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Monday, May 11

Girls Golf @ Groton Invitational, 10 a.m., Olive Grove Golf Course
NEC Middle School Track Meet at Groton, Noon
Girls Softball hosts Sioux Valley, Varsity at 4 p.m. followed by JV
Pickleball, 5:30 p.m., Elementary Gym
JVT Practice, 7 p.m., Arena
Senior citizens meet, 1 p.m., Groton Community Center
Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
High School Baseball: WIN at Groton, Varsity at 6 p.m. followed by JV

Tuesday, May 12

School Board meeting, 7 a.m.
Biogirls at Elementary Gymnastics, 3:45 p.m.
Girls softball at Milbank, JV at 4:30 followed by varsity.

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JVT Practice, 6 p.m., Arena
Emmanuel Lutheran Council, 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Pickleball, 5:30 p.m., elementary gym
JVT Practice, 6 p.m., Arena
Baseball, Softball and t-ball parent meeting, 6 p.m. Groton Community Center
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

NEC Track Meet at Milbank, 2 p.m.
Fifth grade GBB, 4 p.m., elementary gym
Middle School Track Meet at Warner, 4 p.m.
Pickleball, 6 p.m., elementary gym
Groton Lions Club meeting, 6 p.m., 104 N Main

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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.

Iran War Negotiations

President Donald Trump called Iran's response to the US' peace proposal "totally unacceptable." Further details on the negotiations were not publicly available as of this writing.

The negotiations come amid a month-old ceasefire that President Donald Trump says remains in effect despite recent strikes. The United Arab Emirates and Kuwait each said they intercepted drones yesterday, while a drone attack sparked a fire on a commercial boat near Qatar. The US and Iran exchanged strikes last week, with the US targeting Iranian-flagged ships and Iran striking US destroyers. A leaked CIA assessment last week found that Iran could weather a US blockade for four months before suffering severe economic pressure.

Separately, Israeli strikes in Lebanon killed more than 30 people over the weekend, Lebanese health officials reported. The countries are slated to meet in DC on Thursday for another round of US-mediated negotiations.

New Hungary

Hungary's Péter Magyar was sworn in as prime minister Saturday, ending Viktor Orbán's 16-year rule after Magyar's landslide electoral victory last month.

The center-right politician was once an ally of Orbán but broke from his Fidesz party in 2024, accusing the government of mass corruption. Now, Magyar has pledged to strengthen relations with the European Union and unlock \$20B in frozen EU funds. He has also pledged to tackle corruption, reinstate checks and balances in Hungary's institutions, and suspend the public broadcaster, seen as loyal to Orbán. Like Orbán, Magyar has called for strong border protection and has opposed accepting asylum-seekers.

Last month's election saw record turnout, with nearly 79% of eligible voters casting ballots. Magyar's Tisza party won more votes and seats than any other in the country's post-Communist history.

ShinyHunters Hit Higher Ed

Company officials from the widely used education app Canvas said service had been restored to the platform Friday following a series of cyberattacks last week. The hack prompted dozens of schools to delay finals and compromised the personal information of as many as 275 million students and employees.

Canvas serves more than 40% of North American colleges and universities, acting as a digital hub to access and manage curriculum, take exams online, submit and track grades, and more. After resolving initial security incidents by Wednesday, a ransom note appeared Thursday, prompting officials to shut the platform down. The note was signed by ShinyHunters (who are they?), an international cybercrime ring responsible for "pay or leak" extortion schemes against companies such as Google, Workday, Louis Vuitton, and AT&T (which reportedly paid \$370K in bitcoin).

Sports, Entertainment, & Culture

Washington Wizards win NBA Draft lottery to get No. 1 pick when the first round takes place June 23.

Legendary Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox dies at 84; Cox took over the last-place team in 1990 and led it to the 1991 World Series, with the team winning a record 14 consecutive division titles.

See photos from Cox's career.

"Adolescence" takes home some of the top awards at the UK's BAFTA TV awards; see full list of winners.

"Mortal Kombat II" opens to a projected \$41M debut, nearly double its 2021 original.

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Science & Technology

President Donald Trump set to fire FDA Commissioner Marty Makary, following reported disagreements on approving flavored vaping products.

... agency approves sales and marketing of flavored e-cigarette products.

Six cases of hantavirus linked to Dutch cruise ship confirmed by World Health Organization; three deaths confirmed, passengers disembarked yesterday and were evacuated to their home countries.

Research reveals metformin, the leading Type 2 diabetes medication, works by increasing glucose use in the gut; overturns leading theory the drug works by acting in the liver.

Business & Markets

US stock markets end Friday mostly up (S&P 500 +0.8%, Dow +0.0%, Nasdaq +1.7%) as S&P 500 continues longest weekly winning streak since 2024.

Saudi Aramco profits jump 26% year-over-year in the first quarter, as pipeline allowing it to circumvent the Strait of Hormuz reaches full capacity.

US national gas prices rise above \$4.50 per gallon; see state-by-state map.

Online group "Spacemob" pushes stock of satellite manufacturer AST SpaceMobile to a valuation of \$25B despite just over \$70M in revenue.

Politics & World Affairs

Frontier Airlines flight strikes and kills a pedestrian while attempting to take off from Denver International Airport Friday, triggering an engine fire; an investigation is ongoing.

Indonesia's Mount Dukono erupts on Halmahera Island, killing at least three people, including two hikers whose bodies were found holding each other.

Officials say search at a home tied to Kristin Smart's killer failed to reveal her remains; the college student went missing in 1996.

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The last article focused on Caleb Banks, the Vikings' first-round draft pick, and the trade that sent Jonathan Greenard to the Philadelphia Eagles. This week we cover the selections the Vikings made on day two of the draft.

With the 51st pick in the 2026 NFL Draft, the Minnesota Vikings select Jake Golday, linebacker, Cincinnati

Golday is a player who has a ton of potential. A zero-star recruit out of high school, Golday began his college career as a pass rusher at Central Arkansas before transferring to Cincinnati and switching to linebacker in 2024. At 6'4" and 240 pounds, he has good size, and running a 4.6 40-yard dash means he has adequate speed. Golday also has position flexibility,

able to play off-ball linebacker, edge defender, and in the nickel spot.

The biggest knock on him is his inexperience. With only two years of experience at the LB position, Golday will need some time before he's ready to play meaningful snaps in the NFL. I'm also a little surprised he was chosen ahead of C.J. Allen, who was widely regarded as the 3rd best linebacker in this class and a potential first-round pick.

With the 82nd pick in the 2026 NFL Draft, the Minnesota Vikings select Domonique Orange, defensive tackle, Iowa State

The 6'2", 322-pound Orange, better known by his nickname Big Citrus, is a true nose tackle. Unlike most of the players on the Vikings' defense, Orange really only plays one position: nose tackle. His big body and enormous strength will allow him to anchor the Vikings' defensive line and control the middle. The Vikings haven't had a true nose tackle in many years, and I'm glad to see them finally addressing that issue.

Just don't expect Big Citrus to put up big numbers or regularly pressure the quarterback. He's not a pass rusher. He won't collapse the pocket. And in the 3-4 defense, he won't need to. That's what Caleb Banks and Jalen Redmond are there for.

With the 97th pick in the 2026 NFL Draft, the Minnesota Vikings select Caleb Tiernan, offensive tackle, Northwestern

It will be interesting to see what the Vikings do with Tiernan, who was an offensive tackle at Northwestern but might be better at guard in the NFL. He's a massive player at 6'8" and 323 pounds, and his calling card is pass protection. His run blocking, on the other hand, leaves much to be desired.

Did the Vikings draft him to be the backup/swing tackle behind Christian Darrisaw and Brian O'Neill? Or do they plan to move him inside? Is he going to compete with Donovan Jackson and Will Fries for a guard spot? Or did the Vikings just spend a premium draft pick on a backup?

With the 98th pick in the 2026 NFL Draft, the Minnesota Vikings select Jakobe Thomas, safety, Miami

I was surprised when the Vikings passed on Dillon Thieneman in the first round, who went seven picks later to Chicago. Instead, the Vikings waited until the 3rd round to pick a safety, which was a gamble.

Jakobe Thomas is 6'1", 211 pounds, so he checks the "size" box for a safety. The more time I spend scouting Thomas, the more I think he'll be a great fit for Brian Flores' defense. His biggest strength is in coverage, and he's a versatile player, able to defend the back end of the defense or come up and play closer to the line of scrimmage. The biggest cause of concern is his tackling. Thomas is a willing tackler, often looking to blow up the play, but his recklessness leads to a lot of missed tackles. If Flores can straighten that out, Thomas has the potential to be a solid starter in the NFL.

A promotional poster for a softball game. The top left features the 'GROTON AREA TIGERS' logo with a tiger head. The top right says 'MONDAY, MAY 11'. Below the date, it lists 'VARSITY AT 4:00 P.M.', 'JUNIOR VARSITY TO FOLLOW', and 'NELSON FIELD GROTON, SD'. In the center, it says 'VS.' between the 'GROTON AREA TIGERS' and 'SIOUX VALLEY COSSACKS' logos. At the bottom, it says 'BROADCAST LIVE ON GDILIVE.COM' and 'SPONSORED BY LOCKE ELECTRIC' with a phone number and address. A softball is shown in the bottom left corner.

"Pump Handles and Public Health"

Health care is often thought of as something that happens one patient at a time in a clinic or hospital. Public health takes a broader view and is focused on improving the health of entire populations. In 1854, a London physician helped stop a deadly cholera outbreak by removing a simple pump handle. That moment would become one of the earliest and most powerful examples of public health in action. Back then no one understood how cholera spread. Many believed it was caused by "bad air" or mysterious environmental forces. They did not know that it was actually caused by a bacterium that was spread through contaminated water sources.

Dr. John Snow noticed a pattern. In London's Soho neighborhood, a cluster of cholera cases seemed concentrated around a single public water source, the Broad Street pump. When he mapped where people lived, most of the infections pointed back to that pump. Even those who lived farther away, but became ill reported getting their water from the same source. Meanwhile, workers at a nearby brewery, who drank beer instead of water, were largely spared. The brewing process, alcohol and acidity of the beer made it difficult for the cholera bacteria or other pathogens to survive.

Armed with this evidence, Dr. Snow convinced local officials to remove the pump handle. This cut off public access to the contaminated water. After this happened, the number of new infections quickly declined. That simple act marked the beginning of modern public health; using data, observation, and intervention to stop disease at its source.

Today, public health has evolved from reacting to outbreaks to preventing illness before it starts. Public health professionals work behind the scenes to protect and improve the health of communities. They do this through providing education, guiding policy, and conducting research. They are the unsung heroes of healthcare. When Public Health works well, it can be almost invisible or easy to ignore. However, when there is a breakdown in Public Health services, the results can be devastating to a community and the effects are obvious.

Federal, state and local health departments prepare for emergencies, monitor for disease outbreaks, ensure food safety, and safeguard water quality. They also advocate for health screenings in underserved or high-risk populations. Public health officials work to reduce barriers to care and promote healthier lifestyles for everyone. They may not be removing pump handles anymore, but they are still working every day to protect our water, our food, and our communities. They are helping us all, as we say on the show, to stay healthy out there people.

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COMMENTARY

Big swings, not bunts, are needed to improve government transparency in South Dakota

by Dana Hess

There are a few different ways to approach getting bills approved by the South Dakota Legislature. One way is to take small, innocuous steps that aren't likely to meet with much pushback from legislators.

Another, riskier, way is to propose big, maybe even controversial, changes.

It was apparent in this year's legislative session that Attorney General Marty Jackley was trying to bunt his way on rather than swing for the fences with the bills he proposed to tighten the state's open meetings laws.

Jackley's bills sought to clarify agenda and executive session requirements and mandate when agendas have to be posted. They represented needed but not dramatic changes to the state's open meetings laws. As such, they flew through the Legislature without a hint of opposition. Added together, the committee, House and Senate votes on the three bills totaled 365-0. Not one no vote. Not one hand raised in opposition.

Remember, those votes took place in the South Dakota Legislature where certain factions within the Republican super-majority have been known to go out of their way to be contrary. While needed, these bills were so light of weight that they veritably floated through the Legislature.

Significant changes to make the law tougher will need to risk angering the lobbyists who look out for the interests of cities, counties and school districts.

While more needs to be done to strengthen the open meetings law, to his credit, Jackley has been a champion for openness. He revived the Open Meetings Commission, which went dormant during the dark days when Jason Ravensborg was the attorney general. He has also created the Advisory Task Force Committee on Open Meetings to offer changes that strengthen the open meetings laws.

The last meeting of the task force proposed a few changes, but hung up on one that's particularly needed. Task force members couldn't decide if the meetings of public entities should have audio recordings that are archived. The subject was left undecided as task force members debated which boards and commissions would record their meetings and how long the recordings must be kept on file.

A South Dakota Searchlight story noting the creation of the task force quoted Jackley as saying, "Government, funded by taxpayers, should be transparent." According to the attorney general, his goal was "to increase government transparency within our state."

That's a tall order. It's hard to be transparent when executive sessions — those times when councils and boards can

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meet behind closed doors — are built to be opaque. It's hard to be transparent when the state's attorneys who decide who gets prosecuted for open meetings violations work so closely with the county commissions that may be violating the law.

The best South Dakota has been able to do is the creation of the Open Meetings Commission. Made up of state's attorneys, the commission hears about possible violations of the open meetings law and then offers a ruling about whether or not the law was broken. It has no enforcement power, other than pointing out the violations. Obviously, the threat of being spanked by the Open Meetings Commission isn't enough to keep some boards and councils from playing fast and loose with the law. It seems public shaming isn't what it used to be.

Instead of bunting when they come up to bat, members of the task force working for better open meetings laws should swing for the fences. Here are some ways to make the law stronger while running the risk of not pleasing everyone.

The mandated recording of meetings should have been done years ago. Most boards and commissions got a quick lesson in how to make public meetings more accessible during the pandemic. Anyone offering excuses that recording meetings is just too tough makes it look as if their constituents have been electing Luddites to guide our communities and schools.

A separate recording should be made of what's happening in executive session. When elected officials close the door on the people who put them in office, there has to be a way to check their work if questions arise about what was discussed. A separate recording that can be heard privately by a judge would answer those questions.

Give the Open Meetings Commission some real power. In South Dakota, no one has ever been prosecuted for an open meetings violation. Obviously, there's no appetite for trying to put the offenders in jail. However, if the commission were able to impose fines on violators — paid for by the elected officials rather than councils and boards they serve on — that might ensure that the law is followed rather than flouted.

At the risk of overworking the baseball metaphor, there's a chance that with big swings like this, the advisory committee may strike out. Another way to make change happen at the Legislature is by bringing important bills back again and again. That serves to show the need for change as well as educate lawmakers and the public about that need.

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McCook Lake refills amid debate about sufficiency of flood cleanup

Recovery continues nearly two years after catastrophic event

BY: JOSHUA HAIAR

Nearly two years after a historic flood devastated the southeast South Dakota community of McCook Lake, local officials and community groups say the lake is moving closer to normal summer use.

But people who use the lake are divided about whether it's ready.

Renae Hansen, who lives in the McCook Lake community, submitted a petition asking the state to maintain a no-wake restriction on the lake until further cleanup is completed. Hansen said 468 residents and lake users signed the document in one week.

"The reality on the ground is it's not good to go," Hansen said.

The petition states that 11 acres of the 223-acre lake have been cleared of debris, evidenced by an Army Corps of Engineers survey conducted after the state's cleanup work. Hansen said the state's work has left submerged hazards and newly formed islands that could become dangerous to people unaware of what's under the water.

Dirk Lohry, with the McCook Lake Association, said Hansen and others overstate the danger, and their views do not represent those of most lake residents and the immediate community.

"Most of those signatures are not people who live on McCook Lake or even use McCook Lake," Lohry

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said. "I don't think that having 500 signatures gives this particular position any more credibility."

Lohry said the lake has been surveyed with sonar and by boat, and hazards have been marked with buoys. He said the low water levels exposed areas that could pose problems, allowing cleanup crews and volunteers to identify and remove debris.

"We've done a pretty good survey of everything," Lohry said. "Anything that could be a problem has certainly been exposed."

Meanwhile, a group of local entities including Hansen's employer, the McCook Lake Izaak Walton League, issued a press release describing recovery efforts as "ongoing." The other entities are North Sioux City, Union County, and the McCook Lake Association.

The groups said more than 64 tons of debris and about 20,000 cubic yards of sediment have been removed through work involving South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and Three Oaks Construction. Game, Fish and Parks used \$1 million of state funds to contract with Three Oaks, of North Sioux City, after a competitive bidding process, according to the department. Work began on May 15 last year and concluded on the Aug. 1 deadline.

Additional visible debris has been removed by the McCook Lake Association with help from Stockton Towing, and known debris will continue to be marked with buoys and removed as water levels rise, according to the press release. It also says that water quality testing showed conditions were within acceptable ranges for recreational use, and that fish sampling showed contaminant levels within safe consumption thresholds and consistent with pre-flood findings.

Water has been pumped into the lake from the Missouri River since April 1, and the lake is expected to reach 7 feet of added depth soon. That will be the first time the lake has been full since the flood.

However, Hansen and some others fear that there won't be enough depth between the hazards, like newly formed islands, and the surface.

"If you put 7 feet of water on top of one of these new islands, what happens if a 6-foot-tall person dives in?" she said. "You don't think they'll go 1 foot underwater?"

The June 2024 flood followed days of heavy rain and a record surge in the Big Sioux River. Authorities used a 1976 flood mitigation plan that diverted river water toward McCook Lake to protect North Sioux City and Dakota Dunes, hoping the lake would rise and spill over with minimal damage. Instead, the water slammed into dozens of McCook Lake homes, destroyed about 20 and carved deep gouges into the north shore. Some residents had to be rescued that night, but no one was killed.

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks lifted the lake's no-wake restriction on April 1 this year after cleanup work concluded, meaning boats can now drive fast enough to cause a wake.

Game, Fish and Parks did not respond to an interview request. Hansen said the department dismissed her concerns, arguing that swimming in any lake or river comes with risk.

"Not every other lake in South Dakota had a forced flood that took out the community," Hansen said. "If South Dakota had a plan to divert the water to the lake, why did they not have a plan for recovery?"

Lohry said he cannot guarantee the lake is risk-free, but said that is true of any body of water.

"I'm confident that we've done a good enough survey on the entirety of the lake to where it's certainly safe for boating," he said.

Hansen said her concern is not only with residents who know the lake, but with Memorial Day and July Fourth visitors who may interpret the lifted wake restriction as a sign that the lake is back to normal.

"When they hear all that, why would they doubt what the authorities are saying?" Hansen said.

Lohry said there are plans to install additional signage that warns of safety risks.

The press release from the local groups says cleanup and testing will continue, and water levels are expected to drop again in the fall, creating more opportunities to plan for additional cleanup.

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EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Any ideas for how I can push my employer to act more responsibly regarding climate and the environment without jeopardizing my job?
-- Rich B., Pittsburgh, PA

Whether through teaching by example or encouraging company-level policy change, employees have the power to influence their workplace's actions. According to the Employee Climate Action Network (ECAN), 80 percent of employees want their jobs to address climate change, and 59 percent of business leaders say employee action has led them to increase sustainability in their offices. Ultimately, employee action is a successful method of making a company eco-friendlier.

One way an employee can make their office greener is through simple but impactful habits. Employees can save energy on site by turning off lights when not in use, turning down heating and cooling and minimizing the power used by electronics. Other office-based sustainable practices include setting up recycling or compost bins, car-pooling to work with peers, or developing a "Green Team" with like-minded coworkers that can help their companies implement a range of eco-friendly policy plans. Toyota and Mayfield Environmental Engineering have successfully integrated an Environmental Management System (EMS) into their companies, which allows them to set tangible goals and monitor progress.

For employees wanting to bring environmental policies or practices to their bosses' attention, there are many organizations that provide detailed resources on such a process. Work for Climate is a non-profit organization that focuses on company sustainability through employee-led action. Founder Lucy Piper notes how "for a really long time, employees have been an untapped stakeholder group in that wheel of influence that can get corporate CEOs and boards to make different decisions."

Work for Climate consolidated with a few other environmental organizations to form Environmental Consultants & Affiliates Network (ECAN), dedicated to changing companies' environmental awareness through the employee efforts. ECAN provides workers with information that best fits their circumstances.

They have different step-by-step resources available for individuals suited to their comfort level and familiarity with climate action. "We had one engineer who was working with us, and he was able to successfully shift his very conservative engineering firm to 100 percent renewable energy," says Piper.

Getting The Boss To Go Green At Work May Be Easier Than You Think by Rachel Berliner



Getting an employer to green the workplace can be a challenge, but reminders about how doing right benefits the bottom line is a start.

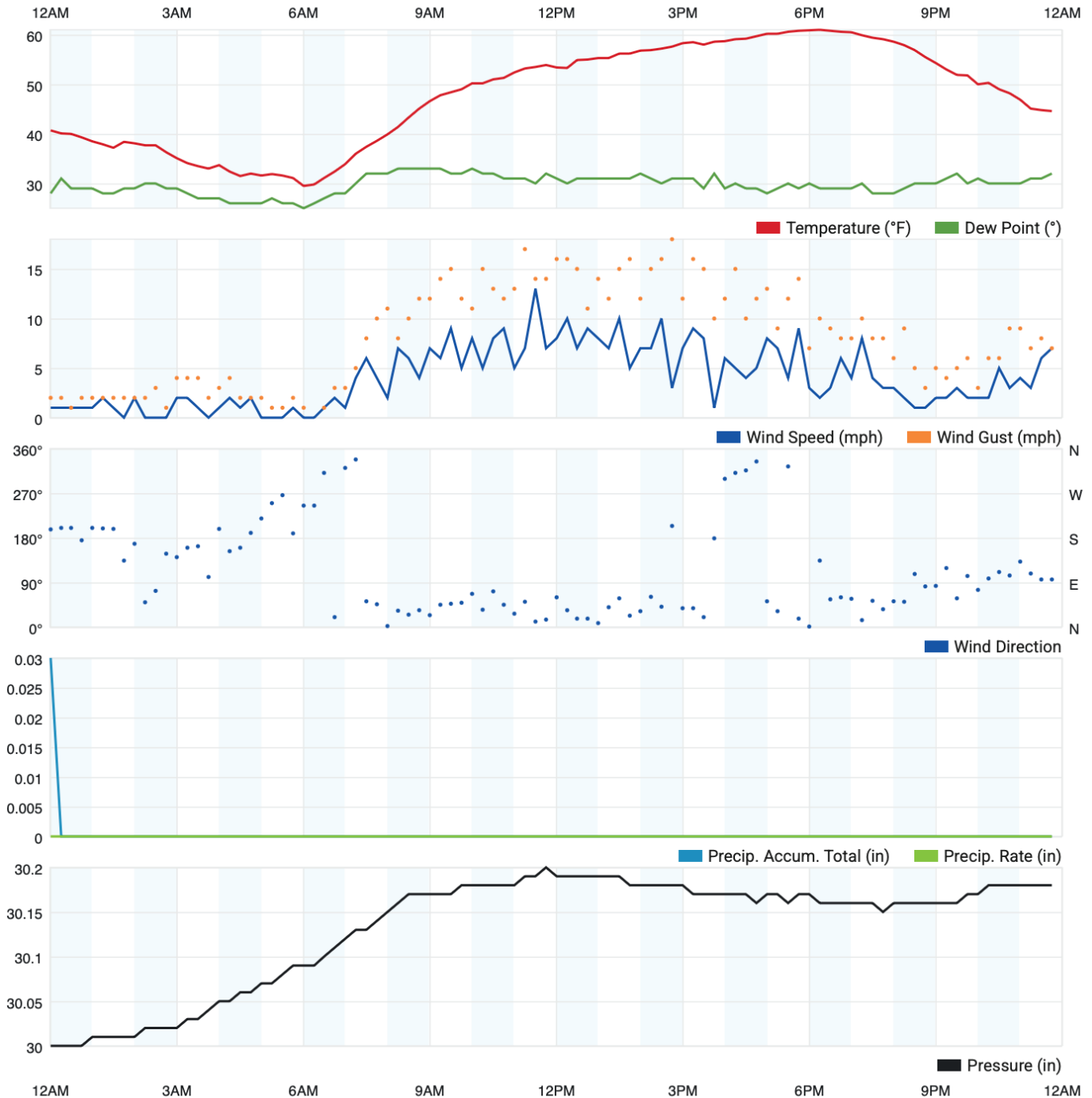
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
				
High: 77 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 76 °F
Breezy. Frost then Patchy Blowing Dust	Decreasing Clouds	Patchy Blowing Dust and Breezy	Mostly Clear and Breezy then Mostly Clear	Sunny



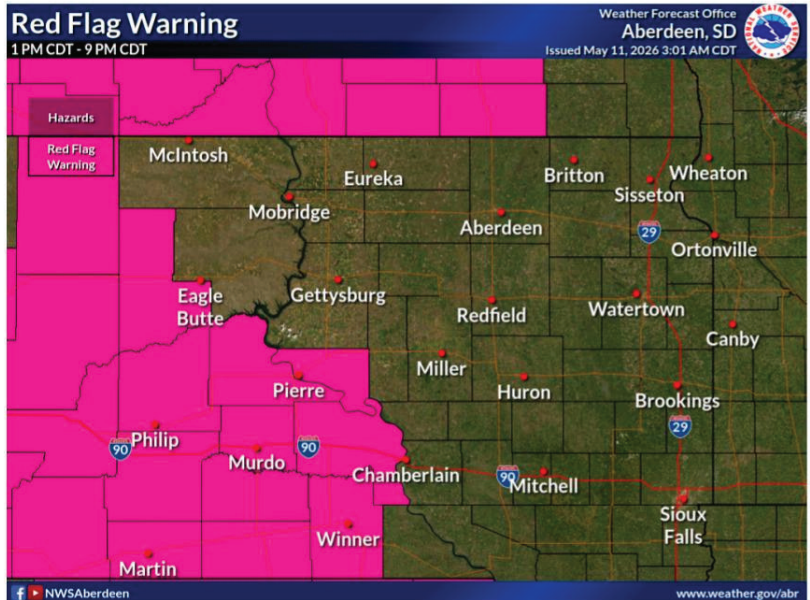
Red Flag Warning Today

High to Very High Grassland Fire Danger Tuesday

May 11, 2026
3:13 AM CDT

Key Messages

- South Wind Gusts: 25-40 mph
- High Temperatures: 80s to Near 90
- Humidity: 15-25%
- Cold Front/Wind Shift Tonight
- Fire Weather & Blowing Dust Concerns Tuesday



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High temperatures near 90 degrees will combine with southerly winds gusting 25 to 35 mph to produce very high grassland fire danger and Red Flag conditions across portions of central SD this afternoon and evening. Very dry conditions continue Tuesday with northwest winds gusting 30 to 40 mph.

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Today & Tuesday - Fire Weather Details

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3:21 AM CDT

Winds Increase Today & Shift to Northwest Tonight

	5/11 Mon					5/12 Tue							
	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	
Aberdeen	31↑	35↑	35↑	32↑	17↓	28↓	26↓	28↓	36↓	38↓	39↓	37↓	
Britton	29↑	33↑	35↑	33↑	22↑	23↓	24↓	28↓	39↓	41↓	41↓	38↓	
Chamberlain	29↑	30↑	30↑	22↑	18↑	26↓	24↓	22↓	29↓	32↓	32↓	29↓	
Clark	30↑	35↑	36↑	32↑	25↑	25↓	26↓	29↓	37↓	40↓	40↓	37↓	
Eagle Butte	32↑	30↑	26↑	26↑	31↑	31↓	28↓	28↓	31↓	33↓	33↓	29↓	
Eureka	36↑	37↑	36↑	28↑	26↑	29↓	26↓	28↓	38↓	41↓	41↓	37↓	
Gettysburg	35↑	36↑	32↑	24↑	26↑	30↓	28↓	26↓	33↓	38↓	37↓	32↓	
McIntosh	35↑	35↑	31↑	32↑	33↑	31↓	25↓	28↓	36↓	38↓	37↓	33↓	
Milbank	21↑	25↑	29↑	29↑	24↑	22↓	28↓	29↓	36↓	37↓	39↓	38↓	
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Key Messages

- Increasing South Wind This Morning
- Cold Front & Wind Shift Tonight/Tuesday Morning Around...
 - 9 PM North Central SD
 - Midnight James Valley
 - 3 AM Far Northeast & Western MN
- Winds Increase Tuesday Morning
- Expect Erratic Behavior and Shifts in Track With Any Ongoing Fires Behind Front
- Another Round of Strong Winds Thursday

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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 61 °F at 6:01 PM

Low Temp: 29 °F at 5:57 AM

Wind: 19 mph at 2:48 PM

Precip: : 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 95 in 1900

Record Low: 18 in 1946

Average High: 69

Average Low: 42

Average Precip in May.: 1.21

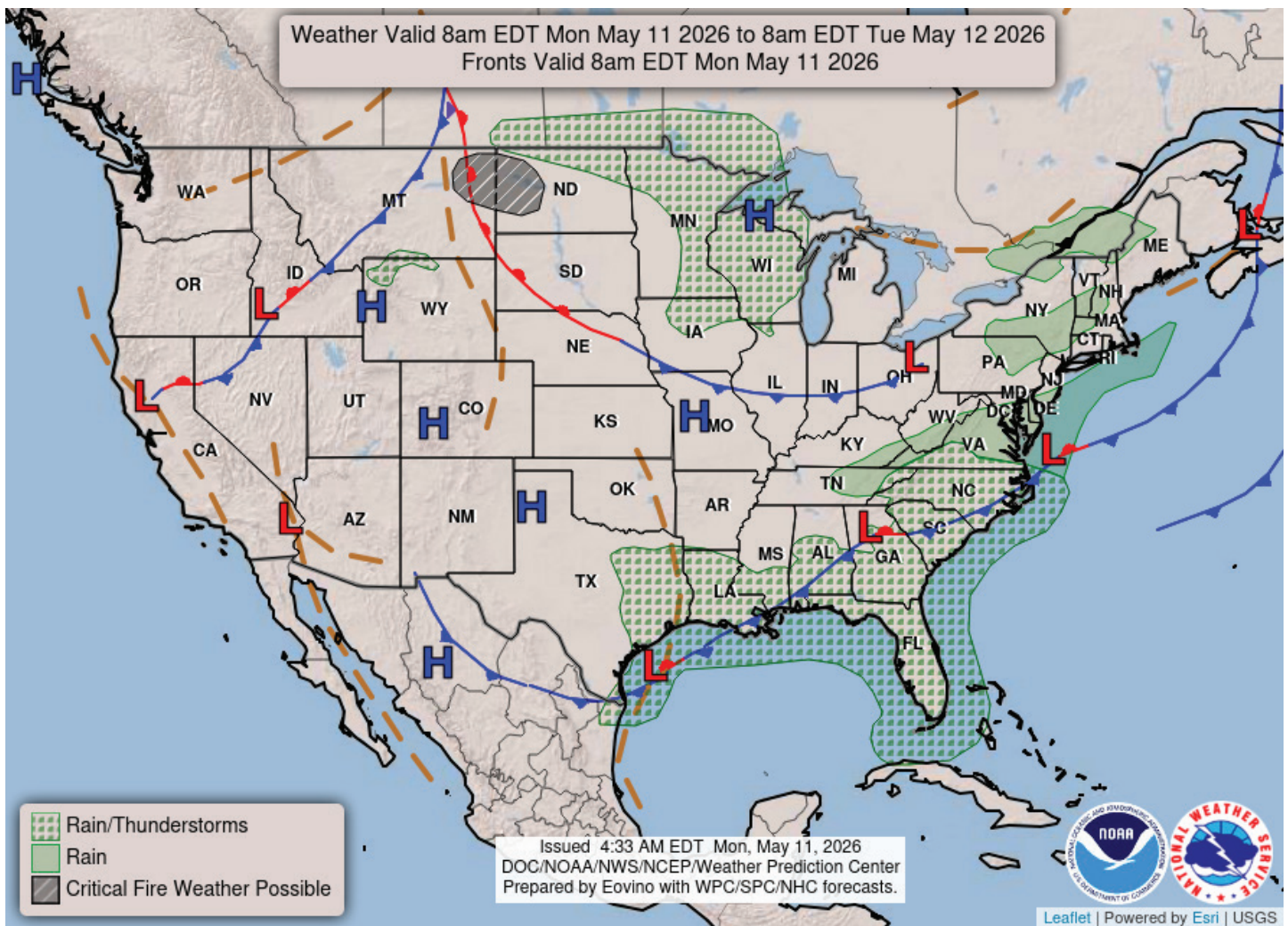
Precip to date in May.: 0.03

Average Precip to date: 5.18

Precip Year to Date: 3.15

Sunset Tonight: 8:50 pm

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:05 am



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Today in Weather History

May 11th, 1966: Late season snow fell in north central and northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota. Amounts include 4 inches in Timber Lake; 3 in Eureka, 2 NNW of Mobridge and Roscoe; and 2 inches in Artichoke Lake, MN, Pollock, and Waubay.

May 11th, 1998: Torrential rains of 2 to 4 inches with some amounts nearing 5 inches fell across a large part of Brown, Marshall, Day, Spink, and Clark counties on the evening of the 11th. This heavy rain only exacerbated the already extensive flooding from years of above-average precipitation. Day County was most affected by this round of heavy rain, where area lakes were already at new record levels. Blue Dog, Waubay, Rush, and Bitter Lake in Day County were just a few of the lakes hard hit. Extensive sandbagging was done around Blue Dog Lake to save many homes. Some residents of Blue Dog Lake said they had never seen the lake so high in over 35 years of living there. Many more roads flooded after this heavy rain event and remained so for quite some time. Spots on U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 25 flooded near Holmquist and Webster. There remained only one road open to the town of Grenville in northeastern Day County. In all five counties, the rising water took away many more acres of farm and pastureland, drowning many already planted crops. One farmer in Spink County said sixty percent of his farm was under water. Some farmhouses and outbuildings became surrounded by water, leaving some families stranded. After this heavy rain, around sixty percent of the crop and pastureland in Day County and one-third in Spink County had been inundated by a swollen water table and several years of above normal precipitation. The continued flooding has tremendously impacted the economy in the five-county area. Some rainfall amounts on this day include 4.7 inches just north of Crocker in Clark County, 4.52 at Webster, 4.01 at Doland, 3.81 at Waubay NWR, 3.60 at Turton, 2.63 at Conde, 2.60 at Groton, 2.41 at Clark, and 2.18 inches at Aberdeen.

Additional heavy rain of 2 to 4 inches fell mainly during the evening of the 11th across southern and central Hand County. Many creeks in the area became rushing torrents through the night and the day of the 12th. Also, low-lying areas and a lot of crop and pastureland were flooded. Some businesses and homes in the Miller, Saint Lawrence, Ree Heights, and Vayland areas were flooded. Some sandbagging was done to try to save some properties in Miller. U.S. Highway 14 at the east end of Miller was flooded for several hours, along with many other streets and county and township roads in southern and central Hand County. Many of the roads were damaged as a result of the flooding. Some people in Miller said they had never seen it flood this bad in 35 years. Some rainfall amounts include 3.99 inches at Miller, 3.10 inches 3 miles south of Ree Heights, and 2.65 at Ree Heights.

1953 — A tornado hit Waco, TX, killing 114 persons and burying some downtown streets under five feet of fallen bricks. (The Weather Channel)

1966 — The 1.6 inch snow at Chicago, IL, was their latest measurable snow of record. Previously the record was 3.7 inches on the 1st and 2nd of May set in 1940. (The Weather Channel)

1970 — A very powerful tornado struck the city of Lubbock, TX, killing 26 persons, injuring more than 500 others, and causing 135 million dollars damage. It was the most destructive tornado of record up until that time, and came on the 17th anniversary of the twister which struck Waco TX killing 114 persons. A second tornado killed two others persons in Lubbock, and the two tornadoes damaged or destroyed nearly a quarter of the city. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1989 — Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in the High Plains Region. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 71 mph at Gillette WY, and baseball size hail was reported at Pecos TX and Fort Stockton TX. Fort Stockton TX was deluged with 7.75 inches of rain in less than two hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 — Unseasonably cold weather followed in the wake of a spring storm in the north central U.S. Seven cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Madison WI with a reading of 29 degrees. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Kansas, Oklahoma and the northern half of Texas. Severe thunderstorms spawned four tornadoes in Texas, and produced high winds which overturned four mobile homes northwest of Abilene TX injuring ten persons. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005 — Strong thunderstorms affected parts of the U.S. Great Plains. In the Hastings, Nebraska area, significant severe weather occurred, including very large hail, damaging winds and widespread flooding. Radar estimated rainfall accumulation locally exceeded 10 inches.

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 In Touch Ministries

Daily Devotion

Genuine Awareness

Are you aware of God's presence in your daily life?

1 Kings 17:8-16: 8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink."

11 As she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand."

12 But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die."

13 Then Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son.

14 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth.'"

15 So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16 The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah.

If someone were to ask whether you're aware of God, you would probably exclaim, "Of course I am! I go to church and read my Bible." Now, let's take it one step further: Are you aware of God's presence in your daily life?

This second question makes it a bit more personal, doesn't it? You might be thinking, I'm not sure. Am I really aware of God every minute of every day? We would like to have that constant appreciation, but it can be challenging. It requires us to ask some hard questions and make some necessary changes.

During hard times, we often pray harder and longer, crying, "Help me! Give me strength!" Or perhaps, "I believe this" or "I can do that." Do you notice the common factor? The focus is on self, leaving the Lord out of the matter; we've zeroed in on the problem and wish for the ability to handle it on our own. This mindset can in effect make us blind to how God may be working.

There are occasions when the Lord makes Himself impossible to ignore, like the time He provided manna, making it "rain bread from heaven" (Exodus 16:4). But more often than not, God reveals Himself to us in small ways, moment by moment—as He did with the widow's oil and flour that never ran out. Starting today, be on the lookout for evidence of Him working in your life.

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

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WINNING NUMBERS

MILLIONAIRE FOR LIFE

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.10.26

1 3 20 35 46 5

TOP PRIZE:
\$1,000,000/year

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 16 Mins 14 Secs

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MEGA MILLIONS

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.08.26

37 47 49 51 58 16

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$232,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 1 Days 17 Hrs 1 Mins 14 Secs

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LOTTO AMERICA

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.09.26

8 12 13 27 42 4

All Star Bonus: 4x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$25,170,000

NEXT DRAW: 16 Hrs 16 Mins 14 Secs

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DAKOTA CASH

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.09.26

1 2 4 8 18

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$86,000

NEXT DRAW: 2 Days 16 Hrs 31 Mins 14 Secs

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POWERBALL

DOUBLE PLAY

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.09.26

6 27 58 61 65 14

TOP PRIZE:
\$10,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 14 Secs

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POWERBALL

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.09.26

15 41 46 47 56 22

Power Play: 2x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$57,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 14 Secs

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News from the **AP** Associated Press

Iran and the US are at an impasse ahead of Trump's China trip

By JON GAMBRELL and SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran and the United States reached an impasse again Monday over how to end their war while their ceasefire grew increasingly shaky, with the two sides exchanging fire in recent days, ships and Gulf states being targeted, and fighting flaring between Israel and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

The volatility could tip the Middle East back into open warfare and prolong the worldwide energy crisis sparked by the conflict, with Iran's chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz and America's blockade of Iranian ports still in place. U.S. President Donald Trump is expected to use a trip this week to China to urge Chinese President Xi Jinping to pressure Iran into making concessions and end the current limbo. Beijing is the biggest buyer of the Islamic Republic's sanctioned crude oil, giving it leverage.

But getting to any deal likely remains tough work. Iran insists it wants to see the American blockade end and sanctions lifted before beginning negotiations over its stockpile of highly enriched uranium. The U.S. — and Israel — want that material removed since it could be used to eventually build a bomb, should Iran choose to do so. Tehran insists its program is peaceful, but it has enriched uranium beyond the levels needed for civilian power generation.

Israel insists enriched uranium must be taken out of Iran

Trump said Sunday that Iran's response to his latest proposal was "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!" Ending the blockade before discussing Iran's nuclear program would eliminate a major point of leverage for Trump in the talks.

In the meantime, the standoff over the strait, which is a key transit point for the world's oil and natural gas exports, has sent fuel prices skyrocketing and rattled world markets.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who launched the war with Trump on Feb. 28, insisted that the conflict was "not over," telling CBS' "60 Minutes" in an interview that aired Sunday that a critical goal is getting the nuclear material out of Iran. If that can't be accomplished with negotiations, Netanyahu said that Israel and the U.S. agree "we can reengage them militarily."

Netanyahu also said the current Iranian government's "days are numbered — but it could take a lot of days."

The U.S. and Israel have killed dozens of high-ranking Iranian officials, including the country's supreme leader in the opening salvos of the war, and the conflict has inflicted heavy damage to Iran's economy, but its theocracy maintains its grip on power.

Iran and the US blame each other for the impasse

Trump immediately rejected a new Iranian proposal sent Sunday to him via Pakistan. In it, Iran demanded war reparations from the U.S., full Iranian sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz, an end to sanctions and the release of its seized assets abroad, Iranian state television reported.

Iran also called for an immediate end to the war, including the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah — which have repeatedly exchanged fire though technically also in a ceasefire. That conflict has seen Israeli strikes into Lebanon, its occupation of Lebanese territory and deadly Hezbollah attacks, including one that killed another Israeli soldier, the Israeli military said Monday.

"We did not demand any concessions — the only thing we demanded was Iran's legitimate rights," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said Monday. "The American side still insists on its one-sided views and unreasonable demands."

Iran did, however, offer to dilute part of its highly enriched uranium, and transport the rest to a third country, and called for 30-day negotiations to finalize details, two regional officials involved in the negotiations told The Associated Press. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive diplomacy taking place.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has offered to take the uranium from Iran.

Russia runs Iran's sole nuclear power plant at Bushehr and also took some of Iran's uranium stockpile in Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Asked Monday about Putin's comments, Baghaei said: "At the current stage, our focus is on ending the war."

Iran keeps up its executions

Meanwhile, Iran executed another man it accused of spying for both the CIA and Israel's Mossad intelligence service. Iran's state-run IRNA news agency identified the prisoner as Erfan Shakourzadeh, saying he had worked on satellite communications and relayed classified information to those intelligence services.

Iran has carried out a string of executions since nationwide protests swept the country in January. Activist groups have long accused Iran of carrying out closed-door trials during which defendants are unable to fully defend themselves. Iran's judiciary chief has repeatedly said that Tehran would increase the speed with which it carried out hangings to fight back against its enemies at home and abroad.

Philippine House votes to impeach Vice President Sara Duterte

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — An overwhelming majority of the Philippine House of Representatives voted to impeach Vice President Sara Duterte on Monday over alleged unexplained wealth, misuse of state funds and threats to have the president assassinated.

The House, which is dominated by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s allies, voted 255-26 with nine abstentions. The two impeachment complaints against Duterte now move to the Senate, which will convene into a tribunal for her trial.

The vice president, daughter of former President Rodrigo Duterte, has generally denied any wrongdoing without answering the criminal allegations against her in detail.

Last year, she was also impeached by the House but survived the attempt and was not tried on orders of the Supreme Court due to a constitutional technicality.

Democrats vow to fight \$1 billion Senate security proposal for White House ballroom

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans returning to Washington on Monday are facing questions about a \$1 billion Senate security proposal that could help pay for President Donald Trump's ballroom as Democrats say they will try to defeat it.

Senate Republicans added the money for White House security to a spending bill that would restore funding for immigration enforcement agencies that Democrats have blocked since February. The steep security proposal was put forward after a man was charged with trying to assassinate Trump at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner last month.

Republicans are using a partisan budget maneuver to push the spending legislation through Congress without any Democratic votes. But in a letter to colleagues Monday morning, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Democrats will fight it in other ways, including by pushing the Senate parliamentarian to strike the ballroom security money from the budget bill and offering amendments forcing Republicans to vote on it.

"The Republican-controlled Congress is preparing to answer this moment with a deficit-busting, party-line bill that pours billions more taxpayer dollars into a rogue ICE operation and a billion-dollar ballroom, while doing nothing to end the illegal war in Iran or ease the Republican affordability crisis bearing down on working families," Schumer wrote in the letter.

It's unclear if the security money will even have enough backing among Republicans. The House has not released its bill yet, but the Senate is expected to start voting on its version of the legislation this week.

While most GOP lawmakers have remained quiet on the proposal as they spent their recess out of Washington, some have publicly questioned whether they would support it.

"I'm going to look at it very carefully and make sure those things are in the national interest," said Rep. Rob Wittman, a Virginia Republican who was in the Capitol last week to briefly gavel in a pro forma session of the House.

"I want to know the exact nature of the expenditures that would go there for security. So I think it's a little premature to look at that and say, you know, yes or no to it," Wittman said.

Wittman wants to better understand the details of the Senate proposal and "how it's part of what the total construction cost is," he said.

Trump has said the ballroom's construction would cost \$400 million and use private funds, but he had not proposed a number for security costs.

The Senate bill would designate the money for the U.S. Secret Service, including for "security adjustments and upgrades" related to the ballroom project, which Trump and other Republicans have been pushing since Cole Tomas Allen was charged with storming the April 25 media dinner at the Washington Hilton with guns and knives.

The legislation says the money would support enhancements to the ballroom project, "including above-ground and below-ground security features," but specifies it may not be used for non-security elements.

White House spokesperson Davis Ingle praised Republicans last week for including the money for the "long overdue" project, saying it would "provide the United States Secret Service with the resources they need to fully and completely harden the White House complex, in addition to the many other critical missions for the USSS."

The White House has said in court documents that the East Wing project would be "heavily fortified," including bomb shelters, military installations and a medical facility underneath the ballroom. Trump has said it should include bulletproof glass and be able to repel drone attacks.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has sued to block construction of the project, but a federal appeals court said last month that it can continue in the meantime.

3 passengers, French and American, test positive or have symptoms of hantavirus after evacuation

By MIKE CORDER Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A French woman and two Americans tested positive or showed symptoms of hantavirus Monday as nations around the world scrambled to repatriate passengers from a cruise ship hit by an outbreak and quarantine or isolate them.

Passengers from the ship began flying home aboard military and government planes Sunday after the vessel anchored in the Canary Islands. Personnel in full-body protective gear and breathing masks had escorted the travelers from ship to shore in Tenerife in an effort that was continuing Monday.

The French woman tested positive for hantavirus and her health worsened in the hospital overnight, French Health Minister Stephanie Rist said Monday. The woman was among five French passengers repatriated Sunday to Paris from the MV Hondius. She developed symptoms on the flight to Paris, Rist told public broadcaster France-Inter.

One the 17 American passengers evacuated from the ship and flown to Nebraska also tested positive for the hantavirus but is not showing any symptoms, and another had mild symptoms, U.S. health officials said late Sunday. The flight landed in the early hours of Monday morning and stopped near awaiting buses and police vehicles.

The Americans would first be taken to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, which has a federally funded quarantine facility, to assess whether they have been in close contact with any symptomatic people and their risk levels for spreading the virus.

"One passenger will be transported to the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit upon arrival, while other passengers will go to the National Quarantine Unit for assessment and monitoring. The passenger who is going to the Biocontainment Unit tested positive for the virus but does not have symptoms," said Kayla Thomas, a spokesperson for the Nebraska Medicine hospital that will help care for the passengers.

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The medical school also has a special unit for treating people with highly infectious diseases that was used early in the pandemic for COVID-19 patients and previously for Ebola patients.

The World Health Organization recommended close monitoring of the former passengers, and many countries quarantined them.

Earlier, officials from the Spanish Health Ministry, the World Health Organization and the cruise company Oceanwide Expeditions had said none of the more than 140 people who were then on the Hondius had shown symptoms of the virus.

All of the passengers were escorted Sunday from the ship to shore by personnel in full-body protective gear and breathing masks. The planes arriving in Tenerife were to fly out passengers from more than 20 countries in an evacuation effort that was running into Monday.

Three people have died since the outbreak began, and five people who left the ship earlier were infected.

Health officials say risk to public is low

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has stressed that the general public should not be worried about the outbreak. "This is not another COVID. And the risk to the public is low. So they shouldn't be scared, and they shouldn't panic," he said Sunday.

Hantavirus usually spreads from rodent droppings and is not easily transmitted between people. But the Andes virus detected in the cruise ship outbreak may be able to spread between people in rare cases. Symptoms usually show between one and eight weeks after exposure.

WHO is recommending that passengers' home countries "have active monitoring and follow-up, which means daily health checks, either at home or in a specialized facility," said Maria van Kerkhove, the organization's top epidemiologist.

Numerous countries have said their people will be quarantined or hospitalized for observation.

Australia is sending a plane, expected to arrive Monday, to evacuate its people and those from nearby countries, such as New Zealand, and unspecified Asian countries, said Spanish Health Minister Mónica García, who added that the evacuation flight was expected to be the last to leave Tenerife.

Dutch Foreign Minister Tom Berendsen said a second Dutch flight Monday would bring back more passengers from the Netherlands and other nations.

Berendsen said the evacuation operation "is based on concern for the passengers. But also concern for public health, and we try to do that in the best way."

Iran war could make Trump's trip to China a bit chillier than his first-term visit

By WILL WEISSERT Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long before this week's trip to China, President Donald Trump was already predicting on social media that his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, would "give me a big, fat hug when I get there."

But Beijing's deep economic ties to Iran, as well as trade tensions over tariff threats stretching back to Trump's first term, could crimp the good feelings when Trump flies to Beijing this week — even though the Republican president has for years effusively praised Xi, making it clear he sees China's leader as a competitor strong enough to warrant his respect and admiration.

Trump lately isn't very fond of long plane rides or extended stretches away from the White House or his properties in Florida and New Jersey. He arrives in Beijing on Wednesday night and the next morning will take part in a welcome ceremony and meet one-on-one with Xi before the two leaders tour the Temple of Heaven — a religious complex dating to the 15th century symbolizing the relationship between Earth and heaven.

Trump will attend a state banquet on Thursday evening and then have a tea and working lunch with Xi on Friday before leaving, White House spokesperson Anna Kelly said Sunday. She said they will discuss creating a new Board of Trade to keep their countries talking on economic issues, as well talking up key industries like energy, aerospace and agriculture.

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China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said Monday that Beijing is willing to work with the U.S., based on equality and mutual respect to expand cooperation, manage differences, and add stability to a turbulent world. The diplomacy between the leaders "plays an irreplaceable strategic guiding role" in the bilateral relation, he said.

There will be plenty of ceremonial splendor, but the grandeur is not expected to rival Trump's first visit to China in 2017, which Beijing dubbed a "state visit-plus."

"Even before this whole conflagration with Iran, they weren't going to go state visit-plus like last time, just because things are tense," said Jonathan Czin, a former director for China at the National Security Council during the Biden administration.

Xi's 'better understanding' of Trump

On Trump's first-term trip, China rolled out the red carpet for his arrival, with a band playing military music and children waving flags and chanting "Welcome."

Xi offered a tour of the Forbidden City. Trump and first lady Melania Trump even had a private dinner there. Trump was the first foreign leader since the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949 to experience what was once reserved for emperors.

The following morning brought another welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People and featured a military parade. There also was a state banquet in Trump's honor with video highlights from the Chinese leader's previous visit to Florida and a clip of Trump's granddaughter Arabella singing in Chinese.

Ali Wyne, senior U.S.-China research and advocacy adviser for the Washington nonprofit the Crisis Group, said the "Chinese delegation will likely do its utmost to ensure that Trump leaves Beijing believing that he has just concluded the most extraordinary state visit of his two presidencies."

But, he said, the "pomp and circumstance would serve a different role now than they did when he first visited Beijing" because "Xi has a much better understanding of Trump, and the administration's own national security strategy and national defense strategy recognize China as a near-peer."

Expectations for what gets accomplished could be lower this time, said Czin, now a fellow at the Brookings Institution. He predicted that the Chinese may not offer major breakthroughs on trade or anything else because they are "working backward from our midterm elections" with the theory that the closer they get to Election Day "the more leverage they are going to have."

The GOP is focused on retaining control of Congress, even as polling shows most Americans are unhappy with Trump's economic policies and believe that the United States went too far in Iran. Still, the White House argues that Trump's previous firm hand with Beijing on tariffs — which the Supreme Court subsequently struck down — means the U.S. will remain in a strong position.

"President Trump cares about results, not symbols," Kelly said. "But even still, the president has a great relationship with President Xi, and the upcoming summit in Beijing will be both symbolically and substantively significant."

Trump and Xi may see a lot of each other this year

Trump could meet with China's leader four times in eight months.

After his visit to Beijing, Trump plans to host Xi at the White House. Trump might also attend the November Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Shenzhen, China. And Xi could come to the Group of 20 summit the following month at Trump's resort in Doral, Florida.

Czin noted that Xi also is not very fond of travel, meaning not all of the planned encounters may happen. He said China's leader also does not "do personal connections" like the kind Trump relishes, noting Xi led a Chinese military purge in January that included replacing officials with long-standing personal ties to his family.

Wyne, though, said Xi also "appreciates that he is unlikely to deal with another U.S. president who admires him as greatly and embraces as narrow a view of strategic competition."

That means Xi may "attempt to pocket as many economic and security concessions from Trump as possible," Wyne said.

Trump has long praised Xi

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Trump told The Wall Street Journal's editorial board in 2024 that Xi "was actually a really good ... I don't want to say 'friend.' I don't want to act foolish. 'He was my friend.' But I got along with him great."

Trump even suggested at the time that military force might not be required to ensure that Chinese troops do not encroach on Taiwan, simply because China's leader "respects me," despite Trump more recently discussing potentially selling arms to Taiwan.

Trump has continued to praise the bilateral relationship since returning to the White House, even after his Beijing visit, originally scheduled for March, was postponed due to the early stages of the Iran war.

He unsuccessfully prodded China to get involved in reopening the Strait of Hormuz after Iranian forces choked it off and disrupted global economies. But China did use its leverage as the largest purchaser of Iranian oil to encourage Iran to agree to what has been a fragile ceasefire.

The White House says it expects Trump to apply pressure on China with regards to Iran. Beijing has strong economic ties to Tehran, and the war could hurt its economy, which was already projected to grow more slowly. If China can help establish lasting peace, though, that might boost its standing in negotiations on trade issues with the Trump administration.

Trade issues a sticking point

During his 2017 visit, Trump announced \$250 billion in nonbinding trade deals, some of which never materialized. A round of trade deals announced in 2020 and worth \$200 billion mostly never came to fruition before Trump's first term ended.

More recently, Trump's announcement last year of steep global tariffs prompted China to cut off purchases of U.S. soybeans and clamp down on exports of rare earth minerals needed by American factories.

Tensions have eased somewhat since the U.S. reached a trade truce last fall that has limited tariffs on both sides. The White House says there have been more recent discussions about extending the trade truce, and that both sides support doing so.

Trump "doesn't travel anywhere without bringing deliverables home to our country," according to Kelly. "Americans can expect the president to deliver more good deals for the United States while in China," she said.

Asian shares are mixed and oil jumps 3% after Trump rejects Iran's response to ceasefire proposal

By CHAN HO-HIM AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Asian stocks were mixed Monday after Wall Street set more records, and oil surged more than 3% following U.S. President Donald Trump's rejection of Tehran's response to the latest U.S. proposal on ending the war in Iran.

U.S. futures edged 0.1% lower.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 fell 0.5% to 62,417.88 after briefing reaching another record high in intraday trading at above 63,300. Technology-focused investment holding company SoftBank Group, one of Japan's largest stocks, fell more than 6%.

South Korea's Kospi gained 4.3% to 7,822.24. It also hit an all-time intraday high, led by gains from tech-related stocks including Samsung Electronics and memory chip maker SK Hynix.

Technology-related stocks and growing artificial intelligence-related interest have supported markets in Japan and South Korea despite the Iran war, with the Nikkei 225 and Kospi rising more than 10% and 30%, respectively, over the past month.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng edged up less than 0.1% to 26,401.76. The Shanghai Composite index climbed 1.1% to 4,225.02, following official data Monday that showed China's factory gate prices rose 2.8% in April from a year ago, the highest since 2022, as well as better-than-expected export figures released over the weekend.

Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 0.5%. Taiwan's Taiex traded 0.5% higher, and India's Sensex fell 1.3%.

Oil prices jumped early Monday over Iran war uncertainties, after Trump wrote in a social media post that Iran's response on Sunday to the U.S.'s latest proposal was "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!"

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Brent crude, the international standard, gained 3.6% to \$104.89 per barrel. It was roughly \$70 per barrel before the war began in late February. Benchmark U.S. crude was 3.9% higher at \$99.15 a barrel.

With the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial waterway for global oil and gas transport, still largely closed and as the U.S. is continuing its sea blockade of Iranian ports, analysts believe oil prices are likely to remain higher for longer.

The Iran war was also set to be part of the discussion agenda when Trump meets with Chinese leader Xi Jinping later this week. China has close economic links with Iran and the U.S. has been pressing Beijing to leverage its influence to help reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

"There remains a glimmer of hope that talks between Trump and Chinese President Xi later this week could yield positive results on Iran," ING commodities analysts Warren Patterson and Ewa Manthey wrote in a note on Monday.

"The hope is that China can use its influence over Iran to push it closer towards a peace deal," they said. "Clearly, this is easier said than done." The oil market is still very much "heavily headline-driven," the pair added.

On Friday, Wall Street rose to new records with the benchmark S&P 500 adding 0.8% to 7,398.93 and reaching its latest all-time high, fueled by market optimism after a solid report on the U.S. job market which was better than what analysts had expected despite Iran war shocks.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average edged up less than 0.1% to 49,609.16, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite climbed 1.7% to its own record at 26,247.08.

In other dealings, the U.S. dollar climbed to 157.06 Japanese yen from 156.61 yen. The euro was trading at \$1.1769, down from \$1.1780.

Tulsa Race Massacre reparations is soul-redeeming work for the US, Oklahoma civil rights lawyer says

By AARON MORRISON Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't until his junior year of college that civil rights attorney Damarion Solomon-Simmons learned about a devastating massacre that took place in his hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

His African American studies professor lectured about what is known today as the Tulsa Race Massacre — the days in 1921 when white mobs carried out a scorched-earth campaign against an outnumbered Black militia protecting the fabled Black Wall Street, a prosperous all-Black community.

"I actually told a teacher, 'I'm from Tulsa. That's not true,'" Solomon-Simmons recalled. "And of course, I was wrong."

That day planted a seed for the then-aspiring attorney, who went on to lead a reparations campaign for the living survivors of the massacre and their descendants. Nearly 105 years later, no one has been compensated for what they lost, and none of the culprits have been held accountable.

That fight for reparations is the subject of Solomon-Simmons' first book, "Redeem a Nation: The Century-Long Battle to Restore the Soul of America," which is intended as a blueprint for justice in historic atrocities that Black Americans endured but never received reparations for. The book hits shelves Tuesday.

After the massacre, more than 35 city blocks of the neighborhood known as Greenwood were leveled in fires, an estimated 191 businesses were destroyed, and roughly 11,000 Black residents were displaced. The state of Oklahoma declared the death toll to be only 36 people, although many historians and experts who have studied the event put the death toll between 75 and 300.

Greenwood, founded in 1906, had been a bustling city within a city, with Black-owned grocery stores, soda fountains, cafés, barbershops, a movie theater, music venues, cigar and billiard parlors, tailors and dry cleaners, rooming houses and rental properties.

"If you can ignore Greenwood, which was the beacon of Black prosperity and Black progress in the history of this country, then you can ignore Black people in general," Solomon-Simmons recently told The Associated Press. "I think that's why people around the nation are so focused on the work that we're doing, because they understand what it means to all of Black America."

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Solomon-Simmons's book comes just months before the United States will mark 250 years since its founding in 1776. That was 89 years before the institution of chattel slavery — meaning an enslaved person was held as legal property of another — was abolished. The civil rights attorney questions the idea that Americans can truly celebrate the country's accomplishments when it has yet to pay reparations, which historians say informs modern day disparities in wealth between Black and white people.

"We cannot talk about what America has been and will be, without making sure that these issues are discussed and we get reparatory justice for both" slavery and the Tulsa massacre, Solomon-Simmons said. 'America has never had a soul'

In 343 pages, Solomon-Simmons does more than recite the history of the massacre or make a legal thriller out of his reparations campaign. For him, securing justice for the survivors and descendants of the massacre is also about healing a nation whose earliest promises of equality for all rang hollow.

"When I speak of repairing America's soul, I do not mean restoring something that was once whole," Solomon-Simmons writes in the book. "America has never had a soul. ... There was no moral center to recover."

He suggests that America's soul cannot be repaired if it is forced to choose between rebuilding the nation or repairing Black America. They must do both, he says.

"The struggle for justice in Greenwood is not about returning to a mythical past. It is about proving whether America can build a soul at all through truth, through justice, through repair."

Reparations for slavery and other historical racial injustices has been debated in the U.S. since Reconstruction, through the Civil Rights Movement and for much of the 21st century. Jennifer L. Morgan, a professor of history at New York University, said such debates are complicated by the question of exactly who pays the reparations and exactly who receives the payment.

"I don't think that we're talking about individuals who owe anybody else reparations. I think we're talking about states, about institutions, about the nation," Morgan said. "America is still grappling with reparations because America is still grappling at the legacy of slavery, racial discrimination, Jim Crow, and violent exclusion of Black people from the body politic."

Some opponents of reparations argue there are no living culprits or direct victims of enslavement, much less people with verifiable claims of harm that can be presented in a court of law.

Solomon-Simmons disagrees.

"We know who did the massacre — the perpetrators are still living in Tulsa," he said referring to the city and the chamber of commerce, which plaintiffs alleged had a hand in obstructing Greenwood's recovery.

There is one remaining massacre survivor involved in the reparations lawsuit: 111-year-old Lessie Benningfield Randle.

"If we cannot get her reparations while she's alive, for the massacre, it's gonna make it that much harder for us to get reparations for enslavement, Jim Crow, redlining and all those things that we are owed," Solomon-Simmons said.

Fight for Tulsa reparations continues

In the book, Solomon-Simmons reflects on what committed him to the reparations fight.

While in law school, he was introduced to high profile civil rights attorneys working for the Reparations Coordinating Committee — the late Harvard Professor Charles Ogletree Jr., who mentored Barack and Michelle Obama; and the late Johnnie Cochran, who is widely known for defending O.J. Simpson during his trial for murder of his ex-wife. Solomon-Simmons became a law clerk for the committee.

After witnessing Ogletree argue a Tulsa reparations case in federal court in 2004, Solomon-Simmons said the practice of law stopped being just a credential for speaking, writing, or teaching. It became a calling.

In 2020, Solomon-Simmons led a lawsuit on behalf of 11 plaintiffs, including the last three known living survivors of the massacre, against the City of Tulsa and seven defendants. The suit was the first of its kind in state court and the first to get far enough to see a judge. In 2024, the Oklahoma Supreme Court dismissed the lawsuit. In the final days of the Biden administration, the Justice Department released a report saying it had determined there is no longer an avenue for criminal prosecution over the massacre.

But the fight continues, Solomon-Simmons says, for cash payment to Randle and other descendants, as

well as the return of land stolen after the massacre and during a period of urban renewal in Tulsa.

In 2025, the city's first Black mayor, Monroe Nichols, endorsed a broad proposal dubbed Project Greenwood, which calls for financially compensating Randle, funding a scholarship program for descendants of victims, and designating June 1 as Tulsa Race Massacre Observance Day.

Solomon-Simmons also runs the nonprofit Justice for Greenwood, which he founded a year before the community marked the centennial of the massacre in 2021.

"One thing I've learned from this work, and as a lawyer in general, is that people want justice," he said. "People want reparations, but people (also) want acknowledgment. They want to be seen. They want people to understand that something happened to them and their family, and they want an apology."

One evacuated passenger tests positive for hantavirus and another develops symptoms on flight home

By IAIN SULLIVAN and SUMAN NAISHADHAM Associated Press

TENERIFE, Canary Islands (AP) — Passengers evacuated from the hantavirus-hit cruise ship began flying home aboard military and government planes Sunday after the vessel anchored in the Canary Islands, with one American testing positive and a French traveler developing symptoms for the pathogen aboard their separate aircraft.

One the 17 American passengers evacuated from the MV Hondius tested positive for the hantavirus but is not showing any symptoms, U.S. health officials said late Sunday.

Earlier, one of the five French passengers developed symptoms on their flight home, French Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu said in a statement, and all were put into strict isolation with plans to be tested.

Passengers were evacuated off the MV Hondius following its arrival in Tenerife, the largest island in the Spanish archipelago off the West African coast.

Earlier, officials from the Spanish Health Ministry, the World Health Organization and the cruise company Oceanwide Expeditions had said none of the more than 140 people who were then on the Hondius had shown symptoms of the virus.

The aircraft carrying the Americans was due to arrive in Omaha, Nebraska, early Monday.

The Americans would first be taken to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, which has a federally funded quarantine facility, to assess whether they have been in close contact with any symptomatic people and their risk levels for spreading the virus.

The medical school also has a special unit for treating people with highly infectious diseases that was used early in the pandemic for COVID-19 patients and previously for Ebola patients.

"One passenger will be transported to the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit upon arrival, while other passengers will go to the National Quarantine Unit for assessment and monitoring. The passenger who is going to the Biocontainment Unit tested positive for the virus but does not have symptoms," said Kayla Thomas, a spokesperson for the Nebraska Medicine hospital that will help care for the passengers.

From the ship, all of the passengers were escorted to shore by personnel in full-body protective gear and breathing masks. Spanish passengers were the first to leave, flown to Madrid and taken to a military hospital. Hours later, a plane that evacuated French passengers landed in Paris, where it was met by emergency vehicles.

The planes arriving in Tenerife were to fly out passengers from more than 20 countries in an evacuation effort that was expected to last until Monday.

Japan's Foreign Ministry said a Japanese national arrived in Britain on a chartered flight arranged by the British government and will be under health monitoring by British authorities for up to 45 days.

Three people have died since the outbreak began, and five people who left the ship earlier are infected with hantavirus.

Health officials say risk to public is low

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus reiterated that the general public should not be

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worried about the outbreak.

"We have been repeating the same answer many times," he said. "This is not another COVID. And the risk to the public is low. So they shouldn't be scared, and they shouldn't panic."

Even so, those disembarking and workers at the port of Granadilla in Tenerife wore protective gear during the evacuation process, including hazardous-materials suits, face masks and respirators. Video obtained by The Associated Press showed passengers on the tarmac donning similar suits and being sprayed with disinfectant.

Passengers were relieved to be on their way home, another WHO official said. "It's been great seeing all the buses coming out and people really happy to be on land again and being repatriated," said Diana Rojas Alvarez, the WHO health operations lead, who is on Tenerife.

Authorities have said the disembarking passengers and crew members will be checked for symptoms and will be forbidden from having any contact with the local population. They were to be taken off the ship only when evacuation flights are ready. Tedros and Spain's health and interior ministers are supervising the operation in Tenerife.

Hantavirus usually spreads when people inhale contaminated residue of rodent droppings, and the disease is not easily transmitted between people. But the Andes virus detected in the cruise ship outbreak may be able to spread between people in rare cases. Symptoms usually show between one and eight weeks after exposure.

Passengers and disembarking crew members left behind their luggage and were allowed to take only a small bag with essentials, a cellphone, a charger and documentation.

Some crew, as well as the body of a passenger who died on board, will remain on the ship, which will sail on to Rotterdam, Netherlands, where it will undergo disinfection, Spanish authorities said.

The journey to Rotterdam takes about five days, the cruise company said.

Passengers will be monitored

The WHO is recommending that passengers' home countries "have active monitoring and follow-up, which means daily health checks, either at home or in a specialized facility," said Maria van Kerkhove, the organization's top epidemiologist.

"We are leaving this up to the countries themselves to actually develop their own policies," she added. "But our recommendations are very clear."

Numerous countries have said their people will be quarantined or hospitalized for observation.

In the U.K., for example, authorities have said passengers will be hospitalized for 72 hours of quarantine, followed by six weeks of self-isolation.

The French had planned a similar protocol, but after Sunday's flight, the prime minister said the five passengers would be kept in the hospital "until further orders."

A Dutch evacuation plane touched down Sunday evening in the Netherlands city of Eindhoven, with disembarking passengers wearing masks and carrying belongings in white plastic bags. The 26 aboard included eight Dutch citizens, as well as people from India, Germany, Argentina, Belgium, Greece, Portugal, Ukraine, Guatemala, the Philippines and Montenegro, the Dutch Foreign Ministry said.

The Dutch citizens were being taken home by medical transport and will self-quarantine for six weeks. Local health services were arranging quarantine locations for others.

The acting director of the Centers for Disease Control, Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, said Americans would first be flown to the University of Nebraska. After that, he told CNN's "State of the Union," they will be given the choice of staying in Nebraska or going home, where their conditions would be monitored by state and local health agencies.

He made the comments before the report one passenger had tested positive.

He noted that seven Americans who left the cruise have been in the U.S. for roughly two weeks, and they are living across the country.

Australia is sending a plane, expected to arrive Monday, to evacuate its people and those from nearby countries, such as New Zealand, and unspecified Asian countries, said Spanish Health Minister Mónica García, who added that the evacuation flight was expected to be the last to leave Tenerife.

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Norway sent an ambulance plane to the island with personnel trained to transport patients with high-risk infections, its Directorate for Civil Protection told public broadcaster NRK.

British medics parachute into remote territory

Elsewhere, British Army medics parachuted onto the remote South Atlantic territory of Tristan da Cunha, where one of the 221 residents has a suspected case of hantavirus.

The patient was a passenger on the MV Hondius and disembarked last month.

The U.K. Defense Ministry said a team of six paratroopers and two medical clinicians jumped Saturday from a Royal Air Force transport plane, which also dropped oxygen and medical equipment.

Tristan da Cunha is Britain's most remote inhabited overseas territory, about 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometers) from the nearest inhabited island, St. Helena. The group of volcanic islands has no airstrip and is usually accessible only by a six-day boat voyage from Cape Town, South Africa.

Young Americans' job market optimism falls as older adults stay upbeat, new Gallup poll finds

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI Associated Press

For years, younger Americans have been more optimistic about the job market than older Americans, even through the depths of the Great Recession. But in an abrupt shift, a new poll released Monday finds young people's confidence has plummeted over the past two years — while their elders remain more upbeat.

The gap between young and older Americans' views of the job market now is greater than in any other country among the 141 surveyed, according to the Gallup World Poll. In the United States, 43% of those aged 15-34 believe it's "a good time" to find a job in the area where they live, well below the 64% of those aged 55 and over who say the same.

Around the world, it's the opposite. Globally, the median share of younger people who say it's "a good time" to find work in their local job market is 48%, compared with 38% among older people.

The findings reveal a generational rift in Americans' views of economic opportunity, with young people feeling increasingly downtrodden about job prospects, while older people still largely think it's a good time to find work. The schism is likely to continue fueling generational divides in politics, where younger voters have focused on economic issues such as housing costs and have registered less faith in institutions.

"It's an incredibly new phenomenon," Benedict Vigers of Gallup said of young Americans' pessimism. He added that last year was the first time in Gallup's decades of polling that young Americans were more pessimistic about the job market than their peers in other developed countries. "Has this happened in most other advanced economies? The answer is a resounding no."

Younger and older Americans differ on how easy it is to find a new job

Young people, with fewer physical limitations and family responsibilities — along with an ability to adapt more quickly than older counterparts — normally are more optimistic about their ability to land work.

But the new Gallup analysis finds the U.S. is one of only five countries where younger people are at least 10 points more pessimistic about the availability of work than older ones, joining China, Hong Kong, Norway, Serbia and the United Arab Emirates.

Among the 141 countries surveyed, younger Americans ranked 87th in job market expectations. Even that is striking, Vigers said, because young Americans have long stood out globally for their optimism about job opportunities. Other countries, such as New Zealand and Canada, had lower levels of optimism among the youngest group, but there was no significant generational divide.

The divergence between younger and older Americans happened suddenly. Every U.S. age group registered a drop in confidence in the job market after 2023 — following a post-COVID rebound in 2021 and 2022 — but those 34 and younger saw the largest decline in recent years. The share of younger Americans saying it was "a good time" to find a job plunged by 27 percentage points from 2023 to 2025. That's comparable to the rate of decline for young people during the 2008 global financial crisis, which also saw a drastic drop in confidence for older Americans. But that hasn't happened in the last few years. In fact,

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older Americans' views have barely dropped.

Older Americans also have a sunnier view of the economic landscape more generally, according to recent AP-NORC polling. About 8 in 10 adults under 35 describe the U.S. economy as very or somewhat poor, according to an AP-NORC poll conducted in April. Only about 6 in 10 adults 55 and older say the same, although a majority still see the U.S. economy negatively.

John Della Volpe, a pollster who regularly surveys U.S. youth for the Harvard Kennedy School's Institute of Politics, said young people are frequently frustrated at how prior generations don't understand their current economic challenges.

"It's just another thing that drains their mental health — 'my parents don't understand that their pathway at this stage in life that I'm in was so much easier,'" Della Volpe said.

Job market optimism among younger adults approaches Great Recession levels

Younger Americans' job market views now register close to the level they did in 2010, when the country was still deep in the Great Recession. This is not the first Gallup poll to find striking levels of pessimism among young Americans — they also register notably high levels of anxiety about pocketbook issues compared with people their age in other countries.

A separate Gallup survey on perceived U.S. job prospects found pessimism emerging at the end of 2024 and continuing into 2025. That coincides with the beginning of President Donald Trump's second term and the rise of artificial intelligence, which many fear will transform the labor market and eliminate many entry-level jobs.

The new poll finds the most frustrated groups of young people are those who haven't secured a first job yet, college graduates and young women. But the heightened pessimism spreads across all subgroups of younger Americans, including men and those who haven't attended college.

"Whoever they are, they are more pessimistic than they were three years ago," Vigers said of young Americans.

The older Americans who have a less dire view of the job market are themselves more likely to be retired and not looking for work. They're also more likely to own their own homes, a longtime building block of American prosperity that has increasingly seemed out of reach to younger people.

Day-to-day financial concerns were a key issue in the 2024 election, particularly for younger voters, and Trump improved on his previous performance among this group as he ran on a platform of economic prosperity, fighting inflation and affordability. But like other groups that were important parts of Trump's 2024 coalition, some younger Americans have soured on the president as inflation continues, recent AP-NORC polling finds.

About 8 in 10 adults under 35 disapprove of how Trump is handling the economy and the cost of living, the recent AP-NORC poll found, compared with about 6 in 10 older adults.

Iran war disruptions spark higher costs and lost income in Bangladesh

By JULHAS ALAM Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Tariqul Islam lost his savings after setbacks in his clothing business about a year and a half ago and turned to ride-sharing on his motorbike to make ends meet. Until recently, he spent hours in fuel lines as supply disruptions linked to the war in Iran ripple into Bangladesh.

The 53-year-old father of four fears the strain will worsen if the war drags on, saying long hours waiting for fuel have sharply cut his income and made it increasingly difficult to support his family in Dhaka, the nation's capital, including a daughter at university and a son in college.

"My family was managing fairly well through ride-sharing," he said. "But after the fuel shortage began, I would buy fuel one day and run the bike for two days. As a result, I had to sit idle for one day, which reduced my income."

The strain in Islam's household reflects a broader squeeze in Bangladesh, heavily dependent on imported fuel, where energy shortages have disrupted daily life, slowed industrial output and raised concerns about

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economic growth as global tensions push up costs and strain supplies.

Conditions have eased slightly in recent days, with shorter queues at fuel stations after the government increased supplies, but concerns persist across sectors.

Across Asia, governments are facing similar strains as the war-driven surge in energy prices rattles economies dependent on imported oil and gas.

The continent is exposed because it relies on imported fuel, much of it passing through the Strait of Hormuz — a chokepoint for about a fifth of global oil and natural gas trade.

Higher fuel costs are leading to inflation and squeezing household budgets, while industries from manufacturing to transport are facing rising operating costs and supply disruptions.

The Asian Development Bank in late April cut growth forecasts for developing Asia and the Pacific, warning that war-driven energy disruptions would slow economies and fuel inflation. It now expects growth of 4.7% in 2026, with inflation rising to 5.2% as oil prices climb and financial conditions tighten.

Many are hoping for a quick end to the conflict and a return to normal.

"If this situation continues, we will have to move back to our village and find some other way to earn a living," Islam, the struggling father said. It is not possible to survive in Dhaka by doing ride-sharing under these conditions."

Energy crunch weighs on Bangladesh's economy

Rising energy prices are also expected to strain Bangladesh's finances, with the government likely to spend an additional \$1.07 billion on LNG subsidies in the April-June quarter alone if global prices remain high.

Bangladesh has sought supplies from its big neighbor India, which has responded positively as it has diversified sources, including Russia, of fuel.

Already, authorities have imposed austerity measures to manage the crisis as global lenders warn of slower growth in the nation of more than 170 million people. Gas and diesel shortages have triggered more frequent power cuts in industrial zones.

The government has also shut fertilizer factories to divert gas to power plants, restricted evening hours for shopping malls and introduced fuel rationing.

The World Bank said in April it expects growth in Bangladesh to slow to 3.9% in the fiscal year ending in June 2026, warning that a prolonged Middle East conflict could fuel inflation, widen the current account deficit and strain public finances through higher energy subsidies.

Jean Pesme, the World Bank's division director for Bangladesh and Bhutan, said the economy already faced "pre-existing vulnerabilities and challenges, in particular on the economic and employment front."

The rising costs now are "obviously making the fiscal situation more difficult."

He also warned that authorities should be cautious in raising fuel prices, saying higher costs could hurt farmers and agriculture.

Bangladesh garment industry is hit as exports slow

The energy crunch is also driving up costs and threatening Bangladesh's garment exports, the backbone of its economy, business leaders say.

Anwar-Ul Alam Chowdhury, president of the Bangladesh Chamber of Industries, said exports to Europe and the U.S. could face a significant setback. Shipments have fallen between 5% and 13% in recent months, he said. He worries that customers could lose confidence in Bangladesh's ability to deliver and that competitor nations such as India, Vietnam and Cambodia could gain market share if the crisis persists.

Chowdhury said factory output has dropped by 30% to 40% for various reasons and that the situation has worsened since the U.S. and Israel launched their war against Iran, while business costs have risen by about 35% to 40%.

Bangladesh, the world's second-largest garment exporter after China, earns about \$39 billion annually from the sector, which employs around 4 million workers, mostly women from rural areas.

Alvi Islam, director of Arrival Fashion Limited, said manufacturers are facing higher costs for petroleum-based materials such as sewing threads, poly bags — plastic bags used in packaging — and cartons, while spending more on diesel generators to cope with frequent power cuts.

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His company, which exports products worth about \$40 million annually, now runs generators at least four hours a day during production.

"For that reason, the cost of doing business for exporting garments has increased quite significantly in past one month," he said.

Workers worry about livelihoods

Garment worker Mosammet Runa, 35, said she fears for her family's future if the war continues.

"Millions of people like us depend on this industry. It is how we survive," said Runa, who, along with her husband, earns about \$400 a month to support their family of six.

She said a prolonged conflict could wipe out jobs and called for an end to the fighting.

"We are innocent people. The world should not make us victims," she said.

Iran responds to US ceasefire proposal but Trump rejects it as 'unacceptable'

By JON GAMBRELL and SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran sent its response to the latest U.S. proposal to end the Iran war via Pakistani mediators on Sunday, but U.S. President Donald Trump quickly rejected it in a social media post as "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!" — the latest setback to efforts to resolve the standoff in the Persian Gulf that has throttled shipping and sent energy prices soaring.

Iranian state television reported that Tehran rejected the U.S. proposal as amounting to surrender, insisting instead on "war reparations by the U.S., full Iranian sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz, an end to sanctions, and the release of seized Iranian assets."

Washington's latest proposal addressed a deal to end the war, reopen the strait and roll back Iran's nuclear program.

Trump's rejection of the Iranian response included no details. In an earlier post, he accused Tehran of "playing games" with the United States for nearly 50 years, adding: "They will be laughing no longer!"

Trump is giving diplomacy "every chance we possibly can before going back to hostilities," the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Mike Waltz, told ABC earlier.

Iran's new supreme leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, who has not been seen or heard publicly since the war began, "issued new and decisive directives for the continuation of operations and the powerful confrontation with the enemies" while meeting with the head of the joint military command, the state broadcaster reported, with no details.

Drone attacks target Gulf Arab nations

The fragile ceasefire was tested when a drone ignited a small fire on a ship off Qatar and the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait reported drones entering their airspace. The UAE said it shot down two drones and blamed Iran. No casualties were reported, and no one immediately claimed responsibility.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry called the ship attack a "dangerous and unacceptable escalation that threatens the security and safety of maritime trade routes and vital supplies in the region." The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations Center gave no details about the ship's owner or origin.

Kuwait Defense Ministry spokesperson Brig. Gen. Saud Abdulaziz Al Otaibi said forces responded to drones but did not say where they came from.

Iran and armed allied groups such as the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group have used drones to carry out hundreds of strikes since the war began with U.S. and Israeli attacks on Feb. 28.

Iran says it's on 'full readiness' to protect nuclear sites

Trump has reiterated threats to resume full-scale bombing if Iran does not accept an agreement to reopen the strait and roll back its nuclear program. Iran has largely blocked the strategic waterway that's key to the global flow of oil, natural gas and fertilizer since the war began, rattling world markets.

The U.S. military in turn has blockaded Iranian ports since April 13, saying it has turned back 61 commercial vessels and disabled four. On Friday, it struck two Iranian oil tankers it said were trying to breach

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the blockade. Iran's Revolutionary Guard navy says any attack on Iranian oil tankers or commercial vessels would be met with a "heavy assault" on U.S. bases in the region and enemy ships.

In an interview posted late Saturday, an Iranian military spokesperson said forces were on "full readiness" to protect sites where uranium is stored.

The U.N. nuclear agency says Iran has more than 440 kilograms (970 pounds) of uranium enriched up to 60% purity, a short, technical step from weapons grade.

"We considered it possible that they might intend to steal it through infiltration operations or heli-borne operations," Brig. Gen. Akrami Nia told the IRNA news agency.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in an interview with CBS that aired Sunday said the war isn't over because the enriched uranium needs to be taken out of Iran. "Trump has said to me, 'I want to go in there,' and I think it can be done physically," he said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Saturday that Moscow's proposal to take enriched uranium from Iran to help negotiate a settlement remains on the table.

The majority of Iran's highly enriched uranium is likely at its Isfahan nuclear complex, the International Atomic Energy Agency director-general told The Associated Press last month. The facility was hit by U.S.-Israeli airstrikes in the 12-day war last year and faced less intense attacks this year.

Iran warns against French-British effort in the strait

Iran's deputy foreign minister warned against a planned French-British effort that aims to support maritime security in the Strait of Hormuz after hostilities are over.

"The presence of French and British vessels, or those of any other country, for any possible cooperation with illegal U.S. actions in the Strait of Hormuz that violate international law will be met with a decisive and immediate response from the armed forces," Kazem Gharibabadi said on social media.

French President Emmanuel Macron responded by saying it won't be a military deployment but an international mission to secure shipping once conditions allow.

Several attacks against ships in the Persian Gulf have occurred over the past week, and a U.S. effort to "guide" ships through the strait was quickly paused.

South Korea announced initial findings from an investigation that said two unidentified objects struck the South Korean-operated vessel HMM NAMU about one minute apart while it was anchored in the strait last week, causing an explosion and fire. Officials have yet to determine who was responsible.

Netanyahu denies telling Trump the war would cause regime change

In the interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," the Israeli prime minister denied New York Times reporting that he made a hard sell for Trump to start the Iran war by saying it would bring about regime change.

"We both agreed, you know, that there was both uncertainty and risk involved," Netanyahu said. "And I remember that we — I said and he said — that the danger, there's danger in action, in taking action, but there's greater danger in not taking action."

Asked whether he said in that February meeting that Iran would be so weakened it could not choke off the Strait of Hormuz, he said "the problem" of the vital oil shipping corridor "was understood as the fighting went on."

"I don't claim the perfect foresight," he said.

Netanyahu also said he wants to "draw down to zero" the military aid provided by the U.S., which he said now stands at \$3.8 billion per year.

Israel has been a leading recipient of U.S. military aid for decades, but the war in Gaza, with its high number of civilian casualties, has caused that aid to come under greater scrutiny as American public support for Israel declines.

Netanyahu, however, offered an extended timeline, saying he wants to see the aid cut off over the next decade.

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Knicks bury 76ers 144-114 behind Game 4 3-point barrage, back in East finals for 2nd straight year

By DAN GELSTON AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jalen Brunson, Josh Hart and the New York Knicks are back in the Eastern Conference finals, tying the NBA postseason record with 25 3-pointers in front of a raucous crowd rooting for the road team and rolling past the Philadelphia 76ers 144-114 on Sunday to sweep the second-round series.

Deuce McBride started in place of the injured OG Anunoby and hit seven 3-pointers, going 4 for 4 in the first quarter when the Knicks had another record with 11, and scored 25 points. Brunson had 22 points and Hart and Karl-Anthony Towns each scored 17 in the Knicks' latest lopsided playoff victory.

The Knicks' 19.4 point-per-game margin of victory is the largest through two rounds since the playoffs went to 16 teams in 1984.

"It's just us being very locked in to the moment," Towns said.

The Knicks advanced to the East finals for the second straight season and will play the winner of the Cleveland-Detroit series. The Pistons lead 2-1.

The Knicks last season reached the conference finals for the first time in 25 years before losing to Indiana. The Knicks then fired coach Tom Thibodeau and replaced him with Mike Brown, who has guided them to seven straight playoff wins, starting with the last three games against Atlanta.

"Our guys tried to take it to another level with their focus on the details and their energy and effort level," Brown said. "That's a lot of the reason why we're playing pretty good basketball."

Knicks fans made a habit of scooping up tickets by the thousands at the Sixers' arena for playoffs games over the years, and in Game 4, they may have made the loudest statement yet. They raised brooms outside the arena and waved "Always Knicks" towels once inside, all while noisily neutering the few Sixers fans that didn't make a few extra bucks on the secondary market and stuck around.

The 76ers' franchise failed to stop Knicks fans in their effort to buy tickets.

The 76ers were greater failures in trying to stop the Knicks on the floor.

Game 4 was a laugh from the tip, with the Knicks using the 3-point arc as a starting point for their personal pop-a-shot game.

With Knicks fans on their feet and exclaiming "Deuuuce," McBride hit one, two, three, four — four! — 3-pointers in succession for a 20-6 lead and the Sixers were already on their heels. McBride became the first Knick (since play-by-play tracking began in 1997) to hit four 3s in the first quarter of a playoff game.

New York's 3-point records were just heating up.

Brunson added two in the period (six total) to help make the Knicks 11 of 13, which tied the NBA mark for most makes in a quarter.

The Knicks totaled 18 3s in the first half to score 54 points off the long ball, compared to 57 total for the 76ers. Overall, that was an 81-57 lead and helped power the Knicks toward their first best-of-seven series sweep since the 1999 East semis against Atlanta.

The Knicks scored 80-plus points in the first half twice in five road playoff games this season.

The second half was a mere formality, and the Sixers are headed home after a gutsy 3-1 series comeback to beat Boston in the first round.

"The energy was a big gap between their energy and our energy, I thought," Sixers coach Nick Nurse said.

Joel Embiid ended another injury-riddled season with 24 points, Tyrese Maxey had 17 and the Sixers still have not advanced out of the second round since 2001.

"I came into this year not knowing where I was going to be (with health), how long I was going to play, if I was even going to play based on how the knee was the last few years," Embiid said. "I came in just hoping for the best and I feel like we're in a position where we figured out the knee. It hasn't been an issue."

Towns had 10 assists. Hart hit four 3-pointers and celebrated by stripping off his jersey and tossing it to a woman in Sixers gear.

"My right hand remembered that the goal was to make 3s," Hart said. "Happy to have her back."

If the sweep and the Knicks' fan takeover didn't saddle the Sixers with enough bad news, there was

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one final cutting blow to the ego — Philadelphia's two first-round 2018 draft picks are still playing: Mikal Bridges and Landry Shamet, of course, for the Knicks.

Washington wins NBA draft lottery, chance to pick first on June 23

By TIM REYNOLDS AP Basketball Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — For Michael Winger, 1 was the loneliest number. And for the Washington Wizards, it was the best ping-pong ball.

Let's explain: Winger, the president of Monumental Basketball, was the Wizards' representative inside the sequestered room where the NBA draft lottery was taking place Sunday. The first ball was 4, the second ball was 2.

"I knew it was us," Winger said.

He was right. The third ball — 1 — made it official. The fourth ball was a 13, which meant nothing. The 4-2-1 combination ensured that the Wizards had won the lottery and earned the right to pick No. 1 in next month's draft, a huge step forward for a team that finished with the league's worst record this season. And for the next 45 minutes, before the rest of the world found out during a television broadcast, Winger was essentially stone-faced.

"I could have celebrated by myself, looking around for somebody to high-five," Winger said. "There wouldn't have been anybody there."

The celebrations came later. Winger, Wizards great John Wall, vice president of player personnel Travis Schlenk, coach Brian Keefe and assistant coach David Vanterpool posed on stage after the lottery ended, all smiles. There haven't been a lot of moments worth smiling about in Wizards-land over the last three years. That may be changing.

"It's our fans that have endured the most," Winger said. "And to me, this No. 1 pick is for them. It's a reward for hanging in there with us. It's a reward to continue to support us despite sometimes really bad basketball. They knew and they supported a multiyear teardown, a multiyear reinvention of the franchise."

It will be Washington's first time with the No. 1 pick since they chose Wall in that spot in 2010. Wall was the Wizards' on-stage representative for the lottery.

"They could be a team that I feel should be in playoff contention next year," Wall said.

Washington had a 14% chance of winning the No. 1 pick, tied with Brooklyn and Indiana for the best odds. The Wizards had basically a 50-50 chance of getting either a top-four pick or the No. 5 spot.

But three consecutive years of losing — the three worst seasons in the franchise's 65-year history — paid off for a team that went 17-65 this season and even allowed Miami's Bam Adebayo to score 83 points for the league's second-highest single-game total ever.

The Wizards swung deals to land All-Stars Trae Young and Anthony Davis earlier this year, and now they can add whichever college player they want.

"This is another step in our journey," Keefe said. "Obviously, it's a great day and we're looking forward to going through the process and finding who we're going to take with that pick, but I'm just thrilled for everybody that works with the organization and most importantly the community."

Winger brought a photo of his family with him into the lottery room, perhaps the bit of luck he needed. And there is a certain symmetry to how the 4-2-1 combination was what delivered for the Wizards; those numbers add up to 7.

"The day I was born," said Keefe, born April 7, 1976.

Utah will pick No. 2, Memphis will pick No. 3 and Chicago will pick No. 4.

The Los Angeles Clippers got the fifth pick — via a trade with the Pacers, who were shut out of the draft entirely — followed by No. 6 Brooklyn, No. 7 Sacramento, No. 8 Atlanta, No. 9 Dallas, No. 10 Milwaukee, No. 11 Golden State, No. 12 Oklahoma City, No. 13 Miami and No. 14 Charlotte.

The draft begins June 23 in New York. The draft combine in Chicago starts on Monday.

No. 1 pick possibilities

There are four candidates that generally are considered front-runners to be the No. 1 pick, all coming

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out of college after one year.

— BYU's AJ Dybantsa, who led the nation in scoring at 25.5 points per game.

— Duke's Cameron Boozer, the AP player of the year who averaged 22.5 points and 10.1 rebounds.

— Kansas' Darryn Peterson, who averaged 20.2 points in 24 games.

— North Carolina's Caleb Wilson, who averaged 19.8 points and 9.4 rebounds on 58% shooting.

"Obviously we're going to find out on June 23 where I'm going to land," Dybantsa said. "I'm betting on myself to be a No. 1 pick. I think I'm very adaptable, I can play anywhere."

It's now possible that Boozer could be selected by the Bulls or the Jazz — two teams that his father, Carlos Boozer, played for in his NBA days.

"It could be surreal, for sure," Cameron Boozer said.

Last of this format (probably)

This was the eighth, and likely final, year of this version of an NBA draft lottery, with the worst teams having a 14% chance of winning.

Framework fell into place last month on changes meant to further discourage tanking, and the league's Board of Governors is expected to ratify that plan in the next few weeks — with general managers meeting in Chicago on Tuesday to discuss them presumably for one last time.

The three worst teams, starting next season, would have a 5.4% chance of winning — with the next seven teams all having an 8.1% chance of winning. The lottery would grow from 14 to 16 teams if the plan, as expected, is approved.

Russia and Ukraine accuse each other of violating US-brokered 3-day truce

By The Associated Press undefined

Russia and Ukraine swapped accusations of breaking a U.S.-brokered ceasefire on Sunday, with both sides claiming to have suffered casualties in drone and artillery strikes over the past 24 hours.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Russia was neither observing the truce nor "even particularly trying to," adding there had been no calm in front-line areas despite a lull in large-scale attacks and pledged that Ukraine would retaliate to any aggression shown by Moscow.

"Yesterday and today, Ukraine refrained from long-range retaliatory actions in response to the absence of large-scale Russian attacks," Zelenskyy said in evening statement, stressing Ukraine's increasing ability to hit targets far inside Russia.

"We will continue to respond in the same mirrorlike manner, and if the Russians decide to return to full-scale warfare, our response will be immediate and significant," he said.

Ivan Fedorov, head of Ukraine's southeastern Zaporizhzhia region, said one person was killed and three others wounded by Russian artillery and drone attacks in the last 24 hours. Another 16 people were also wounded in attacks across other regions of Ukraine, local officials said.

Russia's defense ministry, meanwhile, accused Kyiv of committing more than 1,000 ceasefire violations, state media reported, citing a daily briefing. The ministry said Ukrainian forces had attacked civilian targets in several Russian regions and carried out strikes against Russian military positions on the front line.

Russia's military had "responded in kind" to the ceasefire violations, the ministry said.

Two people were injured by Ukrainian shelling in the Russian-occupied part of Ukraine's Kherson region, the area's Moscow-installed leader Vladimir Saldo said.

U.S. President Donald Trump said Friday that Russia and Ukraine had bowed to his request for a ceasefire running Saturday through Monday to mark Victory Day, the Russian celebration marking the defeat of Nazi Germany.

Trump said there would also be an exchange of prisoners, declaring that the break in fighting could be the "beginning of the end" of the war.

Zelenskyy, who had said Russian authorities "fear drones may buzz over Red Square" during the May 9 parade in Moscow, followed up on Trump's statement by mockingly declaring Red Square temporarily

off-limits for Ukrainian strikes to allow the Russian parade to go ahead. The Kremlin shrugged off the comment as a "silly joke."

Russian presidential aide Yuri Ushakov said on Sunday he expects U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff and Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner — who have both taken a leading role in negotiations to end the war — to visit Moscow "soon enough."

However, he stressed that Moscow would not move from its demand that Kyiv's troops withdraw from Ukraine's eastern Donbas region. "Until (Ukraine) takes that step, we can hold several more rounds, dozens of rounds (of negotiations), but we'll be stuck in the same place," Ushakov was cited by the state news agency Tass as saying.

Previous ceasefires, most recently at Orthodox Easter, have failed to produce any tangible results amid deep mistrust between Moscow and Kyiv more than four years after Russia launched its invasion of its neighbor. U.S.-led diplomatic efforts to stop the war have also largely stalled.

Remains of US soldier who went missing during military exercises in Morocco have been recovered

By AKRAM OUBACHIR Associated Press

CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP) — The remains of a U.S. soldier who went missing during military exercises in Morocco a week ago were recovered in the Atlantic Ocean, the army said Sunday. Military teams were still searching for a second missing soldier.

The remains were those of 1st Lt. Kendrick Lamont Key Jr., a 14A Air Defense Artillery officer who was one of two U.S. soldiers who fell off a cliff during a recreational hike in Morocco while off duty. He was 27 years old.

The two were reported missing May 2 after participating in African Lion, an annual multinational military exercise held in Morocco.

"A Moroccan military search team found the Soldier in the water along the shoreline at approximately 8:55 a.m. local time May 9, within roughly one mile of where both Soldiers reportedly entered the ocean," U.S. Army Europe and Africa said in a statement.

The two went missing around 9 p.m. near the Cap Draa Training Area outside Tan-Tan, a terrain characterized by mountains, desert and semidesert plains, according to the Moroccan military.

Their disappearance triggered a search-and-rescue operation involving more than 600 personnel from the United States, Morocco and other military partners. The operation deployed frigates, vessels, helicopters and drones.

Search efforts will continue for the missing second soldier, a U.S. defense official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity as they were not allowed to speak publicly on the issue.

The official said a U.S. contingent remained in Morocco after the war games ended Friday to provide command and control and to continue search and rescue operations.

Key was assigned to Charlie Battery, 5th Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, the army said. His decorations include the Army Achievement Medal and Army Service Ribbon.

He entered military service in 2023 as an officer candidate and earned his commission through Officer Candidate School in 2024 as an Air Defense Artillery officer. He later completed the Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, according to the statement.

African Lion 26, is a U.S.-led exercise launched in April across four countries — Morocco, Tunisia, Ghana and Senegal — with more than 7,000 personnel from over 30 nations. Since 2004, it has been the largest U.S. joint military exercise in Africa.

In 2012, two U.S. Marines were killed and two others injured during a helicopter crash in Morocco's southern city of Agadir while taking part in the exercises.

NTSB gathering details on Frontier Airlines evacuation after plane

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hit and killed person in Denver

By MICHAEL CASEY Associated Press

The National Transportation Safety Board on Sunday said it is gathering information about the evacuation of a Frontier Airlines plane after it hit and killed a person on the runway at Denver International Airport during takeoff.

The plane, which was heading to Los Angeles International Airport, "reported striking a pedestrian during takeoff at DEN at approximately 11:19 p.m. on Friday," according to a post on the airport's official X account.

Passengers were evacuated via slides, and the emergency crew bused them to the terminal. An airport spokesperson said 12 passengers received minor injuries and five were taken to hospitals.

Concerns about evacuation

Some people on board expressed concern about the evacuation, including being stuck in the plane for several minutes as smoke filled the cabin and left on the tarmac in the cold once they were out. Video also showed some passengers coming down the slide with what looked to be their carry-on bags.

"We are gathering information about the emergency evacuation to determine if it meets criteria for a safety investigation," NTSB spokesperson Sarah Taylor Sulick said early Sunday, adding that the agency might have more details in a few hours.

Frontier Airlines didn't respond early Sunday to a request for information about the evacuation.

Unanswered questions

A spokesman for the Denver Police Department said Sunday the investigation into the incident was ongoing and that the identity of the person on the runway will be confirmed and released by the Denver Office of the Medical Examiner.

The CEO of the Denver airport, Phil Washington, said he "knows" there are questions still to be answered.

"As this is an active investigation with numerous other agencies involved, it is going to take some time as we are still confirming what information we can share at this time," Washington said in a statement. "This was a horrible and preventable tragedy that has affected many due to the actions of one person who apparently trespassed at an airport and lost their life as a result."

Two minutes after jumping a fence, the person crossed the runway and was hit. The only details the airport has released was that they do not believe the person was an airport employee.

Pilot alerts control tower

"We're stopping on the runway," the pilot tells the control tower according to the site ATC.com. "We just hit somebody. We have an engine fire."

The pilot tells the air traffic controller they have "231 souls" on board and that an "individual was walking across the runway."

The air traffic controller responds that they are "rolling the trucks now" before the pilot tells the tower they "have smoke in the aircraft. We are going to evacuate on the runway."

Frontier Airlines said in a statement that flight 4345 was the one involved in the collision and that "smoke was reported in the cabin and the pilots aborted takeoff." It was not clear whether the smoke was linked to the collision.

The airline said the plane was carrying 224 passengers and seven crew members.

"We are investigating this incident and gathering more information in coordination with the airport and other safety authorities," the airline said.

Passengers detail chaotic scene

Passengers said panic took hold on the flight after an engine caught fire and the cabin began filling with smoke.

"Honestly, I thought I was going to die," passenger Mohamed Hassan told Colorado's 9NEWS.

"A lot of people next to me were screaming and crying. I just closed my eyes," he said. "At that time, you're not really thinking of anything, you know? Because we were just about to take off and I heard that boom, so I wasn't sure what happened. I just thought something really, really bad happened."

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Passenger Nikil Thalanki told local media outlets that he felt "this jerk" as the plane was about to take off, adding that it felt like the wheels had left the ground but then came back down.

"There was fire on the engine. There was lots of sparks that are happening. Immediately came to a stop," Thalanki said. "As soon as we saw the sparks on the flight, smoke filled the cabin completely. It was super hard to breathe."

Kimberly Randle said passengers were panicking and desperate to get off the aircraft.

"In a few minutes, they finally opened the door. People were running to get out of the plane," he said. "It was chaos everywhere."

Evacuations on NTSB radar

The NTSB has for years expressed concern about evacuations, especially passengers leaving with their carry-ons. In an April report on the evacuation aboard a United Airlines flight at Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport, the NTSB described a troubling scene.

Passengers were evacuated via slides and stairs last year from the jetliner after an engine problem during takeoff caused smoke and fire on the right wing.

Despite the flight attendant telling passengers to remain seated, several began shouting, "fire on the engine, let me get out!" That triggered "widespread panic" and prompted many passengers to get up and start retrieving their belongings. Some climbed over seats and began obstructing the aisle.

Three large men insisted the evacuation occur, pushing past a flight attendant and going down a slide before it had fully deployed — causing it to deflate and become unusable.

"Cabin crew training emphasizes assertive command presence and passenger control during evacuations; however, this event demonstrates how rapidly escalating passenger behavior can affect evacuation dynamics even in the absence of confirmed fire or smoke conditions," according to the report.

The incident in Denver came a day after a Delta Air Lines employee was killed while on the job at the Orlando International Airport. In a statement, the airline said the employee was killed Thursday night without providing details of the incident or the name of the employee.

"We are focused on extending our full support to family and taking care of our Orlando team during this difficult time," the airline said. "We are working with local authorities as a full investigation gets underway to determine what occurred."

Death toll rises to 14 in a Pakistan suicide attack claimed by a Pakistani Taliban splinter group

By RIAZ KHAN and MUNIR AHMED Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — The death toll from a suicide attack on a security post in northwest Pakistan rose to 14 police officers early Sunday, authorities said as a self-proclaimed breakaway group of the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

A suicide bomber and several gunmen detonated an explosives-laden vehicle near the post in Bannu, a district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan, late on Saturday, senior police official Sajjad Khan said. The attack triggered a shootout, and some officers were killed in the exchange, while others died later after the building collapsed.

Rescuers searched for hours and used heavy machinery to retrieve bodies from under the rubble, Khan said, adding that three police officers were wounded in the attack.

Meanwhile, hundreds gathered at the Bannu police headquarters for the funerals of the slain officers. Uniformed colleagues stood in silence as coffins, draped in the national flag, were carried past grieving families. Some relatives broke down upon seeing the coffins. A Muslim cleric led funeral prayers under tight security.

Security forces have launched an operation to track down the perpetrators.

A newly formed militant group, Ittehad-ul-Mujahideen Pakistan, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement sent to reporters. While the group claims it was formed by splinter factions of the Pakistani Taliban, known as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, authorities have accused it of being a front for the TTP.

Pakistan has witnessed a surge in militant violence in recent years, much of it blamed on the TTP, a separate group but an ally of the Afghan Taliban, who returned to power in Afghanistan in 2021. Islamabad often accuses Afghanistan's Taliban government of providing sanctuary to the TTP, a claim that Kabul denies.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and President Asif Ali Zardari condemned the attack and expressed their condolences to the families of the victims. Zardari instructed local authorities to assist the wounded and residents whose homes were damaged in the attack.

Zardari said that militants find safe havens in neighboring Afghanistan and also vowed to target "their facilitators and sponsors."

"Terrorists operating from sanctuaries in Afghanistan under the Taliban administration and supported externally are targeting civilians and law enforcement personnel in Pakistan," he said.

Tensions between the two neighbors have persisted, and both sides have engaged in fighting that has killed hundreds of people since late February.

In early April, Afghan and Pakistani officials held peace talks mediated by China. However, despite the talks, sporadic cross-border clashes have continued, though at a lower intensity than before.

Britain's Starmer fights for his job as calls for his ouster grow after local election losses

By JILL LAWLESS Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is fighting for his job after devastating local election results for his Labour Party spurred dozens of lawmakers to call for his resignation.

Starmer plans to use a speech on Monday to argue that he can change tack and revive his government's fortunes. But his position is fragile as rivals weigh their options. One lawmaker, Catherine West, said she will try to trigger a leadership contest if she doesn't like what she hears in the speech.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner, often seen as a potential challenger, said the party "needs to change," though she did not explicitly call for Starmer to go.

She said "the prime minister must now meet the moment and set out the change our country needs."

Starmer is trying to regain momentum after heavy losses for his center-left party in local elections across England and legislative votes in Scotland and Wales. Last week's elections were widely seen as an unofficial referendum on Starmer, whose popularity has plummeted since he swept to power in a landslide less than two years ago.

His government has struggled to deliver promised economic growth, repair tattered public services and ease the cost of living, and been hamstrung by repeated missteps and policy U-turns on issues including welfare reform. He has been further hurt by his disastrous decision to appoint Peter Mandelson, a scandal-tarnished friend of Jeffrey Epstein, as Britain's ambassador to Washington.

Last week's elections saw Labour squeezed from both right and left, losing votes to both the anti-immigration Reform UK and the "eco-populist" Green Party. It reflects the increasing fragmentation of British politics, long dominated by Labour and the Conservatives.

Still, Starmer told The Observer newspaper on Sunday that he wants to remain in office for a decade. He's pinning his hopes on Monday's speech and an ambitious set of legislative plans to be set out in a speech Wednesday by King Charles III at the State Opening of Parliament.

A key policy is closer ties with the European Union, which the United Kingdom left in 2020, four years after the "leave" side narrowly won a membership referendum. Starmer's government has already moved to ease some of the trade restrictions that have burdened British businesses since Brexit, and he says he will secure a youth mobility deal so young people can spend a few years working across the continent.

"Brexit has held back our young people," Starmer told The Observer, adding that "we have to be closer to Europe."

Labour campaigned to stay in the EU during the 2016 referendum campaign, but has been reluctant to reopen a debate that bitterly divided the country. Starmer has ruled out seeking to reenter the EU, or to rejoin the EU's customs union or single market, two things that would make a big difference to U.K.

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businesses.

Starmer's future hangs in the balance

None of the high-profile Labour politicians considered potential challengers to Starmer — including Rayner, Health Secretary Wes Streeting and Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham — has called for him to resign.

But a growing number of Labour lawmakers urged the prime minister to set a timetable for his departure. British politics allows parties to change leader midterm without the need for a new election.

Josh Simons, a formerly loyal Labour lawmaker, wrote in the Times of London that Starmer "has lost the country" and "should take control of the situation by overseeing an orderly transition to a new prime minister."

West, a former junior minister, is trying to hurry the process along, vowing to try to trigger a leadership contest unless Starmer delivers a barnstorming speech on Monday. West acknowledged she does not have the support of 81 colleagues, needed to force a contest, and her move appeared to be an attempt to force more high-profile contenders to make a move.

"Working people sent us a message," West said. "We have to listen to that, and we have to change and we have to do it quickly."

'The Devil Wears Prada 2' bests 'Mortal Kombat II' at the box office

By LINDSEY BAHR AP Film Writer

In a box office battle of the sequels, "The Devil Wears Prada 2" had the slight edge over "Mortal Kombat II" in North American theaters this weekend. According to studio estimates Sunday, "The Devil Wears Prada 2" earned a chart topping \$43 million in its second weekend, while "Mortal Kombat II" took in \$40 million in its first.

This weekend had wide variety of newcomers playing in wide release, including the family-friendly whodunnit "The Sheep Detectives" and a James Cameron co-directed Billie Eilish concert film.

But it was the holdover that triumphed. "The Devil Wears Prada 2," which has grossed \$433.2 million worldwide in its first 12 days in release, helped push The Walt Disney Studios over \$2 billion globally for the year. It's also surpassed the total grosses of the first film, which earned \$327 million globally in 2006, not accounting for inflation.

Paul Dergarabedian, the head of marketplace trends for Comscore, said Mother's Day might have helped "Prada" get the advantage over the newcomer and have such a modest 44% dip in weekend two.

"The release date was perfect," Dergarabedian said. "This may be the new blueprint for how to start a summer."

"Mortal Kombat II" provided some gendered counterprogramming in the second weekend of Hollywood's summer movie season. Warner Bros. opened the movie in 3,503 locations where it drew a heavily male audience. According to PostTrak, 75% of the ticket buyers were men. "The Devil Wears Prada 2" had almost the exact opposite gender breakdown on its first weekend.

The first movie in this series, "Mortal Kombat," was released simultaneously in theaters and on HBO Max in April 2021 as a part of Warner Bros.' pandemic-era day-and-date strategy. Reviews have been mixed for the sequel, as was its B CinemaScore. It also earned \$23 million from 78 markets internationally, adding up to a \$63 million global debut.

"Michael" landed in third place in its third weekend with another \$36.5 million over the weekend, down only 33% from last weekend. The Michael Jackson biopic has now earned \$240.5 million in North America, surpassing the total domestic grosses of "Bohemian Rhapsody," and \$577.4 million globally.

Fourth place went to Amazon MGM Studios' "The Sheep Detectives" which brought in \$15.9 million in its first weekend in 3,457 theaters. The quirky, all-ages murder mystery features a starry ensemble including Hugh Jackman, Emma Thompson and Nicholas Braun, as well as the voices of Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Bryan Cranston, Regina Hall and Patrick Stewart as the sheep who try to figure out who murdered their shepherd.

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Audiences gave it an A- CinemaScore. The movie cost a reported \$75 million to produce.

Rounding out the top five was "Billie Eilish—Hit Me Hard & Soft: The Tour (Live in 3D)" an immersive concert experience which Cameron shared co-directing credits on with Eilish. Paramount released the movie in 2,613 theaters, where it earned \$7.5 million in North America and \$12.6 million internationally. The movie was very well reviewed by critics (93% on Rotten Tomatoes) and audiences, who gave it an A CinemaScore.

"Project Hail Mary," in its eighth weekend, and "The Super Mario Galaxy Movie," in its sixth weekend, are still going strong as well — adding up to a weekend that is up significantly from the same weekend last year. Dergarabedian said the films that seem to be doing well and drawing new and repeat audiences week after week are the ones offering "pure, escapist entertainment."

"This is playing out very well for movie theaters right now," he said.

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. "The Devil Wears Prada 2," \$43 million.
2. "Mortal Kombat II," \$40 million.
3. "Michael," \$36.5 million.
4. "The Sheep Detectives," \$15.9 million.
5. "Billie Eilish—Hit Me Hard and Soft: The Tour," \$7.5 million.
6. "The Super Mario Galaxy Movie," \$6.6 million.
7. "Project Hail Mary," \$6.1 million.
8. "Hokum," \$3.3 million.
9. "Deep Water," \$780,274.
10. "Animal Farm," \$663,624.

Person dies after being hit by Frontier Airlines plane that was taking off at Denver airport

By MICHAEL CASEY Associated Press

A person who jumped a fence and was on a runway at Denver International Airport was struck and killed by a Frontier Airlines plane during takeoff, airport authorities said. The collision sparked an engine fire and forced passengers to evacuate.

The plane, on route from Denver to Los Angeles International Airport, "reported striking a pedestrian during takeoff at DEN at approximately 11:19 p.m. on Friday," according to a post on the airport's official X account.

A spokesperson for the airport said the person, who jumped a perimeter fence, has died. They said the unidentified person was hit two minutes after entering the airport. The person is not believed to be an airport employee.

"We're stopping on the runway," the pilot tells the control tower according to the site ATC.com. "We just hit somebody. We have an engine fire."

The pilot tells the air traffic controller they have "231 souls" on board and that an "individual was walking across the runway."

The air traffic controller responds that they are "rolling the trucks now" before the pilot tells the tower they "have smoke in the aircraft. We are going to evacuate on the runway."

Frontier Airlines said in a statement that flight 4345 was the one involved in the collision and that "smoke was reported in the cabin and the pilots aborted takeoff." It was not clear whether the smoke was linked to the collision.

The airline said the plane was carrying 224 passengers and seven crew members.

"We are investigating this incident and gathering more information in coordination with the airport and other safety authorities," the airline said.

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Passengers were evacuated via slides and the emergency crew bused them to the terminal. The airport spokesperson said 12 passengers suffered minor injuries and five were taken to hospitals.

One passenger, Jacob Anthens, posted video showing people sliding down with their backpacks. He also posted photos of what looked like a damaged engine.

"As we were lifting off the engine of the plane exploded. There was so much smoke we couldn't even see 1 ft in front of us," Anthens said on his Facebook page, adding that passengers had to wait for over an hour on the runway and "still no transport or help with the cold."

Other video shows passengers calmly walking down the aisle of the plane and using the slide to evacuate. They were told to step away from the plane.

Denver Airport said the National Transportation Safety Board had been notified and that runway 17L, where the incident took place, was closed amid an investigation. It reopened Saturday around 11 a.m.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said in a post on X that the person "breached airport security at Denver Int'l Airport, deliberately scaled a perimeter fence, and ran out onto a runway."

He added: "No one should EVER trespass on an airport."

The incident came a day after a Delta Air Lines employee was killed while on the job at the Orlando International Airport. In a statement, the airline said the employee was killed Thursday night without providing details of the incident or the name of the employee.

"We are focused on extending our full support to family and taking care of our Orlando team during this difficult time," the airline said. "We are working with local authorities as a full investigation gets underway to determine what occurred."

Oregon Democrats found a way to improve roads. Now their gas tax goes before voters as prices soar

By CLAIRE RUSH Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Appealing to voters' anxieties about the soaring cost of living is central to Democrats' messaging in their hopes of big wins in this year's midterm elections. In Oregon, a question on the primary ballot is complicating that strategy.

The Democratic-controlled Legislature raised the state gas tax and a range of fees last fall as a way to pay for road improvements and plug a hole in the state's transportation budget. Republicans responded with a petition to repeal the increases, leading to a referendum that will land before voters just as the Iran war is causing the price of gas to skyrocket around the United States.

"It is a hell of a time to be raising gas taxes on people," said Jeanine Holly, filling up her tank on a recent morning in Portland.

The gas tax repeal on the state's May 19 primary ballot comes amid widespread disruptions in the oil industry from the war with Iran started by Israel and President Donald Trump. Discontent is high among U.S. consumers across the political spectrum, with the price of gas topping \$4.50 a gallon nationally on Friday and averaging about 80 cents more per gallon in Oregon.

The referendum will give voters a chance to weigh in on a hot-button issue hitting them directly in the pocketbook at a time when prices remain elevated for everything from housing to groceries. Nationally, Democrats have focused on the affordability concerns similar to those that helped propel Trump to victory in 2024. Some of their candidates have even proposed ways to cut taxes as a way to promote their agenda and counter a traditional GOP strategy.

"It's difficult to imagine a worse situation for ... a gas tax increase than right now in American politics," said Chris Koski, professor of political science and environmental studies at Portland's Reed College.

Republicans sense an opportunity

Republicans wasted no time in appealing to voters after the Legislature and Democratic governor signed off on the tax increase, which also included a higher payroll tax for transit projects and a boost in vehicle registration and title fees.

They needed 78,000 voter signatures to qualify the referendum for the ballot. They quickly got 250,000.

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"That is a remarkable number," said Republican strategist Rebecca Tweed.

Republicans in Oregon have countered Democrats' affordability messaging by portraying the tax and fee increases as further fueling the high cost of living.

"Do Oregonians want to pay more? The answer is no," said GOP state Sen. Bruce Starr, who helped lead the referendum campaign. "Everything they're looking at is expensive."

Under the legislation, Oregon's gas tax would rise from 40 cents to 46 cents a gallon. That would make it tied with Maryland for the eighth highest gas tax of any state when factoring in other state taxes and fees, according to figures from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

At the Portland gas station, Michael Burch said he used to spend \$70 to fill three-quarters of his pickup truck's tank, but now pays \$80 for just over half a tank.

"I'm sick and tired of taxes," the 76-year-old retiree said. "Gas is certainly dampening the spirits and the coffers of folks that aren't as well off."

Hannah Coe, a 30-year-old student, said she was not sure how she would vote on the primary ballot referendum.

"I think I would be in favor of it if it was going to go to the things that it was saying it was going to go to, such as fixing our roads," she said. "I also kind of feel like that's just a grab at trying to get more money from the people who live here."

Democrats blame the Iran war

Oregon Democrats spent much of last year fighting to pass a transportation funding bill to help raise money for services such as road paving and snow plowing. The debate came amid projections of declining gas tax revenue as more people adopt electric, hybrid and fuel-efficient cars.

They finally passed a narrower version of their plan during a special session called by Democratic Gov. Tina Kotek.

She recently acknowledged the challenging timing of the referendum.

"Certainly, the conversation at the ballot this year ... is a tough sell right now, because I think everyone is feeling a pinch on their household budgets," she told reporters.

But she and other Democrats said the root cause of the spike in gas prices is Trump's decision to go to war with Iran. She suggested the federal government consider reducing the federal 18 cent-a-gallon gas tax if it wants to provide relief at the pump for Americans.

Some Oregonians are receptive to the Democrats' reason for passing the legislation last year. Kurt Borneman, 68, said he would support the gas tax increase, even though he's now paying at least \$10 more to fill up his tank.

"I realize that money's tight and roads need to be improved," he said at the Portland gas station. "I want less government, but I also want nice roads."

Democratic state Rep. Paul Evans said his party lost the battle over how to frame the gas tax increase to the public. So far, there has been no organized effort from Democrats and their allies to oppose the ballot referendum.

"When anything is reduced to, 'Do you want a tax or not?' Most people are going to say no," he said. "The messaging got away from us, and it became focused upon the price instead of the value."

Today in History: May 11, Deep Blue defeats Kasparov

By The Associated Press undefined

Today is Monday, May 11, the 131st day of 2026. There are 234 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On May 11, 1997, the IBM supercomputer Deep Blue defeated chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov in the final game of a six-game match in New York, winning 3 ½-2 ½ and marking the first time a computer won a match against a reigning world champion.

Also on this date:

In 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration was created as one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's

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New Deal programs.

In 1946, the first CARE packages, sent by a consortium of American charities to provide relief to the hungry of postwar Europe, arrived at Le Havre, France.

In 1953, one of the deadliest tornadoes in Texas history devastated the city of Waco, killing 114 people and injuring nearly 600.

In 1960, Israeli agents captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In 1973, the espionage trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo in the "Pentagon Papers" case came to an end as Judge William M. Byrne dismissed all charges, citing government misconduct.

In 1981, reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36 after battling an aggressive skin cancer.

In 1984, Claus Barbie, the Nazi Gestapo chief known as the "Butcher of Lyon," went on trial in Lyon for crimes against humanity after being extradited from Bolivia, where he lived for over 30 years after World War II. (Barbie would be found guilty and would die in prison four years later.)

In 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer Eric Burdon is 85. Actor Frances Fisher is 74. Former MTV VJ Martha Quinn is 67. Olympic boxing gold medalist Mark Breland is 63. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 62. Basketball Hall of Famer Lauren Jackson is 45. Model Blac Chyna is 38. Former NFL quarterback Cam Newton is 37. Latin pop singer Prince Royce is 37. Actor Lana Condor is 29. Singer-actor Sabrina Carpenter is 27. Race car driver Yuki Tsunoda is 26.