his political movement," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., on NBC as he noted the two assassination attempts against Trump as well as Kirk's killing. "This is unique and different. This is an attack on a movement by using violence. And that's the way most Republicans see this."

Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., who is running for governor, called on social media for the firings of an assistant dean at Middle Tennessee State University and professors at Austin Peay State University and Cumberland University.

All three lost their jobs for comments deemed inappropriate for expressing a lack of sympathy, or even for expressing pleasure, in the shooting of Kirk. One said Kirk "spoke his fate into existence."

Some NFL teams chose on Sunday to hold a moment of silence for Kirk. Football teams have in the past chosen to memorialize victims after school shootings or an attack on a house of worship. They have also marked notable deaths of public figures, weather-related disasters and international crises such as Hamas' attack on Israel in October 2023.

Because conservatives previously felt canceled by liberals for their views, Trump on his first day back in office signed an executive order prohibiting everyone in the federal government from engaging in conduct that would "unconstitutionally abridge the free speech of any American citizen."

In February at the Munich Security Conference, Vice President JD Vance criticized the preceding Biden administration for encouraging "private companies to silence people who dared to utter what turned out to be an obvious truth" regarding the pandemic. He assailed European countries for censoring political speech.

"Under Donald Trump's leadership, we may disagree with your views, but we will fight to defend your right to offer it in the public square, agree or disagree," Vance said at the time.

Still, the Trump administration has also cracked down on immigrants and academics for their speech.

Goldstein noted that Trump's State Department in the minutes after Kirk's death warned it would revoke the visas of any foreigners who celebrated Kirk's assassination. "I can't think of another moment where the United States has come out to warn people of their impending cancellation," Goldstein said.

The glimmer of bipartisan agreement in the aftermath of the assassination was in a sense that social media was fueling the violence and misinformation in dangerous ways.

"I can't emphasize enough the damage that social media and the internet is doing to all of us," Cox said on NBC's "Meet the Press." He said "the most powerful companies in the history of the world have figured out how to hack our brains get us addicted to outrage."

But many Republican lawmakers have also targeted traditional news media that criticized Trump for contributing to a toxic political climate with his consistent rhetoric painting anyone against him as an enemy.

On Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures," Sen. Katie Britt, R-Ala., blamed news outlets for having guests on who called Trump a "facist" or compared him to the Nazi leader Adolf Hitler.

Such statements have been borne out of Trump's attempt to overturn his 2020 election loss, his pardoning of Jan. 6 rioters and a range of policy differences. Among them, his deportations, deployment of the National Guard, mass firings of federal employees and his scorn for the historic limits on the power of the presidency.

But for Britt, those expressions were unfair, inaccurate and triggered violence.

"There must be consequences with regards to people spewing that type of hate and celebration in the face of this," Britt said. "And I believe that there will be."

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Ricky Hatton, former world boxing champion, dies at 46

By JAMES ROBSON AP Sports Writer

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Ricky Hatton, the former boxing world champion who rose to become one of the most popular fighters in the sport, has died. He was 46.

Hatton was found dead at his home in Greater Manchester, Britain's Press Association reported Sunday. Police said they were not treating the death as suspicious.

"Officers were called by a member of the public to attend Bowlacre Road, Hyde, Tameside, at 6:45 a.m. today where they found the body of a 46-year-old man," Greater Manchester Police said in a statement. "There are not currently believed to be any suspicious circumstances."

Friends of Hatton were quick to pay tribute Sunday morning.

"Today we lost not only one of Britain's greatest boxers, but a friend, a mentor, a warrior, Ricky Hatton," former world champion, Amir Khan, posted on X.

"Rip to the legend Ricky Hatton may he rip," former heavyweight champion Tyson Fury said in an Instagram post, with photos of the pair together. "There will only ever be 1 Ricky Hatton. can't believe this so young."

In a poignant post, his brother Matthew Hatton said "I love you Richard" on X along with photos of the brothers.

News of Hatton's death comes two months after the surprise announcement he would make a return to boxing in December in a professional bout against Eisa Al Dah in Dubai.

He hadn't fought since losing for the third time in his career, against Vyacheslav Senchenko in 2012.

Pacquiao's tribute

Hatton won world titles at light-welterweight and welterweight and at the height of his career shared the ring with the best boxers of his generation including Kostya Tszyu, Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao.

"He was not only a great fighter inside the ring but also a brave and kind man in life," Pacquiao posted on X. "Ricky fought bravely, not just in the ring, but in his journey through life. He truly had a good fight, and we are all blessed to have been part of his wonderful journey."

Hatton rose through amateur and domestic levels, building up an army of passionate fans that followed him to America for his biggest fights.

His down-to-earth charm, as well as his tendency to dramatically gain and lose weight between fights, endeared him to fans across the world.

"Devastated. A legend, a warrior, and a great person," said former Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney on X.

Hatton was open about the mental health issues he endured upon his retirement from the ring.

"As fighters, we tell ourselves we're strong — we train, we sweat, we take hits, we get up. But sometimes the hardest fight happens in silence, in the mind," Khan added on X. "Mental health isn't weakness. It's part of being human. And we must talk about it. We must reach out. We must lean on each other."

Top of the sport

Hatton's all-action style added to his popularity. He built up a passionate following in the UK before truly announcing himself on the world stage with his epic victory against Tszyu for the IBF world super lightweight (light welterweight) title in 2005.

Pound for pound great Tszyu had only lost twice before, but was forced to retire on his stool in front of 22,000 fans in Manchester.

Hatton later described it as his greatest win but it was just the start of a period when he fought at the top of the sport, with thousands of fans following him to America for huge fights.

In a post on X, his former manager, Frank Warren, described him as a "superbly talented fighter who inspired a generation of young boxers and fans in a way very few had done before," adding he will "rightly go down as one of the modern greats of this sport."

Hatton lost for the first time in his career against Mayweather at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas in 2007.

After a sold out homecoming at Manchester City's stadium a year later, he worked his way back to the

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top of the sport to take on Manny Pacquiao in 2009, losing inside two rounds.

Hatton retired after that defeat, but made a remarkable comeback four years later after piling on weight and enduring issues with depression and drinking, as well as allegations of drug use.

While he lost to Senchenko, the very fact he managed to return to the ring was seen as a personal triumph.

The British Boxing Board of Control said it was "very saddened" to hear of his passing.

Man City fan

Outside of the ring, Hatton was a lifelong fan of Manchester City.

The Premier League club had a minute's appreciation for Hatton at Sunday's derby against Manchester United. Before kickoff at the Etihad Stadium, fans from both teams rose to applaud Hatton in a show of unity and affection for the boxer.

"Ricky was one of City's most loved and revered supporters, who will always be remembered for a glittering boxing career that saw him win world titles at welterweight and light-welterweight," City said in a statement. "Everyone at the Club would like to send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends at this difficult time."

The announcement of Hatton's return to the ring later this year came after he had enjoyed success as a trainer, coaching Zhanat Zhakiyanov to a world bantamweight title win in 2017.

Seahawks' George Holani turns the Steelers' blunder on a kickoff into a TD as Seattle wins 31-17

By WILL GRAVES AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — George Holani saw the ball bouncing toward the Pittsburgh end zone, wondered why Steelers kick returner Kaleb Johnson turned his back on a live football, and kept right on running.

All the way to the first touchdown of the Seattle Seahawks special teamer and running back's NFL career, and maybe a bit of justice for his team.

Holani's heads-up recovery of a kickoff by Seattle teammate Jason Myers for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter gave the Seahawks a 10-point lead they never threatened to give away in a 31-17 victory over Pittsburgh on Sunday that was as complete as it was surprising.

Seattle had just taken a three-point lead on a 54-yard field goal by Myers when his kickoff bounced in front of Johnson, a rookie running back now moonlighting as a kick returner. The ball hopped over Johnson's outstretched hands at about the Pittsburgh 5.

Johnson headed toward the sideline, thinking the play was over. It wasn't. Holani tracked the ball down just before it rolled across the end line for an unlikely score that put the Seahawks (1-1) up 24-14.

"Poor judgment by a young player," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said.

And excellent judgement by another running back-turned-special teamer. The Seahawks reviewed that exact scenario on Friday night, in the unlikely event it might turn up in a game. The lesson stuck with Holani, who never broke stride as Johnson casually walked to the sideline.

"That guy thought it was going out of bounds and it didn't," said Holani, who scored 34 times during his college career at Boise State, all of them in more traditional ways. "It was a lucky roll and I made the best of it."

So did Seattle, which bounced back from a loss to San Francisco in its opener by outplaying the sloppy Steelers (1-1), who delivered a dud in Aaron Rodgers' home debut.

The four-time MVP completed 18 of 33 passes for 203 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions a week after a nearly flawless Steelers debut in a win over the New York Jets. DK Metcalf caught three passes for 20 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown, but was largely a non-factor against his former team.

"It's week two," Rodgers said. "It mean like, it's good for us. Last week, probably there was some people feeling pretty good because everybody outside the building was talking about how great we were on offense. ... That's the league. You can't ride the highs or the lows."

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While Pittsburgh sputtered, the Seahawks surged.

Sam Darnold passed for 295 yards and two touchdowns, overcoming a pair of first-half interceptions that led to Pittsburgh scores.

Kenneth Walker III ran for 105 yards, including a 19-yard touchdown with 3:41 left on a third-and-goal play primarily designed to bleed the clock. Instead, Walker darted through Pittsburgh's flailing defense to finish off his first 100-yard performance since the 2024 opener against Denver.

"Every time I touch the ball, I'm trying to score," Walker said. "The (offensive) line opened up a hole to the left side. I don't really have to make anybody miss."

Not when Pittsburgh's defense was largely ineffective for a second straight week. The Seahawks outgained the Steelers 395 yards to 267. Only the two early picks by Darnold allowed the Steelers to hang around.

Darnold atoned in the second half by hitting AJ Barner for a 7-yard touchdown that tied the game at 14-all and finding Jackson Smith-Njigba for a 43-yard strike late that set up Walker's clincher.

"There were just a couple bad plays (in the first half) on my end that I'm obviously going to clean up, watch the tape and get better from," said Darnold, who won for the first time as Seattle's starter. "But I felt like (at halftime) there was a lot to go into the second half optimistic about."

Seattle outscored the Steelers 24-3 over the final two quarters, making all the little plays that mattered.

Seahawks defensive back Riq Woolen tracked down Pittsburgh running back Jaylen Warren at the end of a 65-yard catch-and-run to prevent a touchdown immediately after Seattle had tied the game. Two plays later, Derion Kendrick plucked a pass to the end zone that deflected off Pittsburgh's Calvin Austin III and Pat Freiermuth for a drive-killing interception.

A short time later, Holani's recovery in nearly the same spot on the field put the Seahawks in control.

"We got a couple breaks there in the second half that went our way," Seattle coach Mike Macdonald said, "and we took advantage of it."

Injuries

Seahawks: Linebacker Derick Hall limped off the field in the final minutes while chasing after Rodgers. Otherwise, Seattle got through its first East Coast trip of the season unscathed.

Steelers: Outside linebacker Alex Highsmith left in the second quarter with an ankle injury and did not return. Veteran defensive lineman Isaiahh Loudermilk was lost for the game in the first quarter with an ankle injury.

Up next

Seahawks: Host New Orleans next Sunday.

Steelers: Visit New England next Sunday.

Jackson throws 4 TD passes, and the Ravens close strong in a 41-17 victory over the Browns

By NOAH TRISTER AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens finished this game better than they started it.

That was their most encouraging sign on a day they were expected to win comfortably and did.

Lamar Jackson threw four touchdown passes and Baltimore's defense harassed Joe Flacco throughout his return to Charm City as the Ravens dispatched the Cleveland Browns 41-17 on Sunday.

After blowing a 15-point, fourth-quarter lead at Buffalo last weekend, Baltimore was up by 10 with 15 minutes to play against the Browns before scoring 21 straight points to turn a tedious divisional struggle into a rout.

"That maturing as a football team to win games like that, they did that in this game," coach John Harbaugh said. "This was a tough game. The score doesn't really indicate it, but this was a grind of a football game."

The Ravens (1-1) managed only 81 yards of offense in the first half, and four of their five touchdowns were scored either by the defense or with the benefit of a short field.

"We gave them 21 points via a blocked punt, a fumble recovery and an interception. It's just hard to

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win," Browns coach Kevin Stefanski said. "It's hard to win, period, but it's hard to win when you do that. We'll own it."

After holding Cincinnati to 141 yards in a one-point loss last week, the Cleveland defense limited Derrick Henry to just 23 yards on 11 rushing attempts. The Ravens rushed for 45 yards, their lowest team total since Jackson took over at quarterback in 2018 — not counting games he's missed.

But the Browns (0-2) were mostly inept on offense. Flacco, the former Super Bowl-winning quarterback for the Ravens playing his first game in Baltimore as an opposing player, went 25 for 45 for 199 yards and a touchdown, with an interception and a lost fumble.

The Ravens (1-1) led 10-3 at halftime despite having just four first downs. A 41-yard pass to DeAndre Hopkins in the third quarter set Baltimore up with first-and-goal from the 1, but an incompleteness, a false start, another incompleteness and a sack by Myles Garrett forced the Ravens to settle for a field goal.

Then Flacco forced a pass that was intercepted by Nate Wiggins and returned 61 yards to the 5. Cleveland made Baltimore use all four downs from there, but Jackson finally found Devontez Walker for a 2-yard touchdown that made it 20-3.

Cleveland's lone TD came on fourth down in the third quarter, when Flacco's pass was nearly intercepted by Marlon Humphrey, but went through his arms and bounced right to Cedric Tillman for an 18-yard touchdown that made it 20-10. It was the second straight weekend the Ravens were victimized by a fourth-down pass that caromed to an opposing player for a TD.

Baltimore had a better fourth quarter this time. Jackson threw a 24-yard scoring pass to Walker with 13:26 remaining. Then Flacco fumbled on a sack by Tavius Robinson, and Roquan Smith scooped the ball up and went 63 yards for a touchdown.

"I felt like it took me back to my high school days playing running back," said Smith, who also had three tackles for loss. "It was an awesome job by T-Rob being able to get the sack-fumble and I just reaped the reward being that close to the ball."

Jackson added a 23-yard scoring pass to Hopkins, and the Browns relieved Flacco with rookie Dillon Gabriel after that. Gabriel threw an 8-yard scoring pass to Dylan Sampson with 1:50 to play.

The Ravens also made a big play on special teams in the second quarter when Jake Hummel blocked a punt, giving Baltimore the ball at the Cleveland 24. Jackson threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Tylan Wallace to make it 10-0.

Big recovery

A fumble by Henry helped the Bills' comeback last weekend, and he put the ball on the ground again in the second quarter Sunday, but Wallace recovered for the Ravens — then scored his touchdown on the very next play.

Efficient

Baltimore drafted Walker in the fourth round last year and he's played sparingly, but the contributions he's made have been meaningful. All three of his career receptions have been for touchdowns. He had one against the New York Giants in 2024.

"Tez is a very hard worker. We've seen it in camp since his rookie season last year," Jackson said. "He's been grinding. All he needs is an opportunity."

Injuries

Cleveland WR DeAndre Carter and Baltimore RB Rasheen Ali left with concussions. ... Browns T Jack Conklin (eye, elbow) was inactive. ... Baltimore lost LB Kyle Van Noy to a hamstring injury. ... Ravens CB Jaire Alexander (knee) was inactive after struggling in the opener. ... Baltimore CB Marlon Humphrey injured his groin. Harbaugh said none of the Ravens' injuries were season ending.

Up next

Cleveland hosts Green Bay next Sunday. Baltimore hosts Detroit in a Monday night game.

Trump administration renews push to fire Fed governor Lisa Cook ahead of key vote

By ALAN SUDERMAN AP Business Writer

President Donald Trump's administration renewed its request Sunday for a federal appeals court to let him fire Lisa Cook from the Federal Reserve's board of governors, a move the president is seeking ahead of the central bank's vote on interest rates.

The Trump administration filed a response just ahead of a 3 p.m. Eastern deadline Sunday to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, arguing that Cook's legal arguments for why she should stay on the job were meritless. Lawyers for Cook argued in a Saturday filing that the Trump administration has not shown sufficient cause to fire her, and stressed the risks to the economy and country if the president were allowed to fire a Fed governor without proper cause.

Sunday's filing is the latest step in an unprecedented effort by the White House to shape the historically independent Fed. Cook's firing marks the first time in the central bank's 112-year history that a president has tried to fire a governor.

"The public and the executive share an interest in ensuring the integrity of the Federal Reserve," Trump's lawyers argued in Sunday's filing. "And that requires respecting the president's statutory authority to remove governors 'for cause' when such cause arises."

Bill Pulte, a Trump appointee to the agency that regulates mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, has accused Cook of signing separate documents in which she allegedly said that both the Atlanta property and a home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, also purchased in June 2021, were both "primary residences." Pulte submitted a criminal referral to the Justice Department, which has opened an investigation.

Trump relied on those allegations to fire Cook "for cause."

Cook, the first Black woman to serve as a Fed governor, referred to the condominium as a "vacation home" in a loan estimate, a characterization that could undermine claims by the Trump administration that she committed mortgage fraud. Documents obtained by The Associated Press also showed that on a second form submitted by Cook to gain a security clearance, she described the property as a "second home."

Cook sued the Trump administration to block her firing and a federal judge ruled Tuesday that the removal was illegal and reinstated her to the Fed's board.

The administration appealed and asked for an emergency ruling just before the Fed is set to meet this week and decide whether to reduce its key interest rate. Most economists expect they will cut the rate by a quarter point.

Fox News' Brian Kilmeade apologizes for saying mentally ill homeless people should be executed

By DAVID BAUDER AP Media Writer

Fox News Channel host Brian Kilmeade apologized on Sunday for advocating for the execution of mentally ill homeless people in a discussion on the network last week, saying his remark was "extremely callous."

Kilmeade's initial comment came on a "Fox & Friends" episode Wednesday and began getting widespread circulation online over the weekend. Kilmeade, a host of the morning show, was talking with co-hosts Lawrence Jones and Ainsley Earhardt about the Aug. 22 stabbing murder of Iryna Zarutsky on a light rail train in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A homeless and mentally ill man, Decarlos Brown Jr., was arrested for murder, and the case received extensive attention on Fox following the release of a security video of the stabbing.

Jones was talking on "Fox & Friends" on Wednesday about public money spent on trying to help homeless people and suggested that those who didn't accept services offered to them should be jailed.

"Or involuntary lethal injection, or something," Kilmeade said. "Just kill 'em."

Earhardt interjected, "Why did it have to get to this point?" Kilmeade replied, "I will say this, we're not

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voting for the right people.”

During an appearance on the “Fox & Friends” weekend show Sunday, Kilmeade said that “I wrongly said they should get lethal injection. I apologize for that extremely callous remark. I am obviously aware that not all mentally ill, homeless people act as the perpetrator did in North Carolina and that so many homeless people deserve our empathy and compassion.”

Fox News management did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

An advocate for homeless people said Sunday that Kilmeade’s remark had been “completely devoid of all humanity.” Christine Quinn, president and CEO of Win, a provider of shelter and services for homeless children in New York City, invited Kilmeade to volunteer in one of the organization’s shelters.

Kilmeade’s initial remark came hours before the assassination of conservative activist Charlie Kirk in Utah. An MSNBC analyst, Matthew Dowd, was fired for saying on the air that afternoon that hateful rhetoric can lead to hateful actions.

Miami would join Ohio St, Penn St and LSU as a top-four seed in AP Top 25-based CFP bracket

By ERIC OLSON AP College Football Writer

Miami would join Ohio State, Penn State and LSU as a top-four seed in the College Football Playoff based on The Associated Press Top 25 poll released Sunday while Georgia, Oregon, Florida State and Texas would host first-round games.

Ohio State, Penn State and LSU remain the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 seeds. Miami moved into the No. 4 seed after moving up a spot in the AP poll. The top four receive first-round byes.

The Big Ten and Southeastern Conference each would have four teams in the 12-team field, the Atlantic Coast Conference two and the Big 12 and American one each. South Florida would be in as the highest-ranked Group of Five conference champion based on having the most points of any unranked G5 team.

Based on the AP Top 25, the CFP would open like this:

- No. 9 seed Illinois at No. 8 Texas. Winner vs. No. 1 Ohio State.
- No. 12 seed South Florida at No. 5 seed Georgia. Winner vs. No. 4 Miami.
- No. 10 seed Texas A&M at No. 7 seed Florida State. Winner vs. No. 2 Penn State.
- No. 11 seed Iowa State at No. 6 Oregon. Winner vs. No. 3 LSU.

The first three teams outside the bracket: Oklahoma, Mississippi, Alabama.

The Sooners are ranked No. 11 by the AP but would get bumped by automatically qualifying conference champions, in this case Iowa State of the Big 12 and South Florida of the American.

The five highest-ranked conference champions automatically qualify for the CFP, but no longer do the four highest-ranked champions receive a first-round bye. The 12-team bracket is now seeded directly based on the CFP’s final rankings in early December.

The top four seeds will be assigned to quarterfinals in ranking order and in consideration of current bowl relationships. This year, quarterfinal winners advance to the semifinals at the Fiesta Bowl and the Peach Bowl. The No. 1 seed would receive preferential placement based on geography.

Teams ranked Nos. 5-12 by the CFP will play in the first round, with the higher seeds hosting the lower seeds either on campus or at other sites designated by the higher-seeded school. First-round games are Dec. 19 and 20, quarterfinals Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, semifinals Jan. 8 and 9 and the championship game is Jan. 19 at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida.

The AP will publish brackets based on the weekly Top 25 until the CFP selection committee unveils its initial rankings Nov. 4.

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Texas A&M jumps to No. 10 in the AP Top 25, Notre Dame is the first ranked 0-2 team since 1988

By ERIC OLSON AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas A&M made a big jump into the top 10 of The Associated Press college football poll Sunday after its dramatic win at Notre Dame, and the Irish became the first team since 1988 to stay in the Top 25 with an 0-2 record.

Ohio State, Penn State and LSU remained the top three teams, with Miami moving up to No. 4 and Georgia to No. 5 even after a close call at No. 15 Tennessee.

Oregon slipped two spots to No. 6 despite a 20-point road win against Northwestern and was followed by Florida State, Texas, Illinois and the Aggies.

Georgia Tech, Vanderbilt and Southern California made their season debuts in the Top 25.

Ohio State tussled with Ohio into the middle of the third quarter of a 37-9 win and received 55 first-place votes, two fewer than last week. Penn State got five first-place votes, LSU got two, Miami got three and Oregon got one. The Hurricanes' first-place votes are their first since getting three on Nov. 19, 2017.

Alabama was rewarded for its 24-point home win against Wisconsin and moved up five spots to No. 14. Voters didn't punish Tennessee for its overtime home loss to Georgia and kept the Volunteers No. 15.

Texas A&M was promoted six spots after it overcame a scary injury to safety Bryce Anderson, a blocked punt returned for a touchdown and 13 penalties to win 41-40 on Marcel Reed's fourth-and-goal pass to Nate Boerkircher with 11 seconds left.

The Aggies, who opened with solid wins over UTSA and Utah State, are 3-0 for the first time since 2021 and have their highest ranking since they were No. 10 entering November last season.

Notre Dame has lost its first two games, both against ranked opponents, by a total of four points. The Irish lost 27-24 at Miami and had an open date before Texas A&M visited. They fell from No. 8 to No. 24.

The 1988 Michigan Wolverines, the previous team to start 0-2 and remain ranked, also had an extremely tough first two games. They entered the season No. 9 and lost to No. 13 Notre Dame 19-17, dropped to No. 15 and lost 31-30 at No. 1 Miami. Michigan was No. 19 the following week and went 9-0-1 the rest of the way.

Other teams that started 0-2 and stayed in the rankings were 1984 Auburn, 1958 SMU, 1949 Missouri and 1948 Purdue.

In and out

Georgia Tech, coming off its win over Clemson, is 3-0 for the first time since 2016, and its No. 18 ranking is its highest since 2015.

No. 20 Vanderbilt's 24-point win at South Carolina earned the Commodores their highest ranking since they started 5-0 in 2008.

No. 25 USC has its first ranking since the first week of last October.

South Carolina (11), Clemson (12) and South Florida (18) are out.

The Gamecocks were down 14-7 late in the first half when quarterback LaNorris Sellers was knocked out of the game with a concussion. Clemson, ranked No. 4 in the preseason, hasn't been 1-2 since 2014.

South Florida's weeklong stay in the Top 25 ended with its 49-12 loss at Miami.

Poll points

1. Texas and Texas A&M are in the top 10 together for the first time since Sept. 20, 2020. Excluding the pandemic season, it's the first time since Oct. 2, 1978.

2. USC has been ranked at least once in 24 straight seasons, the sixth-longest streak in the nation.

3. No. 17 Texas Tech's ranking is its highest since it was No. 15 entering November 2013.

Conference call

SEC (11) — Nos. 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 20, 22, 23.

Big Ten (7) — Nos. 1, 2, 6, 9, 19, 21, 25.

ACC (3) — Nos. 4, 7, 18.

Big 12 (3) — Nos. 12, 16, 17.

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Ranked vs. ranked

No. 17 Texas Tech at No. 16 Utah: The Red Raiders' 58 points per game lead the nation, but now the Behren Morton-led 600-yards-per-game offense gets its first real test on the road. Utah has limited each of its first three opponents to under 250 yards.

No. 22 Auburn at No. 11 Oklahoma: Tigers QB Jackson Arnold started 10 games for the Sooners over the previous two seasons. His replacement at OU, John Mateer, is one of the leading candidates for the Heisman Trophy.

No. 9 Illinois at No. 19 Indiana: A matchup of top-10 offenses and defenses. Indiana has scored 156 points against three weak opponents. The Illini have played a light, but better, schedule and have allowed just 22 points over three games.

Chicago suburb where Pope Leo XIV grew up celebrates his 70th birthday with gospel music, balloons

By SOPHIA TAREEN Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago suburb where Pope Leo XIV grew up marked his 70th birthday Sunday with gospel music and a balloon release outside his boyhood home.

A small crowd attended the festivities outside the modest brick house in the village of Dolton, where the former Robert Prevost grew up after he was born in 1955 in Chicago, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) away.

"It's a good time for the community to come together," said Village President Jason House. "It shows that great people come out of the village of Dolton."

The village purchased the house in July in hopes of boosting tourism and claiming a piece of papal history of the first American pope. They're also trying to drum up a positive message about the community where there's been political turmoil in recent years, including misspending allegations surrounding a previous mayor.

Village officials said they tried to contact the pope but did not hear back.

When he was elected in May at age 69, he was the youngest pope since 1978, when Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope John Paul II at age 58. Leo has dual U.S. and Peruvian citizenship given his 20 years of missionary experience in Peru.

His birthday was celebrated at the Vatican during his traditional noon blessing, where he saw "Happy birthday" banners, in English, Italian and Spanish and balloons held up by those gathered in St. Peter's Square.

In Illinois, photographs of him as a child and as pope were displayed outside the three-bedroom house in the suburb south of Chicago.

Leo's family lived there until the mid-1990s, witnessing big demographic changes over the years. Once a town of a few thousand where most residents were white, Dolton is now a community of roughly 20,000 where most residents are Black.

Attendees prayed for the pope's health and leadership. There was an a cappella rendition of the gospel hit "Break Every Chain," along with the Stevie Wonder version of "Happy Birthday." Silver balloons in the shape of stars were released into the sky.

"We hope people feel welcome," House said.

Pope Leo XIV marvels at his 'huge learning curve' in an interview released on his 70th birthday

By NICOLE WINFIELD Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Pope Leo XIV marveled at the "huge learning curve" he has taken on as pontiff and likened some aspects of the job to jumping "in on the deep end of the pool very quickly," in excerpts of an interview released Sunday on his 70th birthday.

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The pope also lamented widening income gaps between the working class and CEOs, recalling the recent news that Elon Musk could be in line to become the world's first trillionaire.

"If that is the only thing that has value anymore, then we're in big trouble," Leo said in the comments, the pope's first interview as history's first American pope.

The comments came just a day after Musk's brother's company, Nova Sky Stories, staged a light show over the Vatican featuring 3,000 drones depicting images from the Sistine Chapel and even Pope Francis' face.

The interview was conducted this summer by Vatican correspondent Elise Ann Allen for her forthcoming biography of Leo. Excerpts were published Sunday on Allen's Catholic news site Crux, and in the El Comercio daily of Peru.

In the excerpts, Leo spoke about feeling both American and Peruvian, given his dual citizenship and 20 years of missionary experience in Peru. He said that experience gave him great appreciation of the Latin American church and Pope Francis' ministry as history's first South American pope.

Asked whether he would root for the U.S. or Peru in a future World Cup, Leo drew parallels to his childhood in Chicago and the value of not shutting down opponents.

"Even at home, I grew up a White Sox fan, but my mother was a Cubs fan, so you couldn't be one of those fans that shut out the other side," he said. "We learned, even in sports, to have an open, dialogical, friendly and not angry competitive stance on things like that, because we might not have gotten dinner had we been!"

Francis promoted Leo to a top job at the Vatican in 2023, making clear he viewed him as a potential successor. Nevertheless Leo said he wasn't fully prepared for the job.

"There's still a huge learning curve ahead of me," he said, adding that he had found his footing as pastor, but that the challenge was the job as world leader.

"On that one I had to jump in on the deep end of the pool very quickly," he said.

Leo's 70th birthday is celebrated at the Vatican

The interview was released Sunday as Leo marked his 70th birthday, which was celebrated at the Vatican during his traditional noon blessing.

Leo saw giant "Happy birthday" banners, in English, Italian and Spanish, balloons and congratulatory signs held up by the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square. Groups of Peruvian believers, including dancers in traditional attire, were out in force.

"Dear friends, it seems you know today I have turned 70," Leo said to cheers. "I thank the Lord, my parents and all those who remembered me in their prayers."

When he was elected last May at age 69, the former Robert Prevost was the youngest pope since 1978, when Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope John Paul II at age 58.

Many people in the square knew it was Leo's birthday and wished him well, especially given the weight of responsibility he had taken on to run the Catholic Church.

"Well, he definitely needs a lot of support, because he has to carry on a pontificate during a particularly difficult period, both for geopolitical issues and certainly for internal matters," said Lorenzo Vecchio, a member of a Catholic university group in the piazza. "We are certainly happy that he is a very young pope."

Oblique Seville joins Bolt as a Jamaican sprint champ. Jefferson-Wooden wins gold for US

By EDDIE PELLIS AP National Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Usain Bolt went crazy up in a luxury box.

Down below, sprinters in his country's familiar colors -- black, green and, of course, gold --- were wreaking havoc on the track.

It was a good night for America, too, as the sport's past and the future collided in back-to-back 100-meter finals at world championships on a steamy Sunday in Tokyo.

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Jamaica's Oblique Seville and Kishane Thompson sent Bolt into celebration mode by combining for a 1-2 finish in the men's 100-meter sprint, while defending champion Noah Lyles took bronze.

Moments earlier, America's Melissa Jefferson-Wooden had romped to a win in a women's sprint that featured a newcomer silver medalist in Jamaica's Tina Clayton, a fond farewell for the island country's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, who finished sixth, and a fifth-place finish from Sha'Carri Richardson, who never found her stride this year.

"It's a changing of the guard, in a sense," Jefferson-Wooden said. "You're going to see some new faces and things like that. It's great competition."

With Bolt's old coach, Seville finally cashes in on his promise

Seville won the men's race in a career-best 9.77 seconds, fulfilling the promise he's shown since he made his Olympic debut in this stadium four years ago, but didn't get out of the semifinals.

He works with Bolt's old coach, Glen Mills, and though the sprinters don't have much in common physically -- Seville is 5-foot-7 and Bolt is 6-4 -- they know how to race. And celebrate.

Seville was first out of the starting block, then fell behind, but kept his cool and steadily reeled in Thompson, two lanes to his left, to win the title.

The new champion paraded shirtless around the track after the race -- not exactly Bolt's "To Di World" pose, but there's time to improve. The LA Olympics are three years away.

"We are just rewriting history," said Seville, the first Jamaican man to win the 100 at worlds since Bolt in 2015.

This also marked the first 1-2 finish for Jamaica in the 100 at a major championship since Bolt and Yohan Blake did it at the London Olympics in 2012.

Asked about the new crop of Jamaicans before the race, Bolt predicted the 1-2 finish. Less than an hour later, Seville and Thompson went out and proved him right.

"These guys have proven themselves throughout the season," Bolt said. "The moment is big, it's just that sometimes it's a little stressful. So hopefully they can handle that stress and get their moment."

Jefferson-Wooden leaves no doubt in women's race

The 24-year-old Jefferson-Wooden turned her race into a laughter right away.

She got about a step ahead of Olympic champion Julien Alfred in the lane next to her, then kept expanding her lead and ran hard through the line when she could have coasted.

She finished in 10.61, breaking Richardson's two-year-old world-championship mark by .04.

Her margin of .15 seconds over Clayton was a blowout — the same gap Alfred, the Olympic champion who finished third this time, beat Richardson by in Paris last year.

"This year was about accepting that I wanted to be a better athlete, and putting in the work to do so," Jefferson-Wooden said.

Richardson, who trains alongside Jefferson-Wooden, wasn't the same runner as last year or the year before when she won worlds.

While Jefferson-Wooden jumped and shouted into the stands before draping the American flag around her shoulders, Richardson slowly paced the inside of the track with her hands on hips.

Meanwhile, the second-place finish for Clayton put Jamaica on the podium on the night its best female sprinter, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, bid adieu in the 100 with a sixth-place finish.

The "Mommy Rocket" has 16 medals at worlds with a chance for one more if she runs in next weekend's relays.

"She's amazing, she's my idol and who I look up to," Clayton said. "Competing with her was an honor."

Tara jumps for gold again

Another American success story came in the long-jump pit, where Tara Davis-Woodhall took care of yet another piece of unfinished business, adding the long jump world championship to the Olympic title she won last year.

The victory in Tokyo comes two years after a second-place finish at worlds left her disappointed and

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sparked her to rededicate herself to the sport.

And it comes four years after a sixth-place finish here in Tokyo gave her a taste of just how good she could be.

"My Olympic gold medal now has a friend," said Davis-Woodhall, whose winning jump was 7.13 meters (23 feet, 4 3/4 inches).

Also in the field, America's Valarie Allman captured gold in the discus throw to round out her set of gold-silver-bronze from worlds. She also has two Olympic titles.

A distance gold medal for ... France

With three-time champion Joshua Cheptegei now running marathons, the men's 10,000 meters seemed like a wide-open race. Still, this was a surprise.

Jimmy Gressier of France, known mostly as a road racer, outsprinted Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelca to the finish line to bring a distance gold medal home to France.

The win comes a year after the French managed only a single silver medal at the Olympic track meet on home turf.

How will he celebrate?

"I need to sleep, but I probably won't sleep because my body is so on fire," Gressier said.

Sprint to the finish in the marathon

Kenya's Peres Jepchirchir needed a late sprint in the women's marathon to hold off Tigst Assefa of Ethiopia to win gold.

Jepchirchir also won the marathon at the Tokyo Games in 2021, when the race was moved to Sapporo because of the heat.

"When I saw I was 100 meters from the finish, I just started to kick," Jepchirchir said. "I found some hidden energy."

Blame game after acts of political violence can lead to further attacks, experts warn

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — From the moment conservative activist and icon Charlie Kirk was felled by an assassin's bullet, partisans began fighting over which side was to blame. President Donald Trump became the most prominent to do so, tying the attack to "the radical left" before a suspect was even identified.

It was part of a new, grim tradition in a polarized country — trying to pin immediate responsibility for an act of public violence on one of two political sides. As the nation reels from a wave of physical attacks against both Republicans and Democrats, experts warn that the rush to blame sometimes ambiguous and irrational acts on political movements could lead to more conflict.

"What you're seeing now is exactly how the spiral of violence occurs," said Robert Pape, a political scientist and director of the Chicago Project on Security and Threats at the University of Chicago.

On Friday, authorities announced they had arrested 22-year-old Tyler Robinson of Washington, Utah, in the shooting. While a registered voter, he was not affiliated with any party and had not voted in the last two general elections. Even so, officials said Robinson had recently grown more political and expressed negative views about Kirk.

There was other initial evidence of Robinson's potential influences. According to court papers, he carved taunting phrases into his ammunition — including one bullet casing marked with "Hey, fascist! Catch!" — and others from the irony-laden world of memes and online video games.

Nihilistic Violent Extremism is a new FBI category

Experts say political assassins don't always fall into neatly sorted partisan categories. In some cases, like that of Thomas Mathew Crooks, who shot Trump at a Pennsylvania campaign rally last year, there is little record of any political stances whatsoever. The FBI has said Crooks also had researched then-President Joe Biden as a possible attack target.

Bruce Hoffman, who studies terrorism at Georgetown University, noted that the FBI has created a new

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category, Nihilistic Violent Extremism, to track the increasing number of attacks that seem to have no clear political motivation.

"Extremism is becoming a salad bowl of ideologies where you can pick whatever you want," Hoffman said, adding that the increasing number of lone wolf attacks means violence is increasingly unmoored from organizations with clear political goals.

What's more important than the attackers' state of mind, experts stressed, is the broader political environment. The more heated the atmosphere, the more likely it'll lead unstable people to commit violence.

"What they all share is a political ecosystem that's very permissive about violence towards political rivals," Arie Perlinger, a professor of security studies at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, said of recent perpetrators of political violence. "Because politicians are incentivized to use extreme rhetoric and extreme language, that leads to demonization of political rivals."

Pete Buttigieg, a former Democratic presidential candidate who engages frequently with the right on Fox News and other forums, sees social media as a fever swamp driving the demonization and danger.

"Many people around America, normal people, not dangerous people, were at a moment when we all should have still been praying for the victim and his family," he said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." Instead they were "busy online praying for some shred of evidence that the shooter would turn out to be from the other political team. That is not healthy."

Some call for calm, others for 'war'

That certainly happened after the Kirk killing. The 31-year-old father of two young children was an icon on the new, populist right, especially among young conservatives, and a key ally of Trump. While some conservatives called for calm, others, such as conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and podcaster and former Trump adviser Steve Bannon, called for "war."

In a speech on the House floor on Thursday, Rep. Mary Miller, an Illinois Republican, said Kirk's "death was not an isolated tragedy. It is part of a disturbing trend in political violence in our country, encouraged by the radical left and amplified by a corrupt media that has gone from being fake to totally evil."

Many prominent Democrats issued statements urging calm on both sides. Among them were California Gov. Gavin Newsom and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, whose husband was gravely injured by a hammer-wielding attacker who broke into their house in 2022 in an assault that Trump, among other Republicans, mocked.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, also called for lowering the temperature across the board. Trump declares radical leftists 'the problem'

Still, the most prominent practitioner of polarized attacks remains Trump. Friday morning, shortly after announcing the arrest on Fox News, he said "the radicals on the right oftentimes are radical because they don't want to see crime. ... The radicals on the left are the problem."

The Anti-Defamation League found that from 2022 through 2024, all of the 61 political killings in the U.S. were committed by right-wing extremists. That changed on the first day of 2025, when a Texas man flying the flag of the Islamic State group killed 14 people by driving his truck through a crowded New Orleans street before being fatally shot by police.

Hoffman said that in modern history, the right has been responsible for more political attacks on people than the left. He said that's because left-wing radicals are more likely to target property rather than people, and because the extreme right boasts organizations such as militias.

He added that after Trump pardoned more than 1,500 people convicted of crimes during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol to overturn his election loss, "there's a belief in certain quarters that, if you engage in violence, the slate can be wiped clean."

There's no question there's also been political violence from the left. In 2017, a 66-year-old man who had supported leftist causes opened fire at a congressional Republican baseball practice, critically wounding Rep. Steve Scalise, who eventually recovered.

In 2022, an armed man angry over a leaked ruling from an coming case that would limit abortion rights tried to enter the home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. The man backed off when he saw U.S. Marshals guarding the justice's house, called his sister, and was persuaded to call 911 and surrender

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to police.

What can take people 'over the edge'?

Pape, of the University of Chicago, said those who engage in political violence are often not the same as the partisans who stoke debates online. He said about 40% of those who perpetrate political violence have a mental illness.

"When there is strong support in the public for political violence, that nudges people over the edge because they think they're acting in community interest," he said.

He said he worried about Trump's one-sided condemnation of left-wing violence, saying it will only inflame the conflict. He compared it to when some liberals condemn all Trump voters as racists.

"The constituents of whoever is doing this, it emboldens them," Pape said. As for the group being tarnished as uniquely violent, "it creates a bigger sense of defiance," he added. "What we need to do is convince Trump to do more restraining of his side because we're really in a tinderbox moment."

Sugar Coke? Department of War? Where some of Trump's most jaw-dropping promises stand

By WILL WEISSERT Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Given just how much President Donald Trump talks in public, it can sometimes be hard to keep up with all of his promises — even his most outlandish ones.

Once a pledge has been made, though, the president has a way of making notions that once seemed implausible inch toward appearing routine the more he repeats them.

Sometimes he even fully manages to make them happen. Other times, though, what he says goes nowhere at all.

A look at a few of Trump's especially jaw-dropping recent musings and where they stand:

Bringing back the Department of War

WHERE IT STANDS: Promise kept — but pending congressional approval.

BACKSTORY: Trump spent weeks talking up renaming the Defense Department, saying that, back when the U.S. had a War Department, it "just sounded better." The War Department was created by George Washington in 1789, but abolished as part of the National Security Act of 1947, which created the National Military Establishment instead. Two years later, Congress amended that and changed the name to the Department of Defense. Trump recently sought to change the name himself via an executive order. Lawmakers will still need to approve making that permanent and official, however.

Renaming Washington's Kennedy Center the Trump Kennedy Center

WHERE IT STANDS: Still talking about it.

BACKSTORY: Trump posted in August about a list of people he helped choose for the center's annual awards: "GREAT Nominees for the TRUMP/KENNEDY CENTER, whoops, I mean, KENNEDY CENTER, AWARDS." He subsequently said, during an Oval Office event, "Some people refer to it as the Trump Kennedy Center, but we're not prepared to do that quite yet. Maybe in a week or so." A GOP-backed congressional effort would rename the center after Trump and its opera house after first lady Melania Trump. But a full renaming may ultimately prove more likely than Trump's name simply being added to the existing building alongside Kennedy. The 1964 act that renamed the National Cultural Center in Washington in honor of John F. Kennedy stated that, after Dec. 2, 1983, "no additional memorials or plaques in the nature of memorials shall be designated or installed" — which would seemingly bar just tacking "Trump" up beside the existing namesake in the center's public spaces.

Defending daylight saving time — after opposing it

WHERE IT STANDS: Faded away.

BACKSTORY: Trump has been on all sides of the issue. He posted before retaking the White House that the GOP would work to eliminate daylight saving time. In March, he said that setting clocks back and forward was a 50-50 issue, and was therefore too hard for him to take a firm position on. The following month, the president posted online that he actually supported making daylight saving time permanent.

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The Senate passed a measure do just that in 2022, but it stalled in the House. Legislation reviving that effort has been introduced, but not advanced.

Putting cane sugar back in U.S. Coke

WHERE IT STANDS: Coming soon — though not quite how it was promised.

BACKSTORY: Trump is famously a Diet Coke fan. But that made his sudden announcement in July that Coca-Cola had agreed to use real cane sugar in its flagship product in the U.S. all the more surprising. The company soon confirmed that such a version was indeed coming, but would be a new product added to the company's line — not a change encompassing all domestic Cokes. Still, the promised change is notable given that U.S. Coke had been sweetened with high fructose corn syrup since the 1980s, even as Coke from Mexico and some other countries continued to use cane sugar. "This will be a very good move," Trump said. "You'll see. It's just better!"

Eliminating the federal income tax

WHERE IT STANDS: Faded away.

BACKGROUND: While threatening to impose steep tariffs on U.S. trading partners around the globe, Trump said in April that such import tariffs "will be enough to cut all of the income tax." The president has since championed passage of the sweeping tax legislation. It included around \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the rich, but fell well short of wiping out federal income taxes entirely. That hasn't stopped Trump from continuing to assert that the country was its wealthiest near the end of the Gilded Age, when the government relied heavily on tariffs for revenue and there was no federal income tax. Still, he's lately been less quick to suggest the U.S. is on its way back to such policies.

Eliminating taxes on Social Security

WHERE IT STANDS: Still talking about it — but misstating what happened.

BACKGROUND: Trump and top administration officials have repeatedly suggested that the tax package approved by Congress wipes out taxes paid on Social Security benefits. But it doesn't. The law has a temporary tax deduction for people 65 and older that applies to all income, not just Social Security. And not all Social Security beneficiaries can claim it. Indeed, Republicans used a congressional process known as budget reconciliation to pass the measure without the 60-vote threshold normally needed to block a filibuster from opponents — and the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 restricts budget reconciliation bills from making major changes to Social Security.

Gold cards for buying U.S. visas

WHERE IT STANDS: In limbo.

BACKSTORY: Trump has long talked of offering \$5 million "gold cards" to give "very high-level people" a "route to citizenship" while granting foreigners visas to live and work in the U.S. In April, the president even held up a gold card featuring his name and picture, and said they would be available in "less than two weeks, probably." Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick subsequently bragged about having personally sold 1,000 of them. Despite that hype, there has been no major effort by the administration to overhaul the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program, which Congress created in 1990 to offer U.S. visas to investors who spend about \$1 million on a company that employs at least 10 people.

Making IVF universally covered

WHERE IT STANDS: Political off-ramp found.

BACKGROUND: Trump promised while campaigning for reelection that he'd ensure in vitro fertilization was fully paid for by either the government or insurance companies. In February, Trump signed an executive order that called for studying ways to reduce the cost of IVF treatment. But the order gave no deadline for when such policy recommendations need to be completed and what might happen once they are ready is even murkier.

Ending Russia's war in Ukraine

WHERE IT STANDS: Still talking about it.

BACKGROUND: Even though Trump boasted while still a candidate that he'd could end Russia's war in Ukraine in 24 hours, fighting rages on. The president undermined international efforts to isolate Vladimir

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Putin by hosting him in Alaska on Aug. 15, yet came away with no agreement to ease fighting — and has since been unable to broker a promised meeting between Russia's leader and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. In the meantime, Trump's face-to-face with Putin appears to have bought Moscow breathing room, since major economic sanctions that Trump had threatened against Russia haven't materialized. Trump has continued to say since that he's frustrated with Putin while insisting there may still be "severe consequences" if Russia doesn't begin showing it's serious about peace. But, so far, it's been lots of threats without follow through.

Ukrainian drones strike one of Russia's top oil refineries, sparking fire

By The Associated Press undefined

Ukrainian drones have struck one of Russia's largest oil refineries, sparking a fire, Russian officials and Ukraine's military said Sunday.

The overnight strike on the Kirishi refinery, in Russia's northwestern Leningrad region, follows weeks of Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil infrastructure that Kyiv says fuels Moscow's war effort.

The facility, operated by Russian company Surgutneftegas, produces close to 17.7 million metric tons per year (355,000 barrels per day) of crude, and is one of Russia's top three by output.

More than three years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, drones continue to be a key weapon for both sides. Multiple Russian drones crossed into Poland on Wednesday, prompting NATO to send fighter jets to shoot them down and underlining long-held concerns that the fighting might spill over beyond Ukraine's borders.

According to Ukraine's General Staff, explosions and a fire were reported at the Kirishi refinery. It posted a photo appearing to show a blaze and clouds of smoke against a night sky.

Regional Gov. Alexander Drozdenko said that three drones were downed overnight in the Kirishi area, with falling debris sparking a fire at the facility. He said that no one was injured, and the blaze was put out.

Gasoline shortages

As of Sunday afternoon, Russian officials offered no further comment on the consequences of the strike, and it wasn't immediately possible to verify these. At least 80 Ukrainian drones were shot down overnight over Russia, the annexed Crimean Peninsula and the adjacent Sea of Azov, according to the Russian Defense Ministry.

Ukrainian drones previously targeted the Kirishi refinery in March, causing minor damage, according to social media posts published at the time by Drozdenko.

Russia remains the world's second-largest oil exporter, but a seasonal rise in demand and sustained Ukrainian drone strikes have caused gasoline shortages in recent weeks. Gas stations have run dry in some regions of the country, with motorists waiting in long lines and officials resorting to rationing or cutting off sales altogether.

To try to ease the shortage, Russia has paused gasoline exports, with officials on Wednesday declaring a full ban until Sept. 30 and a partial ban affecting traders and intermediaries until Oct. 31.

Russian railway incidents

Also in the Leningrad region, a diesel locomotive was derailed during the night, local Gov. Drozdenko said Sunday. He said the incident occurred near Gatchina south of St. Petersburg. Russia's No. 2 city, which was known as Leningrad during Soviet times, is surrounded by but not included in the region of the same name.

Drozdenko said the locomotive's driver was trapped in his cabin, and later died of his injuries while being transported to a hospital. He added an official investigation would check for signs of sabotage.

Separately, a bomb planted along railway lines in Russia's Oryol region has killed three people, according to reports by local Gov. Andrey Klychkov. He said victims had been inspecting the track, and identified one as a member of Russia's National Guard.

According to Klychkov's posts, published late Saturday and Sunday, the incident happened near the town of Maloarkhangelsk, about 200 kilometers (120 miles) from the Ukrainian border. Russian officials didn't immediately comment on what caused it.

Cyberattacks mar Russian voting

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Elsewhere, as some Russians headed to the polls to elect local governors and deputies on Sunday, the head of the Russia's main electoral body told reporters that it and Russia's electronic voting system were facing a large wave of cyberattacks.

Ella Pamfilova, of the Central Election Commission, said that "an unprecedented attack is underway" on its digital systems, but assured the public that it wouldn't affect the outcome of the votes.

The commission's website appeared to be down for much of Sunday, when 21 out of Russia's more than 80 regions were set to elect new governors. Seats in nearly a dozen regional assemblies and various municipal bodies were also up for grabs.

But few expected a meaningful challenge to President Vladimir Putin's United Russia party and its supporters, following a sweeping crackdown on dissent that came with Moscow's all-out invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022.

Almost 100 denial-of-service attacks were recorded on Sunday on online resources linked to the elections, according to Alexander Izhko of Russia's media and digital watchdog, Roskomnadzor. Izhko spoke at a media briefing Sunday. A denial-of-service attack involves flooding a site with data to overwhelm it and knock it offline.

Russian officials didn't immediately comment on who they thought might be behind the alleged attacks.

Annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations make adjustments in current political climate

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Each year during Hispanic Heritage Month, huge celebrations can be expected across the U.S. to showcase the diversity and culture of Hispanic people.

This year, the Trump administration's immigration crackdowns, a federally led English-only initiative and an anti-diversity, equity and inclusion push have changed the national climate in which these celebrations occur. Organizers across the country, from Massachusetts and North Carolina to California and Washington state, have postponed or canceled heritage month festivals altogether.

Celebrated each year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, the month is a chance for many in the U.S. to learn about and celebrate the contributions of Hispanic cultures, the country's fastest-growing racial or ethnic minority, according to the U.S. Census. The group includes people whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

More than 68 million people identify as ethnically Hispanic in the U.S., according to the latest census estimates.

How did Hispanic Heritage Month start?

Before there was National Hispanic Heritage Month, there was Hispanic Heritage Week, which was created through legislation sponsored by Mexican American U.S. Rep Edward R. Roybal of Los Angeles and signed into law in 1968 by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The weeklong commemoration was expanded to a month two decades later, with legislation signed into law by President Ronald Reagan.

"It was clustered around big celebrations for the community," Alberto Lammers, director of communications at the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute said. "It became a chance for people to know Hispanic cultures, for Latinos to get to know a community better and for the American public to understand a little better the long history of Latinos in the U.S."

Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point to coincide with the anniversary of "El Grito de Dolores," or the "Cry of Dolores," which was issued in 1810 from a town in Mexico that launched the country's war for independence from Spain.

The Central American nations of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica celebrate their independence on Sept. 15 and Mexico marks its national day on Sept. 16, the day after the cry for independence.

Also during National Hispanic Heritage Month, the South American nation of Chile observes its indepen-

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dence day on Sept. 18.

The White House so far has not mentioned any planned events. Last year, President Joe Biden hosted a reception and issued a proclamation for the occasion.

Who is Hispanic?

Hispanic was a term coined by the federal government for people descended from Spanish-speaking cultures. But for some, the label has a connotation of political conservatism and emphasizes a connection to Spain. It sometimes gets mistakenly interchanged with "Latino" or "Latinx."

For some, Latino reflects their ties to Latin America. So some celebrations are referred to as Latinx or Latin Heritage Month.

Latin Americans are not a monolith. There are several other identifiers for Latin Americans, depending largely on personal preference. Mexican Americans who grew up during the 1960s Civil Rights era may identify as Chicano. Other may go by their family's nation of origin such as Colombian American or Salvadoran American.

Each culture has unique differences when it comes to music, food, art and other cultural touchstones.

Immigration fears lead to celebration cancellations

September typically has no shortage of festivities. Events often include traditional Latin foods and entertainment like mariachi bands, folklórico and salsa dance lessons. The intent is to showcase the culture of Mexico, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and other Latin countries.

Masked ICE agents carrying out President Donald Trump's policies via workplace raids at farms, manufacturing plants and elsewhere — which has included detaining legal residents — led some to fear large gatherings would become additional targets for raids. Another obstacle heritage celebrations face is the perception that they'd violate bans on DEI programming — something Trump has discouraged across federal agencies. Some companies and universities have followed suit.

Early in September, organizers of a Mexican Independence festival in Chicago announced they would postpone celebrations due to Trump's promises of an immigration crackdown in the city.

"It was a painful decision, but holding El Grito Chicago at this time puts the safety of our community at stake — and that's a risk we are unwilling to take," said the organizers of the festival.

A new date has not yet been announced. Though Mexican Independence Day falls on Sept. 16, celebrations in Chicago typically span more than a week and draw hundreds of thousands of participants for lively parades, festivals, street parties and car caravans.

"The fact that the federal government is sending troops as we start these celebrations is an insult," Illinois state Sen. Karina Villa, a Democrat, said at a news conference. "It is a fear tactic. It's unforgivable."

Similarly, Sacramento's annual Mexican Independence Day festival was canceled with organizers citing the political climate and safety concerns.

Other events that have been canceled include the Hispanic Heritage Festival of the Carolinas, Hispanic Heritage Fest in Kenner, Louisiana and FIESTA Indianapolis.

Protests may take the place of canceled festivals

Ivan Sandoval-Cervantes, an anthropology professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said when celebrations are canceled from the top down it affects how we see them throughout the country. Used to seeing celebrations in Las Vegas advertised, he has seen very little leading up to this year's heritage month.

"If it's not being celebrated by a specific state that doesn't mean they won't be celebrated but they might go into the private sphere," Sandoval-Cervantes said. "Where it's safer to embrace the symbols or even speak Spanish."

In Mexico, the government launched a new appeal to raise awareness among Mexican migrants to take every possible precaution during the holidays because any incident, such as while driving, could lead to a deportation.

"Rather than not celebrating, be cautious" and gather at the consulates, President Claudia Sheinbaum said Friday.

On Thursday, Mexico's foreign affairs secretary said there would be more consular staff on duty to respond to any emergency. Mexican nationals stopped by U.S. authorities are advised to not flee, remain

silent and not sign any documents.

Chicago Latino leaders called on residents to remain peaceful during expected protests at Mexican Independence Day celebrations, arguing that any unrest could be used as justification for sending federal troops to the city.

"We will not allow others to use our fear or our anger against us," said Berto Aguayo, of the Chicago Latino Caucus Association. "We will not take the bait. We will know our rights. We will protect each other and peacefully protest."

Political leaders confront security concerns — and fear — after Kirk's assassination

By STEVE PEOPLES and MIKE CATALINI Associated Press

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (AP) — Even before the killing of Charlie Kirk, Gov. Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania was struggling with the emotional toll of political violence.

In the middle of the night just five months ago, someone broke into his home and set it on fire. Shapiro, who is also a likely 2028 Democratic presidential contender, was asleep with his wife and children.

And in the weeks since his family fled the blaze, Shapiro has been forced to confront the vexing questions now consuming elected officials in both parties as they face the impact of Kirk's assassination on their own public lives.

"The emotional challenge for me that's been the hardest to work through is that, as a father, the career I chose, that I find great purpose and meaning in, ended up putting my children's lives at risk," Shapiro, a father of four, told The Associated Press. "Make no mistake, the emotional burden of being a father through this has been something that continues to be a challenge for me to this day."

Across the nation, it is much the same for Republican and Democratic officials after another stunning act of political violence. Politicians in both parties and at virtually every level of public service are suddenly being forced to deal with acute security concerns — and feelings of grief, anger and fear — as they move deeper into a fraught election season.

Some political leaders are canceling public appearances. Others are relying on a large police presence to keep them safe. And still others insist that the fallout from Kirk's death won't have any impact on their duties.

Indeed, even as Shapiro offered prayers for Kirk's widow and children, the Democratic governor said he is undeterred in his duties as a leading figure in his national party and his state.

"I'm not slowing down," he said.

On that, he and President Donald Trump appear to agree.

The Republican president was asked during a Friday appearance on Fox News if he would cancel any public appearances of his own.

"You have to go forward," he said.

Violent rhetoric surges

Bellicose rhetoric and even death threats have surged in the days since Kirk was killed.

"The left is the party of murder," Elon Musk, the tech titan and CEO of the social media platform X, wrote. "If they won't leave us in peace, then our choice is to fight or die."

To that, Fox News host Jesse Waters said during a broadcast, "They are at war with us. Whether we want to accept it or not, they are at war with us. What are we going to do about it?"

On Friday, a right-wing activist posted online a video outside Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's home, calling on followers to "take action."

The charged environment prompted a number of public officials, largely Democrats, to postpone public appearances.

Sen. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., canceled a Saturday town hall in Las Vegas "out of an abundance of caution for town hall participants, attendees, and members of the media." Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., also postponed a weekend event in North Carolina due to security concerns.

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Former Republican Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, president of Young America's Foundation, which works to attract young people to the GOP, said his group canceled a Thursday night event in California featuring conservative commentator Ben Shapiro out of respect for Kirk and his family.

And while officials in both parties acknowledged that new security precautions would be in place — for the short term, at least — cancellations have been rare.

Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, another potential Democratic presidential prospect who recently announced his 2026 reelection campaign, said he would not change his public schedule because of the increased threat even as political violence will be on his mind.

"It's never something that completely leaves you, but I don't think it can be something that debilitates you," Moore told The Associated Press.

When asked if he expects a retaliatory attack against Democrats, the former Army captain insisted, "We are not at war with one another."

"As someone who has seen war, as someone who knows what war looks like, as someone who will live with the realities of war for the rest of my life, I refuse to ever believe that we in the country are at war with one another," he said. "And I refuse to believe that that we as a country are devolving into some just kind of type of retaliatory tit for tat."

"Resorting to violence is a remarkable sign of weakness," Moore added. "It means you can't win a political argument."

And yet political violence is becoming more frequent in the United States.

Former Democratic Rep. Gabby Giffords was shot in the head as she met with constituents in 2011. Republican Rep. Steve Scalise was shot at a congressional team baseball practice in 2017. Trump was grazed by a bullet last summer on the stump in Pennsylvania. And barely three months ago, the top Democrat in the Minnesota state house and her husband were gunned down at home.

What it looks like on the campaign trail

Several uniformed police officers stood side by side along the entrance of a public park where the Democratic candidate for New Jersey governor, Mikie Sherrill, met voters Friday to discuss measures designed to bring transparency to the state budget process.

The significant security presence was a sharp shift from Sherrill's recent events.

In Illinois, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, Aaron Del Mar, said he and other GOP candidates are discussing new security precautions, such as bringing events indoors, enhanced use of metal detectors and background checks on those who attend their events.

"There's a lot of concern right now," he said.

Back in New Jersey, 35-year-old Democrat Maira Barbosa attended Sherrill's event with her 16-month-old son. She said she's never been more resolved to show up to a political event in person, even as she admitted she had second thoughts.

"We're seeing so much hate speech and we're seeing people advocate for violence, so of course it makes me concerned, especially to the point of bringing my son," she said. "If we don't participate, if we don't get involved, who is going to represent us?"

Top Democratic governors speak out

In interviews, governors Shapiro and Moore largely avoided casting blame for the current era of political violence, although they were critical of Trump's immediate response to Kirk's shooting.

The Republican president highlighted only attacks against Republicans during his Oval Office address on Thursday and blamed "the radical left" for Kirk's shooting, even before the suspect was arrested.

Shapiro said Trump "misused the power of an Oval Office address."

"To be clear, the political violence has impacted Democrats and Republicans, and the rhetoric of vengeance and the language that has created division has come from both sides of the political divide," Shapiro said. "No one party has clean hands, and no one party is immune from the threat of political violence."

Moore called for everyone to tone down the rhetoric.

"I just think it's important for the president and anyone else to understand that your words matter, and leadership is how you lift us up in darkness, not how you use it as a moment for opportunism and to

introduce more darkness and finger pointing into an already horrific situation," he said.

"I'm praying for our country," Moore continued. "I'm praying that the legacy of this moment is we got better — not that we got worse."

Weary Malawians look to this week's presidential election as nation grapples with an economic crisis

By GREGORY GONDWE Associated Press

BLANTYRE, Malawi (AP) — Malawi is holding a presidential election this week as one of Africa's poorer countries grapples with an economic crisis, food and fuel shortages — and memories of a vote six years ago that was canceled and a redo ordered because of widespread irregularities.

Incumbent President Lazarus Chakwera, a former theology instructor and preacher, was the challenger in the 2019 election that was won by then-incumbent Peter Mutharika, only for it to be nullified by the country's highest court.

The following year, Chakwera won a redo of the election.

This time, Chakwera, 70, of the Malawi Congress Party is seeking a second term. Mutharika, 85, of the Democratic Progressive Party, is hoping to return to the leadership.

They two are seen as the main contenders in Tuesday's election, which has a lineup of 17 presidential candidates, including another former president, Joyce Banda. Malawians will also elect lawmakers to Parliament and more than 500 local council members.

A change in the nation's mood

Five years ago, Chakwera's eventual victory came after months of street protests in his support. But things have changed after five hard years and this vote takes place amid economic turmoil and shaky trust in public institutions in the southern African nation of 21 million.

Inflation and the cost of living have risen dramatically, and there are critical shortages of fuel and sugar.

Cyclone Freddy in 2023 and an El Niño-inspired drought in 2024 destroyed crops and worsened food insecurity. A plane crash last year killed Vice President Saulos Chilima, a man seen as a leader in waiting.

"Malawians are weary," said political analyst Boniface Dulani. "They want results, not just rhetoric. And this election is a mirror of that frustration."

According to Dulani, Mutharika's strong challenge to return to the presidency despite the flawed 2019 election was not a reflection of his popularity but rather disillusionment with Chakwera.

A new election law

The fraudulent 2019 vote prompted a change in Malawian electoral law, and this election will be decided by the 50%+1 format — meaning the winner needs to get more than 50% of the vote.

Analysts see a strong likelihood that no one will get a majority in the first round of voting, forcing a runoff, likely between Chakwera and Mutharika.

The most prominent issues for voters in a country often rated as among the least developed in the world is the cost of food and fertilizer.

Malawi is landlocked and relies heavily on agriculture, with more than 80% of the population living in rural areas and relying on small-scale farming. Its biggest export is tobacco.

Mutharika has campaigned on a return to "trusted leadership" and some agree.

Eliza Justin, a 34-year-old informal market trader, said things were better under the former president.

"Back then, we could afford fertiliser. Everyone was able to grow corn," Justin said. "Now, prices are killing us. We need Mutharika back to save us."

Mutharika has made few public appearances in the run-up and there are questions over his age — if elected, he would turn 90 when his term ends.

He has also selected the former head of the electoral body who oversaw the canceled 2019 vote as his running mate, sparking more allegations of collusion between Mutharika's party and election officials in the last vote.

'Economy in freefall'

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Chakwera has been more visible during campaigning but “he’s burdened by an economy in freefall” and a feeling that he has not met expectations, said Dulani, the analyst.

Inflation has risen from around 8% in 2020 to 27% under Chakwera, pushing the country further into poverty.

The death of Chilima in a military plane crash last June was also preceded with reports of a fallout between Chakwera and the vice president, who was popular among young Malawians and seen as a great hope as a future president.

Still, some Chakwera supporters say a vote for Mutharika — whose brother was president from 2004-2012 — is a vote for the past.

“We’re looking forward, not backward,” said Aubrey Kachiwala, who runs a taxi business.

The Malawi Electoral Commission, which will oversee the elections on Tuesday, is poised for extra scrutiny following the chaos of 2019.

Today in History: September 15, Birmingham church bombing

By The Associated Press undefined

Today is Monday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2025. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Sept. 15, 1963, four Black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

Also on this date:

In 1835, Charles Darwin reached the Galápagos Islands aboard the HMS Beagle.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws were enacted in Nazi Germany, depriving German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1940, the tide turned in the Battle of Britain in World War II, as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses upon the Luftwaffe.

In 1958, a commuter train headed for New York City plunged into Newark Bay after missing a stop signal and sliding off the open Newark Bay lift bridge, killing 48 people.

In 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States as he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.

In 1978, Muhammad Ali became the first boxer to capture the heavyweight title three times, winning by unanimous decision in his rematch with Leon Spinks.

In 2008, as a result of the subprime mortgage crisis, Lehman Brothers filed for Chapter 11 in the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history.

Today’s Birthdays: Writer-director Ron Shelton is 80. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 79. Film director Oliver Stone is 79. Football coach Pete Carroll is 74. TV personality Lisa Vanderpump is 65. Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino is 64. Actor Josh Charles is 54. Olympic gold medal swimmer Tom Dolan is 50. Actor Tom Hardy is 48. Actor Amy Davidson is 46. Actor Dave Annable is 46. Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, is 41. TV personality Heidi Montag is 39.