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Groton Community Calendar

Sunday, May 28

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 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.

United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; worship at Zion, 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m. (Kathy Gubin leading worship)

Legion Baseball: At Clark, 1 game, noon.

Jr. Legion Baseball: at Clark, 1:30 p.m., 1 game

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day Program at Groton Cemetery, noon.

Tuesday, May 30

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, winter blend vegetables, cookie, apricots.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Legion Baseball: at Watertown (DH), 5 p.m.

Jr. Teeners: Huron at Groton, DH, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31

Senior Menu: Ham, au gratin potatoes, cauliflower, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.

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

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.

Jr. Legion Baseball: Mobridge at Groton (DH), 5 p.m.

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located west of the city shop. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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PO Box 34, Groton SD 57445
Paul's Cell/Text: 605-397-7460

Weber Landscaping Greenhouse Now Open!

620 West Third Ave., Groton

M-F
10-6
Saturday
10-4
Sunday
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Boys 1600m Relay Team places sixth at state

The boys 4x400m Relay team of Keegen Tracy, Andrew Marzahn, Ryder Johnson and Cole Simon placed sixth at the state track and field event held in Sioux Falls. Saturday was the final day of the three-day state event.

Saturday's Results

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay Finals: 6. (Keegen Tracy [9], Andrew Marzahn [12], Ryder Johnson [9], Cole Simon [12]), 3:31.83.

Girls Shot Put: 19. Emma Kutter [10], 32-08¼

Friday's Results

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay Prelims: 19. (Jerica Locke [9], Kennedy Hansen [10], Rylee Dunker [9], Kella Tracy [8]), 1:52.73

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay Prelims: 9. (Keegen Tracy [9], Ryder Johnson [9], Andrew Marzahn [12], Lane Tietz [11]), 1:33.70

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay Prelims: 18. (Laila Roberts [10], Jerica Locke [9], Kennedy Hansen [10], Kella Tracy [8]), 4:19.76.

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay Prelims: 4. (Keegen Tracy [9], Andrew Marzahn [12], Ryder Johnson [9], Cole Simon [12]), 3:31.34

Thursday's Results

Girls Triple Jump: 18, Aspen Johnson (12), 31-11½

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay: 12. (Faith Traphagen [10], Kella Tracy [8], Ashlynn Warrington [8], Taryn Traphagen [8]), 10:16.93

Boys 1600m Sprint Relay: 15. (Andrew Marzahn [12], Lane Tietz [11], Keegen Tracy [9], Blake Pauli [10]), 3:47.87

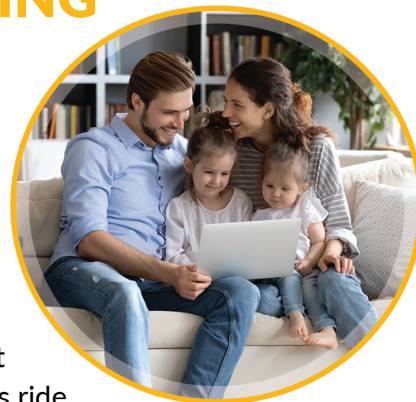
Boys 4x800m Relay: 10. (Keegen Tracy [9], Cole Simon [12], Blake Pauli [10], Lane Tietz [11]), 8:35.88

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay Prelims: 13. Andrew Marzahn [12], Ryder Johnson [9], Teylor Diegel [10], Korbin Kucker [10]), 45.73

JAMES VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS 66TH ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 1st
Groton Area High School Arena
11:30am Registration & Lunch
12:30pm Meeting

- Membership Gift
- Lunch catered by Ken's SuperFair Foods
- Door Prizes, including a \$500 JVT credit
- Call 605-397-2323 to reserve a free bus ride to the meeting
- JVT's Office will be closed 11am-2pm



JVT



MEMORIAL DAY
— HONORING ALL WHO SERVED —

**Memorial Day Services
Columbia American
Legion**

Monday, May 29, 2023, 1 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Troy McQuillen
Owner of McQuillen Creative Group,
Publisher of Aberdeen Magazine &
The Aberdeen Insider

Legion Memorial Services:
Bath at 9 a.m.
Westport at 10 a.m.
Houghton at 11 a.m.
Columbia Lutheran at 11:30 a.m.
Columbia at noon.

**Potluck lunch at the Legion will
begin after the services at
the cemetery with our
guest speaker at 1 p.m.**

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**Groton Memorial Day Program at Noon
on Monday, May 29th**

**Free Viewing Sponsored by Groton
American Legion Post #39**



MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Groton Post #39 Memorial Day Schedule

Hufton at 7:30 a.m.

James at 8:15 a.m.

Verdon at 8:45 a.m.

Bates-Scotland at 9:15 a.m.

Ferney at 10 a.m.

Andover Union at 11 a.m.

**Groton at Noon
Guest speaker at Groton
is Donald Pasch.**

**Lunch to follow at the Groton Post #39
home served by the Legion Auxiliary.**

**In the event of inclement weather,
the ceremony will be held at the
Post home.**

**Groton Post #39 is sponsoring
the FREE viewing of the broadcast
at**

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

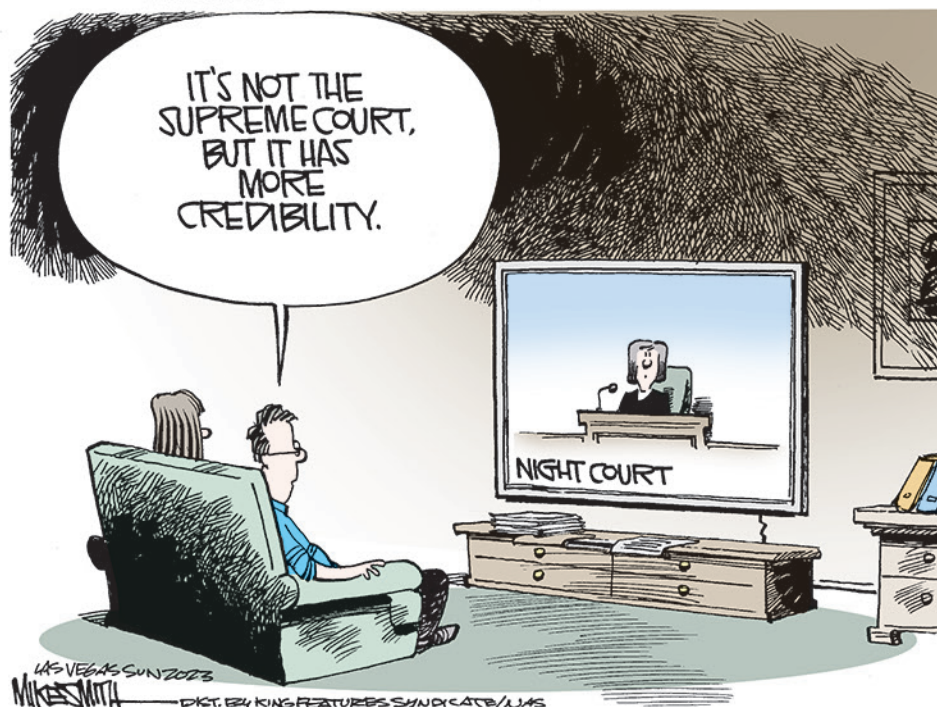
For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

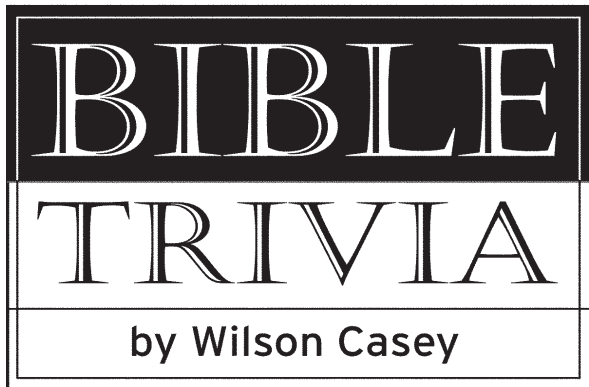
1 CORINTHIANS 1: 18,19



"Christ on the Cross with the Virgin and Saint John" (15th century woodcut)

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1. Is the book of Hosea (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Luke 8:2, how many demons did Mary Magdalene have in her? *1, 3, 5, 7*

3. Who wrote in Proverbs 13:24, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son"? *David, Solomon, Job, Ruth*

4. From Judges 13-16, who was the strongest man on earth? *Hercules, Samson, Obadiah, Timothy*

5. During the great flood, how many humans were on the ark? *2, 4, 6, 8*

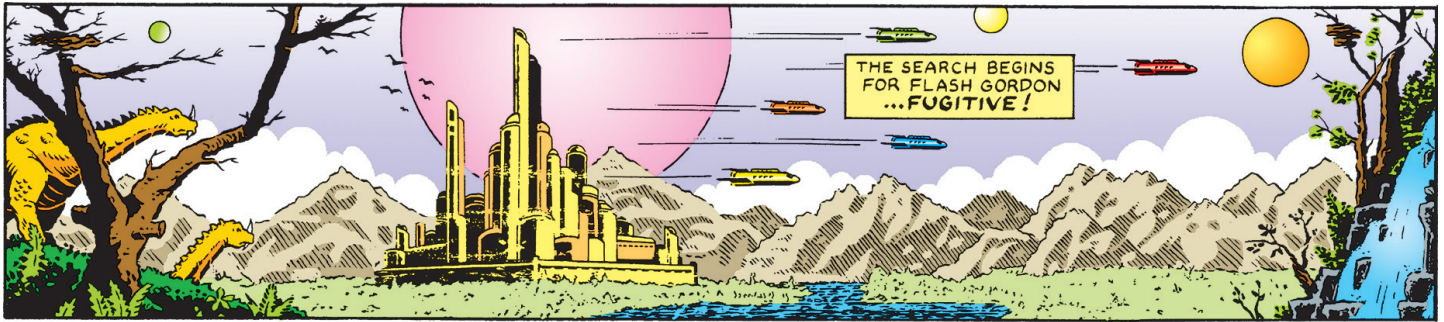
6. In Psalms 68:5, who is "father to the fatherless"? *Oneself, Heaven, Fool, God*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 7, 3) Solomon, 4) Samson, 5) 8 (Gen. 7:13), 6) God

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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FLASH GORDON

By JIM KEEFE 5-28

A FUGITIVE ON TRUMPED-UP CHARGES...

...FLASH HIDES OUT AMONG MING'S OLD RESEARCH FACILITIES FAR BENEATH ALANIA'S PALACE.

WANTED FOR SMUGGLING...

DALE, LOST TO ME...

HOW CAN I GO ON?

WELL, IF IT ISN'T FLASH GORDON...

"SAVIOR OF THE UNIVERSE."

WHA..?

ON YOUR KNEES, DOG!



YOU'RE NOT ONE OF BARIN'S GUARDS! WHO ARE YOU?

I SAID...

...ON YOUR KNEES!



NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION...



AND AS FLASH LOOKS UP AT THE MONITOR, A CHILL RUNS DOWN HIS SPINE...

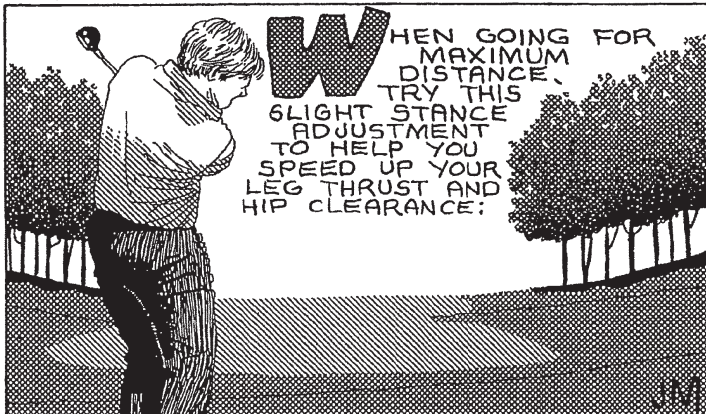


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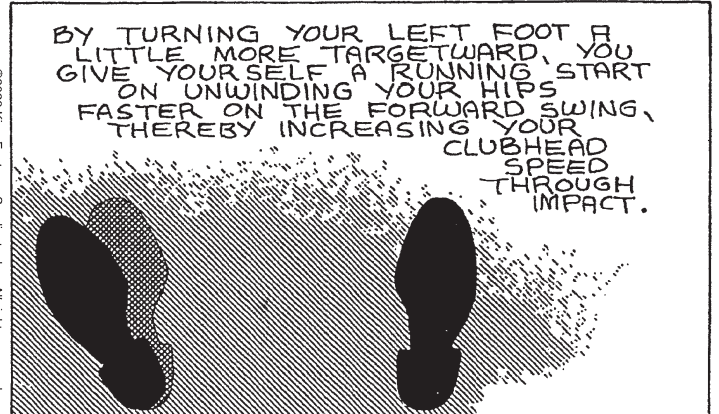
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People who get COVID-19 vaccine less likely to die from any cause

DEAR DR. ROACH: In a recent column, you referred to a U.K. source that stated “all-cause mortality is very significantly reduced in people who have had the COVID-19 vaccine, compared to unvaccinated people.” I wasn’t sure what you meant by all-cause? Does this mean any and all deaths, with or without COVID-19, for any reason, have been very significantly reduced just by getting the COVID-19 shot? Or does it mean that any and all deaths associated with COVID-19 have been reduced in those who have been vaccinated? If it is the first, then fewer people should be dying, people should be living longer, and we should not see a decrease in life expectancy (except for the addition of those dying from COVID-19, which brings the age down). Anyway, if the first is true, then I will definitely continue getting the COVID-19 shot just to live longer, with or without getting COVID-19! — C.P.

ANSWER: The U.K. study looked at all-cause mortality, which means anyone who dies from any reason. The study found that getting the COVID-19 vaccine reduced the likelihood of dying from COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 causes.

One potential problem studies face is assigning cause of death. If a person with a very serious cancer who is expected to pass away within a few months gets COVID-19 and dies, did the cancer kill them, or did COVID-19? If you have to choose just one cause, the answer could be misleading. That’s why the results of the U.K. study (and a Florida study that showed similar results) were so important. People who get the COVID-19 vaccine are less likely to die from any cause.

In the last few years in the U.S., the

tality has reversed, and death rates are going up, partially due to COVID-19.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband has been diagnosed with cardiac amyloidosis. The doctor has started him on Vyndamax, a very expensive drug. Without this drug, he is lucky to live, at the most, two years. Is this drug a miracle, and does it guarantee that he will live many more years? — T.W.

ANSWER: There are several types of cardiac amyloidosis — a disease in which abnormal proteins are deposited in many tissues, including the heart, where the protein interferes with heart function and leads to heart failure. Tafadamis (also known by its brand name, Vyndamax) is used in transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (ATTR, of which there are two types that both get treated with tafadamis).

Subjects in the trial on tafadamis were followed for two-and-a-half years. Half of the group were given tafadamis, while the other half were given a placebo, which looked like the real drug but had no activity. Of those who got the inactive placebo, 43% died in the two-and-a-half-year time span of the study, but of those who received tafadamis, 30% died. Thirteen percent, or about one in eight people, who received tafadamis lived, when they were expected to die. In addition, there were fewer hospitalizations and less loss of ability to exercise in those taking tafadamis, compared with the placebo. There were no serious side effects that were more frequent in the tafadamis group.

Tafadamis definitely affords a big improvement in the outcome of people with ATTR-CA. However, I would not call the drug a “miracle,” nor is there a guarantee of living many more years. To me, a miracle is when someone recovers when no doctor expected them to. I have seen a few in my career, and they are very powerful. I have seen many treatments that have incremental improvements in outcomes, and over time, that has led to dramatic improvements in many diseases.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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"Succession" (TV-MA) -- What better way to end the killer lineup that HBO's Sunday night slot has had for the past year than with the finale of the show "Succession"? After four seasons following the dynamic Roy siblings around their vulgar corporate wonderland, the coveted position as CEO of their father's company, Waystar RoyCo, will fall into just one person's hands. As longtime viewers of the show know, anything is possible when it comes to the Roys. The incredible leads -- Jeremy Strong, Sarah Snook and Kieran Culkin -- along with the rest of the talented cast are sure to bring the show to a bittersweet close. The full 10-episode final season is out now. (HBO Max)



From left, Sarah Snook, Kieran Culkin and Jeremy Strong star in "Succession."

Courtesy of HBO

"Menendez + Menudo, Boys Betrayed" (NR) -- A new development in the story of Lyle and Erik Menendez, the brothers who were sentenced to life in prison for murdering their parents, has come to light and spawned a three-part docuseries. During their 1996 trial, the brothers alleged that their father, Jose, had sexually abused them for years, but these claims weren't considered by the prosecution to be their true motivation for the murders. Now, Roy Rosello, former member of Puerto Rican pop group Menudo (previous members also include Ricky Martin and Draco Rosa), comes forward in this docuseries about the sexual abuse he also suffered from Jose Menendez. For those who don't know the Menendez story or the horrific working conditions of being in Menudo -- as well as other American boybands who followed Menudo's lead -- I highly recommend this sobering docuseries out now. (Peacock)

"A Man Called Otto" (PG-13) -- America's dad Tom Hanks leads this sweet comedy-drama film based on the 2012 novel "A Man Called Ove" by Swedish author Fredrik Backman. Backman's novel was first adapted onto the big screen in Sweden back in 2015, but an English-language film was quickly put into motion in 2017. Hanks plays Otto Anderson, a widower in Pennsylvania who has become quite the grump after his wife's passing. After retiring, Otto prepares to end his life, but when a new family moves in nearby, their genuine warmth and love slowly lead Otto to find his purpose in life again. "A Man Called Otto" is out now. (Netflix)

"The Old Way" (R) -- Declaration-of-Independence-stealer Nicolas Cage stars in this new western film out now on streaming. Taking place in the late 1800s, Colton Briggs (Cage) was known as a truly unruly gunfighter -- that is, until he got married. So, now that Colton's a husband to a woman named Ruth, his life has completely altered over the course of 20 years. And he has a spunky 12-year-old daughter, Brooke, to show for it. But, when dear Ruth is murdered in cold-blood by a bandit from Colton's past, the gunfighter he kept tucked away comes out for vengeance -- this time with a sidekick. This is a father-daughter dance like you've never seen before. (Hulu)

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1. Name the ice cream flavor Baskin-Robbins created in celebration of the Beatles coming to America for the first time.
2. Which artist wrote and released "Duke of Earl"?
3. What's the name of the street the Beatles are crossing on their 1969 album cover?
4. Name the first rock group to ever play Carnegie Hall.
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "It's late September and I really should be back at school, I know I keep you amused but I feel I'm being used."

Answers

1. Beatle Nut. A reporter called Robbins and asked if a new flavor was being created. Nothing was planned and Robbins had to think fast. He said yes, and five days later the walnut, pistachio and chocolate ribbon ice cream was being delivered.
2. Gene Chandler (born Eugene Drake Dixon), in 1962. The song was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2002.
3. Abbey Road, near Grove End Road, in North West London.
4. Chicago, in April 1971.
5. "Maggie May," by Rod Stewart, in 1971. The song tells the story of a college boy with an older woman for a lover. The song was released as the B side to "Reason to Believe."

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GRIN and BEAR IT ^{by Wagner}



"We used to mold them like clay. ...
Now it's Silly Putty!"

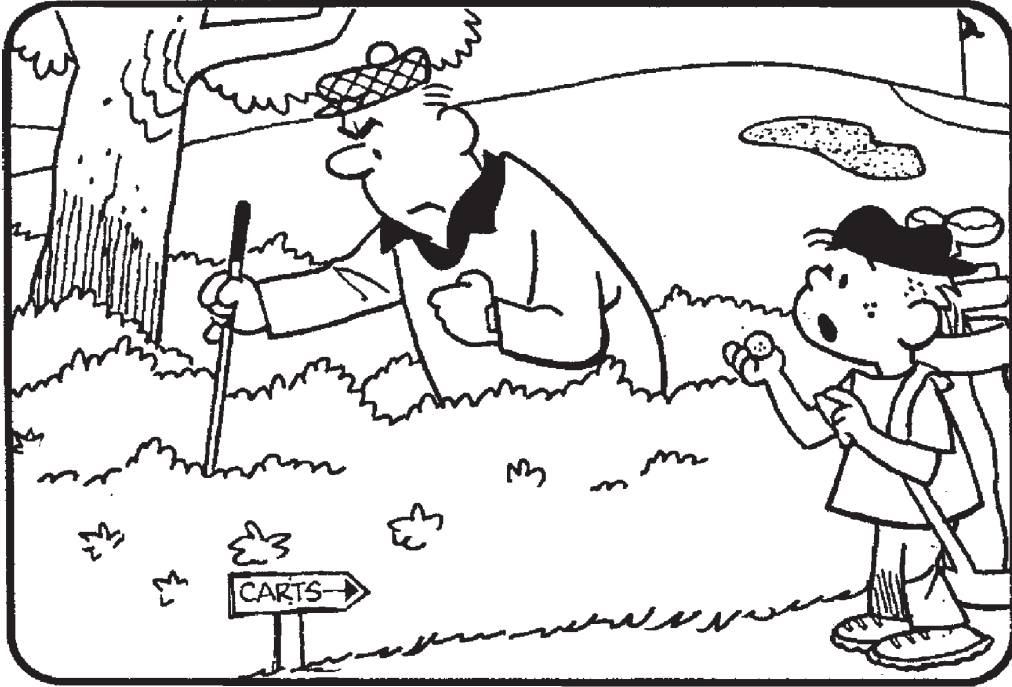
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

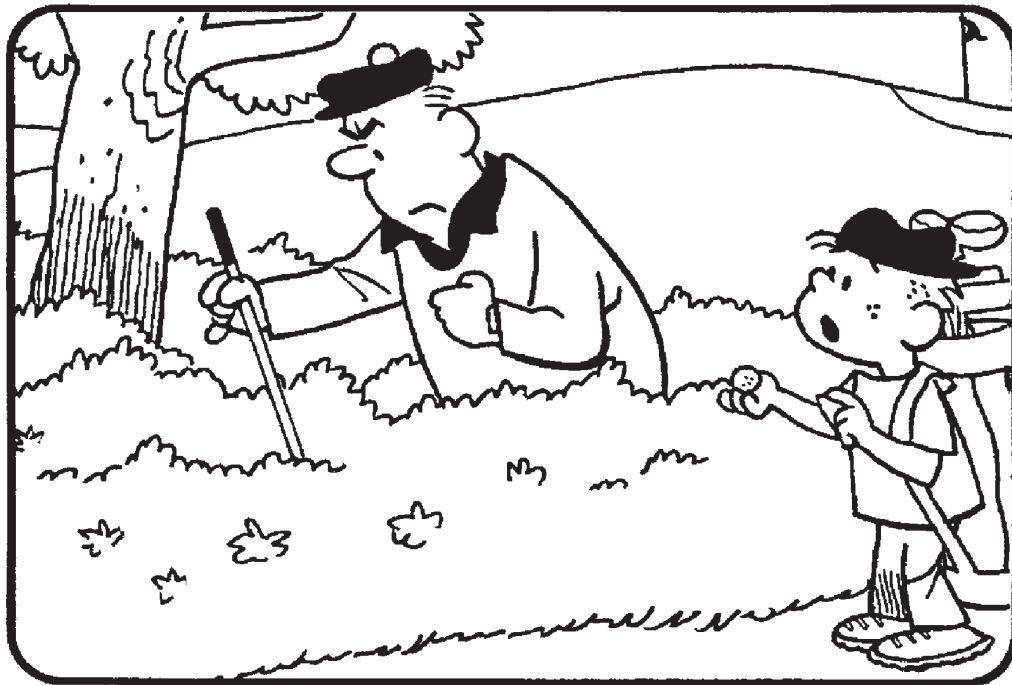


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Golf club is moved. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. Trap is missing. 5. Arm is missing. 6. Shirt is different.

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* "Before traveling, I write down the numbers, expiration and contact information for any credit cards I plan to bring with me. I keep one copy hidden in my luggage, and another is left with a friend back home. This way, if anything happens to my wallet, I can easily call and cancel cards and arrange for replacements." -- R.E. in New York

* "When getting ready to entertain, I use sticky notes to organize my serving pieces. For each dish, I make two sticky notes. I label the dishes and set them out on the buffet. When I am satisfied with the arrangement, I remove one sticky note and attach it to the place the dish will remain, and the dish goes to the kitchen, still labeled until it's filled." -- W. in Texas

* Lipstick on your linens? Dab with petroleum jelly, then dish soap. Then launder as usual. Be sure the stain is removed before you dry the linens.

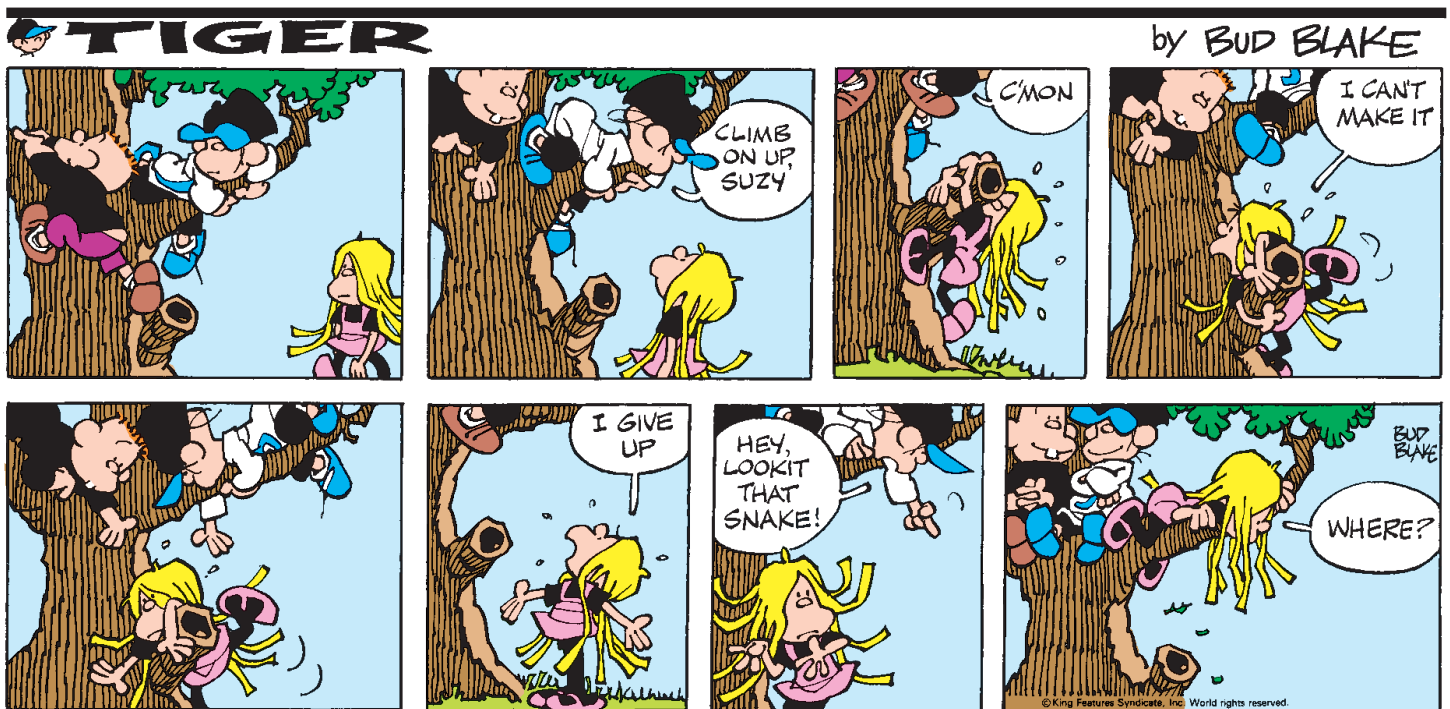
* "If you have trouble with your pantyhose, give them a spray with an anti-static spray first. Then put them on. They seem to slide up better, and it's much easier to get a grip on them. Also, it seems to keep them from running as easily." -- D.V. in Washington

* A properly clean windshield is not only a good view, it's safer! If your windshield blades still look good but are smearing, wipe them down with a cotton ball soaked in rubbing alcohol. If the cotton pulls off on the blade, it's time to replace. If not, the alcohol will likely clean up that smudge.

* Natural peanut butter fan? Store your jar upside down. The oil will settle to the top, and when you flip it over, it will be less messy to stir. No peanut oil sloshing down the side of the jar!

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Modern taxi alternative
- 5 911 responders
- 9 ER workers
- 12 Zero, in tennis
- 13 Scurry
- 14 Actor Kilmer
- 15 Wharton Sch. offering
- 17 506, in old Rome
- 18 Charon's river
- 19 Speedy
- 21 Devil's domain
- 24 Toppled
- 25 Writer Quindlen
- 26 Circus gymnasts

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- 30 Call — day
- 31 Kathy of "Misery"
- 32 Pro vote
- 33 "No worries ..."
- 35 GI dining hall
- 36 Cries of discovery
- 37 Third rock from the sun
- 38 Gantry of fiction
- 40 Stable diet
- 42 Napkin's place
- 43 Coll. entrance considerations
- 48 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)

- 49 Military group
- 50 "A Doll's House" heroine
- 51 That lady
- 52 Tower city
- 53 Did the crawl

DOWN

- 1 Einstein's birthplace
- 2 Short 'do
- 3 Actress Longoria
- 4 It had a big part in the Bible
- 5 Jittery
- 6 "Das Kapital" author

- 7 Three, in Rome
- 8 Sound systems
- 9 Movie buff's purchase
- 10 Sitarist Shankar
- 11 Lost traction
- 16 Roswell visitors
- 20 Cleric's tunic
- 21 It grows on you
- 22 Initial chip
- 23 Crime lab specimen
- 24 Glenn of the Eagles
- 26 Very small batteries

- 27 Dol. fractions
- 28 Try out
- 29 Merit badge holder
- 31 Endures
- 34 Common title start
- 35 Brick workers
- 37 And so on (Abbr.)
- 38 Yale students
- 39 Cilium
- 40 Elevator name
- 41 "The Thin Man" dog
- 44 Blackbird
- 45 Tier
- 46 Epoch
- 47 Actor Waterston

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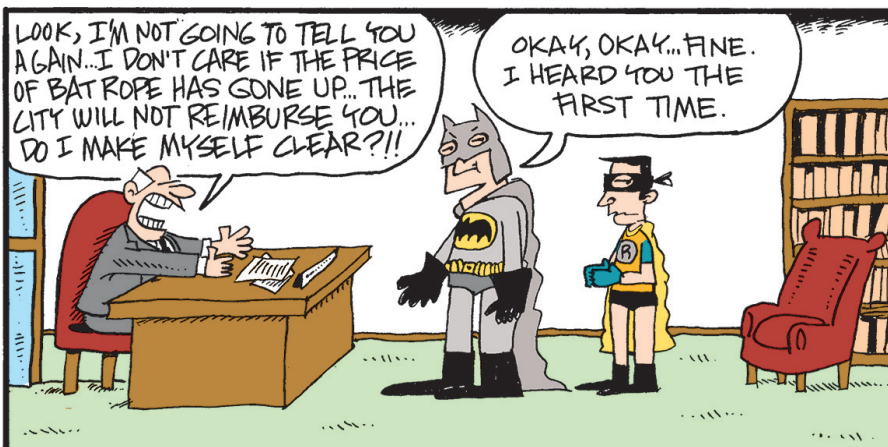
Answers

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

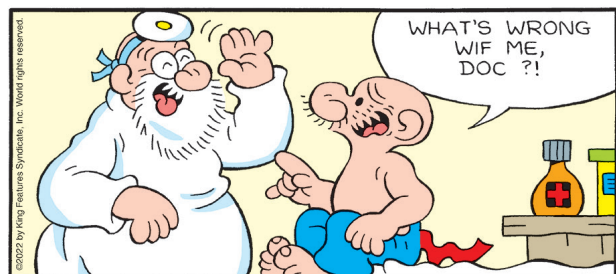
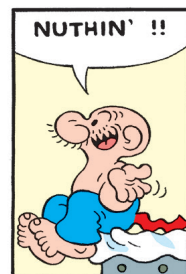
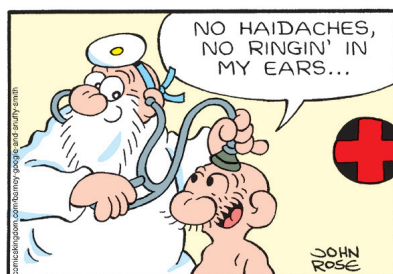
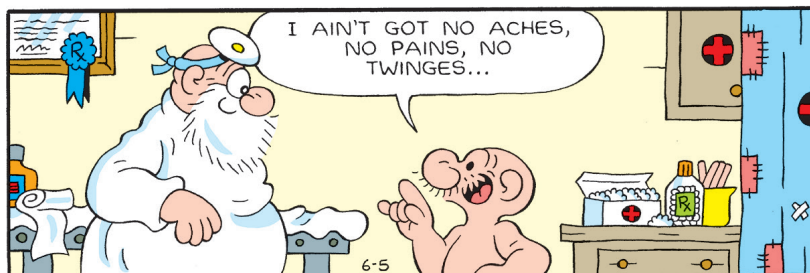
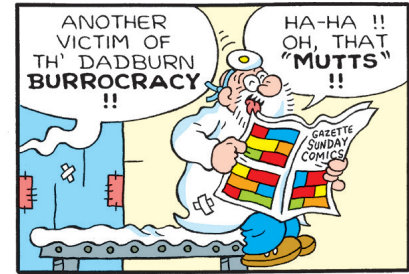
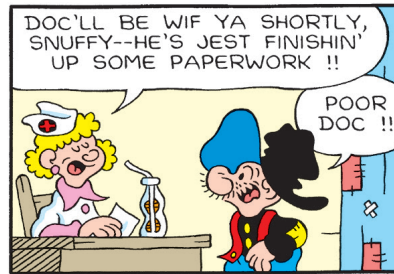
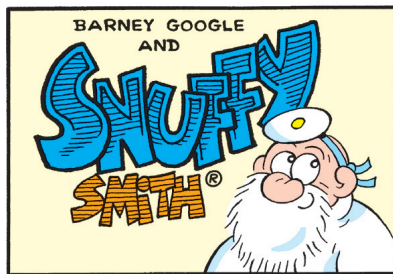
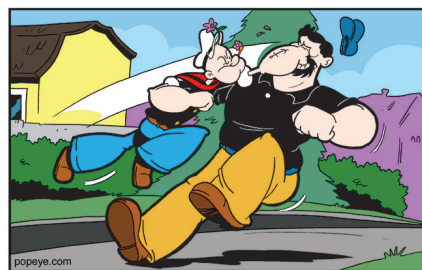
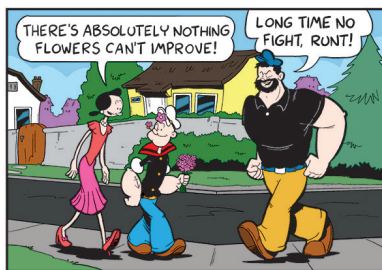
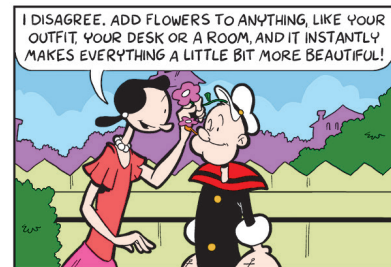
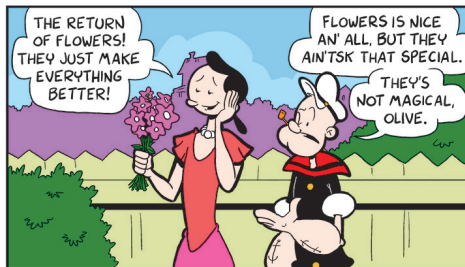
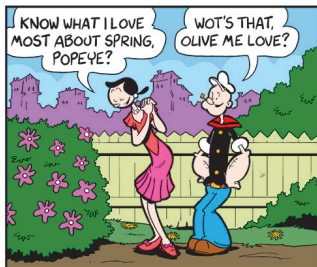
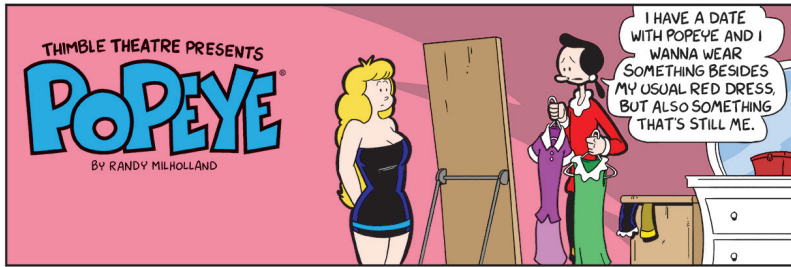


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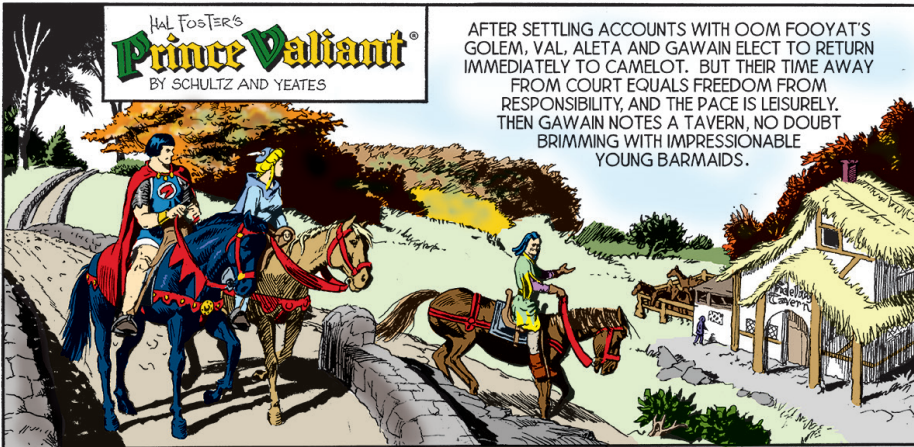
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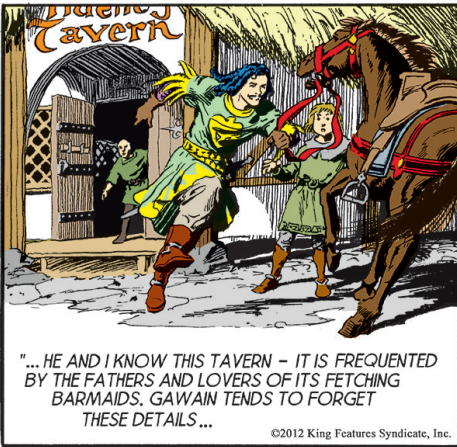


Hal Foster's
Prince Valiant
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

AFTER SETTLING ACCOUNTS WITH OOM FOoyAT'S GOLEM, VAL, ALETA AND GAWAIN ELECT TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO CAMELOT. BUT THEIR TIME AWAY FROM COURT EQUALS FREEDOM FROM RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE PACE IS LEISURELY. THEN GAWAIN NOTES A TAVERN, NO DOUBT BRIMMING WITH IMPRESSIONABLE YOUNG BARMAIDS.

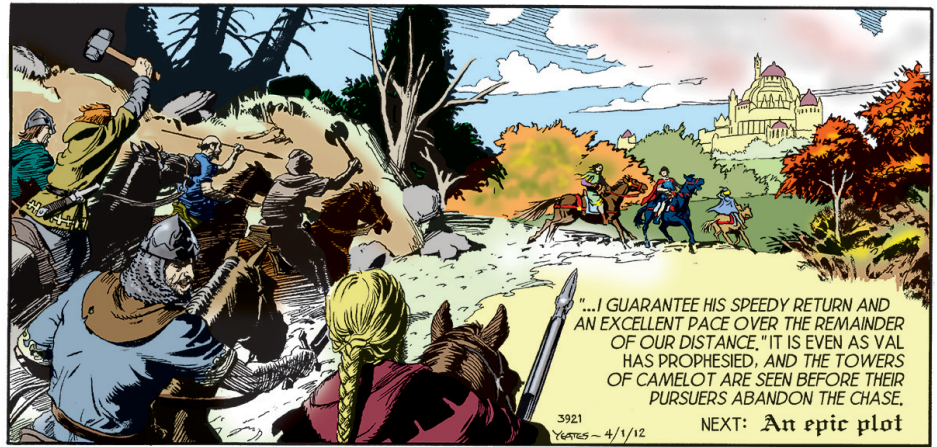


ALETA IS GROWING CONCERNED: "OUR UNHASTY JOURNEY HAS BEEN PLEASING, BUT WE HAVE BEEN GONE TOO LONG..." VAL SMILES: "FEAR NOT - SIR GAWAIN WILL SEE TO IT THAT WE MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME..."



"... HE AND I KNOW THIS TAVERN - IT IS FREQUENTED BY THE FATHERS AND LOVERS OF ITS FETCHING BARMAIDS. GAWAIN TENDS TO FORGET THESE DETAILS..."

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NEXT: An epic plot

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MY GET UP AND GO HAS GOT UP AND WENT.

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by Jeff Pickering



... AND IT DIDN'T EVEN INVITE ME TO GO WITH IT.

PICKERING

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Who Is Stealing From Us?

We think we would know when we're being scammed, but would we really? Financial exploitation of seniors can take many forms, and it's one of many types of elder abuse.

The exploitation can be as simple as taking cash out of our purse or wallet when we aren't looking, leaving us to wonder whether we actually had the money.

It can be outright theft of money from our accounts after we've given someone our personal information.

It's fraud when someone forges our signature on documents, causing us to lose money or property, or when someone misuses a power of attorney.

Exploitation can come in the form of pressure, persuasion or coercion when someone talks us into making changes to our finances, a will or an estate plan, or when we're pushed to pay their bills or buy them things.

The ones who do this to us aren't necessarily foreigners who manage to get us on the phone and try to wheedle personal information out of us or convince us to buy something. Sometimes the ones who do these things to us are people we trust.

Sometimes it's a relative, someone we're dating or even a child or grandchild pretending to act in our best interests. Sometimes it's a caregiver. The fact that they would steal from us can be shocking to even think about -- until they do. Cash, jewelry, income checks taken out of the mailbox, money taken out of our accounts when they discover our PIN ... the list is nearly endless.

One small step to help guard your finances: Do your banking inside the bank so tellers get to know you and your normal habits. Another small step: Make use of a shredder.

But mostly, trust yourself. If you're suspicious, trust that feeling. If you suspect you're the victim of financial exploitation in any form, call the police. Don't wait.

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1. According to NHL rules, what penalty is assessed for "the actions of a player who, as a result of distance traveled, shall violently check an opponent in any manner"?

2. What 1973 AL Rookie of the Year for the Baltimore Orioles was awarded the Bronze Star for his Army service in the Vietnam War?

3. What trick play in football shares a name with someone who removes a parasitic flightless insect?

4. What sport, widely known today as underwater hockey, was developed in the 1950s by members of the British Sub-Aqua Club?

5. Name the ice-dancing duo from Great Britain who won the gold medal at the 1984 Sarajevo Winter Olympics.

6. The "700 Level" contained the cheapest seats and the rowdiest fans at what now-demolished sports stadium?

7. What database, launched in October 2018, is used by college athletes who wish to play at another NCAA institution?



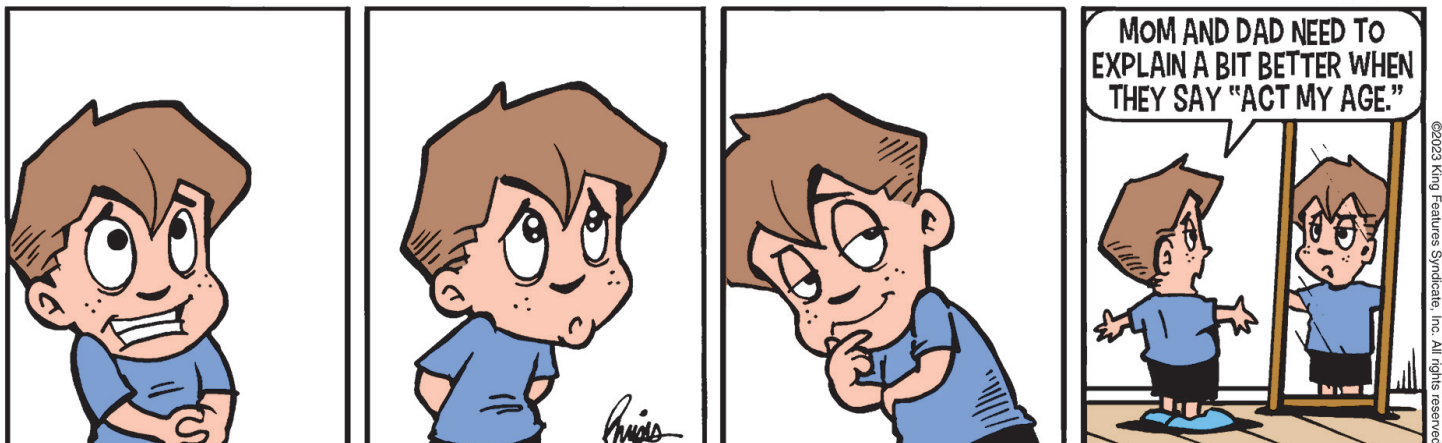
by Ryan A. Berenz

Answers

1. Charging.
2. Al Bumbry.
3. The flea flicker.
4. Octopush.
5. Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean.
6. Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium.
7. The Transfer Portal.

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Amber Waves





Keep Your Dog Safe From Tick-Borne Infections

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm afraid to take my 1-year-old Lab, Shiner, on hikes in the woods because he might be bitten by a tick and get ill. What's your take on the tick situation? -- Brian in Concord, New Hampshire

DEAR BRIAN: Even though ticks carrying diseases like Lyme are a concern, do not let the risk put you off of bringing your dog along on hiking adventures. Yes, ticks are numerous, and you live in a hotspot for tick-borne diseases. But there are precautions that you can take to keep both Shiner and yourself healthy.

A Lyme vaccine is available for dogs, so talk to your vet about getting Shiner this shot. But ticks carry other diseases too. So be sure that Shiner wears a flea-and-tick-repellent collar or takes a flea-and-tick (and heartworm) preventative medication.

Keep ticks off of your own skin by treating clothing and gear with permethrin and letting it dry completely before wearing the gear (permethrin should never be applied to your skin). Just before setting out on your hike, spray insect repellent that works on numerous bugs, including ticks and fleas, onto your skin.

After your hike, before getting into the car, check Shiner's coat for ticks and other bugs. Run your hand along his fur from head to tail to dislodge any critters or debris from the top of his coat. Check under his tail and between the pads of his paws. Shake your gear out and do a tick check on yourself as much as possible.

At home, do a more thorough check of Shiner by running your hands into his coat and visually checking his fur and skin. Remove any embedded ticks using a tick removal tool.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* In a study to improve hospital design for children, researchers polled 250 kids about their opinions on clowns. The verdict was unanimous: Every single one reported disliking or fearing them. Well, so do some adults.

* A Texas woman named Verda Byrd, adopted by a Black family in the 1940s, only discovered she was white after finding her adoption papers in 2013.

* In 1987, a barge left New York for North Carolina with a whopping 3,168 tons of trash on board. North Carolina didn't want it either, so the barge traveled

for seven long months trying (and failing) to find someone to take it, launching a national conversation on the subject of landfills and recycling.

* The town of Dull in Scotland has been twinned with the town of Boring, Oregon, since 2012.

* Because goats can eat poison ivy with no ill effects, some farmers rent out the animals to clear parks, golf courses and historical sites without having to use chemicals or herbicides.

* A nuclear bomb is stuck somewhere in the ice on the coast of Greenland.

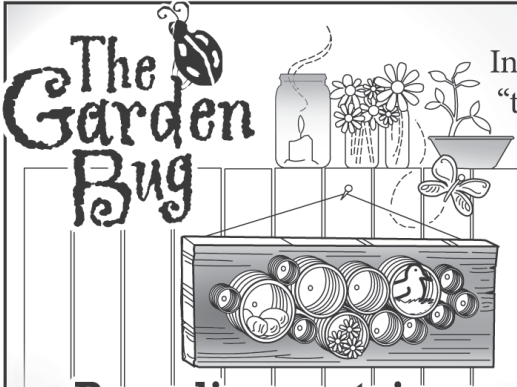
* Retired NFL wide receiver Steve Smith left his cleats on the field after every game to raise awareness of homeless people who don't have shoes.

* In 1993, a Missouri man purposely damaged a levee on the Mississippi River to delay his wife coming home from work so he could party. The plan spectacularly backfired when the river flooded 14,000 acres, leading to his arrest and conviction for causing a catastrophe and a life sentence in prison.

* There are cases of identical twins in which only one is born with Down syndrome.

Thought for the Day: "Pay no attention to what the critics say. A statue has never been erected in honor of a critic." -- Jean Sibelius

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The Garden Bug

Instead of throwing out all your "throw away" containers, clean and re-purpose them for the garden. Plastic tubs can hold cuttings or young plants, and plastic lids can prevent surface damage by clay pots. Glass jars can hold candles in sand, seed pods or flowers in water. Egg trays can be seed starters. Cardboard can block weed growth in flower beds. Make a funky garden art/birdhouse/collectables display by nailing cans to a board, using buttons, beads, rocks or shells to decorate it. - Brenda Weaver

Recycling containers



by Freddy Groves

VA's Office of Inspector General Strikes Again

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Office of Inspector General was asked to review the response of facility leaders at a certain VA health location when there had been allegations of sexual harassment of a mental health patient. Specifically, the patient claimed to have been harassed via social media by a food service worker and reported this to several people, including a supervisor and an HR specialist. No one, it appeared, had done much of anything, and the

patient was increasingly stressed and anxious.

It was only after the patient was admitted to a mental health ward that a nurse reported it to the VA's police, with the social media posts as proof. Too little, too late. The people who should have intervened tried to weasel out of responsibility during the investigation by saying they didn't think they could take any action because the social media posts were done after working hours and off-site. Later, when someone else called for a welfare check at the patient's home, the police found the patient dead by suicide.

Sexual harassment becomes sexual assault when it's hands-on, and a VA physician was indicted on just that: sexual assault of at least four women during routine exams while working at a VA hospital. Authorities suspect there were additional women who were assaulted and ask that they come forward to add to the investigation. The doctor, meanwhile, has been assigned to a job with no patient interaction.

If this isn't bad enough, consider the VA employee who was sending out child pornography -- over the public Wi-Fi at a VA medical center. Not only did the perp send it out, but he had a collection at home, and the children involved were under the age of 12. Distribution could get him up to 20 years in prison, and the possession could get him an identical amount of time, including possible fines of up to \$250,000 for each charge.

If you suspect wrongdoing at the VA, submit a complaint via the VA OIG Hotline at www.va.gov/oig/ hotline or call them at 800-488-8244.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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1. MOVIES: When was the first "Star Wars" movie released?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water is Bermuda located?
3. TELEVISION: Who was the first host of the game show "Jeopardy!"?
4. ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls balance and coordination?
5. LITERATURE: Which short story is described as the first modern detective story?
6. ANCIENT WORLD: Which two cities were destroyed by a volcano in 79 A.D.?
7. U.S. CITIES: What is the nickname of Albuquerque's (New Mexico) minor league baseball team?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What does "en croute" mean?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What kind of farm did Jimmy Carter have before he became president?
10. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant urges customers to "Eat fresh"?

Answers

1. 1977.
2. North Atlantic Ocean.
3. Art Fleming.
4. Cerebellum.
5. "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" by Edgar Allen Poe.
6. Pompeii and Herculaneum.
7. The Albuquerque Isotopes.
8. Food baked in a pastry crust.
9. Peanut.
10. Subway.

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South Dakota Governor

Kristi Noem



South Dakota: *Under God, the People Rule*

Improving Higher Education

South Dakota's kids are our future. This point really hits home for those of us who are already seeing our own kids have kids of their own! And we must set our kids up with the skills and knowledge to build the best possible future for our state and nation. A big part of that puzzle is our higher education system. Unfortunately, across the nation, higher education is in a state of crisis. I have challenged our South Dakota Board of Regents to show the nation what quality higher education is supposed to look like.

We certainly have room to improve, as well. Less than half of our students are even graduating, compared to 63% nationally. And 43% of students who complete a college degree are underemployed when they graduate. Far too many students have been set up for failure – and they've been charged tens of thousands of dollars for their trouble.

We must do better. And South Dakota will.

I challenged our Board of Regents to take eight specific steps to set an example for the nation of what strong, conservative higher education should look like.

The Board of Regents should aim to raise graduation rates to 65% by 2028, far above the low 47% rate that we're currently seeing. We should be outperforming the nation, not lagging behind. We've already taken steps to improve K-12 education for our students, with new social studies standards that teach our nation's true and honest history. Now, we must do better for higher education, as well.

For South Dakota kids who do graduate, they should have the confidence that their degree will earn them a high-paying job in the career of their choice. I'm encouraging the Board of Regents to work with businesses on registered apprenticeship programs and offer the lowest possible credit rates. These steps will help our schools to focus more on skills that will prepare students for gainful employment. In particular, registered apprenticeships get students engaged with South Dakota businesses before they even graduate.

Our state universities should also remove all references to preferred pronouns in school materials. This practice has resulted in students being compelled and coerced to provide speech that they do not agree with. Our kids should have the ability to exercise their right to free speech. After all, South Dakota defends our constitutional freedoms more than any other state.

The Board of Regents should go further and remove any policies or procedures that prohibit students from exercising their right to free speech. Recently, Black Hills State University came under fire for one such policy that limited student speech – thankfully, the policy was removed. We must prepare our students to discuss and debate opposing ideas in a civil way.

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Next, the Board of Regents should prohibit drag shows from taking place on university campuses. Gender theories can and should be debated in college classrooms, but these divisive theories shouldn't be celebrated through public performances on taxpayer-owned property at taxpayer-funded schools.

As the cost of living continues to rise across the nation, the Board of Regents should find ways to cut costs to keep college affordable. In recent years, the Board of Regents has kept tuition low by backfilling their own budgets with taxpayer dollars. This doesn't address rising costs. The cost of a degree should align with the value that it provides.

Civics and American history have been all but dismissed in higher education, and the result is abject indifference and lack of competency in our youth. The Board of Regents should require a course in American government and a course in American history as part of the general education graduation requirements.

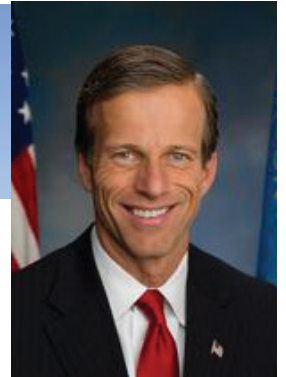
Finally, the Board of Regents should help tackle the threat posed by communist China. They should immediately review all funding sources of university centers and all donations to ensure there is no money coming into our educational system from China.

As Governor, my duty is to protect the people of South Dakota, ensure that their tax burden remains low, and spend those taxpayer dollars wisely. Together, we can and must set an example to the nation of what strong, conservative higher education can look like. I look forward to continuing to work on this incredibly important goal.

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John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Duty, Honor, Country

During the month of May, we mark Military Appreciation Month, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. It is a time to honor those who have served and continue to serve our nation in uniform and to reflect on the patriotic values that these brave men and women embody. It's an opportunity to remember those who have fought and died for our freedoms. And it's a chance to renew our commitment to honor their memory.

South Dakota has a rich heritage of military service. Generations of South Dakotans have left the comforts of home to answer the call to serve. I would guess there are few families in our state that don't have a family member or a friend who has spent time in uniform. I don't think this is a coincidence. Small-town values like hard work, integrity, community, and humility shape a desire to work for something larger than oneself. I saw this firsthand in my dad, who grew up in Murdo and flew Hellcats off the U.S.S. Intrepid during World War II. Dad was the embodiment of those small-town values that made his generation of Americans the Greatest Generation, and they're still the hallmark of those serving today.

It might be hard to imagine how a small-town kid could play a role in world events, but countless South Dakotans, including my dad and patriots like Cecil Harris from Cresbard, have distinguished themselves in advancing the cause of freedom. Nine South Dakotans have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for going beyond the call of duty. Among the South Dakotans who have received the nation's highest military honor are soldiers like Captain Arlo Olson from Toronto, who died bravely leading an assault in Italy during World War II; Private Herbert Littleton from Black Hawk, who threw himself on a hand grenade to save his comrades' lives during the Korean War; and Major Patrick Brady of Philip, who, as a Huey pilot, saved 51 seriously wounded men in one day in Vietnam.

Soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, and guardians do extraordinary things, but when you ask most veterans about their service, they often turn the conversation to those they served with, especially those who never came home. In every generation, South Dakotans have given their lives in defense of our country and the values we hold dear. South Dakota's fallen are memorialized in monuments across the state, ensuring their sacrifice is not forgotten by the generations who enjoy the freedom that their service helped secure. I was humbled by the recent opportunity to greet dozens of South Dakota Vietnam and Korean War veterans at the war memorials built in our nation's capital to honor their service and sacrifice to the nation.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who chose service above self and were willing to give their lives for our country. We owe them our eternal gratitude. And we owe it to their memory to preserve the security and liberty they helped protect or, in the words of President Lincoln, to "take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion."

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CONGRESSMAN
DUSTY JOHNSON
Representing **SOUTH DAKOTA** at large



A Deal on the Debt?

As the debt limit "X-date" of June 1 becomes closer and closer, House Republicans have been standing firm on our requests to address our two crises—out-of-control government spending and a debt limit deadline.

Limit Government Spending – We want to cap government spending at the levels we were operating under in 2022, just 5 months ago. From there, spending growth would be allowed at 1% annually over the next ten years. This would save \$3.2 trillion over the next ten years.

Save Taxpayer Dollars – Our plan reclaims unspent COVID funds, repeals tax credits from the far left's "Green New Deal," and stops President Biden's unconstitutional student loan giveaway. Your tax dollars should be used in an effective manner.

Grow the Economy – By enforcing existing work requirements for welfare program benefits, preventing costly actions by the executive branch, and cutting unnecessary red tape for American energy projects, the Limit, Save, Grow plan incentivizes investment in our own economy. By growing our GDP, we will rely less on your taxpayer dollars to dig us out of debt.

The White House had been unwilling to negotiate with House Republicans for 97 days. Once talks between President Biden and Speaker McCarthy began, the White House seemed unwilling to cut federal spending and was insistent on raising taxes for hardworking Americans like you. Under the burden of historic inflation, many Americans don't have room in their budgets to afford higher taxes, too. House Republicans refuse to raise taxes on everyday Americans to meet the demands of the Left's reckless and irresponsible spending from the past two years.

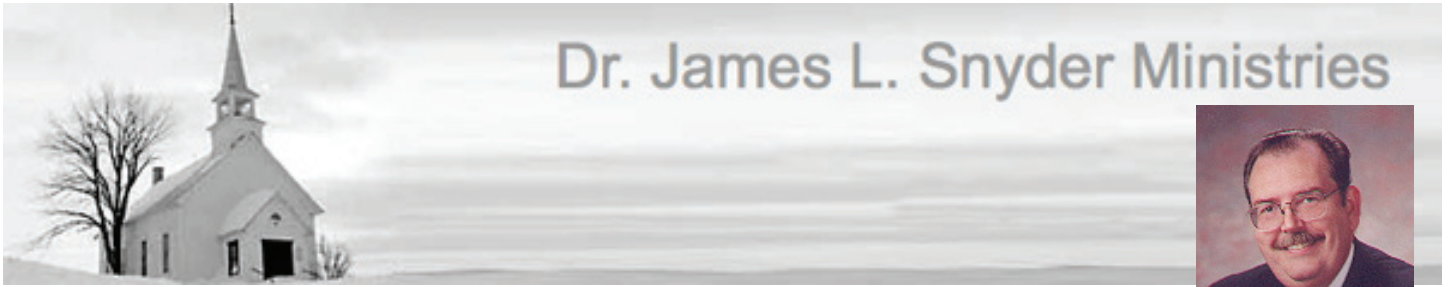
House Republicans have vowed to not raise taxes, not cut funding for veterans' programs, and protect Social Security and Medicare. We're committed to a reasonable, responsible, and sensible deal on the debt limit.

It seems we're getting closer to a deal each day, and I hope the White House can agree that we have to address the spending problem in this country. Spending more money is not the answer, and most of America agrees.

The clock is ticking, and I hope President Biden will negotiate in good faith. We cannot default on our debts.

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



Dizzy Is As Dizzy Says

Several years ago, I had a heart attack, which surprised my family and friends, who didn't know I had a heart. I was not sure I had a heart either until that day it attacked me.

What my heart had against me to attack me like that I still have not figured out.

Two years later, I have to go in for some tests, including a stress test.

The date was set for my test, and I wasn't supposed to drive myself because of the procedure, so The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage drove me to my appointment in her Sissy Van.

That alone was a stress test. Just riding in that Sissy Van prepared me for my stress test, and I don't believe the doctor could do anything more stressful.

I went to the cardiac place and prepared for the procedure that would last more than an hour.

The first level of stress, which I considered the most severe level, I was not allowed to have any coffee for 12 hours before the test. I don't know about you, but I live on my morning coffee.

"You do know," I said to my doctor, "that without my coffee, I will be a mess?"

"That's all right, I've dealt with many people like that, and I plan to strap you down, and I will have a needle in my hand that I'm sure will direct your attention from your caffeine."

I was then escorted into a room with a nurse who told me I needed to remove my shirt and T-shirt so she could prep me.

I was nervous and told her, "That will cost you one dollar."

"What are you talking about?"

Looking at her seriously, I said, "I do not strip without getting paid."

It was then that my real stress test began. Nurses don't have a sense of humor.

I very cautiously removed my shirt and T-shirt and sat in the chair, and she came over and put all kinds of tabs on my chest. According to her, these tabs will be hooked up to lines that go to The Machine that will begin the test of my heart.

Getting all those tabs stuck on my chest in the right place took her a while.

"You don't plan to electrocute me, do you?"

She looked at me with a sinister grin and said, "Time will tell."

Now my stress went up another notch.

This was just the beginning. According to the schedule, I had at least another 45 minutes under some machine that would be doing another level of stress testing.

I was escorted back to the room where this would occur and introduced to two young guys who would set me on this machine.

"I'm going to give you a shot of some medicine, and you might feel a little dizzy or lightheaded. Don't worry. It's part of the process."

That sure was easy for him to say he didn't have to go through all this nonsense.

"Just relax. You might hear noises, see things, lights, and so forth, but you're okay; everything is under control."

I love it when a plan comes together, but this wasn't part of it.

I was put on the table, and then all of these cords were attached to the tabs on my chest. I was getting ready to go through that tunnel that was just behind me.

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"You're going to be all right, and we have everything under control. Just relax, and maybe you even want to take a nap."

Right. I want to nap when somebody has hooked me up to cords I'm not sure what will happen. It's not that I don't trust doctors; I just don't trust doctors.

For the next 45 minutes, I was going through this machine, and I heard noises, saw flashes of light, and heard someone on the outside say, "Just breathe normally, and you might even just want to take a nap."

Then the stress test was over, and I could put on my shirt and T-shirt. They said everything went through just fine, and the doctor would get to me sometime next week with the results. I was then ushered to the outside, where The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was waiting to take me home, which was the last level of my stress test.

As I walked out, a lot of people in the lobby area were waiting for their doctor's appointments. As I walked out, everybody looked at me, which brought me to another level of stress.

Feeling slightly dizzy, I looked back at them, then pointed both hands to my face and said, "I've just had a facelift. How does it look?"

For some reason, all the air was sucked out of the lobby, and even a couple laughed. Someone looked at my wife and said, "Is that your husband?" She smiled and ushered me out of the room to the waiting Sissy Van.

Stress can be very stressful; at least, that's my experience.

I couldn't help but think of a verse of Scripture. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).

I can try to handle everything on my own, or I can cast all my care upon the Lord. The choice is mine.

EARTHTALK ™

Dear EarthTalk: I don't get how cryptocurrency is so bad for the environment? – L.H., via email

Cryptocurrency's impact on the environment is a big cause for concern. While cryptocurrencies (e.g., Bitcoin, Ethereum) offer various benefits, such as decentralized transactions and financial inclusivity, their underlying technology, known as blockchain, has significant environmental drawbacks.

One of the main environmental issues associated with cryptocurrency is its energy consumption. The process of "mining" cryptocurrency involves complex mathematical calculations that require substantial computational power, primarily from fossil fuel sources. The Bitcoin network relies on a consensus mechanism called Proof-of-Work (PoW), which demands vast computational resources that consume more electricity than entire countries like Argentina or Ukraine. As a result, the carbon footprint of Bitcoin alone is substantial, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions and exacerbating climate change.

Furthermore, the energy requirements of cryptocurrency mining have led to the emergence of large-scale mining operations, often located in regions where electricity is cheap and abundant. These mining farms consist of rows upon rows of powerful computers running around the clock, consuming vast amounts of energy. In some cases, they rely on coal-fired power plants, a highly polluting energy source.

Another ecological concern is electronic waste. As mining becomes more competitive, miners require increasingly powerful and specialized hardware. This leads to a constant cycle of upgrading or discarding older equipment. The discarded waste, which contains hazardous materials, poses risks to both the environment and human health. Moreover, the popularity of cryptocurrencies has contributed to a surge in demand for graphic processing units (GPUs) and other hardware, which has led to supply shortages and inflated prices, as well as the creation of new manufacturing facilities. The production of these components requires significant amounts of energy and raw materials, further straining the environment.

It's worth noting that not all cryptocurrencies have the same environmental impact. Some newer cryptocurrencies, such as Ethereum, are transitioning from PoW to a more energy-efficient consensus mechanism called Proof-of-Stake (PoS), which requires validators to hold and "stake" a certain amount of the cryptocurrency, eliminating the need for energy-intensive mining. This transition could potentially reduce the impact of some cryptocurrencies in the future. Another option is the use of renewable energy sources for operations, reducing the industry's carbon footprint. Additionally, more widespread adoption of PoS and other energy-efficient consensus mechanisms could help minimize energy consumption.

Of course, cryptocurrency's recent fall from grace in the wake of crypto giant FTX's late 2022 flame-out might be a good thing for the planet. The moral of the story on the evolution of cryptocurrency is that as we continue to explore and develop new forms of digital currency, it is crucial that we prioritize sustainability and consider the long-term environmental effects of the tools and instruments we are unleashing on the world..

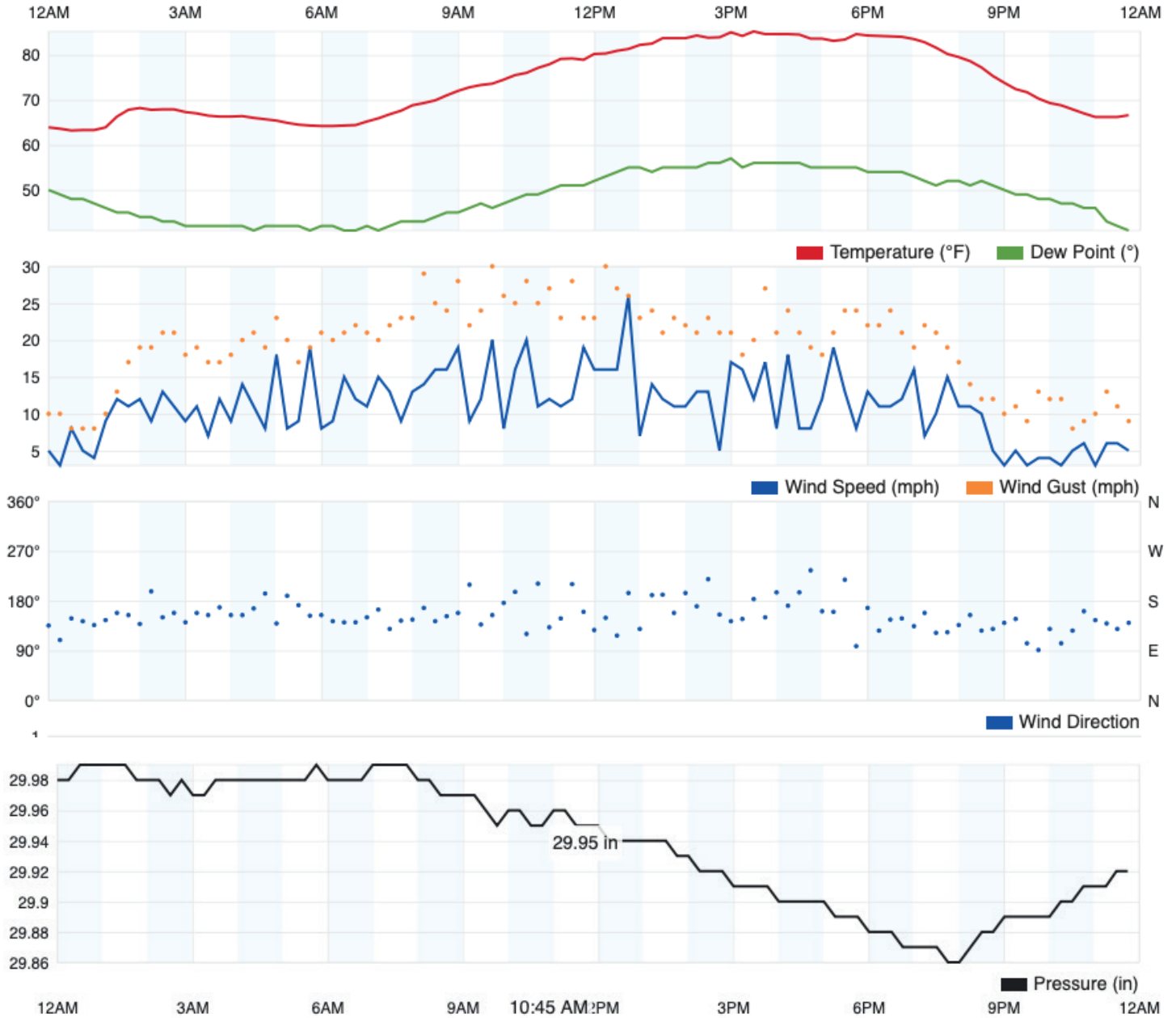


How is it that cryptocurrency, a virtual commodity with no real world hard goods, can be such a drain on the environment? Credit: pexels.com.

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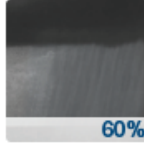
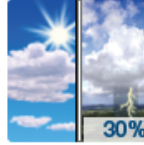


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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



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Today	Tonight	Memorial Day	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy and Breezy then Chance T-storms	Partly Sunny then Chance T-storms	Showers Likely	Mostly Sunny then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms
High: 86 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 88 °F



Severe Weather Threat Overview

May 28, 2023
12:42 AM

this afternoon & evening

Tornado Potential

Very Low	Low	Medium	High
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Max Hail Size

Dimes	Quarters	Golfball	Baseball
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Max Wind Speed

< 60 mph	60-70 mph	70-80 mph	> 80mph
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Heavy Rain/Flooding Potential


Very Low	Low	Medium	High
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Centered Area: NWS Aberdeen, SD

Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, May 28, 2023

Last Updated: May 28 2023 1234 AM CDT
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Rain Chances Through Early Week

May 28, 2023
3:17 AM

Rain Chances through Monday

	5/28 Sun						5/29 Mon						5/30 Tue		
	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am
Aberdeen		0	10	15	30	30	35	35	35	10	35	35	55	55	55
Britton				0	15	15	30	30	30	15	50	50	65	65	65
Brookings			0	0	0	0	10	10	15	15	35	35	35	35	35
Chamberlain	5	10	40	45	40	35	35	30	30	5	20	20	35	35	35
Clark			0	5	15	15	25	25	25	15	35	35	55	55	55
Eagle Butte	15	20	40	50	50	45	45	10	10	5	30	30	40	40	40
Ellendale	0	0	5	5	25	25	30	30	30	15	50	50	55	55	55
Eureka	5	10	25	30	40	40	40	35	35	10	40	40	45	45	45
Gettysburg	10	10	35	45	45	40	40	30	30	5	30	30	50	50	50
Huron	0	0	15	20	25	25	30	30	30	15	35	35	40	40	40
Kennebec	15	15	40	45	45	35	35	25	25	0	25	25	40	40	40
McIntosh	10	15	35	45	45	45	45	15	15	10	35	35	35	35	35
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Miller	5	10	30	35	35	35	35	30	30	10	35	35	55	55	55
Mobridge	10	15	35	45	45	45	45	25	25	5	30	30	40	40	40
Murdo	20	20	40	45	45	30	30	10	10	0	20	20	35	35	35
Pierre	15	20	40	45	45	40	40	20	20	5	20	20	40	40	40
Redfield		5	15	25	30	30	30	30	30	10	35	35	55	55	55
Sisseton					5	5	15	15	15	15	40	40	60	60	60
Watertown					5	5	15	15	15	15	40	40	55	55	55
Webster					15	15	25	25	25	15	45	45	60	60	60
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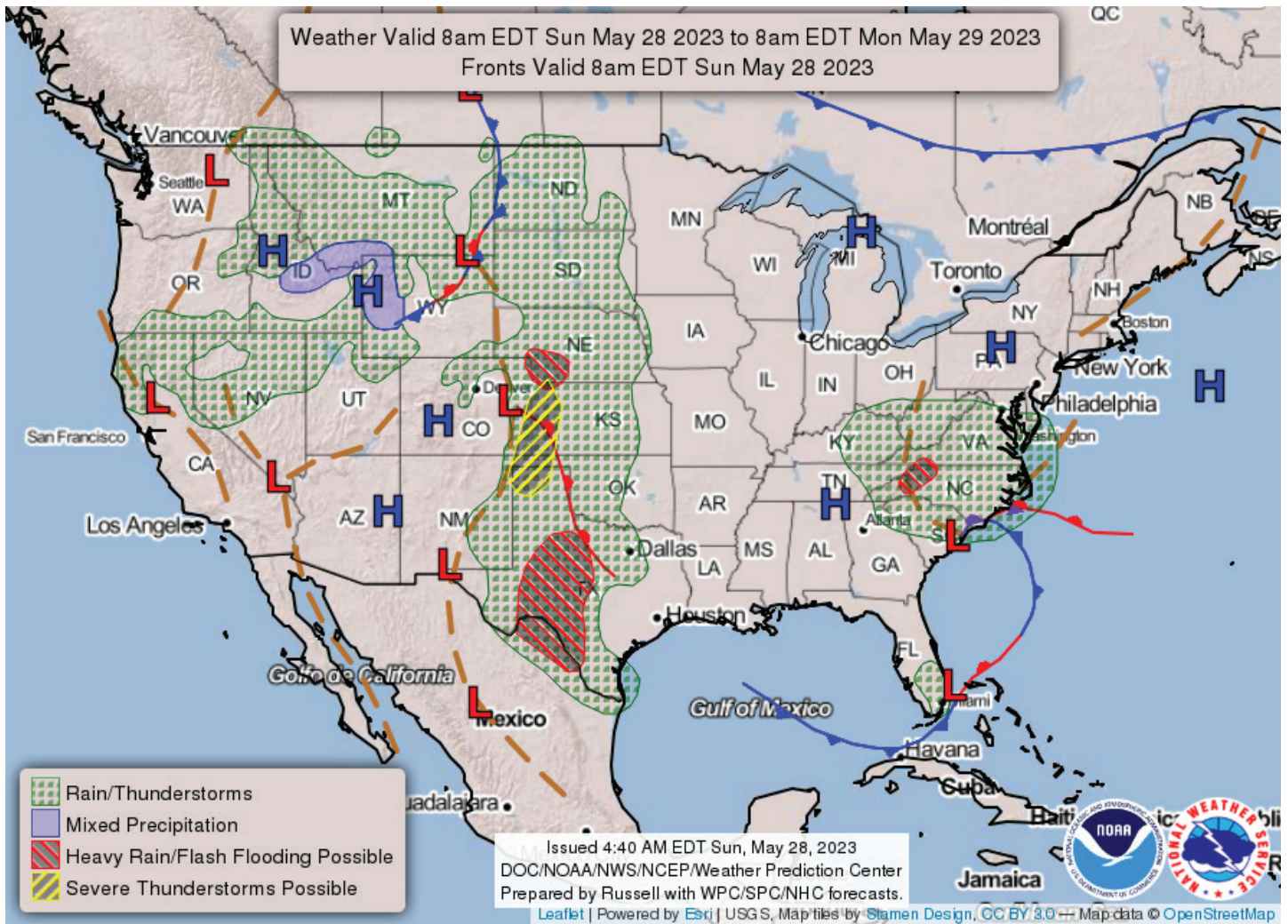
Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 85 °F at 3:07 PM
Low Temp: 63 °F at 12:21 AM
Wind: 31 mph at 9:51 AM
Precip: : 0.00

Day length: 15 hours, 23 minutes

Today's Info

Record High: 102 in 1934
Record Low: 30 in 1965
Average High: 75
Average Low: 49
Average Precip in May.: 2.98
Precip to date in May.: 2.19
Average Precip to date: 6.95
Precip Year to Date: 7.91
Sunset Tonight: 9:11:27 PM
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:47:14 AM



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Today in Weather History

May 28, 1934: Watertown recorded a high temperature of 102 degrees, which is the earliest yearly date when Watertown reached 100 degrees.

May 28, 1965: Low temperatures were mostly for the mid to upper 20s across a broad area. The low temperatures set back some crops and caused light damage to others. Some low temperatures around the area include; 26 degrees in Andover; 27 in Ipswich; 28 in Britton, Leola and McLaughlin; and 29 in Clear Lake, Eureka, Gettysburg, and Pierre.

1880: An estimated F4 tornado hit Savoy, Texas. The storm killed 14 people, and 60 others were injured. It leveled the entire business and northeast residential sections. The tornado was described as "a funnel blazing with balls of fire."

1877 - A "terrific" two day long sandstorm (sand) blasted Yuma, AZ. (28th-29th) (The Weather Channel)

1942 - The latest snowstorm of record for the state of Iowa left ten inches at LeMars, eight inches at Cherokee, and 7.5 inches at Waukon. Afternoon highs were in the lower 30s in parts of northwestern Iowa. (The Weather Channel)

1947 - A storm produced heavy snow across Wisconsin, with ten inches reported at Gay Mills. The snow damaged fruit and other trees, and downed power lines. The storm was followed by the coldest weather of the month for much of the High Plains Region and Missouri Valley. Williston ND reported a low of 21 degrees the morning of the 28th, and the next morning Cheyenne WY reported a morning low of 16 above zero. (David Ludlum)

1973: An F3 tornado moved east and struck the northern portion of Athens, Georgia. Destruction was massive near Athens, with losses estimated at ten million dollars. Damage from the storm included 545 homes and 17 businesses. Hundreds of large trees more than 100 years old were destroyed.

1987 - Thunderstorms produced torrential rains in Oklahoma and northern Texas. Lake Altus, OK, was deluged with nine inches of rain. Up to eight inches drenched northern Texas, and baseball size hail was reported north of Seminole and at Knickerbocker. Ten to 13 inch rains soaked central Oklahoma the last five days of May resulting in an estimated 65 million dollars damage, and forcing several thousand persons to evacuate their homes, many by boat or helicopter. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A sharp cold front began to usher cold, wet and windy weather into the western U.S. Thunderstorms in the Great Plains Region produced wind gusts to 80 mph near Brookings, SD. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Unseasonably hot weather continued in Florida. Five cities reported record high temperatures for the date. The record high of 98 degrees at Lakeland, FL, was their fifth in a row. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Florida late in the day, with golf ball size hail reported at Kissimmee. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Two to five inches of rain over southeastern Ohio on the 28th and 29th capped an exceptionally wet month of May, and triggered widespread flooding. Flooding which resulted claimed three lives, and caused millions of dollars damage. Numerous roads in southeast Ohio were flooded and impassable, and many other roads were blocked by landslides. (Storm Data)

2015: Some parts of Oklahoma have seen more than a foot of rain during May 2015. Storms killed at least 17 people in Texas and Oklahoma, and more than a dozen are still missing. State climatologist Gary McManus from the Oklahoma Climatological Survey calculated the May rainfall total averaged over all Sooner State reporting stations through midday May 29 - 14.18 inches - was easily outpacing the previous record wet month, set in October 1941 (10.75 inches).

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Daily Devotionals

Seeds of Hope

GOD'S GOOD GIFTS

It was that quiet time of the day just before the sunset. Sitting on his front porch, H.C. Booth was fascinated as columns of dust swirled past him and then suddenly disappeared from sight.

As he watched the swirling dust, he wondered and asked himself a question: "What if it was possible to reverse the wind, and instead of it blowing the dust, pull it back?" After much thought and many experiments, he invented the vacuum cleaner in 1901.

Each day God brings many "columns of dust and dirt" into our lives. Often they seem routine and repetitive, troubling or trying, frustrating or frivolous. We are disturbed by them, become exasperated with them, and wish they would go away. Our peace evaporates and our rage rises. But, there is hope!

James has some good advice for us. He says, "If you need wisdom - if you want to know what God wants you to do - ask Him and He will gladly tell you and give you what you need." This wisdom he speaks of is "practical discernment or sensible insight" - the ability to make wise decisions during difficult times. And, we have His promise that at all times and in every situation, if we only ask, He'll give us His insight and guide our choices to make life acceptable.

Prayer: Lord, open our eyes to see that things do not need to remain the way they are. We have Your word that if we ask for Your insight You will surely give it to us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5



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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2023 Community Events

- 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)
- 01/31/2023-02/03/2023 Lion's Club Prom & Formal Dress Consignment Drop Off 6-9pm, Community Center
- 02/04/2023-02/05/2023 Lion's Club Prom & Formal Dress Consignment Sale 1-5pm, Community Center
- 02/25/2023 Littles and Me, Art Making 10-11:30am, Wage Memorial Library
- 03/25/2023 Spring Vendor Fair, 10am-3pm, Community Center
- 04/01/2023 Dueling Duo Baseball/Softball Fundraiser at the Legion Post #39 6-11:30pm
- 04/06/2023 Groton Career Development Event
- 04/08/2023 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)
- 06/16/2023 SDSU Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament
- 06/17/2023 Groton Triathlon
- 07/04/2023 Couples Firecracker Golf Tournament
- 07/09/2023 Lion's Club Summer Fest/Car Show at the City Park 9am-4pm (Sunday Mid-July)
- 07/26/2023 GGA Burger Fundraiser Lunch at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 08/04/2023 Wine on Nine 6pm
- 08/11/2023 GHS Basketball Golf Tournament
- 09/09/2023 Lion's Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 09/10/2023 Couples Sunflower Golf Tournament
- 10/14/2023 Pumpkin Fest at the City Park 10am-3pm
- 10/31/2023 Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm (working day on or closest to Halloween)
- 10/31/2023 United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm
- 11/23/2023 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm (Thanksgiving)
- 12/02/2023 Tour of Homes & Holiday Party
- 12/09/2023 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services 9-11am

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WINNING NUMBERS

MEGA MILLIONS

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.26.23

12 20 37 41 64 1

MegaPlier: 3x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$187,000,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

LOTTO AMERICA

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.27.23

2 23 28 40 50 8

All Star Bonus: 4x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$3,200,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

LUCKY FOR LIFE

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.27.23

1 3 12 35 45 5

TOP PRIZE:

\$7,000/week

NEXT DRAW: 16 Hrs 24 Mins 18 Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

DAKOTA CASH

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.27.23

3 8 11 17 22

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$77,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

POWERBALL

DOUBLE PLAY

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.27.23

21 28 31 48 49 18

TOP PRIZE:
\$10,000,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

POWERBALL

WINNING NUMBERS:
05.27.23

24 38 39 48 56 4

Power Play: 2x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$226,000,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

News from the Associated Press

US has treaty duty to fund policing on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, judge rules

By STEVE KARNOWSKI Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that the U.S. government has a treaty obligation to support law enforcement on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, but declined for now to determine whether the Oglala Sioux Tribe is entitled to as much funding as it's seeking.

Tribal leaders depicted the ruling as a victory, saying the important point is that the court confirmed that the federal government has a duty to fund policing on the reservation and ordered U.S. officials to meet with Oglala Sioux leaders "to work together promptly to figure out how to more fairly fund tribal law enforcement."

The outcome of the case could affect other reservations, including some where Native women are killed at a rate more than 10 times the national average. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana has filed a similar lawsuit.

Oglala Sioux officials contend the tribe is entitled to federal funding for 120 fully equipped officers for the sprawling Pine Ridge Reservation, something the federal government has disputed.

"This Court concludes that the United States has a treaty duty unique to the Tribe to provide protection and law enforcement cooperation and support on the Reservation. ... However, the Tribe has not shown at this stage that a duty extends to entitle the Tribe to the level of funding or support that it sought," U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange said in an order filed Tuesday.

The tribe sued the Bureau of Indian Affairs and some high-level officials last July. The court held a two-day hearing in February.

The government denied having any such obligation and asked the judge to dismiss the lawsuit.

Lange directed the Bureau of Indian Affairs to help the tribe refine its funding requests "as soon as practicable" to reflect its treaty obligations. He also told the federal government to reevaluate its census-based population estimates for the reservation of 19,800 to 32,000, which are lower than the tribe's figure of 40,000. The judge said the federal estimates likely represent an undercount.

Oglala Sioux President Frank Star Comes Out and Public Safety Chief Algin Young called on the government in separate statements to provide the tribe with the resources it needs to tackle the public safety and humanitarian crisis on the reservation. If the government fails, Star Comes Out said, the tribe "will look forward to proving at trial that the United States has violated its treaty obligations."

Officials from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs did not immediately respond to a request for comment Friday.

Lange's ruling gave a dire depiction of crime on the more than 5,400-square-mile (14,000-square-kilometer) Pine Ridge Reservation, which is about the size of Connecticut. He noted that it's among the most impoverished places in the country.

"In recent years, communities on the Reservation have struggled with dangerous and highly addictive drugs and experienced unprecedented levels of violence and threats to public safety," he wrote. "In the Tribe's view, a lack of competent and effective law enforcement on the Reservation is a big reason for the crisis."

At any given time over the last several years, Lange wrote, the tribe has only had funding to employ roughly 33 police officers and seven criminal investigators to cover all of its 911 calls. In 2021 alone, nearly 134,000 calls were made to 911 on the reservation, but at any given time, he said, only six to eight, and sometimes fewer, tribal police officers are on duty to respond. So many calls are abandoned or not properly investigated, he said, that many crimes go unprosecuted.

While neither side disputes that crime is "very high" on the reservation and that its police are underfunded, the judge wrote, the federal government insists "that the funding is fair given budget constraints

and Congress's decision to underfund law enforcement services in Indian country generally."

Across the country, Native American tribes have increasingly advocated through the courts for treaty rights, including hunting, fishing and education, with some success.

Lange concluded that the "express language" of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie, when read in conjunction with other treaties and federal laws, "imposes some duty on the United States to provide law enforcement support on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The contours of that duty is a more difficult question."

Associated Press reporter Hallie Golden in Seattle contributed to this story.

Russia launched 'largest drone attack' on Ukrainian capital before Kyiv Day; 1 killed

By SUSIE BLANN and ELISE MORTON Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's capital was subjected to the largest drone attack since the start of Russia's war, local officials said, as Kyiv prepared to mark the anniversary of its founding on Sunday. At least one person was killed.

Russia launched the "most massive attack" on the city overnight Saturday with Iranian-made Shahed drones, said Serhii Popko, a senior Kyiv military official. The attack lasted more than five hours, with air defense reportedly shooting down more than 40 drones.

A 41-year-old man was killed and a 35-year-old woman was hospitalized when debris fell on a seven-story nonresidential building and started a fire, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said.

Ukraine's air force said that Saturday night was also record-breaking in terms of Shahed drone attacks across the country. Of the 54 drones launched, 52 were shot down by air defense systems.

In the northeastern Kharkiv province, regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said a 61-year-old woman and a 60-year-old man were killed in two separate shelling attacks.

Kyiv Day marks the anniversary of Kyiv's official founding. The day is usually celebrated with live concerts, street fairs, exhibitions and fireworks. Scaled-back festivities were planned for this year, the city's 1,541st anniversary.

The timing of the drone attacks was likely not coincidental, Ukrainian officials said.

"The history of Ukraine is a long-standing irritant for the insecure Russians," Ukraine's chief presidential aide, Andriy Yermak, said on Telegram.

"Today, the enemy decided to 'congratulate' the people of Kyiv on Kyiv Day with the help of their deadly UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles)," Popko also wrote on the messaging app.

Local officials in Russia's southern Krasnodar region said that air defense systems destroyed several drones as they approached the Ilsky oil refinery.

Russia's southern Belgorod region, bordering Ukraine, also came under attack from Ukrainian forces on Saturday, local officials said. Regional Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov reported Sunday that a 15-year-old girl and a 17-year-old boy were wounded in the shelling.

Drone attacks against Russian border regions have been a regular occurrence since the start of the invasion in February 2022, with attacks increasing last month. Earlier this month, an oil refinery in Krasnodar was attacked by drones on two straight days.

Ukrainian air defenses, bolstered by sophisticated Western-supplied systems, have been adept at thwarting Russian air attacks — both drones and aircraft missiles.

Earlier in May, Ukraine prevented an intense Russian air attack on Kyiv, shooting down all missiles aimed at the capital. The bombardment, which additionally targeted locations across Ukraine, included six Russian Kinzhal aero-ballistic hypersonic missiles, repeatedly touted by Russian President Vladimir Putin as providing a key strategic competitive advantage and among the most advanced weapons in his country's arsenal.

Sophisticated Western air defense systems, including American-made Patriot missiles, have helped spare Kyiv from the kind of destruction witnessed along the main front line in the country's east and south. While most of the ground fighting is stalemated along that front line, both sides are targeting other terri-

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tory with long-range weapons.

Against the backdrop of Saturday night's drone attacks, Russia's ambassador to the U.K., Andrei Kelin, warned of an escalation in Ukraine. He told the BBC on Sunday his country had "enormous resources" and it was yet to "act very seriously," cautioning that Western supplies of weapons to Ukraine risked escalating the war to a "new dimension." The length of the conflict, he said, "depends on the efforts in escalation of war that is being undertaken by NATO countries, especially by the U.K."

Kelin's comments are typical of Russian officials' rhetoric with regard to Moscow's military might, but contradict regular reports from the battlefield of Russian troops being poorly equipped and trained.

Also on Sunday, the death toll from Friday's missile attack on the central Ukrainian city of Dnipro, the regional capital of the Dnipropetrovsk province, rose to four. Regional Gov. Serhii Lysak said that three people who were considered missing were confirmed dead. There were 32 people, including two children, wounded in the attack, which struck a building containing psychology and veterinary clinics.

Elise Morton reported from London.

Follow the AP's coverage of the war at <https://apnews.com/hub/russia-ukraine>

Voters in Turkey choose between Erdogan and Kilicdaroglu in presidential runoff

By SUZAN FRASER and ZEYNEP BILGINSOY Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Voters in Turkey returned to the polls Sunday to decide whether the country's longtime leader stretches his increasingly authoritarian rule into a third decade, or is unseated by a challenger who has promised to restore a more democratic society.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has been at Turkey's helm for 20 years, is favored to win a new five-year term in the second-round runoff, after coming just short of an outright victory in the first round on May 14.

The divisive populist finished four percentage points ahead of Kemal Kilicdaroglu, the candidate of a six-party alliance and leader of Turkey's center-left main opposition party. Erdogan's performance came despite crippling inflation and the effects of a devastating earthquake three months ago.

Speaking to reporters after casting his vote at a school in Istanbul, Erdogan noted that it's the first presidential runoff election in Turkey's history. He also praised the high voter turnout in the first round and said he expected participation to be high again on Sunday.

"I pray to God, that it (the election) will be beneficial for our country and nation," he said.

Kilicdaroglu (pronounced KEH-lich-DAHR-OH-loo), a 74-year-old former bureaucrat, has described the runoff as a referendum on the country's future.

"This election took place under very difficult circumstances, there was all sorts of slander and defamation," Kilicdaroglu told reporters after casting his ballot. "But I trust in the common sense of the people. Democracy will come, freedom will come, people will be able to wander the streets and freely criticize politicians." He voted at the same time as Erdogan as local television showed the rivals casting ballots on split screens.

More than 64 million people are eligible to cast ballots. The polls opened at 8 a.m.

Turkey does not have exit polls, but the preliminary results are expected to come within hours of the polls closing at 5 p.m.

The final decision could have implications far beyond Ankara, because Turkey stands at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, and it plays a key role in NATO.

Erdogan turned his country from a mostly inward-looking nation into a geopolitical player with a foothold in hotspots such as Syria and Libya.

His government vetoed Sweden's bid to join NATO and purchased Russian missile-defense systems, which prompted the United States to oust Turkey from a U.S.-led fighter-jet project. But under Erdogan, Turkey

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also helped broker a crucial deal that allowed Ukrainian grain shipments and averted a global food crisis.

The May 14 election saw 87% turnout, and strong participation is expected again Sunday, reflecting voters' devotion to elections in a country where freedom of expression and assembly have been suppressed.

In the mainly-Kurdish populated province of Diyarbakir — one of 11 regions that was hit by the Feb. 6 earthquake — 60-year-old retiree Mustafa Yesil said he voted for "change."

"I'm not happy at all with the way this country is going. Let me be clear, if this current administration continues, I don't see good things for the future," he said. "I see that it will end badly — this administration has to change."

But Mehmet Yurttas, an Erdogan supporter, disagreed.

"I believe that our homeland is at the peak, in a very good condition," the 57-year-old shop owner said. "Our country's trajectory is very good and it will continue being good."

If he wins, Erdogan, 69, could remain in power until 2028. After three stints as prime minister and two as president, Erdogan is already Turkey's longest-serving leader. A devout Muslim, he heads the conservative and religious Justice and Development Party, or AKP.

The first half of Erdogan's tenure included reforms that allowed the country to begin talks to join the European Union, and economic growth that lifted many out of poverty. But he later moved to suppress freedoms and the media and concentrated more power in his hands, especially after a failed coup attempt that Turkey says was orchestrated by the U.S.-based Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen. The cleric denies involvement.

Erdogan transformed the presidency from a largely ceremonial role to a powerful office through a narrowly won 2017 referendum that scrapped Turkey's parliamentary system of governance. He was the first directly elected president in 2014 and won the 2018 election that ushered in the executive presidency.

The May 14 election was the first that Erdogan did not win outright.

Critics blame Erdogan's unconventional economic policies for skyrocketing inflation that has fueled a cost-of-living crisis. Many also faulted his government for the slow response to the earthquake that killed more than 50,000 people in Turkey.

Still, Erdogan has retained the backing of conservative voters who remain devoted to him for lifting Islam's profile in the Turkey, which was founded on secular principles, and for raising the country's influence in world politics.

In a bid to woo voters hit hard by inflation, he has increased wages and pensions and subsidized electricity and gas bills, while showcasing Turkey's homegrown defense industry and infrastructure projects. He also centered his reelection campaign on a promise to rebuild quake-stricken areas, including constructing 319,000 homes within the year. Many see him as a source of stability.

Kilicdaroglu is a soft-mannered former civil servant who has led the pro-secular Republican People's Party, or CHP, since 2010. He campaigned on promises to reverse Erdogan's democratic backsliding, to restore the economy by reverting to more conventional policies, and to improve ties with the West.

In a frantic effort to reach out to nationalist voters in the runoff, Kilicdaroglu vowed to send back refugees and ruled out peace negotiations with Kurdish militants if he is elected.

Many in Turkey regard Syrian refugees who have been under Turkey's temporary protection after fleeing the war in neighboring Syria as a burden on the country, and their repatriation became a key issue in the election.

Earlier in the week, Erdogan received the endorsement of the third-place candidate, nationalist politician Sinan Ogan, who garnered 5.2% of the votes and is no longer in the race. Meanwhile, a staunchly anti-migrant party that had supported Ogan's candidacy, announced it would back Kilicdaroglu.

A defeat for Kilicdaroglu would add to a long list of electoral losses to Erdogan, and put pressure for him to step down as party chairman.

Erdogan's AKP party and its allies retained a majority of seats in parliament following a legislative election that was also held on May 14. Parliamentary elections will not be repeated Sunday.

Erdogan's party also dominated in the earthquake-hit region, winning 10 out of 11 provinces in an area

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that has traditionally supported the president. Erdogan came in ahead in the presidential race in eight of those provinces.

As in previous elections, Erdogan used state resources and his control of the media to reach voters.

Following the May 14 vote, international observers also pointed to the criminalization of dissemination of false information and online censorship as evidence that Erdogan had an "unjustified advantage." They also said that strong turnout showed the resilience of Turkish democracy.

Erdogan and pro-government media portrayed Kilicdaroglu, who had received the backing of the country's pro-Kurdish party, as colluding with "terrorists" and of supporting what they described as "deviant" LGBTQ rights.

Kilicdaroglu "receives his orders from Qandil," Erdogan repeatedly said at recent campaign rallies, a reference to the mountains in Iraq where the leadership of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, is based.

"We receive our orders from God and the people," he said.

The election was being held as the country marked the 100th anniversary of its establishment as a republic, following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

Sunday also marks the 10th anniversary of the start of mass anti-government protests that broke out over plans to uproot trees in Istanbul's Gezi Park, and turned into one of the most serious challenges to Erdogan's government.

Erdogan's response to the protests came as a harbinger of a crackdown on civil society and freedom of expression. Eight people, including philanthropist businessman Osman Kavala, architects, and a filmmaker have been convicted over their alleged involvement in the protests.

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Why Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's impeachment fight isn't finished yet

By JIM VERTUNO and JAKE BLEIBERG Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Legislature already made one historic move with its impeachment of Republican state Attorney General Ken Paxton. Another one is coming.

The GOP-led House of Representatives on Saturday approved 20 articles of impeachment on sweeping allegations of wrongdoing that have trailed the state's top lawyer for years, including abuse of office and bribery. The vote immediately suspended Paxton from office.

But the intraparty brawl in the nation's largest conservative state, one that even drew political punches Saturday from former President Donald Trump, is far from over. The Republican-controlled Senate will hold a trial of Paxton next, and he and his allies hope conservatives there will save him.

One member of that chamber is his wife, state Sen. Angela Paxton, and she could cast a vote on her husband's political future, which is now in jeopardy in part because of bribery allegations linked to his extra-marital affair.

THE SENATE

Impeachment in Texas is similar to the process on the federal level: After the House action, the Senate holds its trial.

It is yet to be scheduled.

The House needed just a simple majority of its 149 members to impeach Paxton, and the final 121-23 vote was a landslide. But the threshold for conviction in the Senate trial is higher, requiring a two-thirds majority of its 31 members.

If that happens, Paxton would be permanently barred from holding office in Texas. Anything less means Paxton is acquitted and can resume his third term as attorney general.

Paxton bitterly criticized the chamber's investigation as "corrupt," secret and conducted so quickly that

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he and his lawyers were not allowed to mount a defense. He also called Republican House Speaker Dade a "liberal."

The Senate is led by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. Like Paxton, he is a Republican who has closely allied himself with Trump, and he has driven Texas' right-wing political and policy push for the last decade. Patrick has yet to comment on the impeachment or the House's allegations.

The Senate will set its own trial rules, including whether to take witness testimony and what reports and documents to consider. It could also consider whether to excuse Angela Paxton from voting due to conflict of interest.

The impeachment charges include bribery related to one of Paxton's donors, Austin real estate developer Nate Paul, allegedly employing the woman with whom he had the affair in exchange for legal help.

State law requires all senators to be present for an impeachment trial.

REPUBLICAN ON REPUBLICAN

Paxton's impeachment has been led from the start by his fellow Republicans, in contrast to America's most prominent recent examples of impeachment.

Trump's impeachments in 2020 and 2021 were driven by Democrats who had majority control of the U.S. House. In both cases, the charges they approved failed in the Senate, where Republicans had enough votes to block conviction.

In Texas, Republicans have large majorities in both chambers, and the state's GOP leaders hold all levers of influence.

Paxton called for Republicans to rally to his defense during Saturday's vote in a peaceful protest at the Capitol. That echoed Trump's call for protests of his electoral defeat on Jan. 6, 2021, when a mob violently stormed the U.S. Capitol in Washington. Paxton spoke at the rally in Washington that day before the insurrection.

Trump joined the fray in Texas on Saturday, posting on social media a warning to House members that "I will fight you" if they voted to impeach. A few hundred Paxton supporters came to watch from the gallery.

House Republicans didn't seem to care. Sixty of them, 71% of the chamber's GOP caucus, voted to impeach.

Republican Party Chairman Matt Rinaldi, a Paxton ally, said the party would have to rely on the "principled leadership of the Texas Senate to restore sanity and reason."

The move to the Senate could give Paxton's grass-roots supporters and national figures like Trump time to apply more pressure.

YEARS IN THE MAKING

The impeachment reaches back to 2015, when Paxton was indicted on securities fraud charges for which he still has not stood trial. The lawmakers charged Paxton with making false statements to state securities regulators.

But most of the articles of impeachment stem from his connections to Paul and a remarkable revolt by Paxton's top deputies in 2020.

That fall, eight senior aides reported their boss to the FBI, accusing him of bribery and abusing his office to help Paul. Four of them later brought a whistleblower lawsuit. The report prompted a federal criminal investigation that in February was taken over by the U.S. Justice Department's Washington-based Public Integrity Section.

The impeachment charges cover myriad accusations related to Paxton's dealings with Paul. The allegations include attempts to interfere in foreclosure lawsuits and improperly issuing legal opinions to benefit Paul, as well as firing, harassing and interfering with staff who reported what was going on. The bribery charges stem from the affair, as well as Paul allegedly paying for expensive renovations to Paxton's Austin home.

The fracas took a toll on the Texas attorney general's office, long one of the primary legal challengers to Democratic administrations in the White House.

In the years since Paxton's staff went to the FBI, the state attorney general's office has become unmoored by the disarray. Seasoned lawyers have quit over practices they say aim to slant legal work, reward loyalists and drum out dissent.

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In February, Paxton agreed to settle the whistleblower lawsuit brought by the former aides. The \$3.3 million payout must be approved by the Legislature, and Phelan has said he doesn't think taxpayers should foot the bill.

Shortly after the settlement was reached, the House investigation began.

TEXAS HISTORY

Paxton was already likely to be noted in history books for his unprecedented request that the U.S. Supreme Court overturn Biden's defeat of Trump in 2020. He now is one of just three sitting officials to have been impeached in Texas.

Gov. James "Pa" Ferguson was removed in 1917 for misapplication of public funds, embezzlement and the diversion of a special fund. State Judge O.P. Carrillo was forced from office in 1975 for personal use of public money and equipment and filing false financial statements.

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Debt ceiling tests McCarthy, as GOP speaker rides breezily through fight of his career

By LISA MASCARO AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — One morning amid the debt ceiling crisis, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy climbed onto his mountain bike and took a ride along the National Mall, marveling at the monuments.

The next day he arrived for negotiations at the U.S. Capitol carting in tortilla chips and queso for the beleaguered reporters waiting outside his office during the 24/7 talks.

McCarthy, with his laid-back California vibe, was never Washington's bet to become House speaker, having almost missed seizing the gavel in a history-making spectacle at the start of this year.

But the 58-year-old is now leading House Republicans in the high-wire act of his career: Having negotiated with Democratic President Joe Biden over raising the nation's debt limit, he now must deliver the votes to pass the spending cuts package into law.

The standoff is being watched the world over as the U.S. stares down a June 5 deadline when it could run short of cash to pay its bills, potentially hurling the American economy into chaos with an unprecedented default and taking the global economy into a crisis.

The Republican speaker commands only a slim majority in the House, and must reach across the aisle for Democrats to support the compromise. But neither side is expected to be happy with the deal announced late Saturday.

If McCarthy succeeds in pushing the budget-cutting deal with Biden through Congress, it will be an accomplishment like nothing he has done before. Or the Californian could lose it all, if the compromise he reached with the Democratic White House becomes so objectionable to the conservative flank that Republicans try to oust him from his job.

"One thing you've always learned about me: I don't give up it," McCarthy told reporters as he arrived at the Capitol Saturday morning.

"Doesn't matter how many times it takes," he went on, "you want to make sure you get an agreement worthy of the American public."

Throughout the weeks of grueling negotiations McCarthy has remained relentlessly optimistic, breezing through the anxiety-filled hours, seemingly certain of the outcome.

Underestimated from the start, he is nothing if not relentless. To become speaker, McCarthy endured 14 failed votes before finally securing the gavel on the 15th try, only after he had tired his colleagues out and given hard-right conservatives all sorts of promises and concessions.

McCarthy isn't known as a seasoned legislator, one who has delved deeply into policy details or put his name on many big bills.

Having arrived in Congress in 2007, he rose swiftly to leadership as a political strategist, not a policy wonk.

Younger than the previous generation of congressional leaders, McCarthy is decades Biden's junior. The

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president has been in elected office since McCarthy was a young man growing up in dusty Bakersfield, running a sandwich shop counter from his uncle's yogurt shop and becoming immersed in Reagan-era politics.

The White House refused initially to engage with McCarthy over the debt ceiling, insisting the Congress must simply do its job, raise the nation's debt limit and skip the political brinksmanship.

Powered by a hard-right flank, McCarthy was determined to extract federal spending cuts to programs many Americans rely on in exchange for the votes in Congress needed to raise the nation's debt limit.

McCarthy laid down a marker in his first meeting with Biden back in February. The new Republican speaker refused to raise any taxes to help offset federal deficits, including Biden's proposals to roll back some of the Trump-era tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans and corporations.

The White House ultimately relented on negotiating with McCarthy after he pushed the GOP's preferred debt-ceiling plan through the House, uniting his majority for the talks to come.

Democrats argue the showdown over the debt limit should not be the new normal way of doing the nation's business.

Despite pleas from progressives, Biden has been reluctant to invoke powers under the 14th Amendment to raise the borrowing capacity on his own, unconvinced of its legal soundness.

The debt-ceiling fight is not one that Congress needs to take on, and historically it was rarely like this. Often a routine endeavor, the vote to lift the debt limit, now \$31 trillion, would allow the Treasury Department to keep paying the bills without any risk of default, ensuring America's standing as the world economy with the most trusted currency.

Once Republicans seized power in the House during last year's midterm elections it was almost certain a debt-ceiling showdown would land at Biden's doorstep. It was that way the last time Republicans swept into power, in 2011, on the tea party wave that launched the new era of brinksmanship in Washington, using the debt ceiling as leverage.

But the debt-ceiling showdowns have tested GOP leaders as well, bedeviling past Republican speakers unable to fully satisfy the party's increasingly conservative wing.

The hard-right House Freedom Caucus chased one former speaker, John Boehner, to early retirement. Another, Paul Ryan, left office after a short term.

To become speaker, McCarthy worked hard to appeal to those same right-flank forces, agreeing to revive a House rule that allows any single member to call for a vote to oust the speaker. Forcing him from office would require a majority vote.

That threat hangs over McCarthy at every step as he tries to manage a debt-ceiling deal.

Conservative Rep. Dan Bishop, R-N.C., warned in a tweet Saturday ahead of the deal's unveiling that if the speaker brought back a "clean" debt-ceiling increase, meaning one lacking the party priorities, "it's war."

But even if conservatives grow frustrated with McCarthy, he still has one important voice in his corner: former President Donald Trump.

As one of the earliest backers of Trump's first White House bid, McCarthy has tried to stay close to the former president despite their on-again, off-again relationship. He said they spoke in recent days and Trump told him, "Make sure you get a good agreement."

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Debt-ceiling deal: What's in and what's out of the agreement to avert US default

By KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy have reached an agreement in principle on legislation to increase the nation's borrowing authority and avoid a default.

Negotiators are now racing to finalize the bill's text. McCarthy said the House will vote on the legislation on Wednesday, giving the Senate time to consider it ahead of the June 5 deadline to avoid a possible default.

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While many details are unknown, both sides will be able to point to some victories. But some conservatives expressed early concerns that the deal doesn't cut future deficits enough, while Democrats have been worried about proposed changes to work requirements in programs such as food stamps.

A look at what's in and out of the deal, based on what's known so far:

TWO-YEAR DEBT INCREASE, SPENDING LIMITS

The agreement would keep non-defense spending roughly flat in the 2024 fiscal year and increase it by 1% the following year, as well as provide for a two-year debt-limit increase — past the next presidential election in 2024. That's according to a source familiar with the deal who provided details on the condition of anonymity.

VETERANS CARE

The agreement will fully fund medical care for veterans at the levels included in Biden's proposed 2024 budget blueprint, including for a fund dedicated to veterans who have been exposed to toxic substances or environmental hazards. Biden sought \$20.3 billion for the toxic exposure fund in his budget.

WORK REQUIREMENTS

Republicans had proposed boosting work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents in certain government assistance programs. They said it would bring more people into the workforce, who would then pay taxes and help shore up key entitlement programs, namely Social Security and Medicare.

Democrats had roundly criticized the proposed changes, saying they would lead to fewer people able to afford food or health care without actually increasing job participation.

House Republicans had passed legislation that would create new work requirements for some Medicaid recipients, but that was left out of the final agreement.

However, the agreement would expand some work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, formerly known as food stamps. The agreement would raise the age for existing work requirements from 49 to 54, similar to the Republican proposal, but those changes would expire in 2030. And the White House said it would at the same time reduce the number of vulnerable people at all ages who are subject to the requirements

SPEEDING UP ENERGY PROJECTS

The deal puts in place changes in the the National Environmental Policy Act that will designate "a single lead agency" to develop environmental reviews, in hopes of streamlining the process.

WHAT WAS LEFT OUT

Republicans had sought to repeal Biden's efforts to waive \$10,000 to \$20,000 in debt for nearly all borrowers who took out student loans. But the provision was a nonstarter for Democrats. The budget agreement keeps Biden's student loan relief in place, though the Supreme Court will have the ultimate say on the matter.

The Supreme Court is dominated 6-3 by conservatives, and those justices' questions in oral arguments showed skepticism about the legality of Biden's student loans plan. A decision is expected before the end of June.

In Nigeria's hard-hit north, families seek justice as armed groups seek control

By CHINEDU ASADU RUNJI, Nigeria

Associated Press (AP) — Christian Jonathan's mother was holding the 9-month-old boy in her arms when she was shot dead during an attack on their village in northwestern Nigeria. The assailants cut off one of Christian's finger and abandoned him by the side of the road with a bullet wound in his tiny leg.

"They left him on the ground beside his mother's body," said Joshua Jonathan, Christian's father. "They thought the boy was dead."

The late-night attack in April in Runji in Kaduna State left 33 people dead, most of them burned alive or shot dead. Many more have been killed since in the continuing clashes between nomadic cattle herders

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and farming communities in northwest and central regions of the West African nation, including more than 100 this month in Plateau state.

The decadeslong violence is becoming more deadly, killing at least 2,600 people in 2021, according to the most recent data from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project. Once armed with sticks, the groups now fight with guns that have been smuggled into the country.

Both sides accuse the government of injustice and marginalization, but the clashes have also taken on a religious dimension, giving rise to militias that side with the herders, who are primarily Muslim, or the farmers from Christian communities.

The growing security crisis presents a huge challenge for Nigeria's incoming president, Bola Tinubu, who rose to power in Nigeria — Africa's largest economy and among its top oil producers — promising to improve the lives of affected communities and address the root causes of the crisis by providing jobs and ensuring justice. Tinubu's inauguration is scheduled for Monday.

If the violence isn't reined in, analysts say, it could further destabilize the country and drive more of its 216 million people into poverty. U.N. agencies say the violence affects mostly children, who are already threatened by malnutrition, and women, who are often abducted and forced into marriage.

The response of security forces can be slow and arrests are rare, prompting a growing number of communities to defend themselves when they come under siege.

"There is a substantial loss of confidence in the government as a protector of citizens," said Nnamdi Obasi, the senior adviser for Nigeria at the International Crisis Group. Obasi warned that the failure of the incoming administration to speedily resolve the conflict would lead to "more people seeking their own self-defense, more proliferation of weapons, more criminal groups and a rise in organized armed groups."

In Runji, an agrarian village, The Associated Press spoke to some survivors in hospital beds and others touring a mass grave and their razed houses. They said they were under attack for hours and that the gunmen fled long before security forces arrived.

Every household bears a scar.

Christopher Dauda's family was trying to escape when the gunmen caught up with his wife and four children, killing all five. Danjuma Joshua's two daughters were shot in the back while they tried to flee. In the home of Asabe Philip, who survived but has burns all over her body, the assailants burned five children alive as they cowered in one room.

Christian's aunt has tried to fill the void left by the killing of his mother. His father said Christian cries a lot and barely sleeps, although his physical wounds are gradually healing.

"We try to manage with what we have left," Joshua Jonathan said.

On the other side of the conflict, the herders say they are also under attack. They complain of cattle rustling and extrajudicial killings by local security groups working as community vigilantes.

Abdullahi Bello Bodejo, the president of the national herders' association, denied that anyone in the group was responsible for the violence. Most of the herders belong to the Fulanis, an ethnic group.

"Fulanis are not the killers. Any person carrying out killings is not our member. Sometimes, when communities accuse us of killings, 75% is not true; they have their own crisis but always blame Fulanis," said Bodejo.

Nigerian security forces say they have arrested dozens of gunmen and recovered their weapons. But the assailants are estimated to number in the thousands and can easily recruit new members, according to Abdulaziz Abdulaziz, a conflict researcher.

"There is a limit to the kinetic (military) operations, as it doesn't address the socioeconomic issue that gave rise to banditry in the region in the first place," said Oluwale Ojewale of the Africa-focused Institute of Security Studies. He said the incoming Tinubu administration must work with state governments to address unemployment, poverty and social injustice.

The recent violence has led to the formation of community, state and regional security outfits that experts say could create bigger problems for Nigeria's security architecture if not properly monitored.

And their recruits are young.

Felix Sunday, a college student in Kaduna, said that he was 16 when he joined a local vigilante group in

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2021, and that he struggles to combine the night watch with his studies.

Across much of West and Central Africa, porous national borders facilitate the smuggling of weapons. A survey-based report published in 2021 by the Geneva-based Small Arms Survey in collaboration with the Nigerian government found that at least 6 million firearms may have been in the hands of civilians in the country at the time.

The military and police have recovered hundreds of firearms in Nigeria in the last year, but weapons dealers elsewhere are exacerbating the problem.

"Things have gotten considerably worse. Some are large military weapons imported from other countries," said Confidence MacHarry with the Lagos-based SBM Intelligence security firm.

With sophisticated weapons, the gunmen have launched daring attacks in areas with a heavy security presence, including a military base and an airport in Kaduna, indicating that the problem may be the motivation of the security forces themselves.

Survivors of the attack in Plateau told the AP that the police didn't arrive until the next day, echoing comments from people living in Runji, which has a security checkpoint nearby.

"When we call the soldiers, it is after the attackers have left that the soldiers come. Even if we hear they (the attackers) are coming and we report to the government, they don't take proactive action," said Simon Njam, a vigilante leader near Runji who uses bows, arrows and locally-made guns to secure the area.

Part of the problem is that the security forces are disorganized and unprepared to respond to the attacks, according to Kabir Adamu, the founder of Beacon Consulting, a security firm based in Nigeria's capital, Abuja.

"We don't have a coordinated security sector that identifies and counters threats," he said. "They need to work together to protect lives and currently, we are not seeing enough of that."

The Nigerian military and police didn't respond to written and phone inquiries seeking a response to the claims.

As more families mourn the loss of their loved ones, forced to replace farmland with graveyards, their priority is demanding justice.

"How can people just come and kill and nothing will happen?" asked Dauda in Runji, remembering his life with his wife and four children. "They cannot bring back my lost family, but the government can at least rebuild my home and ensure justice."

Biden, GOP reach debt-ceiling deal, now Congress must approve it to prevent calamitous default

By LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK, ZEKE MILLER and KEVIN FREKING Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy reached an "agreement in principle" to raise the nation's legal debt ceiling, but now Congress must rush to approve the spending cuts package in a matter of days to avert a potentially disastrous U.S. default.

The agreement risks angering both Democratic and Republican sides as lawmakers Sunday begin to unpack the the concessions made to compromise. Negotiators agreed to some Republican demands for increased work requirements for recipients of food stamps that had sparked an uproar from House Democrats as a nonstarter. But they stopped short of greater spending cuts overall that Republicans wanted.

Support from both parties will be needed to win congressional approval before a projected June 5 government default on U.S. debts.

The Democratic president and Republican speaker reached the agreement after the two spoke Saturday evening by phone. The country and the world have been watching and waiting for a resolution to a political standoff that threatened the U.S. and global economies.

"The agreement represents a compromise, which means not everyone gets what they want," Biden said in a statement late Saturday night. "That's the responsibility of governing," he said.

Biden called the agreement "good news for the American people, because it prevents what could have

'Anatomy of a Fall' wins Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or; 3rd time female director wins top honor

By JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer

Justine Triet's "Anatomy of a Fall" won the Palme d'Or at the 76th Cannes Film Festival in a ceremony Saturday that bestowed the festival's prestigious top prize on an engrossing, rigorously plotted French courtroom drama that puts a marriage on trial.

"Anatomy of a Fall," which stars Sandra Hüller as a writer trying to prove her innocence in her husband's death, is only the third film directed by a woman to win the Palme d'Or. One of the two previous winners, Julia Ducournau, was on this year's jury.

Cannes' Grand Prix, its second prize, went to Jonathan Glazer's "The Zone of Interest," a chilling Martin Amis adaptation about a German family living next door to Auschwitz. Hüller also stars in that film.

The awards were decided by a jury presided over by two-time Palme winner Ruben Östlund, the Swedish director who won the prize last year for "Triangle of Sadness." The ceremony preceded the festival's closing night film, the Pixar animation "Elemental."

Remarkably, the award for "Anatomy of a Fall" gives the indie distributor Neon its fourth straight Palme winners. Neon, which acquired the film after its premiere in Cannes, also backed "Triangle of Sadness," Ducournau's "Titane" and Bong Joon Ho's "Parasite," which it steered to a best picture win at the Academy Awards.

Triet was presented the Palme by Jane Fonda, who recalled coming to Cannes in 1963 when, she said, there were no female filmmakers competing "and it never even occurred to us that there was something wrong with that." This year, a record seven out of the 21 films in competition at Cannes were directed by women.

After a rousing standing ovation, Triet, the 44-year-old French filmmaker, spoke passionately about the protests that have roiled France this year over reforms to pension plans and the retirement age. Several protests were held during Cannes this year, but demonstrations were — as they have been in many high-profile locations throughout France — banned from the area around the Palais des Festivals. Protesters were largely relegated to the outskirts of Cannes.

"The protests were denied and repressed in a shocking way," said Triet, who linked that governmental influence to that in cinema. "The merchandizing of culture, defended by a liberal government, is breaking the French cultural exception."

"This award is dedicated to all the young women directors and all the young male directors and all those who cannot manage to shoot films today," she added. "We must give them the space I occupied 15 years ago in a less hostile world where it was still possible to make mistakes and start again."

After the ceremony, Triet reflected on being the third female director to win the Palme, following Ducournau and Jane Campion ("The Piano").

"Things are truly changing," she said.

Speaking to reporters, Triet was joined by her star, Hüller, whose performance was arguably the most acclaimed of the festival. (The festival encourages juries not to give films more than one award.) But "Anatomy of a Fall" did pocket one other sought-after prize: the Palme Dog. The honor given to the best canine in the festival's films went to the film's border collie, Snoop.

The jury prize went to Finnish director Aki Kaurismäki's "Fallen Leaves," a deadpan love story about a romance that blooms in a loveless workaday Helsinki where dispatches from the war in Ukraine regularly play on the radio.

Best actor went to veteran Japanese star Koji Yakusho, who plays a reflective, middle-aged Tokyo man who cleans toilets in Wim Wenders' "Perfect Days," a gentle, quotidian character study.

The Turkish actor Merve Dizdar took best actress for the Nuri Bilge Ceylan's "About Dry Grasses." Ceylan's expansive tale is set in snowy eastern Anatolia about a teacher, Samet (Deniz Celiloğlu), accused of

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misconduct by a young female student. Dizdar plays a friend both attracted and repelled by Samet.

"I understand what it's like to be a woman in this area of the country," said Dizdar. "I would like to dedicate this prize to all the women who are fighting to exist and overcome difficulties in this world and to retrain hope."

Vietnamese-French director Trần Anh Hùng took best director for "Pot-au-Feu," a lush, foodie love story starring Juliette Binoche and Benoît Magimel and set in a 19th century French gourmet château.

Best screenplay was won by Yuji Sakamoto for "Monster." Sakamoto penned Japanese director Hirokazu Kore-eda's nuanced drama, with shifting perspectives, about two boys struggling for acceptance in their school at home. "Monster" also won the Queer Palm, an honor bestowed by journalists for the festival's strongest LGBTQ-themed film.

Quentin Tarantino, who won Cannes' top award for "Pulp Fiction," attended the ceremony to present a tribute to filmmaker Roger Corman. Tarantino praised Corman for filling him and countless moviegoers with "unadulterated cinema pleasure."

"My cinema is uninhibited, full of excess and fun," said Corman, the independent film maverick. "I feel like this what Cannes is about."

The festival's Un Certain Regard section handed out its awards on Friday, giving the top prize to Molly Manning Walker's debut feature, "How to Have Sex."

Saturday's ceremony drew to close a Cannes edition that hasn't lacked spectacle, stars or controversy.

The biggest wattage premieres came out of competition. Martin Scorsese debuted his Osage murders epic "Killers of the Flower Moon," a sprawling vision of American exploitation with Leonardo DiCaprio and Lily Gladstone. "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny," Harrison Ford's Indy farewell, launched with a tribute to Ford. Wes Anderson premiered "Asteroid City."

The festival opened on a note of controversy. "Jeanne du Barry," a period drama co-starring Johnny Depp as Louis XV, played as the opening night film. The premiere marked Depp's highest profile appearance since the conclusion of his explosive trial last year with ex-wife Amber Heard.

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What's next on the debt ceiling: Selling the plan, and making a deal into a law

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of negotiations, President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy have announced an "agreement in principle" to raise the nation's debt ceiling and avoid a potentially catastrophic default.

The agreement includes spending cuts demanded by Republicans, but it is short of the reductions in the sweeping legislation passed by the Republican-led House last month.

To reduce spending, as Republicans had insisted, the package includes a two-year budget deal that would hold spending flat for 2024 and impose limits for 2025. That's in exchange for raising the debt limit for two years, until after the next election.

It also expands some work requirements for food-stamp recipients and tweaks an environmental law to try to streamline reviews to build new energy projects.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said the United States could default on its debt obligations by June 5 if lawmakers do not act in time to raise the federal debt ceiling.

A look at what's next as Congress rushes to pass an agreement:

FINALIZING THE DEAL

Speaking to reporters in the Capitol late Saturday, McCarthy said the bill has "historic reductions in spending, consequential reforms that will lift people out of poverty into the workforce and rein in government

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overreach. There are no new taxes and no new government programs.”

Still, he said, “we still have more work to do tonight to finish all the writing of it.” The speaker and his lead negotiators were still holed up in his office as midnight approached.

McCarthy said he would speak to Biden again on Sunday.

Biden said in a statement that “over the next day, our negotiating teams will finalize legislative text and the agreement will go to the United States House and Senate. I strongly urge both chambers to pass the agreement right away.”

The agreement is “an important step forward that reduces spending while protecting critical programs for working people and growing the economy for everyone,” Biden said.

SELLING THE BILL

To pass the bill, both McCarthy and Biden will now have to sell it to their respective parties. While both sides are expected to lose some votes, they have to make sure that the deal is popular enough to pass both chambers without a revolt on either side.

McCarthy held a call Saturday evening with the Republican caucus, fulfilling a promise he made to show the agreement to them before revealing the legislation to the public. He said he expects to release the text of the bill publicly Sunday afternoon.

Reaction was mixed. Rep. Dan Bishop of North Carolina tweeted a vomit emoji, complaining that some Republicans on the call were praising the speaker for getting what he said is “almost zippo in exchange” for the debt ceiling hike.

South Dakota Rep. Dusty Johnson, an ally of McCarthy, said people he was talking to are “incredibly supportive” of the deal, though he acknowledged they will lose some votes.

White House officials will give their own briefing to House Democrats on Sunday at 5 p.m., according to a House Democratic aide.

CONGRESS RETURNS

Both the House and Senate are expected to return on Tuesday, after Memorial Day. McCarthy said the House will vote Wednesday, which would then send the bill to the Senate.

Once the bill reaches the Senate, where Democrats have the majority, the pace of action will largely depend on whether any senators try to hold up the bill, possibly with amendment votes. That could tie up the legislation for a few days.

Still, the Senate can move quickly when they have agreement from all 100 senators. The bill could be passed by the end of the week, with a quick Biden signature to make it law.

If all goes according to McCarthy’s plan -- and both chambers are able to pass the legislation -- the potential crisis should be resolved by June 5, which is when the Treasury Department projects the U.S. would be at risk of default.

“This agreement is good news for the American people, because it prevents what could have been a catastrophic default and would have led to an economic recession, retirement accounts devastated, and millions of jobs lost,” Biden said in his Saturday evening statement.

Associated Press writers Lisa Mascaro, Seung Min Kim and Zeke Miller contributed to this report.

White’s putback as time expires lifts Celtics past Heat, forces Game 7 in East finals

By TIM REYNOLDS AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — The Boston Celtics were a tenth of a second away from elimination. The Miami Heat were a tenth of a second from the NBA Finals.

Derrick White owned that final moment.

White scored on a putback as time expired and the Boston Celtics moved to the brink of the greatest comeback in NBA playoffs history, holding off the Miami Heat 104-103 on Saturday night to force a Game

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7 in the Eastern Conference finals.

"Derrick White, like a flash of lightning, just came out of nowhere and saved the day, man," Boston's Jaylen Brown said. "An incredible play."

White knew it was good. Referees reviewed it, but it didn't take long to give the official word.

Elation for Boston. Devastation for Miami.

"Ball came to me," White said. "I made the shot."

Perhaps Boston will call it The Shot.

White became the second player in NBA history to hit a buzzer-beater with his team trailing and facing elimination — Michael Jordan's "The Shot" for Chicago against Cleveland in 1989 being the other.

"I was just happy," White said. "Season was on the line. We don't want to go home."

Jayson Tatum scored 31 points, Brown scored 26 and Marcus Smart added 21 for the Celtics, who became only the fourth NBA team to erase a 3-0 deficit in a best-of-seven series and force a deciding game. The others in that club — the 1951 New York Knicks in the NBA Finals, the 1994 Denver Nuggets in the second round and the 2003 Portland Trail Blazers in the first round — all lost Game 7, all on the road.

Boston, however, is going home for its shot at history. Game 7 is Monday night on the Celtics' floor, a matchup that'll decide who meets the Western Conference champion Denver Nuggets in a title series that will start Thursday.

"It's a seven-game series," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "There's nothing better than Game 7s."

Jimmy Butler made three free throws with 3.0 seconds left — the foul was originally called with 2.1 seconds left; referees put 0.9 seconds back on after reviewing the play to see if it was a 3-point try that Al Horford fouled him on — for a one-point Heat lead. It capped a Miami rally from 10 points down with less than 4 minutes remaining.

The Celtics had White inbound the ball on the game's final possession, and he passed to Smart — who missed a 3-pointer. But White sprinted from the inbound spot to the rim, the ball fell into his hands and he got the lay-in away just before time ran out to extend Boston's season.

There had been other buzzer-beaters from players whose teams were facing an elimination game, but before Saturday, only Jordan's came with his team trailing.

Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla was asked what went through his mind at that moment.

"Nothing," Mazzulla said. "Game 7."

Butler scored 24 points and Caleb Martin had 21 for the Heat, who are trying to pull off their own improbable trek to the title series by being only the second No. 8 seed to make the NBA Finals. They've now lost as many games this week — three — as they had in their first 14 playoff games this spring combined on the way to ousting No. 1 Milwaukee, then No. 5 New York and taking what was supposed to be an insurmountable 3-0 lead over the second-seeded Celtics.

"We've got to go on the road and do something special," Butler said. "But we've got a special group."

The Celtics have now won five of their last six East finals games in Miami — a stretch that includes a Game 7 over the Heat last season to reach the NBA Finals.

That one, obviously, ended the Heat season. At least this time, Miami still has a chance.

"I don't know how we're going to get this done, but we're going to go out there and get it done," Spoelstra said. "And that's what the next 48 hours is about. There's been nothing easy about this season for our group, and so we just have to do it the hard way."

The Heat are the 151st team to grab a 3-0 series lead in a best-of-seven. All 150 of the previous clubs finished the job. But the Celtics have made very clear that they have other ideas, and Mazzulla listed a lot of reasons why.

"Faith. Love. Togetherness. Physicality. Belief. Hope." Mazzulla said. "All those things combined. It starts with the locker room. Those guys had a choice to make and they chose to believe in each other."

TIP-INS

Celtics: The Celtics are 5-0 when facing elimination this season, 3-0 on the road. They beat Philadelphia twice on their way to erasing a 3-2 lead in the East finals, and now have tied this series. ... Malcolm

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Brogdon (right forearm strain) was downgraded to out about an hour before game time. ... White scored 11 for the Celtics, and Robert Williams III had 10.

Heat: Gabe Vincent scored 15, Duncan Robinson scored 13 and Bam Adebayo added 11 for Miami. ... Diddy was at the game, as was former Heat guard Goran Dragic and Florida Panthers star Matthew Tkachuk. ... Unless Miami wins Game 7 at Boston, it may have been the final home game of Heat forward Udonis Haslem's 20-year career. The Heat are 613-297 in the 910 games in their home arena with Haslem on the roster; that doesn't include the restart bubble's home games in 2020.

GAME 7 HISTORY

The Celtics are 27-9 in Game 7s, winners of their last four — including one in Miami last season and one earlier this season, against Philadelphia in the East semifinals. They're 1-1 against the Heat all-time in such games (losing the 2012 East finals deciding game in Miami), and 22-5 at home in Game 7.

The Heat are 6-5 all-time in Game 7s, losing their last two (home vs. Boston in 2022, at Toronto in 2016), and are 0-2 when facing such a game on the road. Besides the Raptors game seven years ago, they lost a Game 7 at Atlanta in 2009.

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Fight still ahead for Texas' Ken Paxton after historic impeachment deepens GOP divisions

By ACACIA CORONADO, JIM VERTUNO and JAKE BLEIBERG Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The historic impeachment of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton plunged Republicans on Sunday into a fight over whether to banish one of their own in America's biggest red state after years of scandal and criminal accusations that will now be at the center of a trial in the state Senate.

Paxton said he has "full confidence" as he awaits judgement from the Senate, where his conservative allies include his wife, state Sen. Angela Paxton, who has not said whether she will recuse herself from the proceedings to determine whether her husband will be permanently removed from office.

For now, Texas' three-term attorney general is immediately suspended after the state House of Representatives on Saturday impeached Paxton on 20 articles that included bribery and abuse of public trust.

The decisive 121-23 vote amounted to a clear rebuke from the GOP-controlled chamber after nearly a decade of Republican lawmakers taking a mostly muted stance on Paxton's alleged misdeeds, which include felony securities fraud charges from 2015 and an ongoing FBI investigation into corruption accusations.

He is just the third sitting official in Texas' nearly 200-year history to have been impeached.

"No one person should be above the law, least not the top law officer of the state of Texas," said Republican state Rep. David Spiller, who was part of a House investigative committee that this week revealed it had quietly been looking into Paxton for months.

Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has remained silent about Paxton all week, including after Saturday's impeachment. Abbott, who was the state's attorney general prior to Paxton's taking the job in 2015, has the power to appoint a temporary replacement pending the outcome in the Senate trial.

It is not year clear when the Senate trial will take place. Final removal of Paxton would require a two-thirds vote in the Senate, where Republican members are generally aligned with the party's hard right. The Senate is led by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who has served as state chairman for former President Donald Trump's campaigns in Texas.

Before the vote Saturday, Trump and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz came to Paxton's defense, with the senator calling the impeachment process "a travesty" and saying the attorney general's legal troubles should be left to the courts.

"Free Ken Paxton," Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social, warning that if House Republicans proceeded with the impeachment, "I will fight you."

Paxton, 60, decried the outcome in the House moments after scores of his fellow partisans voted for impeachment. His office pointed to internal reports that found no wrongdoing.

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The deal came together after Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Congress that the United States could default on its debt obligations by June 5 — four days later than previously estimated — if lawmakers did not act in time. Lifting the nation’s debt limit, now at \$31 trillion, allows more borrowing to pay the nation’s already incurred bills.

Biden also spoke earlier in the day with Democratic leaders in Congress to discuss the status of the talks. White House officials will brief House Democrats on a Sunday video call.

McCarthy commands only a slim Republican majority in the House, powered by hard-right conservatives who may resist any deal as insufficient as they try to slash spending. But compromising with Democrats for votes, he risks losing support from his own rank-and-file, setting up a careerchallenging moment for the new speaker.

Both sides have suggested one of the main holdups was a GOP effort to expand work requirements for recipients of food stamps and other federal aid programs, a longtime Republican goal that Democrats have strenuously opposed. The White House said the Republican proposals were “cruel and senseless.”

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Lawmakers allied with Paxton tried to discredit the investigation by noting that hired investigators, not panel members, interviewed witnesses. They also said several of the investigators had voted in Democratic primaries, tainting the impeachment, and that Republican legislators had too little time to review evidence.

"I perceive it could be political weaponization," Rep. Tony Tinderholt, one of the House's most conservative members, said before the vote. Republican Rep. John Smithee compared the proceeding to "a Saturday mob out for an afternoon lynching."

Rice University political science professor Mark P. Jones said the swift move to impeach kept Paxton from rallying significant support and allowed quietly frustrated Republicans to come together.

"If you ask most Republicans privately, they feel Paxton is an embarrassment. But most were too afraid of the base to oppose him," Jones said. By voting as a large bloc, he added, the lawmakers gained political cover.

To Paxton's longstanding detractors, however, the rebuke was years overdue.

In 2014, he admitted to violating Texas securities law, and a year later was indicted on securities fraud charges in his hometown near Dallas, accused of defrauding investors in a tech startup. He pleaded not guilty to two felony counts carrying a potential sentence of five to 99 years.

He opened a legal defense fund and accepted \$100,000 from an executive whose company was under investigation by Paxton's office for Medicaid fraud. An additional \$50,000 was donated by an Arizona retiree whose son Paxton later hired to a high-ranking job but soon was fired after displaying child pornography in a meeting. In 2020, Paxton intervened in a Colorado mountain community where a Texas donor and college classmate faced removal from his lakeside home under coronavirus orders.

But what ultimately unleashed the impeachment push was Paxton's relationship with Austin real estate developer Nate Paul.

In 2020, eight top aides told the FBI they were concerned Paxton was misusing his office to help Paul over the developer's unproven claims about an elaborate conspiracy to steal \$200 million of his properties. The FBI searched Paul's home in 2019, but he has not been charged and denies wrongdoing. Paxton also told staff members he had an affair with a woman who, it later emerged, worked for Paul.

The impeachment accuses Paxton of attempting to interfere in foreclosure lawsuits and issuing legal opinions to benefit Paul. The bribery charges included in the impeachment allege Paul employed the woman with whom Paxton had an affair in exchange for legal help and that he paid for expensive renovations to the attorney general's home. A senior lawyer for Paxton's office, Chris Hilton, said Friday that the attorney general paid for all repairs and renovations.

Other charges, including lying to investigators, date back to Paxton's still-pending securities fraud indictment.

Four aides who reported Paxton to the FBI later sued under Texas' whistleblower law, and in February he agreed to settle the case for \$3.3 million. The House committee said the probe was sparked by Paxton seeking legislative approval for the payout.

"But for Paxton's own request for a taxpayer-funded settlement over his wrongful conduct, Paxton would not be facing impeachment," the panel said.

Bleiberg reported from Dallas.

Biden, GOP reach tentative deal to raise debt ceiling, avoid calamitous US default

By LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK, ZEKE MILLER and KEVIN FREKING Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy reached an "agreement in principle" to raise the nation's legal debt ceiling late Saturday as they raced to strike a deal to limit federal spending and avert a potentially disastrous U.S. default.

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However, the agreement risks angering both Democratic and Republican sides with the concessions made to compromise. Negotiators agreed to some Republican demands for increased work requirements for recipients of food stamps that had sparked an uproar from House Democrats as a nonstarter.

Support from both parties will be needed to win congressional approval next week before the government's projected June 5 debt default.

The Democratic president and Republican speaker reached the agreement after the two spoke earlier Saturday evening by phone. The country and the world have been watching and waiting for a resolution to a political standoff that threatened the U.S. and global economies.

"The agreement represents a compromise, which means not everyone gets what they want," Biden said in a statement late Saturday night. "That's the responsibility of governing," he said.

Biden called the agreement "good news for the American people, because it prevents what could have been a catastrophic default and would have led to an economic recession, retirement accounts devastated, and millions of jobs lost."

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The deal came together after Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Congress that the United States could default on its debt obligations by June 5 — four days later than previously estimated — if lawmakers did not act in time to raise the federal debt ceiling. The extended "X-date" gave the two sides a bit of extra time as they scrambled for a deal.

Biden also spoke earlier in the day with Democratic leaders in Congress to discuss the status of the talks.

The Republican House speaker had gathered top allies behind closed doors at the Capitol as negotiators pushed for a deal that would avoid the first-ever government default while also making spending cuts that House Republicans are demanding.

But as another day dragged on with financial disaster looming closer, it had appeared some of the problems over policy issues that dogged talks all week remained unresolved.

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McCarthy, who dashed out before the lunch hour Saturday and arrived back at the Capitol with a big box of takeout, declined to elaborate on those discussions. One of his negotiators, Louisiana Rep. Garret Graves, said there was "not a chance" that Republicans might relent on the work requirements issue.

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The president, spending part of the weekend at Camp David, continued to talk with his negotiating team multiple times a day, signing off on offers and counteroffers.

Any deal would need to be a political compromise in a divided Congress. Many of the hard-right Trump-aligned Republicans in Congress have long been skeptical of the Treasury's projections, and they are pressing McCarthy to hold out.

Lawmakers are not expected to return to work from the Memorial Day weekend before Tuesday, at the earliest, and McCarthy has promised lawmakers he will abide by the rule to post any bill for 72 hours before voting.

The Democratic-held Senate has largely stayed out of the negotiations, leaving the talks to Biden and McCarthy. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York has pledged to move quickly to send a compromise package to Biden's desk.

Weeks of talks have failed to produce a deal in part because the Biden administration resisted for months on negotiating with McCarthy, arguing that the country's full faith and credit should not be used as leverage to extract other partisan priorities.

But House Republicans united behind a plan that resisted any tax increases to curb deficits, and instead cut spending, narrowly passing legislation in late April that was their opening offer in talks with the White House.

Associated Press writers Stephen Groves, Fatima Hussein, Farnoush Amiri, Seung Min Kim and video-journalist Rick Gentilo contributed to this report.

Ed Ames, '50s pop singer with Ames Brothers and '60s TV star in 'Daniel Boone,' dies at 95

By ANDREW SELSKY Associated Press Writer

Ed Ames, the youngest member of the popular 1950s singing group the Ames Brothers, who later became a successful actor in television and musical theater, has died. He was 95.

The last survivor of the four singing brothers, Ames died May 21 from Alzheimer's disease, his wife, Jeanne Ames, said Saturday.

"He had a wonderful life," she said.

On television, Ames was likely best known for his role as Mingo, the Oxford-educated Native American in the 1960s adventure series "Daniel Boone" that starred Fess Parker as the famous frontiersman. He also was the center of a bit on "The Tonight Show" that — thanks to his painfully uncanny aim with a hatchet — became one of the show's most memorable surprise moments.

Ames had guest roles in TV series such as "Murder, She Wrote" and "In the Heat of the Night," and toured frequently in musicals, performing such popular songs as "Try to Remember" and the song that became his biggest hit single, "My Cup Runneth Over."

As part of the 1950s music scene, he and his brothers were one of numerous pop quartets that included the Four Aces, Four Lads, Gaylords, Hilltoppers, Lancers, Four Knights, Ink Spots and, still around from a previous era, the Mills Brothers. But the Ames Brothers — Ed, Joe, Gene and Vic — had a unique tone: they were basses and baritones, not tenors.

Their recordings of "Rag Mop," "Sentimental Me" and "Undecided" became big hits, and they launched a busy career appearing on TV variety shows, recording 40 albums and playing in night clubs and auditoriums across the country.

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By the end of the 1950s, rock 'n' roll had overtaken the pop charts and singing quartets were on the decline. The Ames, meanwhile, had tired of the constant travel and absence from their growing families. The finale for Ed came when he arrived home unexpectedly and his wife called to their 3-year-old daughter: "Who is it?" The girl replied, "One of the Ames Brothers."

"That did it," he told a reporter. "My brothers and I agreed that we had all had it and should go our separate ways." The group, which was earning \$20,000 a week, played its last engagement at the Sahara in Las Vegas on New Year's 1961.

Ed's efforts to establish himself as a solo singer were not immediately successful and he turned to acting. He almost lost his house before he found a role in a production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible."

In the long-running musical "The Fantasticks," he sang "Try to Remember," which became one of his theme songs. He joined the traveling company of Gower Champion's "Carnival" and transferred to the New York company until the show's final performance.

In a role that presaged his future role on "Daniel Boone," he then won attention as the stoic Native American in the 1963 Broadway play "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" with Kirk Douglas and Gene Wilder in the adaptation of Ken Kesey's novel.

Ames earned top money at Las Vegas casinos and in hotel supper clubs and toured extensively in the musicals "Man of La Mancha," "Fiddler on the Roof," "South Pacific" and "I Do, I Do."

"I Do, I Do" provided his biggest hit single, "My Cup Runneth Over," a gold record winner in 1967. He had another hit in 1968 with "Who Will Answer?"

It was during his run on "Daniel Boone" that he contributed to what was called the longest sustained burst of laughter in the history of "The Tonight Show."

For a 1965 episode he was persuaded to demonstrate the hatchet-throwing skills he learned as Mingo. The silhouette of a cowboy was painted on a piece of wood, and Ames threw a hatchet at the target. It landed on squarely on the cowboy's crotch.

Ames was born Edmund Dantes Urick in Malden, Massachusetts, the youngest of 11 children, four who died in childhood. Their parents were Ukrainian immigrants and their mother taught the children to read Shakespeare and to appreciate music they heard every Saturday on the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts.

The four youngest boys began singing at local events as the Urick Brothers. Ed was still in high school when they moved to night clubs, but as a husky six-footer with a deep voice, he was able to pass for 21.

In New York, comedy writer Abe Burrows advised a name change because Urick was hard to remember. Ames was the brothers' choice.

After the four brothers split up, the other brothers also continued performing and recording, but gained less notice than Ed. Vic died in 1978, Gene in 1997 and Joe in December 2007.

Ames and his first wife, Sara Cacheiro, had three children: Sonja, Ronald and Linda. The couple divorced in 1978, and in 1998 he married Jeanne Arnold.

The late Associated Press writer Bob Thomas was a contributor to this report from Los Angeles.

This version corrects the name of Ames' first wife to Sara Cacheiro.

GOP-controlled Texas House impeaches Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton, triggering suspension

By ACACIA CORONADO, JIM VERTUNO and JAKE BLEIBERG Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' Republican-led House of Representatives impeached state Attorney General Ken Paxton on Saturday on articles including bribery and abuse of public trust, a sudden, historic rebuke of a GOP official who rose to be a star of the conservative legal movement despite years of scandal and alleged crimes.

Impeachment triggers Paxton's immediate suspension from office pending the outcome of a trial in the state Senate and empowers Republican Gov. Greg Abbott to appoint someone else as Texas' top lawyer

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in the interim.

The 121-23 vote constitutes an abrupt downfall for one of the GOP's most prominent legal combatants, who in 2020 asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn President Joe Biden's electoral defeat of Donald Trump. It makes Paxton only the third sitting official in Texas' nearly 200-year history to have been impeached.

Paxton, 60, decried the move moments after scores of his fellow partisans voted for impeachment, and his office pointed to internal reports that found no wrongdoing.

"The ugly spectacle in the Texas House today confirmed the outrageous impeachment plot against me was never meant to be fair or just," Paxton said. "It was a politically motivated sham from the beginning."

Paxton has been under FBI investigation for years over accusations that he used his office to help a donor and was separately indicted on securities fraud charges in 2015, though he has yet to stand trial. His party had long taken a muted stance on the allegations — but that changed this week as 60 of the House's 85 Republicans, including Speaker Dade Phelan, voted to impeach.

"No one person should be above the law, least not the top law officer of the state of Texas," Rep. David Spiller, a Republican member of the committee that investigated Paxton, said in opening statements. Another Republican committee member, Rep. Charlie Geren, said without elaborating that Paxton had called some lawmakers before the vote and threatened them with political "consequences."

Lawmakers allied with Paxton tried to discredit the investigation by noting that hired investigators, not panel members, interviewed witnesses. They also said several of the investigators had voted in Democratic primaries, tainting the impeachment, and that they had too little time to review evidence.

"I perceive it could be political weaponization," Rep. Tony Tinderholt, one of the House's most conservative members, said before the vote. Republican Rep. John Smithee compared the proceeding to "a Saturday mob out for an afternoon lynching."

Paxton is automatically suspended from office pending the Senate trial. Final removal would require a two-thirds vote in the Senate, where Paxton's wife's, Angela, is a member.

Representatives of the governor, who lauded Paxton while swearing him in for a third term in January, did not immediately respond to requests for comment on a temporary replacement.

Before the vote, Trump and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz came to Paxton's defense, with the senator calling the impeachment process "a travesty" and saying the attorney general's legal troubles should be left to the courts.

"Free Ken Paxton," Trump wrote on his social media platform, Truth Social, warning that if House Republicans proceeded with impeachment, "I will fight you."

In one sense, Paxton's political peril arrived with dizzying speed: The House committee's investigation came to light Tuesday, and by Thursday lawmakers issued 20 articles of impeachment.

Rice University political science professor Mark P. Jones said the swift move to impeach kept Paxton from rallying significant support and allowed quietly frustrated Republicans to come together.

"If you ask most Republicans privately, they feel Paxton is an embarrassment. But most were too afraid of the base to oppose him," Jones said. By voting as a large bloc, he added, the lawmakers got political cover.

To Paxton's longstanding detractors, however, the rebuke was years overdue.

In 2014, he admitted to violating Texas securities law, and a year later he was indicted on securities fraud charges in his hometown near Dallas, accused of defrauding investors in a tech startup. He pleaded not guilty to two felony counts carrying a potential sentence of five to 99 years.

He opened a legal defense fund and accepted \$100,000 from an executive whose company was under investigation by Paxton's office for Medicaid fraud. An additional \$50,000 was donated by an Arizona retiree whose son Paxton later hired to a high-ranking job but was soon fired after displaying child pornography in a meeting. In 2020, Paxton intervened in a Colorado mountain community where a Texas donor and college classmate faced removal from his lakeside home under coronavirus orders.

But what ultimately unleashed the impeachment push was Paxton's relationship with Austin real estate developer Nate Paul.

In 2020, eight top aides told the FBI they were concerned Paxton was misusing his office to help Paul

over the developer's unproven claims that an elaborate conspiracy to steal \$200 million of his properties was afoot. The FBI searched Paul's home in 2019, but he has not been charged and denies wrongdoing. Paxton also told staff members he had an affair with a woman who, it later emerged, worked for Paul.

The impeachment accuses Paxton of attempting to interfere in foreclosure lawsuits and issuing legal opinions to benefit Paul. Its bribery charges allege that Paul employed the woman with whom Paxton had an affair in exchange for legal help and that he paid for expensive renovations to the attorney general's home. A senior lawyer for Paxton's office, Chris Hilton, said Friday that the attorney general paid for all repairs and renovations.

Other charges, including lying to investigators, date back to Paxton's still-pending securities fraud indictment.

Four of the aides who reported Paxton to the FBI later sued under Texas' whistleblower law, and in February he agreed to settle the case for \$3.3 million. The House committee said it was Paxton seeking legislative approval for the payout that sparked their probe.

"But for Paxton's own request for a taxpayer-funded settlement over his wrongful conduct, Paxton would not be facing impeachment," the panel said.

Bleiberg reported from Dallas.

Disgusted by racism targeting soccer's Vinícius, his Brazilian hometown rallies to defend him

By DAVID BILLER Associated Press

SAO GONCALO, Brazil (AP) — The chants of "monkey!" at the Spanish soccer stadium echoed across the Atlantic, reaching the ears of people on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro.

That's where Vinícius Júnior, who is Black, grew up and launched his soccer career. Now, despite his global fame and millions, he was again the target of crude European racism.

His city in multiracial Brazil was sickened, and has rallied to his defense.

In Sao Goncalo, rapper Deivisson Oliveira was eating breakfast when the TV news showed the abuse aimed at his hometown hero.

"I needed to cry out," said Oliveira, 30, who raps under the name MC Menor do CPX.

Oliveira typed lyrics on his phone with his 6-month-old son at his feet. Powerful verses surged through his thumbs: "From the favela to the world: Strength, Vinícius Júnior!"

Racism in the Spanish league has intensified this season, especially after Vinícius started celebrating goals by dancing. On at least nine occasions, people have made monkey sounds at Vinícius, chanted the slur "monkey!" and hurled other racist slurs. Vinícius has repeatedly demanded action from Spanish soccer authorities.

Vinícius' 2017 move to Real Madrid was the culmination of years of effort. One of the most popular clubs in global soccer paid 45 million euros (about \$50 million) — at the time the most ever for a Brazilian teenager — even before his professional debut with Rio-based Flamengo. Relentless racism wasn't part of Vinícius' dream when he was growing up in Sao Goncalo.

Sao Goncalo is the second-most populous city in Rio's metropolitan region, and one of the poorest in the state of Rio de Janeiro, according to the national statistics institute. At night in some areas, motorists turn on their hazard lights to signal to drug-trafficking gangs that the driver is local. It is also where the 2020 police killing of a 14-year-old sparked Black Lives Matter protests across Rio.

Racism has once again fanned outrage.

Rio's imposing, illuminated Christ the Redeemer statue was made dark one night in solidarity. The city's enormous bayside Ferris wheel this week exhibits a clenched Black fist and the scrolling words: "EVERY-ONE AGAINST RACISM."

"My total repudiation of the episode of racism suffered by our ace and the pride of all of us in Sao Goncalo," the city's mayor, Nelson Ruas dos Santos, wrote on Twitter the morning after the incident.

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Rio's Mayor Eduardo Paes was less diplomatic when responding to a defense issued by the Spanish soccer league's president.

"Go to hell, son of a..." Paes wrote.

On Thursday, Spanish league president Javier Tebas held a news conference claiming that the league has been acting alone against racism, and that it could end it in six months if granted more power by the government.

At the same time in Rio, representatives of more than 150 activist groups and nonprofits delivered a letter to Spain's consulate, demanding an investigation into the league and its president. They organized a protest that evening.

"Vinicius has been a warrior, he's being a warrior, for enduring this since he arrived in Spain and always taking a stand," activist Valda Neves said. "This time, he's not alone."

On Saturday, players from Vinicius' former club, Flamengo, took the field at the Maracana Stadium before a Brazilian championship match against Cruzeiro wearing jerseys bearing the player's name and sat on the pitch before kick off in an anti-racism protest.

In the stands, thousands of supporters made a tifo that read "everyone with Vini Jr."

The first Black Brazilian players to sign for European clubs in the 1960s met some racism in the largely white society, but rarely spoke out. At the time when Brazil still considered itself a "racial democracy," and did not take on the racism that many faced.

In the late 1980s, the federal government made racial discrimination a crime and created a foundation to promote Afro-Brazilian culture. At the time, many Brazilian players who might identify as Black today did not recognize themselves as such. Incidents of racism in Europe prompted little blowback in Brazil.

In the decades since, Brazil's Black activists have gained prominence and promoted awareness of structural racism. The federal government instituted policies aimed at addressing it, including affirmative-action admissions for public universities and jobs. There has been heightened consciousness throughout society.

In 2014, a fan hurled a banana at defender Dani Alves during a Spanish league match; he picked it up and ate it in a show of defiance, triggering a coordinated social media campaign with other Brazilian players, including star forward Neymar, who did the same.

Vinicius' own educational nonprofit this week launched a program to train public school teachers to raise awareness about racism and instruct kids in fighting discrimination. A teacher at a Sao Goncalo school that will host the project, Mariana Alves, hopes it will provide kids much-needed support and preparation. She spoke in a classroom with soccer-ball beanbag chairs strewn about, and enormous photos of Vinicius on the walls.

Most of the school's students are Black or biracial, and many have experienced racism, Alves said in an interview. This week, her 10-year-old students have been asking if she saw what happened to Vinicius because they don't fully understand.

"He has money, he has all this status, and not even that stopped him from going through this situation of racism," said Alves, who is Black and from Sao Goncalo. "So the students wonder ... 'Will I go through that, too? Is that going to happen to me?'"

As a boy, Vinicius started training at a nearby feeder school for Flamengo, Brazil's most popular club, before signing with its youth team.

Sao Goncalo kids there were a blur Wednesday afternoon as they ran non-stop drills, leaving them without time or breath to discuss their idol's troubles on another continent.

Still, they knew.

One of them, Ryan Goncalves Negri, said he has talked about it with his friends outside the soccer school, and that Vinicius should transfer out of the Spanish league "urgently."

"I would never want to play there," Negri, 13, said. "It's not for Brazilians who know how to score goals and celebrate."

While the kids practiced, the rapper Oliveira and his producer Éverton Ramos, known as DJ Cabide, stepped onto the turf and made their way to the corner. They set up a speaker beneath a banner of Vinicius as a brash teenager with his tongue extended, then started recording a clip for their protest song's

music video.

"I'm no one, but my voice can reach where I can't go, where I can't imagine going," Oliveira said. "My voice will get there, you understand?"

Associated Press writer Mauricio Savarese contributed from Sao Paulo

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2 horses die from injuries at Churchill Downs, bringing total to 12 at home of Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Two horses have died the past two days following injuries at Churchill Downs, the 11th and 12th fatalities over the past month at the home of the Kentucky Derby.

Mare Kimberley Dream was euthanized after sustaining a distal sesamodean ligament rupture to her front leg during Saturday's first race. Lost in Limbo was euthanized following a similar injury just before the finish line in Friday's seventh race.

The track stated in a release that both injuries were "inoperable and unrecoverable."

As team members mourn the loss of the animals, the statement added, the track is working to determine cause and appropriate investments to minimize risk to the sport and its property.

"We do not accept this as suitable or tolerable and share the frustrations of the public, and in some cases, the questions to which we do not yet have answers," the statement added. "We have been rigorously working since the opening of the meet to understand what has led to this spike and have yet to find a conclusive discernable pattern as we await the findings of ongoing investigations into those injuries and fatalities."

Also, a Kentucky steward's report from May 13 lists the previously unreported death of Bosque Redondo after finishing 10th in the seventh race. The report did not state the injury, but the colt was transported to Lexington for observation and eventually put down after a poor prognosis for recovery.

Churchill Downs' statement said it commissioned surface expert Mick Peterson to perform additional tests on the track and that the data did not raise concerns. The data is consistent with prior measurements from Churchill Downs or other tracks, the statement added.

An epidemiological study with the Jockey Club is reviewing each horse to determine undetected patterns not previously identified, the statement added.

"We are troubled by this recent string of fatalities," the statement said. "It is extremely inconsistent with the outcomes we have experienced over the years, with the reputation we have developed over the decades and with the expectations we set for ourselves and owe our fans. We are committed to doing this important work and updating the public with our developments."

Kimberley Dream and Lost in Limbo were both 7-year-old Kentucky breds with at least 35 starts each.

Trained by Freddie Winston, Kimberley Dream was making her 61st start in the 1 1/16th mile claiming race. Jockey Jesus Castanon pulled her up passing the 3/16th pole and she was vanned off, Equibase race chart notes stated.

Lost in Limbo, a gelding trained by Michael Lauer, collapsed inside the final 1/16th and threw jockey Ricardo Santana Jr., the race chart noted. He was vanned away.

The notes added that Lost in Limbo dropped his rider before the six-furlong claiming race and ran loose before being gathered by an outrider. He was remounted without incident and endured contact from horses on both sides at the start from the No. 4 post, the chart noted.

Kimberley Dream was winless in four starts this year. She had seven wins, eight seconds and six thirds with \$174,372 in earnings. Lost in Limbo had two thirds in four starts this year and five career, along with five wins and three seconds. He earned \$225,996 lifetime.

Seven horses died at Churchill Downs from training or racing injuries in the week leading up to the 149th Kentucky Derby on May 6, starting with qualifier Wild On Ice on April 27. Two were euthanized following

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injuries on the Derby undercard, and two others died on May 14 and May 20.

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Why Texas' GOP-controlled House impeached Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton

By JIM VERTUNO and JAKE BLEIBERG Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — After years of legal and ethical scandals swirling around Texas Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton, the state's GOP-controlled House of Representatives on Saturday voted to impeach him, causing his immediate suspension from office.

The extraordinary and rarely used maneuver came in the final days of the state's legislative session, setting up a bruising political fight that pitted Paxton, who has aligned himself closely with former President Donald Trump and the state's hard-right conservatives, against House Republican leaders, who appear to suddenly have had enough of the allegations of wrongdoing that have long dogged Texas' top lawyer.

Paxton fought it every step of the way, calling the process "corrupt," and asking supporters to rally for him at the state Capitol during the vote.

Here is how the impeachment process works in Texas, and how the 60-year-old Republican became just the third official to be impeached in the state's nearly 200-year history:

THE PROCESS

Under the Texas Constitution and law, impeaching a state official is similar to the process on the federal level: The action starts in the state House.

In this case the five-member House General Investigating Committee voted unanimously Thursday to send 20 articles of impeachment to the full, 149-member chamber.

Paxton faced grim legislative math. Just a simple majority was needed to impeach. That meant only a small fraction of the House's 85 Republicans was needed to vote against him if all 64 Democrats did. The final vote was 121-23.

The House can call witnesses to testify, but the investigating committee already did that prior to recommending impeachment. Over several hours Wednesday, investigators delivered an extraordinary public airing of Paxton's years of scandal and alleged lawbreaking.

Saturday's floor debate and vote lasted about four hours.

Now that the House has impeached Paxton, a Senate trial will decide whether to permanently remove him from office or acquit. Removal by the Senate requires a two-thirds majority vote.

A SUDDEN THREAT

There is a major difference between Texas and the federal system: impeachment means Paxton is immediately suspended from office until the outcome of the Senate trial. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott would appoint an interim replacement.

The GOP in Texas controls every branch of state government. Republican lawmakers and leaders alike have until this week taken a muted posture toward the myriad examples of Paxton's alleged misconduct and law breaking that emerged in legal filings and news reports over the years.

In February, Paxton agreed to settle a whistleblower lawsuit brought by former aides who accused him of corruption. The \$3.3 million payout must be approved by the House, and Republican Speaker Dade Phelan has said he doesn't think taxpayers should foot the bill.

Shortly after the settlement was reached, the House investigation into Paxton began.

"But for Paxton's own request for a taxpayer-funded settlement over his wrongful conduct, Paxton would not be facing impeachment," the investigative committee wrote in a Friday memo.

REPUBLICAN ON REPUBLICAN

The five-member committee that mounted the investigation of Paxton is led by his fellow Republicans, contrasting America's most prominent recent examples of impeachment.

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Trump's federal impeachments in 2020 and 2021 were driven by Democrats who had majority control of the U.S. House of Representatives. In both cases, the impeachment charges approved by the House failed in the Senate, where Republicans had enough votes to block conviction.

In Texas, Republicans control both chambers by large majorities and the state's GOP leaders hold all levers of influence. That didn't stop Paxton from seeking to rally a partisan defense.

When the House investigation emerged Tuesday, Paxton suggested it was a political attack by Phelan. He called for the "liberal" speaker's resignation and accused him of being drunk during a marathon session last Friday.

Phelan's office brushed off the accusation as Paxton attempting to "save face."

Moments after the vote, Paxton's office said the impeachment was "based on totally false claims" and pointed to internal reports that found no wrongdoing. House investigators said the attorney general's probe into his actions includes false and disproven claims.

While Texas' top elected Republicans had been largely silent in the run-up to the vote, Trump and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz came to his defense on Saturday. The senator called the impeachment process "a travesty" while the former president warned on Truth Social that he would "fight" House Republicans who proceeded with the process.

Abbott, who lauded Paxton while swearing him in for a third term in January, has not spoken about the impeachment process.

THE MARRIAGE WRINKLE

Paxton, who served five terms in the House and one in the Senate before becoming attorney general, is sure to still have allies in Austin.

One is his wife, Angela, a two-term state senator who could be in the awkward position of voting on her husband's political future. It's unclear whether she would or should participate in the Senate trial, where the 31 members make margins tight.

In a twist, Paxton's impeachment deals with an extramarital affair he acknowledged to members of his staff years earlier. The impeachment charges include bribery for one of Paxton's donors, Austin real estate developer Nate Paul, allegedly employing the woman with whom he had the affair in exchange for legal help.

YEARS IN THE MAKING

The impeachment reaches back to 2015, when Paxton was indicted on securities fraud charges for which he still has not stood trial. The lawmakers charged Paxton with making false statements to state securities regulators.

But most of the articles stem from Paxton's connections to Paul and a remarkable revolt by the attorney general's top deputies in 2020.

That fall, eight senior Paxton aides reported their boss to the FBI, accusing him of bribery and abusing his office to help Paul. Four of them later brought the whistleblower lawsuit. The report prompted a federal criminal investigation that in February was taken over by the U.S. Justice Department's Washington-based Public Integrity Section.

The impeachment charges cover myriad accusations related to Paxton's dealings with Paul. The allegations include attempts to interfere in foreclosure lawsuits and improperly issuing legal opinions to benefit Paul, and firing, harassing and interfering with staff who reported what was going on. The bribery charges stem from the affair, as well as Paul allegedly paying for expensive renovations to Paxton's Austin home.

The fracas took a toll on the Texas attorney general's office, long one of the primary legal challengers to Democratic administrations in the White House.

In the years since Paxton's staff went to the FBI, his agency has become unmoored by disarray behind the scenes, with seasoned lawyers quitting over practices they say aim to slant legal work, reward loyalists and drum out dissent.

TEXAS HISTORY

Paxton was already likely to be noted in history books for his unprecedented request that the U.S. Supreme Court overturn Biden's defeat of Trump in the 2020 presidential election. Now he is making history

in another way.

Only twice before has the Texas House impeached a sitting official.

Gov. James "Pa" Ferguson was removed from office in 1917 for misapplication of public funds, embezzlement and the diversion of a special fund. State Judge O.P. Carrillo was forced out of office in 1975 for using public money and equipment for his own use and filing false financial statements.

Bleiberg reported from Dallas.

Ukraine claims Russia is plotting 'a provocation' at nuclear plant, offers no evidence

By SUSIE BLANN Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's military intelligence has claimed, without offering evidence, that Russia is plotting a "large-scale provocation" at a nuclear power plant it occupies in the southeast of the country with the aim of disrupting a looming Ukrainian counteroffensive.

A statement released Friday by the intelligence directorate of Ukraine's Defense Ministry claimed that Russian forces would strike the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, the biggest in Europe, and then report a radioactive leak in order to trigger an international probe that would pause the hostilities and give the Russian forces the respite they need to regroup ahead of the counteroffensive.

In order to make that happen, Russia "disrupted the rotation of personnel of the permanent monitoring mission" of the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency that was scheduled for Saturday, the statement said. It didn't offer evidence to back up any of the claims.

The IAEA said in an emailed response to the AP that it did not have any immediate comment on the allegations, and Russian officials did not immediately comment on the Ukrainian claims.

The White House said it is watching the situation closely and has seen no indication that radioactive material has been leaked.

The claim mirrors similar statements Moscow regularly makes, alleging without evidence that Kyiv is plotting provocations involving various dangerous weapons or substances in order to then accuse Russia of war crimes.

It comes as Moscow's military in Ukraine braces for a looming counteroffensive by Kyiv's forces, which hasn't started yet but could begin "tomorrow, the day after tomorrow or in a week, the secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, Oleksiy Danilov, told the BBC in an interview Saturday.

The Zaporizhzhia power plant is one of the 10 biggest nuclear plants in the world. It is located in the partially occupied Zaporizhzhia region in southeastern Ukraine. The plant's six reactors have been shut down for months, but it still needs power and qualified staff to operate crucial cooling systems and other safety features.

Fighting near it repeatedly disrupted power supplies and has fueled fears of a potential catastrophe like the one at Chernobyl, in northern Ukraine, where a reactor exploded in 1986 and spewed deadly radiation, contaminating a vast area in the world's worst nuclear disaster.

In other developments:

— Ukraine's national police said a 60-year-old man was killed Saturday evening by Russian shelling in the city of Kupyansk in the Kharkiv region, about 30 kilometers (20 miles) from the Russian border.

— Russia on Saturday reported more attacks on its territory, with drones crashing in its western regions and areas on the border with Ukraine coming under shelling.

Two drones attacked an administrative building of an oil company in Russia's western Pskov region that borders Belarus, Latvia and Estonia, Pskov Gov. Mikhail Vedernikov reported Saturday. The building was damaged as the result of an explosion, Vedernikov said.

Another drone went down in the Tver region about 150 kilometers (90 miles) north of Moscow, local authorities said.

Russia's Belgorod region on the border with Ukraine on Saturday came under multiple rounds of shelling,

killing one person, according to its governor, Vyacheslav Gladkov. In the neighboring Kursk region, which also borders Ukraine, one person was killed by cross-border mortar fire, its Gov. Roman Starovoit said.

— The British military said Saturday that Russia's private military force, Wagner, is withdrawing from areas around the eastern city of Bakhmut that Moscow claims to have captured earlier this month.

Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin earlier this week announced the pullout, saying Wagner would hand control over the ruined city over to the Russian military. Some were skeptical, however: Prigozhin is known for making unverifiable, headline-grabbing statements on which he later backtracks.

But the British Defense Ministry said in a series of tweets Saturday that Wagner fighters "have likely started to withdraw from some of their positions" around Bakhmut. "The Ukrainian Deputy Defense Minister also corroborated the rotation out of Wagner forces in the outskirts of the town," the ministry said.

Darlene Superville in Washington DC contributed to this story.

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VP Harris praises cadets' sacrifice in West Point's 1st commencement speech by a woman

By BOBBY CAINA CALVAN Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Vice President Kamala Harris, the first woman to deliver a commencement speech at West Point, lauded graduating cadets Saturday for their noble sacrifice in serving their country, but noted they were entering an "unsettled world" because of Russian aggression and the rising threats from China.

"The world has drastically changed," Harris told the roughly 950 graduating cadets. She referred to the global pandemic that took millions of lives, as well as the fraught shifts in global politics in Europe and in Asia.

"It is clear you graduate into an increasingly unsettled world where longstanding principles are at risk," she said.

As the U.S. ended two decades of war in Afghanistan, the longest in the country's history, the vice president said, Russia soon launched the first major ground war in Europe since World War II when it invaded Ukraine.

"At the same time, autocrats have become bolder, the threat of terrorism persists, and an accelerating climate crisis continues to disrupt lives and livelihoods," she added.

She advised cadets to be wary of China, as it rapidly modernizes its military and muscles for control over parts of the high seas, ostensibly referring to the brewing disputes over the South China Sea.

She spoke about the country's military might and its need to innovate, including the adoption of new technology to change how wars are fought — even using artificial intelligence to predict enemy movements and to guide autonomous vehicles.

Harris made no mention about the ongoing skirmishing in Washington, where the White House and congressional Republicans are trying to avert a debt crisis.

Harris' visit is her first to the U.S. Army academy. Commencement speakers at the country's military academies are usually delivered by the president, vice president or high-ranking military official — which until Harris' election meant speakers have always been men.

Harris was joined at the commencement by Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth, who in 2021 became the first woman to hold the military service's top civilian post.

Harris, the first woman to serve as the country's vice president, noted the 75th anniversary of 1948's Women's Armed Services Integration Act, which gave women the right to serve as permanent members of the military. It was also 75 years ago when President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order banning segregation in the Armed Forces.

However, her address was delivered to an institution that has made slow progress diversifying its ranks in the four decades since the first class of female cadets graduated.

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Today, about one quarter of the student body are women. Only a few dozen graduates each year are Black women, like Harris, though the number has ticked up in recent years. The academy didn't admit women until 1976 and had its first female graduates in 1980.

Upon graduation, the cadets will be commissioned as Army second lieutenants.

West Point dates to 1802. Since then, the college has educated future military leaders including Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. George Patton and Presidents Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

While Harris visited West Point, about 60 miles (96 kilometers) north of Manhattan, President Joe Biden heads to Colorado Springs, Colorado, on Thursday to address graduates at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III addressed the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, on Friday.

Last year, Harris addressed graduates at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Iran exchanges heavy gunfire with Taliban on Afghan border, escalating tensions over water rights

By JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The Taliban and Iran exchanged heavy gunfire Saturday on the Islamic Republic's border with Afghanistan, killing and wounding troops while sharply escalating rising tensions between the two countries amid a dispute over water rights.

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency quoted the country's deputy police chief, Gen. Qassem Rezaei, accusing the Taliban of opening fire first Saturday morning on the border of Iran's Sistan and Baluchestan province and the Afghan province of Nimroz. IRNA said Iran inflicted "heavy casualties and serious damage."

From the Taliban's view, Afghan Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Nafi Takor accused Iran of shooting first. Takor said the firefight killed two people, one from each country, and wounded others. He described the situation as now being under control.

IRNA, quoting Iranian police, said two border guards had been killed. However, that number may be higher. The semiofficial, English-language newspaper Tehran Times said the fighting killed three Iranian border guards. IRNA said the Milak border crossing with Afghanistan, a major trade route, was closed until further notice over the gunfight.

"The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan considers dialogue to be a reasonable way for any problem," Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Enayatullah Khawarazmi said in a statement. "Making excuses for war and negative actions is not in the interest of any of the parties."

The advocacy group HalVash, which reports on issues affecting the Baluch people in the predominately Sunni province of Sistan and Baluchestan, quoted residents in the area saying the fighting took place near the Kang district of Nimroz. It said some people in the area had fled the violence.

Videos posted online, purportedly from the area, included the crackle of machine gun fire in the distance. HalVash later posted an image of what appeared to be the remains of a mortar round, saying that "heavy weapons and mortars are being used."

Later videos from HalVash purported to show Iranian forces firing a mortar, as well as Taliban troops firing American-made machine guns at an Iranian border post. Other Taliban fighters drove armored vehicles likely left behind by NATO forces.

Iran vowed not let the Taliban attack stand.

"The border forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran will decisively respond to any border trespassing and aggression, and the current authorities of Afghanistan must be held accountable for their unmeasured and contrary actions to international principles," IRNA quoted Iran's police chief, Gen. Ahmadreza Radan, as saying.

The clash comes as Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi earlier this month warned the Taliban not to violate Iran's water rights to the Helmand River. Raisi's remarks represented some of the strongest yet over the long-running concerns about water in Iran.

Drought has been a problem in Iran for some 30 years, but has worsened over the past decade, ac-

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According to the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization. The Iran Meteorological Organization says that an estimated 97% of the country now faces some level of drought.

The Taliban seized Afghanistan in August 2021 as U.S. and NATO troops were in the final weeks of their pullout from the country after 20 years of war. In the time since, Afghanistan has become the most repressive in the world for women and girls, depriving them of virtually all their basic rights, according to the U.N. Hunger remains endemic.

While not directly accepting the Taliban government, Iran has maintained relations with Afghanistan's new rulers. Tehran also has called on the Taliban to allow women and girls to go to school.

Earlier on Saturday, the Taliban's Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi met with an Iranian envoy to Afghanistan to discuss the Helmand River water rights, according to tweets from Afghan Foreign Ministry official Zia Ahmad. IRNA acknowledged the meeting, saying "that issues between the two countries will be better resolved through dialogue."

But tensions have otherwise been rising. Another video posted online in recent days purportedly showed a standoff with Iranian forces and the Taliban as Iranian construction workers tried to reinforce the border between the two countries.

In recent days, pro-Taliban accounts online also have been sharing a video with a song calling on the acting defense minister, Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob, to stand up to Iran. Mullah Yaqoob is the son of Mullah Mohammad Omar, the Taliban's late founder and first supreme leader.

"We are a government, we have power," the song goes. "Our leader Mullah Yaqoob will stand against Iran or we are not the republic's government. We are not slaves, our leader Mullah Yaqoob will stand against Iran."

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Former US diplomat Henry Kissinger celebrates 100th birthday, still active in global affairs

By BRIAN P. D. HANNON Associated Press

Former diplomat and presidential adviser Henry Kissinger marks his 100th birthday on Saturday, outlasting many of his political contemporaries who guided the United States through one of its most tumultuous periods including the presidency of Richard Nixon and the Vietnam War.

Born in Germany on May 27, 1923, Kissinger remains known for his key role in American foreign policy of the 1960s and 1970s including eventual attempts to pull the U.S. out of Vietnam, but not before he became inextricably linked to many of the conflict's most disputed actions.

David Kissinger, writing in The Washington Post on Thursday, said his father's centenary "might have an air of inevitability for anyone familiar with his force of character and love of historical symbolism. Not only has he outlived most of his peers, eminent detractors and students, but he has also remained indefatigably active throughout his 90s."

The elder Kissinger will celebrate this week with visits to New York, London and his hometown of Fürth, Germany, David Kissinger wrote.

In recent years Kissinger has continued to hold sway over Washington's power brokers as an elder statesman. He has provided advice to Republican and Democratic presidents, including the White House during the Trump administration, while maintaining an international consulting business through which he delivers speeches in the German accent he has not lost since fleeing the Nazi regime with his family when he was a teenager.

As recently as this month, Kissinger opined that the war in Ukraine is reaching a turning point with China entering negotiations. He told CBS News that he expects negotiations to come to a head "by the end of the year." He has called for peace through negotiation to end the conflict.

Kissinger also coauthored a book about artificial intelligence in 2021 called "The Age of AI: And Our

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Human Future." He has warned that governments should prepare for the potential risks associated with the technology.

During eight years as a national security adviser and secretary of state, Kissinger was involved in major foreign policy events including the first example of "shuttle diplomacy" seeking Middle East peace, secret negotiations with China to defrost relations between the burgeoning superpowers and the instigation of the Paris peace talks seeking an end to the Vietnam conflict and the U.S. military's presence there.

Kissinger, along with Nixon, also bore the brunt of criticism from American allies when North Vietnamese communist forces took Saigon in 1975 as the remaining U.S. personnel fled what is now known as Ho Chi Minh City.

Kissinger additionally was accused of orchestrating the expansion of the conflict into Laos and Cambodia, enabling the rise of the genocidal Khmer Rouge regime that killed an estimated 2 million Cambodians.

Among his endorsements, Kissinger was recognized as a central driver in the period of detente, a diplomatic effort between the U.S. and the Soviet Union beginning in 1967 through 1979 to reduce Cold War tensions with trade and arms negotiations including the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks treaties.

Kissinger remained one of Nixon's most trusted advisers through his administration from 1969 to 1974, his power only growing through the Watergate affair that brought down the 37th president.

Gerald Ford, who as vice president ascended to the Oval Office following his predecessor's resignation, awarded Kissinger the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977, saying Kissinger "wielded America's great power with wisdom and compassion in the service of peace."

Others have accused Kissinger of more concern with power than harmony during his tenure in Washington, enacting realpolitik policies favoring American interests while assisting or emboldening repressive regimes in Pakistan, Chile and Indonesia.

Associated Press writer Patrick Whittle contributed to this report.

Man who opened emergency door on South Korea flight told police he felt suffocated

By HYUNG-JIN KIM Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A passenger who opened an emergency exit door during a flight in South Korea told police that he felt suffocated and tried to get off the plane quickly as it approached landing, reports said Saturday.

Twelve people were slightly injured when the man opened the door of the Asiana Airlines Airbus A321 on Friday, causing air to blast inside the cabin. The plane, which was flying to the city of Daegu from the southern island of Jeju, landed safely.

The man was detained by police in Daegu for allegedly violating the aviation security law. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison.

The 33-year-old told police that he had wanted to get out of the plane because he was feeling suffocated, Yonhap news agency reported, citing police.

Yonhap said the man told police he had suffered stress after losing his job recently.

Other South Korean media carried similar stories on the man's motive. The reports said Daegu police requested a warrant to formally arrest him.

Calls to Daegu police were unanswered early Sunday. Reached by The Associated Press earlier, Daegu police officers refused to provide details about the man, citing privacy issues.

The plane was carrying 194 people including teenage athletes on their way to a track and field competition. The man pulled the door open when the plane was reaching the Daegu airport at an altitude of 700 feet (213 meters).

The people who were taken to hospitals were mainly treated for minor problems such as breathing difficulties.

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5 things to know about Memorial Day including its controversies

By BEN FINLEY Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Memorial Day is supposed to be about mourning the nation's fallen service members, but it's come to anchor the unofficial start of summer and a long weekend of discounts on anything from mattresses to lawn mowers.

Auto club AAA said in a travel forecast that this holiday weekend could be "one for the record books, especially at airports," with more than 42 million Americans projected to travel 50 miles (80 kilometers) or more. Federal officials said Friday that the number of air travelers had already hit a pandemic-era high.

But for Manuel Castañeda Jr., 58, the day will be a quiet one in Durand, Illinois, outside Rockford. He lost his father, a U.S. Marine who served in Vietnam, in an accident in California while training other Marines in 1966.

"Memorial Day is very personal," said Castañeda, who also served in the Marines and Army National Guard, from which he knew men who died in combat. "It isn't just the specials. It isn't just the barbecue."

But he tries not to judge others who spend the holiday differently: "How can I expect them to understand the depth of what I feel when they haven't experienced anything like that?"

1. WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL PURPOSE OF MEMORIAL DAY?

It's a day of reflection and remembrance of those who died while serving in the U.S. military, according to the Congressional Research Service. The holiday is observed in part by the National Moment of Remembrance, which encourages all Americans to pause at 3 p.m. for a moment of silence.

2. WHAT ARE THE HOLIDAY'S ORIGINS?

The holiday stems from the American Civil War, which killed more than 600,000 service members — both Union and Confederate — between 1861 and 1865.

There's little controversy over the first national observance of what was then called Decoration Day. It occurred May 30, 1868, after an organization of Union veterans called for decorating war graves with flowers, which were in bloom.

The practice was already widespread on a local level. Waterloo, New York, began a formal observance on May 5, 1866, and was later proclaimed to be the holiday's birthplace.

Yet Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, traced its first observance to October 1864, according to the Library of Congress. And women in some Confederate states were decorating graves before the war's end.

But David Blight, a Yale history professor, points to May 1, 1865, when as many as 10,000 people, many of them Black, held a parade, heard speeches and dedicated the graves of Union dead in Charleston, South Carolina.

A total of 267 Union troops had died at a Confederate prison and were buried in a mass grave. After the war, members of Black churches buried them in individual graves.

"What happened in Charleston does have the right to claim to be first, if that matters," Blight told The Associated Press in 2011.

In 2021, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel cited the story in a Memorial Day speech in Hudson, Ohio. The ceremony's organizers turned off his microphone because they said it wasn't relevant to honoring the city's veterans. The event's organizers later resigned.

3. HAS MEMORIAL DAY ALWAYS BEEN A SOURCE OF CONTENTION?

Someone has always lamented the holiday's drift from its original meaning.

As early as 1869, The New York Times wrote that the holiday could become "sacrilegious" and no longer "sacred" if it focuses more on pomp, dinners and oratory.

In 1871, abolitionist Frederick Douglass feared Americans were forgetting the Civil War's impetus — enslavement — when he gave a Decoration Day speech at Arlington National Cemetery.

"We must never forget that the loyal soldiers who rest beneath this sod flung themselves between the nation and the nation's destroyers," Douglass said.

His concerns were well-founded, said Ben Railton, a professor of English and American studies at Fitchburg State University in Massachusetts. Even though roughly 180,000 Black men served in the Union Army, the

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holiday in many communities would essentially become "white Memorial Day," especially after the rise of the Jim Crow South, Railton said.

Meanwhile, how the day was spent — at least by the nation's elected officials — could draw scrutiny for years after the Civil War. In the 1880s, then-President Grover Cleveland was said to have gone fishing — and "people were appalled," said Matthew Dennis, an emeritus history professor at the University of Oregon.

By 1911, the Indianapolis 500 held its inaugural race on May 30, drawing 85,000 spectators. A report from The Associated Press made no mention of the holiday — or any controversy.

4. HOW HAS MEMORIAL DAY CHANGED?

Dennis said Memorial Day's potency diminished somewhat with the addition of Armistice Day, which marked World War I's end on Nov. 11, 1918. Armistice Day became a national holiday by 1938 and was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

An act of Congress changed Memorial Day from every May 30th to the last Monday in May in 1971. Dennis said the creation of the three-day weekend recognized that Memorial Day had long been transformed into a more generic remembrance of the dead, as well as a day of leisure.

In 1972, Time Magazine said the holiday had become "a three-day nationwide hootenanny that seems to have lost much of its original purpose."

5. WHY IS MEMORIAL DAY TIED TO SALES AND TRAVEL?

Even in the 19th century, grave ceremonies were followed by leisure activities such as picnicking and foot races, Dennis said.

The holiday also evolved alongside baseball and the automobile, the five-day work week and summer vacation, according to the 2002 book "A History of Memorial Day: Unity, Discord and the Pursuit of Happiness."

In the mid-20th century, a small number of businesses began to open defiantly on the holiday.

Once the holiday moved to Monday, "the traditional barriers against doing business began to crumble," authors Richard Harmond and Thomas Curran wrote.

These days, Memorial Day sales and traveling are deeply woven into the nation's muscle memory. This weekend, 2.7 million more people will travel for the unofficial start of summer compared to last year — despite inflation, according to AAA.

The Transportation Security Administration said it screened 2.66 million people at airport checkpoints on Thursday, about 2,500 more than last Friday, and the highest number since the Sunday after Thanksgiving in 2019. The Federal Aviation Administration had predicted that Thursday would be the busiest travel day of the holiday period, with more than 51,000 airline flights.

Meanwhile, Jason Redman, 48, a retired Navy SEAL who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan, said he'll be thinking of friends he's lost. Thirty names are tattooed on his arm "for every guy that I personally knew that died."

He wants Americans to remember the fallen — but also to enjoy themselves, knowing lives were sacrificed to forge the holiday.

A previous version of this article misquoted Matthew Dennis, the University of Oregon professor, regarding veterans' reaction to Memorial Day being moved to Monday. The quote has been removed.

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CANNES PHOTOS: See standout moments of glamour, humor and reunion as the festival draws to a close

CANNES, France (AP) — The Cannes Film Festival always commands a certain amount of awe.

The appearances by cinema royalty, the nightly parade of high fashion and the festival's ability to launch filmmakers and films large and small onto the global stage all combine to produce an array of eye-catching moments during the 12 days of Cannes.

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As the festival draws to a close Saturday, see some of its standout moments through the lenses of photographers for The Associated Press.

From its first day, the 76th edition demonstrated its ability to draw attention, hosting Johnny Depp's return to cinema with the opening night film, "Jeanne du Barry."

While some were irked by the emphasis on Depp — who told the AP "I didn't know what planet I was on" during his appearance for the premiere — the festival quickly turned the spotlight onto other stars.

Michael Douglas accepted an honorary Palme d'Or and kisses from his wife and daughter at the top of the festival's famed Palais stairs. Harrison Ford, debuting his last film as Indiana Jones, also accepted an honorary award, choking back tears after a career highlight reel was played.

Martin Scorsese, Robert De Niro and Leonardo DiCaprio reunited on the red carpet at the premiere for "Killers of the Flower Moon," one of the festival's most prestigious entries and a return for Scorsese to the French Riviera cinema celebration. Wes Anderson also returned, this time joined by Tom Hanks, Scarlett Johansson and the many stars of his film "Asteroid City."

Six days after her father's premiere, Lily-Rose Depp debuted her own controversial project, the HBO series "The Idol." The younger Depp and costar The Weeknd shined on the red carpet and smiled and laughed together as photographers snapped away.

The festival runs on its own precise rhythm, with press conferences and daytime photocalls. The French Riviera often serves as a whimsical backdrop, as when actor Tom Mercer did a handstand for photographers or "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" actor Ethann Isidore took a leap from a podium.

Yet the biggest attention grabbers remain the flashy premieres, where fans crane for even fleeting glimpses of their heroes. Cannes is the place where stars playfully interact with the cameras and, when the films stop, awards prognostications begin as the applause helps carry movies to screens around the world.

For more coverage of this year's Cannes Film Festival, visit: <https://apnews.com/hub/cannes-film-festival>

5 questions to consider as you get ready for the 'Succession' finale

By ANDREW DeMILLO Associated Press

There's no Iron Throne, but the stakes feel just as high.

"Succession," the critically acclaimed drama chronicling a Murdoch-esque feuding billionaire family, wraps its four-season run on Sunday with a highly anticipated 88-minute finale.

And just like another tentpole HBO show, "Game of Thrones," there's no shortage of theories over how the series will end and who will prevail. But instead of a throne, the Roy siblings are battling over the sprawling Waystar Royco media empire.

The Shakespearean-level intrigue has prompted speculation among fans looking for clues in past episodes, characters' names and elsewhere. Even the final episode's title, "With Open Eyes," has critics poring through the John Berryman poem that has been used for each season finale's title.

Here are some of the questions that remain as the finale nears.

WHERE DO THINGS STAND WITH THE ROY FAMILY?

"Succession" has been about who will ultimately run the media conglomerate founded by Logan Roy, the belligerent and profane Roy family patriarch played by Brian Cox.

For most of the series, three siblings have been vying for the crown: Kendall, played by Jeremy Strong; Roman, played by Kieran Culkin; and Shiv, played by Sarah Snook. A fourth sibling — Connor, played by Alan Ruck — instead mounted an ill-fated run for president.

By the end of season three, the siblings had buried their differences enough to attempt a corporate coup of their father — only to be betrayed by Shiv's husband Tom Wambsgans, played by Matthew Macfadyen.

The series' most shocking twist came early this season, when Logan died on his way to close a deal with GoJo, a tech company.

Logan's death and the power vacuum it created have led to renewed struggle among the siblings, with Kendall and Roman hoping to block the GoJo deal.

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WHO WILL PREVAIL?

Show creator Jesse Armstrong told *The New Yorker* earlier this year “there’s a promise in the title of ‘Succession,’” a sign that there’ll be some certainty at least on this question.

The finale could live up to Logan’s statement in season 3 that life is “a fight for a knife in the mud.”

Kendall appeared in the penultimate episode to be on track to follow in his father’s footsteps, delivering an impromptu eulogy at Logan’s funeral after Roman was too grief-stricken to do so.

After aligning himself with the far-right presidential candidate Jeryd Mencken — who the Roys’ network questionably declared the winner — Roman’s fortunes appeared to be falling and was seen fighting with protesters in the streets in the final scenes.

Shiv, meanwhile is still trying to shepherd the GoJo deal with a plan she’s concocted that would install her as the company’s chief executive in the United States.

Connor, after losing every state and endorsing Mencken, is instead planning for his hoped-for ambassadorship.

There are a few wild cards that remain, within and outside the Roy family. The biggest one of all is Greg, the cousin and fan favorite played by Nicholas Braun, known for his awkward quotes and verbal abuse he endures from Tom.

WHO WON THE ELECTION?

All of this is happening with the backdrop of an unsettled U.S. election that may have been swung to Mencken (Justin Kirk) with the help of the Roys’ cable network and a seemingly not-coincidental fire at a vote center in a swing state.

The scenario and the series’ Election Night episode has echoed the conversations revealed among Fox News executives and talent during the defamation suit by Dominion Voting Systems that led to a nearly \$800 million settlement with the network.

“Succession’s” fictional election results have both professional and personal implications for the Roy family, with protests over Mencken erupting throughout the city. But even Shiv seems willing to put her moral qualms aside at the prospect of making a deal with Mencken.

WHAT ABOUT TOM AND SHIV?

Tom and Shiv’s marriage had been on shaky ground before he betrayed her to Logan at the end of last season.

This season it’s even more so, with the two holding a no-holds-barred argument at a pre-election party where the two traded grievances and insults.

Shiv’s revelation to Tom on Election Night that she’s pregnant prompted one of the most gut-wrenching responses, with Tom asking her whether she was telling the truth or just using a new tactic against him.

The show continues to offer some signs of affection between the two, with Shiv telling an exhausted Tom to sleep at her apartment after the funeral, but it remains to be seen whether their marriage is salvageable.

IS THIS REALLY THE END?

There are plenty of examples of shows that lived on after their finales. “*Game of Thrones*” spawned a popular prequel series, “*House of the Dragon*,” while “*Seinfeld*” got a second try on its much-maligned finale on “*Curb Your Enthusiasm*.”

Even “*The Sopranos*,” known for one of the buzziest finales of all time, came back with a movie looking at Tony Soprano’s beginning.

Armstrong has left open revisiting his characters in another fashion, and the possibilities for doing so are endless. A Tom and Greg buddy comedy? Or maybe a Logan Roy origin story, just to reveal the first time he said his signature vulgar phrase.

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Today in History: May 28, Dionne quintuplets are born

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Sunday, May 28, the 148th day of 2023. There are 217 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 28, 1863, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, made up of freed Blacks, left Boston to fight for the Union in the Civil War.

On this date:

In 1892, the Sierra Club was organized in San Francisco.

In 1918, American troops fought their first major battle during World War I as they launched an offensive against the German-held French village of Cantigny (kahn-tee-NYEE'); the Americans succeeded in capturing the village.

In 1934, the Dionne quintuplets — Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne — were born to Elzire Dionne at the family farm in Ontario, Canada.

In 1937, Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of Britain.

In 1940, during World War II, the Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces.

In 1959, the U.S. Army launched Able, a rhesus monkey, and Baker, a squirrel monkey, aboard a Jupiter missile for a suborbital flight which both primates survived.

In 1964, the charter of the Palestine Liberation Organization was issued at the start of a meeting of the Palestine National Congress in Jerusalem.

In 1972, Edward, the Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the English throne to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, died in Paris at age 77.

In 1977, 165 people were killed when fire raced through the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Kentucky.

In 1987, to the embarrassment of Soviet officials, Mathias Rust (mah-TEE'-uhs rust), a young West German pilot, landed a private plane in Moscow's Red Square without authorization. (Rust was freed by the Soviets the following year.)

In 1998, comic actor Phil Hartman of "Saturday Night Live" and "NewsRadio" fame was shot to death at his home in Encino, California, by his wife, Brynn, who then killed herself.

In 2020, people torched a Minneapolis police station that the department was forced to abandon amid spreading protests over the death of George Floyd. Protesters in New York defied a coronavirus prohibition on public gatherings, clashing with police; demonstrators blocked traffic and smashed vehicles in downtown Denver before police used tear gas to disperse the crowd. At least seven people were shot as gunfire erupted during a protest in Louisville, Kentucky, to demand justice for Breonna Taylor, a Black woman who was fatally shot by police in her home in March.

Ten years ago: Calling it perhaps the biggest money-laundering scheme in U.S. history, federal prosecutors charged seven people with running what amounted to an online, underworld bank, saying that Liberty Reserve handled \$6 billion for drug dealers, child pornographers, identity thieves and other criminals around the globe. Sen. John McCain, quietly slipped into Syria for a meeting with anti-government fighters, whom he supported the U.S. arming. McCain was a fierce critic of Obama administration policy there while stopping short of backing U.S. ground troops in Syria, but he supported aggressive military steps against the Assad regime.

Five years ago: Speaking before an audience of Cabinet members, military leaders, veterans and families, President Donald Trump paid a Memorial Day tribute at Arlington National Cemetery, saying he came to honor "America's greatest heroes." The Golden State Warriors reached the NBA Finals with a win over the Houston Rockets; it was the fourth straight year the Warriors would meet the Cleveland Cavaliers in the finals.

One year ago: As Russia asserted progress in its goal of seizing the entirety of contested eastern Ukraine, President Vladimir Putin tried to shake European resolve to punish his country with sanctions and to keep supplying weapons that have supported Ukraine's defense. Real Madrid became European champion for a record-extending 14th time after beating Liverpool 1-0 in soccer's Champions League final. Police de-

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ployed tear gas and security struggled with fans desperate to see the Champions League final between Liverpool and Real Madrid. Many broke through stadium security in an attempt to see the match, whose start had to be delayed by 37 minutes. Director Ruben Ostlund's social satire "Triangle of Sadness" won the Palme d'Or at the 75th Cannes Film Festival, giving Ostlund one of cinema's most prestigious prizes for the second time.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Carroll Baker is 92. Producer-director Irwin Winkler is 92. Basketball Hall of Famer Jerry West is 85. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is 79. Singer Gladys Knight is 79. Singer Billy Vera is 79. Singer John Fogerty (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 78. Country musician Jerry Douglas is 67. Actor Louis Mustillo is 65. Former governor and U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., is 63. Actor Brandon Cruz (TV: "The Courtship of Eddie's Father") is 61. Country singer Phil Vassar is 59. Actor Christa Miller is 59. Singer-musician Chris Ballew (Presidents of the USA) is 58. Rapper Chubb Rock is 55. Singer Kylie Minogue (KY'-lee mihn-OHG') is 55. Actor Justin Kirk is 54. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is 52. Olympic gold medal figure skater Ekaterina Gordeeva is 52. Television personality Elisabeth Hasselbeck is 46. R&B singer Jaheim is 46. Actor Jake Johnson is 45. Actor Jesse Bradford is 44. Actor Monica Keena is 44. Actor Alexa Davalos is 41. Actor Megalyn Echikunwoke (eh-cheek-uh-WALK'-ay) is 41. Pop singer Colbie Caillat (kal-LAY') is 38. Actor Carey Mulligan is 38. Actor Joseph Cross is 37. Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Craig Kimbrel is 35.