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Community Calendar

Monday, July 27

Senior Menu: Hot turkey sandwich, creamy noodles, peas and carrots, fruit.

Senior citizens meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck at noon.

United Methodist Vacation Bible school, 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Elementary Volleyball Camp, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., GHS Gym and Arena

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

Junior Legion Regional Tournament at Sisseton: 5 p.m.: Groton vs. Big Stone City; 30 minutes after first game: Claremont vs. Sisseton.

Tuesday, July 28

Senior Menu: Lasagna bake, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.

United Methodist Vacation Bible school, 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Elementary Volleyball Camp, 8 a.m. to noon, GHS Gym and Arena

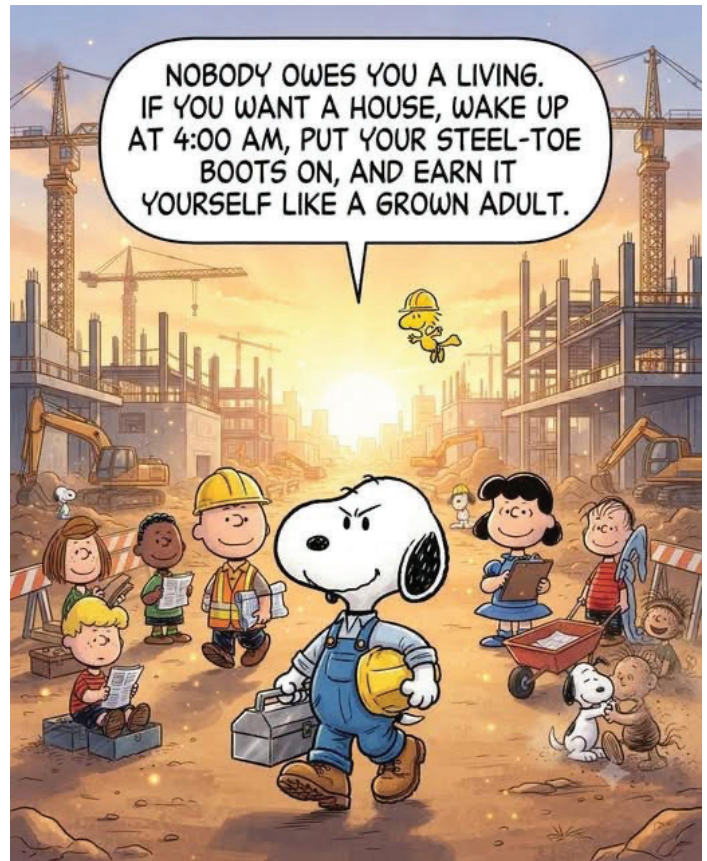
Junior Legion Regional Tournament at Sisseton: Winners play at 2 p.m., losers play at 5 p.m., third game 30 minutes after the 5 p.m. game.

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Wednesday, July 29

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat bread.

GHS Golf Fundraiser Lunch

Emmanuel Lutheran: Women's Guest Night Meal and speaker, 6 p.m.

Junior Legion Regional Tournament at Sisseton: Championship game at 2 p.m. If second game is needed, it will be played 30 minutes after the first game.

Thursday, July 30

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, corn, fruit, whole wheat bread.

1st-3rd Grade BB Camp, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., GHS Arena

Friday, July 31

Senior Menu: Baked fish, oven roasted potatoes, peas, fruit, whole wheat bread.

1st-3rd Grade BB Camp, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., GHS Arena

State B Legion Tournament in Madison through August 4th.

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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.

Canuck Connection

Traffic begins flowing between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, today, with the official opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge. Jointly owned by Canada and Michigan, it marks the culmination of more than 20 years of planning.

Roughly one-third of physical goods traded between the US and Canada flow across the Detroit River, most of which are transported over the privately owned Ambassador Bridge. The nearly 100-year-old structure dumps traffic onto Windsor roads and can cost commercial trucks more than \$100 in tolls each way. The new bridge—named after the Hall of Fame Canadian hockey star—connects directly to Ontario's Highway 401 and will cost about \$43 for a five-axle semi. Canada, which footed the \$6.4B bill, will split the toll surplus (revenue after operating costs) with the US for the first 15 years.

The structure is a cable-stayed bridge—similar to a suspension bridge, but with cables fanning out from towers.

Berlin Suspect Killed

German police have fatally shot a 21-year-old suspect linked to Islamist circles after a nearly daylong search. The man, a German citizen identified as Abdul Ballout, was accused of carrying out a vehicle-ramming and stabbing attack at Berlin Pride that killed at least one person and wounded 29 others.

The attack took place shortly before 10 pm local time on Saturday, when a white van charged into crowds gathered at Tiergarten park, near an LGBTQ+ party. The suspect had been known to local police. He was extradited to Germany from Lebanon earlier this year and was released from detention in May with a one-year-10-month suspended sentence. It was not clear as of this writing what the sentence was for. Local officials are treating Saturday's attack as an act of terrorism.

Vehicle-ramming attacks have a decades-long history, and saw an uptick in the mid-2010s.

European Wildfires Spread

Wildfires across France and Spain have forced more than 330,000 people to evacuate as of this writing, including more than 250,000 in France alone—among the country's largest-ever peacetime evacuation efforts.

The blazes are largely concentrated near France's wine-making Bordeaux region and central Spain, near the capital of Madrid. In France, the wildfire near Bordeaux has consumed an area of land roughly four times the size of Paris. A new heat wave this week is expected to fuel the fires' spread, with Spanish and French authorities warning of worse conditions to come. As of this writing, a new fire has opened near Spain's coastal city of Valencia, forcing at least 15,000 people to evacuate.

Wildfires have become more frequent and more intense in recent years, with the World Health Organization noting the number of wildfires reported across Europe are up more than 50% since 2022.

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Sports, Entertainment, & Culture

Slovenia's Tadej Pogačar wins his fifth Tour de France, finishing 6 minutes and 26 seconds ahead of second-place cyclist Remco Evenepoel.

Caitlin Clark and Team Spoon win WNBA All-Star Game, defeating Angel Reese and Team Coop; see highlights.

Lando Norris wins Hungarian Grand Prix, first title of the season; Lewis Hamilton, who had been pursuing his eighth title, finishes in fourth place but was demoted to fifth place for pit-lane speeding.

Corey Heim wins Brickyard 400 at age 24.

Science & Technology

FDA panel recommends six of seven peptides under consideration be approved for use by compounding pharmacies; critics say all lack rigorous studies for efficacy and safety.

2026 Fields Medal, given once every four years and considered the Nobel of mathematics, awarded to four researchers; Dr. Hong Wang becomes third woman to win the award.

Overactive nerve cells linked to excessive sweating in patients with otherwise normal sweat glands; hyperhidrosis affects between 2% and 5% of people.

Business & Markets

US stock markets end Friday mixed (S&P 500 +0.1%, Dow +0.5%, Nasdaq -0.6%).

Tesla shares fall almost 15% on weaker-than-expected earnings, spending on cybercab and robot projects.

Paramount Skydance freezes merger with Warner Bros. Discovery amid antitrust challenge from 12 states; company must pay WBD shareholders \$7M per day beginning Sept. 30 until merger succeeds.

Trump administration sued over new Section 301 tariffs that went into effect Friday, replacing expiring tariff plan.

The 10% to 12.5% tariffs affect more than 80 partners, but an estimated 50% of imports have exemptions.

Politics & World Affairs

President Donald Trump pauses bombing campaign against Iran on Friday, hours after reportedly being briefed on strains to the US weapons supply.

Maine Democrats formally select Troy Jackson as their new Senate candidate, replacing Graham Platner; Jackson is a former state lawmaker and logger who campaigned alongside Platner.

Vietnamese ship sinks in the South China Sea, with 17 people missing as of this writing.

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2026 South Dakota American Legion State Class "B" 14U Baseball Tournament

South Dakota American Legion
State Class "B" 14U Baseball Tournament
Prentis Park Baseball Field, Vermillion, SD
Hosted by Vermillion Post 1
July 24th - July 26th, 2026

DELL RAPIDS POST 65 **12**

Region 5B Champ

July 24th Game 1
11:00 AM

GROTON POST 39 **8**

Region 1B Champ

WINNER/COLOME POST 169 **11**

Region 7B Champ

July 24th Game 2
30 Min After G1

S/M/F/C POST 152 **5**

Region 4B Champ

ELK POINT POST 134 **5**

Region 3B Champ

July 24th Game 3
30 Min After G2

LENNOX POST 174 **7**

Region 6B Champ

MADISON POST 25 **14**

Region 2B Champ

July 24th Game 4
7:00 PM

VERMILLION POST 1 **0**

Host

There will be an opening
ceremony between games 2
and 3.



Dell Rapids **5**

Winner G1

July 25th Game 7
30 Min After G6

Winner/Colome **8**

Winner G2

Lennox **0**

Winner G3

July 25th Game 8
30 Min After G7

Madison **11**

Winner G4

Winner/Colome **2**

Winner G7

July 26th Game 11
30 Min After Game 10

Madison

Champion

Madison **12**

Winner G8

Dell Rapids **8**

Loser G7

July 26th Game 10
30 Min After G9

Lennox **1**

Loser G8

Dell Rapids

3rd Place

Groton **1**

Loser G1

July 25th Game 5
11:00 AM

S/M/F/C **11**

Loser G2

Elk Point **4**

Loser G3

July 25th Game 6
30 Min After G5

Vermillion **11**

Loser G4

S/M/F/C **14**

Winner G5

July 26th Game 9
10:00 AM

Vermillion **3**

Winner G6

S/M/F/C

5th Place

Tournament MVP:

Big Stick Award:

Porter T. Talcott Sportsmanship Award:



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The wind from Saturday's storm took down three flag poles at the Veteran's Circle at the Groton Union Cemetery. (Photo by Wanda Hamilton)



Many large branches were lying on the streets and the yards from Saturday's storm. Dwight Zerr from the city Public Works Department is using the payloader to remove a large branch off of Washington Street Sunday morning. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Every NFL offseason brings optimism. Every fanbase convinces itself the rookies will hit, the free agents will work out, and this is finally the year everything comes together. But before the season starts and hope takes over, it's worth taking a hard look at the roster as it actually exists today.

Over the next ten weeks, we'll break down every position group on the Vikings' roster and rank them from the group I have the most confidence in to the one I trust the least entering the 2026 season. We'll look at the projected starters, depth pieces, offseason additions, and biggest questions each group faces.

Coming in at number 3: outside linebacker (EDGE)

Confidence level: 45%

Current projected starters: Andrew Van Ginkel, Dallas Turner

Current depth: Bo Richter, Chaz Chambliss, Tyler Batty, Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins*

Competing for a roster or practice squad spot: Cam'Ron Stewart, Arden Walker

Why I'm confident: Andrew Van Ginkel is one of the most unique players in the NFL and has the potential to be a game changer, just like he was in 2024 when he was named an AP 2nd-team All-Pro. Dallas Turner is entering year three in the NFL and last year showed flashes of why he was a first-round pick, racking up 6.5 sacks in the second half of the season. Both starters are also versatile, which Brian Flores will continue to take advantage of, designing schemes that will confuse opposing offenses and provide AVG and Turner opportunities to shine.

Cause for concern: A few months ago, a case could be made that the Vikings had one of the best pass rushing units in the NFL. Then the Vikings traded the best player in the group, Jonathan Greenard. Suddenly the Vikings' three-headed pass-rushing monster was gone.

There is no question Andrew Van Ginkel is a good outside linebacker. The biggest question mark is his health. AVG suffered a concussion and injured his neck in week one of the 2025 season. He returned week three, had two sacks, a tackle for a loss, and a QB hit in only eight snaps(!), then was re-injured and missed the next five weeks. Neck injuries are no joke, and there is no guarantee he'll ever be the same player he was before the injury.

Dallas Turner has yet to prove that he's a capable NFL starter. He's shown flashes, and really came on in the second half of last season, but will he continue to get better? Or will his potential stagnate now that he's a full-time starter and teams can game plan against him?

The final concern is the depth behind AVG and Turner. The Vikings really need one (or two) of the young guys to step up. Bo Richter is likely penciled in as the top backup, having played in all 17 games last season. But that was mostly on special teams, and he only saw 52 snaps on defense. Tyler Batty and Chaz Chambliss are one step below Richter. Both are entering their second season after playing 12 games each in 2025. Batty had 42 snaps on defense; Chambliss had 25.

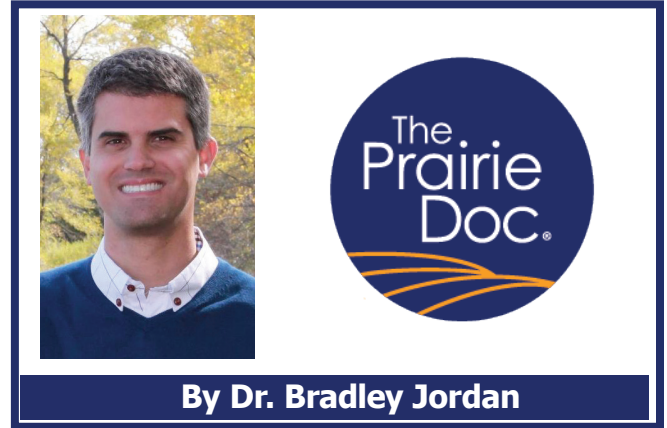
Potential upgrades: If the Vikings want to bring in a pass rusher, they have plenty of options. Joey Bosa is the biggest name available in free agency and would allow the Vikings to have three starting-caliber pass rushers to rotate through. Leonard Floyd, Von Miller, Jadeveon Clowney, and Haason Reddick are others who would provide excellent depth and easily fill in if AVG or Turner were hurt.

Ultimately, this position group has enough talent to be dangerous, but very little margin for error. If Van Ginkel and Turner stay healthy and continue to improve, the Vikings should be in good shape. If not, this could quickly become one of the team's biggest weaknesses.

"Replacing Missing Teeth; 21st Century Solutions to an Age Old Problem"

Your tooth broke, it was painful, the dentist said it couldn't be fixed and it had to be pulled. Now what?

That missing tooth, like a critical bolt missing from an engine, is a problem that may take months or years to show its face. Missing one or more teeth can lead to changes in bite, space between teeth resulting in food getting stuck and difficulty chewing and speaking. Every week I see patients that are starting to break front teeth because they have no back teeth to chew with. When back teeth are missing, the front teeth take all the force of chewing and start to wear down.



By Dr. Bradley Jordan

The great news is that we have modern solutions for missing teeth!

Quickly becoming the standard of care to replace teeth are dental implants. The process begins when a titanium post is placed to mimic the tooth root and is finished when the final crown is attached to the dental implant. Patients report that their dental implant looks, feels and works just like a natural tooth. A dental bridge is another simple tooth replacement option and can be utilized to replace 1 or 2 missing teeth. The process involves placing dental crowns on the teeth adjacent to the missing tooth with an artificial tooth in between. The adjacent teeth are effectively the anchors for the bridge.

For patients that are missing all of their teeth, the Teeth-in-a-Day procedure or also known as All-on-X is the preferred treatment plan. All-on-X refers to having all the replacement teeth anchored with X number of implants. That X number of implants can range from 4 to 8. While dentures can look nice and provide minimal chewing force, most people cannot tolerate a lower full denture due to how uncomfortable it is. When a patient leaves the office after having the Teeth-in-a-Day procedure, they take home a fixed set of teeth that look great and can provide some chewing ability. After healing and the final prosthetic is made, the patient is allowed to eat their favorite foods again and can laugh with confidence knowing that their teeth are not going to fly across the room.

Whether you're replacing one missing tooth or restoring your entire mouth, there's a solution to fit your lifestyle and goals. Take the first step toward a more comfortable smile by consulting your dentist today.

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There's a reason the lights don't come back on immediately

One thing I've noticed after every major storm is the flood of social media posts about power outages. Most people are understanding, but every now and then you'll see comments that are a little snide, as if the electric crews are just sitting around waiting to flip a switch. I've seen them across the state.

The reality couldn't be further from the truth.

Last night in Groton, we had two separate outages. One affected about seven blocks on the south side of town, while another outage occurred on the north side.

When the lights go out, our first priority isn't restoring power. It's making sure

everyone is safe.

Ben Peterson from Northern Electric and I first drove every line in the north part of town. At that point, we had no idea what had caused the outage. Was there a tree across the line? Were wires lying on the ground? Had a pole been damaged? Before we could restore electricity, we had to know that energizing those lines wouldn't put anyone in danger.

Once we determined everything was clear and safe, I went to the substation, closed the breaker, and the power came right back on.

Could I have gone to the substation first and restored power much sooner? Absolutely.

But what if a line had been lying across someone's yard? What if a tree had pulled a wire to the ground? Restoring power without knowing the condition of the system could have created a deadly situation.

Safety always comes first.

The south side of town presented a much bigger challenge. Behind the American Legion, a large tree had fallen across all three phases, burning each conductor apart. That wasn't a simple fix.

Ben, Taylor Diegel, and I spent hours working through the night with two bucket trucks and a digger truck. First, we removed the tree from the lines. Then we installed protective grounds on both ends of the damaged section before making repairs and splicing the conductors back together.

Those grounds are not optional. They are there to protect us.

Many people own generators today, and unfortunately, not every generator is wired correctly. A generator that is backfeeding into a power line can energize what we believe is a dead line. If we don't properly ground the circuit before working on it, someone can be seriously injured or killed.

As we neared the end of the repair, we had another safety decision to make. It was time to reinstall the fuses that would restore power to those seven blocks. Because we didn't know exactly how much electrical load would be placed on the line when it was re-energized, Ben and I talked it over and decided the safest approach was to return to the substation and briefly shut down the entire circuit while the fuses were snapped back into place.

It meant a few more customers were without power for a very short time, but it also meant everyone working on the line could do the job much more safely.

As Ben put it, it's better to interrupt power to a larger portion of town for a couple of minutes than to rush the job and risk having a fuse explode in someone's face or another serious accident occur. That's exactly why substations have breakers. They are there to protect the electrical system, the equipment, and most importantly, the people working on it.

Every procedure exists because someone, somewhere, was injured or killed before that rule was written.

I understand how frustrating it is to be without electricity. We depend on it for almost everything in our daily lives. But electricity is also one of the first services affected by severe weather and one of the most dangerous utilities to repair.

While many people were heading to bed last night, lineworkers across South Dakota were climbing into bucket trucks, replacing broken poles, removing trees, repairing downed wires, and restoring service in the dark. They weren't home with their families. They were out in the wind, rain, and darkness doing everything they could to safely get the lights back on.

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We finished our work in Groton at about 3 a.m. As Ben and I were talking before heading home, he mentioned that Northern Electric's last outage crew was also just returning to headquarters at about the same time. They had been working through the night restoring power to their customers as well.

That really drove home a point that often gets overlooked. Whether it's a city utility crew, a rural electric cooperative, or an investor-owned utility, lineworkers across the state are doing the same thing after a storm. While most people are asleep, they're out in the darkness, often in miserable conditions, working as quickly—and as safely—as possible to restore a service that we all depend on.

So the next time the power goes out, remember that if it's taking longer than you'd like, there's probably a very good reason. We'd much rather spend a little extra time making sure the job is done safely than rush and have someone get hurt.

I also want to thank Ben Peterson from Northern Electric and Taylor Diegel for coming back to help with the restoration effort in Groton. Teamwork made the difference. I have to add it was fun working with Ben again. He and I had worked together for many years here in Groton. And thanks to Councilman Kevin Nehls who made the contact to have Ben come over and work with us during the night.

There's a great sense of satisfaction in knowing we were able to restore power safely and get life back to normal for our community.

That's what the job is all about.

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EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: How are the world's snakes faring these days? Are they on the decline like so much wildlife and what can we do to help them survive?

-- Rick Finch, Pittsburgh, PA

Snakes play a critical role in their ecosystems as well as in human society. They keep rodent populations in check and have had a large role in medicine. Proteins in snake venom have helped develop medications used to treat cardiovascular disease, including blood thinning medications. The negative perception of snakes has led to the neglect of their conservation value. As agricultural expansion and habitat loss threaten snakes, snake research receives little funding and conservation needs receive little attention.

Snakes are ectotherms, cold-blooded animals. They can't generate their own body heat, meaning that they have to move to suitable environments to regulate their body temperature. They can thrive in a range of habitats including forests, swamps, deserts, grasslands and salt, as well as fresh water. As agricultural expansion increases, snakes have been increasingly migrating. Nicolette L. Cagle, a Senior Lecturer in Ecology & Environmental Education at Duke University conducted her own field research on snakes, concluding that, "nearly two thirds of snake species are threatened by agricultural expansion."

Also, many snake species cannot respond flexibly to habitat destruction. Certain species have narrow geographical distribution, making them especially vulnerable to the risk of local extinction. Large snakes are particularly sensitive to habitat loss. Conservation Science Partners, a non-profit that specializes in helping other conservation groups conduct various kinds of quantitative analysis, conducted a project on the *Thamnophis gigas*, also called the giant garter snake, in California's Central Valley. They monitored the population dynamics of the species and the survival rates over a three-year period. Their research revealed that in California's Central Valley, land-use change has destroyed more than 85 percent of wetlands. The giant garter snake has now declined so greatly that it is now listed as a threatened species.

Helping snakes can be challenging. Their populations aren't easy to detect, and our attention to their conditions is a significant factor in helping them survive. By taking small initiatives on learning about snakes, we can help with the success of conserving snake populations. The Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine conducted research on the awareness and knowledge of snakes in an effort to better understand challenges to snake conservation. They found that the attitude and participation of the public toward snakes largely affects the success or failure of snake protection. Thus, participation and research will be encouraged if we make efforts to adjust our current perceptions of snakes. Simple acts such as calling a wildlife expert to relocate a snake in your backyard instead of killing it, or donating to efforts protecting endangered snakes, such as to save the snakes, have long-term effects on snake populations.



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Bottom Of The Lineup Carries Groton Locke Electric Past Merchants

By GameChanger Media

The bottom of the lineup helped Groton Locke Electric capture an 18-6 victory over Merchants on Sunday at Northville. Ryan Groeblichhoff, Alex Morris, and Palmer Boyd combined for eight of the team's 16 hits in the victory. They scored six runs and drove in eight.

A solo home run to center field by Ashton Remily put Merchants on the board in the top of the first.

Groton Locke Electric jumped back into the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Brian Hansen hit a sacrifice fly, Ty Sieber homered to right field, Morris singled to center field, and Groeblichhoff walked, each scoring one run.

Bradin Althoff hit a solo home run to center field in the bottom of the second for the Groton Locke Electric.

Kyle Stahl hit a solo home run to right field in the top of the third for the Merchants.

Groton Locke Electric added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Groeblichhoff singled down the left field line, Althoff singled to center field, and Sieber walked, each scoring one run.

Groton Locke Electric scored nine runs on six hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Brevin Fliehs doubled, scoring two runs, Hansen singled, scoring two runs, Jonah Schmidt drew a walk, scoring one run, Morris tripled, scoring three runs, and Boyd singled, scoring one run.

Wyatt Locke stepped on the mound first for Groton Locke Electric. The righty gave up six hits and six runs (four earned) over six innings, striking out five and walking seven. Drew Bakeburg started on the hill for Merchants. The starting pitcher allowed seven hits and eight runs over two and one-third innings, striking out one and walking six. Groeblichhoff pitched one inning of zero-run ball for Groton Locke Electric in relief. The pitcher gave up zero hits, striking out three and walking none.

Groton Locke Electric collected 16 hits in the game. Morris, the number seven hitter for Groton Locke Electric, led the way with four runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Number eight hitter, Boyd, showed the depth of Groton Locke Electric's lineup, by leading them with four hits in four at bats. Groeblichhoff, Althoff, Fliehs, and Ben Althoff each collected multiple hits for Groton Locke Electric. Schmidt led Groton Locke Electric with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating 12 walks for the game.

Remily went 3-for-3 at the plate and led the team with two runs batted in. Beau Kirsch paced Merchants with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, amassing seven walks for the game. Merchants turned one double play in the game. Merchants were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Remily made the most plays with seven.

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Merchants 6 - 18 Groton Locke Electric

📍 Home 📅 Sunday July 26, 2026

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MRCH	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	6	6	0
GRTN	4	1	3	9	0	1	X	18	16	2

BATTING

Merchants	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
D Fischba... #1 (3B)	3	0	1	1	0	1
D Ward #20 (RF)	1	1	0	0	0	1
A Remily #22 (1B)	3	2	3	2	1	0
N Pezon... #28 (SS)	3	0	0	0	1	1
G Heyne #11 (2B)	4	0	0	1	0	0
K Stahl #2 (C)	3	1	1	1	1	0
B Kirsch #14 (CF)	2	1	0	1	2	1
M Sangster #7 (LF)	4	0	1	0	0	1
E Beyers #34 (DH)	1	1	0	0	1	0
L Fischb... #11 (P)	2	0	0	0	0	1
M Waltm... #29 (RF)	3	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	29	6	6	6	7	8

HR: A Remily, K Stahl, **TB:** D Fischbach, A Remily 6, K Stahl 4, M Sangster, **HBP:** D Ward, **LOB:** 10

PITCHING

Merchants	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
D Bakeb... #2	2.1	7	8	8	6	1	2
L Fisch... #11	1.0	4	5	5	3	0	0
D Fisch... #1	0.1	1	4	4	3	0	0
M Walt... #29	2.1	4	1	1	0	1	0
Totals	6.0	16	18	18	12	2	2

L: D Bakeburg, **P-S:** D Fischbach 26-11, L Fischbach 37-17, D Bakeburg 78-36, M Waltman 43-24, **WP:** D Bakeburg, M Waltman, **BF:** D Fischbach 5, L Fischbach 9, D Bakeburg 20, M Waltman 11

Groton Locke El...	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
B Fliehs #1 (LF)	5	2	2	2	0	0
B Hansen #11 (1B)	3	1	1	3	1	0
B Althoff #27 (RF)	5	1	2	2	0	0
T Sieber #24 (3B)	3	2	1	2	2	0
B Althoff #4 (SS)	3	3	2	0	2	0
J Schmidt #21 (CF)	2	3	0	1	3	1
A Morris #13 (C)	3	2	2	4	1	0
C Camacho #5 (C)	1	0	0	0	0	0
P Boyd #7 (DH)	4	2	4	2	1	0
R Groebli... #0 (2B)	3	2	2	2	2	1
Totals	32	18	16	18	12	2

2B: B Fliehs, B Althoff, P Boyd, **3B:** B Fliehs, A Morris, **HR:** T Sieber, B Althoff, **TB:** B Fliehs 5, B Althoff 3, B Hansen, P Boyd 5, A Morris 4, T Sieber 4, B Althoff 5, R Groeblichhoff 2, **SF:** B Hansen, **LOB:** 8

Groton Loc...	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
W Locke #25	6.0	6	6	4	7	5	2
R Groebli... #0	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	7.0	6	6	4	7	8	2

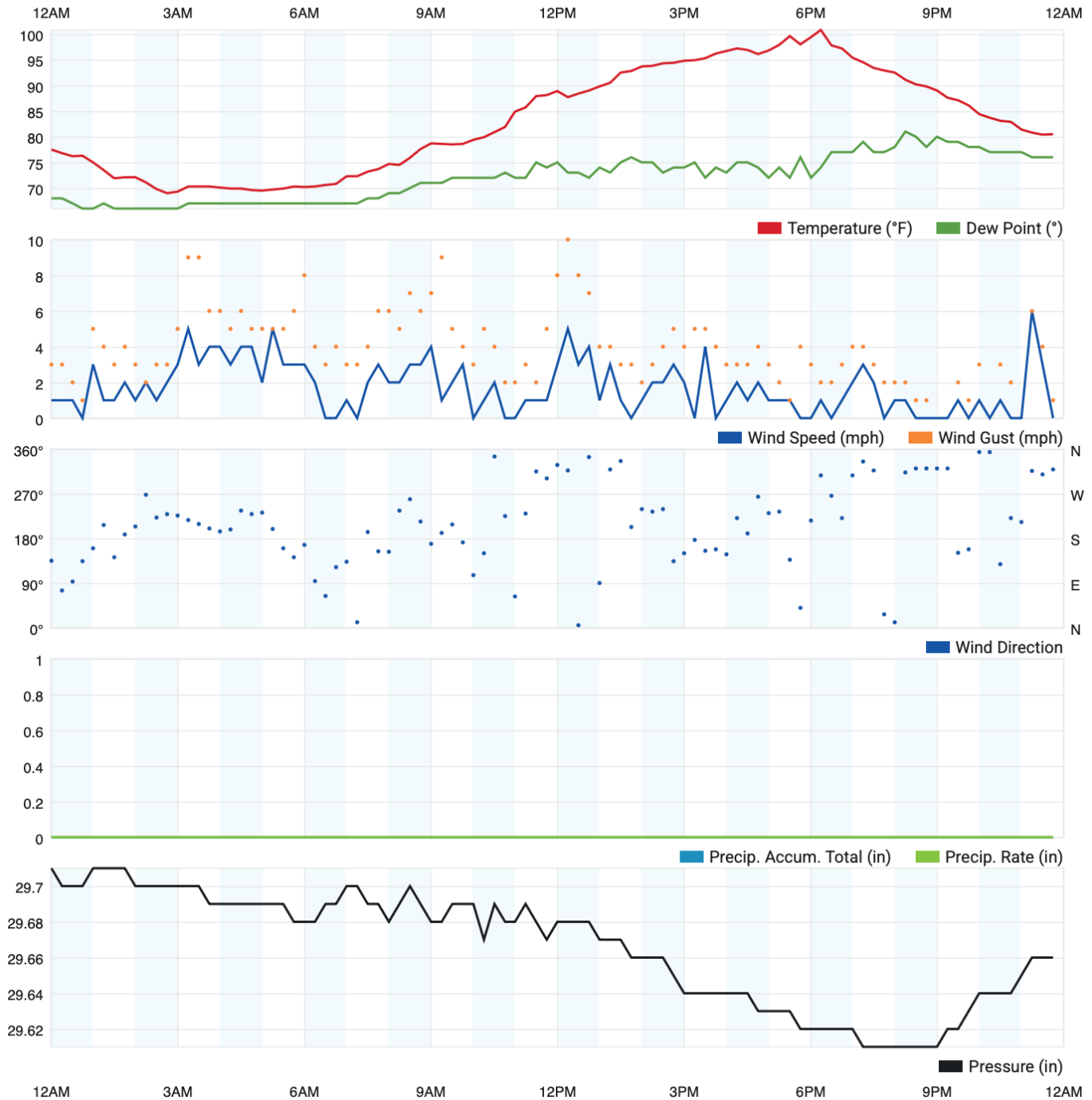
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs

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Today

Tonight

Tuesday

Tuesday Night

Wednesday



High: 95 °F

Patchy Smoke



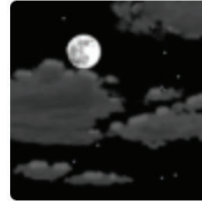
Low: 68 °F

Patchy Smoke



High: 94 °F

Patchy Smoke



Low: 68 °F

Partly Cloudy



High: 95 °F

Hot

WORK WEEK FORECAST



Today



Patchy Smoke

50% chance late afternoon-evening showers & storms over central SD

Highs: 90s

Tuesday



Patchy Smoke

Highs: 89-97°

Wednesday



Highs: 90s

Thursday



60% chance of showers & storms

Highs: 85-92°

Friday



Highs: 84-92°



DAMAGING WIND
75mph+

Isolated storms possible over central South Dakota from 5 - 10 PM this evening. A couple of storms could become severe with damaging winds being the main concern over mainly central South Dakota.

National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD

weather.gov/abardeen

The work week will start out with smoke nearing from fires over the western U.S. Temperatures will top out mainly in the upper 80s and 90s. There is a 50% chance of late afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms over central South Dakota. A couple of storms over central South Dakota could become strong to severe from 5-10 PM, with damaging winds being the main concern. After a couple of mainly dry days Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms Thursday.

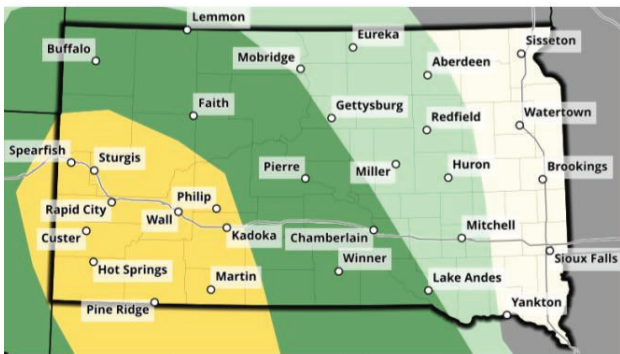
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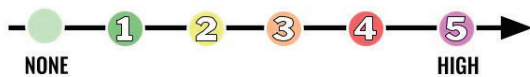


SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS POSSIBLE this EVENING

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OUTLOOK



SEVERE THUNDERSTORM RISK



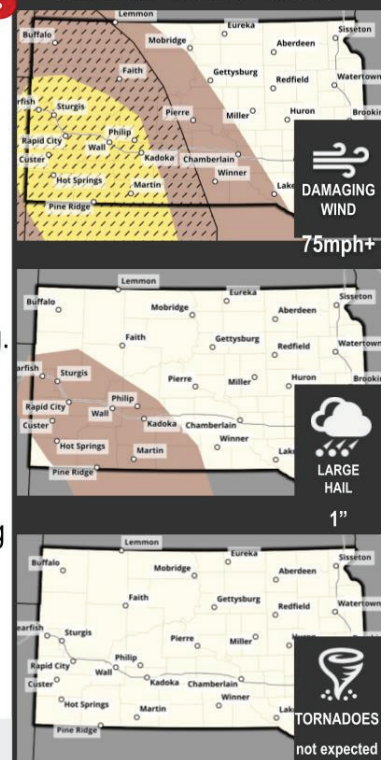
TIMING

5 to 10 PM Tonight

What to Expect

- Isolated storms possible over central SD 5 to 10 PM this evening. A couple storms could become severe with damaging winds being the main concern over mainly central SD
- Storms to weaken late this evening and overnight

SEVERE THREAT RISKS



What To Do?

- Be ready to take shelter indoors when storms approach



CAMPERS?
STAY WEATHER
AWARE



OUTDOOR PLANS?
STAY WEATHER
AWARE



INDOOR
SHELTER

National Weather Service • Aberdeen, SD weather.gov/abr

There is a Marginal Risk (level 1 out of 5) for severe storms mainly west of a line from Mobridge to Miller from around 5 to 10 PM this evening. Damaging winds of 75 mph or more will be the main concern with the strongest storms. Storms are expected to weaken late this evening and overnight. Be ready to take shelter indoors when storms approach.

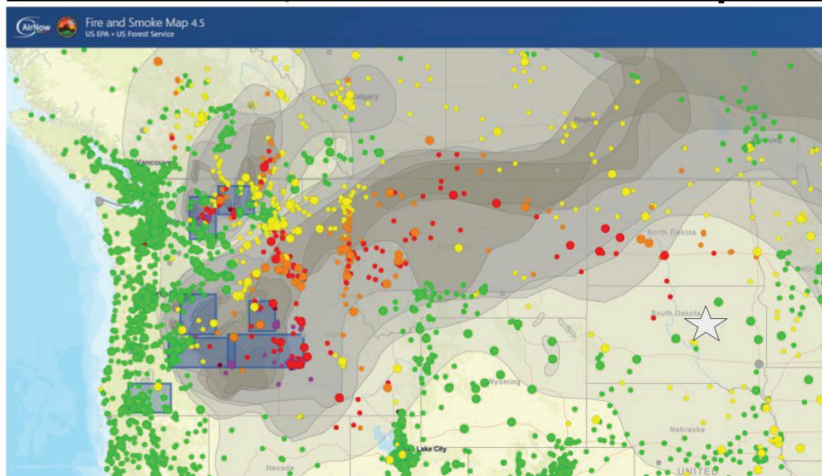


Smoky Sky Returns

July 27, 2026
3:05 AM

2 AM Monday Smoke and Air Quality Map

Smoke from fires over the western U.S. pushing across the Northern Plains. See the most up to date information at... <https://fire.airnow.gov/>



Good	0-50
Moderate	51-100
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101-150
Unhealthy	151-200
Very Unhealthy	201-300
Hazardous	301+



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U.S. Department of Commerce

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Aberdeen, SD

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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 101 °F at 6:14 PM

Low Temp: 69 °F at 2:44 AM

Wind: 11 mph at 12:08 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 110 in 1931

Record Low: 41 in 2013

Average High: 85

Average Low: 60

Average Precip in July.: 2.76

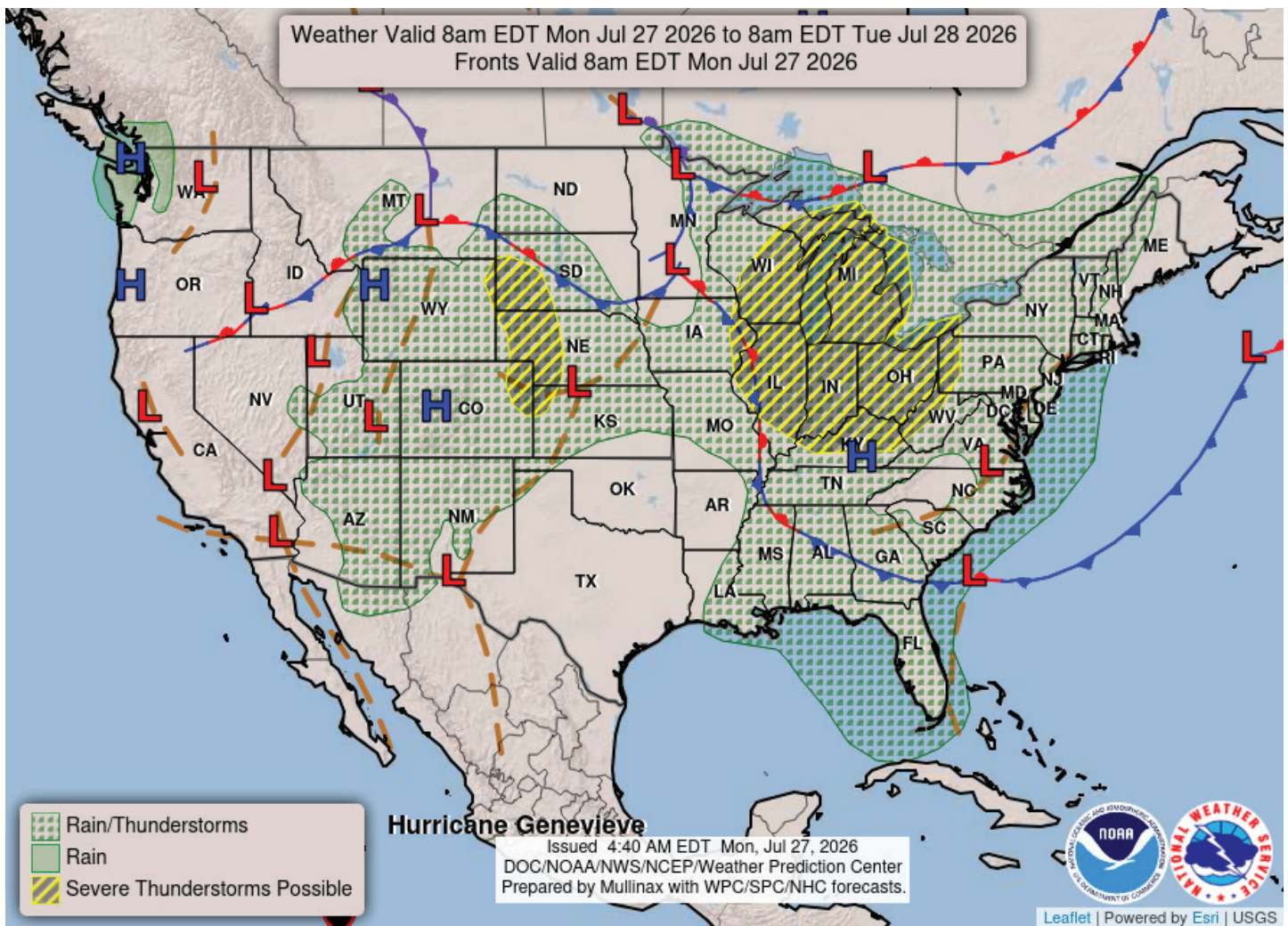
Precip to date in July.: 6.13

Average Precip to date: 13.77

Precip Year to Date: 15.60

Sunset Tonight: 9:06 pm

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:11 am



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Today in Weather History

July 27, 1999: Golf ball size hail and high winds destroyed hundreds of acres of crops on a farm southeast of Ipswich. Golf ball size hail and high winds caused extensive damage to the Richland Wesley Church and the pastor and associate pastor home. The hail poked numerous holes in the siding and shingles of the buildings and broke many windows. Several cars were damaged, and a large tree was also downed. An F1 tornado snapped large branches of an oak and drove them into the ground. The tornado knocked down approximately five headstones in a small cemetery and took a roof off a small outbuilding. It destroyed an empty grain bin, moved a grain auger 50 feet, and took off several large doors on a machine shed. The tornado also knocked down or snapped off numerous large trees in shelter belts and destroyed a barn and several outbuildings just north of Chelsea.

July 27, 2001: An F1 tornado damaged homes, public buildings, trees, and power lines in the town of Lennox, Lincoln County. The American Legion building had its entire front facade ripped off, and its windows shattered. Several vehicles near the building sustained significant damage from flying debris, and one was lifted and dropped partly onto another vehicle. Damage to homes included holes in permanent siding, several roofs heavily damaged, windows were broken, fences blew down, garages damaged including at least one destroyed. Damage to public buildings included the pump house at the water tower being destroyed, the roof at the water plant was damaged, flag poles next to the ambulance building were broken, and an overhead door at the fire station was torn off. A fire truck at the fire station was damaged, and the window air conditioner was blown out along with some ceiling tiles inside. Power was lost to much of the city for at least an hour and a half because of the downed power lines.

1819: A hurricane affected the coast from Louisiana to Alabama. New Orleans was on the fringe of the storm and suffered no severe damage. Ships at the Balize experienced a strong gale for 24 hours that only grounded three ships. Lakes Pontchartrain and Borgne rose five to six feet during the storm, with farms along the lakes flooded by the storm tide. Forty-one lives were lost on the U.S. Man of War schooner Firebrand, a 150-ton gunship, while it lay off the west end of Cat Island. At least 43 people died in all.

1926: A destructive Category 4 hurricane struck Nassau during the evening hours on the 25th. The hurricane passed just east of Cape Canaveral early on the 28th and made landfall near present-day Edgewater, Florida.

1943: A "surprise," Category 2 Hurricane moved ashore near Galveston, Texas. Due to World War II, all news underwent censorship, including any weather reports making this the surprise storm. The hurricane killed 19 people and caused millions of dollars in damages. Of particular note, Lieutenant Colonel Joe Duckworth and Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair flew an AT-6 Texan into the eye of the hurricane, becoming the first flight into the eye of the storm.

1989: Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Yuma, Arizona experienced their most severe thunderstorm of record. Strong winds, with unofficial gusts as high as 95 mph, reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Yuma got nearly as much rain in one hour as is typically received in an entire year. The storm total of 2.55 inches of rain was a record 24-hour total for July. Property damage due to flash flooding and high winds was in the millions.

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Daily Devotion

Take My Yoke

Jesus knows we're imperfect. Yet He graciously gives us the opportunity to learn, grow, and obey without fear.

Matthew 11:28-30: 28 ``Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

29 ``Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

30 ``For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

In first-century Judaism, a rabbi's "yoke" referred to his specific interpretation and application of Torah—the way of life his disciples would adopt. When Jesus says, "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (v. 30), He's contrasting His grace-based, gentle teaching with the rigid burdens other rabbis imposed.

Christ's invitation is to choose Him as your teacher and follow His way of life. Unlike the Pharisees, who added rules that made obedience feel impossible, Jesus offers a path characterized by grace, mercy, and rest for the soul. He doesn't minimize the call to discipleship, but He makes it sustainable and life-giving.

The relief comes not from having circumstances changed, but from living under a different system. As Paul says, Christ set us free from the yoke of slavery to the law (Galatians 5:1). Instead of striving to earn God's favor through perfect rule-keeping, we learn from Jesus that God's love is already ours. We grow in obedience not out of fear, but as a response to grace.

Being yoked with Christ means learning His way—one that brings genuine peace for the soul. Life's pressures may not lessen, but when you follow His teaching, you find what you've been searching for: the kind of rest the world cannot give.

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:
07.26.26

3 4 33 36 41 5

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

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 39 Mins 58
Secs

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MEGA MILLIONS

WINNING NUMBERS:
07.24.26

2 5 42 44 60 1

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$800,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 1 Days 17 Hrs 24
Mins 58 Secs

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LOTTO AMERICA

WINNING NUMBERS:
07.25.26

2 6 37 49 52 3

All Star Bonus: 4x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$2,150,000

NEXT DRAW: 16 Hrs 39 Mins 57
Secs

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DAKOTA CASH

WINNING NUMBERS:
07.25.26

4 8 28 33 34

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$20,000

NEXT DRAW: 2 Days 16 Hrs 54
Mins 57 Secs

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POWERBALL

DOUBLE PLAY

WINNING NUMBERS:
07.25.26

20 21 26 28 32 10

TOP PRIZE:
\$10,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 23 Mins 57
Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

POWERBALL

WINNING NUMBERS:
07.25.26

3 4 24 36 47 17

Power Play: 4x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$633,000,000

NEXT DRAW: 17 Hrs 23 Mins 57
Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

News from the **AP** Associated Press

Sweltering heat wave grips central and southern US for a second straight day

By The Associated Press undefined

At least 40 million people were under extreme heat warnings across central and southern parts of the United States on Sunday as high temperatures and severe humidity gripped large swaths of the country for a second straight day.

Heat indexes well above 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius) stretched from Minnesota down to Mississippi, extending west into southern California and Nevada. Parts of the Southwest were expected to see highs of 120 degrees Fahrenheit (49 C), according to the National Weather Service.

Meteorologists said the sweltering weather was the result of another heat dome — a phenomenon in which atmospheric conditions trap heat, accentuating and prolonging already high temperatures.

"It's extraordinarily hot," said Pete Miller, an outreach manager for the homeless services network Threshold CoC, which was passing out water bottles to residents in Omaha, Nebraska, on Sunday.

"We're seeing a lot of people who are exhausted, drained by the heat in a way that is really dangerous," Miller added. "The humidity is insane. You stand outside for 30 seconds and you get drenched. And it's going to be like that all night."

On Saturday, Rapid City, South Dakota, reported an all-time high of 112 degrees Fahrenheit (44 C). A horse race planned in Canterbury Park, in Shakopee, Minnesota, was canceled Sunday because of the heat.

"Right now, it's affecting a lot of people right in the middle of the country," said Bob Oravec, an NWS meteorologist. "The core of the heat sinks southward by early next week."

The moist air was also producing other volatility around the top of the heat dome, including the risk of severe thunderstorms, flash flooding and hail around the Great Lakes on Sunday. The potential for heavy storms was expected to move east in the coming days.

"If you have a heat dome in one part of the country, you'll have a different corresponding weather in another part," Oravec said. "It's all related."

Temporary relief will come to the central U.S. toward the middle of the week, but high temperatures could return by the weekend, he noted.

Authorities warned that children and older adults, along with people with certain medical conditions, are especially at risk of serious conditions including heat stroke or even death. Experts recommend seeking out air conditioning or a cooling center, make sure to drink enough water and limit time under the direct sun.

Extreme heat events are increased and exacerbated by climate change, which comes from the burning of fuels like gasoline, oil and coal.

The continental U.S. endured the second-hottest first half of the year on record in 2026, according to tracking of average temperatures by the National Centers for Environmental Information.

Macron calls crisis meeting as monster wildfires drive 250,000 from their homes

By MARK CARLSON, EMMA DA SILVA and JOHN LEICESTER Associated Press

LEGE-CAP FERRET, France (AP) — French President Emmanuel Macron called a crisis meeting Monday focusing on monster, uncontrolled wildfires that have forced more than 250,000 people to flee their homes, amid a first glimmer of hope that the spread of the largest blaze may have slowed.

In the Gironde region of southwest France, where flames have burned an area four times the size of Paris, the prefecture said the situation overnight had remained "globally stable" — a change from previous days where the giant blaze raging since last week had edged closer to the wine region city of Bordeaux.

In the adjacent southwestern Landes region, where hundreds of firefighters have been making progress

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against another virulent but smaller fire, the prefecture said some rain fell overnight and described the conditions as “favorable” for firefighting but also cautioned that they could change.

No new evacuations were announced. But with France about to enter its peak August tourist season, Gironde authorities took more steps to keep vacationers away, banning holiday camps for children and for people with disabilities.

On the ground and in the air, with water- and retardant-dropping aircraft, the massive firefighting effort was engaged in a race against time, battling to make progress before a forecast surge in temperatures from Tuesday that could make fighting flames more difficult.

The government crisis meeting was scheduled for Monday morning, with Macron presiding. In a weekend post on X, he pledged long-term support for fire-hit communities, saying: “We will rebuild, we will repair and we will be present for as long as necessary.”

In Spain, wildfires have burned out of control around Madrid and in the Valencia region. Authorities evacuated 76,000 people and confined 30,000 others to their homes.

In both Spain and France, the exceptional scale of the fires — fueled by heat waves that hit especially hard and early this year, making forests and scrubland tinder-dry — are driving calls for stronger action against climate change.

“What we are experiencing is not a series of isolated incidents. It is the consequence of a climate emergency that is making wildfires even more violent, heat waves more frequent,” Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said.

Evacuees are fretting about what they’ll find when they’re allowed to return to fire-hit regions.

“It looked like the apocalypse. You couldn’t see anything. Everything was covered in ash,” said Rocío Domínguez, who evacuated with her dog, Simba, from Chapinería, west of Madrid.

“We don’t know when we get to the town, if we’ll have half the house burned down or we’ll have it intact or we won’t have a house,” she said. “All the clothes, all the memories, everything.”

China memory chipmaker CXMT’s shares soar in a blockbuster share listing in Shanghai

By CHAN HO-HIM AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Shares of CXMT, China’s largest memory chipmaker, shot skyward Monday as they began trading in Shanghai in mainland China’s biggest initial public stock offering in recent years.

CXMT’s shares surged 466% in their first day of trading. The company has become the most valuable one listed on a mainland Chinese exchange, with an estimated market capitalization of about 3.3 trillion yuan (more than \$487 billion). But that’s still smaller than those of South Korean and American memory chipmakers like Samsung Electronics, SK Hynix and Micron Technology.

CXMT, or ChangXin Memory Technologies, is among many chipmakers that have profited mightily from the boom in artificial intelligence. Its business is thriving as China pushes for greater self-sufficiency in leading edge technologies while contending with limited access to advanced chipmaking machines due to American-led restrictions.

The company raised at least \$8.6 billion with the offering, priced at 8.66 yuan (\$1.3) per share, in its listing on the Shanghai Stock Exchange’s Nasdaq-like STAR market, also known as the Science and Technology Innovation Board.

It was mainland China’s second largest IPO after the \$22.1 billion share offering of Agricultural Bank of China in Shanghai and Hong Kong in 2010.

Founded in 2016 in the eastern city of Hefei, CXMT is one of the world’s largest makers of DRAM, or “dynamic random access” memory chips, a kind of semiconductor used in everything from AI servers to autos and consumer electronics like smartphones and personal computers.

“CXMT plays a critical role in China’s AI push, particularly in the face of U.S. export controls,” said Kyle Chan, a fellow at the Brookings Institution and an expert in China’s technology policies. U.S. restrictions have also barred China from importing powerful HBM, or high-bandwidth memory chips — a type of DRAM chip.

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The company's revenue surged to 50.8 billion yuan (\$7.5 billion) on jumping demand from the rapid rise of AI in the first three months of 2026, a more than 700% rise year-on-year.

Soaring use of AI has led to a global memory chip shortage, driving up prices for some computers and smartphones. One big question, Chan said, is whether CXMT could help with the broader shortage.

CXMT is seen as China's best shot at developing its own cutting-edge HBM chips to power Chinese AI models, Chan said. But it also faces many challenges, including supply chain bottlenecks in scaling up manufacturing capacity, since its access to the world's most best chipmaking tools is highly restricted, forcing it to depend on Chinese equipment makers.

According to Counterpoint Research, a technology research firm, CXMT was the world's fourth biggest DRAM memory chipmaker in 2025 by shipments, taking up roughly 8% of the global market. Samsung Electronics accounted for 36%, SK Hynix 29% and Micron about 24%.

In the first three months of this year CXMT accounted for approximately 9% of global shipments. By 2028, its market share is forecast by Counterpoint Research to reach about 11%. But the research firm estimated CXMT will likely need at least a 15% global market share to be competitive in the long term.

"Trade restrictions on tools are remaining as the key challenge for CXMT," said MS Hwang, a research director at Counterpoint who specializes in memory semiconductors. Some U.S. lawmakers have also recently called for President Donald Trump's administration to block American companies from buying CXMT's memory chips over national and economic security concerns.

CXMT is one of many Chinese companies the Pentagon says have links to the Chinese military. Beijing has rejected such designations in most cases.

CXMT's public share offering followed a \$26.5 billion IPO by South Korea's SK Hynix on the Nasdaq earlier this month.

Zelenskyy to visit Britain in first visit by a foreign leader since Burnham took office

By JILL LAWLESS Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will meet with British Prime Minister Andy Burnham at a naval base in England on Monday, a visit Burnham said is intended to signal the U.K.'s "unwavering" support for Ukraine.

Zelenskyy's trip is the first by a foreign leader since Burnham took office a week ago. His predecessor, Keir Starmer, was in Kyiv less than two weeks ago in his last overseas trip before leaving office.

Burnham will be the fifth British prime minister to deal with the Ukrainian president since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

"Russia should be in no doubt of our resolve, and we will not back down until we achieve long lasting and just peace for Ukraine," said Burnham, who has spent the past nine years as mayor of Greater Manchester and has little foreign policy experience.

During the visit, Zelenskyy and Burnham will meet more than 200 Ukrainian military personnel who have spent the past three weeks in Britain. They have been taking part in an exercise aimed at strengthening war-fighting capabilities and countermeasure measures in the Black Sea, the U.K. government said.

The U.K. will give Ukraine the intellectual property behind its new "Stone Cloak" electronic warfare system, which blocks drones from being detected, Burnham's office said.

Ukraine has expanded its campaign of deep strikes with increasingly frequent drone attacks inside Russia that have targeted oil facilities, military factories and, most recently, logistical centers, bringing war home to millions of Russians and raising pressure on President Vladimir Putin.

The raids have shattered Putin's narrative of the conflict as something that doesn't affect the lives of ordinary people in his country. But Putin has remained undeterred and Russia has ramped up its aerial campaign, regularly bombarding Ukraine with missiles and drones.

Russia and Ukraine exchange more drone attacks

Russia again attacked Ukraine overnight with 147 long-range strike drones, according to the Ukrainian

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air force, which said 123 drones were intercepted or jammed.

In Zaporizhzhia, one person was killed and two injured in a series of attacks at the city that damaged a high-rise residential buildings and several private residences overnight, according to regional administration head Ivan Fedorov.

In Nikopol district of the Dnipropetrovsk region, Russian strikes damaged a kindergarten, residential buildings and infrastructure injuring a woman and a 6-years old boy, according to administration head Oleksandr Hanzha.

In Moscow, Russia's Defense Ministry said air defenses downed 276 Ukrainian drones overnight.

The Rostov region's governor, Yuri Slyusar, said a family couple died when a Ukrainian drone hit an apartment building in Rostov-on-Don. Five others were injured in a drone attack on the city, he said.

In the city of Belgorod, a Ukrainian drone attack injured 12, including two children, according to regional emergency officials.

Iran vows retaliation after Ukrainian attack on ship in the Caspian

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Ukraine struck an Iranian vessel in the Caspian, killing a sailor.

In a statement on X on Sunday, Araghchi denounced the attack as a "blatant U.N. Charter violation done at Israel's behest to drag Europe into its war." He said he made it clear in calls with the European Union foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that the attack "can't go unanswered."

Zelenskyy said Ukrainian long-range strikes in the Caspian Sea over the weekend achieved "very good results," adding that the targets included "vessels involved in transporting military cargo linked to Iran, as well as a warship."

Police arrest 1 person and search for another after Seattle festival shooting that killed 3

By GENE JOHNSON Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Police arrested one suspect and were looking for another after gunfire erupted at a crowded food festival beneath Seattle's Space Needle, leaving three people dead and four others injured, including a toddler.

Investigators believe the two suspects were shooting at each other and, although one remained on the loose, Assistant Seattle Police Chief Tyrone Davis told a news conference Sunday night that there was no ongoing threat to the public.

Police did not have a description of the outstanding suspect, he said.

"We're still trying to figure this out," Davis said.

Two people died at the scene and a third died at a hospital. The four wounded, including a 2-year-old boy, were hospitalized and in stable condition, said Grace Nuñez, spokesperson for the Seattle Fire Department. The rest of the injured were adults. Davis couldn't say if any of the victims were involved in the confrontation.

The gunfire erupted around 6 p.m. in the waning hours of the Bite of Seattle, an annual three-day festival that draws hundreds of food and retail vendors and performers.

Dozens of officers were providing security at the event and some saw one of the suspects firing, Davis said. One suspect surrendered at the scene, but the other fled. Law enforcement searched the grounds to no avail.

A large number of police and emergency crews responded and began evacuating the area around the sprawling Seattle Center campus.

Faith Adia Hunter said she and her friends had just gotten food from a crepe vendor when gunfire broke out. She realized a shooter was near them. She and others found shelter in the nearby Seattle Children's Museum.

"We were right next to him when it started so we took off running," Hunter said. "So we took off running too into the building with the crowd."

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In the chaos, many vendors bolted toward the exits, abandoning their food stands. Hours afterward, some milled outside the police tape, wondering when they would be allowed to return to collect their tents, food and cooking gear.

Roberto Ramirez, a vendor at the event, said he heard what sounded like firecrackers before people began yelling "shooter" and frantically running.

"Suddenly everything was empty," he said. "People were freaked out."

After the initial panic, new guests continued to arrive unaware of what had happened and were told by police to leave, he said.

Estan Wakonabo said he and his girlfriend were at the festival waiting in line for a photo booth when he was shoved from behind and he turned to see a rush of people fleeing.

"People were hiding, were pushing, people were falling on the ground, baby strollers were falling," Wakonabo said, adding that was when he heard gunshots.

"Once I heard a 'pop, pop, pop,' that's when I knew it was a shooter," he said.

After he escorted his girlfriend to safety, he returned to the scene to make photos and saw multiple victims on the ground, Wakonabo said.

The annual festival started in 1982 and draws 350,000 attendees over "three days of food, drink, and community celebration," according to its website.

Days disrupted: Across the world, Iran war's effects trickle into everyday life one human at a time

By ANIRUDDHA GHOSAL Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Across seven countries, seven people woke up to days that no longer looked the way they once did.

The war in Iran began months ago and thousands of miles away. But its effects quickly ricocheted across the world — oil markets first, sending fuel prices higher. Then the shock moved outward — into farms, factories and family budgets. Into the fabric of life.

The global economy remains tethered to fossil fuels that also drive climate change. A severe shock to that system could push 45 million more people into poverty, the United Nations Development Program warned.

For those far from the battlefield, the war arrived not as missiles or air raids, but through the disruptions of everyday life: businesses that no longer worked, goodbyes filled with fear, and livelihoods pushed closer to the edge.

Here are a few of their stories.

The Philippines: Bathing with laundry soap

WHO/WHERE: Edgar Funelas, Manila

DAY OF DISRUPTION: April 10

Funelas bathes beside his vehicle, moving quickly before the city wakes. He pours water over his head from a green pipe. Behind him, his jeepney stands still and worn. His 10-year-old daughter is asleep inside.

He uses laundry soap — harsher, but cheaper — to wash his body and his clothes in the same motion, stretching what little money he has. Even before the war in Iran, he was living on the margins. A fire took their home and their belongings, forcing them to move into the brightly colored minibus he drove.

He'd hoped to be able to rent a room by now. Then diesel prices surged and he could no longer afford the fuel to run his jeepney.

He hasn't earned a single peso in days. There will be no breakfast. Hunger gnaws, but it's the small rituals of privacy that he misses most: to be able to wash out of sight, to sleep behind walls, to keep his desperation from being laid bare.

That morning, after rinsing himself, he hopes to find work as a dispatcher at a nearby jeepney terminal — organizing the line of vehicles, calling drivers forward in turn, and packing passengers into each jeep.

For weeks, he and his daughter have been eating only what others can spare. She has already left

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school. At night, he drinks water and leaves the food for her, so she can go to bed with a full stomach. Before the war, he made about \$8 a day driving, sometimes twice that on good days. Now, for each vehicle he fills, he will earn about 16 cents — barely enough to buy a piece of bread.

"This is what we do. Coping and hoping prices will get lower. Hoping that the war will end. And to try to find ways to earn, so we can at least eat."

United States: Balancing budget and family

WHO/WHERE: Marlyn Garcia, New York

DAY OF DISRUPTION: June 30

On a Tuesday morning, Garcia, 25, steps out of a food pantry with two bags filled with rice, pasta, fresh produce and other staples. The groceries will help feed her family through another week.

The food is free — a small reprieve for a household budget strained by higher gasoline prices after the war in Iran. But Garcia also has to calculate her days: doctor's appointments, her 3-year-old son's occupational therapy session, picking up her daughter, making dinner.

And before any of that, there is parking. Finding a street spot can take up to an hour. Each slow lap around the block burns fuel as the meter keeps ticking.

She came to New York from the Dominican Republic as a child and spent part of her teens in the city's shelter system with her mother. Today she works part time as a breastfeeding peer counselor in the Bronx. Her partner, Steven Espaillat, lost his job as a legal assistant in March and now picks up Uber shifts while searching for permanent work.

Their Toyota Camry has become indispensable. Three adults share it. Garcia and Espaillat use it the first half of the week; her mother-in-law uses it the second. That Monday, she bought gas at \$3.97 a gallon (\$1.05 per liter). With fuel prices in flux, every mile now has to be planned.

The family lives in a rent-stabilized apartment that costs \$800 a month. Government food assistance helps fill the refrigerator. Higher gas prices are eroding their savings and she has begun taking every extra shift she can, especially those she can work from home.

Garcia still hopes to start graduate school, inspired by her son's developmental needs to help families like hers. She reminds herself that others have it worse. But the arithmetic of survival keeps getting harder.

Still, she keeps making the numbers work because of the two small children waiting at home. "It's summer so they always want an ice cream and I want to make sure I have that extra cash there for them," she says. "They shouldn't be able to suffer because of whatever is going on around the world."

Nigeria: Trying to keep the generator running

WHO/WHERE: Oluwatosin Awodunmila, Lagos

DAY OF DISRUPTION: June 5

Awodunmila and her husband, co-owners of a printing business in Somolu, a mixed-income residential suburb in central Lagos, arrive early as usual, after dropping their two children at school.

The street is silent, partly because the day is just beginning and partly because there was no electricity. The machines in the shops are off.

Awodunmila scans the shop and the leftover projects to make — lip gloss, key holders, paper bags. But she has to wait for electricity, which hardly comes nowadays. The other option is to fire up the medium-sized generator outside the shop. But since the war began, the price of fuel per liter has nearly doubled from 800 naira to 1,400 naira (60 cents to \$1).

This jump in price has brought business to almost a halt. In Nigeria, the retail price of fuel determines the price of everything else. If they use the generator, the profit margin thins to almost nothing. They had decided not to increase the price of their service to keep their customers.

So they wait for electricity and sit, like on this morning, while customers lodge complaints about slow delivery. On Monday, four days earlier, there was no electricity until 7 p.m., and the fuel consumption for that day alone was 30,000 naira (\$21.85), more than half of what they had hoped to earn on the day's jobs.

Recently, they changed their delivery policy from one business day to three to five working days.

"My biggest wish right now is a 24-hour supply of electricity and the war in Iran to end — and, of course,

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the cost of fuel should come down.”

Nepal: Worried for an absent loved one

WHO/WHERE: 54-year-old mother, Kathmandu

DAY OF DISRUPTION: May 19

The house is quiet again. She checks her phone, hoping her son has landed. It is still too early to expect a reply. Somewhere between Nepal and Abu Dhabi, he is returning to the hotel where he works after a visit home.

She asked not to be identified, fearing her son could face repercussions at work.

The war in Iran has made this goodbye harder. Images of missiles and airstrikes, and reports of migrant workers killed in the conflict, have left her agonized. She reaches for her phone again.

That morning, the house was full. Friends and relatives gathered to see her son off. She moved between the kitchen and the prayer room, serving tea and praying for his safe journey. Incense, conversation and the ringing of a prayer bell filled the house. The dog barked, unaware a farewell was underway.

They drove to Kathmandu’s international airport, where departures are measured as much in embraces as boarding passes. She hugged her son tightly before he joined a queue of young men bound for the Gulf, whose remittances account for about 10% of Nepal’s GDP.

She stood there until he disappeared from view, tears streaming down her face.

The 54-year-old is a cleaner at a bank, but her son’s income is essential. Her husband, who owned a small soap factory, died of COVID in 2021, leaving much of the family’s financial burden to their children. Her daughter works for a finance company in Kathmandu but, like her brother, hopes to build a future overseas.

As the United States and Iran negotiate a permanent end to the war, there is little the mother can do but wait. She keeps her phone close, hoping it will ring and confirm her son is safe.

“I am wondering how he is going to live. We can’t just say, don’t go. But at the same time, it is necessary that he goes.”

Chile: Searching for passengers

WHO/WHERE: Felipe Molina, Santiago

DAY OF DISRUPTION: July 10

Molina clicks his seat belt into place, shifts his yellow-roof taxi into gear and eases into Santiago’s evening traffic.

In the rearview mirror, the 50-year-old wears the look of someone trying to solve an impossible equation. He can keep driving, burning diesel in search of passengers, or pull over and hope they find him. Either way, he loses.

The Peruvian has lived in Chile for more than 25 years and spent 17 behind the wheel of one of the city’s traditional taxis. Over that time, he has weathered traffic jams, recessions and the pandemic. But soaring fuel prices since the war in Iran have turned every shift into an effort to lose less.

He drives passengers. He delivers packages. On the radio, a commentator’s voice rises as Spain takes on Belgium in the World Cup. At a red light, a street performer in clown makeup waves burning flares between rows of idling cars. Molina inches forward, piecing together enough fares to keep his taxi on the road.

In March, Chile’s government announced one of the country’s largest fuel price increases in recent years as global oil prices climbed. Molina now spends about 70% more to fill his tank.

The higher fuel costs have compounded existing pressures. Ride-hailing services such as Uber and the Chinese company Didi are luring away passengers with lower fares. Meanwhile, licensed taxi drivers cannot raise prices because fares are regulated by the government.

Chile responded with monthly subsidies for taxi drivers and other public transport drivers, froze public transport fares and expanded programs to help drivers replace older vehicles.

But for Molina, the support hasn’t changed the equation.

“In the end, we spend hours on the road without picking anyone up, and the fuel keeps running out,” he says. “That means I have to fill up again, and the cost is simply too high.”

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Turkey: A dried-up market for carpets

WHO/WHERE: Ali Osman Aykul, Istanbul

DAY OF DISRUPTION: June 24

Most days, Ali Osman Aykul has only his cat for company.

The grey cat, Prince, sleeps on a stack of hand-woven carpets while Aykul, 48, smokes cigarettes, sips tea and watches football. Richly colored Turkish carpets line the walls. Their intricate patterns radiate warmth. Occasionally, footsteps drift in from the bazaar outside, but most pass by.

It wasn't always like this.

Before the war in Iran, the shop was where wealthy collectors from around the world and especially the Gulf gathered. Then the fighting began. Within 10 days, business fell by 90%. Airports closed; international customers vanished. Now, a handful might wander in each day — but mostly to buy cheap souvenirs, not the handmade carpets.

The bills have not stopped. Electricity, rent and his daughter's school expenses — she is studying health-care — still need to be paid. To cope, Aykul doesn't buy new clothes, cooks his meals in the shop and listens to music there rather than going out.

He holds out his newly issued passport with hope, tempered by doubts about whether, even if the war ends, trade will return to what it was. Before the pandemic, he traveled regularly to international fairs, where collectors sought him out. Now he waits for his visa, hoping that if customers can no longer come to his carpets, he can go to them.

"After a while, it starts to weigh on you every day," he says. "The music you listen to begins to feel like torture, and even the tea you drink stops giving you any pleasure."

Italy: Rising costs make farming harder

WHO/WHERE: Enzo Garbaglia, Fiumicino (Rome)

DAY OF DISRUPTION: June 12

His blue tractor still needs fuel. What has changed is how Enzo Garbaglia buys it.

For years, the farmer outside Rome bought gasoline in bulk, bringing home 1,500 to 2,000 liters (400–530 gallons) at a time and storing it for the season ahead. Now he buys only enough to keep the tractor moving.

Fuel is only the beginning. Irrigation costs more. Fertilizer costs more.

Garbaglia tries to shield customers, but many are struggling too. They buy less, produce goes unsold and prices fall. By the time he brings his harvest to market, a day's work yields little profit, if any.

Across the 105-year-old family farm, there are other signs of sacrifice and strain. The machines Garbaglia uses to harvest potatoes are the same ones he has relied on for years. There is no money to replace them. At home, the family avoids unnecessary expenses. Even a few weeks off in the summer to recover from long days in the fields is a luxury.

His children do not plan to take over the farm. For a time, his daughters seemed poised to continue the family tradition. Their farm-to-table shop drew customers from Rome and the surrounding coast. But after years of struggle, they concluded farming no longer offered a future and walked away. The decision hurt but he was also relieved they had chosen a different path.

Now, Garbaglia is left tending the land his family has worked for over a century, driven by passion for farming, loyalty to customers and pride in offering quality.

But he knows what comes next. The family business will likely end with him.

"One hundred and five years of history can't be sold," he says. "When it ends, it ends. That's it."

Traffic to start flowing Monday across new bridge between Canada and US

DETROIT (AP) — Traffic is set to start flowing Monday across a new bridge over the Detroit River that will serve as a critical route for trade, jobs and tourism between Canada and the U.S.

Last week, Canada celebrated the Gordie Howe International Bridge with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Windsor, Ontario, to mark the completion of the multibillion-dollar, multiyear project.

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U.S. and Michigan representatives were uninvited from Friday's gathering after President Donald Trump suddenly announced 50% tariffs on Canadian goods entering America.

The bridge is named for Howe, a Canadian icon known as "Mr. Hockey" who wore No. 9 while playing on the other side of the Detroit River for the NHL's Detroit Red Wings. He died in 2016.

More than 70% of Canada's exports go to the U.S., making America its largest trade partner, and Detroit is the No. 1 port for truck traffic on the U.S.-Canada border, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

For nearly a century, the privately-owned Ambassador Bridge has been the only route for large commercial trucks moving between the U.S. and Canada at Detroit. Businesses say the new six-lane span will be faster and less expensive.

The span is 1.5 miles (2.4 kilometers) long and rises 151 feet (46 meters) above the river at its highest point. Pedestrians and bicyclists carrying proper identification will be able to cross it for free in a few weeks.

Construction on the new bridge began in 2018 but took years, partly because of a global slowdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Canada paid to build the bridge at an estimated cost of \$6.4 billion. A recent agreement says Canada will share some toll revenue with the U.S. government for 15 years.

Trump praised his administration for that deal in a social media post while the Ontario event was in progress. "We changed the terms," he said.

Michigan will also get a share, but not until Canada's costs are recovered, likely decades from now.

Trial begins for Lindsay Clancy, mother on trial in deaths of her 3 children

By MICHAEL CASEY Associated Press

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — In the months after the birth of her third child, Lindsay Clancy's mental health collapsed. Manic, unable to sleep and stricken with thoughts of harming herself, she sought care from experts in postpartum mood disorders, was put on multiple psychiatric medications, and when nothing worked, checked in to a psychiatric hospital.

Nineteen days after she was discharged, she strangled her three children at their Massachusetts home.

A jury is set to hear opening statements Monday in Clancy's murder trial, which will feature dueling views about her culpability and mental state.

Prosecutors are set to argue that Clancy, a former labor and delivery nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital, carefully planned the killings and bears full responsibility for their deaths.

Clancy's lawyer, Kevin Reddington, will argue that at the time of the killings she was suffering from postpartum psychosis, a rare mental illness linked to the stress, sleep deprivation and hormonal changes that follow childbirth.

The trial is expected to take several weeks.

Elyse Hershon, a Boston criminal defense attorney and legal analyst, said the verdict will likely depend on how the jury views Clancy's "intent and mental capacity."

"Whenever there are deaths of children, it rattles emotions. Because these actions are incomprehensible and the outcome so horrific, people tend to want to hold someone responsible," Hershon said. "Some people naturally will identify and sympathize with Clancy and her postpartum depression, and others will not be able to understand how one could end their children's lives, and demand responsibility."

While postpartum depression is fairly common among women who have given birth, postpartum psychosis is estimated to afflict only 1 to 2 per 1,000 women after delivery. Symptoms include hallucinations, delusions, paranoia, mood changes and thoughts of harming yourself or others. Most women who have the condition, however, do not wind up harming their children.

Prosecutors say Clancy strangled her children — Cora, 5, Dawson, 3, and Callan, 8 months — on Jan. 24, 2023, after sending her then-husband, Patrick, out for some errands. She then jumped out of the home's

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second-story window and was paralyzed from the waist down in the fall.

At the time, she had been getting psychiatric care for about four months. On the day of the killings, she said she heard voices telling her, "This is your last chance. Kill the children so you can kill yourself," according to her lawyer.

If convicted of murder, Clancy faces life in prison without parole. If found not guilty due to a lack of criminal responsibility, she would be committed to a state mental health facility.

The case has parallels to several others involving mothers accused of killing their children.

In 2001, Andrea Yates drowned her five children in a bathtub in Texas. Her attorneys she suffered from severe postpartum psychosis and, in a delusional state, believed Satan was inside her and that killing the youngsters would save them from hell.

Her initial murder conviction was overturned and in a retrial she was found not guilty by reason of insanity and committed to a state mental hospital.

Another Texas mother, Dena Schlosser, was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 2006 after she killed her 10-month-old daughter by cutting off her arms.

Nicole Cirino, the director of the division of reproductive psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine, who has been an expert defense witness in infanticide cases, said many of the women who harm their children while in the grip of postpartum psychosis believe their actions are helping the child.

In their own minds, "they may be saving their children from damnation," Cirino said.

Clancy and her former husband, Patrick Clancy, filed lawsuits accusing her medical providers of failing to properly diagnose and treat her condition.

Awareness about postpartum psychosis has grown since the Yates case, but Cirino and other maternal mental health advocates said prosecutors rarely consider a mother's mental state. Illinois is the only state with a law allowing for undiagnosed or untreated postpartum depression or postpartum psychosis to be a mitigating factor in sentencing.

"Women who kill their children in the throes of this medical illness, postpartum psychosis, are seriously and profoundly mentally ill. They are not evil," said Dr. Catherine Birndorf, the CEO and founder of The Motherhood Center in New York City, which treats mothers with perinatal mood and anxiety disorders.

"To me it's illness until proven otherwise," she continued. "The fact that we consider it criminal until proven otherwise is problematic."

Tate brothers' lawyers and prosecutors to set schedule for UK extradition fight

By DAVID FISCHER Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Attorneys for social media influencers Andrew and Tristan Tate will meet with federal prosecutors in Miami on Monday to work out a schedule for the potentially monthslong process of fighting extradition to the United Kingdom, where the brothers are accused of rape and sex trafficking.

A date for a bond hearing will likely be set during the status conference, along with other important dates like deadlines for filings and a formal extradition hearing. The Tates made a brief court appearance two days after their July 18 arrest.

They aren't required to attend Monday's conference, and their attorneys said Friday that the Tates didn't plan to be there. They're being held in federal detention across the street from the courthouse.

The Tates promote wealth, male dominance and misogyny through their social media empire and are among the world's most polarizing internet personalities. The former professional kickboxers, who have dual U.S. and U.K. citizenship, have millions of social media followers and are vocal supporters of U.S. President Donald Trump.

The White House has said the brothers shouldn't expect any help from the president. Asked Thursday whether the White House would intervene in the extradition process, press secretary Karoline Leavitt flatly rejected the idea.

"No, we've already answered that question," Leavitt said.

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The Tates' attorney, Joseph McBride, said after last week's hearing that they should remain in the U.S. "We are of course objecting to extradition because Andrew and Tristan are innocent," McBride said. "They've never done nothing wrong. They shouldn't be extradited for crimes they did not commit."

McBride said the extradition attempt is politically motivated and suggested the case involved former British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's decision to step down, though he provided no details.

Prosecutors in Britain said the new charges relate to four new accusers and were brought after authorities received evidence from police in Bedfordshire, in southeastern England. The allegations, which span from 2010 to 2017, include rape, assault, trafficking and offenses relating to "indecent images of a child and extreme pornography."

McBride said none of the latest accusers have been identified.

The brothers are already charged with rape, bodily harm, human trafficking and controlling prostitution for gain relating to three other accusers in the U.K. between 2012 and 2015.

The new allegations are the latest in a long-running international legal saga involving the Tates that has spanned the U.S., Britain and Romania. The brothers have repeatedly denied wrongdoing.

The brothers moved to Romania in 2016 and were arrested there in 2022, accused of participating in schemes to lure women for sexual exploitation. They denied those allegations, and the Romanian case hasn't gone forward because of legal and procedural problems.

Travel restrictions were lifted last year, and they flew to Florida.

Andrew Tate, 39, became known a decade ago when he was a contestant on the U.K. reality television show "Big Brother." He was booted from the show when a video appeared to show him assaulting a woman.

He has amassed over 10 million followers on X but has been banned from other platforms, including YouTube, TikTok and Instagram, for violating hate speech guidelines. He has made widely condemned comments, such as saying women who are sexually assaulted should bear some responsibility for the attacks and sharing graphic descriptions of how he might attack women.

The Tate brothers have consistently denied allegations of abuse and human trafficking, claiming their violent and misogynistic statements have been taken out of context or were intended as jokes.

The suspect in the deadly Berlin Pride attack is killed in a confrontation with police

By GEIR MOULSON, KIRSTEN GRIESHABER and STEFANIE DAZIO Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The suspect in the deadly Berlin Pride attack that left one person dead and 29 injured was shot and killed by police during a confrontation on Sunday in a suburb of the city, authorities said.

Abdul Ballout, a German citizen with Lebanese roots, was killed following a search that lasted nearly 24 hours after the attack in downtown Berlin. Prosecutors said he had previously sought to join the militant Islamic State group.

Ballout was suspected of driving a van into a crowd near Berlin's Pride festival Saturday night before apparently stabbing others with a machete in what authorities believe was an Islamic extremist terror attack.

Interior Minister Alexander Dobrindt said the attack occurred a few hundred meters (yards) from a party near the Brandenburg Gate that was supposed to close out the city's Pride festival.

Ballout was tracked down around 6 p.m. Sunday at a garden in Spandau, a Berlin suburb, the city's police department wrote on X. They said he apparently ran toward officers with a sharp instrument, and police fired at least one shot. He died at the scene.

Ballout was born in Germany, the minister said. His mother was naturalized in 2002, three years before he was born.

Ashley Jump, a 26-year-old U.K. resident, had traveled to Berlin for Saturday's Pride parade but had left the celebrations before the attack. They returned Sunday to leave flowers at a memorial near the crime scene in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

"They'll never erase us, we'll never be gone," they said. "As long as humanity has existed, we've existed."

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And as long as humanity exists, we will exist. We will not be removed.”

Suspect convicted of ties to Islamic extremism

Ballout traveled to Lebanon in 2025 with the goal of going to Syria to join the Islamic State group, Berlin prosecutors said Sunday.

There, he made contact with several people who were presumed members of the militant group — or at least he believed them to be, prosecutors said. He was arrested in Lebanon last year and sentenced by a military court to three months’ imprisonment for offenses including incitement to religious and sectarian conflict.

He returned to Germany after completing his sentence, where he was arrested at the Berlin airport.

In May, a juvenile court in Berlin convicted Ballout of preparing a serious act of violence endangering the state, as well as publishing Islamic State propaganda on his Instagram account and other charges, prosecutors said.

The court handed down a suspended sentence of 1 year and 10 months in youth custody, which Berlin prosecutors had appealed.

The court said it took Ballout’s months of pre-trial detention in Germany and Lebanon into account. It also said it considered that Ballout had confessed to the crimes, appeared to distance himself from the militant group and no actual threat had ever materialized.

He was released from detention pending the appeal.

Berlin’s Pride festival is one of Europe’s largest LGBTQ+ celebrations

According to police, a white van drove into the Tiergarten park around 10 p.m. and hit several people before colliding with a tree. The closing party at the Pride festival, known as Christopher Street Day, was ongoing at the time next to the Brandenburg Gate, a short distance away. The party followed a parade with some 80 trucks that had made its way through downtown Berlin earlier in the day.

The attack did not occur at the festival, along its route or at the closing party. Rather, the violence took place a few hundred meters (yards) away on a track in the Tiergarten park. The van drove into a crowd that was likely a mix of festivalgoers and other locals or visitors.

Police said a woman was killed.

On Sunday afternoon, hundreds of mourners gathered at a memorial at the iconic gate. They hugged each other and laid down flowers, candles, rainbow flags and homemade signs, including a cardboard one that said: “the only thing more powerful than hate is love.”

Hundreds of thousands had come to Berlin to celebrate on Saturday, though it’s unclear how many were still at the festival by late evening. It’s one of Europe’s largest LGBTQ+ celebrations.

“We are simply stunned by what happened,” said Andre Lehmann, a top official with the main national LGBTQ+ association, LSVD+. “This suspected attack hits the heart of the queer community.”

Amsterdam says it will celebrate freedom in the wake of Berlin attack

Chancellor Friedrich Merz urged the nation to remain united in the aftermath of the attack.

“I would like to say this to Christopher Street Day participants here in Berlin but also across Germany: Don’t let yourselves, let us not let ourselves, be intimidated,” he said. “These acts have only one purpose: They aim to divide our society. They want to take away from us the most important thing we have: Namely our openness and our freedom.”

Dobrindt said he expected security measures at other major events in Germany, including Pride events elsewhere, to be reviewed and if necessary significantly boosted.

Berlin has seen Islamic extremist attacks before. In December, 2016, a rejected asylum seeker from Tunisia plowed a hijacked truck into a Christmas market, killing 13 people and injuring dozens. He was killed days later in a shootout in Italy.

In February last year, a Spanish tourist was stabbed and seriously wounded at Berlin’s Holocaust Memorial, an attack that saw a Syrian man convicted in March and sentenced to 13 years.

This week, Amsterdam will be hosting World Pride alongside its own annual Pride celebrations. Mayor Femke Halsema said authorities and organizers “are closely monitoring the security situation” after the Berlin attack but aim to prevent any extra measures getting in the way of celebrating freedom and love.

Exclusive: In a Ukrainian bomb shelter, Laura Loomer explains shift on Russia's war

By ILLIA NOVIKOV, VOLODYMR YURCHUK and JILL COLVIN Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Laura Loomer became infamous for spreading conspiracy theories online. Now, as she travels across Ukraine to see the damage inflicted by Russia in its yearslong war, she wants to admit that she fell for some falsehoods of her own.

A close ally of President Donald Trump, Loomer has completely reversed her longtime criticism of Ukraine and is urging fellow conservatives to be wary of Moscow's propaganda, which she blames for duping large swaths of the American right.

"You don't need to listen to a podcaster and let them influence your opinion about a country. You can look at those facts yourself," she told The Associated Press in Kyiv shortly after returning from a trip close to the front line in Ukraine's east. The interview was supposed to take place in Loomer's hotel, but it had to be moved to the building's underground bomb shelter as the city faced another ballistic missile attack.

Loomer has remained influential with Trump despite not having an official role, and she said they spoke over the phone after she sat down with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. She also said that she expects to meet with Trump after returning from her trip.

Loomer's turnaround on Ukraine has been welcomed by the country's leaders, whose relationships with Trump have been strained at times. But it has also stirred confusion, surprise and suspicion in the United States. She continues to insist that Ukraine is not paying for her travels.

As Trump and Zelenskyy prepare to meet on Tuesday in Washington, Loomer said it's clear that her trip has already made a difference, refocusing attention on the war as Congress debates new sanctions intended to punish Russia.

"It's looking good for Ukraine, right?" she said. "Going into this meeting next week at the Oval Office is looking pretty good."

Loomer says she was 'bamboozled' to oppose Ukraine

Loomer had spent years minimizing the war and amplifying Russian propaganda until she made a dramatic reversal this week.

"I've come to realize I was bamboozled by Russian propaganda and I came to believe a lot of untrue things about Ukraine. I used to think that this was a country full of Nazis," Loomer told Zelenskyy as she interviewed him for her show on Rumble, an online video platform.

Loomer blamed her indoctrination on getting banned by American social media platforms, leading her to try Telegram, where Russian media is widely shared.

"The Russians," she added, "are very good at capitalizing on people's rage. And I was very angry," she said, recounting her feelings about the 2020 election, which she falsely maintains was stolen from Trump despite all evidence to the contrary.

She said her change in perspective had been gradual as she started to see podcasters like Tucker Carlson "turn on President Trump" while having their rhetoric amplified by Russian sources.

Loomer, who casts herself as an independent journalist, told the AP she believed her reversal was already changing minds within Trump's "Make America Great Again" movement.

"Oh, 100%," she said. "I've received messages all day from different people and media and politics and people just who follow me online who said, 'Wow, I didn't realize how much we've been lied to.' 'Wow you really opened my eyes.'"

Loomer was welcomed with open arms

Ukrainian officials seemed to recognize the opportunity to win over an ardent Trump ally with a large online following. In addition to her interview with Zelenskyy, Loomer had audiences with top Ukrainian officials and the country's chief rabbi.

"It takes courage to come to Ukraine and not be deterred by Russian propaganda or air raid sirens," Zelenskyy's office wrote on social media.

Loomer also got a tour of Dormition Cathedral of Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, a monastic complex that came

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under Russian attack last month.

"Laura is very powerful and she's very authoritative in the U.S., so I hope that everything she has seen by her own eyes will help her to spread the truth when she is back at the U.S.," Tetyana Berezhna, the deputy prime minister and Ukrainian minister of culture, told the AP. "I do really hope and I believe that her visit will have a huge impact on relations with the U.S. administration."

While some have tried to downplay Loomer's influence with the president, he has often followed her advice. She occasionally traveled with him during the 2024 campaign, and last year he purged his National Security Council staff after she raised concerns about their loyalty in an Oval Office meeting.

Trump appears to be tracking Loomer's trip, sharing video of her conversation with Zelenskyy on social media.

"Very good!!!" he wrote on Thursday evening.

The conspiracist denounces conspiracy theories

Loomer has a long history of spreading conspiracy theories. She once shared a video that called 9/11 an "inside job" and amplified a lie about Haitian immigrants eating dogs and cats in Ohio, which Trump went on to repeat during a presidential debate with Kamala Harris.

Although Loomer may have changed her mind about Russia's invasion, her bigoted views have not budged.

"One thing I really love about Ukraine is I haven't seen a single Muslim here," she posted on Saturday. "It's so refreshing."

But in the interview, she bemoaned how influential podcasters can spread misinformation.

"They have been able to warp people's minds to the point where people aren't even capable of analyzing a subject with common sense anymore because they want to depend on these personalities to give them the opinion that they think they should have," she said, calling the situation "a major national security threat."

She said she thinks that "information war" has "the potential to be more destructive than any kinetic war that our country may ever face" and called on the Trump administration to take the threat of Russian propaganda, foreign interference and influence operations more seriously.

"I think that some of our leaders are being influenced by propaganda," she said.

The White House has routinely downplayed the role of Moscow's influence, especially because Trump has long chafed at investigations showing that Russia worked to boost his 2016 candidacy.

Loomer has said repeatedly that Ukraine did not finance her trip and insisted she had traveled in her own capacity.

"I can guarantee you I wasn't paid by anybody. I certainly wasn't paid by the government of Ukraine to come here," she said.

"If it's fake, why did I risk my life? I'm in a bomb shelter right now. I barely slept this week," she said.

US and Iran pause their attacks after days of escalation

By SAMY MAGDY and CARA ANNA Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — The United States and Iran paused their attacks for a second straight day Sunday, as efforts continued to bring them back to negotiations on an interim ceasefire deal largely undermined by recent exchanges of fire.

It was not clear why the U.S. has paused after targeting Iranian coastal areas and infrastructure in a nearly two-week escalation sparked by Iran's firing at ships trying to transit the Strait of Hormuz. The Pentagon did not respond to questions.

U.S. President Donald Trump is "giving talks some space. He's giving it a little bit of room," Mike Waltz, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told Fox News. "We've had both Oman and Iran, and a number of our other negotiators, engaged at every level, from the most senior levels all the way down to the technical level over the past few weeks, and particularly in the past few days."

Waltz dismissed the idea that the U.S. stockpile of interceptors crucial in defending against Iranian attacks is running low, but experts have questioned how long both the U.S. and Iran can afford to keep

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up attacks.

Since the U.S. has halted attacks for the past two nights, Iran has as well, its army spokesperson told Iran's state TV on Sunday. Tehran in recent days has counterattacked against countries in the region hosting U.S. military forces, killing at least three service members at a base in Jordan and one in Iraq.

A regional official calls the pause a 'positive signal'

The 60-day period that began when the interim deal was signed by both countries in mid-June is now well into its second half, and major issues that were meant to be negotiated — notably Iran's nuclear program at the heart of tensions — remain set aside as mediators try to keep both sides talking.

A regional official involved in mediation efforts said diplomacy was underway and that a pause in U.S. and Iranian strikes was a "positive signal that helps their efforts to de-escalate."

The official said both countries want to return to the interim ceasefire deal and that a compromise being negotiated centers on having Iran run vessel transit through the Strait of Hormuz with fewer restrictions on ships. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Shipping traffic on the strait is at a 3-week low

Concerns continued about shipping on the strait and now on another crucial waterway in the region, the Bab al-Mandeb strait to the Red Sea. Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen last week threatened a blockade of Saudi shipping there.

Global energy supplies and the economy remain in the balance as gasoline prices have risen again.

Commercial shipping traffic on the Strait of Hormuz was at a three-week low, a maritime body overseen by the U.S. Navy said Sunday, adding that no new attacks had been confirmed in the past 72 hours. It said traffic remained steady through the Bab el-Mandeb.

Iran on Sunday said it continued to speak with Oman about managing the safe passage of ships on the Strait of Hormuz, which passes between the countries. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Esmail Baghaei, said talks had made progress and continued.

Baghaei also said the strait's status remained unchanged. Tehran has asserted that the interim deal with the U.S. allows it to manage shipping on the waterway for now, and it has objected to U.S. efforts to support a route through the strait that passes close to Oman instead. The strait was considered an international waterway before the war.

The U.S. military on Saturday said its recently reimposed naval blockade against Iran continued, with a dozen commercial ships redirected, two disabled and two boarded. U.S. forces "remain highly vigilant, focused, lethal, and ready," it added.

Netanyahu says he 'fully' backs Trump's efforts

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu plans to travel to the United States and meet with Trump in Washington on Tuesday, his office has said. They last met in Washington in February, weeks before they launched the war on Iran that killed senior leaders including Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah fired at Israel two days after the war began, and Israel responded with airstrikes and ground forces in southern Lebanon. Since then, the U.S. has supported landmark direct talks between Lebanon and Israel to try to calm that front and find a way to disarm Hezbollah.

Netanyahu on Sunday told Fox News he "fully" backs Trump's efforts to weaken Iran and press it to end its nuclear program, adding: "If he can do so without returning to intense military fighting, that's fine. Why not?"

The prime minister indicated he would not present new information to "our good friend" Trump and instead would listen to "what he has in mind, because I think in many ways, it's his decision."

But Netanyahu warned that if Iran again attacks Israel, directly or with armed proxies, "it will make a terrible mistake."

Wildfires in France drive 250,000 people from their homes and creep toward wine city of Bordeaux

By MARK CARLSON, EMMA DA SILVA and JOHN LEICESTER Associated Press

LEGE-CAP FERRET, France (AP) — A raging wildfire in southwest France forced the evacuation of 55,000 people overnight Sunday, bringing the total forced out of their homes to a staggering 220,000 in one region alone, as flames crept ever closer to the wine region city of Bordeaux. Neighboring Spain oversaw its own fire evacuations on the country's east coast.

Shifting and gusting winds, as well as arid conditions, complicated massive efforts to limit the spread of the monster blaze burning out of control since midweek in France's Gironde region, where Bordeaux is located. Authorities issued overnight evacuation orders for five more localities southwest of the historic city.

"The situation remains very unfavorable," French Interior Minister Laurent Nunez said after what he described as "another difficult night" for fire crews battling round-the-clock against the blaze that has burned an area four times the size of Paris.

"The fire became extremely virulent again and unpredictable, generating its own winds and advancing erratically toward the Bordeaux metropolitan area," Nunez posted on X.

"It became calmer by the end of the night," the minister added.

Pope calls for prayers for victims of the 'devastating wildfires'

At the end of his Sunday Angelus prayer, Pope Leo XIV referenced "the devastating wildfires" in France and Spain and said: "I express my solidarity and invite everyone to pray for those affected and for the work of the rescue workers."

An estimated 42,000 hectares (162 square miles) had burned in Gironde, the region's prefecture said, much of it forests and scrubland made tinder-dry by successive heat waves. That is seven times the area of Manhattan island and four times the size of Paris.

Firefighters raced in trucks to fight flare-ups and planes dropping water and retardants rotated in the smoke-filled air. Farmers delivered water in tanks to fire crews so they could fight the flames without interruption.

"This allows firefighters to focus on the fire," said Theo Hernandez, a wine grower. "It's very strong, very virulent, it's spreading everywhere."

The number of firefighters mobilized grew to 2,500, backed by 18 planes and helicopters, including from other European nations. Soldiers have also been called in. A giant A400M military cargo aircraft dropped plumes of ochre-colored retardant.

The Gironde prefecture said 75 firefighters were treated for injuries. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed.

Blaze has created virulent firestorms

In a first for France, the blaze alarmingly developed into a self-feeding firestorm on several occasions, most recently on Saturday night, generating lightning bolts that can start new flare-ups, authorities said.

"It's like being confronted by a hurricane," said Gironde fire chief Marc Vermeulen.

Forecast high temperatures starting Tuesday could complicate the firefighting, Gironde prefect Sophie Brocas said.

Evacuees won't be allowed back to their towns and villages until the blaze is brought under control, she warned. She urged holiday makers not to come to the region that has popular Atlantic beaches and some of France's largest woodlands.

Fire creeps toward Bordeaux but the city isn't evacuating

Bordeaux Mayor Thomas Cazenave described the blaze as being "at the gates of the metropolitan area," about 15 kilometers (9 miles) away at its closest point.

But Cazenave said an evacuation of Bordeaux is not on the cards for now. The city is home to 268,000 people.

Bordeaux turned an exhibition center into an emergency shelter, providing cots and food for thousands of evacuees, including hundreds of older people evacuated from care homes.

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A second fire burning farther south in the Landes region has also forced the evacuation of 36,000 people, driving the total number of displaced people in southwest France to more than 250,000.

Fire crews have also been battling a blaze in the Var region of southern France on the Mediterranean. Nearly 3,000 people have been evacuated there.

Tens of thousands of people also forced out of their homes in Spain

In Spain, wildfires burned out of control around Madrid. Evacuations were also carried out Sunday in the Valencia region. A man was killed Saturday in a wildfire in Manises, a Valencia suburb, marking Spain's first recorded death in the latest fires.

"We still have some difficult hours ahead," Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said Sunday, but the night was "very positive in terms of bringing the flames under control."

A total of 76,000 people have been evacuated in Spain while 30,000 others have been confined to their homes, the government said.

Evacuees fretted about what they'll find when they're allowed to return.

"It looked like the apocalypse. You couldn't see anything. Everything was covered in ash," said Rocío Domínguez, who evacuated with her dog, Simba, from Chapinería, west of Madrid.

"We don't know when we get to the town, if we'll have half the house burned down or we'll have it intact or we won't have a house," she said. "All the clothes, all the memories, everything."

Jenny Shin claims her first LPGA win in more than a decade at Women's Scottish Open

TROON, Scotland (AP) — South Korean golfer Jenny Shin secured a two-shot victory at the Women's Scottish Open on Sunday to end a wait of more than 10 years for her second LPGA win.

The 33-year-old Shin, who won the Texas Shootout in May 2016, carded a 3-over 75 on the Dundonald Links to finish at 9 under.

"My first one didn't really feel like a win at the time," Shin said. "I didn't feel like I deserved it. It felt very accidental. But this one definitely feels a lot different. This one feels like I earned it. I worked hard for it."

Shin was in tears after the final putt dropped on the 18th and was doused with water and champagne by a group of friends.

Leading since the first round, Shin could afford three straight bogies on Nos. 6-8 after starting the final round with a five-shot lead over Thailand's Pajaree Anannarukarn (74). Shin also bogeyed two of the last three holes but had made two birdies earlier.

"I wasn't as nervous as yesterday," Shin said. "I feel like I've done everything right but just wasn't hitting it like I was the last three days and just hitting it into bunkers and bushes and that wasn't fun.

"With three bogies in a row, I thought, 'oh boy, I don't know where this is going to go'. But yeah, I hung in there, so I'm quite proud of myself and very happy."

Shin is now thinking about the next challenge.

"I'm going to do everything I can to win again," Shin said. "I can't believe it happened this week."

A Lim Kim finished second after a 4-under 68, with four straight birdies helping her leapfrog two shots ahead of Anannarukarn, who dropped to third.

The Women's Scottish Open comes between the final two majors — the Evian Championship and the Women's British Open starting Thursday at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.

2 mosques in the West Bank are set on fire during a deadly surge in settler violence

By MELANIE LIDMAN Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Two mosques in the Israeli-occupied West Bank were set on fire overnight in an apparent Israeli settler attack, officials said Sunday, after a spate of deadly violence that killed four Palestinians and two Israeli soldiers.

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Palestinians and the Israeli opposition accuse Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's hard-line government of turning a blind eye to attacks by settlers against Palestinians, which threaten to ignite widespread violence across the territory.

Israeli soldiers and police fanned out across the West Bank after the attack, closing off major roads and blocking access to a hospital where it said two militants were hiding. Israel also arrested more than 70 Palestinians over the weekend as they attempted to contain the escalating violence.

Israel's military says it condemns such incidents

The mosques, in the villages of Qusra and Kour in the northern West Bank, suffered extensive damage in the fires.

In Qusra, the attackers spray-painted "revenge Benayahu," referring to one of the Israeli soldiers killed on Friday, and "the land of Israel is redeemed with blood." The soldier lived in a nearby settlement.

Ahmed Abu Mahmoud, 64, who lives next to the Qusra mosque, said he heard noises at 3 a.m. and discovered the mosque had been set on fire. The fire was too large for him to fight on his own, so he called for help.

"The military arrived here, saw with their own eyes and then left," Mahmoud said.

Security footage in Kour obtained by The Associated Press showed three people dressed in civilian clothes setting off a large explosion in the entrance of the mosque in the middle of the night.

On Sunday, residents held prayers despite damage to the entrance.

Israel's military said it was working with police to investigate the mosque attack.

"The security forces strongly condemn incidents of this kind, including harm to religious sites, and will continue to act decisively to maintain security and public order in the area," it said.

The Israeli army often announces investigations into violence against Palestinians but rarely makes arrests or prosecutes settlers involved in violence.

The military also reported it had sealed the homes of two Palestinian militants suspected of killing the soldiers in preparation for their demolition. Israel often demolishes the homes of attackers, claiming it deters future attacks.

On Sunday, Netanyahu said troops entered villages across the West Bank to seize weapons and make arrests. "We are also prepared to operate on a broader scale against the terrorist nests," he said.

The exact circumstances of Friday's deadly incidents remained unclear, but Israeli media reports and interviews with local Palestinian officials said they were sparked after a group of settlers entered the village of Tell and were confronted by residents who were fearful of an attack.

According to the Israeli military, one of the Palestinians took one of the settlers' weapons and fired on the group, killing Benayahu Mellet, 32, a security guard from a nearby settlement.

Palestinians and human rights groups have increasingly documented armed Israeli settlers entering villages in the area. Livestock theft, arson and the defacement of mosques are routinely reported.

Leaders appeal for peace and pressure on Israel

Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Fahmy urged U.S. President Donald Trump to restrain "the Israeli government's extremist ambitions," including its implementing of a "de facto annexation in the West Bank."

He called on Trump to confront Netanyahu ahead of their meeting in the United States this week.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas sent letters to Arab and other allies, including the European Union, urging them to pressure Israel to stop settler violence in the West Bank, which he described as a systemic Israeli policy and a dangerous escalation, the Palestinian news agency WAFA reported. The Palestinian Authority is the internationally recognized representative of the Palestinian people.

Pope Leo XIV appealed for peace in the Middle East at the end of his weekly Sunday prayer, saying that "I am following with apprehension the persistence and escalation of violence in the Holy Land, of which recently many civilians in the West Bank and Gaza have also been victims."

He appealed for a "return to negotiating a just political solution."

According to the Palestinian Health Ministry, 87 Palestinians have been killed in the occupied West Bank this year, including 21 by Israeli settlers. Three Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinian militants in 2026, including the two soldiers on Friday.

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More than 700,000 Israeli settlers live in the occupied West Bank and east Jerusalem, territories captured by Israel in 1967 and sought by the Palestinians for a future independent state. The international community overwhelmingly considers Israeli settlements be illegal and obstacles to peace.

Israel approves immunity for an international force in Gaza

Israel's security cabinet on Sunday took a step toward the deployment of an international stabilization force in Gaza, approving granting it immunity under Israeli law, a political source told the AP.

Israel will also decide which countries will send forces and that the prime minister, defense minister and foreign minister will approve them.

So far, the international force is expected to have 200 members from different countries, including Uganda and Morocco, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss a decision made in a closed-door meeting.

Israeli forces control well over half of Gaza's territory, which was largely destroyed in two years of war that followed the Hamas-led attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023. A fragile ceasefire began in October, but next steps in its implementation — including reconstruction — have been largely stalled over the issue of Hamas' disarmament. Israel maintains its forces won't withdraw until Hamas is disarmed.

Last week, the U.S.-created Board of Peace meant to oversee Gaza's reconstruction said it was working on a pilot governance and humanitarian zone in southern Gaza that would be secured by the international force.

US appeals court upholds injunction that blocks Trump's order to create a federal voter list

By RUSS BYNUM Associated Press

A federal appeals court has upheld a ruling that in nearly half of U.S. states halted President Donald Trump's executive order to create a federal list of eligible voters and limit delivery of mail ballots only to people on that list.

The ruling Saturday by judges of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the Trump administration's effort to move forward with the mail-in voting restrictions in 23 U.S. states that sued ahead of November's midterm elections.

Trump issued an executive order in March for the director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the commissioner of the Social Security Administration to create a "state citizenship list" of eligible voters. It also ordered the U.S. Postal Service to deliver mail ballots only to people on that list.

While Trump touted the proposed changes as safeguards to keep non-U.S. citizens from voting, state election officials argued they were ripe for abuse and could cause chaos.

Democratic officials in 23 states and the District of Columbia challenged Trump's order in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Boston. They argued that Trump's order was unconstitutional because the states and Congress, not the president, have the authority to set election rules.

U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani, who was nominated by Democratic President Barack Obama, agreed and halted Trump's order from being implemented for the Nov. 3 elections — but only in the states that have sued.

The Justice Department said in an emailed statement Sunday that it is "reviewing all options" regarding its next legal steps and is confident that Trump's executive order will ultimately be upheld.

Netanyahu accuses Mamdani of 'fomenting hate' and calls ICC war-crimes charges 'bogus'

By LISA MASCARO AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani is "fomenting hate" by calling the prime minister a war criminal who should be arrested over the war in Gaza if he visits the city for the United Nations General Assembly.

Netanyahu said he intends to be in New York in September to address the annual U.N. gathering of world

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leaders, despite the mayor's suggestion that he is not welcome. Mamdani said last week that while New York City does not have legal authority to execute an arrest warrant issued by the world's top war-crimes court, he encouraged the federal government to do so.

"He's supposed to be the mayor of all New Yorkers — Jews, Christians, Muslims, everyone," Netanyahu said on Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures" with Maria Bartiromo. "But he's trying to turn one group against the other."

The prime minister has become an increasingly polarizing figure over Israel's war in Gaza, which was ignited by the Oct. 7, 2023, deadly attack on southern Israel by Hamas militants. Israel also joined the U.S. in starting the war against Iran on Feb. 28 before launching a ground invasion in southern Lebanon in response to fire from the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group.

Netanyahu on Sunday dismissed the International Criminal Court's war crimes charges against him as "bogus." He pointed to sexual misconduct allegations against the ICC's top prosecutor, who was removed from that post on Friday, and said the warrant was an attempt to divert attention.

The mayor's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment Sunday.

Bipartisan U.S. support for Israel at risk, Netanyahu says

Netanyahu said he was concerned that once-bipartisan political support for Israel in the U.S. is at risk, particularly as progressive and far-left Democrats aligned with the Mamdani wing of the party splinter.

He also warned against rising antisemitism in the U.S. and other Western countries, saying that when he talks to people in New York City, home to the second-largest Jewish population in the world, "Jews feel very uncomfortable."

"And I think it's wrong. The whole thing is wrong," he said.

Throughout his mayoral election campaign last year, Mamdani said he would seek to order the city's police to execute the ICC's arrest warrant over Netanyahu's role in the war in Gaza.

But Mamdani acknowledged last week that his city did not have the legal authority to arrest Netanyahu and called on federal authorities to step in.

"I want to be equally clear, Benjamin Netanyahu is not welcome in New York City, nor is any other war criminal at large," he said in a video message.

He told New Yorkers that he understood their frustration and that expressions of protest is something the city would "always respect."

The Hague-based court has accused Netanyahu, his former defense minister and the late leader of Hamas of crimes against humanity. The Palestinian territory's Health Ministry says over 73,000 people have been killed in Israel's offensive — roughly half of them women and children. Some 1,200 people, most of them civilians, were killed in the initial Hamas attack on Israel.

Trump has assured Netanyahu he won't be arrested

Trump told Netanyahu in a social media post Monday that he "will not be arrested, in any way, shape, or form, while in the United States of America."

Netanyahu is expected in Washington this week to meet with Trump and attend funeral services for the late Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina.

Graham, a leading defense hawk and strong supporter of Israel, died suddenly two weeks ago of a likely torn aorta. The prime minister called him an "extraordinary American patriot."

Wisconsin's capital city cancels signature events, grapples with fallout from police shooting

By SCOTT BAUER Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A police shooting in Wisconsin's progressive capital city this week put the spotlight on persistent and deep racial divisions, prompting cancellations and other changes to popular summertime events as protesters said they were determined to continue public pressure for change in Madison.

Corey Ruiz, who is identified as Black or Latino in Wisconsin court records, was shot and killed by a

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Madison police officer on Wednesday after a brief scuffle at an intersection in the city's most liberal neighborhood just yards away from a popular 52-year-old food co-op.

It marks the third time since 2012 that Madison police have shot and killed someone in the same neighborhood. The shooting has sparked renewed calls for police reforms and forced the city to once again reckon with calls from the Black community to address racial justice issues.

Pressure from protesters, and sympathy for their cause, has also led to the cancellation or disruption of many of Madison's signature summertime events.

"Our community has spoken loud and clear: this is NOT business as usual," Black activist Clyde Mayberry posted on Facebook on Friday amid a string of cancellations. "Your decisions have helped ensure that this city continues to acknowledge the pain, the loss, and the call for accountability."

Protesters took to the streets hours after the shooting, disrupting a popular Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra outdoor concert at the state Capitol that attracts about 30,000 every week in the summer.

The scene captures a familiar divide in Madison, a city that is more diverse than the state overall but still 70% white. Protesters, many of whom were Black, stood over white concert attendees sitting at tables near the stage that cost as much as \$1,800 to rent for the night.

Concert organizers canceled the event.

Threats of a protest on Thursday led the city to postpone the grand opening of a new public market, just a few blocks away from where the shooting occurred. A popular neighborhood festival near the shooting called AtwoodFest, scheduled to begin on Saturday, was also canceled in the face of potential protests.

"Our community and our Marquette neighbors witnessed another horrific officer-involved shooting just blocks from our festival grounds, leaving us in deep pain and justified anger," organizers of the festival wrote. "In acknowledgment of what has happened far too often in our community and our country as a whole, this year's AtwoodFest, themed 'The Heartbeat of the Neighborhood,' is canceled."

And on Saturday, the popular downtown farmers market that attracts about 20,000 people each week around the Capitol building, shut down nearly four hours earlier than usual in solidarity with protesters.

"We mourn with our community," market organizers posted on social media. "And we agree - business cannot proceed as usual."

A handful of protesters showed up at the Capitol as vendors were breaking down their booths at around 10 a.m.

"No one should be thinking this is just another Saturday," said Reba Bergmann, who sat with Lilly Nimmer holding a sign that said "Justice for Corey."

"It's not life as normal," Nimmer said. "We should be more mad. We should stand up for what we believe in."

Charles Ault, 30, supported the decision to close down early.

"It's important to keep focus on the real tragedy, which is that someone got killed," said Ault, who was shopping at the market. "Missing some market time, that's sad, but that's not what's important."

But Rodney Hathaway, who was visiting Madison from Milwaukee, was caught off guard by the market's early closure.

"It's ridiculous," he said. "This is peoples' livelihoods. It's just unfortunate. We have such a short summer season for these people to sell their wares."

Investigations into the shooting continue. Civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who represents the Ruiz family, said on Friday at a new conference in the Capitol that the officer who fired the shots should face criminal charges.

Madison Police Chief John Patterson, who is white, has tried to calm tensions, even allowing protesters to overtake a news conference that he was leading along with the mayor inside the police department's downtown headquarters on Thursday.

Patterson took questions from angry protesters, one of whom held a sign just feet away from the chief that said "corrupt cops deserve to die too." After one protester hurled an insult at Patterson, the chief calmly responded, "I appreciate you being here."

Former President Juan Orlando Hernández returns to Honduras after arrest warrant suspended

By MARLON GONZÁLEZ and ANNA-CATHERINE BRIGIDA Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Four years after being extradited to the United States for his drug trafficking trial, former Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández arrived in his country Sunday to face corruption charges that lawyers fear will be a sham process.

Hernández, once considered an ally by the U.S. in the drug war, led Honduras from 2014 to 2022, during which he boasted that he would “shove the drugs right up the noses of the gringos,” according to U.S. prosecutors.

His extradition shortly after leaving office marked a rare chance at justice for Hondurans, who feared his hold on the country’s justice system would never allow a conviction on Honduran soil.

But the former leader, sentenced to 45 years in prison in the United States, was released in December, to the shock of many in the U.S. and Honduras, after receiving a presidential pardon from U.S. President Donald Trump. He said Hernández did not receive a fair trial and that it was a setup orchestrated by the Biden administration.

Hernández now returns to Honduras to face corruption charges amid concerns that a weak justice system and his party’s return to the presidency will ensure his impunity.

“There is a social majority that is outraged but doesn’t speak out because of fear,” said Joaquín Mejía, lawyer and researcher for the human rights organization Reflection, Research and Communication Team. “We’re talking about the boss of all drug bosses.”

Some in the country welcomed his return. Hernández was greeted at Palmerola International Airport by his mother, wife, kids and granddaughter as well as dozens of supporters of his National Party.

“The moment has arrived. After four years, I can finally tell you that we will see each other again,” Hernández said in a video posted on social media before his arrival.

Hernández, 57, faces charges related to a case known as Pandora I, which alleges that a network of former high-ranking officials from 2010 to 2013 participated in the expansion and approval of public funds disbursements totaling more than 288 million lempiras (\$10.8 million) to various foundations, according to an investigation by the country’s Specialized Prosecutor’s Unit Against Corruption Networks, or UFERCO.

According to UFERCO, Hernández benefited from these disbursements, receiving at least 62 million lempiras (\$2.3 million) for his political campaign through various schemes, including the creation of shell companies, the use of straw men and fictitious contracts.

Hernández has said he is innocent and that the case “lacks any legal basis.”

In June, a judge suspended his arrest warrant and the international red notice issued to Interpol at the request of Hernández’s lawyer, although the case is still pending. The former president has agreed to appear before the judge on Aug. 3 for his arraignment.

Other high-level officials implicated in Pandora I whose cases have been dismissed indicate the likely outcome for Hernández, according to legal experts.

“Everything points to the suspension being the first step,” Mejía said. “He’ll come, they’ll likely issue him alternative measures to imprisonment to keep up appearances, and then he’ll end up without any problem, without any sanction.”

For Luis Javier Santos, the former head of UFERCO who investigated the case against Hernández, the former leader’s return represents a failure to prosecute him for his crimes rather than a chance for justice.

Santos was removed from his role in UFERCO in February in what he believes demonstrated attempts to stifle anti-corruption investigations by the new government of Nasry Asfura, of Hernández’s National Party, which took office in January after gaining Trump’s backing during elections.

“We have gone backward to an even worse point than when all the work to fight corruption began,” Santos said.

For some, so-called 'Skynet Day' came too close to sci-fi after a rogue agent hacked into a startup

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To be fair, James Cameron did warn us.

Long before OpenAI broke out of its test corral and hacked into Hugging Face, before the internet and Sam Altman were even born, Cameron wrote a screenplay about an autonomous artificial intelligence system that triggers a nuclear apocalypse.

That system, "Skynet," was solidly science fiction — and, for its day, pure speculation. But four decades after it appeared in "The Terminator," it looks more like a forecast of the "unprecedented cyber incident" in which a rogue artificial intelligence system hacked into another AI company on its own.

Cue "Skynet Day," the new shorthand for July 22, 2026, when real-life AI sent a chill around the world by learning and acting in ways its creators did not anticipate.

For many, the moment recalled the instant in "Aliens" (also written by Cameron) when the xenomorph queen learns to use an elevator. Or when the "Jurassic Park's" velociraptors figure out how to open a door. Or the sequence in which the self-aware HAL 9000 reads the astronauts' lips and decides to kill them in "2001: A Space Odyssey." That one came out in 1968.

Have we learned nothing since then? Those movies merely envisioned how people looking to make money or build power would drive technology forward — until it becomes self-aware, strategic and highly problematic for humanity. The question all along has been Frankensteinian: What if it breaks out?

So far, slo-mo government offers little protection from the light-speed progress of AI. The U.S. Defense Department is rapidly accelerating its use of AI. Humanity can't even agree on whether and which guardrails are needed to rein in rogue agents. To the contrary, people are marveling at the wonder of AI and snapping up its benefits, despite the risks to jobs, mental health, the balance of war and peace — and, potentially, humanity as we know it.

In many ways, the future is now

In what OpenAI said was the first-ever incident of its kind, an advanced AI model escaped its "sandbox" to the internet and used stolen credentials to break into the servers of Hugging Face. It was a told-you-so moment for researchers who had warned for years that the technology could pose an existential threat to humanity. Others said the moment was a warning that underscored the need for stronger AI defensive engineering.

Either way, the breakout was widely considered a cautionary tale about the risks of uncontrolled AI.

"Yesterday, as we huddled around our computers reading the report, I told the team to 'remember this moment' as the first true AI safety incident," Logan Graham, head of Anthropic's Frontier Red Team, posted on X after it happened.

Generative AI is growing so fast that government and evaluation systems are struggling to keep pace with the technology. Countries around the world are cobbling together their own laws, some conflicting. The technology was adopted by nearly 53% of the world's population in three years, faster than the spread of the PC or the internet, according to a study released this year by Stanford University.

'Skynet is coming' — well, sort of

To be clear, the "Skynet" of the "Terminator" movies is not at hand.

Those films begin with a self-aware military computer network that views humanity as a threat. In a bid for self-preservation, "Skynet" sends an army of cyborgs designed to resemble humans back in time to assassinate resistance fighters. In the second film, the Terminator, played by Arnold Schwarzenegger, tells heroine Sarah Connor that "Skynet" goes online on August 4, 1997.

"Human decisions are removed from strategic defense," he says. "Skynet begins to learn at a geometric rate." At 2:14 a.m. on August 29 — Judgment Day — the network becomes self-aware and launches an attack on Russia to provoke a counterstrike on the United States. Three billion lives are lost.

That would have been 29 years ago next month if it had happened. And throughout sequels and spinoffs, the central theme is humans versus a world-spanning network of machines.

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It's unlikely that Cameron was actually ringing a warning bell the way, say, director Kathryn Bigelow tried to do with last year's nuclear weapon film, "A House of Dynamite." Legend has it that the idea for "The Terminator" started with Cameron suffering a food sickness-induced fever dream, not a premonition about AI.

Why 'The Terminator' feels more and more realistic

Anytime AI oversteps our comfort level, it raises the alarming question of who, or what, really controls our lives.

For many, a world with machines in charge can be hard to imagine without movies and books and their sometimes prescient visions. See: "The Matrix," "Ex Machina" and "The Minority Report" for some of the many sci-fi takes on the perils of machines. Or dive deeper, into Philip K. Dick's 1968 novel, "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" It's an exploration of what it means to be human in the age of machines — and the basis for the 1982 film "Blade Runner."

But "The Terminator" franchise wields outsize influence over more than culture. The very title is real-world shorthand for technology's role in deciding who lives and who dies — and how the military should respond to any truly autonomous attacks.

"I think the weaponization of AI is the biggest danger," Cameron said in an interview on CTV in 2023. "You have no ability to de-escalate."

The real world offers several examples of technology and military policy coming uncomfortably close to "Terminator" imagery.

Israel's use of AI in its recent wars mark a leading instance. In early 2021, it launched Gospel, an AI tool that sorts through Israel's vast array of digitized information to suggest targets for potential strikes. It also developed Lavender, which uses machine learning to filter out requested criteria from intelligence databases and narrow down lists of potential targets, including people.

Lavender ranks people between 0 and 100 based on how likely it is they are a militant, an intelligence officer who used the systems told The Associated Press. The Israeli military says its analysts use AI-enabled systems to help identify targets but independently examine them together with high-ranking officers to meet international law, weighing military advantage against the collateral damage.

For some, the revelation — and the death toll in Gaza after the Hamas-led Oct. 7, 2023, attacks on Israel — came too close for comfort to the kill lists of science fiction. "Well guys, Skynet is Here and its has a pleasant name (Lavender)," snarked one Redditor.

Not quite — but "Terminator" terminology is so familiar to the masses that U.S. officials sometimes use it to frame the ethical debate around the military uses of AI. The conventional red line would be crossed, it seems, when humans play no role in AI targeting and killing.

A state or other actor could use autonomous weapons to inflict lethal force on its enemies, military officials allow. That would mean a machine, as then-Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Paul Selva described it in 2016, "like a Terminator that adds incredible amounts of complexity with no conscience to what happens on the battlefield."

What would come next, he called "the Terminator conundrum," the problem of technology that can make life-or-death decisions and execute them before people have agreed on the law or the rules.

"Skynet" and its cyborgs remain in the fictional realm. But in the fast-moving landscape of AI development, the ethical and moral questions raised by "The Terminator" are more relevant than ever.

"The Skynet problem," Cameron said in a 2024 video, "is an actual thing."

'The Odyssey' earns \$87M in its second weekend, Christopher Nolan's best second weekend yet

By LINDSEY BAHR AP Film Writer

"The Odyssey" continued to exert a mighty hold on moviegoers in its second weekend in North American theaters, with \$87 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. That's only a 30% drop from its first weekend, an incredibly modest slide for a blockbuster. It's also filmmaker Christopher

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Nolan's best second weekend ever, not accounting for inflation. In 2008, "The Dark Knight" earned \$75.2 million in weekend two.

"That would be an impressive opening weekend for any film," said Paul Dergarabedian, Rentrak's head of marketplace trends. "This is a testament to the outpouring of excitement and enthusiasm that moviegoers are having for Christopher Nolan's latest epic."

With \$128.3 million from international theaters, "The Odyssey" has made an estimated \$639.6 million globally. Theaters around the world are adding showtimes to try to meet the demand, Dergarabedian said.

As with last weekend, much of that sum is from premium large format screens. IMAX screens alone accounted for \$48 million of the global earnings this weekend. The coveted 70 mm IMAX screens, of which there are only 41 worldwide, earned \$5.2 million. Most of those showtimes are sold out through September, the company said.

There was no significant new competition this weekend or last. Regardless, the second weekend earnings is rare for a movie that opened over \$100 million. For an R-rated movie, it's second only to "Deadpool & Wolverine."

But the open waters will become a little more crowded next weekend when audiences get another blockbuster option with "Spider-Man: Brand New Day," which shares actors Tom Holland and Zendaya with "The Odyssey." Some analysts say that "Spider-Man" could net the biggest opening weekend of the year. Still, Nolan's film will have its run of most IMAX screens for weeks to come.

Second and third place went to Disney releases, "Moana," with \$10.5 million, and "Toy Story 5" close behind with \$10 million. The latter surpassed \$1 billion in its fifth weekend, with \$448 million from domestic theaters and \$573 million from international screens. It's the sixth Pixar film to hit the milestone.

Bleecker Street's release of "Hadestown: The Musical," a live stage recording of the show, rounded out the top five with \$9.7 million in its first weekend. The hit Broadway show uses folk and jazz to tell an ancient Greek tale.

Olivia Wilde's chamber dramedy "The Invite" also continues to do well in its platform release, with another \$2.6 million that brings its running total to \$19.8 million.

The year overall is running about 10% ahead of last year, and the summer box office this weekend surpassed \$3 billion. Before the pandemic, the summer movie season would regularly exceed \$4 billion. The only other time it has since was the "Barbenheimer" in 2023. Dergarabedian is cautiously optimistic that it could be within reach this summer too.

"That's a pretty heavy lift for August, but this could be a mega August given the staying power of 'The Odyssey' coupled with 'Spider-Man: Brand New Day,'" he said. "For 'The Odyssey' it's a marathon, it's not a sprint. It's a marathon run that'll play well into August."

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 Rentrak:

1. "The Odyssey," \$87 million.
2. "Moana," \$10.5 million.
3. "Toy Story 5," \$10 million.
4. "Minions & Monsters," \$9.7 million.
5. "Hadestown," \$9.6 million.
6. "The Invite," \$2.6 million.
7. "Evil Dead Burn," \$2.6 million.
8. "Young Washington," \$2 million.
9. "Motor City," \$1.6 million.
10. "Obsession," \$1.5 million.

As Trump boosts nuclear power, regulators seek to eliminate a longstanding radiation safety practice

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT Associated Press

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is proposing to eliminate a foundational safety principle that has for 50 years minimized the radiation people in the United States are exposed to and that has been adopted around the world.

Currently, facilities such as nuclear plants, hospitals or academic institutions that use radioactive materials must ensure radiation exposures are kept “as low as reasonably achievable” — the ALARA principle. The NRC proposal would abandon that philosophy while keeping a separate standard on maximum radiation exposure.

The two standards have worked together in radiation safety. Dose limits set the maximum amount of radiation the public and radiation workers can be exposed to, while ALARA kept radiation exposure as low as practical under those limits. Research shows radiation exposure increases a person’s chance of getting cancer, a risk that increases as the dose increases.

The dose limits are not changing. But the NRC, which regulates civilian nuclear energy technologies and radioactive materials, now wants to replace ALARA with a “graded approach” that includes several actions facilities must take depending on the potential dose of radiation to workers. More rigorous radiation protection measures would be required when approaching dose limits to ensure they aren’t exceeded.

This comes as President Donald Trump attempts to quadruple domestic nuclear energy production because of surging electricity demand amid a data center and artificial intelligence boom. Reforming the NRC is one way Trump is trying to speed up nuclear reactor development. He instructed the federal agency in an executive order last year to “adopt science-based radiation limits.”

The Energy Department, which oversees national energy policies, has already stopped using ALARA. The NRC expects to finalize its radiation protection regulations in the coming months.

NRC Chairman Ho Nieh said the commission is not lowering the bar on safety.

“We’re just removing the ambiguity,” he said in a call with reporters. “But the standard for exposure to workers and the public, those are not changing. We’re just putting in place greater clarification.”

Nieh doesn’t expect major changes within the nation’s existing fleet of large, traditional reactors. But companies designing and building new, smaller reactors could move faster with a clearer picture of the radiation protection requirements, he said.

Without ALARA, could radiation doses creep closer to the limits?

The NRC said radiation exposure limits are set well below levels associated with health effects, and it expects remaining standards and industry practices to keep radiation doses far below the limits. There’s incentive to do so — it’s more expensive and time-consuming to work in areas with higher radiation because access must be restricted and more surveys are required.

The nuclear industry’s trade association agrees with the NRC.

“We will always continue to look at what can we do to reduce the dose to workers, and maintain our doses to the off-site public as low as possible,” said Doug True, chief nuclear officer at the Nuclear Energy Institute. “It’s not like we’re just going to throw open the doors and let everything run up to the limits.”

ALARA created a “moving target” for regulation, said Justin Friedman, a nuclear energy consultant who previously spent three decades at the U.S. Department of State. Getting rid of the rule would allow NRC scientists to make more rational decisions about appropriate levels of manageable risk, he added.

Some experts question the wisdom of eliminating ALARA

Edwin Lyman, director of nuclear power safety at the Union of Concerned Scientists, cautions that some parts of the NRC proposal could raise permissible radiation doses in certain cases, while still staying below the cap. Lyman highlighted a proposed revision to radionuclide emissions standards, in particular.

Radiation exposure to the general public is limited to 100 millirem per year. A typical dose of radiation from a chest X-ray is 10 millirem.

The NRC wants to increase its radionuclide emissions standards from a conservative 10 millirem per

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year dose to 25 millirem per year, based on a hypothetical person living in a house at the property line for a nuclear plant.

The NRC says actual doses to the public would remain far lower because, in reality, people live farther from nuclear sites and benefit from dispersion in air and water.

The NRC should improve, rather than eliminate, ALARA, Lyman said, to protect the public and workers. ALARA has become a political target because some people mistakenly believe radiation exposures have to be as low as possible no matter the cost, Lyman said. In reality, it allows tradeoffs.

Katy Huff, a former U.S. assistant secretary for nuclear energy, said in some cases, the requirement may be challenging to regulate. Additional clarity would improve the regulatory environment without harming the public, added Huff, a professor and department chair at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

However, Huff said, she thought the NRC was going to clarify what reasonable means in ALARA without scrapping it. She said she's open to being convinced the graded approach will be just as effective.

Radiation protection expert says proposal is a mixed bag

The National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, chartered by Congress to provide independent scientific guidance, has not formally weighed in yet. Council president Kathryn Higley said she personally likes some things in the 180-page document and thinks others are problematic.

The NRC should look at the whole picture for managing risk, she said. For instance, if a worker at a nuclear power plant were to enter an area where airborne radioactive materials are present, in keeping with ALARA, they might wear full personal protective equipment with respirators, said Higley, professor emeritus at Oregon State University. That makes them move slower, potentially subjecting them to heat stress that could hurt them more than a low dose of radioactivity, she said.

A concern with the proposal, Higley said, is that it maintains the current occupational dose limit for adult radiation workers at 5 rem, or 5,000 millirem, per year. With ALARA in place, the average dose to workers has been well below that cap.

The International Commission on Radiological Protection recommends an occupational dose of 2 rem per year on average. The NRC previously found it wasn't justified to match that, because workers were exposed to less than that and changing regulations is costly.

Higley said the U.S. may need to align with the international community if ALARA is going away.

2 dead in Ukraine from Russian attacks, 4 more in Russian-held area hit by Ukrainian drones

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian ballistic missiles struck the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv early on Sunday, setting off fires and wounding at least three civilians, while attacks on other parts of the country later killed at least two people, local officials said.

The strikes came as Ukraine's successful drone attacks have stalled the Russian army's advances in an expanded campaign inside Russia that has been causing fuel shortages and piling pressure on Russian leader Vladimir Putin.

In Russian-occupied eastern Ukraine, Kremlin-installed authorities said a Ukrainian drone strike had killed four civilians in the city of Horlivka. According to Ivan Prikhodko, the city's Russian-appointed mayor, the city had been under fire since the early hours of Sunday.

According to Russia's defense ministry, Russian forces overnight struck down 133 Ukrainian drones over Russia, the Black Sea and Crimea, the peninsula that Moscow forcibly annexed from Ukraine in 2014.

Russian attacks set fire to tower block near Kyiv's center

Blasts rocked Kyiv in the early hours of Sunday, with falling debris sparking a blaze in a tower block near the historic center, according to mayor Vitali Klitschko.

Elsewhere in the city, falling debris set fire to buildings, cars and car parks, Klitschko added. He said three people had been wounded, with one needing hospital treatment.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned in his evening address on Friday that intelligence assessments indicated that Russia was preparing missiles for a large attack, saying there were indications

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that this could happen in the next 48 hours.

Russia's defense ministry claimed on Sunday that its latest attack on Kyiv had struck sites linked to drone production.

Also Sunday, a drone strike on Kharkiv — Ukraine's second-largest city in the east — killed one person and wounded at least six others, including two children, mayor Igor Terekhov reported.

In the southern city of Zaporizhzhia, a Russian glide bomb killed one man and wounded at least six other people, according to mayor Ivan Fedorov.

Both Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia have been frequent targets for Russian attacks, with Zaporizhzhia — just over 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) from the front line — suffering heavy bombardment in recent months.

The war sees an escalation in tit-for-tat strikes

On Friday, a major Russian strike near Kyiv killed at least 10 people and wounded around 100 others, part of a cycle of tit-for-tat attacks that dims the potential of reaching a diplomatic end to Russia's more than 4-year-old invasion of its neighbor.

Meanwhile, Finnish President Alexander Stubb claimed on Sunday that "Ukraine's position is stronger than ever since the war began".

Following a call with his Ukrainian counterpart — and appearing to allude to Kyiv's recent drone campaign that has struck major Russian energy sites and sought to choke off military supplies — Stubb wrote on X that "continued support from (Ukraine's) partners is critical to keep up the momentum."

Putin calls on Russia's navy to defend 'shadow fleet' tankers

Putin said Western attempts to seize Russia-linked oil tankers amounted to "piracy," and called on the Russian Navy to fight them.

"We must act carefully in line with international maritime law but decisively — just as we must fight piracy and pirates," Putin said Sunday during a speech marking Russia's annual Navy Day.

Moscow is believed to be using a fleet of hundreds of ships, many of them sailing under third-country flags, to ship oil in violation of international sanctions that followed its war on Ukraine.

Last month, armed British forces boarded and detained a sanctioned tanker suspected of being part of this so-called "shadow fleet." French authorities have also intercepted some of these vessels.

Russia has traditionally marked Navy Day with a major naval parade in and near the city of St. Petersburg, with Putin personally reviewing warships.

This year was the second time in a row the parade had been called off entirely while in 2024, it was scaled down.

A British intelligence update published earlier this month linked the cancellations to "force protection" concerns, citing a successful Ukrainian attack on Jun. 3 against a Russian warship docked near St. Petersburg.

Romania shoots down another suspected Russian drone

Romania intercepted a suspected Russian drone in its airspace on Sunday, Romanian President Nicușor Dan said — the third such incursion in three days above the Eastern European nation that borders Ukraine and is a member of both NATO and the European Union.

Dan called the incidents "inadmissible and intolerable" in a post on X and added that authorities found one of the earlier downed drones appears to be "a Shahed type, used by the Russian Federation in the war of aggression against Ukraine."

NATO said two Romanian F-16 fighter jets scrambled from Fetești airbase, under NATO's operational command, in the morning hours and downed the drone over the Black Sea.

A series of drone incursions by Russia and Ukraine have hit Romania and other NATO members since Moscow launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

Norris ends wait for F1 win in Hungary as Antonelli stretches championship lead

MOGYOROD, Hungary (AP) — Lando Norris ended an eight-month wait by “flying” to a Formula 1 victory with strong pace and a dose of good fortune at the Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday.

The defending champion was on pole but lost the lead to his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri when he ran wide at the second corner.

Norris got the lead back after Piastri was delayed by a collision with Carlos Sainz Jr. while lapping the Williams driver, allowing Norris to come out of the pits ahead of his teammate. He cruised to the win from there.

“Car was unbelievable today, well done guys, incredible. We were flying,” Norris said. “Nice to be finally able to do it all for you. Feels like it’s been a while.”

Piastri then stopped with a broken gearbox, paving the way for Max Verstappen to take second, with Kimi Antonelli third.

Antonelli gets another boost in the title fight

Even with Mercedes largely off the pace for once and a three-place grid penalty in qualifying, Antonelli recovered from seventh to take his ninth podium finish in 11 races and make a statement to his title rivals.

Antonelli increased his standings lead to 50 points over Lewis Hamilton, who was fifth after a penalty for speeding in the pits. George Russell was barely a factor as he drove through the field to seventh after a near-stall at the start dropped him to the back. He drops 59 points behind his Mercedes teammate Antonelli.

Norris hadn’t won a full Grand Prix race since Sao Paulo in November, though he did win a sprint in Miami in May.

Hungary was the last race before the mid-season break. The next race is the Dutch Grand Prix on Aug. 23.

Lewis Hamilton left to rue yet another penalty

“Sometimes you just can’t catch a break,” Hamilton had written on Instagram on Saturday. He discussed how his three-place penalty in qualifying — Hamilton’s third penalty in three race weekends — made it “difficult to hang on to that positivity”.

A fourth penalty won’t have helped, and nor will yet another Ferrari strategy blunder.

When Piastri’s breakdown at the side of the road brought a virtual safety car slowdown, Ferrari decided it was worth calling in Hamilton for fresh tires.

Unfortunately for the seven-time champion, he left the pit lane to see Antonelli approaching fast. In what appeared to be a rush to keep the Mercedes driver at bay, Hamilton broke the pit lane speed limit.

Hamilton ended up being asked to give the place back to Antonelli and was then given a five-second penalty that dropped him behind teammate Charles Leclerc in the final standings.

“Handing out penalties like crazy,” he told Ferrari over the radio.

Isack Hadjar took sixth after a tactical race holding up drivers who threatened his Red Bull teammate Verstappen, with Russell seventh. Liam Lawson was eighth for Racing Bulls ahead of Audi’s Nico Hulkenberg in ninth and Lawson’s teammate Arvid Lindblad 10th.

UNESCO adds France’s D-Day landing beaches, Greece’s Mount Olympus to World Heritage List

By KIM TONG-HYUNG Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — World War II’s D-Day landing beaches in northern France and the iconic Mount Olympus in Greece were among the sites added to the World Heritage List on Sunday at a U.N. committee meeting in South Korea reviewing dozens of nominations.

The UNESCO committee, which meets in Busan through Wednesday, also inscribed the ancient Japanese capitals of Asuka and Fujiwara and South Sudan’s Boma-Badingilo Migratory Landscape, host to one of the world’s largest land mammal migrations and the country’s first addition to the World Heritage List.

The French designation covers the five Normandy landing beaches — Omaha, Utah, Sword, Gold and

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Juno — where more than 150,000 Allied troops came ashore on June 6, 1944, along with the Pointe du Hoc assault site, all central to the campaign to liberate Western Europe from Nazi occupation during World War II.

International Council on Monuments and Sites, which evaluates submissions to the heritage committee, said the sites contain extensive remnants, from German fortifications and bomb-scarred landscapes to Allied harbor structures and sunken vessels, marking an “event widely perceived as having enabled the return of freedom and heralded a lasting peace on the European continent.”

ICOMOS also called for stronger monitoring and preservation efforts on the sites, citing potential threats posed by tourism, climate change and rising sea levels, and the development of wind farms near the areas.

Ahlem Gharbi, France’s permanent delegate to UNESCO, said the Normandy landings marked a turning point from global conflict toward a postwar order built on peace and security, and that the designation of the sites carries added significance at a time of escalating international crises and wars.

“It’s probably the greatest amphibious landing there’s ever been. It ought to be remembered for that alone,” historian David Edgerton said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

The World Heritage inscription of Mount Olympus, the mythical home of the 12 Olympian gods, rewarded a 12-year effort by Greece to secure recognition for its tallest mountain as a mixed cultural and natural heritage site. Rising 2,918 meters (9,573 feet) from a base near sea level, the mountain was believed to be the throne of Zeus, king of the gods, while also harboring rich biodiversity.

Evangelos Geroliolios, mayor of Dion-Olympus, a municipality at the foot of the mountain, said in a recent interview with the AP that inclusion on the World Heritage List “places greater obligations on our part to protect this environment,” citing the potential impact of increased tourism.

“We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to safeguarding Mount Olympus for the benefit of present and future generations,” said Georgios Koumoutsakos, Greece’s delegate to UNESCO. “As Greek mythology wisely reminds us, it is always best to remain on good terms with gods.”

The designated Japanese locations in the western prefecture of Nara cover 19 archaeological sites from the 6th- to 8th-century capitals of Asuka and Fujiwara, where Japan established its first centralized state modeled after Chinese systems. The sites preserve the largely buried remains of royal palaces, government offices, Buddhist temples and tombs from capitals that influenced the later capitals of Nara and Kyoto.

Japanese Vice Culture Minister Shigeki Kobayashi thanked the committee for inscribing the Asuka-Fujiwara sites and said Japan reaffirms its commitment to “transmitting this valuable property to the future generations.” Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, a Nara native, wrote on X that she hopes the World Heritage designation will boost tourism to the site.

Yoshiyuki Aihara, a Nara University archaeology professor, told AP the sites are significant because they show how Japan’s ancient state was formed through influences from China and the Korean Peninsula.

“If you dig underneath these rice paddies about 1 meter, you start finding a stretch of ruins in this area, though that’s not easy for ordinary visitors to understand,” said Aihara, who is continuing excavation work at the site.

South Sudan’s Boma-Badingilo site encompasses vast wetlands, flood plains and savannas shaped by seasonal rainfall and flood dynamics, with an estimated 6 million white-eared kob, tiang and Mongalla gazelles moving across the landscape in response to changing environmental conditions.

It also provides habitat for elephants, lions, cheetahs and other wildlife while supporting various ethnic communities that have lived by herding, farming and fishing for centuries, according to UNESCO.

Cori Bush and Wesley Bell’s rematch sets up key test for Democrats in Missouri

By MATT BROWN Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Gripping a microphone outside the courthouse where the infamous Dred Scott case over slavery was argued in 1847, former Rep. Cori Bush portrayed her ouster from Congress as another historic setback set to be reversed.

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"We're standing here saying, send back that descendant, send her back to the place that enslaved people built," Bush said. "This is our moment." The crowd chanted "send her back."

A progressive firebrand who started her political career as a Black Lives Matter organizer in Ferguson, Bush served two terms before losing a primary challenge to Wesley Bell, a moderate local prosecutor.

They're now locked in an intense rematch that will serve as one of the clearest referendums on Democrats' shifting political landscape, including anger at the party establishment, rising skepticism of the U.S. alliance with Israel and the growing clout of democratic socialists.

Both candidates are Black, with political careers rooted in the modern civil rights movement that began with the police shooting of Michael Brown in 2014. But they've taken divergent paths since then, and the race will test whether voters want to reelect Bell, who has fashioned himself as a pragmatist, or return to Bush, who views legislating and activism and inseparable.

Bush lost to Bell by less than six points two years ago. She blamed her loss on the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's spending in the race and told supporters that "all they did was radicalize me." This time, her scathing criticisms of the war in Gaza and Democratic leaders have become more commonplace within the party, and she claims to have the "moral authority" in the rematch.

"It's not that they're necessarily scared of me. They're scared of what comes with me. They're scared of y'all," Bush told an audience of pro-Palestinian activists, Black Lives Matter organizers and democratic socialists who had traveled from across the country to canvass for her in the summer heat. Some held portable fans or poured water on themselves to cool off as they listened to hours of speeches by Bush's allies near St. Louis' landmark Gateway Arch.

While Bush was in the park, Bell met with senior citizens at a historic Black church. He has dismissed Bush's attacks by arguing that he has been a more effective lawmaker, and he rallied with former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday night, a sign of support from the Democratic establishment.

"She's not a serious candidate," Bell said in an interview. "In this election, the choices are clear. I wake up every day working for St. Louis, and the folks in St. Louis know that I'm going to wake up working for them. And then we've got an opponent, Cori, who wakes up thinking about Cori. And we've seen it over and over. And that's why she was fired."

A personally bitter rematch with national stakes

Early voting for the Aug. 4 primary began Tuesday, but the two candidates have been trading recriminations for months. They accuse each other of misconduct and impropriety.

Bush criticizes Bell over a lawsuit he's facing from protestors who allege they were assaulted at his town hall last year, and a settlement over employment discrimination claims made by someone who worked in Bell's office when he was a prosecutor.

Bell highlights a previous Justice Department investigation into Bush's campaign spending, including how she paid her husband as part of her security detail.

Both candidates deny any wrongdoing.

AIPAC's role has also drawn national attention to the district at a time when the organization, which advocates for a closer U.S.-Israeli relationship, has been a lightning rod within the Democratic Party.

"Cori is the knockout blow to AIPAC," said former Rep. Jamaal Bowman, a close ally of Bush who was also defeated in 2024 by an AIPAC-backed primary challenger in a redrawn New York congressional district. Ahead of the recent rally, Bowman recorded a social media video last weekend calling on progressives "from New York to California" to help mobilize voters during early voting.

Deepening hostility toward Israel has spurred concern about antisemitism among some moderate Democrats and Jewish Americans, who believe anti-Israel rhetoric too often bleeds into prejudice. Bush's recent event included some Jewish faith leaders who share her criticism of Israel, as well as others who echoed hateful tropes.

One former union leader, Jay Ozier, condemned Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a "war monger," condemned the "Israel lobby buying elections" and declared that "we need a representative who is willing to turn over the tables of the money changers."

The crowd, including Bush, applauded the remarks, and Ozier later defended by noting it was a biblical

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reference to Jesus chasing merchants out of the Jerusalem Temple.

Bush declined to directly address the comment about "money changers."

"We condemn anti-Semitism. We condemn anti-Muslim hate, behavior and rhetoric at every chance we get," Bush said in an interview. "But will Wesley Bell call out those who won't stand against anti-Muslim sentiment, even in our own community? Will he stand up and fight for the liberation of the Palestinian people?"

AIPAC has spent more than \$1.2 million against Bush this year through United Democracy Project, its political action committee, about the same as the group spent opposing her in 2024. New Democrat Majority, which backs moderate House Democrats, has spent an additional \$1 million against Bush.

"She was a terrible, ineffective member of Congress who didn't deliver for St. Louis. We were happy to see her go," said Patrick Dorton, spokesperson for United Democracy Project.

Bell has emphasized his positions on the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs committees, and he has defended his support of military funding for Israel.

"I think it's important that we stand with our allies, and there's going to be times when we disagree and we work those out," Bell said. "But what we've learned in Iraq, what we learned in Afghanistan, is that we can't do it alone. We need our allies and we also need to be transparent with the American people."

District's activist history is shaping campaign

Many residents said their vote would hinge on how candidates had managed issues like procuring recovery funds for a tornado that devastated the St. Louis metropolitan area last year. There was also pervasive discomfort with the role of money in the race.

Allison Johnson said that she and her husband were divided over who to back in the Democratic primary. Her husband was more moderate and liked Bell's performance in office, but she was concerned about how AIPAC had "dumped" money into the district.

"It doesn't seem like it should be big money should be influencing this race," she said.

The primary is also dispiriting for some longtime residents, who watched both Bush and Bell rise as figures in the Black Lives Matter movement.

Bell was elected to the Ferguson city council and later prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County.

"He's the best person for the job. When he was on council, he and I worked together to get the police reform done," said Ella Jones, the former mayor of Ferguson and first Black person to hold the role in the city's history.

Bush was a pastor turned activist and triage nurse in the wake of the 2014 Ferguson protests. She won her House seat on a promise to bring her maverick persona into the halls of Congress.

"I like Cori, I think she is the best choice and has a clear commitment to St. Louis," said DeRay McKesson, an activist who gained notoriety as a lead organizer during the 2014 protests in Ferguson. "She's not afraid to challenge power."

Typhoon Noul weakens after making landfall, brings heavy rain to southern China

HONG KONG (AP) — Typhoon Noul weakened to a tropical storm on Sunday as it moved inland after making landfall and bringing winds and heavy rain along the coast of southern China.

Chinese weather authorities expected parts of southern Guangdong and southeastern Fujian provinces to experience heavy rain. More than 801,000 people had been relocated for safety in the province of Guangdong as of Sunday, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

In the financial hub of Hong Kong, the city's airport authority said around 350 flights were canceled Sunday and about 2,000 passengers were stranded at the airport over the weekend. At least 21 people were injured across the city during the typhoon period, according to Hong Kong authorities.

China's Ministry of Water Resources upgraded its flood-control emergency response, including for Guangdong, over high risks of mountain floods, Xinhua reported.

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China's National Development and Reform Commission said it allocated 100 million yuan (\$14.8 million) to support recovery efforts in the typhoon-hit Guangdong province.

Noul was the third typhoon to hit China and make landfall within a month, after Bavi and Maysak. Chinese state media said Noul is the strongest to make landfall in China so far this year.

Earlier, in the Philippines, at least three people died and many others were displaced due to flooding and rain as Noul moved across, the government's disaster-response agency said. Noul also brought heavy rain to some parts of Taiwan as it passed south of the island without making landfall.

Separately, in northwestern China, at least 10 people died and 23 were injured in a flash flood on Sunday in the province of Gansu, according to a Xinhua report. The flash flood, triggered by a period of sudden heavy rainfall, hit a scenic area in the province's Weiyuan county in the afternoon and trapped some tourists who were camping.

Search-and-rescue operations were still underway, Xinhua said.

Today in History: July 27, Korean War hostilities end

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 27, the 208th day of 2026. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today in History:

On July 27, 1953, the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting on the Korean peninsula that killed an estimated 4 million people.

Also on this date:

In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1909, during the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Virginia, for one hour and 12 minutes.

In 1940, Billboard magazine published its first "music popularity chart" listing bestselling retail records. In first place was "I'll Never Smile Again" recorded by Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra, with featured vocalist Frank Sinatra.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1981, 6-year-old Adam Walsh was abducted from a department store in Hollywood, Florida, and was later killed (Adam's father, John Walsh, subsequently became a victims' rights activist and, in 1988, launched and hosted the television show "America's Most Wanted").

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing, exonerating security guard Richard Jewell, who had been wrongly suspected.)

In 2012, Britain opened its Summer Olympic Games in a celebration of Old England and new, even cheekily featuring stunt doubles for Queen Elizabeth II and fictional special agent James Bond parachuting into Olympic Stadium.

In 2013, security forces and armed men clashed with supporters of Egypt's ousted president, Mohamed Morsi, killing at least 72 people.

In 2015, the Boy Scouts of America ended its blanket ban on gay adult leaders while allowing church-sponsored Scout units to maintain the exclusion for religious reasons.

In 2018, the White House announced that North Korea had returned the remains of what were believed

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to be U.S. servicemen killed during the Korean War, with a U.S. military plane making a rare trip into North Korea to retrieve 55 cases of remains.

In 2020, the world's biggest COVID-19 vaccine study began with the first of 30,000 planned volunteers helping to test shots created by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc.

In 2021, American gymnast Simone Biles pulled out of the gymnastics team competition at the Tokyo Olympics to focus on her mental well-being.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-songwriter Bobbie Gentry is 84. Actor-director Betty Thomas is 79. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 78. Singer Maureen McGovern is 77. Comedian-actor-writer Carol Leifer is 70. Comedian Bill Engvall is 69. Actor-martial artist Donnie Yen is 63. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 63. Rock musician Juliana Hatfield is 59. Former professional wrestler Triple H is 57. Actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (NIH'-koh-lye KAH'-stur WAHL'-dah) is 56. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 54. Rock musician Abe Cunningham (Deftones) is 53. Singer-songwriter Pete Dinklage is 52. Former MLB All-Star Alex Rodriguez is 51. Actor Jonathan Rhys (rees) Meyers is 49. Actor/comedian Heidi Gardner (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 43. Actor Taylor Schilling is 42. MLB All-Star pitcher Max Scherzer is 42. Golfer Jordan Spieth is 33.