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## Monday, Oct. 20

Senior Menu: Hot beef combination, mashed potatoes, carrots, mixed fruit.

School Breakfast: Eggs.

School Lunch: Corn dogs, baked beans.

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

1st Grade GBB Practice, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball at Langford Area: (JH-4, JV-6:30, V-7:30)

Senior Citizens meet at the Community Center, 1 p.m.

## Tuesday, Oct. 21

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato, cauliflower, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Scones.

School Lunch: Pizza burger, waffle fries.

4th Grade GBB Practice, 3:30 p.m.

5th Grade GBB Practice, 4:14 p.m.

Volleyball hosts Northwestern Area: (Gym: 7th-5, 8th-6; Arena: C-5, JV-6, V-7:15)

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

## Wednesday, Oct. 22

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.



School Lunch: Mac and cheese, peas.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.

6th Grade GBB Practice, 6 p.m.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.

## Thursday, Oct. 23

Senior Menu: Goulash, green peas, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Cereal.

School Lunch: Burrito bowl.

3rd Grade GBB Practice, 5 p.m.

3rd-6th GBB Skills, 6 p.m.

First Round FB Playoffs, 7 p.m.

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# 1440

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

## 'No Kings' Protests

Millions of protesters turned out in cities across the US Saturday, demonstrating against what they described as authoritarian overreach by the Trump administration. Organizers of the "No Kings" rallies estimated the cumulative turnout to exceed 5 million people.

Crowds ranged from more than 250,000 in Chicago and 100,000 across New York City's five boroughs, to around 10,000 to 15,000 in places like Salt Lake City. Many attendees leaned into the current trend of wearing inflatable costumes; no major incidents were reported, though 15 people were detained after clashes with police at an ICE detention center west of Chicago.

The marches come as the ongoing government shutdown entered its 20th day, and is on pace to tie the second-longest in US history (21 days) tomorrow. The impasse centers on the renewal of healthcare subsidies, which face a soft deadline of Nov. 1, when insurance exchanges for 2026 open.

## Louvre Jewelry Heist

A team of robbers made off with "priceless" jewelry from the Louvre yesterday, France's interior minister said. Reports suggest nine pieces—including jewels owned by Emperor Napoleon—were taken.

At 9:30 am local time, three or four thieves approached the exterior of the building where renovation work was taking place. They used a lift mechanism on a truck and an angle grinder to get into the first floor. They then broke two display cases in the museum's Apollon wing, which houses French crown jewels, stealing the loot and fleeing on motor scooters. The raid lasted under seven minutes. Some jewelry was recovered nearby; the rest is lost as of this writing. Authorities have closed the museum to visitors while their investigation continues.

The Louvre is the world's most-visited museum with up to 30,000 daily visitors. The museum's most famous heist was the "Mona Lisa" theft in 1911.

## War on Drug Traffickers

The White House announced plans Saturday to repatriate two alleged drug traffickers who survived a US military strike Thursday. The men will be sent to their respective home countries of Colombia and Ecuador.

The strike was the US' sixth attack on narcotrafficking boats since early September; a seventh strike Friday killed three alleged drug traffickers affiliated with a Colombian left-wing group. At least 30 people have been killed since last month as part of the US' campaign against drug cartels. Thursday's strike targeted a semi-submersible in the Caribbean Sea near Venezuela, killing two of four people on board. A US helicopter rescued the other two men and detained them—the first such strike with known survivors.

The strikes have strained tensions between the US and Colombia, which the Trump administration accuses of failing to stem the drug trade. President Donald Trump yesterday said he would end foreign aid to Colombia over the issue.

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## Sports, Entertainment, & Culture

Seattle Mariners and Toronto Blue Jays face off tonight for a spot in the World Series.

Los Angeles Dodgers star Shohei Ohtani secures NL Championship Series MVP Friday after notching 10 strikeouts, three home runs in Game 4.

Limp Bizkit cofounder and bassist Sam Rivers dies at age 48.

Former Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Doug Martin dies at age 36.

"Black Phone 2" beats expectations with \$26.5M domestic box office opening.

## Science & Technology

NASA's Orion spacecraft, which will transport a crew around the moon as part of the Artemis II mission, arrives at Florida's Kennedy Space Center's Vehicle Assembly Building ahead of a scheduled February launch.

Nobel Prize winner Chen Ning Yang dies at age 103; Yang won the 1957 prize for work studying the weak interaction, one of the four fundamental forces governing the universe.

Wikipedia reports human pageviews are down 8% year over year, largely attributed to AI summaries appearing at the top of Google search results.

## Business & Markets

US stock markets close up Friday (S&P 500 +0.5%, Dow +0.5%, Nasdaq +0.5%) following signs the Trump administration is looking to avoid another trade standoff with China.

Paramount Skydance to begin mass layoffs next week; move follows David Ellison taking control and merging the two companies in August, around 2,000 (or 10%) of US employees expected to be affected.

Fire at Bangladesh airport halts flights, destroys an estimated \$1B in exports; facility is a hub for garments and other goods, shipping 600 tons of cargo per day.

## Politics & World Affairs

Afghanistan and Pakistan reach a ceasefire, ending weekslong fighting along the border.

Israel-Hamas ceasefire appears uncertain as sides trade accusations of breaches amid strikes, rocket fire.

North Korean soldier makes rare defection to South Korea by crossing the heavily mined demilitarized zone separating the two countries.

Ukrainian drones strike gas processing plant and oil refinery in Russia, causing fire; Orenburg facility is the world's largest, capable of processing 45 billion cubic meters annually (More)

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The Minnesota Vikings played in front of their home fans for the first time in a month, but any fans hoping to leave with warm and fuzzy feelings were sorely disappointed, as the Vikings lost to the Philadelphia Eagles 28-22.

The Vikings only lost two regular-season games in 2024. With a top 10 pick quarterback coming back from injury, and significant investments made in the trenches, many Vikings fans thought the team would take a step forward in 2025. Instead, the team is sitting at 3-3 and is in the basement of the NFC North.

This game against the Eagles was poised to be a litmus test to determine how good this Vikings team actually is. The Eagles, despite winning the Super Bowl last year, were coming off two straight losses to the Broncos and Giants. Their season was in danger of going off the rails. The Vikings, meanwhile, were finally home after a two-game European trip and had the bye week to rest and recover. The Eagles looked like a team who were determined to win this game. The Vikings looked like a team that couldn't even do simple things right.

The Eagles got the ball to begin the game and marched right down the field for a touchdown to take an early 7-0 lead. The Vikings answered with a field goal, then held Philadelphia to a three-and-out.

In the second quarter, Carson Wentz threw an ugly interception that was returned for a touchdown, extending the Eagles' lead to 14-3. Good teams can shake those kinds of plays off. The Vikings didn't. Instead, they lost seven yards in two plays before throwing another interception. The Vikings' defense finished the first half strong, not allowing the Eagles to put more points on the board, but the Vikings' offense could only add another field goal, making the score 14-6 heading into halftime.

The Vikings got the ball to start the second half, but stumbled in the red zone and had to settle for a field goal. Two plays later, Jalen Hurts hit DeVonta Smith for a 79-yard touchdown. The Vikings were able to find the end zone in the third quarter, however, making it a one-score game heading into the fourth quarter.

A missed Philadelphia field goal to begin the fourth gave the Vikings a chance, but once again, they couldn't punch the ball into the end zone and had to settle for a field goal. The Eagles marched down the field for a touchdown, making this a two-score game again with six minutes left on the clock. The Vikings needed to score quickly if they had any chance of escaping with the win. Instead, they ran a 16-play drive that took the clock under two minutes – and even worse, they had to settle for yet ANOTHER field goal, which made the score 28-22. The Vikings had to get a stop, but on 3rd & 9, Jalen Hurts hit A.J. Brown for a 45-yard pass, giving Philly a first down and the win.

Carson Wentz completed 26 of 42 passes for 313 yards, no touchdowns, and two interceptions. Jordan Mason could only muster 57 yards on 15 carries, although he did have the only Vikings' touchdown on the day. Jordan Addison led the team with nine catches for 128 yards, and Justin Jefferson had five catches for 79 yards.

The Vikings' defense was able to control the line of scrimmage, racking up three sacks, eight tackles for a loss, and four QB hits, while holding Saquon Barkley to only 44 yards on 18 carries. However, it was the pass defense that was constantly picked on, as they allowed DeVonta Smith and A.J. Brown to catch 13 passes for 304 yards.

Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to Los Angeles to face the Chargers. The game will be on Thursday night, with kickoff scheduled for 7:15 pm Central time.

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## Service Notice: Dianne Schelle

Private family services for Dianne Schelle, 59, of Groton will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 24th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Rev. Jeremy Yeadon will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services.

Dianne passed away at her home on October 18, 2025.

## Lincoln County Fatal Crash

What: Two vehicle fatal crash

Where: SD Highway 11, mile marker 47, eight miles south of Canton, SD

When: 6:21 a.m., Sunday, October 19, 2025

Driver 1: 52-year-old male from Alcester, SD, fatal injuries

Vehicle 1: 1992 Ford Ranger

Seat belt Used: Yes

Driver 2: 49-year-old male from Sioux Falls, SD, fatal injuries

Vehicle 2: 2002 Volkswagen Jetta

Seat belt Used: No

Lincoln County, S.D.- Two people died in a two-vehicle crash early Sunday morning eight miles south of Canton, SD.

The names of the persons involved have not been released pending notification of family members.

Preliminary crash information indicates the driver of a 1992 Ford Ranger was traveling northbound on SD Highway 11 near mile marker 47. At the same time, the driver of a 2002 Volkswagen Jetta was traveling southbound at the same location and drifted into the northbound lane, colliding with the Ford head-on. The Ford entered the east ditch where it rolled onto its roof. The Volkswagen came to rest in the southbound lane.

Both drivers sustained fatal 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.



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**GT** on

**Varsity Volleyball**  
at Langford, Mon., Oct. 20  
7:30 p.m.

Groton  
Area  
Tigers  
Groton, SD

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**GT** on

**Varsity Volleyball**  
Northwestern at Groton Area  
Tues., Oct. 21  
7:00 p.m.

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**GT** on

**Varsity Volleyball**  
Groton Area at Redfield  
Fri., Oct. 24  
7:00 p.m.

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## "Midnight Muscle Cramps? Here's What Your Body is Telling You"

You're asleep when suddenly your calf tightens into a painful knot. You swing your legs over the side of the bed and stand up, trying to stretch the muscle and waiting for the cramp to release. It passes after a minute or two, but the soreness often lingers. These types of nighttime leg cramps are common and often harmless, but disruptive.

Studies suggest that up to 60% of adults experience leg cramps at night at some point in their lives. They become more common with age and can occur more frequently in people with certain medical conditions or those taking specific medications.

The cause isn't always clear, but several theories exist. One involves the gradual loss of motor neurons that occurs with aging. As nerve cells die off, the ones that remain may attempt to compensate by branching out to control more muscle fibers. This reorganization may make the system more prone to overexcitation, triggering cramps.

There is also a strong association between inactivity and muscle cramping. Many people spend long hours sitting or standing in place without moving through the full range of motion needed to keep leg muscles and tendons flexible. Over time, this can lead to muscle shortening, weakness, and poor circulation, all of which may increase the risk of cramping.

Daily activities that used to keep our muscles stretched and strong, such as squatting, kneeling, or walking on uneven terrain, are also less common in modern life. Without these movements, muscles like the hamstrings and those in our calves become less adaptable. The typical sleeping posture, with feet pointed down and ankles in plantarflexion, keeps the calf muscles in a shortened position for hours at a time. This posture may increase the likelihood of spontaneous nerve firing, especially during lighter stages of sleep.

Dehydration, electrolyte imbalances, and certain medications (such as diuretics) may also contribute to cramping. In some cases, leg cramps can be linked to medical conditions such as peripheral artery disease, diabetes or kidney disease.

Although painful, most nighttime leg cramps are not dangerous, and they can often be managed with simple changes. Stretching the calf muscles and hamstrings daily, especially before bed, may reduce the frequency and intensity of cramps. Staying physically active, including activities that strengthen the legs and promote circulation, can help maintain muscle function and flexibility. Walking, bicycling, heel raises and chair squats are practical options for many adults.

People who experience frequent cramps may benefit from adjusting their sleep posture. Using a pillow to keep the feet in a more neutral position, or avoiding heavy bedding that pushes the feet downward, can be helpful.

If cramps are severe, occur often or are associated with other symptoms, it's worth talking with a health care provider to rule out underlying causes. In many cases, however, consistent movement, hydration and attention to daily habits can make a meaningful difference.



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## EARTHTALK

### Renters At Greater Risk From Climate Change Than Homeowners

by Isabella Sollazzo

Dear EarthTalk: Why are renters more exposed to climate risks than homeowners? – TG, via email

Climate change poses a growing threat to human civilization by rapidly altering our environment and increasing the frequency, intensity, and destructiveness of natural disasters. Our homes are at the forefront of these challenges, facing rising energy costs to regulate extreme temperatures and increased risks of property damage from storms and floods. Among the most vulnerable are the third of Americans who rent rather than own their homes. When disaster strikes, renters are often left unprotected, with limited options for relocation or recovery. Notably, the areas with the highest concentration of renters also tend to face the most severe climate-related risks. This trend is particularly evident in Florida and California, where 88 and 79 percent of rental units, respectively, are in high-risk areas. After a disaster, renters frequently endure further hardship through sudden rent increases or evictions, exacerbating their vulnerability.



**Renters are at greater risk from climate change than homeowners because they don't have the agency to make fixes or adapt and move.** Credit: Pexels.com.

Government agencies like FEMA, the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offer various forms of disaster relief for homeowners, including low-interest loans, nutrition assistance, short-term Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, and rebuilding grants. However, renters receive little to no comparable aid. Beyond lacking direct assistance, renters have minimal control over post-disaster repairs, as landlords often opt for the fastest, cheapest fixes rather than investing in long-term, sustainable renovations.

To improve the safety and security of renters, disaster relief programs must incorporate targeted support and protections. In high-risk areas, expanding hazard-resistant building initiatives can ensure new construction and renovations prioritize climate resilience. Strengthening tenant protection laws can prevent post-disaster rent spikes and evictions, offering stability to those most affected. Also, lawmakers should require landlords to make climate-resilient upgrades, like using flood-resistant materials, improving insulation and modernizing energy systems. Expanding government relief programs to include rental assistance and temporary housing solutions can also help renters recover more effectively.

There are many ways individuals can contribute to renter protection: advocating for policy reforms; pushing for legislation that prioritizes renter protections; supporting tenant organizations; participating in community preparedness efforts. Also, raising awareness about available assistance programs, insurance options and renters' legal rights empowers individuals to make informed decisions and protect themselves. By taking these steps, individuals can help foster a more equitable and resilient housing system that ensures renters are not left behind in the face of climate change.





## SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT

<https://southdakotasearchlight.com>

### COMMENTARY

## Seeking US House seat, South Dakota lawmaker bets the farm on loyalty to Trump

by Dana Hess

South Dakota's race for its lone seat in the U.S. House of Representatives got a little more crowded last month with the entrance of state Sen. Casey Crabtree, a Madison Republican. The seat will be up for grabs next year because Republican U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson is running for governor.

In making his announcement, Crabtree let people know, in no uncertain terms, that he will be loyal to President Donald Trump. Whether that kind of blind loyalty can get him elected remains to be seen.

"I am the only conservative Republican in the race who has always delivered on an 'America First,' 'South Dakota Always' agenda," Crabtree said in an interview with South Dakota Searchlight. "He needs strong allies like myself who will be serving in Congress to make sure he can deliver the America First agenda." In the interview, Crabtree went so far as to back Trump's tariff policy as well as his handling of the wars in Ukraine and Gaza. There are plenty of photos of Trump with his arms wrapped around an American flag. If Trump were a flag, it would be wrapped around Crabtree.

Like the Lloyd Bridges character in the movie "Airplane," who picked a bad day to give up smoking, Crabtree may have picked a bad year to run for Congress. That's particularly true if he is going to market himself as a Trump loyalist.

Off-year elections are traditionally tough on the party in power. With Republicans controlling the White House and both chambers of Congress, the GOP can expect to take a few hits in the 2026 election.

Something must be up, because South Dakota's usually candidate-averse Democratic Party already has two announced candidates for the party's nomination for the U.S. House with another who has filed the paperwork to run. It's hard to imagine a Democrat getting elected to the U.S. House in South Dakota, but that level of Democratic interest is unprecedented in recent history.

By wrapping himself in Trump, Crabtree is betting that the president's popularity in South Dakota will help him win a primary against another declared GOP candidate, Attorney General Marty Jackley (a third Republican, James Bialota, of Piedmont, has filed paperwork to run). Crabtree is likely to find that service in the Legislature doesn't necessarily transform into recognition from the electorate.

In an April poll about gubernatorial hopefuls by South Dakota News Watch, state Rep. Jon Hansen, the only announced Republican candidate at the time, was at the bottom with 2% support from registered Republican voters, despite being the current speaker of the state House. That means Crabtree, a former legislative leader, has his work cut out for him. That's especially true running against Jackley, a veteran



**South Dakota State Senate Majority Leader Casey Crabtree, R-Madison, speaks to the Senate State Affairs Committee on Feb. 5, 2024, at the Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota.** (Photo by

Makenzie Huber/South Dakota Searchlight)

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of multiple statewide campaigns.

How Crabtree got to be a “former” majority leader in the Senate may also point to a weakness in his candidacy. He was on the wrong side of the carbon dioxide pipeline law that voters rejected in the 2024 general election. Voter opposition to that law contributed to losses by 14 incumbent Republican legislators in the 2024 primary, and also contributed to the Legislature’s adoption of a ban on eminent domain for carbon pipelines earlier this year.

Crabtree easily handled “election integrity” advocate Rick Weible in their primary, earning 72% of the vote, and was unopposed in the general election.

But Crabtree was ousted from his post as Senate majority leader last winter when Republican legislators gathered to elect their leadership, and the populist branch of the party is known for having a long memory and a love of primaries. That means a populist candidate for the U.S. House could still emerge and put Crabtree’s cloak of Trump loyalty to the test.

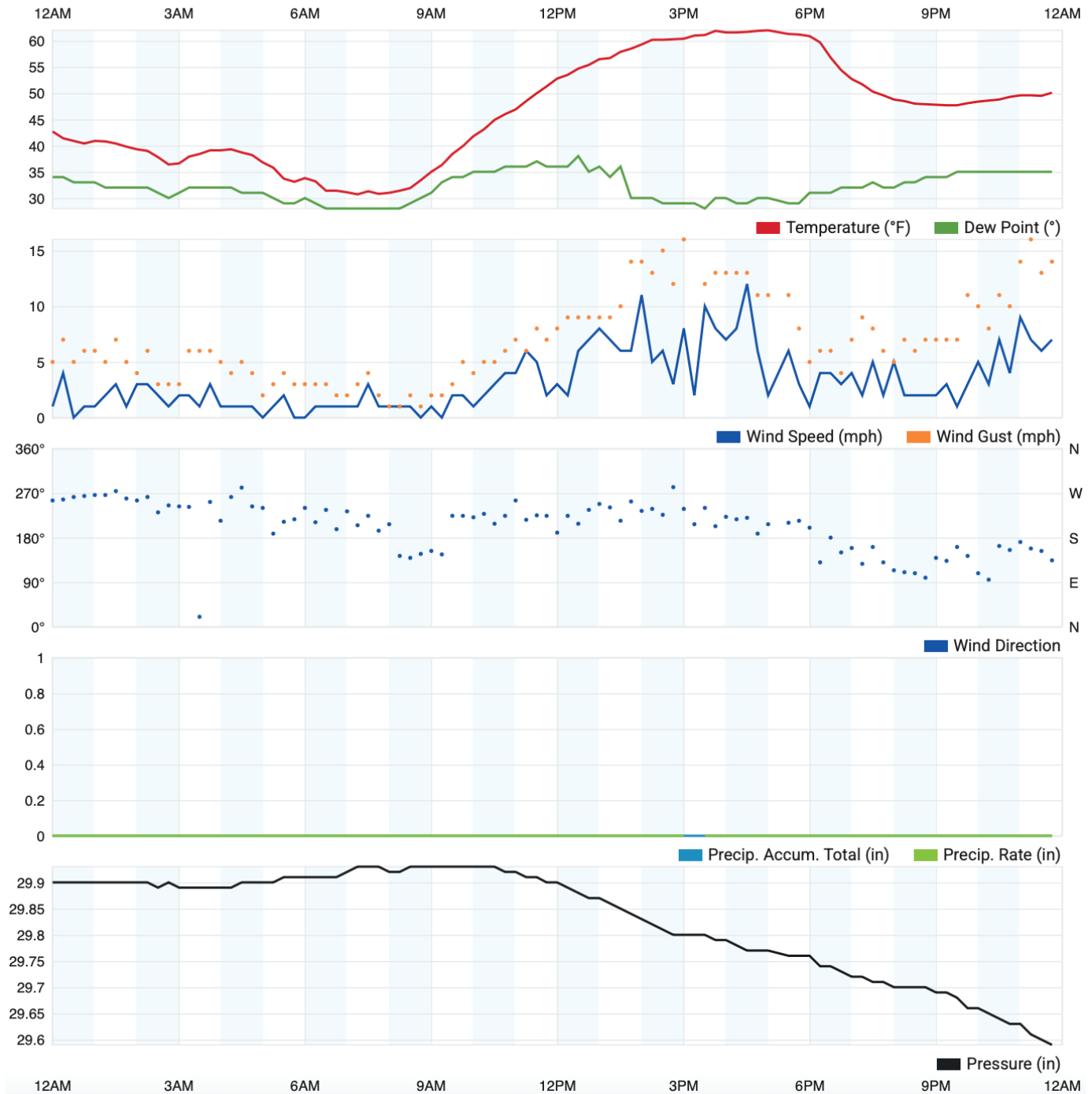
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## Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs

October 19, 2025



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## Wind Advisory

Today

Tonight

Tuesday

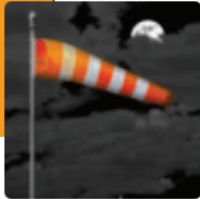
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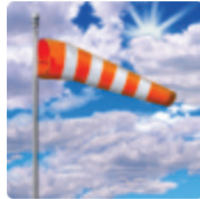
High: 57 °F

Slight Chance  
Showers and  
Breezy then  
Mostly Sunny  
and Windy



Low: 38 °F

Increasing  
Clouds and  
Breezy



High: 50 °F

Gradual  
Clearing and  
Breezy



Low: 29 °F

Mostly Clear



High: 57 °F

Sunny



## Windy Today

October 20, 2025  
4:00 AM

### Key Messages

- A **High Wind Warning** has been issued for this morning through this evening.
  - ◆ Sustained northwest winds 30 to 40 mph with gust from 55 to 60 mph expected.
- A **Wind Advisory** has been issued for this morning through this evening.
  - ◆ Sustained northwest winds 25 to 35 mph with gusts up 45 to 55 mph expected.
- High winds will elevate the fire danger across the region.
  - ◆ Additionally, the high winds may move loose debris, damage property, and cause power outages.
- Travel could be difficult, especially for high profile vehicles.

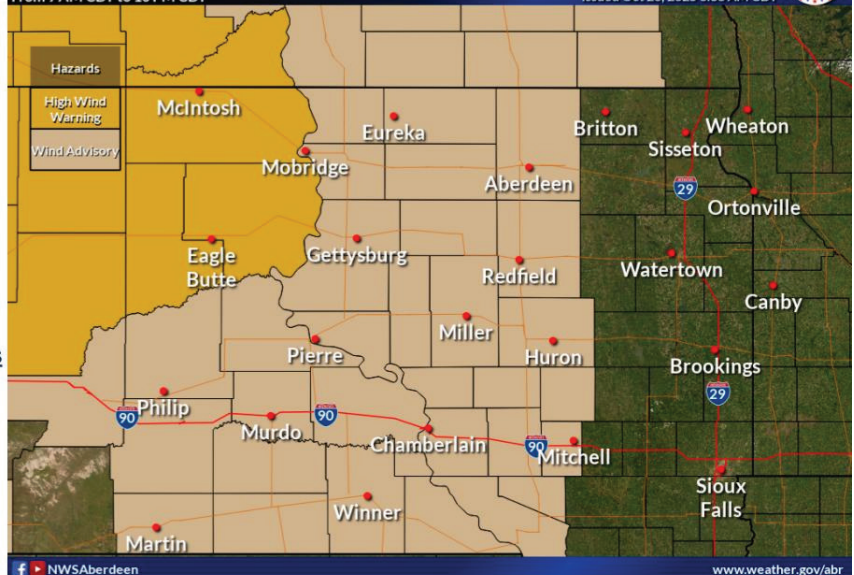
### Wind Headlines for Today

From 9 AM CDT to 10 PM CDT

Weather Forecast Office

Aberdeen, SD

Issued Oct 20, 2025 3:38 AM CDT



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

National Weather Service  
Aberdeen, SD

A High Wind Warning has been issued for Corson and Dewey Counties for northwest winds of 30 to 40 mph with gusts up to 60 mph. A Wind Advisory has been issued for the James River and west 20 to 30 mph winds with gusts of 45 to 55 mph. These winds will cause elevated fire danger across much of the region.



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## Yesterday's Groton Weather

**High Temp: 62 °F at 5:03 PM**

**Low Temp: 30 °F at 7:11 AM**

**Wind: 218 mph at 11:07 PM**

**Precip: : 0.00**

## Today's Info

Record High: 87 in 1947

Record Low: 12 in 1930

Average High: 57

Average Low: 31

Average Precip in Oct.: 1.51

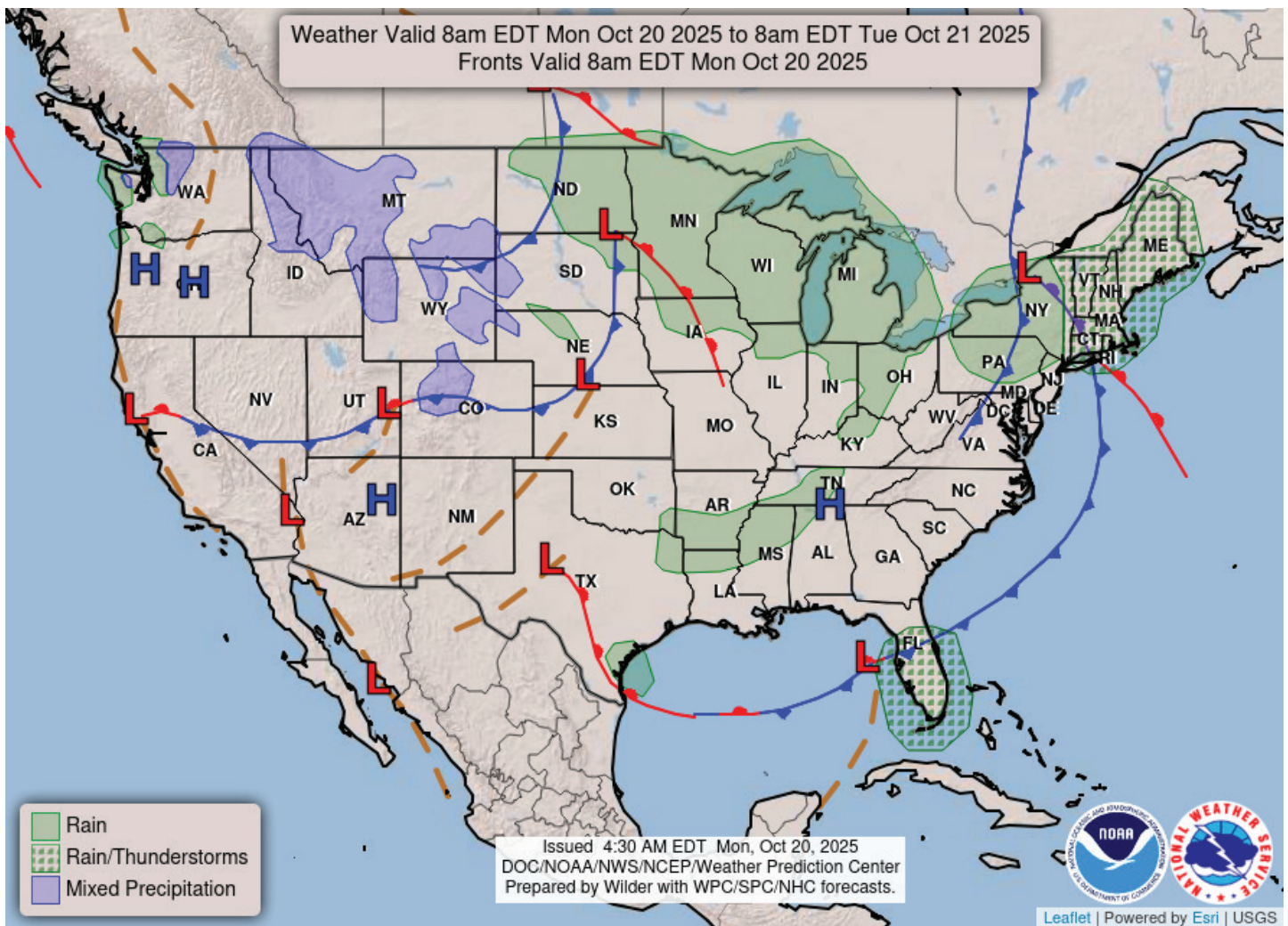
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.48

Average Precip to date: 19.84

Precip Year to Date: 23.40

Sunset Tonight: 6:38 pm

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:56 am



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## **Today in Weather History**

October 20, 1936: Heavy snow across the region brought snowfall totals upwards of 5 inches in New-castle and Sundance with 5.5 inches reported in Dupree and 10 inches in Faith. Aberdeen saw 2 inches, while Mobridge had three inches from this event.

1770: An exceedingly great storm struck eastern New England causing extensive coastal damage from Massachusetts to Maine, and the highest tide in 47 years.

1956: While not a record, Esperanza Base in Antarctic warmed to 57.2 degrees on this date. The all-time warmest day at this base occurred on March 24, 2015, when the temperature reached 63.5 degrees. As of now, the 63.5 degrees has not been verified to be the warmest temperature recorded on the continent of Antarctica.

1983: Remnants of Pacific Hurricane Tico caused extensive flooding in central and south central Oklahoma. Oklahoma City set daily rainfall records with 1.45 inch on the 19th, and 6.28 inches on the 20th.

1987 - Cold arctic air invaded the Upper Midwest, and squalls in the Lake Superior snowbelt produced heavy snow in eastern Ashland County and northern Iron County of Wisconsin. Totals ranged up to 18 inches at Mellen. In the western U.S., the record high of 69 degrees at Seattle WA was their twenty-fifth of the year, their highest number of record highs for any given year. Bakersfield CA reported a record 146 days in a row with daily highs 80 degrees or above. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Unseasonably warm weather continued in the western U.S. In California, afternoon highs of 96 degrees at Redding and Red Bluff were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Forty-nine cities reported record low temperatures for the date as readings dipped into the 20s and 30s across much of the south central and southeastern U.S. Lows of 32 degrees at Lake Charles LA and 42 degrees at Lakeland FL were records for October, and Little Rock AR reported their earliest freeze of record. Snow blanketed the higher elevations of Georgia and the Carolinas. Melbourne FL dipped to 47 degrees shortly before midnight to surpass the record low established that morning. Showers and thunderstorms brought heavy rain to parts of the northeastern U.S. Autumn leaves on the ground clogged drains and ditches causing flooding. Up to 4.10 inches of rain soaked southern Vermont in three days. Flood waters washed 600 feet of railroad track, resulting in a train derailment. (The National Weather Summary)(Storm Data)

2004: Typhoon Tokage blasting across Japan triggers flash floods that wash away entire hillsides, killing 55 people and leaving at least 24 people missing.



## Remembering God's Goodness

**How can you create reminders of God's faithfulness in your life?**

Joshua 3:14-17; Joshua 4:1-7

It's easy to recall God's goodness when we are receiving it. But when life gets back to "normal," we might forget all that He did on our behalf.

Today's verses offer a good example for us. God had brought the Israelites through the Red Sea. Now, He miraculously provided another dry path by piling up the waters of the Jordan.

The Lord knew that the people were about to enter Jericho and by His power, they would overcome the city. How compassionate to encourage them with a tangible illustration of His strength prior to battle.

But God also knew how easily they had forgotten Him. We do the same today; when the Lord works in obvious ways, it is easy to trust Him. But as time goes on, we drift until we are reminded that we need Him. So in His love, the Father had a plan to help them recall the miracle at the river. He asked them to create an altar of 12 stones, representing each tribe that passed safely through the waters.

How can you create reminders of God's faithfulness? Some people journal; others write words on sticky notes and leave them in noticeable places. Whatever you do, make sure you have a way to remember the Lord's involvement in your life (Psalm 103:2).

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NEXT 1 Days 15 Hrs 47 Mins  
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PREVIOUS RESULTS

### LOTTO AMERICA

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12 26 27 32 35 2

All Star Bonus: 2x

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TOP PRIZE:

**\$10,000,000**

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

### **Trump suggests US will buy Argentinian beef to bring down prices for American consumers**

By CHRISTOPHER MEGERIAN Associated Press

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE (AP) — President Donald Trump said Sunday that the United States could purchase Argentinian beef in an attempt to bring down prices for American consumers.

"We would buy some beef from Argentina," he told reporters aboard Air Force One during a flight from Florida to Washington. "If we do that, that will bring our beef prices down."

Trump promised earlier this week to address the issue as part of his efforts to keep inflation in check.

U.S. beef prices have been stubbornly high for a variety of reasons, including drought and reduced imports from Mexico due to a flesh-eating pest in cattle herds there.

Trump has been working to help Argentina bolster its collapsing currency with a \$20 billion credit swap line and additional financing from sovereign funds and the private sector ahead of midterm elections for his close ally, President Javier Milei.

### **Double plays and errors send Mariners to first Game 7 still seeking their World Series debut**

By IAN HARRISON Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — One win from their first World Series, the Seattle Mariners never got off the ground Sunday night.

Seattle bounced into inning-ending double plays in three straight turns at bat and made a season-high three errors in a 6-2 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays that forced the American League Championship Series to Game 7.

"We had opportunities," Mariners slugger Cal Raleigh said after going 0 for 4 with three strikeouts. "We thought we did a great job with our at-bats. We were able to get people on. It's just one of those days where we couldn't get the big run home. Give them credit. They kept us off the board."

The only major league team without a pennant, Seattle will play a Game 7 for the first time in franchise history Monday night at Toronto, with a chance to face the NL champion Los Angeles Dodgers for the World Series title starting Friday.

Trailing 2-0 in the third, the Mariners loaded the bases with one out against rookie Trey Yesavage before Raleigh hit a first-pitch fastball 100.5 mph to first baseman Vladimir Guerrero Jr., who made a backhand pickup and started a 3-6-1 double play.

With the bases loaded and one out in the fourth and Seattle behind 4-0, J.P. Crawford pulled a splitter to second baseman Isiah Kiner-Falefa, who flipped to shortstop Andrés Giménez to begin a 4-6-3 double play. Toronto became the first team to induce consecutive bases-loaded, inning-ending GIDPs in a post-season game.

With one on and one out in the fifth, Julio Rodríguez grounded into a 6-4-3 double play.

"We put the ball in play," Rodríguez said. "We just put it in the wrong place."

Rodríguez bobbled Daulton Varsho's leadoff single to center field in the second and third baseman Eugenio Suárez allowed Ernie Clement's grounder to pop out of his glove. Addison Barger and Kiner-Falefa followed with RBI singles off Logan Gilbert for a 2-0 lead.

Guerrero advanced from second base to third on Matt Brash's seventh-inning wild pitch and scored when Raleigh's throw from foul territory on the third-base side of the plate skipped down the left-field line.

"You've got to play clean baseball," Raleigh said. "You can't give up extra outs, especially to a team like that. That was part of the difference tonight."

Seattle will start George Kirby in Game 7 and Toronto will send Shane Bieber to the mound. The Mariners

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faced elimination against Detroit in the Division Series but advanced thanks to a 15-inning win in Game 5.

"I'm excited for the opportunity," Raleigh said.

After going 0 for 4 in his third straight hitless game, Seattle's Jorge Polanco tried to be positive.

"We never give up," Polanco said. "We have another opportunity tomorrow."

## Guerrero hits 6th postseason homer and Blue Jays beat Mariners 6-2 to force Game 7 of ALCS

By IAN HARRISON Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Look dad, Game 7!

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit his sixth home run this postseason, rookie Trey Yesavage struck out seven in 5 2/3 innings and the Toronto Blue Jays pushed the American League Championship Series to the limit by beating the sloppy Seattle Mariners 6-2 on Sunday night.

The AL pennant will be decided Monday night in Toronto, the second Game 7 in Blue Jays history. Toronto lost to Kansas City in the 1985 ALCS.

"Got to enjoy it, man. This is what we sign up for," Blue Jays manager John Schneider said. "It's special and unique, but you have to look at it as a game."

For one famous baseball family, it will also be a first. Guerrero's father, Hall of Fame outfielder Vladimir Guerrero, never played in a postseason Game 7 during his 16-year career.

"My dad was telling me, Game 7 is give it all you have," the Toronto slugger said.

Seattle, the only big league team without a pennant, will play a Game 7 for the first time. The winner faces the NL champion Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series beginning Friday.

"Win or go home," Mariners center fielder Julio Rodríguez said. "We're going to lay everything out there."

Addison Barger homered and drove in three early runs for the Blue Jays, who turned three double plays behind Yesavage — two of them to escape bases-loaded jams.

That made Toronto the first team to induce consecutive bases-loaded, inning-ending double plays in a postseason game, and only the fourth team to turn two in a single postseason game.

"I knew my defense had my back," Yesavage said.

Toronto also took advantage of Seattle's season-high three errors. By comparison, the Blue Jays have made four errors in 10 playoff games.

"Balls just kind of in and out of the glove there that put a couple extra guys on base," Mariners manager Dan Wilson said. "Unfortunately, it led to a couple runs."

Guerrero's sixth career postseason homer — all this year — tied him with José Bautista and Joe Carter for the most in Blue Jays history.

"This is what you look for from one of the elite players in the game," Schneider said.

Bautista threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the game.

Toronto had lost its previous four games when facing postseason elimination. That streak stretched to Game 5 of the 2016 ALCS against Cleveland and included wild-card round losses to Tampa Bay in 2020, Seattle in 2022 and Minnesota in 2023.

Guerrero's leadoff homer in the fifth made it 5-0 and chased Mariners starter Logan Gilbert. The right-hander allowed four earned runs and seven hits in four-plus innings.

"I thought he had a good fastball, especially early," Wilson said. "His split was good at times. This is a tough lineup and they did what they had to do to get the ball in play."

Yesavage took a shutout into the sixth. He was charged with two runs and six hits, five of them singles. Five of his strikeouts came on his split-finger fastball, as did both double-play grounders with the bases loaded.

"I just believed in myself. I know my stuff plays at this level," Yesavage said. "I know the defense behind me is going to play at the best of their abilities, and getting three double plays in back-to-back-to-back innings was huge."

The 22-year-old Yesavage threw a season-high 31 splitters. He got 10 whiffs on splitters and five more



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on sliders.

"He brings the energy," Guerrero said. "He's young. He wants to win so bad."

Three of Yesavage's six major league starts have come in the playoffs. He's won twice this postseason after winning one of three outings during the regular season.

Louis Varland got four outs and Jeff Hoffman struck out four over two hitless innings to end it.

The Mariners used two walks and a single to load the bases against Yesavage in the third but were denied when slugger Cal Raleigh grounded into a 3-6-1 double play started by Guerrero and completed by Yesavage covering first base. Raleigh's first-pitch grounder came off his bat at 101 mph.

"Underappreciated, I think, is how Vlad can play really deep because of his arm," Schneider said. "In that situation, too, you need some wiggle room for a guy that hits the ball really hard."

Raleigh finished 0 for 4 with three strikeouts.

Seattle came up empty again after another bases-loaded opportunity in the fourth when J.P. Crawford grounded into a 4-6-3 double play.

The Mariners broke through and chased Yesavage in the sixth. Josh Naylor's solo shot was his third home run of the playoffs. Yesavage exited after Randy Arozarena's base hit, and Eugenio Suárez greeted Varland with a bloop RBI single.

Toronto took advantage of fielding errors by Rodríguez in center field and Suárez at third base to score twice in the second, when Barger and Isiah Kiner-Falefa had RBI singles.

Ernie Clement hit a two-out triple off the left-field wall in the third and scored when Barger homered, his second of the postseason.

George Springer started at designated hitter for the Blue Jays and went 0 for 4 with a walk. Springer exited in the seventh inning of Friday's Game 5 loss in Seattle after he was hit on the right kneecap by a 95.6 mph pitch from Bryan Woo.

Guerrero was hit by a pitch from Seattle reliever Matt Brash in the seventh. Guerrero moved to second on Alejandro Kirk's single and was advancing on a wild pitch when he scored on Raleigh's throwing error.

Up next

Toronto is expected to start RHP Shane Bieber on Monday night. Bieber allowed two runs and four hits over six innings in Game 3, a 13-4 win for the Blue Jays. He struck out eight and walked one as he bounced back from a poor outing against the Yankees in the Division Series.

RHP George Kirby will start for Seattle. He allowed eight runs and eight hits, including three homers, over four innings in Game 3.

## Israel resumes ceasefire in Gaza and says aid deliveries will restart Monday

By JOSEF FEDERMAN and SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Gaza's fragile ceasefire faced its first major test Sunday as Israeli forces launched a wave of deadly strikes, saying Hamas militants had killed two soldiers, and an Israeli security official said the transfer of aid into the territory was halted.

The military later said it resumed enforcing the ceasefire, and the official confirmed that aid deliveries would resume Monday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he's not authorized to discuss the issue with the media.

A little over a week has passed since the start of the U.S.-proposed ceasefire aimed at ending two years of war. U.S. President Donald Trump said the ceasefire remained in place and "we want to make sure it's going to be very peaceful."

He told reporters aboard Air Force One on Sunday that Hamas has been "quite rambunctious" and "they've been doing some shooting." He suggested that the violence might be the fault of "rebels" within the organization rather than its leadership.

"It's going to be handled toughly but properly," he said. Trump did not say whether he thought the Israeli strikes were justified, saying "it's under review."

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Vice President JD Vance said Sunday that he may visit Israel in the coming days.

"We're trying to figure it out," he told reporters, saying the administration wants to "go and check on how things are going." Regarding the ceasefire, he said that "there's going to be fits and starts."

Health officials said at least 36 Palestinians were killed across Gaza, including children. Israel's military said it struck dozens of Hamas targets after its troops came under fire.

A senior Egyptian official involved in the ceasefire negotiations said "round-the-clock" contacts were underway to de-escalate the situation. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to reporters.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu directed the military to take "strong action" against any ceasefire violations but didn't threaten to return to war.

Israel's military said militants had fired at troops in areas of Rafah city that are Israeli-controlled according to agreed-upon ceasefire lines.

Hamas, which continued to accuse Israel of multiple ceasefire violations, said communication with its remaining units in Rafah had been cut off for months and "we are not responsible for any incidents occurring in those areas."

## Strikes in Gaza

Palestinians feared war would return to the famine-stricken territory where Israel cut off aid for over two months earlier this year after ending the previous ceasefire.

"It will be a nightmare," said Mahmoud Hashim, a father of five from Gaza City, who appealed to U.S. President Donald Trump and other mediators to act.

Al-Awda hospital said it received 24 bodies from several Israeli strikes in the Nuseirat and Bureij camps in central Gaza.

An airstrike on a makeshift coffeehouse in Zawaida town in central Gaza killed at least six Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, part of the Hamas-run government. A strike in Beit Lahiya in the north killed two men, according to Shifa hospital.

Another strike hit a tent in the Muwasi area of Khan Younis in the south, killing at least four people, including a woman and two children, according to Nasser Hospital.

"Where is peace?" said Khadijeh abu-Nofal in Khan Younis, as hospital workers treated wounded children. She accompanied a young woman hurt by shrapnel.

## More bodies of hostages identified

Israel identified the remains of two hostages released by Hamas overnight: Ronen Engel, a father from Kibbutz Nir Oz, and Sonthaya Oakkharasri, a Thai agricultural worker from Kibbutz Be'eri.

Both were believed to have been killed during the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, which sparked the war. Engel's wife, Karina, and two of his three children were kidnapped and released in a November 2023 ceasefire.

Hamas in the past week has handed over the remains of 12 hostages.

Its armed wing, the Qassam Brigades, said it found the body of another hostage and would return it Sunday "if circumstances in the field" allowed. It warned that any escalation by Israel would hamper search efforts.

Israel on Saturday pressed Hamas to fulfill its ceasefire role of returning the remains of all 28 deceased hostages, saying the Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt would stay closed "until further notice." It was the only crossing not controlled by Israel before the war.

Hamas says the war's devastation and Israeli military control of certain areas have slowed the handover. Israel believes Hamas has access to more bodies than it has returned.

Israel has released 150 bodies of Palestinians back to Gaza, including 15 on Sunday, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. Israel has neither identified the bodies nor said how they died. The ministry posts photos of bodies on its website to help families attempting to locate loved ones. Some are decomposed and blackened. Some are missing limbs and teeth.

Only 25 bodies have been identified, the Health Ministry said.

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Israel and Hamas earlier exchanged 20 living hostages for more than 1,900 Palestinian prisoners and detainees.

Ceasefire's second phase

A Hamas delegation led by chief negotiator Khalil al-Hayya arrived in Cairo to follow up the implementation of the ceasefire deal with mediators and other Palestinian groups.

The next stages are expected to focus on disarming Hamas, Israeli withdrawal from additional areas it controls in Gaza, and future governance of the devastated territory. The U.S. plan proposes the establishment of an internationally backed authority.

Hamas spokesman Hazem Kasseem said late Saturday that the group has begun discussions to "solidify its positions." He reiterated that Hamas won't be part of the ruling authority in a postwar Gaza, and called for the prompt establishment of a body of Palestinian technocrats to run day-to-day affairs.

For now, "government agencies in Gaza continue to perform their duties, as the (power) vacuum is very dangerous," he said.

The Israel-Hamas war has killed more than 68,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants in its count. The ministry maintains detailed casualty records that are seen as generally reliable by U.N. agencies and independent experts. Israel has disputed them without providing its own toll.

Thousands more people are missing, according to the Red Cross.

Hamas-led militants killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducted 251 people in the attack that sparked the war.

## Centrist Rodrigo Paz wins Bolivia's presidential runoff, topping right-wing rival

By ISABEL DEBRE and PAOLA FLORES Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Rodrigo Paz, a centrist senator who was never a nationally prominent figure until now, won Bolivia's presidential election on Sunday, preliminary results showed, galvanizing voters outraged by the country's economic crisis and frustrated after 20 years of rule by the Movement Toward Socialism party.

"The trend is irreversible," Óscar Hassenteufel, the president of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, said of Paz's lead over his rival, former right-wing President Jorge "Tuto" Quiroga.

Paz won 54% of the votes, early results showed, versus Quiroga's 45%.

Paz took the podium Sunday night flanked by his wife, María Helena Urquidi, and four adult children. The hotel ballroom in Bolivia's capital of La Paz went wild, with people shouting his name and holding phones aloft.

"Today, Bolivia can be certain that this will be a government that will bring solutions," he told supporters. "Bolivia breathes winds of change and renewal to move forward."

Shortly after the results came in, Quiroga conceded to Paz.

"I've called Rodrigo Paz and wished him congratulations," he said in a somber speech, prompting jeers and cries of fraud from the audience. But Quiroga urged calm, saying that a refusal to recognize the results would "leave the country hanging."

"We'd just exacerbate the problems of people suffering from the crisis," he said. "We need a mature attitude right now."

Paz and his popular running mate, ex-police Capt. Edman Lara, gained traction among working-class and rural voters disillusioned with the unbridled spending of the long-ruling Movement Toward Socialism, or MAS, party but wary of Quiroga's radical 180-degree turn away from its social protections.

Quiroga's embrace of the International Monetary Fund — an organization that has long aroused political resentment in Bolivia — for a shock treatment package of the kind Bolivians came to know and fear in the 1990s also alienated more moderate voters.

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Paz's victory sets this South American nation of 12 million on a sharply uncertain path as he seeks to enact major change for the first time since the 2005 election of Evo Morales, the founder of MAS and Bolivia's first Indigenous president.

Although Paz's Christian Democratic Party has the cushion of a slight majority in Congress, he'll still need to compromise to push through an ambitious overhaul.

Paz plans to end Bolivia's fixed exchange rate, phase out generous fuel subsidies and reduce hefty public investment, redrawing much of the MAS economic model that dominated for two decades. But he says he'll maintain MAS-style benefits and take a gradual approach to free-market reforms, in hopes of avoiding a sharp recession or jump in inflation that would enrage the masses — as has happened before in Bolivia.

Morales' effort to lift fuel subsidies in 2011 lasted less than a week as protests engulfed the country.

Paz inherits an economy in shambles

Paz's supporters erupted into raucous cheers and ran into the streets of La Paz, setting off fireworks and honking car horns. Crowds thronged a hotel downtown where Paz spoke, some shouting, "The people, united, will never be defeated!"

"We feel victorious," Roger Carrillo, a volunteer with Paz's party, said by phone from eastern Bolivia, where he was rallying a celebratory caravan. "We know there is work ahead of us but we just want to enjoy this moment."

Behind the celebrations, Bolivia faces an uphill battle.

Since 2023, the Andean nation has been crippled by a shortage of U.S. dollars that has locked Bolivians out of their own savings and hampered imports. Year-on-year inflation soared to 23% last month, the highest rate since 1991. Fuel shortages paralyze the country, with motorists often waiting days in line to fill up their tanks.

To make it through even his first months, Paz must replenish the country's meager foreign currency reserves and get fuel imports flowing.

Vowing to avoid the IMF, Paz has pledged to scrape together the necessary cash by fighting corruption, reducing wasteful spending and restoring enough confidence in the country's currency to lure U.S. dollar savings out from under Bolivians' mattresses and into the banking system.

But Paz's stated reluctance to slam on the fiscal brakes — with promises of cash handouts for the poor to cushion the blow of subsidy cuts — has led to criticism.

"It's just so vague, I feel like he's saying these things to please voters when fiscally it doesn't add up," said 48-year-old Rodrigo Tribeño, who voted for Quiroga on Sunday. "We needed a real change."

An outsider with political experience

Although Paz, the son of former President Jaime Paz Zamora, who was in office from 1989 to 1993, has spent more than two decades in politics as a lawmaker and mayor, he appeared in this race as a political unknown. The senator rose unexpectedly from the bottom of the polls to a first-place finish in the August vote.

His party swept six of nine regional departments in the country, including the Andean highlands of western Bolivia and the large, coca-producing region of Cochabamba, winning over key swaths of Indigenous Aymara and working-class Bolivians that once comprised Morales' base.

Paz's slogan of "capitalism for all" appealed to many merchants and entrepreneurs who flourished in Morales' heyday but later chafed against his high taxes and regulation.

Quiroga, by contrast, carried the wealthier eastern lowlands of Santa Cruz, known as the country's agricultural engine.

"There's a very clear class difference. For Quiroga, you have people who've been in politics and in the economic elite for a long time — businesspeople, agro-industrialists," said Verónica Rocha, a Bolivian political analyst. "With Paz, it's the opposite."

An ex-cop shakes up the race

The race looked to be a staid affair until Paz surprised everyone by picking Lara as his running mate. The charismatic young ex-policeman had zero political experience but gained fame on TikTok after being fired from the police for denouncing corruption in viral videos.



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Out of work, he sold second-hand clothes to get by and worked as a lawyer helping Bolivians come forward about corruption — a story that resonated with many former MAS supporters.

Lara's fiery, populist promises of universal income for women and higher pensions for retirees frequently forced Paz into damage control, causing tension on the campaign trail. But for those who see Lara as divisive and hot-headed, there are plenty of Bolivians who say those traits connote authenticity in comparison to the other scripted, telegenic candidates.

Lara struck an unusually conciliatory tone in his remarks after winning Sunday.

"It's time to unite, it's time to reconcile," Lara told supporters after learning of his win, taking a more conciliatory tone than usual. "Political divisions are over."

Many Bolivians interviewed Sunday said they voted for Lara as if he were at the top of the ticket.

"Lara is the one acting more like a president than Paz. Many of us think Lara will end up running the country," said Wendy Cornejo, 28, a former Morales supporter selling crackers in downtown La Paz.

## **Advice to feed babies peanuts early and often helped 60,000 kids avoid allergies, study finds**

By JONEL ALECCIA AP Health Writer

A decade after a landmark study proved that feeding peanut products to young babies could prevent development of life-threatening allergies, new research finds the change has made a big difference in the real world.

About 60,000 children have avoided developing peanut allergies after guidance first issued in 2015 upended medical practice by recommending introducing the allergen to infants starting as early as 4 months.

"That's a remarkable thing, right?" said Dr. David Hill, an allergist and researcher at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and author of a study published Monday in the medical journal *Pediatrics*. Hill and colleagues analyzed electronic health records from dozens of pediatric practices to track diagnoses of food allergies in young children before, during and after the guidelines were issued.

"I can actually come to you today and say there are less kids with food allergy today than there would have been if we hadn't implemented this public health effort," he added.

The researchers found that peanut allergies in children ages 0 to 3 declined by more than 27% after guidance for high-risk kids was first issued in 2015 and by more than 40% after the recommendations were expanded in 2017.

The effort hasn't yet reduced an overall increase in food allergies in the U.S. in recent years. About 8% of children are affected, including more than 2% with a peanut allergy.

Peanut allergy is caused when the body's immune system mistakenly identifies proteins in peanuts as harmful and releases chemicals that trigger allergic symptoms, including hives, respiratory symptoms and, sometimes, life-threatening anaphylaxis.

For decades, doctors had recommended delaying feeding children peanuts and other foods likely to trigger allergies until age 3. But in 2015, Gideon Lack at King's College London, published the groundbreaking Learning Early About Peanut Allergy, or LEAP, trial.

Lack and colleagues showed that introducing peanut products in infancy reduced the future risk of developing food allergies by more than 80%. Later analysis showed that the protection persisted in about 70% of kids into adolescence.

The study immediately sparked new guidelines urging early introduction of peanuts — but putting them into practice has been slow.

Only about 29% of pediatricians and 65% of allergists reported following the expanded guidance issued in 2017, surveys found.

Confusion and uncertainty about the best way to introduce peanuts early in life led to the lag, according to a commentary that accompanied the study. Early on, medical experts and parents alike questioned whether the practice could be adopted outside of tightly controlled clinical settings.

The data for the analysis came from a subset of participating practice sites and may not represent the

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entire U.S. pediatric population, noted the commentary, led by Dr. Ruchi Gupta, a child allergy expert at Northwestern University.

However, the new research offers "promising evidence that early allergen introduction is not only being adopted but may be making a measurable impact," the authors concluded.

Advocates for the 33 million people in the U.S. with food allergies welcomed signs that early introduction of peanut products is catching on.

"This research reinforces what we already know and underscores a meaningful opportunity to reduce the incidence and prevalence of peanut allergy nationwide," said Sung Poblete, chief executive of the nonprofit group Food Allergy Research & Education, or FARE.

The new study emphasizes the current guidance, updated in 2021, which calls for introducing peanuts and other major food allergens between four and six months, without prior screening or testing, Hill said. Parents should consult their pediatricians about any questions.

"It doesn't have to be a lot of the food, but little tastes of peanut butter, milk-based yogurt, soy-based yogurts and tree butters," he said. "These are really good ways to allow the immune system exposure to these allergenic foods in a safe way."

Tiffany Leon, 36, a Maryland registered dietician and director at FARE, introduced peanuts and other allergens early to her own sons, James, 4, and Cameron, 2.

At first, Leon's own mother was shocked at the advice to feed babies such foods before the age of 3, she said. But Leon explained how the science had changed.

"As a dietician, I practice evidence-based recommendations," she said. "So when someone told me, 'This is how it's done now, these are the new guidelines,' I just thought, OK, well, this is what we're going to do."

## **A cargo aircraft skids off a Hong Kong runway into the sea, killing 2 airport workers**

By CHAN HO-HIM and KANIS LEUNG Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — A cargo aircraft skidded off a Hong Kong runway and collided with a security patrol car before both fell into the sea early Monday, killing the two people in the car, authorities said. The plane's four crew members were unhurt.

The Boeing 747, flown by Turkey-based ACT Airlines, was landing at Hong Kong International Airport around 3:50 a.m. on arrival from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The aircraft was being operated under lease by Emirates, a long-haul carrier based in Dubai.

The captains did not seek help before landing and had taxied about halfway down the runway before skidding off it to the left, Steven Yiu, the airport authority's executive director in airport operations, said during a press conference.

"The patrol car absolutely did not rush onto the runway. It was the plane that went off the runway and crashed into the patrol car outside the fence," he said.

When rescue crews arrived, the plane was broken into two parts, floating in the sea, and the four crew members were waiting to be rescued at its open door, said Yiu Men-yeung, a fire services official.

The four crew members had no apparent injuries, said Tong Sze-ho, acting senior assistant chief ambulance officer of the fire services department.

Rescuers dove into the sea and found the two security workers trapped in the car after a 40-minute search, Yiu Men-yeung said.

Local television images at midmorning showed the aircraft partially submerged just off the edge of the airport's sea wall. The aircraft's front half and cockpit were visible above water but the tail end appearing to have broken off. Two boats, possibly with search and rescue personnel, were near the aircraft.

The crash occurred on the north runway of Hong Kong's airport, one of Asia's busiest. That runway remained closed, while the two other runways at the airport continue to operate. Steven Yiu said flights at the airport would be unaffected.

Weather was suitable at the time the plane landed and the cause of the crash was being investigated,

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he said.

The Air Accident Investigation Authority classified the case as an accident, with the investigation to look into multiple factors, including the flight's system, operation and maintenance.

The cockpit voice recorder and the flight data recorder were being sought.

Emirates said the Boeing 747 freighter flying as EK9788 was wet leased and operated by ACT Airlines. In wet leases, the company supplying the plane also provides the crew, maintenance and insurance. Emirates said there was no cargo on board.

The aircraft was 32 years old, according to Flightradar24.

Hong Kong International Airport was built on reclaimed land by merging two smaller islands north of Hong Kong's Lantau Island in the South China Sea, at the mouth of the Pearl River. The edge of the north runway lies only a few hundred meters (yards) from the water, while the other two runways are even closer.

Emirates, the Dubai-based long haul carrier, is known for its passenger flights coming out of Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest for international travel.

However, it also operates a thriving cargo business out of Al Maktoum International Airport at Dubai World Central, the sheikhdom's second airport where it plans a \$35 billion improvement over the coming decade. The ACT Airlines' flight had taken off from Al Maktoum, known as DWC.

Emirates, owned by a sovereign wealth fund in the city-state, noted in its most-recent annual report that it had added two wet-leased Boeing 747s "to serve surging customer demand." Emirates has some 260 aircraft in its fleet, the majority either Boeing 777s or double-decker Airbus A380s.

## Trump says Ukraine's Donbas region will have to be 'cut up' to end the Russian invasion

By CHRIS MEGERIAN Associated Press

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE (AP) — President Donald Trump said Sunday that the Donbas region of Ukraine should be "cut up," leaving most of it in Russian hands, to end a war that has dragged on for nearly four years.

"Let it be cut the way it is," he told reporters aboard Air Force One. "It's cut up right now," adding that you can "leave it the way it is right now."

"They can negotiate something later on down the line," he said. But for now, both sides of the conflict should "stop at the battle line — go home, stop fighting, stop killing people."

Trump's latest comments came after Ukrainian drones struck a major gas processing plant in southern Russia, sparking a fire and forcing it to suspend its intake of gas from Kazakhstan, Russian and Kazakh authorities said Sunday.

The Orenburg plant, run by state-owned gas giant Gazprom and located in a region of the same name near the Kazakh border, is part of a production and processing complex that is one of the world's largest facilities of its kind, with an annual capacity of 45 billion cubic meters. It handles gas condensate from Kazakhstan's Karachaganak field, alongside Orenburg's own oil and gas fields.

According to regional Gov. Yevgeny Solntsev, the drone strikes set fire to a workshop at the plant and damaged part of it. The Kazakh Energy Ministry on Sunday said, citing a notification from Gazprom, that the plant was temporarily unable to process gas originating in Kazakhstan, "due to an emergency situation following a drone attack."

Ukraine's General Staff said in a statement Sunday that a "large-scale fire" erupted at the Orenburg plant, and that one of its gas processing and purification units was damaged.

Kyiv has ramped up attacks in recent months on Russian energy facilities it says both fund and directly fuel Moscow's war effort.

Trump says Ukraine may have to give up land for peace

Trump has edged back in the direction of pressing Ukraine to give up on retaking land it has lost to Russia, in exchange for an end to Moscow's aggression.

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Asked in a Fox News interview conducted Thursday whether Russian President Vladimir Putin would be open to ending the war "without taking significant property from Ukraine," Trump responded: "Well, he's going to take something."

"They fought and he has a lot of property. He's won certain property," Trump said. "We're the only nation that goes in, wins a war and then leaves."

The interview was aired Sunday on Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures," but was conducted before Trump spoke to Putin on Thursday and met with Zelenskyy on Friday.

Then on Sunday evening, while flying from Florida to Washington, Trump — who plans to meet Putin in Budapest in coming weeks — reiterated his stance that Ukraine will need to give up territory by having the fighting "stop at the lines where they are."

"The rest is very tough to negotiate if you're going to say, 'You take this, we take that,'" he said. "You know, there are so many different permutations."

The comments amounted to another shift in position on the war by the U.S. leader. In recent weeks, Trump had shown growing impatience with Putin and expressed greater openness to helping Ukraine win the war.

Contrary to Kyiv's hopes, Trump did not commit to providing it with Tomahawks following his meeting with Zelenskyy. The missiles would be the longest-range weapons in Ukraine's arsenal and would allow it to strike targets deep inside Russia, including Moscow, with precision.

Russians modified bombs for deeper strikes

Meanwhile, Ukrainian prosecutors claim that Moscow is modifying its deadly aerial-guided bombs to strike civilians deeper in Ukraine. Local authorities in Kharkiv said Russia struck a residential neighborhood using a new rocket-powered aerial bomb for the first time.

Kharkiv's regional prosecutor's office said in a statement that Russia used the weapon called the UMPB-5R, which can travel up to 130 kilometers (80 miles), in an attack on the city of Lozava on Saturday afternoon. The city lies 150 kilometers (93 miles) south of Kharkiv, a considerable distance for the weapon to fly.

Russia continued to strike other parts of Ukraine closer to the front line. In the Dnipropetrovsk region, at least 11 people were injured after Russian drones hit the Shakhtarske area. At least 14 five-story buildings and a store were damaged, said acting regional Gov. Vladyslav Haivanenko.

A Russian strike also hit a coal mine in the Dnipropetrovsk region. Some 192 miners were brought to the surface without injury, the company that operates the mine said.

Ukraine's General Staff also claimed a separate drone strike hit Russia's Novokuibyshevsk oil refinery, in the Samara region near Orenburg, sparking a blaze and damaging its main refining units.

The Novokuibyshevsk facility, operated by Russian gas major Rosneft, has an annual capacity of 4.9 million tons, and turns out over 20 kinds of oil-based products. Russian authorities did not immediately acknowledge the Ukrainian claim or discuss any damage.

Russia's Defense Ministry said in a statement early Sunday that its air defense forces had shot down 45 Ukrainian drones during the night, including 12 over the Samara region, one over the Orenburg region and 11 over the Saratov region neighboring Samara.

In turn, Ukraine's air force reported Sunday that Russia during the night launched 62 drones into Ukrainian territory. It said 40 of these were shot down, or veered off course due to electronic jamming.

## Trump calls Colombia's Petro an 'illegal drug leader' and announces tariffs and an end to US aid

By CHRIS MEGERIAN, DÁNICA COTO and ASTRID SUÁREZ Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The United States will slash assistance to Colombia and enact tariffs on its exports because the country's leader, Gustavo Petro, "does nothing to stop" drug production, President Donald Trump said Sunday, escalating the friction between Washington and one of its closest allies in Latin America.

In a social media post, Trump referred to Petro as "an illegal drug leader" who is "low rated and very



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unpopular." The Republican president warned that Petro "better close up" drug operations "or the United States will close them up for him, and it won't be done nicely."

Later in the day, Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One that Colombia has "no fight against drugs" and "they are a drug manufacturing machine" with "a lunatic" for a president. He said that he would announce new tariffs on Monday.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth also announced the latest U.S. strike on a vessel that was allegedly carrying "substantial amounts of narcotics."

He said the vessel was associated with a Colombian rebel group — the National Liberation Army, or ELN — that has been in conflict with Petro's government. He did not provide any evidence for his assertions, but he shared a brief video clip of a boat engulfed in flames after an explosion on Friday.

Petro, who can be as vocal on social media as his American counterpart, rejected Trump's accusations and defended his work to fight narcotics in Colombia, the world's largest exporter of cocaine.

"Trying to promote peace in Colombia is not being a drug trafficker," Petro wrote. He suggested that Trump was being deceived by his advisers, described himself as "the main enemy" of drugs in his country and said Trump was being "rude and ignorant toward Colombia."

The Colombian Foreign Ministry described Trump's statement as a "direct threat to national sovereignty by proposing an illegal intervention in Colombian territory." Defense Minister Pedro Sánchez told reporters that the country "has used all its capability and also lost men and women fighting drug trafficking."

Trump's latest broadside against Petro raises the possibility of an expanding clash in Latin America, where the U.S. has already increased pressure on neighboring Venezuela and its leader, Nicolás Maduro.

American naval ships, fighter jets and drones are deployed in the region for what the administration has described as an "armed conflict" with drug cartels. Trump also authorized covert operations inside Venezuela.

Unlike Venezuela, Colombia is a longtime U.S. ally and the top recipient of American assistance in the region. But coca cultivation reached an all-time high last year, according to the United Nations, and there has been fresh violence in rural areas where the government spent years battling insurgents before reaching a peace deal a decade ago.

In September, the Trump administration accused Colombia of failing to cooperate in the drug war, although at the time Washington issued a waiver of sanctions that would have triggered aid cuts.

Colombia received an estimated \$230 million in the U.S. budget year that ended Sept. 30, a drop from recent years that exceeded \$700 million, according to U.S. figures.

Petro, Colombia's first leftist president, has repeatedly feuded with Trump this year. Petro initially rejected U.S. military flights of deported migrants, leading Trump to threaten tariffs. The State Department said it would revoke Petro's visa when he attended the U.N. General Assembly in New York because he told American soldiers to disobey Trump's orders.

Petro and Trump have also been at odds over American strikes on boats in the Caribbean. On Sunday, Petro accused the U.S. government of assassination, pointing to a Sept. 16 strike that he said killed a Colombian man named Alejandro Carranza. Petro said Carranza was a fisherman with no ties to drug trafficking, and his boat was malfunctioning when it was hit.

"The United States has invaded our national territory, fired a missile to kill a humble fisherman, and destroyed his family, his children. This is Bolívar's homeland, and they are murdering his children with bombs," Petro wrote on social media. He said that he asked his country's attorney general's office to initiate legal proceedings internationally and in U.S. courts.

The White House and the Pentagon did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Petro's accusations.

Despite Petro's criticism, his government plans to prosecute the Colombian survivor of a more recent U.S. strike on a submersible that was allegedly carrying drugs.

Another survivor was repatriated to Ecuador, where the Ministry of the Interior said he would not face charges after prosecutors met with him and determined that he had not committed any crimes within the country's borders.



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The ELN, which Hegseth said was the target of Friday's strike, has long denied any role in drug trafficking and offered to submit to the scrutiny of an international commission. It did not respond to Hegseth's announcement. Colombian authorities regularly report the dismantling of cocaine laboratories and the seizure of drugs believed to belong to the guerrillas.

There have been seven U.S. strikes in the region since early September that the administration says are targeting alleged drug traffickers. At least 32 people have been killed.

Trump said Sunday that Petro had "a fresh mouth toward America." He complained that drug smuggling continues "despite large scale payments and subsidies from the USA that are nothing more than a long term rip off of America."

"AS OF TODAY, THESE PAYMENTS, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT, OR SUBSIDIES, WILL NO LONGER BE MADE TO COLOMBIA," he added.

Elizabeth Dickinson, senior analyst for the Andes region at International Crisis Group, said "it is befuddling and profoundly unwise of the United States to alienate its strongest military partner in Latin America at a moment when tension between Washington and Venezuela are at its highest point in recent years."

She said Washington and Bogota have long treated their relationship as foundational, but "that wisdom is being thrown out the window, with really catastrophic effects."

Colombia lost significant U.S. funding when Trump slashed the U.S. Agency for International Development earlier this year. More cuts could affect military cooperation and undermine efforts to fight rebel groups.

"If that is cut, we will see a strategic loss of capability for the Colombian military and police at precisely the moment when they're confronting the greatest security crisis in Colombia for over a decade," she said.

## To hit back at the United States in their trade war, China borrows from the US playbook

By DIDI TANG Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — China likes to condemn the United States for extending its arm too far outside of its borders to make demands on non-American companies. But when it sought to hit back at the U.S. interests this month, Beijing did exactly the same.

In expanding export rules on rare earths, Beijing for the first time announced it will require foreign firms to obtain approval from the Chinese government to export magnets containing even tiny amounts of China-originated rare earth materials or produced with Chinese technology.

That means a South Korean smartphone maker must ask for Beijing's permission to sell the devices to Australia if the phones contain China-originated rare earth materials, said Jamieson Greer, the U.S. trade representative. "This rule gives China control over basically the entire global economy in the technology supply chain," he said.

For anyone familiar with U.S. trade practice, China is simply borrowing a decades-long U.S. policy: the foreign direct product rule. It extends the reach of U.S. law to foreign-made products, and it has been used regularly to restrict China's access to certain U.S. technologies made outside of the United States, even when they are in the hands of foreign companies.

It is the latest example of Beijing turning to U.S. precedents for tools it needs to stare down Washington in what appears to be an extended trade war between the world's two largest economies.

"China is learning from the best," said Neil Thomas, a fellow on Chinese politics at Asia Society Policy Institute's Center for China Analysis. "Beijing is copying Washington's playbook because it saw firsthand how effectively U.S. export controls could constrain its own economic development and political choices."

He added: "Game recognizes game."

The idea goes back to at least 2018

It was in 2018, when President Donald Trump launched a trade war with China, that Beijing felt the urgency to adopt a set of laws and policies that it could readily deploy when new trade conflicts arise. And it looked to Washington for ideas.

Its Unreliable Entity List, established in 2020 by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, resembles the U.S.

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Commerce Department's "entity list" that restricts certain foreign companies from doing businesses with the U.S.

In 2021, Beijing adopted the anti-foreign sanction law, allowing agencies such as the Chinese Foreign Ministry to deny visas and freeze the assets of unwelcome individuals and businesses — similar to what the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Treasury can do.

Calling it a toolkit against foreign sanctions, intervention and long-arm jurisdiction, the state-run news agency China News in a 2021 news report cited an ancient Chinese teaching, saying Beijing would be "hitting back with the enemy's methods."

The law "has combed through relevant foreign legislation and taken into consideration the international law and the basic principles of international relations," said the Chinese scholar Li Qingming as quoted in the news report. He also said it could deter the other side from escalating.

Other formal measures Beijing has adopted in the past several years include expanded export controls and foreign investment review tools.

Jeremy Daum, a senior research scholar in law and senior fellow at Yale Law School's Paul Tsai China Center, said Beijing often draws from foreign models in developing its laws in non-trade, non foreign-related areas. As China seeks capabilities to retaliate in kind in trade and sanctions, the tools are often "very parallel" to those of the U.S., he said.

Both governments also have adopted a "holistic view of national security," which expands the concept to justify restrictions on each other, Daum said.

Things accelerated this year

When Trump launched his trade war with China shortly after he returned to the White House earlier this year, Beijing readily deployed its new tools in addition to raising tariffs to match those imposed by the U.S. president.

In February, in response to Trump's first 10% tariff on China over allegations that Beijing failed to curb the flow of chemicals used to make fentanyl, the Chinese Commerce Ministry put PVH Group, which owns Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger and the biotechnology company Illumina, on the unreliable entity list.

That barred them from engaging in China-related import or export activities and from making new investments in the country. Beijing also announced export controls on tungsten, tellurium, bismuth, molybdenum and indium, which are elements critical to the production of modern high-tech products.

In March, when Trump imposed the second 10%, fentanyl-related tariff, Beijing placed 10 more U.S. firms on its unreliable entity list and added 15 U.S. companies to its export control list, including aerospace and defense companies like General Dynamics Land Systems and General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, among others, asserting that they "endanger China's national security and interests."

Then came the so-called "Liberation Day" tariffs in April, when Beijing not only matched Trump's sky-high tariff of 125% but also blacklisted more U.S. companies and announced export controls on more rare earth minerals. That led to a pause in the shipment of magnets needed in manufacturing a wide range of products such as smartphones, electric vehicles, jet planes and missiles.

While the new tools have allowed China to stare down the United States, Daum said they are not without risks.

"The dangers in such a facially balanced and fair approach are, one, what one side sees as reciprocity the other might interpret as escalation," he said. And second, "in a race to the bottom, nobody wins."

## George Santos says he's humbled but dismisses 'pearl clutching' critics

NEW YORK (AP) — Freed from the prison where he had been serving time for ripping off his campaign donors, former U.S. Rep. George Santos says he's humbled by his experience behind bars but unconcerned about the "pearl clutching" of critics upset that President Donald Trump granted him clemency.

"I'm pretty confident if President Trump had pardoned Jesus Christ off the cross, he would have had

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critics," Santos said Sunday in an interview on CNN.

Santos, who won office after inventing a bogus persona as a Wall Street dealmaker, pleaded guilty to fraud and identity theft last year and began serving a 7-year sentence in July at a prison in New Jersey. But Trump ordered him released Friday after he'd served just 84 days. Trump called Santos a "rogue," but said he didn't deserve a harsh sentence and should get credit for voting Republican.

Speaking on CNN's "State of the Union," Santos said he had "learned a great deal" and had "a very large slice of humble pie, if not the whole pie" while in prison.

He also apologized to former constituents in his New York congressional district, saying he was "in a chaotic ball of flame" when he committed his crimes. Santos admitted last year to deceiving donors and stealing the identities of 11 people — including his own family members.

But when asked about fellow Republicans unhappy that Trump freed him so soon, Santos said other presidential acts of clemency had been worse, citing President Joe Biden's decision to pardon his son, Hunter, for gun and tax crimes.

"So pardon me if I'm not paying too much attention to the pearl-clutching of the outrage of my critics," Santos said.

As part of his guilty plea, Santos had agreed to pay restitution of \$373,750 and forfeiture of \$205,003. But Trump's clemency order appeared to clear him of paying any further fines or restitution.

Santos said he has been granted a second chance and intended to "make amends," but when asked if he intended to pay back the campaign donors he had defrauded, he said only if he had to.

"If it's required of me by the law, yes. If it's not, then no," Santos said.

Santos had appealed to Trump directly for help, citing his loyalty to the president's agenda and to the Republican Party in a letter published Oct. 13 in The South Shore Press. But he said Sunday that he had no expectations and learned of his commutation from fellow inmates who saw the news on television.

Revelations that Santos invented much of his life story surfaced just weeks after he became the first openly gay Republican to be elected to Congress in 2022.

Santos had said while campaigning that he was a successful business consultant with a sizable real estate portfolio. But he ultimately admitted to embellishing his biography. He had never graduated from Baruch College, where he had claimed to be a standout player on the Manhattan college's volleyball team. He had never worked at Citigroup and Goldman Sachs. He didn't own property.

In truth, he struggled financially, had drifted through several jobs, including one for a company accused of running a Ponzi scheme, and even faced eviction.

After becoming just the sixth person to be expelled from Congress, Santos made hundreds of thousands of dollars selling personalized videos to the public on Cameo. He returned to the service Sunday.

## Thieves steal crown jewels in 4 minutes from Louvre Museum

By THOMAS ADAMSON Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — In a minutes-long strike Sunday inside the world's most-visited museum, thieves rode a basket lift up the Louvre's facade, forced a window, smashed display cases and fled with priceless Napoleonic jewels, officials said.

The daylight heist about 30 minutes after opening, with visitors already inside, was among the highest-profile museum thefts in living memory and comes as staff complained that crowding and thin staffing are straining security.

The theft unfolded just 250 meters (270 yards) from the Mona Lisa, in what Culture Minister Rachida Dati described as a professional "four-minute operation."

One object, the emerald-set imperial crown of Napoleon III's wife, Empress Eugénie, containing more than 1,300 diamonds, was later found outside the museum, French authorities said. It was reportedly recovered broken.

Images from the scene showed confused tourists being steered out of the glass pyramid and adjoining courtyards as officers closed nearby streets along the Seine.

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A lift — which officials say the thieves brought and which was later removed — stood against the Seine-facing façade, their entry route and, observers said, a revealing weakness: that such machinery could be brought to a palace-museum unchecked.

A museum already under strain

Around 9:30 a.m., several intruders forced a window, cut panes with a disc cutter and went straight for the glass display cases, officials said. Interior Minister Laurent Nunez said the crew entered from outside using a basket lift via the riverfront facade to reach the hall with the 23-item royal collection.

Their target was the gilded Apollon Gallery, where the Crown Diamonds are displayed, including the Regent, the Sancy and the Hortensia.

The thieves smashed two display cases and fled on motorbikes, Nunez said. No one was hurt. Alarms brought Louvre agents to the room, forcing the intruders to bolt, but the theft was already done.

Eight objects were taken, according to officials: a sapphire diadem, necklace and single earring from a matching set linked to 19th-century French queens Marie-Amélie and Hortense; an emerald necklace and earrings from the matching set of Empress Marie-Louise, Napoleon Bonaparte's second wife; a reliquary brooch; Empress Eugénie's diadem; and her large corsage-bow brooch — a prized 19th-century imperial ensemble.

"It's a major robbery," Nunez said, noting that security measures at the Louvre had been strengthened in recent years and would be reinforced further as part of the museum's upcoming overhaul plan. Officials said security upgrades include new-generation cameras, perimeter detection, and a new security control room. But critics say the measures come far too late.

The Louvre closed for the rest of Sunday for the forensic investigation to begin as police sealed gates, cleared courtyards and shut nearby streets along the Seine.

Daylight robberies during public hours are rare. Pulling one off inside the Louvre with visitors present ranks among Europe's most audacious in recent history, and at least since Dresden's Green Vault museum in 2019.

It also collides with a deeper tension the Louvre has struggled to resolve: swelling crowds and stretched staff. The museum delayed opening during a June staff walkout over overcrowding and chronic understaffing. Unions say mass tourism leaves too few eyes on too many rooms and creates pressure points where construction zones, freight routes and visitor flows meet.

Security around marquee works remains tight — the Mona Lisa sits behind bulletproof glass in a climate-controlled case — but Sunday's theft also underscored that protections are not uniformly as robust across the museum's more than 33,000 objects.

The theft is a fresh embarrassment for a museum already under scrutiny.

"How can they ride a lift to a window and take jewels in the middle of the day?" said Magali Cunel, a French teacher from near Lyon. "It's just unbelievable that a museum this famous can have such obvious security gaps."

The Louvre has a long history of thefts and attempted robberies. The most famous came in 1911, when the Mona Lisa vanished from its frame, stolen by Vincenzo Peruggia and recovered two years later in Florence. Another notorious episode came in 1956, when a visitor hurled a stone at her world-famous smile, chipping paint near her left elbow and hastening the move to display the work behind protective glass.

Today the former royal palace holds a roll call of civilization: Leonardo's Mona Lisa; the armless serenity of the Venus de Milo; the Winged Victory of Samothrace, wind-lashed on the Daru staircase; the Code of Hammurabi's carved laws; Delacroix's Liberty Leading the People; Géricault's The Raft of the Medusa. The objects — from Mesopotamia, Egypt and the classical world to Europe's masters — draw a daily tide of up to 30,000 visitors even as investigators now begin to sweep those gilded corridors for clues.

Politics at the door

The heist spilled instantly into politics. Far-right leader Jordan Bardella used it to attack President Emmanuel Macron, weakened at home and facing a fractured parliament.

"The Louvre is a global symbol of our culture," Bardella wrote on X. "This robbery, which allowed thieves to steal jewels from the French Crown, is an unbearable humiliation for our country. How far will the decay



of the state go?"

The criticism lands as Macron touts a decade-long "Louvre New Renaissance" plan — about €700 million (\$760 million) to modernize infrastructure, ease crowding and give the Mona Lisa a dedicated gallery by 2031. For workers on the floor, the relief has felt slower than the pressure.

What we know — and don't

Forensic teams are examining the site of the crime and adjoining access points while a full inventory is taken, authorities said. Officials have described the haul as of "inestimable" historical value.

Recovery may prove difficult. "It's unlikely these jewels will ever be seen again," said Tobias Kormind, managing director of 77 Diamonds. "Professional crews often break down and re-cut large, recognizable stones to evade detection, effectively erasing their provenance."

Key questions still unanswered are how many people took part in the theft and whether they had inside assistance, authorities said. According to French media, there were four perpetrators: two dressed as construction workers in yellow safety vests on the lift, and two each on a scooter. French authorities did not immediately comment on this.

Investigators are reviewing CCTV from the Denon wing and the riverfront, inspecting the basket lift used to reach the gallery and interviewing staff who were on site when the museum opened, authorities said.

## **Turkish Cypriots elect new leader, reigniting hopes for renewed talks to heal Cyprus' ethnic split**

By MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS Associated Press

NICOSIA (AP) — Hopes for a resumption of long-stalled talks to heal Cyprus' decades-old ethnic rift were buoyed Sunday when Turkish Cypriots elected a leader who campaigned on getting back to negotiating a two-zone federation with rival Greek Cypriots after an eight-year stalemate.

Tufan Erhurman, 55, won by a landslide, receiving 62.76% of the vote, against incumbent Ersin Tatar's 35.81%, according to unofficial figures broadcast on BRT TV. Nearly 65% of 218,000 registered voters cast ballots. The remaining ballots were split among five other candidates who got very few votes.

At a victory rally in front of jubilant supporters, Erhurman said the election was a victory for all Turkish Cypriots irrespective of party affiliation and noted that any steps forward on reviving Cyprus peace efforts would be in consultation with the Turkish government as has been done in the past.

Turkish Cypriots turned away from Tatar's vision for a two-state deal in Cyprus that Turkey has championed since 2017 when the last major push to resolve the dispute collapsed amid much acrimony.

Erhurman had harshly criticized Tatar's reluctance to engage in formal peace talks all through his five-year term as a costly loss of time that has alienated Turkish Cypriots from the European Union and pushed them farther on the international periphery.

Nikos Christodoulides, the island's Greek Cypriot president, said in a congratulatory statement that he looks forward to meeting Erhurman as soon as possible and reiterated his readiness to resume peace talks.

Cyprus was as divided in 1974 when Turkey invaded days after Greek junta-backed supporters of union with Greece mounted a coup. Only Turkey recognizes a 1983 Turkish Cypriot declaration of independence and maintains more than 35,000 troops in the north.

Cyprus joined the European Union in 2004, but only the Greek Cypriot south, where the internationally recognized government is seated, enjoys full benefits. Many Turkish Cypriots hold EU-recognized Cyprus passports but live in the north.

The stakes for a Cyprus peace deal are significant. Peace could expedite the exploitation of sizable natural gas deposits that lie in waters off Cyprus' southern coast that could power Egypt and Europe. It would also potentially lift Turkish objections to an electricity cable project that would connect Greece and Cyprus. Israel is said to look favorably on extending that link to its own power grid.

Even though election result bodes well for a U.N.-backed push to restart formal negotiations, significant challenges to reaching a peace deal remain.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan made clear in his address to the General Assembly last month



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that he backs a two-state deal on Cyprus. Congratulating Erhurman for his victory Sunday, Erdogan said Turkey could continue defending “the sovereign rights and interests” of the breakaway Turkish Cypriots. It’s unclear if Erhurman has the clout to deviate from this line given the north’s economic and political dependence on Turkey.

Erhurman has rejected claims that he would seek to abolish Turkey’s military intervention rights in place under any peace agreement. Greek Cypriots see any such rights enshrined in a deal as a threat to their own security. Greek Cypriot officials said the dealbreaker in the 2017 talks was Turkey’s insistence keeping its right to intervene as well as its troops indefinitely on the island.

While the minority Turkish Cypriots say a Turkish military presence is necessary for their protection, Greek Cypriots interpret this as Ankara’s means to assert its control over the entire island.

Erhurman says “political equality” for Turkish Cypriots is non-negotiable. The obscure term is interpreted differently by either side, but Greek Cypriots say a demand by the minority Turkish Cypriots for veto powers over all decisions taken at the federal level is unfair.

The new Turkish Cypriot leader insists Turkish Cypriots shouldn’t bear the brunt of another possible talks failure, alluding to the prospect of the international community engaging directly with the breakaway north, through air connectivity and trade if a new round of negotiations collapse. Greek Cypriots have argued that setting such a condition on the talks would disincentivize any search for a fair deal.

## **South African rowers of color become first to compete at Charles, part of larger trend toward access**

By LEAH WILLINGHAM Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Four South African rowers are making history over the weekend at the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston as the first crew of color from the country to compete internationally.

Their participation marks a multinational effort to expand access to one of the most elite and exclusive sports, dominated by white athletes, and to open the 60-year-old regatta to a more diverse future of rowers.

Competitive rowing originates among Englishmen who colonized both South Africa and what is now the United States, but historically excluded large swaths of the populations that lived there from recreation on the water.

In recent years, a network of advocates has gathered athletes from around the world in efforts culminating with several firsts for representation at the Charles: the first all-Black women’s 8+ from the U.S., an indigenous 4+ and a native women’s 4+, among others. An 8+ is an eight-oared sweep boat with eight athletes and a coxswain to steer and direct the rowers, while a 4+ is a four-oared sweep boat with a coxswain.

Lwazi-Tsebo Zwane, a 23-year-old who trains in Germiston, South Africa, east of Johannesburg, said he and his boatmates are very aware they are role models for younger rowers.

“It takes a lot to be at this regatta,” said Zwane, who will compete in the Men’s Championship 4+ event. “There’s been a lot of pitfalls, there’s been a lot of barriers.”

Wearing the colors of Western Cape Rowing, Zwane said the legacy of poverty and economic inequality that were the result of racist policies like apartheid in South Africa and others leveraged in the U.S. “have shaped and narrated our story to be one of violence and oppression and being second rate.”

“There is a different story for us, but doing the work to get there is not an easy feat,” he said of reframing the false narratives.

Lack of access, not lack of talent

Rowers who aren’t white or from affluent backgrounds in America and South Africa face many of the same issues, said Arshay Cooper, whose foundation worked to bring the South African crew to the Charles, as well as crews of underrepresented athletes from the U.S.

Among those issues: lack of access to waterways and to skills like swimming and the cost of buying and storing equipment. Rowing shells alone cost tens of thousands of dollars.

“There’s structural limitations, there’s neglect,” said Cooper, who joined America’s first all-Black high

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school rowing team in Chicago in 1997. "There's talent everywhere, but not a lot of access and opportunity."

In both countries, some public schools — where athletes of color are more likely to attend — offer access to some type of rowing program. But the equipment is older and the coaches more novice, making it hard to compete with private schools with more resources.

Modern competitive rowing emerged in the 19th century at British schools like Oxford and Cambridge and expanded to elite American colleges, like Harvard, Yale and Princeton — institutions that excluded those who were from working-class backgrounds and not white or male.

A 2016 analysis by U.S. Rowing found the typical rower is often perceived as "white and come from a middle or upper class suburban community". A 2021 study on gender and race in sports by the NCAA found that among female collegiate rowers, just 2% identified as Black, while 5% identified as Hispanic and 3% identified as Asian. The sport ranked among the bottom third least diverse sports of the 45 that the NCAA polled.

"For most people of color, they're the only person of color in the boat," said Denise Aquino, a Filipino American and co-founder of the nonprofit podcast Rowing in Color, which organized the Head of the Charles' first all-Black women's 8+ in 2022.

Cooper said the goal is to add new faces to the sport. Sometimes those new faces are using the platform to highlight social issues. Last year, the regatta's first-ever indigenous four raced down the course with red hands painted on their oars and faces to honor murdered and missing indigenous women.

Aquino said she said she and her team felt an added layer of urgency this year because of recent policies from the U.S. White House limiting government diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

"We're definitely feeling that sense of fear, but also we're going to do it anyway," she said. "It's about the young people and people of all ages who will see these boats and feel not just resonance, but feel visibility and represented in the sport that we all love."

Connecting to the water in South Africa

Coach Michael Ortlepp said many of the university athletes he usually coaches in the southwestern coastal city of Cape Town make considerable sacrifices to even get to the boathouse for practice. Most live inland in formerly segregated townships where public transportation isn't reliable. A few have struggled to find housing at all. Some mornings, he gets messages from rowers saying they can't attend practice because of gang warnings in their neighborhoods and shootings. Part of the funding from Cooper's foundation has helped to pay for a bus to collect athletes for practice.

With Cooper's support, Ortlepp's Association has grown from eight rowers to 45 in three years.

"I've had rowers living in cafeterias for a week at a time without food or any kind of accommodation. Those are common stories; they're not rare," Ortlepp said.

Zwane, who first began rowing at age 14, said he takes several mini buses a day to get to Victoria Lake, near Johannesburg.

The community rowing boathouse where he is preparing for the race in Boston, one of many boathouses dotting the shores of the Charles River, is a far cry from the facilities he is used to.

"It does feel a little bit disorientating to be in this environment because this is everyone's day-to-day, just normal life. This is — from my perspective, from a lot of kids who understand how it is to grow up from my place — it's a luxury. If anything, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience," he said. "Every day I get on the water, every day we leave here, every day we see different sights. ... It is always on the back of my head that this is not normal for me, but it is for somebody else."

"I think we're more fortunate to have the ability to get closer to these spaces, but getting to those spaces has become harder than anything."

## **Afghanistan and Pakistan pledge to respect ceasefire after more than a week of deadly fighting**

By RIAZAT BUTT Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Afghanistan and Pakistan, embroiled in fighting that has killed dozens of people and injured hundreds, pledged on Sunday to respect a ceasefire.

The truce, mediated by Qatar and Turkey, came into effect immediately and is intended to pause hostilities.

Violence has escalated between the neighbors since earlier this month, with each country saying they were responding to aggression from the other. Afghanistan denies harboring militants who carry out attacks in border areas.

Pakistan is grappling with militancy that has surged since 2021, when the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan and returned to power.

The Taliban government's chief spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, gave a positive response to the outcome of the talks that took place in the Qatari capital, Doha, a day earlier. He said both countries had signed a bilateral agreement.

"It has been decided that neither country will undertake any hostile actions against the other, nor will they support groups carrying out attacks against Pakistan. Both sides will refrain from targeting each other's security forces, civilians or critical infrastructure."

A mechanism would be established in the future, "under the mediation of intermediary countries," to review bilateral claims and ensure the effective implementation of this agreement.

Later, during an online news conference, Defense Minister Muhammad Yaqoob told journalists that the Doha talks lasted 13 hours.

Pakistani Defense Minister Khawaja Asif posted confirmation of the deal on X.

"Cross-border terrorism from Afghan territory will cease immediately," Asif wrote. "Both countries will respect each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity. A follow-up meeting between the delegations is scheduled to take place in Istanbul on October 25 to discuss the matters in detail."

Top officials from both countries thanked Qatar and Turkey for their role in facilitating the talks that led to the ceasefire.

The fighting between Afghanistan and Pakistan has severely disrupted people's lives. The two countries share a 2,611-kilometer (1,622-mile) long border known as the Durand Line, which Afghanistan has never recognized. They have just two main trade routes.

Worsening security has forced locals to leave their homes and also left thousands of people and vehicles stranded for a week at border points.

The Chaman crossing in southwest Pakistan is only open for Afghan refugees to leave as part of a nationwide crackdown on foreigners living in Pakistan illegally. Entry from Afghanistan, including trade and pedestrian movement, remains suspended.

Shafiullah Khan, an Afghan refugee trying to leave Pakistan, had been stuck at Chaman for three days.

"We are so happy for this peace agreement," said Khan. "The refugees were suffering a lot, but now, after this agreement, we are happy and are going back to our country."

Less happy was businessman Hazarat Bilal Umaid, whose trade depends on an open border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"People were afraid and worried about how to save their livelihoods," he said. "Now our request to both governments is to open the gate for trade as soon as possible."

The Torkham crossing, which straddles Pakistan's northwest and Afghanistan's east, is completely closed.

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## AP Top 25 gets an overhaul behind No. 1 Ohio State; Vandy is a top-10 team for 1st time since 1947

By ERIC OLSON AP College Football Writer

Vanderbilt is a top-10 team in college football for the first time since 1947 in an Associated Press poll that got a nearly complete makeover Sunday after a weekend when nine Top 25 teams lost.

Ohio State was the only team to hold its spot, remaining No. 1 for an eighth straight week after shutting out Wisconsin 34-0 on the road.

Beyond the Buckeyes, significant revision was required with four top-10 teams losing in the same week for a third time this season. Nine Top 25 losing teams were the most since Week 5 in 2022, when 10 went down, according to Sportradar. Four of the losses this week were to unranked opponents.

The Buckeyes received 60 first-place votes, 10 more than a week ago. No. 2 Indiana pulled away from Michigan State, improved its program-record ranking by one spot and got the other six first-place votes.

Texas A&M's one-rung promotion to No. 3 gives the Aggies their highest ranking since 1995. No. 4 Alabama has its highest ranking of the season and No. 5 Georgia returned to the top five after a three-week absence.

Oregon, Georgia Tech, Mississippi, Miami and Vanderbilt round out the top 10.

The Ducks bounced back from their home loss to Indiana with a lopsided road win over Rutgers.

Georgia Tech, which won at Duke, hadn't been in the top 10 since 2014 or ranked as high since 2009. Mississippi's loss to Georgia caused it to slip three spots, and Miami fell seven after losing to unranked Louisville.

Vanderbilt rallied from its loss at Alabama two weeks ago with a 31-24 win over then-No. 10 LSU. The Commodores earned a seven-spot promotion for their first win over the Tigers since 1990. At 6-1, Vandy is off to its best start since 1950 with two wins over ranked opponents.

Texas Tech's first loss came at Arizona State and dropped the Red Raiders seven spots to No. 14.

LSU took the biggest fall, plunging 10 spots to No. 20 for its lowest ranking of the season.

In and out

— No. 19 Louisville makes its season debut in the Top 25. The Cardinals, whose only loss was by three points to Virginia on Oct. 4, were 0-18 all-time against top 10 teams in true road games before knocking off the Hurricanes.

— No. 23 Illinois returned despite being idle. The Illini had dropped out for the first time this season after a home loss to Ohio State.

— No. 24 Arizona State, which fell out of the poll after a 32-point loss at Utah, returned following its first win over a top-10 opponent since 2019.

— No. 25 Michigan's 17-point home win over Washington returned the Wolverines to the rankings after a one-week absence.

— Southern California (20), Memphis (22), Utah (23) and Nebraska (25) dropped out.

Poll points

— Ohio State's 10 straight appearances in the top five is the longest active streak.

— Georgia's 140th consecutive week in the poll is the second-longest active streak to Alabama's 287.

— Vanderbilt's top-10 ranking is its fifth in program history. The others were in 1937 (1), 1941 (1) and 1947 (2).

— No. 16 Virginia's ranking is its highest since 2007.

Conference call

SEC (10) — Nos. 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22.

Big Ten (5) — Nos. 1, 2, 6, 23, 25.

Big 12 (4) — Nos. 11, 14, 21, 24.

ACC (4) — Nos. 7, 9, 16, 19.

American (1) — No. 18.

Independent (1) — No. 12.



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Ranked vs. ranked

— No. 3 Texas A&M (7-0) at No. 20 LSU (5-2): The home team has won the last eight meetings. LSU's Garrett Nussmeier threw three second-half interceptions and Marcel Reed came off the bench to run for three TDs in Aggies' 38-23 win last year.

— No. 8 Mississippi (6-1) at No. 13 Oklahoma (6-1): Only their third all-time meeting. Rebels recorded nine sacks in 26-14 win last year.

— No. 15 Missouri (6-1) at No. 10 Vanderbilt (6-1): Vandy kicker Brock Taylor has made 17 consecutive field goals since missing 31-yarder that gave the Tigers a 30-27 double-overtime win last year.

## How Americans are feeling about their chances on the job market, according to an AP-NORC poll

By JOSH BOAK and LINLEY SANDERS Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are growing increasingly concerned about their ability to find a good job under President Donald Trump, an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll finds, in what is a potential warning sign for Republicans as a promised economic boom has given way to hiring freezes and elevated inflation.

High prices for groceries, housing and health care persist as a fear for many households, while rising electricity bills and the cost of gas at the pump are also sources of anxiety, according to the survey.

Some 47% of U.S. adults are "not very" or "not at all confident" they could find a good job if they wanted to, an increase from 37% when the question was last asked in October 2023.

Electricity bills are a "major" source of stress for 36% of U.S. adults at a time when the expected build-out of data centers for artificial intelligence could further tax the power grid. Just more than one-half said the cost of groceries are a "major" source of financial stress, about 4 in 10 said the cost of housing and health care were a serious strain and about one-third said they were feeling high stress about gasoline prices.

The survey suggests an ongoing vulnerability for Trump, who returned to the White House in January with claims he could quickly tame the inflation that surged after the pandemic during Democratic President Joe Biden's term. Instead, Trump's popularity on the economy has remained low amid a mix of tariffs, federal worker layoffs and partisan sniping that has culminated in a government shutdown.

Linda Weavil, 76, voted for Trump last year because he "seems like a smart businessman." But she said in an interview that the Republican's tariffs have worsened inflation, citing the chocolate-covered pecans sold for her church group fundraiser that now cost more.

"I think he's doing a great job on a lot of things, but I'm afraid our coffee and chocolate prices have gone up because of tariffs," the retiree from Greensboro, North Carolina, said. "That's a kick in the back of the American people."

Voters changed presidents, but they're not feeling better about Trump's economy

The poll found that 36% of U.S. adults approve of how Trump is handling the economy, a figure that has held steady this year after he imposed tariffs that caused broad economic uncertainty. Among Republicans, 71% feel positive about his economic leadership. Yet that approval within Trump's own party is relatively low in ways that could be problematic for Republicans in next month's races for governor in New Jersey and Virginia, and perhaps even in the 2026 midterm elections.

At roughly the same point in Biden's term, in October 2021, an AP-NORC poll found that 41% of U.S. adults approved of how he was handling the economy, including about 73% of Democrats. That overall number was a little higher than Trump's, primarily because of independents — 29% approved of how Biden was handling the economy, compared with the 18% who currently support Trump's approach.

The job market was meaningfully stronger in terms of hiring during Biden's presidency as the United States was recovering from pandemic-related lockdowns. But hiring has slowed sharply under Trump with monthly job gains averaging less than 27,000 after the April tariff announcements.

People see that difference.

Four years ago, 36% of those in the survey were "extremely" or "very" confident in their ability to get

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a good job, but that has fallen to 21% now.

Biden's approval on the economy steadily deteriorated through the middle of 2022 when inflation hit a four-decade high, creating an opening for Trump's political comeback.

Electricity costs are an emerging worry

In some ways, Trump has made the inflation problems harder by choosing to cancel funding for renewable energy projects and imposing tariffs on the equipment needed for factories and power plants. Those added costs are coming before the anticipated construction of data centers for AI that could further push up prices without more construction.

Even though 36% see electricity as a major concern, there are some who have yet to feel a serious financial squeeze. In the survey, 40% identified electricity costs as a "minor" stress, while 23% said their utility bills are "not a source" of stress.

Kevin Halsey, 58, of Normal, Illinois, said his monthly electricity bills used to be \$90 during the summer because he had solar panels, but have since jumped to \$300. Halsey, who works in telecommunications, voted Democratic in last year's presidential election and described the economy right now as "crap."

"I've got to be pessimistic," he said. "I don't see this as getting better."

At a fundamental level, Trump finds himself in the same economic dilemma that bedeviled Biden. There are signs the economy remains relatively solid with a low unemployment rate, stock market gains and decent economic growth, yet the public continues to be skeptical about the economy's health.

Some 68% of U.S. adults describe the U.S. economy these days as "poor," while 32% say it's "good." That's largely consistent with assessments of the economy over the past year.

In addition, 59% say their family finances are "holding steady." But only 12% say they're "getting ahead," and 28% say they are "falling behind."

People see plenty of expenses but few opportunities

The sense of economic precarity is coming from many different directions, with indications that many think middle-class stability is falling out of reach.

The vast majority of U.S. adults feel at least "minor" stress about the cost of groceries, health care, housing, the amount they pay in taxes, what they are paid at work and the cost of gas for their cars.

In the survey, 47% say they are "not very" or "not at all" confident they could pay an unexpected medical expense while 52% have low confidence they will have enough saved for their retirement. Also, 63% are "not very" or "not at all" confident they could buy a new home if they wanted to.

Young adults are much less confident about their ability to buy a house, though confidence is not especially high across the board. About 8 in 10 U.S. adults under age 30 say they are "not very confident" or "not at all confident" they would be able to buy a house, compared with about 6 in 10 adults 60 and older.

For 54% of U.S. adults, the cost of groceries is a "major source" of stress in their life right now.

Unique Hopkins, 36, of Youngstown, Ohio, said she is now working two jobs after her teenage daughter had a baby, leaving Hopkins with a sense that she can barely tread water as part of the "working poor." She voted for Trump in 2016, only to switch to Democrats after she felt his ego kept him from uniting the country and solving problems.

"It's his way or no way," she said. "Nobody is going to unite with Trump if it's all about you, you, you."

## Horror sequel 'Black Phone 2' dials up a No. 1 opening

By LINDSEY BAHR AP Film Writer

The horror sequel "Black Phone 2" topped the North American box office charts this weekend with \$26.5 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. Not only did it surpass the original's \$23.6 million debut, it's a much-needed win for Blumhouse after a string of disappointments this year like "M3GAN 2.0."

Though "Black Phone 2" opened in line with expectations, moviegoing in October continues to be slow — down about 11% from last year, according to Comscore. The overall box office is still up about 4% compared with last year, but a big blockbuster hit that could spark more momentum might not arrive until late November or December.

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Universal Pictures released "Black Phone 2" in 3,411 theaters in North America on a wave of good reviews. Coming four years after the original, the sequel sees the return of filmmaker Scott Derrickson, as well as stars Ethan Hawke and Mason Thames. Opening weekend audiences were 63% between the ages of 18 and 34, according to exit polls, and the biggest demographic was Hispanics, making up 39% of ticket buyers while Caucasians accounted for 35%.

With an additional \$15.5 million from 71 international territories, "Black Phone 2" had a \$42 million worldwide launch against a reported \$30 million production budget.

"It's a fantastic opening," said Jim Orr, who heads Universal's domestic distribution. "Our great partners in Scott Derrickson and Blumhouse once again took this property and crafted an unbelievably haunting, chilling story that audiences just simply couldn't get enough of."

The first "Black Phone" was a bit of a sleeper hit for Universal and Blumhouse in 2021 as cinemas were beginning to come back to life after COVID shutdowns. By the end of its run, it had earned more than \$161 million worldwide against an \$18 million budget.

Blumhouse has had a rocky 2025, with a handful of duds including "Wolf Man" and "The Woman in the Yard." But the once impenetrable horror hitmaker could be on the upswing again with a "Five Nights at Freddy's" sequel coming in December. The first movie earned nearly \$300 million worldwide.

The horror genre in general has soared to record-breaking heights this year, with hits like "Weapons" and the multi-genre "Sinners," generating over \$1.2 billion for the industry, noted Paul Dergarabedian, Comscore's head of marketplace trends.

"Black Phone 2" was also the only film to really break through this weekend, despite a slew of options playing in wide release including the R-rated Seth Rogen, Aziz Ansari and Keanu Reeves comedy "Good Fortune," which opened in 2,990 locations to \$6.2 million, and the expansion of the Julia Roberts and Andrew Garfield drama "After the Hunt," which made \$1.6 million from 1,238 theaters. Also new in theaters is Guillermo del Toro's "Frankenstein," although Netflix does not report box office grosses.

"Tron: Ares" fell about 67% to \$11.1 million in its second weekend in theaters, which was enough to snag second place on the charts. Globally it has now earned \$103 million.

"Good Fortune," which opened in third place, had mostly positive reviews on its side, but Ansari's comedy with a side of social commentary did not drum up a lot of enthusiasm in its first weekend. With a B+ CinemaScore, though, it likely has a better chance in the coming weeks than the campus drama "After the Hunt," which got a very poor C- score.

"This is a quintessential October for movies, meaning this is not a hotbed of box office blockbusters," said Dergarabedian. "But the marketplace is flush with titles. This is awards season; this is where you have a lot of auteur driven films, edgier films. Collectively these don't generate a ton of box office, but there's the currency of goodwill created with movie fans."

Next weekend audiences will get another batch of awards-hopefuls, including Yorgos Lanthimos's latest Emma Stone collaboration "Bugonia" and the Bruce Springsteen biopic "Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere," starring "The Bear's" Jeremy Allen White.

Top 10 movies by domestic box office

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

1. "Black Phone 2," \$26.5 million.
2. "Tron: Ares," \$11.1 million.
3. "Good Fortune," \$6.2 million.
4. "One Battle After Another," \$4 million.
5. "Roofman," \$3.7 million.
6. "Truth & Treason," \$2.7 million.
7. "Gabby's Dollhouse," \$1.7 million.
8. "The Conjuring: Last Rites," \$1.6 million.
9. "After the Hunt," \$1.6 million.
10. "Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Infinity Castle," \$1.3 million.

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## Limp Bizkit band members say bass player Sam Rivers has died

By MARK SCOLFORO Associated Press

Sam Rivers, the bass player in the nu metal band Limp Bizkit, died on Saturday, according to social media posts by his band mates.

The band did not disclose where Rivers died or the circumstances, but praised him as "pure magic" and "the soul in the sound."

"From the first note we ever played together, Sam brought a light and a rhythm that could never be replaced," they wrote in a group Instagram post. "His talent was effortless, his presence unforgettable, his heart enormous."

Fred Durst, the band's front man and lead vocalist, posted a video Sunday morning that recounted how they met at a club in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, and went on to music stardom and performances around the globe. Durst said he has shed "gallons and gallons of tears since yesterday."

"He really did have an impact on the world and his music and his gift is the one that's going to keep on giving," Durst said. "I just love him so much."

Rivers, 48, had spoken of heavy drinking that had caused liver disease. He left the band in 2015 and received a liver transplant before reuniting with Limp Bizkit three years later.

Limp Bizkit has scheduled a tour of Central and South America to begin in Mexico City in late November.

Durst said he and Rivers shared a love of grunge music, naming the bands Mother Love Bone, Alice in Chains and Stone Temple Pilots.

"He had this kind of ability to pull this beautiful sadness out of the bass that I'd never heard," Durst said, calling Rivers "so talented I can't explain."

Limp Bizkit, with roots in Jacksonville, Florida, emerged in the late 1990s with a sound that melds alternative rock, heavy metal and rap.

Their off-the-wall sense of humor is reflected in the titles of their mega-selling 2000 album, "Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water," and a single released last month, "Making Love to Morgan Wallen."

## State emergency officials say new rules and delays for FEMA grants put disaster response at risk

By GABRIELA AOUN ANGUEIRA Associated Press

State officials on the front lines of preparing for natural disasters and responding to emergencies say severe cuts to federal security grants, restrictions on money intended for readiness and funding delays tied to litigation are posing a growing risk to their ability to respond to crises.

It's all causing confusion, frustration and concern. The federal government shutdown isn't helping.

"Every day we remain in this grant purgatory reduces the time available to responsibly and effectively spend these critical funds," said Kiele Amundson, communications director at the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

The uncertainty has led some emergency management agencies to hold off on filling vacant positions and make rushed decisions on important training and purchases.

Experts say the developments complicate state-led emergency efforts, undermining the Republican administration's stated goals of shifting more responsibility to states and local governments for disaster response.

In an emailed statement, the Department of Homeland Security said the new requirements were necessary because of "recent population shifts" and that changes to security grants were made "to be responsive to new and urgent threats facing our nation."

A new wrinkle tied to immigration raids

Several DHS and FEMA grants help states, tribes and territories prepare for climate disasters and deter a variety of threats. The money pays for salaries and training, and such things as vehicles, communications equipment and software.



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State emergency managers say that money has become increasingly important because the range of threats they must prepare for is expanding, including pandemics and cyberattacks.

FEMA, a part of DHS, divided a \$320 million Emergency Management Performance Grant among states on Sept. 29. But the next day, it told states the money was on hold until they submitted new population counts. The directive demanded that they omit people "removed from the State pursuant to the immigration laws of the United States" and to explain their methodology.

The amount of money distributed to the states is based on U.S. census population data. The new requirement forcing states to submit revised counts "is something we have never seen before," said Trina Sheets, executive director of the National Emergency Management Association, a group representing emergency managers. "It's certainly not the responsibility of emergency management to certify population."

With no guidance on how to calculate the numbers, Hawaii's Amundson said staff scrambled to gather data from the 2020 census and other sources, then subtracted the number of "noncitizens" based on estimates from an advocacy group.

They are not sure the methodology will be accepted. But with their FEMA contacts furloughed and the grant portal down during the federal shutdown, they cannot find out. Other states said they were assessing the request or awaiting further guidance.

In its statement, DHS said FEMA needs to be certain of its funding levels before awarding grant money, and that includes updates to a state's population due to deportations.

Experts said delays caused by the request could most affect local governments and agencies that receive grant money passed down by states because their budgets and staffs are smaller. At the same time, FEMA also reduced the time frame that recipients have to spend the money, from three years to one. That could prevent agencies from taking on longer-term projects.

Bryan Koon, president and CEO of the consulting firm IEM and a former Florida emergency management chief, said state governments and local agencies need time to adjust their budgets to any kind of changes.

"An interruption in those services could place American lives in jeopardy," he said.

**Grant programs tied up by litigation**

In another move that has caused uncertainty, FEMA in September drastically cut some states' allocations from another source of funding. The \$1 billion Homeland Security Grant Program is supposed to be based on assessed risks, and states pass most of the money to police and fire departments.

New York received \$100 million less than it expected, a 79% reduction, while Illinois saw a 69% reduction. Both states are politically controlled by Democrats. Meanwhile, some territories received unexpected windfalls, including the U.S. Virgin Islands, which got more than twice its expected allocation.

The National Emergency Management Association said the grants are meant to be distributed based on risk and that it "remains unclear what risk methodology was used" to determine the new funding allocation.

After a group of Democratic states challenged the cuts in court, a federal judge in Rhode Island issued a temporary restraining order on Sept. 30. That forced FEMA to rescind award notifications and refrain from making payments until a further court order.

The freeze "underscores the uncertainty and political volatility surrounding these awards," said Frank Pace, administrator of the Hawaii Office of Homeland Security. The Democratic-controlled state received more money than expected, but anticipates the bonus being taken away with the lawsuit.

In Hawaii, where a 2023 wildfire devastated the Maui town of Lahaina and killed more than 100 people, the state, counties and nonprofits "face the real possibility" of delays in paying contractors, completing projects and "even staff furloughs or layoffs" if the grant freeze and government shutdown continue, he said.

The myriad setbacks prompted Washington state's Emergency Management Division to pause filling some positions "out of an abundance of caution," communications director Karina Shagren said.

**A series of delays and cuts disrupts state-federal partnership**

Emergency management experts said the moves have created uncertainty for those in charge of preparedness.

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The Trump administration has suspended a \$3.6 billion FEMA disaster resilience program, cut the FEMA workforce and disrupted routine training.

Other lawsuits also are complicating decision-making. A Manhattan federal judge last week ordered DHS and FEMA to restore \$34 million in transit security grants it had withheld from New York City because of its immigration policies.

Another judge in Rhode Island ordered DHS to permanently stop imposing grant conditions tied to immigration enforcement, after ruling in September that the conditions were unlawful — only to have DHS again try to impose them.

Taken together, the turbulence surrounding what was once a reliable partner is prompting some states to prepare for a different relationship with FEMA.

"Given all of the uncertainties," said Sheets, of the National Emergency Management Association, states are trying to find ways to be "less reliant on federal funding."

## **Pope gives Venezuela reason to celebrate by canonizing its beloved 'doctor of the poor' as 1st saint**

By NICOLE WINFIELD and JORGE RUEDA Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Leo XIV canonized Venezuela's beloved "doctor of the poor" Sunday before tens of thousands of people, offering the South American nation its first saint and a reason to celebrate amid a yearslong economic crisis and new tensions with the United States.

José Gregorio Hernández, revered by millions for his dedication to poor people, was declared a saint alongside the founder of a Venezuelan religious order, Mother Carmen Rendiles Martínez, at a Mass in St. Peter's Square that Leo called a "great celebration of holiness."

Thousands of jubilant Venezuelans filled the square and draped Venezuelan flags on its police barricades, adding splashes of red, blue and yellow that perfectly matched the uniforms of the attending Swiss Guards.

Thousands more who couldn't travel to Rome gathered overnight in the Caracas plaza outside the Nuestra Señora de La Candelaria church, where a 26-foot (8 meter) statue of Hernández stands, and watched the Mass from Rome on a giant screen.

"It's good news after so much sadness," said Ana Sanabria, a 71-year-old homemaker, as she watched the fireworks in Caracas.

The Mass, which the Vatican said drew some 70,000 people, also gave Papua New Guinea its first saint: Peter To Rot, a layman killed in prison in 1945 for standing up for monogamous marriage at a time when polygamy was practiced. In all, seven people were canonized in a ceremony that Pope Francis put in motion in some of his final acts as pope.

In fact, Francis approved Hernández's canonization from his hospital room on Feb. 24, agreeing to bypass the Vatican's typical miracle confirmation process to pronounce him a saint based on the "widespread veneration of the 'doctor-saint' among the faithful," the Vatican said.

Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro thanked Francis for intervening, after years of petitions from ordinary faithful and the Venezuelan Catholic hierarchy.

"Today we have raised a prayer for the eternal spirit of he who is going to be a saint, also for Pope Francis, who gave this beautiful gift to Venezuela," he said in Caracas after the Mass.

A beloved doctor and an icon after death

Hernández is beloved among Venezuelans, with his face plastered on street art around Caracas, in portraits in hospitals and in photos gracing individual home altars.

As a doctor in Caracas during the late 1800s and early 1900s, he refused to take money from poor people for his services and often gave them money for medicine, earning the nickname "doctor of the poor." He was killed in a road accident in 1919 while crossing a street shortly after picking up some medicine at a pharmacy to bring to a poor elderly woman.

He became a religious icon after his death, and when Pope John Paul II visited Venezuela in 1996, he received a petition signed by 5 million people — almost one in four Venezuelans — asking that he declare

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Hernández a saint.

"For them, this is indeed a national event of the highest order," said Silvia Correale, who spearheaded his sainthood case. "Certainly, the canonization of José Gregorio is desired by all the Venezuelan people, and has been waited for by all the people."

José Ramon Malavecontreras, a Venezuelan resident in Rome, said his mother named him after Hernández. "They believed I'd be stillborn, so she dedicated his name to me for saving my life," he said Sunday in St. Peter's. "Therefore, this moment was unmissable for me. I couldn't fail to be here."

In Caracas, Arquímedes Blanco, 60, said he wasn't a particular fan of Hernández but recognized the significance of his canonization for Venezuela now. Blanco belongs to a cultural collective commissioned to paint the streets ahead of the canonization.

"I may not be a big fan of José Gregorio as such, but I understand that he is Venezuelan and that his canonization in the context of the whole geopolitical situation is important," he said.

A celebration amid tensions

The canonization was a long-awaited celebration and a boost for Venezuela, just weeks after Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado won the Nobel Peace Prize. It comes as tensions mount with the United States over Washington's use of military force against suspected drug cartels.

Just this past week, U.S. President Donald Trump confirmed that he authorized the CIA to conduct covert operations inside Venezuela and said he was weighing the execution of land operations in the South American country.

Venezuela's economy has been in crisis for the past decade, compounded by U.S. sanctions and spurring the emigration of millions of Venezuelans, first to other South American nations and then, in more recent years, to the United States.

The government of Maduro – sworn in last year despite credible evidence he lost reelection — has been forced to cut subsidies, making many daily necessities unaffordable to the 80% of residents estimated to live in poverty.

Other new saints

In his homily, Leo held up all seven new saints as models for today's Catholics who carried "the lamp of the faith."

"May their intercession assist us in our trials and their example inspire us in our shared vocation to holiness," he said.

Also canonized Sunday were Archbishop Ignazio Choukrallah Maloyan, an Armenian Catholic who was killed for refusing to renounce his faith during what the Vatican has said was the Ottoman era genocide of Armenians; Sister Vincenza Maria Poloni, a 19th century founder of a religious order; Sister Maria Troncatti, an Italian missionary in Ecuador; and Bartolo Longo, who like Hernandez was canonized based on widespread veneration among the faithful, not a purported miraculous healing.

## Shuffle in store for AP Top 25 after four top 10 teams falter

By MAURA CAREY AP Sports Writer

A shake-up is in store for the AP Top 25 after four teams in the top 10 lost this weekend.

No. 2 Miami was the first to fall, shocked at home by unranked Louisville, which entered Friday night's game as a 13 1/2-point underdog.

By the time Saturday night arrived, No. 5 Ole Miss had lost 43-35 at No. 9 Georgia, No. 7 Texas Tech had lost 26-22 at Arizona State and No. 10 LSU had lost 31-24 on the road at No. 17 Vanderbilt. The Hurricanes, Rebels and Red Raiders all lost for the first time this season while LSU took its second loss of the year.

In all, nine ranked teams lost this weekend, four of them to unranked teams.

Expect them to rise

— No. 17 Vanderbilt improved to 6-1 with its victory over LSU. Diego Pavia accounted for three touchdowns, running two in for a score and finding tight end Cole Spence for a touchdown.

— No. 12 Georgia Tech kept its undefeated record alive with a 27-18 thriller over ACC foe Duke. The

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Yellow Jackets are 7-0 for the first time since 1966 and could crack the top 10 on Sunday.

— No. 3 Indiana's success carried into Week 8 as the Hoosiers beat Michigan State 38-13. Another convincing win and Miami's loss could be enough to give Indiana — already with a program-best ranking — an even higher spot in the poll.

— No. 9 Georgia rallied in the fourth quarter to get past previously unbeaten Ole Miss. Gunner Stockton threw for four touchdowns, finding tight end Lawson Luckie for three of them.

— No. 6 Alabama delivered its fourth-straight win against a ranked SEC opponent, beating No. 11 Tennessee 37-20. The Crimson Tide improved to 6-1 and could see their first top five ranking of the season. That opening loss to Florida State is almost completely forgotten.

Expect them to fall

— No. 2 Miami's 24-21 loss to Louisville came on a rough night for quarterback Carson Beck, who was picked off four times. Beck, a Heisman hopeful up to this point, had thrown just three interceptions in five games before the Week 8 loss.

— No. 5 Ole Miss could fall out of the top five after losing to Georgia and fading late, blowing a 35-26 lead to the Bulldogs.

— No. 7 Texas Tech had looked like a jackhammer all season and made this one close by scoring twice in the final four minutes of the game, taking a 22-19 lead with two minutes on the clock. Arizona State responded with an efficient 10-play, 75-yard drive, culminating in a 1-yard TD for the win.

— No. 10 LSU's losses came to Ole Miss and now Vandy, and the Tigers' wins against Clemson, Florida and South Carolina aren't as impressive as they once were.

— No. 25 Nebraska lost 24-6 to unranked Minnesota, which sacked quarterback Dylan Raiola nine times, a program record. The Cornhuskers entered the rankings last week after a 34-31 win over Maryland.

Knocking on the door

— Louisville should crack the rankings for the first time this season after upsetting No. 2 Miami on the road. The Cardinals controlled the game from start to finish, starting with an early lead and culminating with two fourth-quarter interceptions.

— Tulane has been knocking on the door all season, and Jake Retzlaff threw for two touchdowns in the final two minutes for a 24-17 victory over Army. With a 6-1 record, Tulane could earn its first ranking of the season.

Wild card

— A 16-13 overtime win against Kentucky wasn't what No. 21 Texas needed to work its way up the rankings. A last-minute win against an unranked team with a losing record probably won't move the needle much.

## Thieves hit the Louvre again. Here's a look at other famous heists in museums worldwide

PARIS (AP) — Thieves reportedly stole nine pieces from the jewelry collection of Napoleon and the Empress in the Louvre, using a basket lift to reach the museum on Sunday morning.

The daring heist at the world's most visited museum occurred as tourists were inside the Galerie d'Apollon, where part of the French Crown Jewels are displayed.

The museum closed for the day as police sealed gates and ushered visitors out.

Here's a look at some other famous heists worldwide:

The Louvre's missing Mona Lisa helped cement the portrait's fame

The Louvre has a long history of thefts and attempted robberies. The most famous came in 1911, when the Mona Lisa vanished from its frame, stolen by Vincenzo Peruggia, a former worker who hid inside the museum and walked out with the painting under his coat.

It was recovered two years later in Florence — an episode that helped make Leonardo da Vinci's portrait the world's best-known artwork.

Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum heist remains unsolved



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It's been called the biggest art heist in U.S. history, but 35 years later, the theft of 13 works from Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum remains unsolved.

In the early hours of March 18, 1990, two men disguised as Boston police officers talked their way into the museum by saying they were responding to a call. They overpowered two security guards, bound them with duct tape and spent 81 minutes pilfering 13 works of art, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Degas and Manet.

Authorities say the artwork is worth perhaps as much as a half-billion dollars. Museum officials say it's priceless because it cannot be replaced.

Some of the works, including Rembrandt's "Storm on the Sea of Galilee," were cut from their frames. Those frames hang empty in the museum to this day.

2 German museum burglaries netted a solid-gold coin and royal jewels

In 2017, burglars at Berlin's Bode Museum stole a 100-kilogram (220-pound) Canadian solid-gold coin known as the "Big Maple Leaf."

The suspects are believed to have smashed a protective case and then managed to lift the coin out of a museum window before fleeing along a rail track with their haul in a wheelbarrow. After getting away with it, authorities believe they later cut up the coin, valued at about 3.75 million euros (\$4.33 million), and sold the pieces.

Three men, including a museum security guard, were later convicted.

Two years later, thieves smashed vitrines in Dresden's Green Vault, one of the world's oldest museums, and carried off diamond-studded royal jewels worth hundreds of millions of euros.

Officials said they made off with three "priceless" sets of 18th century jewelry that would be impossible to sell on the open market.

Part of the haul was later recovered. Five men were convicted and a sixth was acquitted.

An English palace's golden toilet was pried off its plumbing

A thief who swiped a golden toilet from an English palace was convicted earlier this year along with an accomplice who helped cash in on the spoils of the 18-carat work of art insured for nearly 5 million pounds (more than \$6 million).

Michael Jones had used the fully functioning one-of-a-kind latrine as he did reconnaissance at Blenheim Palace — the country mansion where British wartime leader Winston Churchill was born — the day before the theft, prosecutors said. He described the experience as "splendid."

He returned before dawn on Sept. 14, 2019, with at least two other men armed with sledgehammers and crowbars. They smashed a window and pried the toilet from its plumbing within five minutes, leaving a damaging flood in their wake as they escaped in stolen vehicles.

The satirical work, titled "America" by Italian conceptual artist Maurizio Cattelan, poked fun at excessive wealth. It weighed just over 215 pounds (98 kilograms). The value of the gold at the time was 2.8 million (\$3.6 million). The purloined potty has never been recovered but is believed to have been cut up and sold.

The piece had previously been on display at The Guggenheim Museum in New York. The museum had offered the work to U.S. President Donald Trump during his first term in office after he had asked to borrow a Van Gogh painting.

## Yemen's Houthi rebels detain 20 UN employees and confiscate equipment

By SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Iranian-backed Houthi rebels detained two dozen U.N. employees Sunday, a day after they raided another U.N. facility in the capital Sanaa, a U.N. official said.

Jean Alam, a spokesman for the U.N. resident coordinator for Yemen, told The Associated Press that the U.N. staffers were detained inside the facility in Sanaa's southwestern neighborhood of Hada.

He said those detained Sunday include five Yemenis and 15 international staff. He said the rebels released another 11 U.N. staffers after questioning.

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He said the U.N. was in contact with the Houthis and other parties to "to resolve this serious situation as swiftly as possible, end the detention of all personnel, and restore full control over its facilities in Sanaa."

A second U.N. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the raid, said the rebels confiscated all communications equipment from the facility, including phones, servers and computers.

The official said the detained employees belong to multiple U.N. agencies including the World Food Program, UNICEF and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The Houthis have launched a long-running crackdown against the U.N. and other international organizations working in rebel-held areas in Yemen including Sanaa, the coastal city of Hodeida and the rebel stronghold in Sadaa province in northern Yemen.

Dozens of people, including over 50 U.N. staffers, have been detained so far. A World Food Program worker died in detention earlier this year in Sadaa.

The rebels have repeatedly alleged without evidence that the detained U.N. staffers and those working with other international groups and foreign embassies were spies. The U.N. fiercely denied the accusations.

The crackdown forced the U.N. to suspend its operations in Saada province in northern Yemen following the detention of eight staffers in January. The U.N. also relocated its top humanitarian coordinator in Yemen from Sanaa to the coastal city of Aden, which serves as seat for the internationally recognized government.

## **The next major film studios could be in Nevada if some unions have their way**

By JESSICA HILL Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Movies like "The Hangover" and "Ocean's Eleven" piqued interest in the Las Vegas Strip long ago. But now Nevada labor unions hoping to boost jobs and tourism are pushing state officials to offer tax credits aimed at bringing more Hollywood filmmaking to the state.

The effort to offer up to \$95 million in tax credits to Sony Pictures Entertainment and Warner Bros. Discovery for a new film production facility in the Vegas suburbs didn't win enough legislative support earlier this year. But more than a dozen labor unions are pushing to revive the proposal during an expected special session next month.

"We believe if we can get the public behind us, we'll be able to get the legislators to understand what a big change this can bring to Southern Nevada," said Tommy White, business manager-secretary treasurer of Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 872 in Las Vegas.

Trade unions formed a political action committee called Nevada Jobs Now, which has raised over \$1 million to be used for digital advertisements, mailers and some TV commercials, White said. The production companies behind the project say it would create 19,000 construction jobs.

If the unions are successful, Las Vegas would be competing with cities like Atlanta, where the film industry has boomed for more than a decade thanks to a far more generous tax break. California, meanwhile, recently revamped its own tax incentive programs to combat a multiyear downward trend in Hollywood film production.

The production companies would not come to Las Vegas if they don't receive the tax incentives, according to David O'Reilly, CEO of Howard Hughes Holdings, the developer of the proposal called Summerlin Studios. It would include 10 movie stages, hotels, a medical center and be part of a master-planned neighborhood in West Las Vegas.

"There would be no reason for Sony and Warner to film in Nevada when they can get tax credits in 20 other states or around the globe," he said. "They need to bring their productions to where they have the best economic deal, and we're just trying to make Nevada competitive with everybody else."

To be eligible for the tax credits, \$400 million needs to be spent building a studio and \$1.8 billion spent building the mixed-use development of shops and restaurants, O'Reilly said. Sony and Warner Bros. would have to spend \$4.5 billion over 15 years. They would be eligible for the tax credits after the studio is built and filming begins, he said.

Drawing the movie buff to Vegas

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The proposal comes as Las Vegas continues to see a decline in tourism. Between June 2024 and June 2025, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority reported an 11.3% decline in visitors.

White and other supporters argue that not only will the film studios bring jobs and revenue, it will also attract tourists.

"With movie studios, you bring in a whole different type of tourist," White said, likening it to how major sports teams draw visitors. "You don't just bring the person that's come in to go to a resort to gamble."

Stephen Weizenecker, an Atlanta attorney who was involved in Georgia's film tax credit program since its inception in 2008, said Georgia has seen more tourists wanting to visit the scenes where movies like "The Hunger Games" and "Forrest Gump" were filmed.

Dubbed the "Hollywood of the South," metro Atlanta became a ubiquitous backdrop for huge projects, including Marvel films and Netflix's "Stranger Things." Its program has supported thousands of jobs and the creation of several thriving studios. But it is expensive — the state in 2024 was projected to give out \$1.35 billion in credits that year alone.

The state's return is an average of 17 cents in tax revenue for every state dollar spent, according to Carianne Patrick, an associate professor at Georgia State University who conducts audits of the state's tax credit programs.

Georgia has seen a large increase in production activity and an increase in jobs, though not all of them are full-time, permanent positions, Patrick said.

State employee union argues against the proposal

Some don't see the payoff in giving tax credits to the film studios.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), a union representing thousands of state workers, joined other Nevada organizations this week in sending a letter to the governor urging him to not include the film tax credit proposal in the upcoming special session. Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo says he will call lawmakers back to the capital before the year ends, but it's not yet clear what issues lawmakers will tackle.

They argue the project is "fiscally irresponsible and politically indefensible" and would only generate \$0.52 in tax revenue for every \$1 in credit, citing a May 2025 report commissioned by the state.

"Every dollar we lock into a corporate handout is a dollar we can't put toward our rainy-day readiness, public education, health care, wildfire mitigation, housing, and the basic services Nevadans rely on when times get tight," the organizations wrote in the letter.

Jared Kluesner, a psychiatric nurse at the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health campus in Las Vegas and member of AFSCME, said the state should prioritize public services for people with mental health issues.

Kluesner wants Sony and Warner Bros. to build a film studio facility and create more jobs for Nevadans, but "if they're going to do it at the cost of public services and funds that should be allocated to state workers, then that's not really solving any problems."

## Today in History: October 19, 'Black Monday' on Wall Street

By The Associated Press undefined

Today is Sunday, Oct. 19, the 292nd day of 2025. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Oct. 19, 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6% in value (its largest daily percentage loss ever), to close at 1,738.74 on what came to be known as "Black Monday."

Also on this date:

In 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, as the American Revolution neared its end.

In 1914, the First Battle of Ypres began in World War I.

In 1960, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested during a sit-down protest at a segregated lunch counter in Atlanta, one of the early events of the non-violent protest movement that King was instrumental

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in leading during the nascent civil rights era.

In 1977, the supersonic airliner Concorde made its first landing in New York City, flying from France, in three hours and 44 minutes. The flight marked the start of regular commercial Concorde service between Paris and New York.

In 2003, Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Teresa during a ceremony in St. Peter's Square. Mother Teresa, who founded the Missionaries of Charity global order that attends to society's outcasts, was elevated to sainthood in 2016 by Pope Francis. She died in 1997.

In 2005, former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was put on trial by the Iraqi Interim Government, accused of crimes against humanity. Captured by U.S. forces in 2003, Hussein was convicted, sentenced to death and executed by hanging in December 2006.

In 2016, in the third and final 2016 presidential debate with Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, Republican Donald Trump refused to say he would accept the results of the election if he were to lose.

Today's Birthdays: Artist Peter Max is 88. Actor John Lithgow (LIHTH'-goh) is 80. Fox News host Steve Doocy is 69. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 65. Boxing Hall of Famer Evander Holyfield is 63. Filmmaker Jon Favreau is 59. Former first daughter Amy Carter is 58. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 56. Comedian Chris Kattan is 55. Filmmaker Jason Reitman is 48. Actor Gillian Jacobs is 43. Actor Rebecca Ferguson is 42.