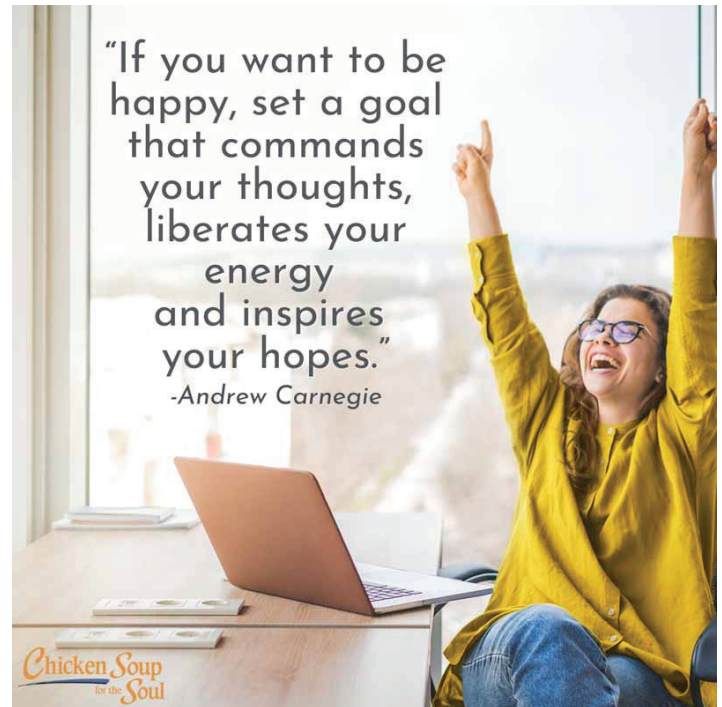


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Community Calendar

Monday, Sept. 19

Dress-Up: Country Club or Country at HS, Mix and Match/Mismatched Day at Elementary

School Breakfast: Egg bake.

School Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, green beans.

Senior Menu: Beef stew, biscuit, waldorf salad, sherbet.

1 p.m.: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center.

5:30 p.m.: Youth Football hosts Sisseton

4 p.m.: Cross Country at Clear Lake Golf Course

4 p.m. Combined 7th/8th Grade Football at Sisseton

5:15 p.m.: JV Football at Sisseton

7:30 p.m.: Homecoming Coronation

Pantry at Community Center open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

UMC: The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Dress-up: First Letter of your Name at HS, Beach Day at Elementary.

School Breakfast: Frittatas.

School Lunch: Tacos with toppings.

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, chocolate cake, fruit, whole wheat bread.

10 a.m.: Boys Golf at Sisseton Golf Course

Volleyball hosts Warner: C and 7th grade at 5 p.m., JV and 8th grade at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow. JH matches in GHS Gym.

Pantry at Community Center open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 209 N Main.

UMC: Conde Ad Council; Bible Study at 10 a.m.; The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon in Conde, 7 p.m.

Olive Grove Bridge Party at noon.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Dress-up: Dress like your parent at HS, Dream Job Day at elementary. School Breakfast: Hash brown pizza.

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, corn o Brian Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, peanutbutter cookie.

Groton CM&A: Night Kids' Club and Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

UMC: Youth Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.; Community Coffee Hour at 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation Parents Meeting at 6 p.m.; Groton Ad Council at 7 p.m.

Emmanuel: 6 p.m.: 7th and 8th grade confirmation

Thursday, Sept. 22

FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

Dress-up: Class Colors at HS: Class Color (seniors-black, juniors-white, sophomores-grey, freshman-gold, 8th grade-purple, 7th grade-blue, 6th grade-red, staff-pink; Pajama Day at elementary.

School Breakfast: Oatmeal

School Lunch: Spaghetti with garlic toast.

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, green peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

6 p.m.: Youth Football hosts Warner

Volleyball hosts Tiospa Zina: C and 7th grade at 5 p.m., JV and 8th grade at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow. JH matches in GHS Gym.

UMC: Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m.

Emmanuel: Conversation with Bishop Hammier at Good Shepherd, 6:30 p.m.

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Friday, Sept. 23

Dress-up: Black & Gold Spirit Day.
School Breakfast: Cereal
School Lunch: Homecoming hotdogs, baked beans.
Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, peas and carrots, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.
1 p.m.: Homecoming Parade
TigerPalooza, 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at GHS Gym.
FFA Serving Meal at Homecoming Football Game beginning at 5:30 p.m.
7 p.m.: Football hosts Sisseton
UMC: Newsletter Items Due

Saturday, Sept. 24

Youth Football at Britton Jamboree
11 a.m.: Girls Soccer hosts Tea Area with JV game to follow
7th/8th Grade Volleyball Tournament at Matchbox in Aberdeen
Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 209 N Main.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study 8:00 am. Worship (St. John's 9:00 am, Zion 11:00 am)
UMC: Conde worship, 8:30 p.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon during worship.
Emmanuel: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 26

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
School Lunch: Chicken legs, mashed potatoes.
Senior Menu: Sloopy joe on wheat bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit salad.
Noon: Senior Citizens Potluck at Groton Community Center
Boys Region 1A Golf Tournament - site and time to be determined
4 p.m.: Cross Country meet at Olive Grove Golf Course
4 p.m.: Combined 7th/8th Grade FB game at Aberdeen Roncalli
5:15 p.m.: JV Football game at Aberdeen Roncalli
Volleyball at Faulkton: C match at 5:15 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity.
7 p.m.: School Board Meeting
Pantry at Community Center open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
UMC: The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon, 7 p.m.
Emmanuel: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.


Tuesday, Sept. 27

School Breakfast: French toast.
School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn.
Senior Menu: Hot turkey combos, mashed potatoes with gravy, 7 layer salad, fruit.
6 p.m.: Youth Football at Redfield
Volleyball hosts Florence/Henry: C and 7th grade at 5 p.m., JV and 8th grade at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow. JH matches in GHS Gym.
Pantry at Community Center open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 209 N Main.
UMC: Bible Study at 10 a.m.; The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon in Conde, 7 p.m.



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Wednesday, Sept. 28

NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY!

School Breakfast: Egg omelets.

School Lunch: Super nachos.

Senior Menu: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

9:30 a.m.: Aberdeen Roncalli Marching Festival

Groton CM&A: Night Kids' Club and Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

UMC: Community Coffee Hour at 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation Snack at 3:30 p.m. with confirmation at 4 p.m.

Emmanuel: 6 p.m.: 7th and 8th grade confirmation; League at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29

School Breakfast: Muffins.

School Lunch: Chicken sandwich, sweet potato puffs.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Junior Fall Planning Day and Career Expo at NSU
1:30 p.m.: Parent/Teacher Conferences - School dismisses at 1:15 p.m.

4 p.m.: Cross Country at Sisseton Golf Course

UMC: Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30

Senior Menu: Chicken tetrazzine, mixed vegetables, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

No School - Faculty Inservice

7 p.m.: Football hosts Webster Area

Pre-School Screening, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Youth Football at Waubay Jamboree

1 p.m.: Girls Soccer hosts Garretson

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Pumpkin Fest at City Park

Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 209 N Main.

Sunday, Oct. 2

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study 8:00 am. Worship (St. John's 9:00 am, Zion 11:00 am)

UMC: Conde worship with communion, 8:30 p.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Worship with communion, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon during worship.

Monday, Oct. 3

Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, baked apples, whole wheat bread.

State Golf Meet at Moccasin Creek CC

4 p.m.: 7th/8th FB Combined game vs. Roncalli at Groton

4:30 p.m.: JV FB game vs. Dakota Hills at Waubay.

Pantry at Community Center open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

UMC: The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Senior Menu: Honey glazed chicken breast, parsley buttered potatoes, beets, fruit, whole wheat bread.

6 p.m.: Youth Football Equipment Hand In in wrestling room

State Golf Meet at Moccasin Creek CC

Volleyball at Moberg-Pollock

Pantry at Community Center open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 209 N Main.


UMC: Bible Study at 10 a.m.; The Walk Bible Study by Pastor Brandon in Conde, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3 bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Groton CM&A: Night Kids' Club and Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

UMC: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.



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Thursday, Oct. 6

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, acini depepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Fall Picture Day

1 p.m.: NEC Cross Country at Webster

Volleyball at Milbank (7th at 4 p.m. in elementary gym, 8th at 4 p.m. in Armory gym, C match starts at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity.

UMC: Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7

Senior Menu: Taco salad, Mexican rice, seasonal fresh fruit, bread stick.

10 a.m.: Lake Region Marching Festival in Groton

Saturday, Oct. 8

9 a.m.: Gypsy Day Parade in Aberdeen
Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 209 N Main.

Sunday, Oct. 9

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study 8:00 am. Worship (St. John's 9:00 am, Zion 11:00 am)

UMC: Conde worship, 8:30 p.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon during worship.

Preschool Developmental Screening

Groton Area Schools #06-6

Preschool Developmental Screening is for children ages 3-4 who reside in the Groton Area School District. The child needs to be 3 years of age before the screening date/day. This screening is not required to enter Kindergarten.

The screening consists of adaptive, personal/social, communicating/speaking, motor, and concepts skills. If you believe your child has difficulties in any of these areas please contact the school.

If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened. If your child has already been screened but you have concerns please contact the elementary school. If you are new to the district and have a child under the age of 5, we also ask you to contact the elementary school.

Screenings will be held on Friday, September 30 8:00-3:30. Information will be sent to families who have already been identified. Please contact Heidi Krueger at 605-397-2317 to schedule a screening time.

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The Groton Area seniors painted the street in downtown Groton Sunday evening. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



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The Groton Area Seniors making a GT to pose for a picture. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Cole Simon on the left painting his name on Main Street. On the right is Aspen Johnson painting a body outline of Gracie Traphagen. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

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Members of the Groton Garden Club did some fall decorating in downtown Groton Sunday evening. Pictured left to right are Laurie Mitchell, Pam Rix, A.M. Mitchell and Roger Rix. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

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The pickle ball and tennis courts are taking shape. Work should be completed today, weather permitting. They were set back yesterday morning due to the fog that rolled in. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Ask, then act

One summer during my college years, I had a roommate who suffered from suicidal thoughts. She'd attempted suicide before we met, and been hospitalized, but continued to struggle. Back in the late 80s, there was very little public understanding of mental health issues, and the stigma was even stronger than it is today. Our other roommate and I didn't know what to do, or where to turn.



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Not surprisingly, we didn't handle it well.

However, we did one thing right: we restricted access to lethal means. We secured the knives, and took control of her medications. Back before Prozac, the best treatments were lethal if used to overdose.

It's tempting to view people with mental illness as somehow different from the rest of us. On some level, I think we expect that to mean we can't be affected. We want to believe it won't touch us.

However, suicide crosses all boundaries. Anyone can develop suicidal thoughts, so everyone needs to be able to recognize the danger signs, and know what to do.

Risk factors for suicide include a previous suicide attempt, a family history of suicide, and a personal or family history of mental illness or substance use. Living with chronic pain or having experienced violence or abuse in the family are also significant risks. Other stressful life events, such as incarceration, a job loss, a break up, or bullying, make a difference as well.

There are often, although not always, warning signs. Watch for talk about being a burden, about feeling hopeless or worthless, about unbearable pain, and about death. There may be mood swings, anger or anxiety, withdrawal from loved ones or activities, or unusual risk taking. Sometimes the signs are more dramatic. There may be overt talk of suicide and actions that suggest preparation for death: saying goodbye, giving away treasured possessions, drafting a will. A person might research methods of suicide and take steps to implement a plan, such as buying a gun. Don't consider talk of suicide to be a bid for attention. It is a cry for help.

Of course, recognizing risk isn't enough. We need to know what to do. The first step is to ask the question: Are you thinking about suicide? Asking won't "plant the seed." It's ok, in fact it is crucial, to ask. Try to keep the person safe by reducing access to means of suicide. Listen, and try to understand what they are thinking and feeling. Connect them to help, via the crisis line or another source of support and assistance. Stay in touch.

Emily, if you ever read this, your life matters. I wish we'd understood how to show you that.

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Medicaid expansion on Nov. 8 ballot

By Dana Hess
For the S.D. Newspaper Association

BROOKINGS — Expanding Medicaid in South Dakota is either a prudent use of tax dollars designed to enhance health care coverage or a disaster that will bust the state budget. Those are the arguments offered by backers and opponents of Amendment D, a measure that would expand access to Medicaid in the state.

Funded by the state and the federal governments, Medicaid provides medical coverage for low-income people. Amendment D expands Medicaid benefits to any person age 18 or under 65 whose income is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level. Amendment D is on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. Early voting begins Friday, Sept. 23.

Tax dollars South Dakotans already pay into the federal government would be funneled back to the state if the expansion is approved, according to Zach Marcus of South Dakotans Decide Healthcare, a group that is advocating for the passage of the amendment.

"It's important to keep in mind that this is about keeping our tax dollars here in South Dakota for use by working South Dakotans to access affordable care," Marcus said. "That's what this is about."

Medicaid expansion has been approved in 38 other states, and not always with the best results according to John Wiik who is leading the opposition to Amendment D. The Republican state senator from Big Stone City said states consistently fail to predict the usage of Medicaid expansion, leading to budget shortfalls.

"Every one of our neighboring states, they underestimated utilization," Wiik said, predicting that passage of Amendment D would lead to state budget cuts by fiscal year 2026 or 2027 just like the state had to do in 2010. "I don't remember that being particularly popular with people."

Wiik's also concerned about writing a federal program—Medicaid— into the state constitution.

"If expanding Medicaid is really the goal," Wiik said, "we can do it under law. I really don't want it in the constitution. It's not something that's going to stand the test of time like our constitution has done."

Expanding Medicaid through a constitutional amendment rather than an initiated measure ensures that the Legislature won't be able to tinker with the program once voters have approved it, Marcus said.

"I think it's always important to keep in mind that fundamentally things that are placed in state statute can change," Marcus said. "The purpose of a constitutional amendment is to ensure that South Dakota voters get what they vote for."

South Dakota already has a good system, Wiik said, where Medicaid recipients get prompt, quality care. The state estimates an increase of 42,500 recipients if Medicaid is expanded.

"I can't guarantee that we have enough providers to keep up with the level and quality of service we are able to provide to those who desperately need it right now," Wiik said.

An expanded program, according to Wiik, would mean that people on the Affordable Care Act's silver plan

and others who use a Farm Bureau insurance plan could lose that coverage and be forced on to Medicaid.

"We're taking health care away from people that have coverage that they like and works for them," Wiik said. "I don't think that's ever a good idea."

Marcus counters that any changes would result in savings for the state without a loss of coverage for individuals. "It would be more efficient and cheaper for the state in the long run, which is part of the savings, to have all those programs consolidate through Medicaid," Marcus said. "There are certain programs that would change, but nobody is losing health care as a result."

In their "pro" argument in the Secretary of State's 2022 Ballot Question brochure, Amendment D backers say Medicaid expansion would be good for the health of citizens as well as the state's economy. They cite one economic study that forecasts \$3.5 billion in new economic output by 2025 with \$800 million of that generated in 2023.

The amendment backers also make a case for expanded Medicaid coverage strengthening rural hospitals and clinics. Wiik doesn't see it that way.

"If you look at the statistics, the rural hospitals and smallest hospitals close faster once states have expanded Medicaid," Wiik said. "It puts more of a burden on the hospitals because everything is a fixed rate from the government."

Marcus sees Medicaid expansion as a way for workers in rural areas to set their sights on better jobs without the fear of losing their health care coverage.

"Folks being able to access health care while they're working multiple jobs and trying to make ends meet gives them confidence to be able to go out and improve themselves," Marcus said, "seek that promotion rather than worrying about whether you can afford to risk your health."

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Voters to decide again on recreational marijuana

By Dana Hess
For the S.D. Newspaper Association

BROOKINGS — It may seem like déjà vu for South Dakota voters this year as they will once again be deciding whether or not they want the state to allow recreational marijuana.

Initiated Measure 27 is a scaled-down version of the Amendment A that voters approved in the last election. Despite finding favor with voters, the amendment was challenged in court and defeated. That scenario still rubs Matthew Schweich the wrong way. He's the campaign manager for Yes on 27 for South Dakotans for Better Marijuana Laws.

It's not the Supreme Court's ruling that rankles Schweich so much as the timing. The court got the case on April 28, 2021, and didn't make its ruling until the day before Thanksgiving 2021.

"The worst part of the Amendment A case as the South Dakota Supreme Court took so long and de-

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prived us of guidance as to how we should draft our 2022 initiative," Schweich said. "I think that was a pathetically shameful act. It was an attack on the initiative process, that delay."

Schweich describes Initiated Measure 27 as a shorter, simpler version of Amendment A. It allows for the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana by people over age 21, the possession of a limited number of plants for home growing and sets civil penalties for the violation of marijuana-related restrictions.

Unlike Amendment A, Initiated Measure 27 does not include the regulation and licensing of retail outlets or a formula for the taxation of marijuana sales.

No matter how the measure is written, Jim Kinyon thinks it's a bad idea. He is the chairman of Protecting South Dakota Kids which opposes IM27. Kinyon notes that South Dakota voters turned down chances to legalize recreational marijuana in 2006 and 2010.

In the 2020 election "they spent millions of dollars to confuse and make it unclear what they're doing and what their intention is," Kinyon said. "All I need is a handkerchief and I think I can wipe enough lipstick off this pig."

Schweich said most IM27 supporters are concerned about how arrests for violating marijuana laws can disrupt or ruin lives. He said legalizing cannabis will free up law enforcement and the courts to work on other crimes while ensuring that patients who need medical marijuana can get it without fear of arrest.

"Not everybody that's got a legitimate need for medical cannabis is able to get a card right now," Schweich said. "By passing Measure 27, we'll eliminate the threat of arrest for all medical cannabis patients in South Dakota over the age of 21."

According to Kinyon, emphasizing the fear of arrest is a scare tactic. "Has anyone talked to their sheriff or their local police department or their judges?" Kinyon asked. "We don't lock up anyone in the state of South Dakota for an ounce of marijuana."

Regulating the retail sale of marijuana and the taxation that accompanies it will likely be something considered in the next session of the Legislature, Schweich said. If the Legislature fails to act, he said he'll be back with another initiated measure in 2024.

Kinyon points to the initiated measure's rules about home-grown plants and asserts that retail outlets will be in South Dakota sooner rather than later. The measure says that home-grown plants are allowed in those communities that don't allow for retail sales.

"Clearly some of our convenience stores and some of our local businesses plan on peddling this product," Kinyon said. "You'll find people who are willing to crap in their own nest for their profit. By and large, most South Dakotans are better than that."

Both Schweich and Kinyon wrote "pro" and "con" articles about the initiated measure for the Secretary of State's 2022 Ballot Question brochure. The "pro" article cites "public health reports analyzing tens of thousands of high school students in Colorado and Washington show that teen cannabis use did not increase after those states legalized cannabis for adults in 2012. National studies and research in other states have found similar results."

Kinyon has statistics of his own, citing South Dakota as having the 47th lowest marijuana usage rate of

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any state in the nation. Kinyon said the top 10 states in that have the highest concentrations of marijuana usage by children ages 12 to 18 are all the states that have approved recreational marijuana.

"They pretend they aren't targeting our kids," Kinyon said. "That's a joke. There's not a single thing we can do in the state of South Dakota that will double the use rate of marijuana other than pass this bill."

Both men talked about homelessness in Denver, Colorado, a state that has legalized recreational marijuana. Denver has had a homeless problem for years, Schweich said, with the number of homeless fluctuating largely based on changes in the economy. "The idea that they legalize cannabis in Denver and all of a sudden it became a Mecca for homeless people is just a myth," Schweich said.

During his talks to groups, Kinyon has a slide he presents of a tent city in a Denver park. "Camping has changed in Colorado a little bit," he tells them, noting that downtown Denver reeks of marijuana. "We don't need the doobie smokers so that every time you walk in or out of our hotels and our restaurants they're all smoking and blowing smoke on your kids as you walk through. Denver literally stinks downtown."

For some, that could be the smell of money. Schweich said marijuana legalization could lead to new industry, new jobs and new investments. "This is new sources of revenue," Schweich said. "This is new clients. A whole host of businesses in South Dakota have an opportunity to benefit from this."

Election Day in South Dakota is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Early voting starts on Friday, Sept. 23.

At this point, both men see their side prevailing in the election. Schweich looks ahead to a day when marijuana sales are regulated and taxed. "This is a big win for South Dakota's economy," Schweich said. "There's a lot of tax revenue that's going to be generated. So from a fiscal, economic perspective, this is definitely a winner for the state."

It's safety, rather than the economy, that spurs Kinyon who notes that mental health facilities and services in the state are maxed out.

"We're in a mental health crisis," Kinyon said. "Cutting loose this drug—which is associated with depression, psychotic symptoms and suicide for adolescents and young adults—is the last thing we need to do."

Sept. 28 is National Good Neighbor Day

Originally, National Good Neighbor Day was created in the early 1970s by Becky Mattson of Lakeside, Montana. In 1978, United States President Jimmy Carter issued a proclamation stating, "As our Nation struggles to build friendship among the peoples of this world, we are mindful that the noblest human concern is concern for others. Understanding, love, and respect build cohesive families and communities. The same bonds cement our Nation and the nations of the world. For most of us, this sense of community is nurtured and expressed in our neighborhoods where we give each other an opportunity to share and feel part of a larger family...I call upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

Paula Jensen, Dakota Resources Community Coach, has been collaborating with a national team to relaunch National Good Neighbor Day and empower people to celebrate their neighbors and strengthen their communities.

"The whole emphasis of National Good Neighbor Day is to reach out and get to know your neighbors in a deeper way by having some intentional, positive contact or engage in an act of kindness or a service project—something to help build those community connections," said Paula Jensen.

This year's theme is "Start with 'hello.'" The idea is that you start building relationships with your neighbors by simply saying "hello" to them. From there, you can learn a little about their lives and start to become good neighbors to one another.

Here's a starter list of five things you can do to celebrate National Good Neighbor Day in your community on Wednesday, September 28.

1. Offer to rake leaves or weed the flower bed
2. Drop off a pizza for no reason at all
3. Invite a neighboring family over for backyard games or dessert
4. Leave a gift basket just because
5. Pick up some groceries for a neighbor

The website, nationalgoodneighborday.com/ has resources to help you raise awareness and take action.

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Rural Resilience

Community Coach | Paula Jensen

Someone asked me recently, "Why do some rural communities "thrive," and some don't?" I have pondered that question many times and have produced many answers. But after much deliberation, I will reduce it to one word... resilience.

Resilience is framed as advancing despite adversity; the ability to respond, recover, and thrive. A resilient rural community then may be one that can influence what happens to itself in situations of constant and unexpected social, economic, environmental, or political change.

Resilient communities share certain characteristics:

Collective action and decision making - People from resilient communities feel engaged; they have a voice in issues that are important to them and are empowered to work together to meet common goals.

Social support - People from resilient communities feel that others are kind, would help each other out in a crisis, and that community members are treated equitably no matter their background.

Preparedness - Resilient communities have strong public policy and planning processes for capital improvements, emergency preparedness, economic development strategies, and community members are regularly informed on essential information about those plans.

Invest in themselves - In resilient communities, resources are committed to supporting the infrastructure, quality of life improvements, and economic development needs while risk mitigation steps are proactively in place to reduce any negative effects to those resources from threats or disasters.

Robust Economic Development - In resilient communities, there is infrastructure for business attraction; existing businesses feel supported by the community, can attract talent, and house their workforce; and entrepreneurs have the help to start up a new business.

Trust Leadership – Residents of resilient communities have confidence in their leaders' developed abilities to plan strategically and trust they will lead the community through change.

Connected to Partners – In resilient communities, collaborative leadership is evident through regular and direct communication among local community leaders and well-developed partnerships with resource providers from outside the community.

Triumphant Mindset – Resilient communities 'toot their own horn' when they are successful in big and small things. Local recognition, community celebrations, storytelling, and marketing create community pride, draw in visitors, and attract newcomers.

At Dakota Resources, one way our community coaches collaborate with rural communities to begin developing stronger resiliency is by asking local leaders to name the "building block" strategies they focus on in their own organizations and to communicate this work to other organizations. We have created a tool called the Community and Economic Development Blueprint where we name eleven building blocks – Community Development Building Blocks - 1) community engagement, 2) leadership development, 3) public policy, 4) workforce development/education, 5) housing solutions, 6) infrastructure, 7) quality of life; Economic Development Building Blocks - 8) existing business development, 9) entrepreneur support, 10) new business attraction; and 11) storytelling & marketing. Each building block is vital to develop a thriving community and no single organization can be responsible for all this work by itself. Yet, each block requires attention. When blocks focused on community development are weak, then economic development success is more challenging, and resilience becomes a further reach.

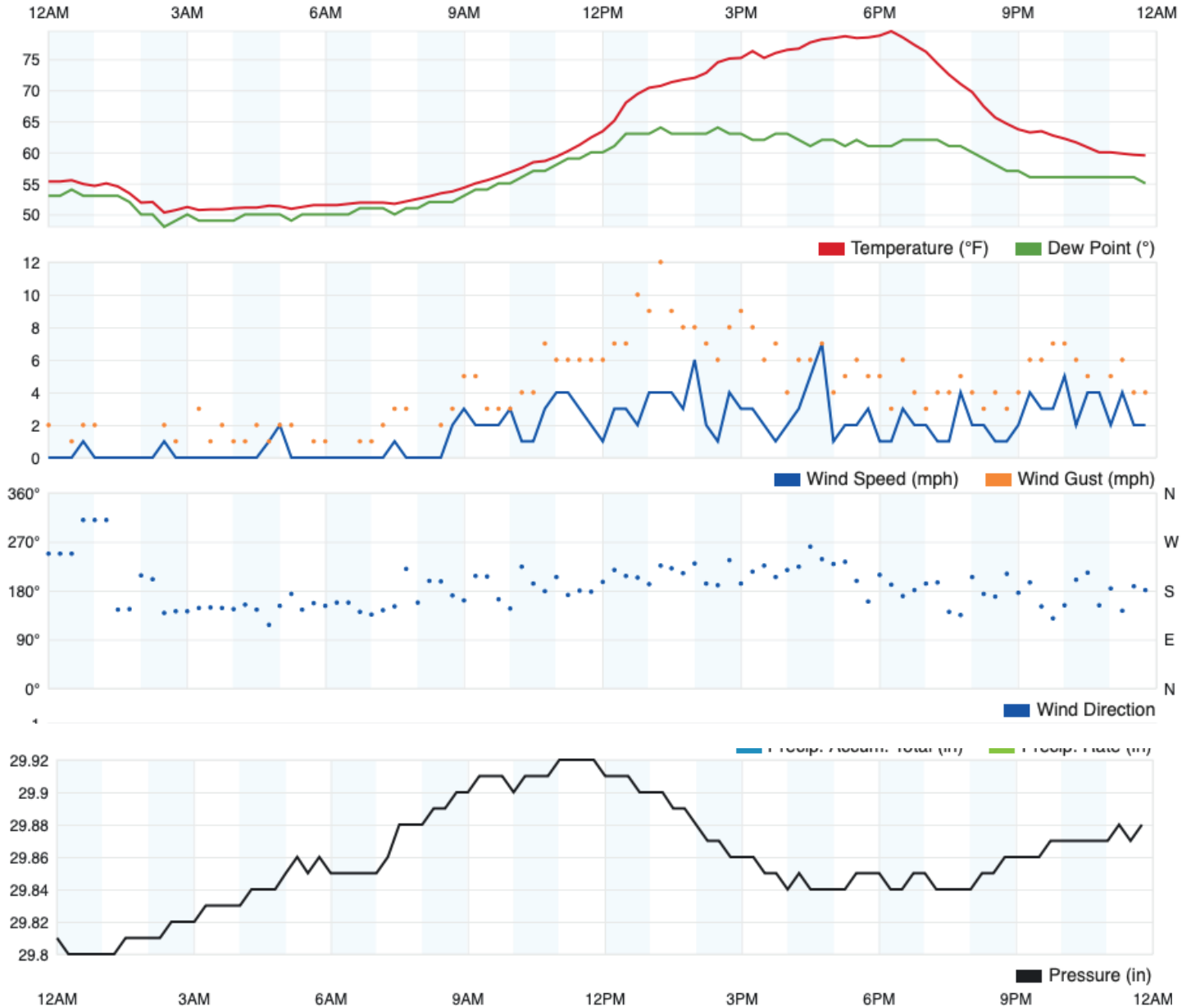
At a minimum, increasing your community's level of resilience takes tenacity, naming your building block strategies, developing strong internal and external partnerships, and you must embrace the culture of optimism -- believing your community can respond, recover, and thrive both now and into the future.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
				
Slight Chance T-storms then Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear then Slight Chance Showers	Sunny then Sunny and Breezy
High: 86 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 49 °F	High: 65 °F

Summer Weather Today, Fall by Mid-Week

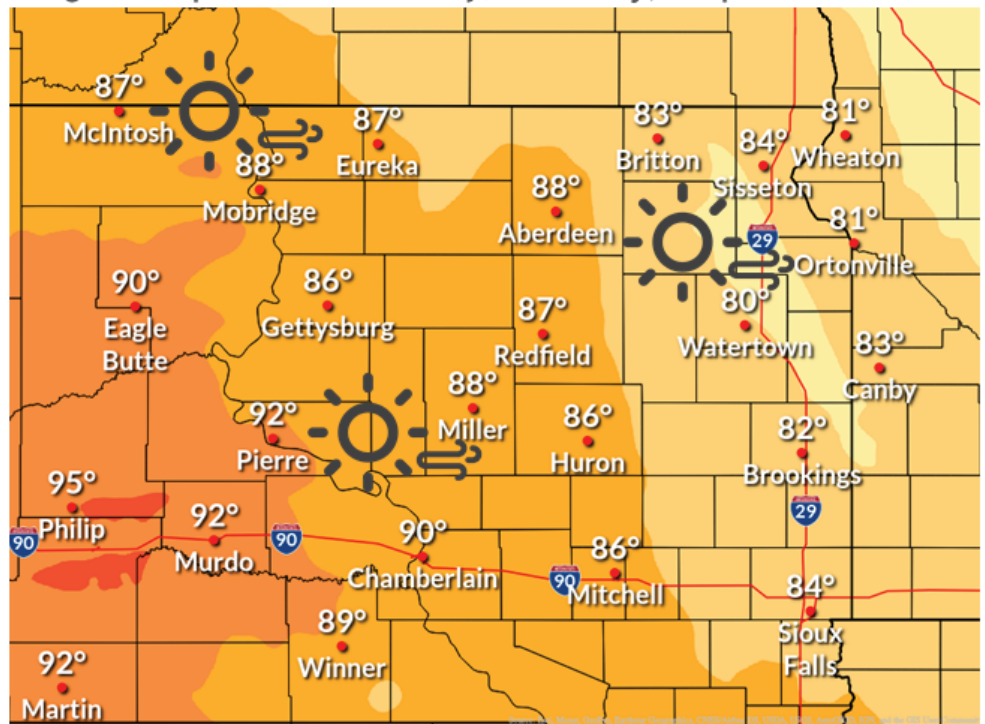
Mostly sunny skies and breezy southerly winds today with **high fire danger across central SD**. A passing cold front tonight will bring cooler temps Tuesday and especially Wednesday & Thursday.

The next best chance for precipitation arrives Thursday evening through Friday.



Updated: 9/19/2022 5:17 AM Central

High Temperatures Today, Monday, Sept 19th



Following a 20 percent chance for a few showers and storms this morning across north central SD, mostly sunny skies and breezy southerly winds are expected today, with high fire danger across central SD. A passing cold front tonight will bring cooler temps Tuesday and especially Wednesday and Thursday. The first day of astronomical fall is Thursday, and appropriately, some may wake up to some frost Thursday morning. The next best chance for precipitation arrives Thursday evening through Friday.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 80 °F at 6:13 PM

Low Temp: 50 °F at 2:30 AM

Wind: 12 mph at 1:10 PM

Precip: : 0.00

Day length: 12 hours, 22 minutes

Today's Info

Record High: 101 in 1895

Record Low: 26 in 1938

Average High: 74°F

Average Low: 46°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.26

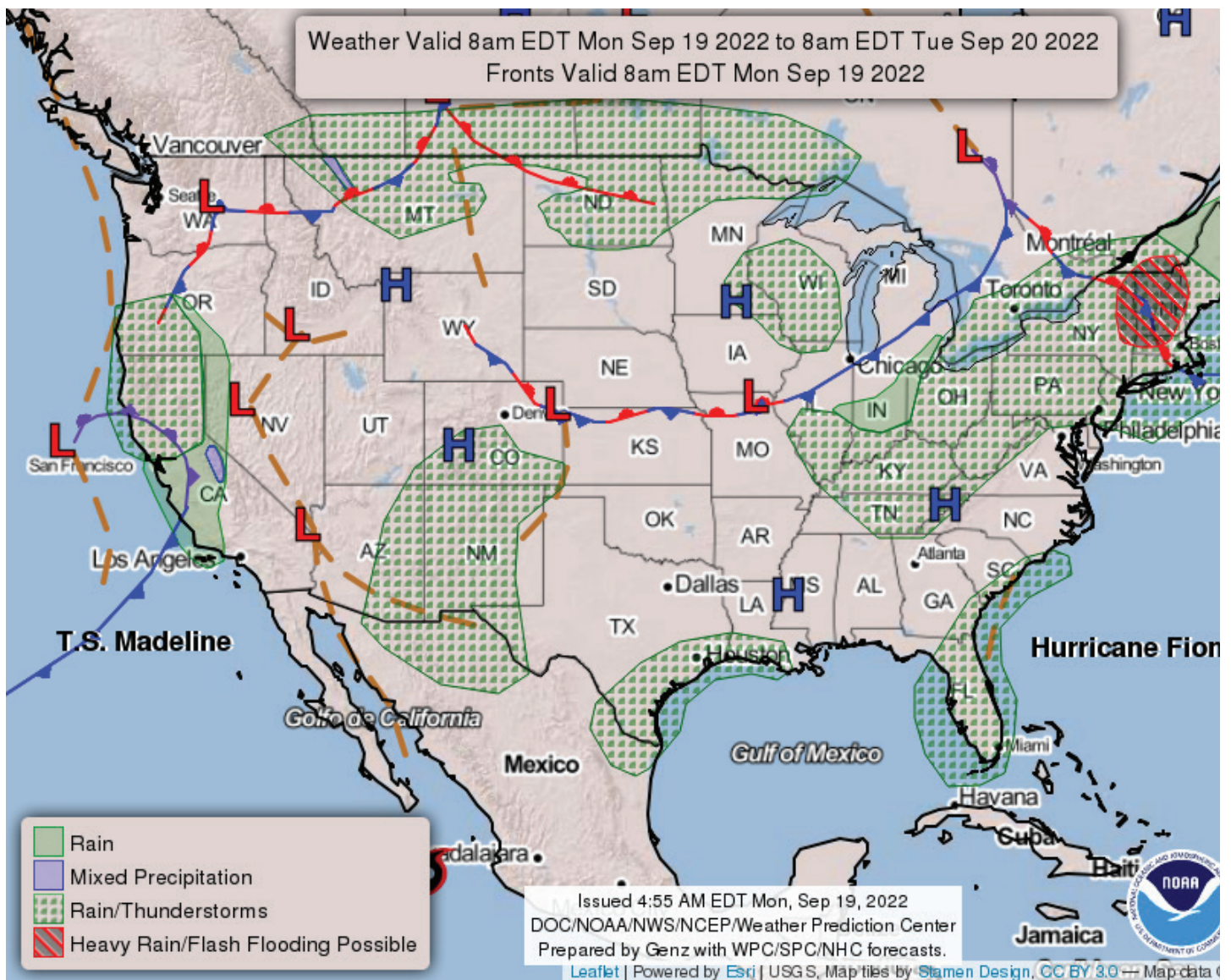
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.07

Average Precip to date: 17.60

Precip Year to Date: 16.05

Sunset Tonight: 7:37:30 PM

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:15:52 AM



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Today in Weather History

September 19, 1991: Record to near record cold hit central and northeast South Dakota on this day. Temperatures fell into the 20s during the morning bringing a hard freeze to much of the area. Pierre and Mobridge had record lows of 24 degrees while Timber Lake set a record low of 21 degrees. Near record lows of 28 degrees and 22 degrees occurred at Aberdeen and Kennebec, respectively.

1947: A hurricane made landfall near the Chandeleur Islands, LA on this day. Wind gusts of 112 mph and a central pressure of 967 mb were measured at Moisant International Airport. A storm surge of 9.8 feet reached Shell Beach, Lake Borgne. Moisant Airport field was flooded by two ft. of water while Jefferson Parish was flooded to depths of 3.28 ft. New Orleans suffered \$100 million in damages. Total loss of life was 51 people. As a result of this storm, hurricane protection levees were built along the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain to protect Orleans and Jefferson Parishes from future storm surges.

1947 - The eye of a hurricane passed directly over New Orleans, and the barometric pressure dipped to 28.61 inches. The hurricane killed fifty-one persons, and caused 110 million dollars damage. It produced wind gusts to 155 mph while making landfall over Fort Lauderdale FL two days earlier. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1967 - Hurricane Beulah deluged Brownsville, TX, with 12.19 inches of rain in 24 hours, to establish a record for that location. Hurricane Beulah made landfall on the 20th near the mouth of the Rio Grande River, where a wind gust to 135 mph was reported by a ship in the port. (19th-20th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Cool autumn-like weather invaded the Central Rockies. Temperatures dipped into the 30s and 40s, with readings in the teens and 20s reported in the higher elevations. Gunnison CO was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 15 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a fast moving cold front produced severe weather in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. Eight tornadoes were reported, including five in Indiana. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 74 mph at Wabash IND. Winds associated with the cold front itself gusted to 69 mph at Kenosha WI. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast Region. Cape Hatteras NC was deluged with nearly 3.50 inches of rain in three hours. Syracuse NY reported 1.77 inches of rain, a record for the date, and Chatham NJ reported an all-time record of 3.45 inches in one day. Hurricane Hugo headed for the Bahamas, and Tropical Storm Iris, following close on its heels, strengthened to near hurricane force. (The National Weather Summary)

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Daily Devotionals

Seeds of Hope

A HUSBAND'S CROWN

Crowns have a fascinating role in history. In the ancient world, crowns came in many shapes and forms and were made of the costliest materials available. They symbolized royalty and sovereignty. When David fought and conquered the King of the Amorites, he took his crown to celebrate his victory. It was made with precious stones and gold, and the gold in that crown weighed one hundred ten pounds. In today's market the gold in that crown would be worth \$3,004,870.00. The power and might of the king were represented by the size and value of his crown.

"A wife of noble character is her husband's crown," wrote Solomon, "but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones." We read in Genesis that God created woman to be man's helper. As God reviewed His creation, He realized that Adam could not do what He wanted him to do by himself. He needed help. So, God created a "helper" for him: Eve.

The word "helper," however, does not capture the depth of the meaning of that word. A "helper," as used in this verse is one who assists another to reach their full potential, to fill up or complement the other person. Eve, Adam's wife, was created to make him "complete!"

A wife of "noble character" can bring her husband esteem and honor, recognition and respect. But he must first earn it! If the husband does his part in becoming the man God created him to be, then the wife can do her part and represent him well. She will be able to complete and complement her husband and receive her "crown."

Prayer: Bless, encourage, and empower those wives, Father, who compliment and complete their husband's calling. And, may husbands love, honor and respect their wives always. Amen.

Scripture For Today: A wife of noble character is her husband's crown but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones. Proverbs 12:4



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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2022-23 Community Events

- 07/21/2022: Pro Am Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
07/22/2022: Ferney Open Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Start
07/24/2022: Moonlight Swim at the Swimming Pool 9-11pm for 9th grade to age 20
07/27/2022: Golf Fundraiser Lunch at Olive Grove Golf Course 11a-1pm
08/05/2022: Wine on Nine at Olive Grove Golf Course 6pm
08/12/2022: GHS Basketball Golf Tournament
No Date Set: Groton Firemen Summer Splash Day 4-5pm GHS Parking Lot
09/10/2022: Lions Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
09/11/2022: 6th Annual Doggie Day at the Swimming Pool 3-5pm
09/11/2022: Couples Sunflower Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 10 a.m.
09/02-04: Groton Airport Fly-In/Drive-In, Groton Municipal Airport
10/01/2022: Pumpkin Fest at the City Park 10am-3pm
10/07/2022: Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10am
10/31/2022: Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm (working day on or closest to Halloween)
10/31/2022: United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm
11/12/2022: Legion Post #39 Turkey Party 6:30pm (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
11/24/2022 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm (Thanksgiving)
12/03/2022 Tour of Homes & Holiday Party at Olive Grove Golf Course
12/10/2022: Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services 9am-12pm
01/29/2023 Groton Robotics Pancake Feed, 10am-1pm, Community Center
01/29/2023 85th Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm (Last Sunday of January)
04/01/2023 Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt 10am Sharp at the City Park (Saturday a week before Easter)
04/22/2023 Firemen's Spring Social at the Fire Station 7pm-12:30am (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
04/23/2023 Princess Prom 4:30-8pm (Sunday after GHS Prom)
05/06/2023 Lion's Club Spring Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday in May)
05/29/2023 Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services (Memorial Day)
07/04/2023 Firecracker Couples Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Registration, 10am Start (4th of July)
07/09/2023 Lion's Club Summer Fest/Car Show at the City Park 9am-4pm (Sunday Mid-July)
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News from the Associated Press

Stricker wins PGA Tour Champions in playoff over Karlsson

STIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Steve Stricker won his second straight PGA Tour Champions event on Sunday, closing with a 6-under 64 and beating Robert Karlsson with a birdie on the first playoff hole in the Sanford International.

Stricker had a one-shot lead when he looked behind and saw Karlsson with an excellent birdie chance on the 17th hole. The Swede converted, and both finished with pars to force a playoff at 14-under 196.

Stricker made short work of it, making birdie for his third victory of the season. Stricker won The Ally Challenge two weeks ago and didn't play last week.

"You've just got to stay aggressive at times out here and I was doing that. I did a good job of that today and hit a lot of good putts," Stricker said. "That one on the playoff, it was a special putt, that was really cool to do."

Stricker took the six-hour drive from Wisconsin on Sioux Falls for what he termed a family trip, and it sure felt that way. His wife was his caddie again, while oldest daughter Bobbi Maria caddied for Mario Tiziani, the brother of Stricker's wife. Tiziana tied for 38th.

Stricker's daughter is getting ready for the second stage of LPGA Tour qualifying.

Karlsson, who opened with a 62, had a chance to win on the 18th in regulation. Stricker then ended it quickly in the playoff.

Stricker is the fifth player with at least three victories this year on the PGA Tour Champions, joining Steven Alker, Pádraig Harrington, Jerry Kelly and Miguel Angel Jimenez. Stricker moved to No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings with three tournaments left before the postseason starts.

Queen Elizabeth II mourned at funeral by Britain and world

By DANICA KIRKA, MIKE CORDER and JILL LAWLESS Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain and the world said a final goodbye to Queen Elizabeth II at a state funeral Monday that drew presidents and kings, princes and prime ministers — and crowds who massed along the streets of London to honor a monarch whose 70-year reign defined an age.

A day packed with events in London and Windsor began early when the doors of 900-year-old Westminster Hall were closed to mourners after hundreds of thousands had filed in front of her flag-draped coffin. Many had waited for hours in line, including through cold nights, to attend the lying in state in an outpouring of collective grief and respect.

"I felt like I had to come and pay my final respects to our majestic queen. She has done so much for us and just a little thank you really from the people," said Tracy Dobson, who was among the last to join the line.

In a country known for pomp and pageantry, the first state funeral since Winston Churchill's was filled with spectacle: 142 Royal Navy sailors drew the gun carriage carrying Elizabeth's coffin to Westminster Abbey, with King Charles III and his sons, Princes William and Harry, walking behind as bagpipers played. Pall bearers carried the coffin into the abbey, where around 2,000 people ranging from world leaders to health care workers gathered to mourn her. Ahead of the service, a bell tolled 96 times — once a minute for each year of her life.

"Here, where Queen Elizabeth was married and crowned, we gather from across the nation, from the Commonwealth, and from the nations of the world, to mourn our loss, to remember her long life of selfless service, and in sure confidence to commit her to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer," the dean of the medieval abbey, David Hoyle, told the mourners, as the funeral opened.

It drew to a close with two minutes of silence observed across the United Kingdom. The attendees then sang the national anthem.

Monday has been declared a public holiday in honor of Elizabeth, who died Sept. 8 — and hundreds of

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thousands of people descended on central London to partake in the historic moment. Long before the service began, city authorities said viewing areas along the route of the funeral's procession were full.

Millions more had been expected to tune into the funeral live on television, and crowds flocked to parks and public spaces across the U.K. to watch it on screens. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby noted during the funeral that "few leaders receive the outpouring of love we have seen" for Elizabeth.

On the evening before, Charles issued a message of thanks to people in the U.K. and around the world, saying he and his wife Camilla, the queen consort, have been "moved beyond measure" by the large numbers of people who have turned out to pay their respects to the queen.

Following the funeral, the coffin — accompanied by units of the armed forces in dress uniforms and members of her family — was brought through the capital's streets.

At Wellington Arch near Hyde Park, it will be placed in a hearse to be driven to Windsor Castle — where Elizabeth spent much of her time — for another procession before a committal service in St. George's Chapel. She will be laid to rest with her late husband, Prince Philip, at a private family service.

U.S. President Joe Biden was among leaders to pay their respects at the queen's coffin on Sunday as thousands of police, hundreds of British troops and an army of officials made final preparations for the funeral.

Biden called Queen Elizabeth II "decent" and "honorable" and "all about service" as he signed the condolence book, saying his heart went out to the royal family.

People across Britain paused for a minute of silence at 8 p.m. Sunday in memory of the only monarch most have ever known. At Westminster Hall, the constant stream of mourners paused for 60 seconds as people observed the minute of reflection in deep silence.

In Windsor, rain began to fall as the crowd fell silent for the moment of reflection. Some camped overnight outside the castle in order to reserve the best spots to view the queen's coffin.

Jilly Fitzgerald, who was in Windsor, said there was a sense of community among the mourners as they prepared to wait hours to see procession carrying the queen's coffin.

"It's good to be with all the people who are all feeling the same. It's like a big family because everyone feels that ... the queen was part of their family," she said.

Family of American says he was freed by Taliban in swap

By ERIC TUCKER and RAHIM FAIEZ Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An American contractor held hostage in Afghanistan for more than two years by the Taliban has been released, his family said Monday, as a Taliban drug lord jailed by the United States was also freed and returned to Kabul.

Mark Frerichs, a Navy veteran who had spent more than a decade in Afghanistan as a civilian contractor, was abducted in January 2020 and was believed to have been since then by the Taliban-linked Haqqani network.

Negotiations for his release had centered on a deal that would also involve the release of Bashir Noorzai, a notorious drug lord and member of the Taliban who told reporters in Kabul on Monday that he spent 17 years and six months in U.S. captivity

The Biden administration did not immediately confirm details of the prisoner swap, but a sister of Frerichs, who is from Lombard, Illinois, thanked U.S. government officials who helped secure her brother's release.

"I am so happy to hear that my brother is safe and on his way home to us. Our family has prayed for this each day of the more than 31 months he has been a hostage. We never gave up hope that he would survive and come home safely to us," said a statement from the sister, Charlene Cakora.

In Afghanistan, Noorzai told reporters at a press conference that he had been released from an unspecified U.S. prison and handed over earlier in the day to the Taliban in Kabul, in exchange for an American prisoner held in Afghanistan whom he did not identify.

Other Taliban officials claimed Noorzai was held at the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, but did not offer say anything to support that claim.

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The Taliban-appointed foreign minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, also spoke at the press conference alongside Noorzai and welcomed the exchange, saying it marked the start of a "new era" in U.S.-Taliban relations.

Frerichs, abducted on Jan. 31, 2020, was last seen in a video distributed earlier this year, pleading for his release so that he can be reunited with his family, according to a recording posted by The New Yorker magazine at the time.

"This can be a new chapter between Afghanistan and the United States, this can open a new door for talks between both countries," Muttaqi said at the Kabul presser.

"This act shows us that all problems can be solved through talks and I thank both sides' teams who worked so hard for this to happen," Muttaqi added.

Frerichs, of Lombard, Illinois, was believed to be held by the Taliban-affiliated Haqqani network, and U.S. officials across two presidential administrations had tried unsuccessfully to get him home. In the video, which marked the first time Frerichs was seen since his abduction, he says it was filmed last November.

Videos of hostages are sometimes released to show proof that they are alive and to facilitate negotiations for a release, though it was not immediately clear if that was the case here. The New Yorker said it obtained the clip from an unidentified individual in Afghanistan.

At the time, the FBI declined to comment on the video's authenticity, but a sister of Frerichs, Charlene Cakora, issued a statement thanking the Taliban for releasing the video and describing it as "public confirmation of our family's long-held belief that he is alive after more than two years in captivity."

Since their takeover of Afghanistan in August last year, the Taliban have demanded the United States release Noorzai in exchange for Frerichs amid expectations of such exchanges for U.S. citizens held in Afghanistan.

However, there has been no public sign of Washington moving forward on any sort of prisoner trade or exchange.

The Taliban also posted a brief video Monday on social media showing Noorzai's arrival at the Kabul airport where he was welcomed by top Taliban officials, including Muttaqi.

At the press conference, Noorzai expressed thankfulness at seeing his "mujahedeen brothers" — a reference to the Taliban — in Kabul.

"I pray for more success of the Taliban," he added. "I hope this exchange can lead to peace between Afghanistan and America, because an American was released and I am also free now."

Fiona nears Dominican Republic after pounding Puerto Rico

By DÁNICA COTO Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Hurricane Fiona bore down on the Dominican Republic Monday after knocking out the power grid and unleashing floods and landslides in Puerto Rico, where the governor said the damage was "catastrophic."

No deaths have been reported, but authorities in the U.S. territory said it was too early to estimate the damage from a storm that was still forecast to unleash torrential rain across Puerto Rico on Monday.

Up to 30 inches (76 centimeters) was forecast for Puerto Rico's southern region.

"It's important people understand that this is not over," said Ernesto Morales, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in San Juan.

He said flooding reached "historic levels," with authorities evacuating or rescuing hundreds of people across the island.

"The damages that we are seeing are catastrophic," said Gov. Pedro Pierluisi.

Before dawn on Monday, authorities in a boat traveled through the flooded streets of the north coastal town of Catano and used a megaphone to alert people that the pumps had collapsed and urged them to evacuate as soon as possible.

Brown water rushed through streets, into homes and even consumed a runway airport in southern Puerto Rico.

Fiona also ripped up asphalt from roads and washed away a bridge in the central mountain town of Utuado

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that police say was installed by the National Guard after Hurricane Maria hit in 2017 as a Category 4 storm. The storm also ripped off the roofs of several homes, including that of Nelson Cirino in the northern coastal town of Loiza.

"I was sleeping and saw when the corrugated metal flew off," he said as he observed how the rain drenched his belongings and the wind whipped his colorful curtains into the air.

Ada Vivian Román, a 21-year-old photography student, said the storm knocked down trees and fences in her hometown of Toa Alta.

"I'm actually very anxious because it's a really slow-moving hurricane," she said.

She said she is also worried about whether the public transportation she relies on to get to her job at a public relations agency will be operating by the time she has to go back to the office.

"But I know that I'm privileged compared with other families who are practically losing their homes because they are under water," she said.

Fiona was centered 15 miles (25 kilometers) west-southwest of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, with maximum sustained winds of 90 mph (150 kph) on Sunday night, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center. It was moving to the northwest at eight mph (13 kph).

It hit on the anniversary of Hurricane Hugo, which slammed into the island in 1989 as a Category 3 storm.

As authorities continue to assess the damage from Fiona, many wondered when power would be restored.

"That's probably the worst damage there is," said Tomás Rivera, who co-owns a hotel in the southwest coastal town of El Combate.

On Monday, authorities announced that power had been restored to 100,000 customers on an island of 3.2 million people.

U.S. President Joe Biden declared a state of emergency in the U.S. territory as the eye of the storm approached the island's southwest corner.

The blackout that Hurricane Maria caused was blamed for the deaths of nearly 3,000 people in the storm's sweltering aftermath, with power in some neighborhoods not restored until a year later. Maria was a devastating Category 4 storm that struck on Sept. 20, 2017.

Luma, the company that operates power transmission and distribution, said bad weather, including winds of 80 mph, had disrupted transmission lines on Sunday, leading to "a blackout on all the island."

Health centers were running on generators — and some of those had failed. Health Secretary Carlos Mellado said crews rushed to repair generators at the Comprehensive Cancer Center, where several patients had to be evacuated.

More than 3,000 homes still have only a blue tarp as a roof, and infrastructure remains weak, including the power grid. Outages remain common, and reconstruction started only recently.

"I think all of us Puerto Ricans who lived through Maria have that post-traumatic stress of, 'What is going to happen, how long is it going to last and what needs might we face?'" said Danny Hernández, who works in the capital of San Juan but planned to weather the storm with his parents and family in the western town of Mayaguez.

The storm pummeled cities and towns along Puerto Rico's southern coast that have not yet fully recovered from a string of strong earthquakes starting in late 2019.

More than 1,000 people with some 80 pets had sought shelter across the island by Sunday night, the majority of them in the southern coast.

Fiona was forecast to swipe the Dominican Republic early Monday and then northern Haiti and the Turks and Caicos Islands with the threat of heavy rain. It could threaten the far southern end of the Bahamas on Tuesday.

Hurricane warnings were posted for the Dominican Republic's eastern coast from Cabo Caucedo to Cabo Frances Viejo, and for the Turks and Caicos.

Fiona previously battered the eastern Caribbean, killing one man in the French territory of Guadeloupe when floods washed his home away, officials said.

Bill Clinton: 'The world's on fire,' but teamwork can help

By GLENN GAMBOA AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton is calling on governments, businesses, philanthropies and other prominent institutions to draw together and help a world that is “on fire” as he reconvenes the Clinton Global Initiative, the meeting of international leaders, for the first time since 2016.

Interest in the two-day meeting has been so intense that the Clinton Foundation had to turn away more than 1,000 potential attendees. It is convening a spectrum of luminaries, including Jordan's Queen Rania Al Abdullah, Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley, BlackRock CEO Larry Fink, Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai and actor and water access activist Matt Damon.

Clinton, president of the United States from 1993 to 2001, said he has been amazed by the massive response.

“The world's on fire in a lot of different ways,” he told The Associated Press in an interview. “But there are a lot of things that businesses, non-governmental groups and governments working together can do to help with a lot of these problems.”

The Clinton Global Initiative, or CGI, has helped more than 435 million people in more than 180 countries since it was established in 2005. It previously required attendees to create a Commitment to Action, a measurable project that addresses a global issue, though for this year that requirement has been waived. Those commitments often unite new partners and encourage cooperation between the public and private sectors.

“I think there is a longing for people to get together and meet with an end in mind,” Clinton said. “Not just talk about it, but knowing that when they walk away, they will have committed to doing something.”

Clinton Foundation Vice Chair Chelsea Clinton calls that “a bias toward action,” which she says is part of what makes CGI special and a catalyst for global change. She said the COVID-19 pandemic has energized interest in public health and addressing health disparities because people outside of the field could see the impact.

“Health is interconnected to anything and everything that anyone may care about,” Chelsea Clinton said. “There are a lot of people who now are mobilized to do something with what they have come to newly understand and which they now feel responsible for helping to solve.”

The panel discussions scheduled for the initiative focus on potential solutions. Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will discuss approaches to creating gender equality with New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, actor and philanthropist Robin Wright and others. All three Clintons will talk about partnerships that focus on common humanity. They will be joined in that by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of the World Health Organization, U2 singer Bono and “Hamilton” creator Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Peter Sands, executive director of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, said CGI has always introduced his group to new potential partners, something even more valuable after two challenging pandemic years that made access to new donors difficult. “There's only so much you can do with PowerPoints and Zooms,” Sands said.

He is currently in the midst of a fundraising campaign of his own. President Joe Biden will host The Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment Conference in New York on Wednesday, delayed two days so that Biden can attend the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II on Monday.

However, he now plans to attend CGI and said the gathering has been missed during its hiatus, even though the Clinton Foundation itself has remained active. The initiative convened annually until 2016 during former Sen. Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, when questions were raised about the appearance of potential conflicts of interests if donors then had business before her administration.

Bill Clinton said the initiative is counting on the special energy of its participants to tackle a growing number of issues.

“We've got the largest number of migrants since World War II,” he said. “And the most publicity they get in America is when one governor or two turns it into some political issue and tries to make problems for other people. Sensible countries work together and try to figure out the best way to deal with it.”

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Clinton also hopes CGI can spotlight various solutions that need more support. He points to a study from Generation180, a nonprofit that promotes the use of clean energy. Its research shows some rural schools have installed solar panels to reduce their carbon emissions and their electric bills. The schools then used the savings to give raises to teachers.

"The energy is here. The jobs are here. The benefits are here. The kids win," Clinton said. "That shouldn't be a political issue."

He says philanthropy can help bust through political and cultural gridlock by showing what can be done. For example, he said that when President Barack Obama proposed hiring 100,000 new STEM teachers and Congress turned him down, philanthropy stepped in to make it happen.

"We got the Carnegie Corporation and the American Federation of Teachers and more than 20 other partners together and they said, 'We will raise the money,'" Clinton said. "Nobody ever thought of that as being a purpose of philanthropy. But it got the job done, and it demonstrated why Republicans and Democrats should cooperate on such things."

Locked Up: The prison labor that built business empires

By MARGIE MASON and ROBIN McDOWELL Associated Press

More than 150 years ago, a prison complex known as the Lone Rock stockade operated at one of the biggest coal mines in Tennessee.

It was powered largely by African American men who had been arrested for minor offenses — like stealing a hog — if they committed any crime at all. Women and children, some as young as 12, were sent there as well.

The work, dangerous and sometimes deadly, was their punishment.

The state was leasing these prisoners out to private companies for a fee, in a practice known all across the South as convict leasing. In states like Texas, Florida, Georgia and Alabama, prisoners were also used to help build railroads, cut timber, make bricks, pick cotton and grow sugar on plantations.

In a joint investigation, reporters from the Associated Press and Reveal at the Center for Investigative Reporting spent months unearthing this history. They focused on Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad, which ran the stockade and coal mine, and the company that later bought it, U.S. Steel.

The team found someone living today whose ancestor was imprisoned in the Lone Rock stockade nearly 140 years ago. They also interviewed the descendent of a man who got rich from his role in pioneering Tennessee's convict leasing system.

The reporters also heard from U.S. Steel. For the first time, it said it was willing to discuss its past with members of the affected community.

Listen to the podcast here:

WHAT IS CONVICT LEASING?

Convict leasing was essentially a new form of slavery that started after the Civil War and went on for decades across the South. States — and companies — got rich by arresting mostly Black men and then forcing them to work for major companies.

The 13th Amendment, passed after the Civil War, banned slavery and involuntary servitude. But it made an exception for people convicted of a crime, offering legal cover for convict leasing.

Tennessee and many other states adopted similar language in their constitutions that still exists today.

WHAT WAS THE THE LONE ROCK STOCKADE?

The Lone Rock stockade operated in Tracy City, Tennessee for more than 25 years. The prisoners lived in cramped, unsanitary conditions. Built to hold 200 people at a time, the prison sometimes held 600.

The men risked their lives every day above ground too, manning fiery, dome-shaped coke ovens used in the iron-making process.

They were helping Tennessee, Coal, Iron and Railroad get rich. The company was an economic powerhouse, later bought by the world's biggest company at the time: U.S. Steel Corporation.

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HOW DID THE PRISON POPULATION CHANGE AFTER EMANCIPATION?

The racial makeup of prison populations changed almost overnight after the Civil War. In Tennessee, during slavery less than 5 percent of the prisoners were Black. In 1866, after emancipation, that number jumped to 52 percent. And by 1891 it had skyrocketed to 75 percent.

WHAT ARE BLACK CODES?

Black codes are laws passed by states that targeted African Americans for minor crimes such as vagrancy, jumping a ride on a train car or not having proof of employment.

In Tennessee, people were sentenced up to five years of hard labor in the coal mine for having interracial relationships.

WHAT DOES U.S. STEEL SAY NOW ABOUT THEIR USE OF CONVICT LEASING?

The United States Steel Corporation, also known as U.S. Steel, was founded by American business giants, which included J.P. Morgan and Andrew Carnegie. It has operations in the U.S. and Central Europe, and remains a leading steel producer.

The company used convict labor for at least five years in Alabama in the early 1900s, but has never spoken openly about this dark chapter of its history. It has misrepresented its use of prison labor and has not acknowledged the men who died in its mines.

After being contacted by the AP and Reveal reporters, the company agreed for the first time to sit down and talk with members of the affected community. U.S. Steel also confirmed it owns a cemetery located at the site of its former coal mine: "U. S. Steel does not condone the practices of a century ago," it said in a statement. "Given the amount of time that has lapsed, we, unfortunately, do not have comprehensive records relative to this situation."

"We would be pleased to consider a memorial plaque should members of the affected community express an interest. We would also be happy to meet with them and discuss these topics."

Ukraine says Russian missile struck close to nuclear plant

By KARL RITTER and JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — A Russian missile struck close to a nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine Monday, not damaging its three reactors but hitting other industrial equipment in what Ukrainian authorities denounced as an act of "nuclear terrorism."

The strike follows warnings from Russian President Vladimir Putin of possible stepped-up attacks on key Ukrainian infrastructure after his forces suffered humiliating battlefield setbacks.

The missile struck just 300 meters (yards) from the Pivdennoukrainsk nuclear plant, also known as the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant, according to Ukrainian nuclear operator Energoatom.

Black-and-white CCTV footage released by Ukraine's Ministry of Defense showed two large fireballs erupting one after the other in the dark, followed by incandescent showers of sparks. A time stamp on the video read 19 minutes after midnight.

The ministry and Energoatom both called the strike "nuclear terrorism." The Russian Defense Ministry had no immediate comment.

The nuclear plant is Ukraine's second-largest, after the Zaporizhzhia plant that has repeatedly come under fire. Their reactors are of the same design.

The Zaporizhzhia plant, the largest in Europe, has been occupied by Russian forces since the early days of Moscow's nearly seven-month invasion. Repeated shelling cut off its transmission lines, forcing operators to shut down its six reactors to avoid a radiation disaster. Russia and Ukraine have traded blame for the shelling. The International Atomic Energy Agency said the main transmission line was reconnected on Friday.

In delivering his warning Friday of possible ramped-up strikes on Ukrainian infrastructure, Putin claimed that his forces have until now acted with restraint against Ukrainian attempts to hit Russian facilities.

"If the situation develops this way, our response will be more serious," Putin said.

"Just recently, the Russian armed forces have delivered a couple of impactful strikes," he said in a reference to Russian attacks last week. "Let's consider those as warning strikes."

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As well as infrastructure, Russian forces also continue to pound other sites. The most recent shelling killed at least eight civilians and wounded 22 others, Ukraine's presidential office said Monday.

Overnight, Russian forces struck Nikopol and Marhanets across the Dniper River from the Zaporizhzhia plant, damaging dozens of buildings and cutting power supplies to some sections of the cities, the presidential office said.

Russian strikes also hit Kramatorsk and Toretsk in the eastern Donetsk region, it said. In the village of Strilecha in the northeastern Kharkiv region, Russian shelling killed four medical workers while they were trying to evacuate patients from a psychiatric hospital, and wounded two patients, said Kharkiv Gov. Oleh Syniehubov.

Energoatom said the explosive force of Monday's missile strike broke more than 100 windows at the industrial complex that includes the Pivdenoukrainsk plant. The strike also caused the temporary shut-down of a nearby hydropower plant, it said. Ukraine's presidential office said the attack also severed three power transmission lines.

The plant sits along the Southern Bug River in the in the southern Mykolaiv region, about 300 kilometers (190 miles) south of the capital, Kyiv.

The IAEA, the United Nations' nuclear watchdog, which has monitors at the Zaporizhzhia plant, did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the attack.

Other recent Russian strikes on Ukrainian infrastructure targeted power plants in the north and a dam in the south. They came in the wake of a sweeping Ukrainian counterattack in the east of the country that has pummeled Russian forces, reclaiming a large swath of previously occupied territory in the Kharkiv region and breaking what had largely become a stalemate in the war.

The Russian pullback marked the largest defeat for Moscow since it withdrew its forces from around Kyiv after a botched attempt to capture the capital in the invasion's opening stage.

The setback has fueled renewed discussion among Russian nationalist critics of the Kremlin who question why Moscow failed to plunge Ukraine into darkness at the outset of the invasion by hitting all of its major nuclear power plants.

World shares slip as markets brace for more rate hikes

By ELAINE KURTENBACH AP Business Writer

Shares opened lower in Europe after a day of declines for most Asian markets, as investors braced for another interest rate hike this week by the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Britain was observing a day of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II. Japan's markets were closed for a holiday.

Germany's DAX lost 0.3% to 12,701.41 while the CAC 40 in Paris shed 0.9% to 6,023.55. The future for the S&P 500 was down 0.6% while the contract for the Dow industrials was 0.5% lower.

Markets have been on edge because of stubbornly high inflation and the increases in interest rates being used to fight it. The fear is that the Fed and other central banks might overshoot their policy targets, triggering a recession.

Most economists forecast that the Fed will jack up its primary lending rate another three-quarters of a point when the central bank's leaders meet this week.

"Fact is, hawkish expectations built on the 'hot under the hood' U.S. inflation print means that markets have good reason to be braced for headwinds amid prospects of higher (for longer) rates; and arguably 'higher for longer' USD (dollar) as well," Vishnu Varathan of Mizuho Bank said in a commentary.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 1% to 18,565.97 while the Shanghai Composite index shed 0.4% to 3,115.60. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 gave up 0.3% to 6,719.90. In Seoul, the Kospi sank 1.1% to 2,355.66.

Japan's central bank meets Wednesday and Thursday amid rising pressure to counter a sharp decline in the yen's value against the dollar. That has raised costs for businesses and consumers, who must pay more for imports of oil, gas and other necessities.

However the Bank of Japan has held firm so far in maintaining an ultralow benchmark rate of minus 0.1% in hopes of stimulating investment and spending.

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On Friday, a stark warning Friday from FedEx about rapidly worsening trends in the economy gave investors more to worry about. The S&P 500 fell 0.7%, while the Nasdaq lost almost 1%. The Dow lost almost half a percent.

The S&P 500 sank 4.8% for the week, with much of the loss coming from a 4.3% rout on Tuesday following a surprisingly hot report on inflation.

All the major indexes have now posted losses four out of the past five weeks.

FedEx sank 21.4% for its biggest single-day sell-off on record Friday after warning investors that its fiscal first-quarter profit will likely fall short of forecasts because of a drop-off in business. The package delivery service is also shuttering storefronts and corporate offices and expects business conditions to further weaken.

Higher interest rates tend to weigh on stocks, especially the pricier technology sector. The housing sector is also hurting as interest rates rise. Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates climbed above 6% last week for the first time since the housing crash of 2008. The higher rates could make an already tight housing market even more expensive for American homebuyers.

Recent U.S. government reports showed that prices for just about everything but gas are still rising, the job market is still red-hot and consumers continue to spend, all of which give ammunition to Fed officials who say the economy can tolerate more rate hikes.

In other trading Monday, U.S. benchmark crude lost \$1.50 to \$83.61 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It edged up 1 cent to \$85.11 per barrel on Friday.

Brent crude oil gave up \$1.30 to \$90.05 per barrel.

The dollar strengthened to 143.41 Japanese yen from 142.94 yen. The euro slipped to 99.82 cents from \$1.0014.

Biden: US would defend Taiwan against Chinese invasion

By JOE McDONALD Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China's government on Monday criticized President Joe Biden's statement that American forces would defend Taiwan if Beijing tries to invade as a violation of U.S. commitments about the self-ruled island, but gave no indication of possible retaliation.

Biden said "yes" when asked during an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS News's "60 Minutes" program whether "U.S. forces, U.S. men and women, would defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion."

The comment added to displays of official American support for the island democracy in the face of growing shows of force by the mainland's ruling Communist Party, which claims Taiwan as part of its territory.

Without citing Biden by name, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said the "U.S. remarks" violate Washington's commitment not to support formal independence for Taiwan, a step Beijing has said would lead to war.

"China strongly deplores and rejects it and has made solemn complaints with the U.S. side," said the spokeswoman, Mao Ning.

CBS News reported the White House said after the interview U.S. policy hasn't changed. That policy says Washington wants to see Taiwan's status resolved peacefully but doesn't say whether U.S. forces might be sent in response to a Chinese attack.

Tension is rising following efforts by Chinese President Xi Jinping's government to intimidate Taiwan by firing missiles into the nearby sea and flying fighter jets toward the island after visits to Taipei by political figures including U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Mao called on Washington to "handle Taiwan-related issues prudently" and "not to send any wrong signals" to supporters of Taiwan independence "to to avoid further damage to China-U.S. relations and peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait."

Taiwan and China split in 1949 after a civil war that ended with the Communist Party in control of the mainland. The two governments say they are one country but dispute which is entitled to be the national

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leader.

"We will do our utmost to strive for the prospect of peaceful reunification with the utmost sincerity, while we will not tolerate any activities aimed at splitting China and reserve the option to take all necessary measures," Mao said.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry expressed "sincere gratitude" to Biden for "affirming the U.S. government's rock-solid promise of security to Taiwan."

Taiwan will "resist authoritarian expansion and aggression" and "deepen the close security partnership" with Washington and other governments "with similar thinking" to protect regional stability, the statement said.

Washington is obligated by federal law to see that Taiwan has the means to defend itself but doesn't say whether U.S. forces would be sent. The United States has no formal relations with the island but maintains informal diplomatic ties.

The Communist Party has persuaded most foreign governments to switch official recognition to Beijing, though many maintain informal ties have extensive trade and investment relations with Taiwan. The island's official diplomatic partners are mostly small, poor nations in Africa and Latin America.

"Taiwan is an inalienable part of China," Mao said. "The government of the People's Republic of China is the only legal government representing the whole of China."

Washington says it doesn't support formal independence for Taiwan, a stance Biden repeated in the interview broadcast Sunday.

"Taiwan makes their own judgments about their independence," the president said. "We're not encouraging their being independent."

In May, Biden said "yes" when asked at a news conference in Tokyo whether he was willing to get involved militarily to defend Taiwan if China invaded.

62 and 700: Judge, Pujols closing in on home run milestones

By NOAH TRISTER AP Baseball Writer

Aaron Judge and Albert Pujols could make this a milestone week for home runs.

Judge hit two more Sunday, raising his season total to 59, two shy of Roger Maris' American League record. Now the slugger returns to Yankee Stadium, where New York will play its next six games. Pujols, meanwhile, is somewhat improbably closing in on the 700-homer mark after hitting 12 since the start of August.

Judge's pursuit of Maris has stirred debate over how to put this AL record in context, should he break it. He's unlikely to threaten Barry Bonds' major league record of 73, but that mark, as well as the exploits of Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa around the same time, have become complicated by performance-enhancing drug suspicions.

There's one way in which Judge will likely surpass both Bonds and Maris, no matter how many more homers he hits. Right now, he has an incredible 20-homer lead over Kyle Schwarber, who is second in the majors. Nobody has led baseball in homers by at least 20 since Babe Ruth finished with 54 in 1928 and nobody else had more than 31.

Maris only led the majors by seven when he hit 61, and Bonds led by nine when he hit 73.

Judge is also in the mix for the AL Triple Crown — he's leading big in homers and RBIs and just one point behind batting leader Luis Arraez — but that won't sort itself out until closer to the end of the season.

The 42-year-old Pujols, who is retiring at the end of the season, is trying to become the fourth major leaguer to reach 700 homers, following Bonds, Henry Aaron and Ruth. Unlike Judge, he won't be going for his milestone at home this week. St. Louis' next eight games are on the road against the Padres, Dodgers and Brewers.

CUTTING IT CLOSE

Is it possible the Padres won't even make the playoffs after pulling off the blockbuster trade for Juan Soto? San Diego holds the second wild card in the National League at the moment, but the Padres are

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only a half-game ahead of Philadelphia and 2 1/2 ahead of Milwaukee.

San Diego is 24-20 since the start of August for a .545 winning percentage — after going 57-46 (.553) prior to that. Soto has hit only .221 since joining the Padres.

San Diego did win the last three games of a series with Arizona, with Soto hitting his first homer this month Sunday.

TRIVIA TIME

Who is the most recent player to lead the majors in home runs by double digits?

LINE OF THE WEEK

While Schwarber is second in the majors in home runs with 39, Houston's Yordan Alvarez is second to Judge in the AL with 37. He homered in his first three at-bats Friday night in the Astros' 5-0 victory over Oakland.

Honorable mention: In that same game, Justin Verlander came back from the injured list for Houston and threw five no-hit innings before being removed.

COMEBACK OF THE WEEK

It's actually a double dose this week.

On Tuesday night, Texas trailed Oakland 7-2 in the fifth inning before rallying for an 8-7 victory. Mark Mathias homered twice, including a solo shot in the ninth to win it. The Athletics had a 94.8% chance to win in the fifth inning, according to Baseball Savant.

The next night, the script was flipped. Oakland beat Texas 8-7 after the Rangers were up 5-1 after four. The win probability for Texas peaked at 93.2%. The Athletics completed their comeback with two runs in the top of the ninth, with the go-ahead run coming in on an error by shortstop Corey Seager.

TRIVIA ANSWER

Jose Bautista hit 54 home runs in 2010, finishing 12 ahead of Pujols.

By the numbers: Facts and figures about the queen's funeral

By The Associated Press undefined

LONDON (AP) — Events surrounding Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral on Monday cap 10 days of national mourning and are expected to be watched by hundreds of thousands of people packed onto the streets of London and millions around the world. Those are just a few of the staggering array of numbers generated by the death of the 96-year-old monarch after a 70-year-reign.

Here are some figures that have swirled around London and the rest of the United Kingdom in the aftermath of death on Sept. 8 at her summer retreat in Scotland of the only monarch most Britons have ever known.

— 2,000: Dignitaries and guests in Westminster Abbey for the the state funeral, ranging from King Charles III and other royals to world leaders including U.S. President Joe Biden to members of the British public who helped battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

— 800: Guests at a committal service later in the day at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle.

— 5,949: Military personnel deployed throughout the meticulously choreographed operation that began with the queen's death on Sept. 8 at her Balmoral Estate in the Scottish Highlands. That number comprises 4,416 from the army, 847 from the navy and 686 from the air force. In addition, around 175 armed forces personnel from Commonwealth nations have been involved.

— 1,650: At least that number of military personnel will be involved in the pomp-filled procession of the queen's coffin from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch after her funeral. A further 1,000 will line the streets along the procession route. When the coffin reaches Windsor, 410 military personnel will take part in the procession, 480 will line streets, 150 will be in a guard of honor and line steps and 130 more will fulfil other ceremonial duties.

— 142: Royal Navy ratings who will pull the state gun carriage carrying the queen's coffin on Monday when it leaves the Houses of Parliament for her funeral.

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— More than 10,000: Police officers. Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Stuart Cundy said the “hugely complex” policing operation is the biggest in the London force’s history, surpassing the London 2012 Olympics which saw up to 10,000 police officers on duty per day.

— 22: Miles (36 kilometers) of barriers erected in central London alone to control crowds and keep key areas around the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace secure.

— 1 million: The number of people London transport authorities expect to visit the capital on Monday. Around 250 extra rail services will run to move people in and out of the city.

— 5: Miles (8 kilometers) of people lining up to file past the queen’s coffin in Westminster Hall. The mammoth queue stretched back from the Houses of Parliament along the south bank of the River Thames to Southwark Park. The number of people who viewed the coffin over four days is not yet known.

— 125: Movie theaters that will open their doors to broadcast Monday’s funeral live.

— 2,868: Diamonds, along with 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 269 pearls, and 4 rubies, sparkle in the Imperial State Crown that rested on the queen’s coffin as it lay in state.

— 2: Minutes of silence at the end of the funeral at Westminster Abbey.

— 1: Coffin. The silent eye in the days-long storm of pomp, pageantry and protection is a single, flag-draped oak coffin carrying the only monarch most Britons have ever known.

Storm hits southwest Japan, leaves 1 dead, another missing

By YURI KAGEYAMA Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A tropical storm slammed southwestern Japan with rainfall and winds Monday, leaving one person dead and another missing, as it swerved north toward Tokyo.

Residential streets were flooded with muddy water from rivers, and swathes of homes lost power after Typhoon Nanmadol made landfall in the Kyushu region Sunday then weakened to a tropical storm.

A man was found dead early Monday in his car that was sunk in water on a farm, said Yoshiharu Maeda, a city hall official in charge of disasters at Miyakonojo, Miyazaki prefecture. Separately, one person was missing after a cottage was caught in a landslide, according to a Miyazaki prefectural official.

Nanmadol has sustained winds blowing at 108 kilometers per hour (67 mph) and gusts up to 162 kilometers (100 miles) per hour, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

Tens of thousands of people spent the night at gymnasiums and other facilities in a precautionary evacuation of vulnerable homes.

More than 60 people were injured, including those who fell down in the rain or were hit by shards of glass, according to Japanese media reports.

Torrential winds smashed signboards. A construction crane snapped and a window at a pachinko parlor was shattered in Kagoshima city, southwestern Japan.

Bullet trains and airlines suspended service. Warnings were issued about landslides and swelling rivers. Convenience store chains and delivery services temporarily shuttered in southwestern Japan, while some highways were closed and people had some problems with cell phone connections.

The storm is forecast to continue dumping rain on its northeasterly path over Japan’s main island of Honshu, before moving over Tokyo and then northeastern Japan.

Week 2 provides a Comeback Sunday NFL hasn’t seen in years

By ROB MAADDI AP Pro Football Writer

Call it a Comeback Sunday the NFL hasn’t seen in years.

The Dolphins and Cardinals made history by overcoming 20-point halftime deficits to win on the same day while the Jets rallied from a 13-point deficit in the final two minutes.

Two other teams almost joined the club.

The Falcons fought back from a 28-3 third-quarter deficit — that score sounds familiar in Atlanta — only to fall short against the defending Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams when Jalen Ramsey picked

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off Marcus Mariota's pass intended for Bryan Edwards in the end zone, sealing a 31-27 victory.

Joe Burrow helped the Cincinnati Bengals erase a 17-3 halftime deficit in Dallas but Brett Maher kicked a 50-yard field goal as time expired to give the Cowboys a 20-17 win that dropped the reigning AFC champions to 0-2.

Two weeks into the season, close games and wacky finishes are a common theme. It's great news for the league, giving viewers who have no fantasy football or gambling interest reason to stick around until the end.

There have been 12 games decided by three points or fewer already, the most through the first two weeks of a season in NFL history.

Eight teams have overcome a deficit of at least 10 points to win or tie, the second-most through Week 2, trailing only the 1987 season when nine teams did it.

Tua Tagovailoa's performance was most impressive. He tossed six touchdown passes to lead Miami to a 42-38 win at Baltimore after trailing Lamar Jackson and the Ravens 35-14 going into the fourth quarter.

"We basically had to play perfect complimentary football to come back from a deficit like that, and this is a really good team so I couldn't be happier with him, and his teammates know," Dolphins coach Mike McDaniel said of Tagovailoa. "His teammates learned a lot about him, and I think he learned something about himself."

Tagovailoa improved to 8-1 vs Super Bowl-winning head coaches, the highest win percentage league history with a minimum six starts.

His critics should be silent for at least another week.

"Mike told us in our team meeting that this is going to be a great opportunity for us that if we do ever get down against these guys, we know that you're not looking to put your head down," Tagovailoa said. "We're always going to be in the game and just play one play at a time. And Mike is always going to say this. This is kind of like the mind-set for our team, that adversity is opportunity. And, that's how we played."

Kyler Murray put on a spectacular display of his own to help Arizona overcome a 20-0 halftime deficit in Las Vegas. Murray ran in from the 3 on the final play of regulation and made a perfect throw into a tight window through traffic for the 2-point conversion to send the game into overtime.

Then, Byron Murphy Jr. returned Hunter Renfrow's fumble 59 yards for a touchdown to give the Cardinals a 29-23 win over the Raiders.

"There were so many do-or-die plays, I lost count, where we had to have this stop, had to have this 2-point conversion, had to score, had to have this fourth down, and guys just kept fighting," Cardinals coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "Nobody blinked. At halftime, it was 'Hey, we have to settle in and do what we do.' We played about as bad as you could in the first half, didn't play great the second half, but the effort was incredible."

Multiple teams had not rallied from 20-point halftime deficits to win on the same day in NFL history until the Dolphins and Cardinals both did it Sunday. It was the first time that two teams overcame a deficit of at least 20 points at any point in a game to win in the same week since Week 4 of the 2011 season.

Of the three teams who blew big leads, the Browns should be most bitter. They would've won if Nick Chubb had stayed in bounds instead of run into the end zone for his third touchdown with 1:55 remaining. That score gave Cleveland a 30-17 lead but the extra-point was missed.

Joe Flacco tossed two TD passes in a 60-second span sandwiched around a recovered onside kick as the Jets pulled off an improbable victory. Teams had won 2,229 consecutive games when leading by at least 13 points in the final two minutes before the Browns blew it.

"I have won on a Hail Mary. I have lost on a Hail Marys. I have won in a last-second game," Jets coach Robert Saleh said. "At this point in my life, I've experienced all of it, so I'm never surprised at what the league has to offer, but that rollercoaster never changes."

The three comebacks by the Dolphins, Cardinals and Jets — all on the road, too — marked the second time in league history three teams overcame a fourth-quarter deficit of at least 13 points to win on same day.

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The way this season has started, expect to see plenty more comebacks.

Hurricane Fiona rips through powerless Puerto Rico

By DÁNICA COTO Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Hurricane Fiona struck Puerto Rico's southwest coast on Sunday as it unleashed landslides, knocked the power grid out and ripped up asphalt from roads and flung the pieces around.

Hundreds of people were evacuated or rescued across the island as floodwaters rose swiftly. Rushing rivers of brown water enveloped cars, first floors and even an airport runway in the island's southern region.

Forecasters said the storm threatened to dump "historic" levels of rain on Sunday and Monday, with up to 30 inches (76 centimeters) possible in eastern and southern Puerto Rico.

"The damages that we are seeing are catastrophic," said Gov. Pedro Pierluisi.

The storm washed away a bridge in the central mountain town of Utuado that police say was installed by the National Guard after Hurricane Maria hit in 2017. Large landslides also were reported, with water rushing down big slabs of broken asphalt and into gullies.

Fiona was centered 45 miles (75 kilometers) south-southeast of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph (140 kph) on Sunday night, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center. It was moving to the west-northwest at 10 mph (17 kph).

Fiona struck on the anniversary of Hurricane Hugo, which hit Puerto Rico 33 years ago as a Category 3 storm.

The storm's clouds covered the entire island and tropical storm-force winds extended as far as 140 miles (220 kilometers) from Fiona's center.

U.S. President Joe Biden declared a state of emergency in the U.S. territory as the eye of the storm approached the island's southwest corner.

Luma, the company that operates power transmission and distribution, said bad weather, including winds of 80 mph, had disrupted transmission lines, leading to "a blackout on all the island."

"Current weather conditions are extremely dangerous and are hindering our capacity to evaluate the complete situation," it said, adding that it could take several days to fully restore power.

Health centers were running on generators — and some of those had failed. Health Secretary Carlos Mellado said crews rushed to repair generators at the Comprehensive Cancer Center, where several patients had to be evacuated.

Fiona hit just two days before the anniversary of Hurricane Maria, a devastating Category 4 storm that struck on Sept. 20, 2017, destroying the island's power grid and causing nearly 3,000 deaths.

More than 3,000 homes still have only a blue tarp as a roof, and infrastructure remains weak, including the power grid. Outages remain common, and reconstruction started only recently.

"I think all of us Puerto Ricans who lived through Maria have that post-traumatic stress of, 'What is going to happen, how long is it going to last and what needs might we face?'" said Danny Hernández, who works in the capital of San Juan but planned to weather the storm with his parents and family in the western town of Mayaguez.

He said the atmosphere was gloomy at the supermarket as he and others stocked up before the storm hit.

"After Maria, we all experienced scarcity to some extent," he said.

The storm was forecast to pummel cities and towns along Puerto Rico's southern coast that have not yet fully recovered from a string of strong earthquakes starting in late 2019.

More than 1,000 people with some 80 pets had sought shelter across the island by Sunday night, the majority of them in the southern coast.

Ada Vivian Román, a 21-year-old photography student, said the storm knocked down trees and fences in her hometown of Toa Alta.

"I'm actually very anxious because it's a really slow-moving hurricane and time does not move," she said. "You look at the clock and it's still the same hour."

She said she is also worried about whether the public transportation she relies on to get to her job at a

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public relations agency will be operating by the time she has to go back to the office.

"But I know that I'm privileged compared with other families who are practically losing their homes because they are under water," she said.

In the southwest town of El Combate, hotel co-owner Tomás Rivera said he was prepared but worried about the "enormous" amount of rain he expected. He noted that a nearby wildlife refuge was eerily quiet before the storm hit.

"There are thousands of birds here, and they are nowhere to be seen," he said. "Even the birds have realized what is coming, and they're preparing."

Rivera said his employees brought bedridden family members to the hotel, where he has stocked up on diesel, gasoline, food, water and ice, given how slowly the government responded after Hurricane Maria.

"What we've done is prepared ourselves to depend as little as possible on the central government," he said.

Puerto Rico's governor, Pierluisi, activated the National Guard as the Atlantic hurricane season's sixth named storm approached.

"What worries me most is the rain," said forecaster Ernesto Morales with the National Weather Service in San Juan.

Fiona was predicted to drop 12 to 16 inches (30 to 41 centimeters) of rain over eastern and southern Puerto Rico, with as much as 30 inches (76 centimeters) in isolated spots. Morales noted that Hurricane Maria in 2017 had unleashed 40 inches (102 centimeters).

Fiona was forecast to swipe the Dominican Republic on Monday and then northern Haiti and the Turks and Caicos Islands with the threat of heavy rain. It could threaten the far southern end of the Bahamas on Tuesday.

A hurricane warning was posted for the Dominican Republic's eastern coast from Cabo Caucedo to Cabo Frances Viejo.

Fiona previously battered the eastern Caribbean, killing one man in the French territory of Guadeloupe when floods washed his home away, officials said. The storm also damaged roads, uprooted trees and destroyed at least one bridge.

St. Kitts and Nevis also reported flooding and downed trees, but announced its international airport would reopen on Sunday afternoon.

In the eastern Pacific, Tropical Storm Madeline was forecast to cause heavy rains and flooding across parts of southwestern Mexico. The storm was centered about 160 miles (260 kilometers) west-southwest of Cabo Corrientes on Sunday night, with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph (85 kph).

2022 could be a political watershed for Massachusetts women

By STEVE LeBLANC Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Just 20 years ago, Massachusetts voters had yet to elect a woman as governor, attorney general, U.S. senator or mayor of its largest city. This year, Democratic women won five of six statewide primary contests.

2022 is shaping up to be a watershed year for women seeking political power in Massachusetts, a state that despite its liberal reputation has lagged when it comes to electing women to top offices.

Democratic Attorney General Maura Healey is heavily favored to flip the Republican-held governor's office in November, which would make her the state's first woman and first openly gay candidate elected chief executive. Andrea Campbell, the former Boston city councilor hoping to succeed Healey as attorney general, would be the first Black woman to hold that post.

And since candidates for governor and lieutenant governor run together in the general election, Healey is poised to make history with her running mate, Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, by becoming the first two-female governor/lieutenant governor ticket elected to lead any state.

Healey said she's more focused on issues important to voters — like housing costs and transportation — than on the groundbreaking nature of her run.

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"I know it's historic. I also know this is about the resume, though. This is about picking the people that you want in government to best serve and deliver for you and your family," Healey said a day after her Sept. 6 primary victory.

This year, both Democrats and Republicans nominated women for the lieutenant governor post. In addition, Democrats nominated women in the attorney general, treasurer and auditor races, while Republicans nominated a woman for secretary of the commonwealth.

The nominations continue a trend that saw Michelle Wu become the first woman and first Asian American elected mayor of Boston last year.

If Healey were to win in November, she wouldn't be the state's first female governor, but she would be the first woman to be elected to the post. Republican Jane Swift, then lieutenant governor, became the acting governor in 2001 when Paul Cellucci resigned to become ambassador to Canada.

Swift said having more women serving in office helps defuse the "gender question."

"I would have loved to never answer another gender question, not because I wasn't tremendously proud of my accomplishments, but I didn't run for office because I was a woman," she said. "I ran for office because I thought we needed lower taxes and a better small business climate and better education."

"I can't wait for the day when it's not part of the conversation, when the women serving in office can talk about the issues that propelled them to win, not why they think differently because they have a uterus," she added.

Massachusetts has fallen behind other states in electing women. In 2012, neighboring New Hampshire, considered far less liberal, became the first state to elect an all-female congressional delegation as well as electing a female governor.

One reason for the recent success of female candidates in Massachusetts may be the weakening of the Massachusetts Democratic Party apparatus, said Erin O'Brien, an associate professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

"In the past, single party control has made it harder for women to get elected because parties only expand their pool of candidates when they feel threatened — and Democrats have not been threatened in Massachusetts," O'Brien said.

There are signs the party's influence may be waning. In 2014, a relatively unknown Healey took on state Sen. Warren Tolman for attorney general. Tolman had the endorsement of the Democratic Party and a brother who was president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, but Healey easily beat him and won the general election.

Just this summer, Quentin Palfrey won the state party's endorsement for attorney general but dropped out of the race a week before the primary and endorsed Campbell. In the race for state auditor, Chris Dempsey won the party's endorsement but lost the primary to state Sen. Diana DiZoglio.

"Part of the reason that women are beginning to win in Massachusetts is because the Democratic Party is starting to look outside itself," O'Brien said. "Women can run against the preferred male and win and not pay with their careers if they lose."

US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, who defeated an incumbent to become the first Black woman elected to Congress from Massachusetts, said the rise of fellow Democratic women is a testament to the "courage, skill, and commitment" of each candidate.

"More women are seeing themselves in public office, recognizing the critical role their expertise and lived experience plays in policy-making, and choosing to build more inclusive, representative decision-making tables," she said in a statement.

"When I won my first campaign for Congress, in 2018, many people referred to it as 'Black Girl Magic,' but I know it was 'Black Woman Work,'" she added.

The party's bylaws prohibit it from getting involved in contested primaries other than endorsements at the state convention, according to Gus Bickford, chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party.

"Once a nominee is chosen by voters in the primary election we get to work to get them elected," Bickford said in a statement. "As we prepare to elect the first female Governor and Lt. Governor team in

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Massachusetts history, along with other qualified women on the ballot, we are very proud of the role we play in supporting them.”

The shift began in part in 2006, when Martha Coakley became the first woman elected attorney general in Massachusetts. Another milestone came in 2012 when Elizabeth Warren defeated incumbent GOP Sen. Scott Brown to become the state’s first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

Representation by women in Massachusetts state politics stretches back to 1922, when Democrat Susan Fitzgerald and Republican Sylvia Donaldson became the first women elected to the state House of Representatives.

In 1936 Republican Sybil Holmes became the first woman elected to the Massachusetts Senate, but it took another 70 years before Therese Murray became the first woman to serve as Senate president.

The number of women serving in the Legislature has increased in recent decades.

In 1992, there were just six women serving in the 40-member Massachusetts Senate and 31 in the 160-member Massachusetts House. Thirty years later, the number of women in the Senate has more than doubled to 13, while the number of women in the House stands at 46.

Las Vegas Aces win first WNBA title, Chelsea Gray named MVP

By PAT EATON-ROBB AP Sports Writer

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Las Vegas never had a professional sports champion — until Sunday.

Chelsea Gray scored 20 points to lead the Las Vegas Aces to their first WNBA title, and the city’s first pro title, in a 78-71 road win over the Connecticut Sun in Game 4.

Gray went 9 of 13 from the floor, and was named Finals MVP after averaging 18.3 points in the series.

Vegas finished on an 8-0 run. As the buzzer sounded, league MVP A’ja Wilson, who played every minute of the game, grabbed the ball and stomped the floor before being mobbed by her teammates.

“We champs! We champs! We champs!” Wilson screamed at teammates as they pulled on their championship hats and T-shirts before the trophy ceremony.

Riquna Williams had 17 points for Vegas, Kelsey Plum added 16 points, Jackie Young had 13 and Wilson added 11 points to go with her 14 rebounds.

Wilson hopes this is just the beginning for the franchise.

“You see it. You see it,” Wilson said in the on-court celebration. “This is what we’re building. This is what we’re doing. This is it. I’m so happy right now.”

Courtney Williams had 17 points to lead Connecticut and Alyssa Thomas had her second straight triple-double with 11 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds. Jonquel Jones added 13 points and DeWanna Bonner had 12.

“When you come up short it certainly, really hurts,” Sun coach Curt Miller said. “But that means that there was something that mattered, and something special among that group of players.”

For Aces coach Becky Hammon, who didn’t get a title in her standout WNBA career, the ring completed a decades-long quest. She left an assistant coach position with Gregg Popovich and the San Antonio Spurs to take over in Las Vegas. The move paid off.

“They’re unbelievable on the court, but they’re unbelievable humans, first and foremost,” Hammon said. “They care about each other. They invest in each other. It’s been an absolute honor to be their coach. I saw excellence and I wanted to be a part of it.”

Hammon also paid tribute to former Aces coach Bill Laimbeer, who was on the floor for the ceremony: “He put this team together and saw the pieces.”

Aces owner Mark Davis, who also owns the NFL’s Las Vegas Raiders, wasn’t with his football team Sunday. He was in Connecticut to get a trophy. He hoisted it, then turned it over to gleeful players who did the same.

“Las Vegas, we are world champions,” Davis said.

The Aces led by two points at the half and four points after three quarters. They held a six-point lead in the fourth when Plum was called for a flagrant foul after running into Bonner while the Sun guard was

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attempting a 3-pointer and sending her to the floor holding her right ankle.

Bonner hit all three free throws before Jones' short jumper cut the lead to a point. The Sun then tied the game at 67 on free throw by Courtney Williams and took a 71-70 lead on two fouls shots from Brionna Jones.

But Las Vegas had the answers.

Riquna Williams 3-pointer put the Aces back on top and Gray's step-back jumper extended the lead back to 75-71 with under a minute left. A'ja Wilson then stole a pass and Plum hit a short jump shot to secure the win.

SCRAPPY GAME

As expected, it was a physical game — appropriately played on an NFL Sunday. The Sun got a scare when Bonner took an inadvertent elbow to the gut from Gray late in the first quarter and was on the floor for a few minutes before being helped to the bench. She came back into the game later in the half, apparently suffering no ill effects. Natisha Hiedeman and Plum got into a short pushing match in the second quarter, eliciting technical fouls for both players. That was all before Plum's flagrant in the fourth.

NO GRAY AREA

Gray wasn't a WNBA All-Star this season, nor was she a first-team all-league pick, and had voiced her displeasure about that. After scoring 21 points in each of the first two games of the Finals, she scored just 11 points in Game 3, but bounced back. Way back.

"They can keep that All-Star and first team," Gray said. "I got the ring."

INCLUSIVE ORGANIZATIONS

Before the game, both coaches reflected on the makeup of organizations in the Final. The Aces are led by Hammon and two Black women executives in general manager Natalie Williams and Nikki Fargas, president of business operations. The Sun are owned by the Mohegan Tribe, have a woman president in Jen Rizzotti and are coached by Curt Miller, a gay man.

"Women's basketball is such a story in terms of diversity and inclusion. I mean, our league defines it and I'm so proud to be a part of it," Miller said, adding that he hopes to be an inspiration to any gay child "wondering if they can chase a career in sports."

Hammon said she believes the diversity in her team's front office has made it stronger.

"You can make a lot better picture with a box full of crayons than just a pencil," she said.

VEGAS PRIDE AND PARADE

The start of the celebration was shown on the video screens at the Raiders' stadium during the NFL game against Arizona on Sunday, with fans breaking into loud cheers.

They can cheer more in a few days: a parade on the Las Vegas Strip is planned for Tuesday night.

"What a team, what talent, what a victory! You have made Las Vegas so proud!" Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman said in a statement. "Thank you for your effort, discipline & focus. We can't wait for the celebrations & a great parade!"

Wilson said after the game that paraders should be ready for a party: "When you come to the parade, you better be four shots in. If you ain't four shots in, don't come."

TIP-INS

The Aces improved to 4-0 in this year's playoffs with two days rest. ... Vegas is the fourth WNBA team to win a title with both a league MVP and coach of the year ... The Sun came up short after having been among the last four WNBA teams standing for each of the last four seasons, making it back to the Finals for the first time since 2019.

"Nobody expected us to be here," Bonner said. "They expected us to lose to Chicago. They expected us to lose to Dallas. Despite all of that, we made it to the Finals." _____

This story has been corrected to show the Aces' general manager's first name is Natalie.

Flood waters receding after storm batters western Alaska

By MARK THIESSEN and CHRISTOPHER WEBER Associated Press

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Floodwaters were receding in parts of western Alaska battered by the worst storm in a half century, leaving behind debris flung by powerful Bering Sea waves into beaches and seaside communities.

The remnants of Typhoon Merbok were weakening Sunday as the storm system moved north from the Bering Strait into the Chukchi Sea on Alaska's northwest coast, where it still threatens smaller communities, said National Weather Service meteorologist Kaitlyn Lardeo.

"This guy is going to hang out in the Chukchi Sea for the next few days and just rapidly weaken because it's so stationary," she said.

Several communities reported homes were knocked off their foundations by the force of the incoming water, often propelled by winds gusting near 70 miles per hour (113 kilometers per hour). One house in Nome floated down a river until it got caught under a bridge.

Many homes were flooded and about 450 residents on the western coast sought refuge in shelters, with more than half of them at a school in Hooper Bay, where they ate processed moose donated by village residents. Others rode out the storm on higher ground outside their communities.

It was a massive storm system — big enough to cover the mainland U.S. from the Pacific Ocean to Nebraska and from Canada to Texas. It influenced weather systems as far away as California, where a rare late-summer storm dropped rain on the northern part of the state, offering a measure of relief to wildfire crews but also complicating fire suppression efforts because of mud and loosened earth.

The storm's crashing waves caused widespread flooding and damage along 1,000 miles (1,609 kilometers) of the Alaska coastline, Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy said.

There have been no reports of injuries, deaths or missing people in Alaska, the governor said during a Sunday news conference. A child reported missing Saturday was later found, he said.

Dunleavy said roads are damaged and state officials are assessing potential damage to seawalls, water and sewage systems, airports, and ports. He identified five communities — Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Golovin, Newtok and Nome — as being greatly impacted by a combination of high water, flooding, erosion and electrical issues in either the towns or their airports.

Emergency management and American Red Cross personnel will deploy to those communities as soon as Monday, while Alaska National Guard members will be sent to Nome, Bethel and Hooper Bay to assist residents. Red Cross volunteers from the Lower 48 will also conduct needs assessments for food, water and shelter in other flooded villages.

The storm caused Nome's highest water level since 1974 — 11.1 feet (3.38 meters) above the normal tide — and other communities may have surpassed levels seen in 48 years ago.

"One of the big features of this storm was the wide swath of significant damage," said Rick Thoman, a climate specialist with the International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

"So, did it live up to the hype? I would say absolutely," he said of the storm.

Becca Luce and her family live about a half mile from the Bering Sea coast in Nome.

"We have a pretty good view of the ocean from our living room," she said. "We could see the waves crashing from our window and going over the road."

Nome itself was inundated, including Front Street, the city's main business thoroughfare that also doubles as the finish line for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

One downtown restaurant, the Bering Sea Bar and Grill, was destroyed by fire Saturday night, but the cause and whether it was related to the storm is not yet known, said interim city manager Bryant Hammond.

The receding water revealed the detritus left in streets and yards, including trash, logs and other organic debris, rocks, and asphalt, Hammond said. Part of a highway was washed out in Nome, forcing residents to use a bypass to reach the community of Council, adding up to 15 miles (24 kilometers) to the 72-mile (116-kilometer) trip, he said.

"Another major concern is that freeze-up is near, and all of this damage to the roads will need to be repaired before the month ends," Luce said, using the local term for the onset of winter, which is in October in many parts of Alaska. "And it's hard to say if that will be possible, especially for the remote village

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villages without as many resources as Nome has.”

Dunleavy, who issued a state disaster declaration Saturday and is considering seeking a federal disaster declaration, said Alaska officials intend to get communities up and running again as soon as possible.

“We just have to impress upon our federal friends that it’s not a Florida situation where we’ve got months to work on this,” he said. “We’ve got several weeks.”

The rain in Northern California helped firefighters increase containment on the biggest wildfire in the state so far this year. The Mosquito Fire in the Sierra Nevada foothills northeast of Sacramento was 34% contained after downpours early Sunday. More rain was expected, which fire spokesman Scott McLean called a mixed blessing.

“It did help a bit to stifle that aggressive fire,” McLean said. “But we’re going to have new safety issues now with all the mud that’s out there. And the ground moisture could cause some of those damaged trees to fall over.”

An average of a quarter-inch (2 centimeters) of rain fell overnight across Marin, Napa and Sonoma counties north of San Francisco, with more than double that amount recorded in some mountain areas, the National Weather Service said.

Winds gusting up to 40 mph (64 kph) were forecast Sunday along Northern California coastal areas and at higher elevations in the Sierra Nevada. Gusts that strong can blow down branches and drought-stressed trees and cause power outages, warned weather service meteorologist Ryan Walbrun. He said thunderstorms were expected on and off until at least Monday.

Biden: Classified documents at Mar-a-Lago raise concerns

By COLLEEN LONG Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden says the discovery of top-secret documents at former President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate raised concerns that sensitive data was compromised and called it “irresponsible.”

Biden, who rarely does interviews, spoke to CBS’ “60 Minutes” in a segment that aired Sunday. He said that when he heard about classified documents taken from the White House, he wondered how “anyone could be that irresponsible.”

Biden added: “And I thought, what data was in there that may compromise sources and methods?”

The president said he did not get a heads-up before the Trump estate was searched, and he has not asked for any specifics “because I don’t want to get myself in the middle of whether or not the Justice Department should move or not move on certain actions they could take.”

The FBI says it took about 11,000 documents, including roughly 100 with classification markings found in a storage room and an office, while serving a court-authorized search warrant at the home on Aug. 8. Weeks after the search, Trump lawyers asked a judge to appoint a special master to conduct an independent review of the records.

The warrant says federal agents were investigating potential violations of three different federal laws, including one that governs gathering, transmitting or losing defense information under the Espionage Act.

Biden told “60 Minutes” that when he heard about classified documents being taken from the White House, he wondered how “anyone could be that irresponsible.”

“And I thought what data was in there that may compromise sources and methods?”

In the wide-ranging interview, the president wouldn’t commit to running for reelection in 2024, though he’s said in the past that he planned to.

“My intention, as I said to begin with, is that I would run again,” he said. “But it’s just an intention. But is it a firm decision that I run again? That remains to be seen.”

Biden was asked about growing concerns that Russia’s efforts to seize Ukraine could inspire China’s leader Xi Jinping to attack Taiwan. The island has been recognized by the U.S. as part of China but has its own democratic government. Xi and Russian President Vladimir Putin met last week.

Biden again said the U.S. forces would respond “if in fact there was an unprecedented attack.”

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White House officials later said the official U.S. policy had not changed, and would not say whether American forces would be called to defend Taiwan. Biden has made the claim before, but the statements come at an increasingly tense time for U.S.-China relations, particularly after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's trip there last month.

Beijing sees official American contact with Taiwan as encouragement to make the island's decades-old de facto independence permanent, a step Biden and other U.S. leaders say they don't support.

The president said the U.S. commitment to Ukraine was "ironclad" and would remain so "as long as it takes." Ukrainian troops are engaged in a counteroffensive that has reclaimed towns and cities from Russian troops. But the toll the war has taken is vast, and fresh atrocities are being revealed, including torture chambers and mass graves. Since January 2021, the U.S. has given more than \$13.5 billion in security assistance to Ukraine.

In the same hour, "60 Minutes" also aired an interview with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, who will be speaking to the U.N. General Assembly in New York this coming week. Raisi echoed standard Iranian lines about the status of currently stalled nuclear talks with world powers. He said the United States is not trustworthy and demanded guarantees that the U.S. would not withdraw from a deal as President Donald Trump did in 2018.

Raisi said he had no plans to meet with Biden on the sidelines of the U.N. event as it would serve no purpose, although he reiterated that Iran is willing to discuss prisoner exchanges with the United States. He also defended his country's anti-Israel stance and said Tehran was committed to pursuing "justice" for the Trump administration's assassination of a top Iranian military commander.

Bidens among thousands paying respects to Queen Elizabeth II

By MIKE CORDER, JILL LAWLESS and SYLVIA HUI Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — U.S. President Joe Biden paid his respects at Queen Elizabeth II's coffin on Sunday as thousands of police, hundreds of British troops and an army of officials made final preparations for the queen's state funeral — a spectacular display of national mourning that will also be the biggest gathering of world leaders for years.

People across Britain paused for a minute of silence at 8 p.m. in memory of the only monarch most have ever known. At Westminster Hall, where the queen is lying in state, the constant stream of mourners paused for 60 seconds as people observed the minute of reflection in deep silence.

In Windsor, where the queen will be laid to rest on Monday evening after her funeral at Westminster Abbey, rain began to fall as the crowd fell silent for the moment of reflection. Some have set up small camps and chairs outside Windsor Castle, with plans to spend the night there to reserve the best spots to view the queen's coffin when it arrives.

"Well, it's just one night and day of our lives. Elizabeth gave us — you know — 70 years. So the rest of it is not a lot to ask, is it?" said Fred Sweeney, 52, who kitted out his spot with two Union flags on large flag poles.

Biden and first lady Jill Biden were among thousands of mourners — from locals and tourists to royals and world leaders — to pay their respects. The president made the sign of the cross and put his hand to his heart as he stood quietly near the casket in the ornate 900-year-old hall with his wife and U.S. Ambassador Jane Hartley.

Biden then signed the official condolence book and attended a reception Sunday at Buckingham Palace hosted by King Charles III. He is one of 500 world leaders and royals invited to the queen's state funeral Monday, along with hundreds of dignitaries, politicians, military veterans and British charity workers.

Biden called Queen Elizabeth II "decent" and "honorable" and "all about service" as he signed the condolence book, saying his heart went out to the royal family.

"Queen Elizabeth lived her life for the people," Jill Biden wrote in a book for spouses and ambassadors. "She served with wisdom and grace. We will never forget her warmth, kindness and the conversations we shared."

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One no-show will be Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, whose invitation drew criticism from human rights groups because of the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in 2018. Saudi Arabia is expected to be represented by another royal, Prince Turki bin Mohammed.

As the dignitaries poured in, hundreds hoping to view the queen's coffin prepared to spend the night outside in the longest queue many have ever seen. Authorities closed the miles-long queue late Sunday so that everyone in the line can file past the coffin before Monday morning, when it will be taken to Westminster Abbey for the queen's funeral.

Family by family, thousands of people kept joining the line around the clock, braving chilly overnight temperatures and waits of up to 17 hours in a queue that stretched for over 5 miles (8 kilometers.)

Lauren Wilson, 36, was in the much-shorter queue for people with mobility issues. She said she wanted to experience in person the coffin lying in state.

"The world is in such a weird place and then this happened. It feels more momentous," she said.

She worried that the pageantry surrounding Elizabeth's death deprives the queen's relatives of the ability to come to terms with their loss.

"The family are not allowed to grieve. I find it quite heartbreaking," she said.

The queen's eight grandchildren, led by heir to the throne Prince William, circled the coffin and stood with their heads bowed during a silent vigil on Saturday evening.

Among the foreign leaders in London was New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who told the BBC she was humbled to represent her nation at the funeral and to witness the national outpouring of grief and respect for the late queen.

"The thing that I will take away from this period is just the beauty of the public's response, the kindness that you see from members of the public, the patience, the camaraderie. That has been, for me, the most moving tribute of all, has been the public response of the British people," she said.

Monday has been declared a public holiday in honor of Elizabeth, who died Sept. 8 at 96 after 70 years on the throne. Her funeral will be broadcast live to over 200 countries and territories worldwide and screened to crowds in parks and public spaces across the country.

Police officers from around the country will be on duty as part of the biggest one-day policing operation in London's history.

Camilla, the queen consort, paid tribute to her mother-in-law in a video message, saying the monarch "carved her own role" as a "solitary woman" on a world stage dominated by men.

"I will always remember her smile. That smile is unforgettable," said Camilla, who is married to Charles.

Ukraine's first lady, Olena Zelenska, was also among mourners paying respects to the queen's coffin. British royal officials said Zelenska met with Catherine, the Princess of Wales, at Buckingham Palace on Sunday afternoon. They did not release further details. The British government has been among the strongest supporters of Ukraine since it was invaded by Russia in February.

On Saturday night, it was the grandchildren's time to mourn. William and Prince Harry, Charles' sons, were joined by Princess Anne's children, Zara Tindall and Peter Philips; Prince Andrew's daughters, Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie; and Prince Edward's two children — Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn.

William stood with his head bowed at the head of the coffin and Harry at the foot. Both princes, who are military veterans, were in uniform. The crowd kept slowly, silently filing past.

"You could see that they were thinking hard about their grandmother, the queen," said Ian Mockett, a civil engineer from Oxford in southern England. "It was good to see them all together as a set of grandchildren, given the things that have happened over the last few years."

The lying-in-state continues until early Monday morning, when the queen's coffin will be moved on a gun carriage pulled by 142 Royal Navy sailors to nearby Westminster Abbey for the funeral, the finale of 10 days of national mourning for Britain's longest-reigning monarch.

After the service Monday at the abbey, the late queen's coffin will be transported through the historic heart of London on the state gun carriage. It will then be taken in a hearse to Windsor, where the queen will be interred alongside her late husband, Prince Philip, who died last year at 99.

Sumita Tanda put down bright red roses as a huge floral tribute bloomed near Windsor Castle. "I feel so privileged to be a local resident of Windsor," she said. "I just wanted to pay my respects."

First public global database of fossil fuels launches

BY DREW COSTLEY AP Science Writer

A first-of-its-kind database for tracking the world's fossil fuel production, reserves and emissions launches on Monday to coincide with climate talks taking place at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The Global Registry of Fossil Fuels includes data from over 50,000 oil, gas and coal fields in 89 countries. That covers 75% of global reserves, production and emissions, and is available for public use, a first for a collection of this size.

Until now there has been private data available for purchase, and analysis of the world's fossil fuel usage and reserves. The International Energy Agency also maintains public data on oil, gas and coal, but it focuses on the demand for those fossil fuels, whereas this new database looks at what is yet to be burned.

The registry was developed by Carbon Tracker, a nonprofit think tank that researches the energy transition's effect on financial markets, and the Global Energy Monitor, an organization that tracks a variety of energy projects around the globe.

Corporations, investors and scientists already have some level of access to private data on fossil fuels. Mark Campanale, founder of Carbon Tracker, said he hopes the registry will empower groups to hold governments accountable, for example, when they issue licenses for fossil fuel extraction.

"Civil society groups have got to get more of a focus on what governments are planning to do in terms of license issuance, both for coal and oil and gas, and actually begin to challenge this permitting process," Campanale told The Associated Press.

The release of the database and an accompanying analysis of the collected data coincide with two critical sets of climate talks at the international level — the U.N. General Assembly in New York beginning on September 13, and COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, in November. Data like what's being released in the registry could arm environmental and climate groups to pressure national leaders to agree to stronger policies that result in less carbon emissions.

And we're in dire need of carbon reductions, Campanale said.

In their analysis of the data, the developers found that the United States and Russia have enough fossil fuel still underground untapped to exhaust the world's remaining carbon budget. That's the remaining carbon the world can afford to emit before a certain amount of warming occurs, in this case 1.5 degrees Celsius. It also shows these reserves would generate 3.5 trillion tons of greenhouse gas emissions, which is more than all of the emissions produced since the Industrial Revolution.

"We already have enough extractable fossil fuels to cook the planet. We can't afford to use them all — or almost any of them at this point. We've run out of time to build new things in old ways," said Rob Jackson, a Stanford University climate scientist who was not involved with the database.

"I like the emphasis on transparency in fossil fuel production and reserves, down to specific projects. That's a unique aspect to the work."

Jackson compared the global carbon budget to a bathtub.

"You can run water only so long before the tub overflows," he said. When the tub is close to overflowing, he said, governments can turn down the faucet (mitigating greenhouse gas emissions) or open the tub's drain more (removing carbon from the atmosphere).

The database shows that we have much more carbon than we need as a global community, Campanale said, and more than enough to overflow the bathtub and flood the bathroom in Jackson's analogy. So investors and shareholders should be holding decision makers at the world's largest oil, gas and coal companies accountable when they approve new investments in fossil fuel extraction, he said.

Campanale said the hope is the investment community, "who ultimately own these corporations," will use the data to begin to challenge the investment plans of companies still planning to expand oil, gas and coal projects.

"Companies like Shell and Exxon, Chevron and their shareholders can use the analysis to to really begin to try and push the companies to move in a completely different direction."

Live updates: Will and Kate's older kids attending funeral

By The Associated Press undefined

LONDON — Prince William and his wife Catherine's 9-year-old son Prince George and 7-year-old daughter Princess Charlotte will attend Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral.

George, who is now second in line to the throne, and his sister will walk through Westminster Abbey with the royal family in procession behind the queen's coffin as it is carried by pallbearers Monday.

The funeral's order of service showed that George and Charlotte will walk together behind their parents. They will be followed by Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, and other royal family members.

The royal children's 4-year-old brother, Prince Louis, is not expected to be present at the funeral, which will be attended by some 2,000 people.

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- Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II is huge security challenge
- World leaders head to London for Queen Elizabeth II funeral
- Royal lying in state rituals endure despite changing times
- Queen paved the way for transition to Charles in final years
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OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:

LONDON — British officials say the line for people to view Queen Elizabeth II lying in state had reached "final capacity" and had to be closed to new entrants.

"Please do not attempt to join the queue," the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport said in a tweet late Sunday.

Hundreds of thousands of people have waited for up to 12 hours in a miles-long line through central London in the past four days for a chance to file past the queen's coffin at Westminster Hall in the Houses of Parliament.

The lying in state ends Monday morning, when the queen's coffin will be taken to nearby Westminster Abbey for her state funeral service.

LONDON — King Charles III has issued a message of thanks to people in the U.K. and around the world, saying he and his wife Camilla, the queen consort, have been "moved beyond measure" by the large numbers of people who have turned out to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II.

"In London, Edinburgh, Hillsborough and Cardiff we were moved beyond measure by everyone who took the trouble to come and pay their respects to the lifelong service of my dear mother, the late queen," Charles said in a message issued Sunday by Buckingham Palace.

"As we all prepare to say our last farewell, I wanted simply to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those countless people who have been such a support and comfort to my family and myself in this time of grief," he added.

On Monday, Charles and other royals will join some 2,000 people including hundreds of world leaders and dignitaries at Westminster Abbey for the queen's state funeral service.

LONDON — People across Britain have paused for minute of silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II on the eve of her funeral.

The government had encouraged people to spend a minute in reflection, either at home, with neighbors or in locally organized ceremonies.

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In Westminster Hall, where the queen is lying in state, the line of mourners halted for 60 seconds. The queen is due to be laid to rest at Windsor Castle on Monday after a state funeral at Westminster Abbey in London attended by royalty, heads of state and dignitaries from around the world.

LONDON — U.S. President Joe Biden has joined world leaders and dignitaries at Buckingham Palace for a reception hosted by King Charles III.

Biden and first lady Jill Biden arrived in their presidential car Sunday among a convoy of vehicles, while dozens of world leaders arrived in groups by bus.

Among them were New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Irish President Michael D. Higgins and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro also joined dozens of other guests at the reception.

World leaders have flown into London to attend Queen Elizabeth II's funeral service on Monday.

LONDON — Ukraine's first lady, Olena Zelenska, has appeared at London's Westminster Hall to pay her respects to Queen Elizabeth II.

British royal officials said Zelenska also met with Catherine, the Princess of Wales, at Buckingham Palace on Sunday afternoon. They did not release further details.

World leaders including U.S. President Joe Biden have flown into London to attend the queen's funeral service on Monday.

Zelenska is expected to join some 2,000 dignitaries and guests in Westminster Abbey for the service. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is not expected to attend as the war in Ukraine continues.

LONDON — U.S. President Joe Biden called Queen Elizabeth II "decent" and "honorable" as he signed a condolence book Sunday, saying his heart went out to the royal family.

The president and first lady are in London to pay their respects to the queen, who is lying in state at Westminster Hall.

Biden sat down at a simple table draped in blue with a framed photo of the queen and bouquet of white flowers and wrote a note in the book before speaking briefly.

He said the queen treated people with dignity.

Jill Biden signed the book specific for spouses and ambassadors at a similar table in a different room of Lancaster House.

"Queen Elizabeth lived her life for the people," Jill Biden wrote. "She served with wisdom and grace. We will never forget her warmth, kindness and the conversations we shared."

The president and first lady are among hundreds of world leaders in London for the queen's funeral Monday. Elizabeth died Sept. 8 at age 96, and hundreds of thousands of people have waited in long lines to pay respects to the UK's longest-reigning monarch.

LONDON — U.S. President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden are paying their respects to Queen Elizabeth II.

Biden traveled to Westminster Hall in London where the queen is lying in state. He made the sign of the cross Sunday and put his hand to his heart as he stood quietly near the casket. The Bidens were joined by U.S. Ambassador Jane Hartley.

Biden was also expected to sign the official condolence book and attend a reception Sunday at Buckingham Palace hosted by King Charles III before attending the state funeral at Westminster Abbey on Monday. He is one of hundreds of world leaders in town to pay their respects to the queen, who died Sept. 8 at 96 after 70 years on the throne.

Hundreds of thousands of other mourners have waited for hours in a queue to walk past the queen's casket.

WINDSOR, England — Thousands of people made their way to Windsor Castle on Sunday, a day before

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the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, to lay flowers at the gates of what will be her final resting place.

Many feared the crowds on Monday would prohibit them from paying their last respects at the palace gates, where bouquets had piled up.

Police officers were dotted along the route along the Long Walk, a 3-mile (5-kilometer) avenue where a walking funeral procession will be held before the queen is laid to rest in St. George's Chapel.

Mourners went through an security check before entering the premises. More are expected to come after the national silence is observed at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Mourners have been told not to bring tents or gazebos, only chairs and blankets. Stalls have opened along the road, selling food and refreshments.

Steve Beeson had come with his family of three and was unwrapping the plastic off his bouquet of flowers for the queen, following a strict rule by organizers.

The queen "was the only head of state we have ever known, all our lives," he said. "She has been a constant steadying of the reigns for the country through all of these really rough times, the least we can do is come and say 'Thank you.'"

LONDON — Prince Andrew has paid tribute to his mother Queen Elizabeth II, saying he will forever treasure "your love for a son, your compassion, your care, your confidence."

Addressing the late monarch as "Mummy, Mother, Your Majesty," Andrew said "it has been an honor and privilege to serve you."

Andrew, 62, said "I have found your knowledge and wisdom infinite," adding: "I will miss your insights, advice and humor."

Andrew, the third of the queen's four children, has been relieved of official royal duties and stripped of his honorary military titles over his friendship with the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Last year he reached a multimillion-dollar settlement with a woman who says she was trafficked by Epstein and filed a U.S. lawsuit accusing the prince of sexual assault when she was 17. Andrew denies the allegations.

LONDON — London's transport authority says it is preparing for around 1 million people to visit the British capital Monday for Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral.

Transport for London chief Andy Byford said Sunday the capital has seen "huge numbers of additional passengers" since the queen died on Sept. 8. But he said demand will "reach a climax" on Monday.

Across the country some 250 extra train services will run, including some overnight trains. Peter Hendy, chairman of Network Rail, said Monday will see the "biggest public transport operation since the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games."

More than 100 Heathrow Airport flights will be canceled to prevent aircraft noise disturbing the funeral at Westminster Abbey Monday morning and the queen's committal service at Windsor Castle afterward.

The west London airport said 15% of its 1,200 flights due to take off or land on Monday will be disrupted.

LONDON — The wife of King Charles III is paying homage to the late Queen Elizabeth II and her strength as a woman in a world dominated by male leaders for much of her 70-year reign.

In a video message being broadcast Sunday night, Queen Consort Camilla says: "It must have been so difficult for her being a solitary woman."

She adds: "There weren't women prime ministers or presidents. She was the only one, so I think she carved her own role."

The late queen, who died Sept. 8 aged 96, ended years of debate about Camilla's title when she said on the eve of her Platinum Jubilee earlier this year that it was her "sincere wish" that Camilla, then the Duchess of Cornwall, be known as queen consort when her eldest son became king.

In a personal reflection on her time with the queen, Camilla says: "She's got those wonderful blue eyes, that when she smiles they light up her whole face."

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LONDON — London Police say they have charged a man who is accused of lunging at Queen Elizabeth II's coffin as it lay in state at the Houses of Parliament with a public order offense.

The Metropolitan Police say in a statement that Muhammad Khan, a 28-year-old from east London, is charged with behavior intended to "cause alarm, harassment or distress."

Tracey Holland told Sky News that her 7-year-old niece was pushed out of the way by a man who tried to "run up to the coffin, lift up the standard and try to do I don't know what." She said police detained the man in "two seconds."

Khan is set to appear at Westminster Magistrates' Court on Monday – the day of the queen's state funeral.

Tagovailoa, Dolphins rally from 21 down to beat Ravens 42-38

By NOAH TRISTER AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Down by three touchdowns, Tua Tagovailoa and his speedy Miami receivers raced past the Baltimore Ravens in a stirring fourth-quarter comeback.

Even Lamar Jackson couldn't keep up.

Tagovailoa threw for 469 yards and six touchdowns, four of which came during the final period, and the Dolphins rallied from a 21-point deficit to beat Jackson and the Ravens 42-38 on Sunday.

Tagovailoa's 7-yard touchdown pass to Jaylen Waddle with 14 seconds left completed the incredible comeback after Miami trailed 35-14 with under 13 minutes remaining.

"This just shows the resiliency of our team," Tagovailoa said. "You look at the big picture of it, the confidence goes up."

Through his first two seasons with Miami, Tagovailoa was adequate but not exactly a star. So this performance was huge for the Dolphins, who improved to 2-0 under new coach Mike McDaniels. This was Tagovailoa's first 400-yard passing game, and his six TDs tied a team record held by Bob Griese and Dan Marino.

"I think it was a moment he'll never forget and can use it moving forward," McDaniels said. "I couldn't be happier for him. His teammates learned a lot about him, and I think he learned something about himself."

Tyreek Hill had touchdown catches of 48 and 60 yards during that rally, the latter of which tied the game with 5:19 to play.

Justin Tucker kicked a 51-yard field goal with 2:18 remaining to put Baltimore ahead, but that was far too much time for Miami's offense, which the Ravens (1-1) didn't come close to stopping in the final quarter.

The Dolphins overcame a spectacular performance by Jackson, who threw three first-half touchdown passes and then gave Baltimore its 21-point lead with a 79-yard TD run in the third. Jackson threw for 318 yards and three touchdowns.

The Ravens got into position for Jackson to throw a desperation pass on the final play of the game, but that fell incomplete.

Tagovailoa was intercepted twice in the first half, but he more than made up for that. Waddle had 11 catches for 171 yards and two touchdowns, and Hill had 11 for 190 yards and his two TDs.

"He was making some throws, and those guys were doing their thing," Jackson said. "Waddle, Tyreek — heck of a player. Shout out to Tua because he did his thing."

Miami had 233 yards in the fourth quarter.

Devin Duvernay returned the opening kickoff 103 yards for a touchdown, and the Ravens never trailed until the final seconds. They might have scored a TD on all four of their offensive possessions in the first half if not for a fumble near the Miami goal line.

The Dolphins couldn't recreate their exceptional defensive effort of a season ago, when their blitz wreaked havoc on the Baltimore offense. The Ravens lost that game 22-10 on their lowest-scoring night of the season.

Jackson put the Ravens up 14-7 with a short pass over the middle that Rashod Bateman turned into a 75-yard touchdown. Later in the second quarter, he threw for TDs of 1 yard to Mark Andrews and 12 yards to Demarcus Robinson.

Then Jackson's most spectacular play came near the end of the third, when he faked a handoff and

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breezed through a big hole up the middle and past the Miami secondary. The touchdown was the longest run of Jackson's career, and it also put him over 100 yards rushing, a record 11th time he's done that. He previously shared the mark for quarterbacks with Michael Vick, who had 10 100-yard games on the ground.

Jackson became the first quarterback in NFL history with both a touchdown pass and a touchdown run of at least 75 yards in the same game. He finished with 119 yards on nine carries.

After Duvernay's touchdown to start the game, Tagovailoa drove the Dolphins into Baltimore territory, but Marcus Williams created a turnover with a remarkable display of concentration. He jumped in front of Hill to break up a pass, and while lying on the grass, he reached out to catch the falling ball before it hit the ground.

The Ravens drove to the 1-yard line, but after a third-down touchdown run by Jackson was overturned on replay, the Baltimore quarterback lost control of the snap on what looked like a quarterback sneak attempt on fourth down.

Miami drove 94 yards and tied it at 7 on Tagovailoa's 6-yard touchdown pass to Waddle.

With the Ravens up 21-7, Tagovailoa's deep pass was picked off — again by Williams — and that gave Baltimore a chance to score once more before halftime.

Tagovailoa threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Mike Gesicki to make it 28-14 in the third, and his 2-yarder to River Cracraft in the fourth made it 35-21.

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The Ravens obviously aren't where they want to be in the defensive backfield despite adding Williams and first-round draft pick Kyle Hamilton in the offseason. It's hard enough to stop Waddle and Hill when they're taking short throws and running after the catch — but the game turned when Baltimore let Hill get behind the defense deep a couple of times.

"Never did you think we were going to have that many balls thrown over our head," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "That just can't happen. That's not OK. I don't care who's back there."

Cornerback Marcus Peters was in his first game back after missing all of last season with a knee injury, and cornerback Marlon Humphrey played after dealing with a groin injury during the week.

INJURIES

Miami WR Cedrick Wilson left with rib issues. ... Baltimore LB Steven Means was carted off in the second quarter with an ankle injury, and Duvernay entered concussion protocol late in the game.

UP NEXT

Dolphins: Host the Buffalo Bills next Sunday.

Ravens: At the New England Patriots on Sunday.

Yanks' Judge hits 58th, 59th homers, 2 shy of Maris' AL mark

MILWAUKEE (AP) — New York Yankees slugger Aaron Judge hit his 58th and 59th home runs of the season on Sunday, moving within two of Roger Maris' American League record with 16 games remaining.

Judge's 11th multihomer game tied the season record set by Detroit's Hank Greenberg 1938 and matched by the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa in 1998. The two homers against Milwaukee totaled 857 feet.

Seeking a Triple Crown, Judge had four hits and four RBIs. He leads the major leagues in homers and with 127 RBIs. His two-run double in the ninth raised his batting average to .3162, third behind Minnesota's Luis Arraez at .317 and Boston's Xander Bogaerts at .3164.

Judge hit his first of the day on a sinker from Jason Alexander with a 2-0 count in the third inning. The 414-foot, opposite-field drive left the bat at 112 mph.

Then in the seventh against Luis Perdomo, Judge pulled a slider with a 1-2 count for a 443-foot shot to left.

Judge, had not homered in his previous three games since going deep twice at Boston's Fenway Park. Philadelphia's Kyle Schwarber is second in the major leagues with 39 homers.

Maris hit 61 homers for the Yankees in 1961, one more than Babe Ruth in 1927.

Zelenskyy promises no 'lull' in taking back Ukrainian towns

By JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy promised his country there would be no letup in the counteroffensive that has reclaimed towns and cities from Russian troops, as shelling continued Sunday across a wide stretch of Ukraine.

Zelenskyy ran through a list of towns that Ukraine has taken back in its lightning push across the northeast.

"Maybe now it seems to some of you that after a series of victories we have a certain lull," he said in his nightly video address. "But this is not a lull. This is preparation for the next series... Because Ukraine must be free — all of it."

Ukraine's military command said its forces secured the eastern bank of the Oskil River on Saturday. The river, which flows south from Russia into Ukraine, had been a natural break in the newly emerged front lines since Kyiv's counteroffensive began.

As Russian shells hit towns and cities over the weekend, the British defense ministry warned that Moscow is likely to increase attacks on civilian targets as it suffers battlefield defeats.

"In the last seven days, Russia has increased its targeting of civilian infrastructure even where it probably perceives no immediate military effect," the ministry said in an online briefing. "As it faces setbacks on the front lines, Russia has likely extended the locations it is prepared to strike in an attempt to directly undermine the morale of the Ukrainian people and government."

Russian fire killed four medics attempting to evacuate a psychiatric hospital in the Kharkiv region on Saturday, said governor Oleh Syniehubov. Two patients were wounded in the attack in Strelecha, he said.

Overnight shelling also hit a hospital in Mykolaiv, a significant Black Sea port, regional governor Vitaliy Kim said. And five people had died over the past day in Russian attacks in the Donetsk region, one of two Ukrainian regions that Russia recognizes as sovereign states, governor Pavlo Kyrylenko said.

The separatist forces that control much of Donetsk said Ukrainian shelling of a prisoner-of-war colony in Olenivka killed one prisoner and injured four. More than 50 POWs were reported killed in a July attack on the Olenivka prison; Russian and Ukrainian authorities blame each other.

A Washington-based think tank, the Institute for the Study of War, said Russian forces in Donetsk continue to conduct "meaningless operations" on villages as opposed to reinforcing the front line.

A top Vatican envoy and his entourage came under fire as they were distributing humanitarian supplies in Ukraine, the Vatican news service said on Sunday. It reported no injuries.

The incident took place near the city of Zaporizhzhia on Saturday, and forced Vatican Almoner Cardinal Konrad Krajewski and others to take cover.

"For the first time in my life, I didn't know where to run. Because it is not enough to run, you have to know where to go," said the Polish-born cardinal, whose office makes charitable contributions in the pope's name.

Three people were wounded in nighttime shelling of Nikopol, across the river from Europe's largest nuclear power station, said regional governor Valentyn Reznichenko. The six-reactor Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant was captured by Russian forces in March, but is operated by Ukrainian engineers. Its last reactor was switched off a week ago after repeated power failures because shelling put crucial safety systems at risk.

Meanwhile, prosecutors in Kharkiv are accusing Russia of torturing civilians in one village that was recently freed. In an online statement, they said they found a basement where Russian forces allegedly tortured prisoners in Kozacha Lopan, near the border with Russia.

In images they released, they showed a Russian military TA-57 telephone with additional wires and alligator clips attached to it. Ukrainian officials have accused Russian forces of using the Soviet-era radio telephones as a power source to shock prisoners during interrogation. It was not immediately possible to verify the Ukrainians' claims.

Ukraine alleges torture at village near Russian border

By ELENA BECATOROS and LEO CORREA Associated Press

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KOZACHA LOPAN, Ukraine (AP) — In a dank basement behind the local supermarket, metal bars cordon off a corner of the room to form a large cell. A dirty sleeping bag and duvets show three sleeping spots on top of sheets of Styrofoam for insulation from the damp earth floor. In the corner, two black buckets served as toilets.

A few meters (yards) outside the barred cell, three dilapidated chairs stand around a table, cigarette butts and pumpkin seed husks littering the floor around them.

Ukrainian authorities say this was a makeshift prison where Russian forces abused detainees before Ukrainian troops swept through the border village of Kozacha Lopan in a major counteroffensive in the Kharkiv region this month. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said more than 10 such "torture chambers" have been discovered in the region since the hasty withdrawal of Russian troops last week. The claims of what occurred in the room could not be independently confirmed.

Kozacha Lopan, whose edge lies less than two kilometers (just over a mile) from the Russian border, was retaken by Ukrainian forces Sept. 11.

In a statement posted Saturday on its Telegram channel, the prosecutor's office of the Kharkiv region, in whose jurisdiction Kozacha Lopan lies, said the room seen by AP journalists was used as a torture cell during the occupation of the area. It said Russian forces had set up a local police force that ran the prison, adding that documents confirming the functioning of the police department and implements of torture had been seized. The statement said an investigation was being conducted.

Images the prosecutors released showed a Russian military TA-57 telephone with additional wires and alligator clips attached to it. Ukrainian officials have accused Russian forces of using the Soviet-era radio telephones as a power source to shock prisoners during interrogation.

In his nightly address to the nation Saturday, Zelenskyy mentioned another location, at the railway station in Kozacha Lopan, where he said "a room for torture and tools for electric torture was found."

Viacheslav Zadorenko, head of the Derhachi municipality to which Kozacha Lopan belongs, pointed AP journalists on Sunday to a semi-basement of the train station, where he said interrogations had been carried out.

Members of Ukraine's State Emergency Service, or DSNS, checked on Sunday for unexploded devices and booby traps but found none.

A sandbag barrier stood outside the stairs leading down into two small rooms. The first room was furnished with three tables and numerous chairs, a faded icon of the Virgin Mary on one table, two books on another, including a novel by Russian literary critic and philosopher Nikolay Gavrilovich Chernyshevsky.

Jumbles of wires and cables littered the floor, a small fridge stood in the corner. In a narrow adjoining room, a row of wooden cabinets stood open and mostly empty, and a mattress lay on the top bunk of a bunk-bed, a pair of discarded flip-flops and shoes on the floor.

It was impossible to independently confirm what occurred in the rooms.

Zadorenko, who is from Kozacha Lopan himself and whose mother stayed in the village during the fighting, said Russian forces tortured locals, and also limited the communications of those living there and took away their documents, including his own mother.

"She was unable to evacuate and leave, they knew she was my mother so they kept her. Some of the physical tortures were applied to her and she was under psychological pressure," he said.

"People went through hard times, a lot of locals whose fate is unknown until today, lots of locals have died, lots of people were forcibly evacuated to the Russian federation," he added.

Burial sites have been found in some areas where Russian forces were pushed out, most notably in the city of Iziurm, where Ukrainian officials say more than 440 graves have been found near the city's cemetery. Zelenskyy has said they contain the bodies of civilian adults and children, as well as soldiers, showing signs of violent deaths, some possibly from torture.

Vitalii, a commander in the National Guard, said his team is hunting for graves of possible victims of abuse at the detention center in Kozacha Lopan. He asked to be identified by his first name only for security reasons.

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The team is also recovering bodies on the battlefield, which are lying where they fell on farm fields or inside burned-out tanks. The Russian army was pushed back across the border into Russia after holding the area for months. But artillery shells still whistle through the air, fired from inside Russia and landing with resonating thumps and billows of black smoke on Ukrainian territory.

Despite the shelling, a small group of soldiers winds its way along a rutted mud track to where a dead Ukrainian combatant lies, spotted by a drone used to search for bodies and shallow graves.

"It's a risk. We are always risking our lives and at any moment there might be some shell flying in from the territory of Russia," Vitalii said.

The dead Ukrainian is lying on his back in body armor and helmet, a cap beneath it to block out the sun. The body has been there for a long time.

They document the scene and lift the remains into a body bag before heading farther along the track to a charred Russian tank. It takes only one of the team to carry away the body bag holding the remains of the Russian found inside.

Autopsies will follow, and the details of the sites recorded and passed on to investigators looking into potential war crimes, Vitalii said.

Throughout this border area, where fierce battles raged, villages bear the devastating scars of war: houses bombed and burned, roads pitted with bomb craters, smashed cars lying by the roadside.

Residents who fled during the height of the fighting have been returning to see what became of their homes.

Nothing is left of Alina Orobchenko's home in the nearby village of Prudyanka but four broken, fire-blasted walls. The entire house in which she lived for 30 years was turned into a jumble of burnt, twisted rubble. Nothing was salvageable.

"It's really hard to decide what to do next, it's impossible to plan for the future," the 47-year-old school-teacher said as she picked her way over the smashed roofing tiles and piles of masonry.

"We've already cried out all our tears," Orobchenko said. "But now we know we need to overcome this, and get on with our lives."

Outside the blackened, smashed front windows, her pink and red roses have bloomed among the weeds and wreckage.

Report: Some census takers who fudged data didn't get fired

By MIKE SCHNEIDER Associated Press

Some census takers who falsified information during the 2020 count didn't have their work redone fully, weren't fired in a timely manner and in some cases even received bonuses, according to the U.S. Commerce Department's watchdog group.

The findings released Friday by the Office of Inspector General raise concerns about possible damage to the quality of the once-a-decade head count that determines political power and federal funding,

Off-campus students at colleges and universities were likely undercounted since the census started around the same time students were sent home to stop the spread of COVID-19 in March 2020, the review found.

During the 2020 census, The Associated Press documented cases of census takers who were pressured by their supervisors to enter false information into a computer system about homes they had not visited so they could close cases during the waning days of the census.

Supervisors were able to track their census takers' work in real time through mobile devices that the census takers used to record information about households' numbers, demographic characteristics and members' relationships to one another. As a result, supervisors would get alerts when actions raised red flags about accuracy, such as a census taker recording data on a home while far away from the address or a census taker conducting an interview in just a few minutes. As a quality control check, others census takers were sent back to homes to re-interview residents.

The Inspector General's probe concluded that some alerts weren't being properly resolved, some re-interviews weren't properly conducted and that the work of some census takers whose work had been

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flagged for falsifying data had not been reworked to fix its accuracy. In fact, some census takers whose work was flagged for falsifications were given more cases, weren't fired and were reassigned to other operations, the report said.

Of the 1,400 census takers who were designated "hard fails" because questions about the accuracy of their work, only 300 were fired for misconduct or unsatisfactory performance. Of the 1,400 "hard fail" census takers, 1,300 of them received bonuses ranging from \$50 to \$1,600 each, the report said.

The census is the largest nonmilitary mobilization in the U.S. Data gathered during the census determines how many congressional seats each state gets. The numbers also are used for redrawing political districts and distributing \$1.5 trillion in federal spending each year. Because of that, undercounts can cost communities funding.

The 2020 census faced unprecedented challenges including the pandemic, natural disasters and political interference from the Trump administration.

In response to the Inspector General's report, the Census Bureau said it appreciated the concerns that were raised but disagreed with the conclusions that data quality may have been damaged since the report cited only a small number of cases out of the overall workload.

"As a result, we asserted that the findings could not and should not be presented as a conclusive assessment of overall census quality," Census Bureau Director Robert Santos said in the written response.

Under Census Bureau rules, college and university students should have been counted where they spent the most time, either at on-campus housing or off-campus apartments, even if they were sent home because of the pandemic. Most schools didn't provide the Census Bureau with off-campus student data, and the bureau had to use a last-resort, less-accurate statistical tool to fill in the information gaps on more than 10% of the off-campus student population when they were given the information, the Inspector General's report said.

Schools often didn't provide the data because they didn't have information on off-campus students or because of privacy concerns. The Inspector General recommends passage of legislation that would require schools to provide needed information in future head counts.

"Although difficult to quantify, the fiscal implication of specifically undercounting off-campus students at the correct location for states and localities is potentially far-reaching," the report said.

The city of Boston, which is home to Northeastern University, Boston University and several other schools, said in a challenge to its census figures that the count missed 6,000 students.

Suits to save Confederate icons dropped in South Carolina

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Lawsuits filed to stop the removal of memorials to Confederate leaders and a pro-slavery congressman in a South Carolina city have been dropped.

The Post and Courier reports that the American Heritage Association helped fund one of the lawsuits. It had been filed by descendants of John C. Calhoun, a former congressman and vice president who died before the Civil War, opposing the city of Charleston's removal of Calhoun's statue.

The association also had filed a lawsuit opposing the removal of a Robert E. Lee Memorial Highway marker from the campus of a charter school in Charleston, and the renaming of an auditorium that had been named after Christopher Memminger, a treasury secretary of the Confederacy.

The stone-and-metal monument to Confederate Gen. Lee, was removed in July 2021 and placed in storage.

The city made a deal with the South Carolina State Museum to take the statue of Calhoun.

Both suits had been filed in state court. The highway marker and auditorium lawsuit was dropped Sept. 13. The Calhoun lawsuit was dropped Sept. 15, the newspaper reported.

AHA President Brett Barry declined to comment on the status of the Calhoun case, despite the descendants' request for dismissal.

"Charleston monuments are an integral part of the city's historical and artistic American landscape," Barry told The Post and Courier. "Both the American Heritage Association and members of the Calhoun family look forward to commenting on the destruction of U.S. Vice President Calhoun's monument and

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the associated lawsuit in the coming weeks.”

Opponents of the removal of the Lee memorial had accused the city of violating the state Heritage Act, which protects certain monuments.

“As city attorneys have made clear from the start, there was never a violation of the Heritage Act,” Charleston city spokesman Jack O’Toole told The Post and Courier on Sept. 16. “And now that these lawsuits have been dropped, the city can start moving forward once again with plans for these historical items to be displayed in an appropriate public setting here in our state.”

In world beset by turbulence, nations’ leaders gather at UN

By EDITH M. LEDERER Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Facing a complex set of challenges that try humanity as never before, world leaders convene at the United Nations this week under the shadow of Europe’s first major war since World War II — a conflict that has unleashed a global food crisis and divided major powers in a way not seen since the Cold War.

The many facets of the Ukraine war are expected to dominate the annual meeting, which convenes as many countries and peoples confront growing inequality, an escalating climate crisis, the threat of multiple famines and an internet-fueled tide of misinformation and hate speech — all atop a coronavirus pandemic that is halfway through its third year.

For the first time since the United Nations was founded atop the ashes of World War II, European nations are witnessing war in their midst waged by nuclear-armed neighboring Russia. Its Feb. 24 invasion not only threatens Ukraine’s survival as an independent democratic nation but has leaders in many countries worrying about trying to preserve regional and international peace and prevent a wider war.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the strategic divides — with the West on one side and Russia and increasingly China on the other — are “paralyzing the global response to the dramatic challenges we face.”

He pointed not only to the devastation in Ukraine from nearly seven months of fighting but the war’s impact on the global economy.

Escalating food and energy prices are hitting the world’s poorest people hardest, and nations are “being devoured by the acids of nationalism and self-interest” instead of working together and resolving disputes peacefully, two principles that lie at the heart of the U.N. Charter and underpin everything the United Nations tries to do.

“The General Assembly is meeting at a time of great peril,” the U.N. chief said last week.

For the first time in three years, leaders will be delivering their speeches in person in the vast General Assembly hall. There will be no more COVID-caused prerecorded addresses or hybrid meetings, with one exception: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Over objections from Russia and a few allies, the 193-member assembly voted overwhelmingly Friday to allow the Ukrainian leader to pre-record his speech because of reasons beyond his control — the “ongoing foreign invasion” and military hostilities that require him to carry out his “national defense and security duties.”

The death of Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II and her funeral in London on Monday, which many world leaders plan to attend, have created last-minute headaches for the high-level meeting. Diplomats and U.N. staff are scrambling to deal with changes in travel plans, the timing of some events and the logistically intricate speaking schedule for world leaders.

Guterres is skipping the funeral to preside over Monday’s “Transforming Education Summit” that he called to create action on a U.N. goal to ensure quality education for all children by 2030 that lost significant ground during the pandemic.

The actual gathering of world leaders, known as the General Debate, begins Tuesday morning with the U.N. chief’s state of the world speech to the 77th session of the General Assembly which began on Sept. 12. Brazil has spoken first for over seven decades because at the early General Assembly sessions it vol-

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unteered to speak first when no other country did.

The U.S. president, representing the host country for the United Nations, is traditionally the second speaker. But President Joe Biden is attending the queen's funeral, and his speech has been delayed until Wednesday morning. Senegalese President Macky Sall is expected to take Biden's slot.

Nearly 150 presidents, prime ministers and monarchs are on the latest speakers list, a very high number reflecting the importance of the meeting not only for presenting every country's view of the world but for private one-on-one and group meetings where diplomats say a lot of the world's business is carried out.

In addition to Zelenskyy, Biden and Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, other heads of state coming to the U.N. include the presidents of Turkey, Iran, France, Colombia, South Korea, South Africa, Egypt and Venezuela. Heads of government on the list include Britain's new Prime Minister Liz Truss, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz also making a first appearance, and the prime ministers of Japan, Israel, Iraq and Pakistan. Russia and China are sending their foreign ministers.

For many years, foreign ministers of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — have met on the sidelines for lunch or dinner. Diplomats said no meeting is planned this year.

During typical high-level weeks, thousands of people are in the U.N. complex for speeches and hundreds of side events. But because of the continuing pandemic, this year only the few events organized by the secretary-general and the General Assembly president are being held at U.N. headquarters. Dozens of side events will take place elsewhere in the city.

Richard Gowan, U.N. director of the International Crisis Group, said Ukraine and the food crisis will be the two "overarching themes" and the message from Western leaders is going to be clear: "This is Russia's war of aggression and this is a huge attack on the U.N. system."

A highlight will be the U.N. Security Council ministerial meeting on Sept. 22 focusing on the fight against impunity in the war in Ukraine — a topic decided by France which holds the council presidency this month. The meeting could put foreign ministers of the five permanent council nations in the same room with Ukraine's foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, who has been invited.

France's U.N. ambassador, Nicolas De Riviere, said Friday that "perpetrators will be held accountable" for the "dramatic consequences" that "the Russian war of aggression" has had on civilians in Ukraine. And U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said the United Nations faces "a crisis of confidence" brought about by Russia's invasion of Ukraine that violated its neighbor's sovereignty and territorial integrity, "trampled on human rights" and struck at the heart of the U.N. Charter by pursuing war instead of a negotiated peace.

She told reporters Friday that the response must be to "double down on our commitment to a peaceful world and hold even closer our deeply-held principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, peace and security."

Thomas-Greenfield insisted the high-level meeting "will not be dominated by Ukraine" because there are conflicts taking place elsewhere as well. That's why she says the United States is focusing on tackling the food crisis as well as climate change, advancing global health and upholding the U.N. Charter.

The Crisis Group's Gowan said his organization has seen in recent weeks that African and Latin American countries "have gradually succumbed to Ukraine fatigue," and there is a feeling in many parts of the U.N. "that countries don't want to have to constantly attack Russia." There is a clear understanding among Western leaders, and especially in the U.S., of the need "to keep non-Western countries on board over Ukraine," he said.

Gowan said he will also be listening for "an undercurrent of discontent" from African nations and countries from the global South about how they've been let down on COVID-19 vaccinations and financing to tackle climate change and deal with escalating food prices and the cost of living. He also lamented that crises in Mali, Afghanistan and Yemen won't be on the front burner.

Secretary-General Guterres, who just visited Pakistan where he said the flooded area is three times the size of his home country Portugal, lashed out at the Group of 20 richest nations, which he said are responsible for 80% of emissions that cause global warming.

"My message to world leaders gathering here is clear: Lower the temperature — now," he said. "Don't flood the world today; don't drown it tomorrow."

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AP Top 25: Washington moves in; Penn State, Oregon move up

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

Washington made its season debut in The Associated Press college football on Sunday at No. 18, and Penn State and Oregon moved into the top 15 after all three had decisive nonconference victories.

A weekend filled with blowouts by highly ranked teams kept the top 10 almost unchanged.

No. 1 Georgia picked up six more first-place votes in the AP Top 25 presented by Regions Bank. The Bulldogs are up to 59 first-place votes and 1,569 points.

No. 2 Alabama received three first-place votes and No. 3 Ohio State got one.

No. 4 Michigan, No. 5 Clemson, No. 6 Oklahoma and No. 7 Southern California all held their spots. The one change in the top 10 was No. 8 Kentucky flip-flopping with No. 9 Oklahoma State. Arkansas stayed at No. 10.

The top 10 teams, most playing overmatched nonconference opponents, won their games Saturday by a combined 521-120.

The shuffling came in the next 10.

No. 11 Tennessee moved up four spots. Penn State jumped eight to No. 14 after routing Auburn on the road. No. 15 Oregon moved up 10 spots after handily defeating BYU, which slipped seven places to No. 19.

Washington beat previously ranked Michigan State 39-28 to earn a ranking for the first time since the 2021 preseason poll. Washington has had two brief stays in the AP Top 25 the last two seasons but has been mostly unranked since the early part of the 2019 season.

"To get this win now is just going to continue to put this belief in our guys. It's only going to get better for us as we go to work in practice," first-year Washington coach Kalen DeBoer told reporters after the game.

Michigan State dropped all the way out after being No. 11.

Mississippi moved up four spots to No. 16 and No. 20 Florida slipped a couple of spots after barely getting by South Florida at home.

At the bottom of the rankings, Miami dropped 12 spots and landed at No. 25 after losing at Texas A&M. The Aggies went up one to No. 23.

POLL POINTS

The 10-0 weekend from the top 10 was the first since they all played and won in Week 2 of the 2019 season.

Overall, the AP Top 25 teams won 22 games, the most since 24 teams won in Week 1 of 2019.

— Washington's leap into the poll from unranked to No. 18 was the best for the program since September 1989, when the Huskies beat Texas A&M and went from outside the rankings to No. 15.

CONFERENCE CALL

The Pac-12 has its most ranked teams since the first regular-season poll of 2021, when it had five.

SEC — 8 (Nos. 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 16, 20, 23).

ACC — 5 (Nos. 5, 12, 21, 24, 25).

Big 12 — 4 (Nos. 6, 9, 17, 22).

Pac-12 — 4 (Nos. 7, 13, 15, 18).

Big Ten — 3 (Nos. 3, 4, 14).

Independents — 1 (No. 19).

RANKED vs. RANKED

No. 5 Clemson at No. 21 Wake Forest. For the first time since 1950, the Tigers and Demon Deacons will meet as ranked teams.

No. 20 Florida at No. 11 Tennessee. For the first time since 2017, the teams that used to own the SEC East are both ranked when they play.

No. 10 Arkansas vs. No. 23 Texas A&M at Arlington, Texas. It's not getting any easier for the Aggies.

Maine rematch could be a bellwether for control of Congress

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By PATRICK WHITTLE Associated Press

AUBURN, Maine (AP) — Donald Trump isn't on the ballot in Maine's 2nd Congressional District this year, but his brand of politics is.

In a race that will help decide control of the U.S. House of Representatives, Democratic Rep. Jared Golden will defend his seat against Republican former Rep. Bruce Poliquin and independent candidate Tiffany Bond. The race is a rematch for Golden and Poliquin, who ran for the same seat in 2018, when Golden emerged victorious by a razor-thin margin.

The appeal of Trump-style politics has grown in the district since then despite the fact it is represented by Golden, a moderate Democrat. Poliquin, who represented the 2nd District as a moderate Republican from 2014 to 2018, has shifted his own messaging rightward to try to take advantage of those headwinds.

The result is a race that could be an indicator of Trump's continued influence on swing districts and rural politics.

Voters in the district are taking notice. Mary Hunter, a Democrat and retired academic who lives in the city of Lewiston, thinks Golden is still the right candidate for the district. She said she's voting for him in part because she's concerned about Democrats losing control of Congress. And she's aware Trump is still a big influence on a lot of voters in her district.

"Most people are kind of red team or blue team. I think Jared is doing his best to move to the middle. He's very centrist," Hunter said. "Whether that will serve him, I don't know."

But in Auburn, a nearby city of about 23,000 in the 2nd District, Coastal Defense Firearms owner Rick LaChapelle said he's planning to vote for Poliquin. LaChapelle, a Republican city councilor in Lewiston, said he respects Golden but feels the Democratic Party has become too extreme.

"His party is too radical. He cannot overcome the strength of his party, so you have to change the party," LaChapelle said.

The district, one of two in Maine, includes the state's second- and third-largest cities — Lewiston and Bangor — but is mostly made up of vast rural areas in northern and western Maine. It also includes the state's Down East coastline and is home to Maine's traditional industries such as lobster fishing, logging and potato and blueberry farming.

The district is also geographically the largest in the U.S. east of the Mississippi River, and it is far more politically mixed than the heavily Democratic 1st Congressional District in southern Maine. Trump won the 2nd District in 2016 and performed even better in the district in 2020, though he lost the statewide vote both times because of overwhelming margins in the 1st District, centered in liberal Portland.

Poliquin has focused his campaign on issues such as curtailing immigration and protecting gun rights. It's a shift from his earlier campaigns, which focused more closely on controlling taxes and protecting rural jobs, though he continues to tout those issues. His website has warned of liberals who want to defund law enforcement and push critical race theory in schools, and boasted of his work with Trump when he served in Congress.

"I came out again from semi-retirement because our country and our state are in deep trouble," said Poliquin, who was once an investment manager and served two years as Maine's state treasurer.

Golden, a Marine Corps veteran, has long positioned himself as a moderate who supports the 2nd Amendment and works to safeguard industries such as commercial fishing and papermaking. He's continuing that approach this time around.

Golden has shown a willingness to buck his own party over the years, including coming out against President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness plan in August. His positions have sometimes won him crossover endorsements from groups that often back Republicans, such as when he received the backing of the state's largest police union in July.

The union also endorsed Republican former Gov. Paul LePage, who is running for his old job. Golden said he expects voters to reward him for standing up to the Democratic Party leadership on issues such as the nearly \$2 trillion climate and health care bill the House passed in 2021. He voted against the bill. He subsequently voted for the slimmed-down \$740 billion measure that passed Congress last month.

"In the last two years, I don't know of anyone who has been more independent, and more willing to

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stand up to their own party, than I have been," Golden said. "I'm not trying to strategize 'How do I hold on to the Democratic voters or to the Trump voters?'"

The race will include the use of ranked-choice voting, which Golden needed to win the seat in 2018. Bond, who came in third in 2018, said independent voters in the race will be the ones who decide it. She said she's focusing her campaign on issues such as improving health care access and addressing climate change.

Bond said she expects ranked voting will play a role again this time around.

"I was the candidate who got all the votes that neither party could," she said.

The race is likely to be much closer than Golden's 2020 reelection victory, said Mark Brewer, a political scientist at University of Maine. Golden won that election handily over Republican Dale Crafts.

It'll be closer this time in part because of national backlash against Democrats over issues such as inflation, Brewer said. But it'll also be closer simply because the 2nd District is unpredictable, he said.

"It's the kind of district that has a lot of the people Trump made his appeal to in 2016. Relatively rural, largely white working class voters who have a sense of grievance, economic grievance," Brewer said. "I don't think there's any doubt that this race is going to be closer than Golden's last race."

5 years after Maria, reconstruction drags on in Puerto Rico

By DANICA COTO Associated Press

LOÍZA, Puerto Rico (AP) — Jetsabel Osorio Chévere looked up with a sad smile as she leaned against her battered home.

Nearly five years have gone by since Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico, and no one has offered her family a plastic tarp or zinc panels to replace the roof that the Category 4 storm ripped off the two-story home in an impoverished corner in the north coast town of Loiza.

"No one comes here to help," the 19-year-old said.

It's a familiar lament in a U.S. territory of 3.2 million people where thousands of homes, roads and recreational areas have yet to be fixed or rebuilt since Maria struck in September 2017. The government has completed only 21% of more than 5,500 official post-hurricane projects, and seven of the island's 78 municipalities report that not a single project has begun. Only five municipalities report that half of the projects slated for their region have been completed, according to an Associated Press review of government data.

And with Hurricane Fiona forecast to hit Puerto Rico on Sunday with torrential rains, more than 3,600 homes still have a tattered blue tarp serving as a makeshift roof.

"That is unacceptable," said Cristina Miranda, executive director of local nonprofit League of Cities. "Five years later, uncertainty still prevails."

Puerto Rico's governor and Deanne Criswell, head of the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency who recently visited the island, stressed that post-hurricane work is underway, but many wonder how much longer it will take and worry another devastating storm will hit in the meantime.

Criswell said officials focused on recovery and emergency repairs for the first three years after Maria. Reconstruction has now started, she noted, but will take time because authorities want to ensure the structures being built are robust enough to withstand stronger hurricanes projected as a result of climate change.

"We recognize the concern that recovery may seem like it's not moving fast enough five years later," she said. "Hurricane Maria was a catastrophic event that caused damages that are really complex."

The hurricane damaged or destroyed hundreds of thousands of homes and caused an estimated 2,975 deaths after razing the island's power grid. Crews only recently started to rebuild the grid with more than \$9 billion of federal funds. Island-wide blackouts and daily power outages persist, damaging appliances and forcing those with chronic health conditions to find temporary solutions to keep their medications cold.

The slow pace has frustrated many on an island emerging from the biggest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Some Puerto Ricans have opted to rebuild themselves instead of waiting for government help they feel

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will never come.

Osorio, the 19-year-old from Loiza, said her family bought a tarp and zinc panels out of their own pockets and set up a new roof over their second floor. But it leaks, so now she lives with her father and grandfather on the first floor.

Meanwhile, in the island's central region, community leaders who accused the government of ignoring rural areas formed a nonprofit, vowing to never go through what they experienced after Maria. They've built their own well, opened a community center in an abandoned school and used their own equipment to repair a key road. They also opened a medical clinic in April and certified nearly 150 people in emergency response courses.

"That's what we're seeking, to not depend on anyone," said Francisco Valentín with the Primary Health Services and Socioeconomic Development Corporation. "We've had to organize ourselves because there's no other option."

Municipal officials also have grown tired of waiting for help.

In the southern coastal town of Peñuelas, Mayor Gregory González said he sought permission to hire special brigades to repair roads, ditches and other infrastructure, with work starting in mid-September.

It is one of five municipalities that has not seen a single post-hurricane project completed, with a pier, medical center, government office and a road still awaiting reconstruction. González said that few companies make bids because they lack employees, or they quote a price higher than that authorized by federal officials as inflation drives up the cost of materials.

It's a frustration shared by Josian Santiago, mayor of the central mountain town of Comerío. He said it's urgent that crews repair the main road that connects his town to the capital of San Juan because landslides are closing it down with increasing frequency. Tropical Storm Earl was blamed for causing eight landslides on Sept. 6, just hours before it became a hurricane.

"It's a terrible risk," Santiago said, adding that engineers recently told him it could take another two years to repair. "Two years?! How much longer do we have to wait?!"

Reminders of how much time has passed since Hurricane Maria hit are scattered across Puerto Rico.

Faded red plastic tassels tied around wooden electrical posts that still lean as much as 60 degrees flapped in the wind as Tropical Storm Earl dumped heavy rain across the island in early September.

Norma López, a 56-year-old homemaker, has a post leaning just feet away from her balcony in Loiza, and it exasperates her every time she sees it.

"It's still there. About to fall," said López, who lost her roof to Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and again to Maria. "I'm here trying to survive."

Sixty-five-year-old Virmisa Rivera, who lives nearby, said her roof leaks every time it rains, and the laminated walls near her bedroom are permanently soaked.

She said FEMA gave her \$1,600 to rent a house while it repaired her roof, but no crews came by. Her boyfriend, who recently died, attempted to install zinc panels, but they don't protect from heavy rain.

"My house is falling apart," she said, adding that the government said it would move her to a new home in another neighborhood since it can't repair hers because it's in a flood zone.

But Rivera worries she will die if she moves: She takes 19 pills a day and uses an oxygen tank daily. Her family lives next door, which gives her security since she now lives alone.

Family also is the reason Osorio, the 19-year-old, would like to see a roof for the second floor. It's where her mother raised her and her sister before dying. Osorio was 12, so her younger sister was sent to live with an aunt.

Plywood panels now cover the windows of the second floor that her mother built by hand with cinder-blocks. It's where she taught Osorio how to make candles and cloth wipes for babies that they used to sell, sitting side-by-side while Osorio talked about her school day.

"This is my mother's," Osorio said as she motioned to the second floor, "and that's where I plan to live."

Mexican faith leader jailed for sex abuse; flock stays loyal

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By MARÍA TERESA HERNÁNDEZ Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (AP) — Their spiritual leader is behind bars in California after pleading guilty to sexually abusing minors. Yet legions of followers of Naasón Joaquín García in his home base in Mexico remain fervently loyal to him, viewing his imprisonment as a challenge that will strengthen their church, La Luz del Mundo (The Light of the World), rather than weaken it.

His continued hold on his flock was evident recently at the Christian church's main temple in Guadalajara, as thousands gathered to pray for their absent leader during their Holy Supper, the most sacred festivity for La Luz del Mundo. To gasps of surprise, Joaquín García addressed the congregation by telephone from his Los Angeles prison, where he is serving a 16-year sentence.

"I do not see the bars that separate me from you," he told his followers. "I see your beautiful faces ... because you are the children of God."

Even outside the temple, the sound of his voice stirred emotions among dozens of devotees guarding entries to the sanctuary. Nearly all closed their eyes. Many lifted their fists. Some knelt and wept.

Near the end of the call, Joaquín García asked his followers to raise their hands and their voices to God and repeat after him: "I promise you, Lord, that whatever the suffering, I will never abandon you."

It seems clear that many members of the church, founded in Mexico in 1926 and now active in many countries, aren't ready to abandon Joaquín García as their "apostle" — the term used for the church's leader. Many believe he was sent by God to preach to them and are convinced he is innocent, despite his guilty plea.

"The apostle always shows determination to move forward," said Phares Ruiz, who traveled from El Salvador to attend the Holy Supper. "He's firm in his convictions, and the church is firm as well in its purpose of moving forward."

Ruiz told The Associated Press that his family has belonged to La Luz del Mundo for three generations.

Joaquín García, 53, was arrested in 2019 in California. He initially faced more than 20 charges, but most were dismissed after a plea deal with prosecutors. The church contended that prosecutors withheld or doctored evidence, and said Joaquín García pleaded guilty because he didn't think he could get a fair trial.

"The Apostle of Jesus Christ has had no choice but to accept with much pain that the agreement presented is the best way forward to protect the church and his family," the church said.

The home base of the church is the Guadalajara neighborhood of Hermosa Provincia, Spanish for "beautiful province." Jericho, Bethlehem and Nazareth are among the names of roads converging on the white temple that locals call "the cake," for its white tiers that diminish in size as they rise upward.

Congregation members in the neighborhood call each other "brother" and "sister" and take pride in helping one another. The church's media relations office claims there is no crime in the area.

The neighborhood has cafeterias, clinics, a recreation center and a store that sells Bibles and religious-themed games for children. From the walls hang photographs of Joaquín García, smiling and wearing a tuxedo. Spanning the main street is a sculpture spelling "innocent" in Spanish.

Sara Pozos, 49, is among many in the neighborhood who believe their leader's imprisonment has strengthened the church.

"I think it changed for the better in the sense that now we feel more united, and we feel more empowered," she said.

"It has been a very difficult issue, of course, for him and for us," she added. "We all suffer something in life, but one learns to know those moments where you see that God is doing something to help you, to get ahead, not to let you fall."

Another neighborhood resident, Sailem Castillo, also said she was upbeat despite Joaquín García's imprisonment.

"For us everything is very nice, everything continues to work," she said. "Ministers, pastors and deacons have their same duties. They bless the bread, the wine, and do other things as if he were here, although physically he is not."

The jailed leader is the grandson of La Luz del Mundo's founder: Eusebio Joaquín González, a member

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of the military who began preaching in 1926. He's known to church members as Aarón — a result, he said, of God asking him to change his name.

Aarón's wife was the church's first member. Today it claims a membership of more than 5 million in some 50 nations.

La Luz del Mundo is sometimes described as evangelical, but its members do not embrace this term. The church's doctrine is learned from the cradle. Parents give biblical names to their children and take them to the temple at 40 days old to promise they will guide them to follow their path.

Most teachings translate into something quotidian. During services, the women sit to the right and men to the left. In some cities, people tithe more than 10% of their monthly income to the church. Biblical verses are cited to explain behavior.

Castillo, a recently married woman of 25, told AP the church advises members how "to lead a decent life," in which women may not drink alcohol or go out on frequent dates. Like other women in Hermosa Provincia, she wears dresses and skirts that are not form-fitting, eschews makeup and earrings and wears her hair long.

The religion is "very demanding," said Arlene M. Sánchez-Walsh, a professor of religious studies at Azusa Pacific University, a Christian institution near Los Angeles.

"It is not sufficient to say 'I have converted' or 'I have baptized'" she said. "You have to follow certain steps to prove your loyalty."

For some young people, these steps include memorizing songs honoring the apostle, reading the Bible before bed and not marrying someone from outside the church.

"All this goes to show that although you are part of this world, you have accepted a very particular way of life because you are Christian," Sánchez-Walsh said.

Those born in the community are baptized at 14 because, according to the church, that lets them decide whether to reaffirm or leave the faith. Nevertheless, there are former members who say their ceremony was not optional.

Ahead of the baptism, in a ritual known as "the revivals," children undergo days of prayer and fasting inside a temple. The revival consists of repeating "Glory to Christ" nonstop until the youths are heard speaking in tongues to testify that the Holy Spirit has entered them.

For Raquel Haifa, 43, fulfilling the revivals was a traumatizing experience that she considers abusive, because minors are not able to decline to take part.

"I did cry, because I was saying, 'God, deliver me from this, make this time pass quickly,'" Haifa said from Texas.

Currently, journalists are not allowed to attend services or take photographs inside the church's temples. Since Joaquín García's arrest, La Luz del Mundo's media relations team says it cannot make official statements on his case because litigation is ongoing.

On Sept. 8 a lawsuit was filed in California against Joaquín García and four church members alleged to be complicit in the sex abuse. The suit was filed by five women who — under the pseudonym Jane Doe — were identified as victims in the original criminal charges against him.

It accuses Joaquín García of conditioning victims, under the guise of religion, to serve him above all else, ultimately resulting in the sexual abuse over the course of several years.

The lawsuit includes detailed accounts from the five plaintiffs alleging that they were pressured by Joaquín García and his associates into performing for pornographic photo shoots, and were forced to engage in sex acts with him.

"The church weaponized the faith of their most vulnerable members," said Jonati Joey Yedidsion, one of the lawyers handling the lawsuit. "Instead of protecting those innocent women, Naasón and the church fostered and then brutally preyed on their blind trust and allegiance in the 'Apostle'".

The case has been difficult for some former members who have distanced themselves from the church.

Speaking on a podcast called "I Left a Sect," Lo-ami Salazar said Hermosa Provincia used to be her "happy place."

"Knowing that these abuses took place there, in my happy place, in my safe place, is horrible," she said.

EXPLAINER: How the strong U.S. dollar can affect everyone

By STAN CHOE AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The buck isn't stopping.

The value of the U.S. dollar has been on a tear for more than a year against everything from the British pound across the Atlantic to the South Korean won across the Pacific.

After rising again Friday, the dollar is near its highest level in more than two decades against a key index measuring six major currencies, including the euro and Japanese yen. Many professional investors don't expect it to ease off anytime soon.

The dollar's rise affects nearly everyone, even those who will never leave the U.S. borders. Here's a look at what's driving the U.S. dollar higher and what it can mean for investors and households:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SAY THE DOLLAR IS STRONGER?

Essentially that one dollar can buy more of another currency than it could before.

Consider the Japanese yen. A year ago, \$1 could get a little less than 110 yen. Now, it can buy 143. That's about 30% more and one of the biggest moves the U.S. dollar has made against another currency.

Foreign currency values are constantly shifting against each other as banks, businesses and traders buy and sell them in time zones around the world.

The U.S. Dollar index, which measures the dollar against the euro, yen and other major currencies, has climbed more than 14% this year. The gain looks even more impressive compared against other investments, most of which have had a dismal year. U.S. stocks are down more than 19%, bitcoin has more than halved and gold has lost more than 7%.

WHY IS THE DOLLAR STRENGTHENING?

Because the U.S. economy is doing better than others.

Even though inflation is high, the U.S. job market has remained remarkably solid. And other areas of the economy, such as the services sector, have been resilient.

That's helped offset worries about a slowing housing industry and other parts of the economy that do best when interest rates are low. That in turn has traders expecting the Federal Reserve to follow through on its promise to keep hiking interest rates sharply, and to hold them there a while, in hopes of knocking down the worst inflation in 40 years.

Such expectations have helped the yield of a 10-year Treasury more than double to 3.44% from roughly 1.33% a year ago.

WHO CARES ABOUT BOND YIELDS?

Investors who want to make more income off their money. And those juicier U.S. yields are drawing investors from all over the world.

Other central banks have been less aggressive than the Fed because their economies seem to be more fragile. The European Central Bank just raised its key rate by the largest amount ever, three-quarters of a percentage point. But the Fed has already raised its key rate by that amount twice this year, with a third expected this upcoming week. Some traders even say a gargantuan hike of a full percentage point could be possible, following a hotter-than-expected report on U.S. inflation Tuesday.

Partly because of that less aggressive bent, 10-year bonds across Europe and other areas of the world offer much lower yields than U.S. Treasuries, such as Germany's 1.75% and Japan's 0.25%. When investors from Asia and Europe buy Treasuries, they have to trade their own currencies for U.S. dollars. That pushes up the dollar's value.

A STRONG DOLLAR HELPS U.S. TOURISTS, RIGHT?

Yes. U.S. travelers in Tokyo spending 10,000 yen on dinner will be using 23% fewer dollars than a year ago for the same-priced meal.

With the dollar up sharply so far this year against everything from the Argentine peso to the Egyptian pound to the South Korean won, the dollar is going further in many countries than before.

DOES IT HELP ONLY RICH PEOPLE WHO CAN AFFORD TO TRAVEL ABROAD?

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No. A stronger dollar also helps U.S. shoppers by keeping a lid on prices for imports and pushing downward on inflation.

When the dollar is rising against the euro, for example, European companies make more euros on each \$1 of sales. With that cushion, they could cut the dollar price for their products and still make the same amount of euros. They could also leave the price in dollars alone and pocket the extra euros, or they could find some balance of the two.

Prices for imports fell 1% in August from a month earlier, following July's 1.5% drop, offering some relief amid the nation's high inflation. Prices for imported fruits, nuts and some peels dropped 8.7%, for example. They're down 3% from a year earlier.

A stronger dollar can keep prices in check for commodities generally. That's because oil, gold and others are bought and sold in U.S. dollars around the world. When the dollar rises against the yen, a Japanese buyer can get fewer barrels of crude for the same number of yen as before. That can mean less upward pressure on oil prices.

SO THERE ARE ONLY WINNERS FROM A STRONG DOLLAR?

No. U.S. companies that sell abroad are seeing their profits get squeezed.

At McDonald's, revenue fell 3% during the summer from a year earlier. But if the dollar's value had simply stayed put against other currencies, the company's revenue would have been 3% higher. Microsoft, meanwhile, said changes in foreign-currency values sliced \$595 million off its revenue in the latest quarter.

A string of other companies have given similar warnings recently, and further gains for the dollar could add more pressure on profits. Companies in the S&P 500 index get roughly 40% of their revenue from outside the United States, according to FactSet.

ANY OTHER COLLATERAL DAMAGE?

A strong dollar can put a financial squeeze across the developing world. Many companies and governments in such emerging markets borrow money in U.S.-dollar terms, instead of in their own currencies. When they must repay their debts in U.S. dollars, while their own currencies buy fewer dollars by the day, it can create lots of stress.

WHERE'S THE DOLLAR HEADING FROM HERE?

The dollar's biggest moves may be behind it, but many professionals expect the dollar to at least stay this high a while.

Tuesday's report on U.S. inflation shocked the market and showed it remains more stubborn than expected. That has traders upping bets for Fed rate hikes going into next year. Fed officials have been busy recently reaffirming their commitment to keeping rates high "until the job is done" in breaking the nation's high inflation, even if it damages economic growth.

That bias toward still-higher rates by the Fed should continue to offer support for the value of the U.S. dollar.

For the dollar to weaken meaningfully, strategists wrote in a BofA Global Research report, "the Fed has to get more concerned about growth than inflation — and we are not there yet."

New model to enlist regular Americans to resettle refugees

By JULIE WATSON and AMY TAXIN Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — When nearly 80,000 Afghans arrived in the United States, refugee resettlement agencies quickly became overwhelmed, still scrambling to rehire staff and reopen offices after being gutted as the Trump administration dropped refugee admissions to a record low.

So the U.S. State Department, working with humanitarian organizations, turned to ordinary Americans to fill the gap. Neighbors, co-workers, faith groups and friends banded together in "sponsor circles" to help Afghans get settled in their communities.

They raised money and found the newcomers homes to rent, enrolled their children in schools, taught them how to open bank accounts and located the nearest mosques and stores selling halal meat.

Since the U.S. military's withdrawal from Kabul last year, the Sponsor Circle Program for Afghans has

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helped over 600 Afghans restart their lives. When Russia invaded Ukraine, a similar effort was undertaken for Ukrainians.

Now the Biden administration is preparing to turn the experiment into a private-sponsorship program for refugees admitted through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and is asking organizations to team up with it to launch a pilot program by the end of 2022.

The move comes amid increasing pressure on President Joe Biden, who vowed in a 2021 executive order to increase opportunities for Americans to resettle refugees and restore the U.S. as the world's safe haven. The Trump administration decimated the refugee program, which traditionally tasks nine resettlement agencies with placing refugees in communities.

Experts say the private sponsorship model could transform the way America resettles refugees and ensure a door remains open no matter who is elected.

"I think there is a real revolution right now that is happening in terms of American communities and communities around the world that are raising their hands and saying, 'We want to bring in refugees,'" said Sasha Chanoff, founder and CEO of RefugePoint, a Boston-based nonprofit that helped jumpstart the effort.

It comes as the number of people forced to flee their homes topped 100 million this year, the first time on record, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The pilot program will incorporate lessons learned from the Sponsor Circle Program for Afghans, which was developed as an emergency measure to accelerate the resettlement of Afghans, with many languishing on U.S. bases. But the pilot program will differ because it is intended to be "an enduring element of U.S. refugee resettlement," a U.S. State Department spokesperson said in an email to The Associated Press.

The pilot program will match regular Americans with refugees overseas who have already been approved for admission to the U.S., the spokesperson said. Later, the plan will let Americans identify a refugee overseas and apply to resettle them.

Canada has used private sponsorship for decades to augment its government program.

Chanoff said the new model should also be in addition to the traditional U.S. government refugee program, which has admitted only about 15% of the 125,000 cap Biden set for the budget year that ends Sept. 30. The Biden administration has been slow to beef up staff and overcome the huge backlog, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic, according to advocates.

Those numbers exclude the roughly 180,000 Afghans and Ukrainians who were mostly admitted through humanitarian parole, a temporary legal option that was intended to get them in quicker but left them with less government support.

Regular Americans helped fill that need, Afghan families say.

Under the Sponsor Circle Program for Afghans, participants underwent background checks, received training and developed a three-month plan. Each group had to raise at least \$2,275 for each person who was resettled, the same allocation the U.S. government gives agencies for each refugee.

Mohammad Walizada, who fled Kabul with his family, said five days after he was connected to a sponsor circle with the Four Rivers Church in New Hampshire, his family moved into a furnished home in Epping, a town of about 7,000 residents.

Meanwhile, Afghan friends and relatives spent months on U.S. bases waiting to be placed by a resettlement agency, he said. Many ended up in California, staying in hotels because of the lack of affordable housing, and with just three months of government assistance.

He said his sponsor circle gave his family 10 months worth of rent and a car, and someone still checks on him, his wife and six children daily. Each circle gets a mentor who coaches them from WelcomeNST, an organization created in 2021 to help Americans resettle Afghans and now Ukrainians. The organization offers a Slack channel for circles and partners with the resettlement agency, HIAS, which connects them to caseworkers when needed.

The New Hampshire team has more than 60 members helping people like Walizada.

"I feel like I have a lot of family here now," Walizada said.

To be sure, regular Americans have always helped resettle refugees, but not at this scale since the 1980

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U.S. Refugee Act created the formal program, experts say.

A similar outpouring of goodwill happened when the Biden administration launched Uniting for Ukraine, which allows Ukrainians fleeing the war into the U.S. for two years with a private sponsor. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, an agency of the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the program, received more than 117,000 applications through August.

Hundreds of Americans have formed teams to resettle Ukrainians, including in Wyoming — the only state that has never allowed an official refugee resettlement program.

"We just wanted to be able to do something and we have such a beautiful community here," said Darren Adwalpalker, pastor at Highland Park Community Church in Casper, who formed a group that sponsored three Ukrainians who arrived to the city of 60,000 in June.

Adwalpalker got support from humanitarian group Samaritan's Purse.

"Without private sponsorship, this would not have been possible for a lot of these communities with tremendous resources and goodwill to do this," said Krista Kartson, who directs its refugee programs.

With \$3,000, the pastor said his group provided an apartment for six months for the one Ukrainian who stayed in Casper. Just about everything else — grocery store gift cards, furniture — was donated.

"One of the things I've learned is that the whole idea of a resettlement office isn't that significant" if there are people on the ground willing to help, said Adwalpalker.

"We've got dentists working on their teeth. We have doctors seeing them. We have lawyers helping with their immigration paperwork."

Rudi Berkelhamer, a retired biology professor, wanted to help because her grandparents fled attacks on Jews in the early 20th century in what is now Ukraine.

She was connected to a sponsor circle in Irvine, California, through HIAS, which requires a six-month commitment. Circle members had a week to get to know each other and draft a plan before they were matched to an Afghan family — a young couple and their 3-year-old son — in February.

Berkelhamer shuttled furniture to the family's home and got them set up with computers and cellphones. Others got them bus passes.

The father — a mechanical engineer who worked with the U.S. military in Afghanistan — found work at a parachute factory. The mother is taking English classes, and their son is attending preschool.

Berkelhamer sees the family every two weeks. This summer, she went to a museum with the mom and another circle member to paint parasols and have lunch. She plans to keep helping.

"It is not just the necessities; it is doing those kinds of things that make it so meaningful," she said.

Biden warns US democracy threatened, but how can he save it?

By COLLEEN LONG and ZEKE MILLER Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden is finding it's easier to call out attacks on democracy than it is to stop them.

His fundamental rationale for running for president was that America's democratic traditions were in jeopardy. Now, 20 months into his presidency, the dangers are worse, Biden's warnings are more dire -- and the limits of his own ability to fix the problem are clearer.

Former President Donald Trump continues to stoke the baseless claim the 2020 election was stolen, and even now advocates for the results in certain battleground states to be decertified even though the falsehood has been rejected by dozens of courts and his own attorney general. The belief has taken deep root in the Republican Party, with dozens of candidates insisting Trump was right.

Never in the country's history have elections taken place in a climate where one party has so frontally questioned the integrity of the electoral process and actively sought to undermine confidence in it.

"We're in an unprecedented situation here, because Biden's predecessor has shown a flagrant disregard for the Constitution of the United States, and now others are following that path," said Princeton historian Sean Wilentz, who was among a group invited to the White House recently to put today's challenges in historical context. "It could be dangerous."

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Biden has found, even with the megaphone of the White House, how difficult it is to counter the Trump-inspired narrative and the millions of Americans who believe it. Trump allies have been going around the country peddling lies about the 2020 election and conspiracy theories about voting machines, while Republican candidates running for office this year have repeated his lies to their supporters -- messaging that has reached a broad audience.

Every U.S. president swears to "preserve, protect and defend" the U.S. Constitution, but even in ordinary times there is no playbook for safeguarding it. Biden took that oath as the nation was facing challenges unmatched since perhaps the U.S. Civil War, in the view of some historians.

In a speech earlier this month at Philadelphia's Independence Hall, Biden described democracy as "under assault" and pledged that it was the work of his presidency to defend it. But he also said the solution had to be bigger than him, that he can't turn back what he sees as a years-long backslide in American political norms on his own.

"For a long time, we've told ourselves that American democracy is guaranteed. But it's not," he said. "We have to defend it, protect it, stand up for it - each and every one of us."

Has Biden himself done enough?

His efforts at persuasion don't seem to have produced any significant shift in public opinion. His push for voting rights legislation in Congress has for the most part fallen short.

Beyond the president's increasingly drastic warnings, White House officials point to the administration's efforts to push voting rights safeguards through Congress and to their support for the Electoral Count Act, which would patch ambiguities exploited by Trump and his allies.

The Department of Justice is prosecuting those who violently stormed the Capitol. More than 870 people have been charged and more than 400 convicted.

The administration also has sounded the alarm about domestic extremist groups. There's an increasing overlap with politically-fueled violence, as a growing number of ardent Trump supporters seem ready to strike back against the FBI or others they consider going too far in investigating the former president. And the National Security Council has developed a whole-of-government strategy to counter domestic violent extremism, which U.S. intelligence officials have called the top threat to homeland security.

While voters ranked threats to democracy as the most important issue ahead of the midterm elections, according to an NBC News poll late last month, the conspiracy theories pushed by Trump and his allies have succeeded in sowing doubts about the integrity of U.S. elections in a large swath of the population.

Two-thirds of Republicans believe Biden wasn't legitimately elected president, according to an AP-NORC poll. They believe that votes were switched, or voting machines were corrupted en masse, or that fake ballots were cast in favor of Biden because pandemic-era policies made voting too easy.

Trump-backed candidates are winning primaries and some will make it to Congress. In the states, nearly 1 in 3 Republican candidates for offices that play a role in overseeing, certifying or defending elections supported overturning the results of the 2020 presidential race.

Candidates have signaled a new willingness to simply refuse to accept the results of their election if they lose. And election workers across the country are getting death threats and are harassed online, pushing many to just resign.

"We are very clearly playing with fire with some of the new tactics, allowing them to proliferate around the country," said Matthew Weil, the executive director of our Democracy Program at the Bipartisan Policy Center think tank. "It's: 'If my candidate loses, I'm going to drag it out as long as possible. I can cut the legs out from the person who beat me from taking office.' That's a new feature and it's pretty dangerous. We can't have an election system where people aren't willing to lose."

Checking the antidemocratic forces within Trumpism is not just a policy aim, it's a political endeavor as well, and that clouds the picture.

Biden aides say his best tool to try to preserve democracy is his use of the bully pulpit to make clear to voters that they play a vital role in participating in the electoral process and deciding whom to put into positions of influence.

He isn't the only one sounding the alarm. The special congressional committee investigating the 2021

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Capitol insurrection has delivered the same message, as have election officials in states across the country, historians and other lawmakers.

Administration allies say Biden's efforts have resonated with voters, particularly as Trump's behavior in late 2020 and early 2021 has been cast into stark relief by the Jan. 6 committee.

But the president's remarks have largely been dismissed by Republicans unwilling to break with Trump. Former Vice President Mike Pence, whom Trump supporters threatened to hang on Jan. 6 and who hid in a secure location beneath the building as the masses hunted him in the halls, decried Biden's comments after the Philadelphia speech.

"Never before in the history of our nation has a president stood before the American people and accused millions of his own countrymen of being a 'threat to this country,'" Pence said in remarks to conservatives.

Former U.N. ambassador and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley called Biden "the most condescending president of my lifetime."

The struggle the nation is facing goes beyond political parties, though. And "unless and until enough people fight for, protect and build our democracy, the fever we see today will continue," said Melody Barnes, head of the University of Virginia Karsh Institute of Democracy.

The closest parallel, historians say, has been the Civil War era, when war broke out after Southern states wouldn't recognize Abraham Lincoln had been elected president. Following the end of fighting, there was a continued refusal to accept the rule of law during Reconstruction, as deep racism and violence proliferated, resulting eventually in the Jim Crow era.

At critical moments, U.S. leaders have taken a stand to protect the nation from itself. George Washington left office to ensure future leaders would willingly walk away, too. Gerald Ford pardoned Richard Nixon after Watergate -- a wildly unpopular move in 1974 but one that has since been viewed more as an effort to push the country past a national nightmare.

Biden, at a summit this past week on countering hate-fueled violence, talked about how good he felt years ago when he worked successfully with Republicans in the Senate to get the Voting Rights Act extended. "And I thought, well, you know, hate can be defeated," he said.

"But it only hides," he said with a sigh. "And when given any oxygen, it comes out from under the rocks."

They ended wanted pregnancies. Post-Roe, they face new pain.

By LAURA UNGAR AP Science Writer

Ashley Lefebvre hugs her unborn daughter's urn each night. Sarah Halsey treasures the tiny hat worn by her baby who lived just 38 minutes. Abi Frazier moved away from her home with a furnished nursery.

All ended wanted pregnancies because of grave fetal medical problems.

It's a side of abortion seldom discussed in national debates — the termination of pregnancies because of fetal anomalies or other often-fatal medical problems. These terminations often happen in the second trimester, when women have already picked out names, bought baby clothes and felt kicking in their wombs. They're far different from the most common abortions, performed earlier in pregnancies.

Women say these terminations for medical reasons don't feel like a choice — instead they are forced upon them by the condition of the fetus they carry. And the constant drumbeat of new abortion bans, rulings and news since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade has reopened raw wounds. Such abortions were already shrouded in secrecy and guilt, the women say. They fear the path will be even tougher for those who follow.

There are no recent statistics on the frequency of terminations for fetal anomalies — including genetic or chromosomal abnormalities — in the U.S., but experts say it's a small percentage of total procedures. They typically occur later than the 93% of abortions performed at or before 13 weeks of pregnancy.

In the wake of the high court's decision, a growing number of women in this smaller group are coming together to support each other and share their voices. They say more people will face the same hurdles they did — traveling long distances, rushing agonizing decisions, navigating a maze of changing abortion restrictions — with an even narrower window for care.

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The vast majority of states ban abortion at some point in pregnancy, and roughly a dozen have exceptions for fetal anomalies, most just for fatal medical problems. Even in states with exceptions, providers may be reluctant to perform terminations for medical reasons, and cases can fall into gray areas.

Gray seeps across the spectrum of abortion, say the women who've experienced these procedures. Here are some of their stories.

When Abi Frazier was pregnant last year, she and her husband created a nursery — Cadi's room, with a hand-me-down crib, toys and clothes. But Cadi never came home.

At Frazier's first ultrasound appointment, nothing seemed amiss. She saw movement and heard a heartbeat. So the couple shared their pregnancy news with family.

"Surprise! We're having a baby!" they told them, taking off sweaters to reveal shirts that said "mama to be" and "rad dad."

A screening test for chromosomal abnormalities came back normal and indicated they'd have a girl. But then, at just over 19 weeks, a doctor told them about a severe problem involving the neural tube from which the brain and spinal cord form.

Frazier will never forget his words: "I'm so sorry. She has a fatal defect."

Her options were to terminate the pregnancy, or carry the baby and expect a stillbirth.

"I was weighing the choice, which really didn't feel like a choice, because what I wanted was my baby," said Frazier, now 34.

The decision to terminate meant contending with time limits and regulations. The doctor at a nearby Oklahoma clinic would not provide the procedure past 17 weeks. Frazier traveled three hours to a Kansas clinic with a cutoff of 22 weeks.

Under state law, the couple had to wait 24 hours for the procedure after their first clinic visit. They got a hotel, and Frazier cried nonstop. At the clinic, staff were compassionate, she said. The people gathered outside were not. Her husband couldn't come inside, so he had to listen to protesters on a bullhorn. They parked a van with graphic images in front of the exit.

The next year, when the Supreme Court's abortion ruling came down, the couple had moved to a new home. There, rainbows — symbolizing babies born after loss — cover a crib sheet, lamp, picture frames and walls in a new nursery. Their daughter, Ava, was born in March.

In the couple's bedroom is a tiny urn filled with Cadi's ashes, next to an ultrasound picture. "She's always gonna be part of our family," Frazier said.

She said abortion opponents don't understand the medical nuances behind decisions like hers.

"The choice that I made was out of compassion for my daughter," she said.

Oklahoma now prohibits abortion completely, with no exception for fetal anomalies.

Just before Christmas, Faye seemed to be on the cusp of a new phase of life. The day before she and her husband moved into their first house, she discovered she was pregnant with their first child.

They learned it was a girl and named her Lynne.

But at 20 weeks, an ultrasound found that the fetus had spina bifida, a condition in which an area of the spinal column doesn't form properly, and a complex congenital malformation of the brain.

The Richmond, Virginia, woman considered having surgery on her fetus at a North Carolina hospital. It wasn't a cure, though it might have eliminated the need for a shunt to help drain fluid from the baby's brain.

But Faye — who spoke with AP on condition of using only her middle name, out of concerns over online backlash — said it "started to feel selfish to bring her into the world."

Lynne might have lived, Faye said, but she likely would have faced a lifetime of pain. Experts say when a fetal diagnosis isn't uniformly fatal, the decision to abort can be especially thorny and more ethically gray.

The two-part termination took place at 23 weeks of pregnancy — and it began the day after she learned that the Supreme Court's draft opinion was leaked. Shortly after the official ruling, Faye, now 30, suffered nightmares and memory loss and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Today, Faye's sorrow is mixed with hope. She is pregnant again.

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Sarah Halsey's fifth baby lived for only 38 minutes, dying in her hands.

She ended her pregnancy last year after scans showed the fetus had a brain abnormality and other signs of the genetic disorder trisomy 13. She asked the doctor if, in her baby's case, it was "compatible with life."

He paused, then replied: "I'm so sorry."

Halsey chose an induction abortion, which uses medications to start labor in the second or third trimesters. The intent is to end the pregnancy, and it is considered an abortion. But infrequently it can result in a brief, unintended live birth. It's less familiar than the surgical dilation and evacuation procedure more commonly used in the second trimester. But some facing fetal anomalies want to see and hold their babies.

That was true for Halsey — a labor and delivery nurse in Michigan. Though she knew she wouldn't go home with a baby, she said, "it was really important that I gave birth to her."

When labor ended, she held the 10-inch, 10-ounce infant, named Willow Rebecca after her grandmother and mother.

"We kissed her," Halsey said. "We told her how much we loved her."

Three weeks later, Halsey, 34, returned to work. It was rough; her first patient had the same due date she would have had. But she eventually felt that her loss allowed her to offer more compassionate care.

Today, Halsey finds support in two online groups for parents who terminated pregnancies for similar reasons. She and her family recently marked Willow Rebecca's birthday by planting a willow tree in the backyard.

"We loved her so, so much that we did not want her to fight and suffer," Halsey said. "Ending my pregnancy felt like the most motherly thing I have ever done."

Terminations for women who learn of fetal anomalies have only grown more complicated since the Supreme Court's June ruling — as Nancy Davis realized the next month, when she learned that her unborn baby was missing a skull.

The Baton Rouge, Louisiana, woman was 10 weeks pregnant. She said she was told the fetus had a rare, fatal condition called acrania and would probably survive only a short time — several minutes to a week — if brought to term.

Doctors advised an abortion, but said they couldn't perform it. Louisiana's post-Roe trigger law banned all abortions except when there is substantial risk of death or impairment to the woman or if the pregnancy is considered "medically futile." Doctors performing illegal abortions can face up to 15 years in prison.

"Basically, they said I had to carry my baby to bury my baby," Davis, 36, said at a news conference in late August.

A group of legislators released a statement saying the hospital "grossly misinterpreted" the abortion exceptions. Davis and her attorneys blamed the vagueness of the law, not the doctors. Acrania wasn't on a list of conditions considered medically futile, but the document also notes exceptions for other lethal anomalies certified by two physicians. A state health department spokeswoman said a finalized list would specify acrania.

At the news conference, Davis demanded that Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards and the legislature call a special session to clarify state abortion restrictions. One of her lawyers, prominent civil rights attorney Ben Crump, said, "There is nothing right about this situation, and the lawmakers have the power to do something about it."

At 15 weeks pregnant, Davis planned to go out of state. "Each day I continue this pregnancy, I grow more attached to the baby," she said.

Not all women have that option. Some can't afford long-distance travel. Jennifer Hoskovec, a genetic counselor in Texas, said it's devastating for women to make such a difficult, complex decision only to realize "it's not really even a decision they had in the first place."

Davis said no woman should ever have to endure what she's been through: "It's a mental fight, it truly is,"

For Jill Atstupenas, the end of the constitutional right to abortion was emotional — and she turned it

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into action.

In September 2020, she learned she was pregnant after several rounds of in vitro fertilization. But she and her husband, of central Massachusetts, ultimately learned their unborn baby had brain malformations.

"I'll never forget what the doctor said: 'Bring her into the world and all three of you could be in pain,'" Atstupenas said, but by ending the pregnancy, "the two of you will know pain for the rest of your lives, but your daughter would only ever know love."

Atstupenas, 36, had an induction abortion in February 2021, between 23 and 24 weeks. The baby lived a few moments. She and her husband stayed in the hospital for two days, singing and reading to the girl they named Hadley Maeve, even though she was gone.

More than a year later, Atstupenas sat at her computer for hours reading the high court's abortion decision. She was terrified for families in states with trigger laws.

She started on social media, with a Facebook post sharing her story. She included a photo of her and her husband in the hospital with Hadley.

She also did a blog post for a support group "TFMR Mamas" — terminations for medical reasons. She went on a podcast. She attended abortion-rights rallies in Boston with her husband.

She wrote to senators, telling them that people who terminate in these cases aren't "waking up and saying 'the heck with it, I don't want this pregnancy anymore.'"

If she can sway any legislators, it's worth her time. "Maybe they're just not as informed as they should be," she said. "I just want to help people understand."

Ashley Lefebvre was just weeks out from her termination when the Supreme Court's ruling came down. She was on a break from work, taking a walk and listening to a meditation on baby loss. A friend texted her: "I just want you to know that you've done nothing wrong."

Lefebvre stopped, found a tree and sat down. She pulled up NPR on her phone to confirm the news and started crying.

The 30-year-old Syracuse, New York, woman had her termination at 17.5 weeks in mid-May, shortly after the draft opinion leaked. The fetus, who she and her husband named Rowan, had Down syndrome, blocked bowels, a failing heart and other issues.

One of her medical appointments was a day after the leak, and she saw the news everywhere. "It just felt very personal," she said. "Everything that I was reading, I was putting myself in that article."

The abortion debate continues to swirl around her. With every new restriction passed, she feels hopeless. She hears the same from others in a peer support group. No one knows how to turn back the clock.

Every day, Lefebvre holds Rowan's urn close to her chest to say goodnight. She imagines the baby can feel the warmth of her body and hear her heartbeat again.

But she's reminded often that reality is much colder. Weeks after her procedure, a crib her dad had ordered arrived at her home.

She put it in the basement with the rest of the baby things that she no longer needs.

Today in History: September 19, Unabomber manifesto in print

Today is Monday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2022. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 19, 1995, The New York Times and The Washington Post published the manifesto of Unabomber Ted Kaczynski (kah-ZIHN'-skee), which proved instrumental in identifying and capturing him.

On this date:

In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2 1/2 months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1955, President Juan Peron of Argentina was ousted after a revolt by the army and navy.

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In 1957, the United States conducted its first contained underground nuclear test, code-named "Rainier," in the Nevada desert.

In 1970, the "Mary Tyler Moore" show debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by a devastating earthquake that killed at least 9,500 people.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

In 1996, IBM announced it would extend health benefits to the partners of its gay employees.

In 2001, the Pentagon ordered dozens of advanced aircraft to the Persian Gulf region as the hour of military retaliation for deadly terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 drew closer.

In 2004, Hu Jintao (hoo jin-tow) became the undisputed leader of China with the departure of former President Jiang Zemin (jahng zuh-MEEN') from his top military post.

In 2008, struggling to stave off financial catastrophe, the Bush administration laid out a radical bailout plan calling for a takeover of a half-trillion dollars or more in worthless mortgages and other bad debt held by tottering institutions. Relieved investors sent stocks soaring on Wall Street and around the globe.

In 2020, President Donald Trump urged the Republican-run Senate to consider "without delay" his upcoming nomination to fill the Supreme Court vacancy created by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg just six weeks before the election.

Ten years ago: Members of Congress presented the Congressional Gold Medal to Myanmar democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi (ahng sahn soo chee) in a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda. The Justice Department's internal watchdog found fault with the agency's handling of a gun-trafficking probe in Arizona that resulted in hundreds of weapons turning up at crime scenes in the U.S. and Mexico; the inspector general's report referred more than a dozen people for possible disciplinary action for their roles in Operation Fast and Furious.

Five years ago: In a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, President Donald Trump vowed to "totally destroy North Korea" if the U.S. were to be forced to defend itself or its allies against the North's nuclear weapons program. A 7.1 magnitude quake struck central Mexico, killing more than 360 people and causing more than three dozen buildings in Mexico City to completely collapse. Hurricane Maria barreled toward Puerto Rico after leaving widespread destruction on the small Caribbean island of Dominica. Former middle-weight champion Jake LaMotta, who was portrayed by Robert De Niro in the film "Raging Bull," died at 95.

One year ago: U.S. authorities flew Haitians who'd been camped in a Texas border town back to their homeland, and tried to block others from crossing the border from Mexico. Members of Afghanistan's national girls soccer team, ages 14-16, who'd been trying to leave Afghanistan since the U.S. withdrawal weeks earlier, boarded a charter flight with their families to Portugal, where they'd been granted asylum. Streaming services pulled off three big victories at the Emmy Awards, as "The Crown" on Netflix won best drama series, "Ted Lasso" from Apple TV+ was named best comedy series and "The Queen's Gambit," also on Netflix, won best limited series.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Rosemary Harris is 95. Actor David McCallum is 89. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 82. Singer Bill Medley is 82. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 82. R&B singer Freda Payne is 80. Retired professional golfer Jane Blalock is 77. Singer David Bromberg is 77. Actor Randolph Mantooth is 77. Rock singer-musician Lol Creme (10cc) is 75. Former NFL running back Larry Brown is 75. Actor Jeremy Irons is 74. Actor Twiggy Lawson is 73. TV personality Joan Lunden is 72. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois (lan-WAH') is 71. Actor Scott Colomby is 70. Musician-producer Nile Rodgers is 70. Singer-actor Rex Smith is 67. Rock singer Lita Ford is 64. Actor Kevin Hooks is 64. Actor Carolyn McCormick is 63. Celebrity chef Mario Batali is 62. Actor-comedian Cheri Oteri is 60. Country singer Jeff Bates is 59. Country singer Trisha Yearwood is 58. News anchor Soledad O'Brien is 56. Celebrity chef Michael Symon is 53. Actor Victor Williams is 52. Actor Sanaa Lathan (suh-NAH' LAY'-thun) is 51. Actor Stephanie J. Block is 50. Rock singer A. Jay Popoff (Lit) is 49. "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon is 48. TV personality Carter Oosterhouse is 46. Actor-TV host Alison Sweeney is 46. Folk-rock singers-musicians Sara and Tegan (TEE'-gan) Quin are 42. Actor Columbus Short is 40. Rapper Eamon is 39. Actor Kevin Zegers is 38. Actor Danielle Panabaker is 35. Actor Katrina Bowden is 34.