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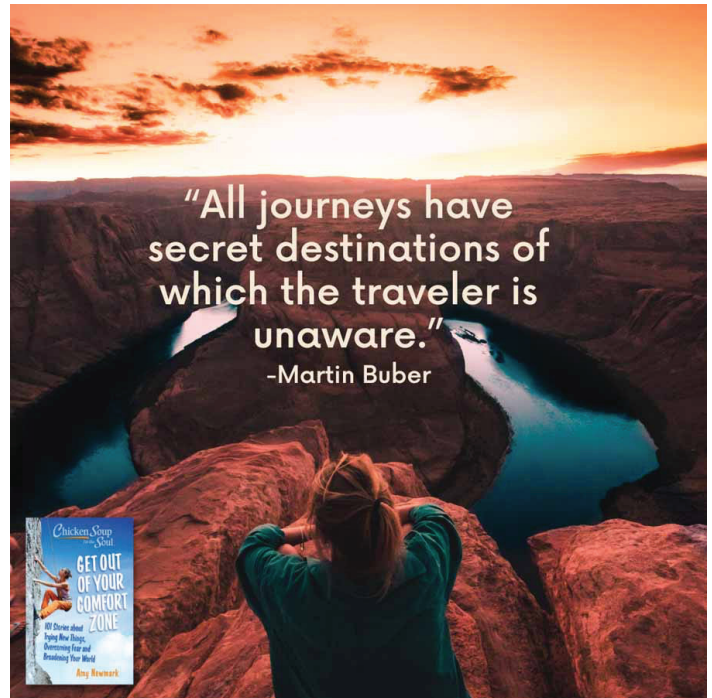
Sunday, Aug. 27

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.
United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.
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.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 28

Senior Menu: Chicken tetrazzini, mixed vegetables, honey fruit salad, lettuce salad with dressing, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.
School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, green beans.
Girls Soccer at Mitchell, 4 p.m.
Boys Soccer at Mitchell, 6 p.m.
The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck dinner starting at noon.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

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"All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware."
-Martin Buber

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, sunset salad, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Waffles.
School Lunch: Hot dogs at elementary, bratwurst at MS/HS, baked beans.
Boys Golf at Lee Park Golf Course, Aberdeen, 10 a.m.
Volleyball at Ipswich, 6 p.m.
The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

School Breakfast: Egg bake.
School Lunch: Cheese nachos.
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked sweet potatoes, creamed peas, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

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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Groton Area girls soccer team beats Vermillion

The Groton Area girls soccer team came from a 1-0 deficit to beat Vermillion in action played Saturday in Vermillion, 3-2. Scoring the goals were Kennedy Hansen, Laila Roberts scored on an assist by Jerica Locke and Locke scored with about 10 minutes left in the game to put Groton Area on top. Groton Area remains undefeated and still tied for first in the state with Tea Area. Tea Area lost its first game to Double A Harrisburg, 7-1.

Both the boys and girls will travel to Mitchell on Monday.

#	Name	Season				Seed Pts
		W	L	T	PCT	<u>PTS</u>
1	 Groton Area	5	0	0	1.000	44.000
2	 Tea Area	3	1	0	.750	44.000
3	 West Central	3	2	0	.600	42.400
4	 Dakota Valley	2	1	0	.667	42.000
5	 Sioux Falls Christian	3	1	0	.750	41.750
6	 Vermillion	2	2	0	.500	40.000
7	 St. Thomas More	1	3	0	.250	38.750
8	 Garretson	1	4	0	.200	38.200
9	 Belle Fourche	0	7	0	.000	35.857

Lincoln County Fatal Crash

What: Two Vehicle Fatal Crash

Where: Intersection of 472nd Avenue and 288th Street, 9 miles north of Beresford, S.D.

When: 1:34 p.m., Friday, Aug 25, 2023

Driver No. 1: Male, 74, Fatal injuries

Vehicle No. 1: 2008 Buick Lacrosse

Driver No. 2: Male, 26, Serious non-life-threatening injuries

Vehicle No. 2: 2023 John Deere 370 tractor and trailer

LINCOLN COUNTY, S.D.- One person died Friday from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle crash, 9 miles north of Beresford, S.D.

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

Preliminary crash information indicates a 2023 John Deere tractor pulling a silage trailer was eastbound on 288th St. It entered the intersection of 472nd Ave and collided with a 2008 Buick Lacrosse. The Lacrosse came to rest east of the intersection and caught fire. The John Deere rolled just east of the intersection separating from the Silage trailer. The driver of the tractor was ejected during the rollover.

288th St. is controlled by a stop sign at this intersection.

The 74-year-old male driver of the Buick Lacrosse sustained fatal injuries and was deceased at the scene. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The 26-year-old male driver of the John Deere tractor was taken by ambulance to a local hospital with serious non-life-threatening injuries
He was not wearing a seatbelt.

South Dakota's Highway Patrol is investigating the crash. All information released so far is only preliminary.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

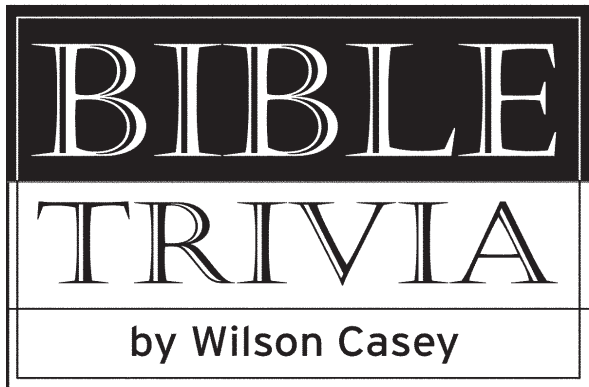
 LUKE 15:20 

Detail of "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Rembrandt (1620-1669)



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

2. From Exodus 16, what wilderness did the Israelites come unto between Elim and Sinai? *Nod, Lot, Dan, Sin*

3. In a letter to Christians at Corinth, what did Paul say was the greatest? *Faith, Love, Charity, Tithes*

4. What king wrote a letter to Hezekiah concerning surrender? *Sennacherib, Artaxerxes, Belshazzar, Jabin*

5. In Judges 1, who fed 70 kings at his table? *Samson, Elisha, Adonibezek, Neco*

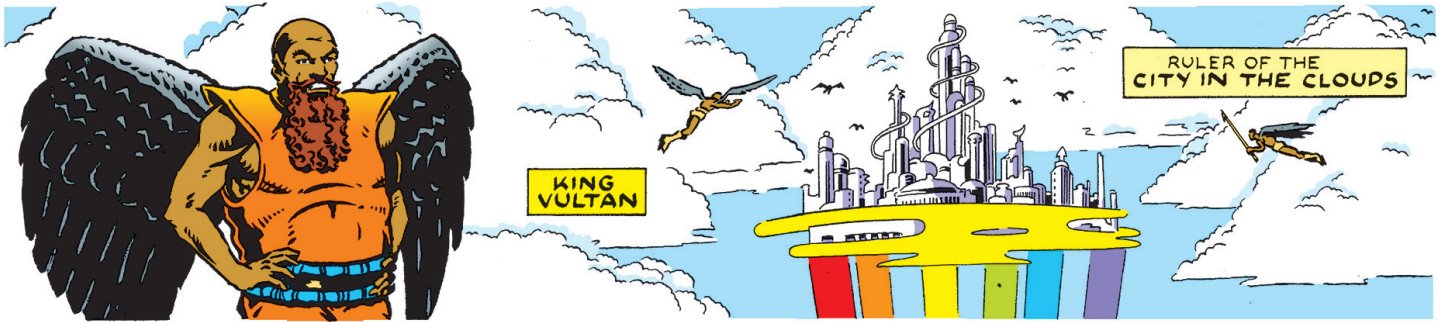
6. Who were Nadab and Abihu the sons of? *Joshua, Aaron, Moses, Mordecai*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Sin, 3) Charity, 4) Sennacherib, 5) Adonibezek, 6) Aaron

“Test Your Bible Knowledge,” a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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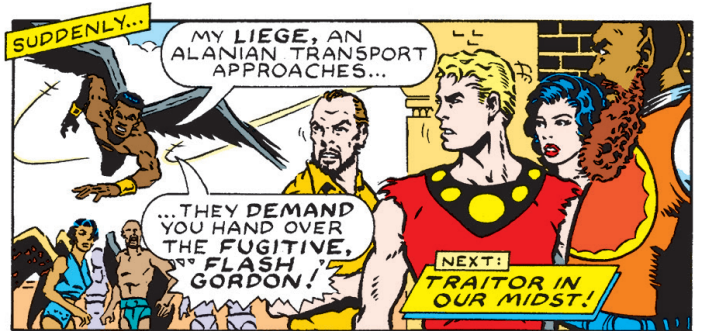
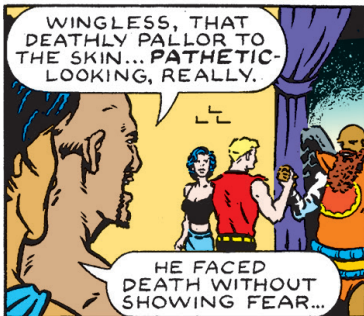


FLASH GORDON

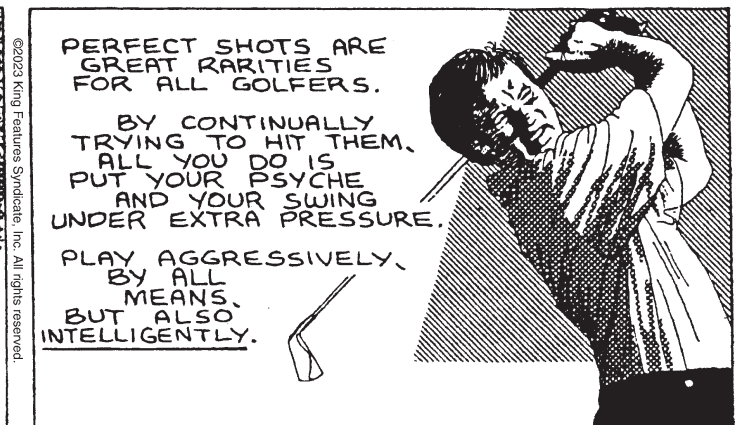
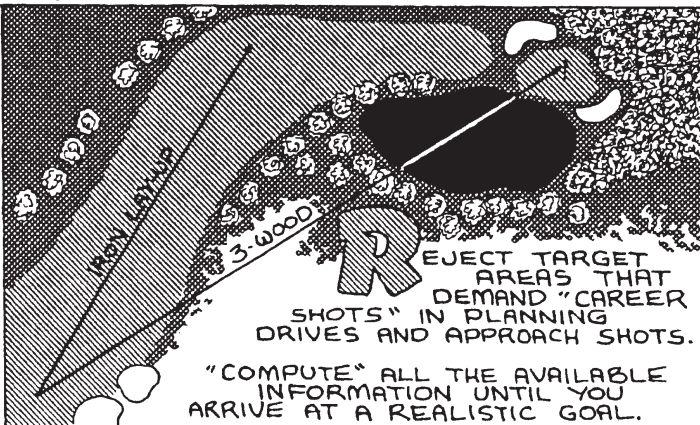
BY JIM KEEFE 8-27

FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV ARE BROUGHT BEFORE KING VULTAN.

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Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



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Osteoporosis Screening for Men Remains Controversial

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband and I are confused about the guidelines concerning when older men should be screened for osteoporosis. All the information seems to suggest that it is only needed for men over 70 who have had a fracture. In my husband's case, he was only told to get a DEXA (dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry) scan after he had back pain and several compression fractures of the thoracic spine (up to 70%), at the age of 72. His T-score was -2.8 for his spine.

I can't help feeling that because he is male, weighs 200 pounds, has an active lifestyle and was previously 6 feet, 2 inches tall, the issue of osteoporosis just never came up during his yearly primary care visits (even though his height had decreased since at least 2019, and he's now only 6 feet tall). This is a potentially life-threatening condition for older women and men, but the risks for women seem to get all the attention. What's the reluctance to order a simple, fast, painless, not-too-expensive test to screen men earlier? — B.W.

ANSWER: In general, screening tests (by definition, a test done on a person with no symptoms of the condition) are done when there is good evidence that the screening will lead to an improved outcome in the screened group compared to an unscreened

enough that all women over 65 and women younger than 65 with additional risks for osteoporosis should be screened with a DEXA scan, but there is not strong enough data to support screening in men.

Osteoporosis screening in men is controversial. While one of the most influential groups does not recommend screening in all men over 70, some groups do, despite an absence of proven benefit. They base this recommendation on the fact that, as you say, it's not a particularly dangerous test (the radiation dose is small), nor is it expensive (the average cost is \$150, but can be higher in some states). One major downside of testing in general is that no screening test is perfect. As such, an unexpected finding of osteoporosis in a man requires that the screening test be repeated to be sure the test result is accurate.

Even though men are not always recommended for screening, there are some medical findings that should prompt a test. One is a loss of height — losing more than 1.5 inches of height should have prompted a DEXA scan. (Strictly speaking, this is no longer a screening; it's an evaluation of the cause of an unexpected medical finding.)

A low testosterone level (either by itself — hypogonadism — or as a result of medical treatment for prostate cancer); primary hyperparathyroidism; inflammatory bowel disease; and long-term use of prednisone and similar drugs are all known risk factors for osteoporosis that should at least trigger a discussion of a DEXA scan. Similarly, the finding of osteoporosis in a man should prompt consideration of the underlying reason behind it, which could include any of the risk factors listed above.

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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"About My Father" (PG-13) -- Comedian and actor Sebastian Maniscalco ("The Irishman") took on playing a movie version of himself for this comedy film loosely based on his real-life relationship with his father. Movie Sebastian plans to propose to his American girlfriend, Ellie, over the Fourth of July weekend, but Sebastian's father, Salvo (Robert De Niro), crashes the plans to schmooze her family. Left with no other choice, Sebastian tries to smoothly mesh his Italian immigrant father in with Ellie's posh family during the weekend, but nothing goes as planned. "Sex and the City's" Kim Cattrall and "Succession's" David Rasche make for a few fun faces to see among the cast of quirky characters, but De Niro's emotional monologue during the film's climax is the greatest takeaway of the 89-minute film. Out now. (AppleTV+)



Jamie Lynn Spears, left, and Sean Flynn star in "Zoey 102." Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

"Choose Love" (TV-PG) -- Forget choosing your own adventure; why not try out choosing your own love story? In this first-ever interactive rom-com premiering on Aug. 31, viewers watch as Cami (Laura Marano) finds herself stuck between three men -- Paul, her current boyfriend; Jack, the one who got away; and Rex, a British rock star she records with. Viewers make an array of decisions for Cami over the hour-long movie, until the time arrives where they must finally decide who will be Cami's happy ending. Avan Jogia, Jordi Webber and Scott Michael Foster co-star as the alluring trio of love interests in this interactive film, which comes five years after Netflix's last attempt at interactive media -- "Black Mirror: Bandersnatch." (Netflix)

"Zoey 102" (TV-14) -- In a time where reboots and remakes run rampant, I was sure that the sequel film to the Nickelodeon series "Zoey 101" led by Jamie Lynn Spears would have been a remake that rocked the world, especially because of the show's huge original fanbase. But whether it was due to a lack of promotion or the bad press Spears received during the 2021 feud with her sister, Britney, "Zoey 102" seems like it totally went under the radar after its July 28 release. (Maybe everyone was watching "Barbie" or "Oppenheimer"?) Spears reprises her role as Zoey Brooks, who is now a struggling 32-year-old television producer. Zoey's best friend, Quinn (Erin Sanders), asks her to be the maid of honor for her wedding with Logan (Matthew Underwood), where the Pacific Coast Academy alumni all reunite as somewhat-stable adults. Sean Flynn, Christopher Massey and Abby Wilde also reprise their roles from the series, but previous cast members like Victoria Justice and Austin Butler failed to make appearances. Out now. (Paramount+)

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1. What was the original name of the group Bill Haley and the (His) Comets?
2. Who penned and released "I Believe in Music"?
3. Little Eva had one No. 1 chart topper. What was it?
4. What was the proposed original title of the Beatles' White Album?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I wondered, too, if by chance you heard it for yourself, I never told a soul just how I've been feeling about you."

Answers

1. Bill Haley and the Saddlemen. They made the change to "the Comets" due to the public's mispronunciation of the famous comet's name ... which was actually Hallie.
2. Mac Davis, in 1970. Legend says that Davis got the idea when he declined an invitation to a seance, saying that he didn't believe in that, but he believed in music.
3. "The Loco-Motion," in 1962. Several groups around the world released their own covers over the years.
4. "A Doll's House." The 1968 double album contained 30 songs.
5. "On the Radio," by Donna Summer, in 1979. The song was written for the Foxes soundtrack. It was released in several formats, including a seven-minute promo for DJs, an instrumental with a slower tempo, as a ballad and as a disco version.

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GRIN and BEAR IT ^{Wagner}



"Always stick to what you believe they want you to say!"

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Pen is missing. 3. Hand is missing. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Number is different. 6. Hair is different.

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* A trio of sewing tips from S.R. in Idaho: "Store patterns in plastic baggies. It's hard to get them back into their envelopes, and I find that the baggies store just as well. I keep my pattern from tearing by spraying them with spray starch. I also sharpen needles by stitching through very fine sandpaper. These tips have worked for me for many years."

* "It's almost time for Scouts to start up again. I have been washing uniforms and sashes, and find this trick to be helpful when it comes time to stitch on badges. Put a bit of plain school glue on the back of your badge, place it where you want it on the sash, then let it dry. It will stay in place long enough to stitch the edges. When you launder it, the glue will wash right out." -- R.D. in Florida

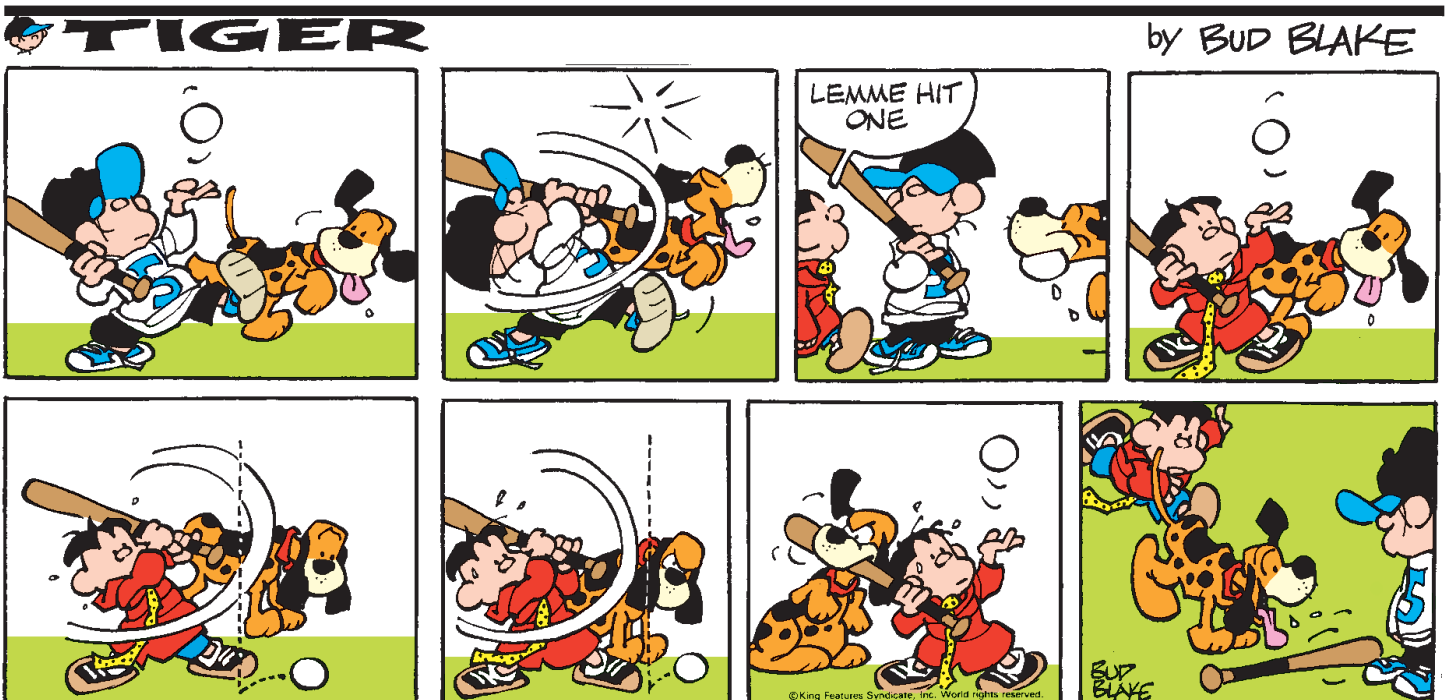
* Solve the case of the tricky screw: Coat problem screws with clear fingernail polish right before you insert them. They will hold tightly after that.

* To keep hair shiny and soft, rinse weekly with a mix of half vinegar (apple cider or white) and water. The smell goes away quickly, but the softness and shine stick around.

* If you have a cracked or otherwise leaking vase that is opaque (not glass), try heating a bit of paraffin wax and coating the inside of the vase with it. Let it harden, and it should be watertight again.

* "To keep plywood or thin materials from splitting, I tape my cut line with low-tack masking tape. It keeps my cut sharp, reduces the fraying, and it's easy to remove when I'm done." -- G.S. in Minnesota
Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Waterloo" group
- 5 Director Craven
- 8 Kilt wearer
- 12 Borscht base
- 13 Chop
- 14 Ginormous
- 15 Baltimore seafood treat
- 17 Congers
- 18 " — Little" (film)
- 19 Sweet-sounding
- 21 Toe count
- 22 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 23 Lobbying org.
- 26 Stir-fry pan
- 28 Succinct

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- 31 "American —"
- 32 Quick glance
- 33 Peruke
- 34 Refined
- 35 June 6, 1944
- 36 Casual shirts
- 37 Costa del —
- 38 Ran into
- 39 O'Hara estate
- 40 Fr. holy woman
- 41 Unhappy destiny
- 42 Pilgrimage site
- 43 Arrest
- 44 Small pack animal
- 45 Yell, "You're not funny!"
- 46 Director Kazan
- 47 Believes (in)
- 48 Garbage barge
- 51 Regrettably
- 49 Toothpaste holder
- 52 Unambiguous
- 50 British gun
- 54 Marathon fraction
- 53 Floral neck-lace
- 55 Bee follower

DOWN

- 1 Grade-school basics
- 2 Ernie's pal
- 3 Boyfriend
- 4 Facing the pitcher
- 5 Impatient inquiry
- 6 "A spider!"
- 7 Bjorn Borg,
- 8 Like ready-to-eat walnuts
- 9 Actor's visual aids
- 10 Leer at
- 11 Try out
- 16 Ship's staff
- 20 Last (Abbr.)
- 23 "Great Expectations" lad
- 24 Fuss
- 25 Telemarketer's tactic
- 27 Kipling hero
- 29 Perched
- 30 Needle hole

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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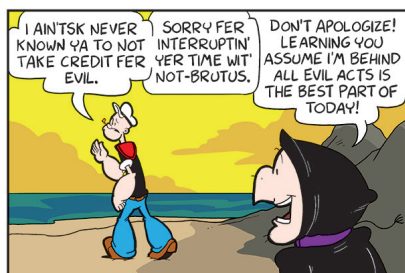
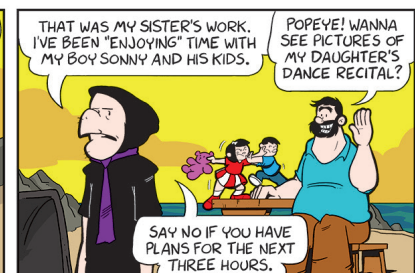
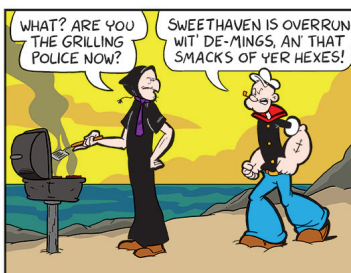
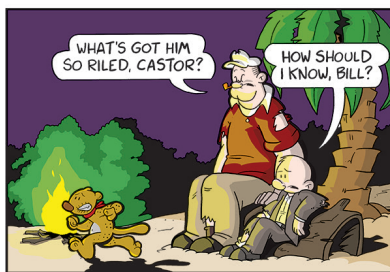
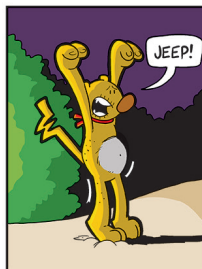
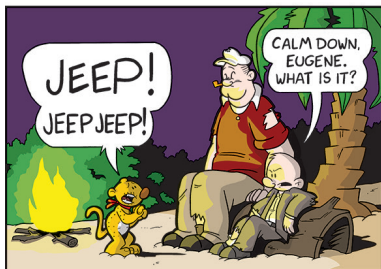
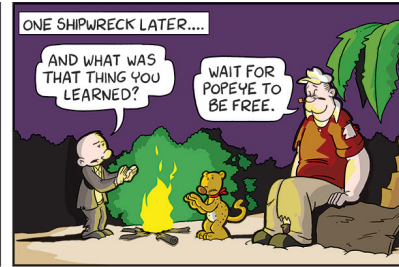
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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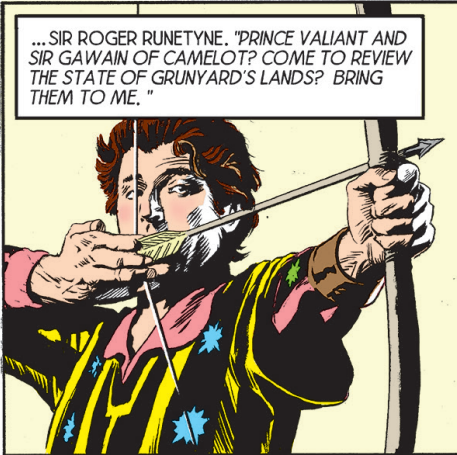
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Hal Foster's Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

THE CAPTAIN OF LOCKBRAMBLE'S GUARD, BARMUS DRAMFELL, ESCORTS VAL AND GAWAIN TO THE MAN WHO RULES IN LORD GRUNYARD'S ABSENCE...



... SIR ROGER RUNETYNE. "PRINCE VALIANT AND SIR GAWAIN OF CAMELOT? COME TO REVIEW THE STATE OF GRUNYARD'S LANDS? BRING THEM TO ME."



THE KNIGHTS FROM CAMELOT CANNOT HELP BUT NOTE THE RICH TRAPPINGS WITHIN THE CASTLE, IN CONTRAST TO THE DREARY CONDITIONS WITHOUT.

AND IT IS IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS THAT SIR ROGER IS A MAN WHO TAKES HIMSELF - AND HIS PROWESS WITH A BOW - VERY SERIOUSLY: "PLEASE EXCUSE ME WHILE I COMPLETE MY DAILY REGIMEN. ONE CANNOT BE TOO WELL-PRACTICED."

NEXT:
Field of play

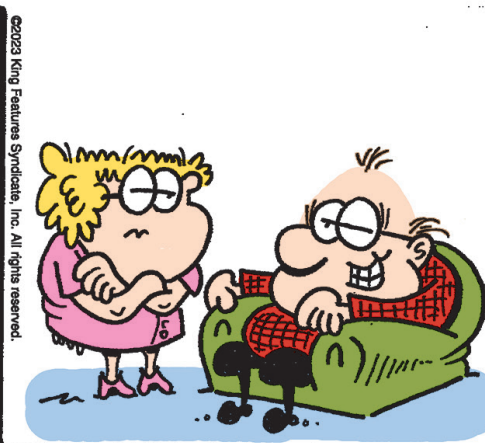
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



HONEY, I WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!!



SOMETHING WOULD BE A GOOD START.

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PICKERING

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Classes From the Comfort of Home

The course catalog for the winter semester of the local senior college arrived in the mail, and I've already highlighted over a dozen classes, talks, lectures and seminars that I'd like to take.

Not that I'll take all of them, of course. But I will likely sign up for a few that have especially piqued my interest.

Archaeology has become a special interest over the past several years, to the extent that I looked into going on a dig in a foreign country. Covid slammed shut that possibility (as well as the digs themselves), but if I'm not reading an archaeology magazine, I'm looking at archaeology YouTube videos online. This talk promises to be right along my favorite lines: the results of a dig in Ireland.

A four-week course on banned books also looks to be very interesting, as does the two-week seminar on the differences between northern and southern Italy, including cuisine, landscape, culture and customs. All the classes will be filmed and available online afterward.

The best part of all three of these? They'll be presented live online via Zoom, with viewing right from the comfort of home ... which is excellent timing and forward thinking on someone's part because, of course, Covid is rearing its head again around here. We're likely headed for strong suggestions of mask wearing, curbside shopping and Covid boosters. To be able to safely take a few classes is going to be a highlight in what might otherwise be a dreary winter.

If you don't have a senior college near you and you would like to take classes, fear not. Some of the best sources of online classes are found through Coursera (www.coursera.org), which range from business classes to humanities; through Harvard (pll.harvard.edu), with many free offerings; and through Class Central (www.classcentral.com/universities), with links to hundreds of colleges and universities.

Beware of the supposedly free online colleges that offer degrees. Check the fine print for the actual costs and fees, which can be considerable.

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1. The Dave Rimington Trophy is awarded annually to the best college football player at what position?

2. What French tennis player won Australian Open and Wimbledon women's singles titles in 2006?

3. Basketball Hall of Famer Maurice Cheeks won his only NBA title as a player in 1983 with what team?

4. In 1940, members of the Arena Managers Association formed what entertainment group that featured former competitive figure skaters doing theatrical ice-skating performances?

5. What American freestyle wrestler won a gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics and competed in the Ultimate Fighting Championship from 1997-98?

6. What Baseball Hall of Famer hit 58 home runs with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1932 and hit 50 with the Boston Red Sox in 1938?

7. Dr. Dick Traum, who completed the 1976 New York City Marathon with a prosthetic leg, founded what organization to encourage people with disabilities to participate in mainstream sports?



by Ryan A. Berenz

Answers

1. Center.

2. Amelie Mauresmo.

3. The Philadelphia 76ers.

4. The Ice Capades.

5. Kevin Jackson.

6. Jimmie Foxx.

7. Achilles International (formerly Achilles Track Club).

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





Stray Cats Take Out Local Chipmunk Population

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Recently, a pack of cats have started wandering on my property, especially at dawn and dusk. Two of them are wearing flea collars, with no ID tag; the rest have no identification. I don't approach or feed them. Some of them might be my neighbors' cats, but I don't know. Since they started prowling my three acres, the chipmunks and birds that used to frequent the yard have disappeared. How do I deal with this cat problem? -- Tracy in upstate New York

DEAR TRACY: Contact your local municipality -- city, town or county -- and visit their website to find out if they have an animal control officer. If they do, contact them and explain the problem.

Now, most rural areas have few to no animal control officers assigned. So you may be told that they only respond to calls where the animal poses a threat -- aggressive dogs, bears, rabid raccoons and so on. But reporting the cat pack is still important. Furthermore, ask them what resources exist in your area for dealing with stray cats.

Here's a few other tips:

- Is there a TNR (trap, neuter, release) program active in the area? Contact them for advice.
- Ask your nearby neighbors if any of the cats belong to them. If so, ask politely if they can keep the cats indoors.
- Take a photo of the cat pack and post it on social media. Ask if any of the cats have been reported missing.
- Contact local shelters for advice. They probably won't take in feral cats, but you can bring in friendly and approachable cats that don't have identification. Purchase a cat carrier so you can safely transport them.

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

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

received 475, making it the most-awarded series in cinema history.

* One of the most critical issues with AI is that even its creators can't understand some of the decisions the software makes, or why.

* Do you like apples? Then you'll likely appreciate the efforts of Tom Brown and his decades-long quest to track, collect and preserve forgotten varieties of the fruit. Brown has discovered more than 1,200 types, including some with rare flavors such as banana and pineapple.

* The Sinocyclocheilus longicornus fish, discovered in a remote cave system by Chinese scientists, has a unicorn-like horn.

* In 1924, Babe Ruth accidentally ran headlong into a concrete wall during a game between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators, knocking himself out cold for a full five minutes. Upon regaining consciousness, he not only finished the game but scored two more hits and went on to play a second game afterward.

* More than 200 viruses can result in the common cold. Kerchoo!

* Camp Bonifas, near the Korean Demilitarized Zone, has a par-three, one-hole golf course on it that is surrounded on three sides by landmines. As one might well expect, it has been dubbed "The Most Dangerous Hole in Golf."

Thought for the Day: "Integrity is the only path where you will never get lost." -- Mike Maples Jr.

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* The dot over the lowercase versions of the letters i and j is known as a tittle.

* There are clocks to tell us the time, and then there's the Shortlife clock, which tells us how long we have left to live. No, it's not perfect, but it does estimate a person's remaining longevity based on World Health Organization data.

* "The Lord of the Rings" movie trilogy was nominated for an astounding 800 awards, of which it

The Garden Bug

Roses

These plants are said to be around 35 million years old. They have a very long history as both a symbol for love and beauty and for politics and war. Cultivation of roses began some 5,000 years ago, probably in China. During the Roman period, they were used as confetti at celebrations, for medicinal purposes, and as a source of perfume. The nobility established large public rose gardens in Rome. - Brenda Weaver



Detail of woodblock print
by Kono Bairai, 1913

Source: urbanext.illinois.edu/roses/history



by Freddy Groves

Mobile Medical Units Are Coming

The Department of Veterans Affairs is sending a fleet of 25 mobile medical units across the country over the next six months, and the first ones are already out there, with the initial two having arrived in Orlando, Florida, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

These mobile medical units are intended to provide care and support to homeless veterans and those at risk. Veterans will be able to get primary care, lab work, telehealth services, audiology, women's health and more from the Homeless Patient Aligned Care

Teams (HPACT) that will move from place to place in the vehicles. They'll be parked in a variety of VA medical centers, outpatient clinics and referral centers -- wherever there are VA services.

Whether you're near San Diego, California; Chicago, Illinois; Bay Pines, Florida; or New Orleans, Louisiana, there is a van coming. To check the schedule of anticipated arrival dates and locations of the medical units, go to <https://tinyurl.com/bdfzmzpa>.

If you can't wait on the van, if you are a homeless veteran or at risk for becoming homeless, call 877-424-3838 any hour of the day or night. Don't wait. Make the call as soon as you know what your situation is going to be.

Go online to www.va.gov/HOMELESS/HPACT.asp for more information about the care teams and how they can help you.

The mobile medical unit vehicles will add to the 83 mobile vet centers the VA has scattered across the country that provide a place for confidential counseling and outreach. They're able to access your records from those locations so your care can stay on track. You can talk to someone quickly by calling the Vet Center Call Center at 877-927-8387. Whether you're the veteran or a veteran's family, whether you want to talk about your military experiences, traumatic events or any other issue, veterans will be at the other end of the phone, day and night. See www.vetcenter.va.gov for more information. Click on "Locations" to find the vet center closest to you.

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Wishing Well®

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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. ANATOMY: What are the small bones that make up the human backbone?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is made up of about 7,000 islands?
3. MOVIES: What native language is spoken in the movie "Avatar"?
4. BUSINESS: When did the first Apple computer go on sale?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male swan called?
6. FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used in a Waldorf salad?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in arithmophobia?
8. TELEVISION: Who played the lead in the series "Buffy the Vampire Killer"?
9. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain advertises itself as "no rules, just right"?
10. SCIENCE: Which science fiction author wrote the three laws of robotics?

Answers

1. Vertebrae.
2. The Philippines.
3. Na'vi.
4. 1976.
5. A cob.
6. Walnuts.
7. Fear of numbers.
8. Sarah Michelle Gellar.
9. Outback Steakhouse.
10. Isaac Asimov.

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South Dakota Governor

Kristi Noem



South Dakota: *Under God, the People Rule*

The World's Best Hope

The Great Seal of the United States contains a phrase – “E Pluribus Unum,” “out of many, one.” Out of a nation filled with many different people of many different backgrounds comes one government that is elected “of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

This is an ideal that has been intertwined with the very soul of our nation since July 4th, 1776: we have the God-given right to self-governance. It was a radical idea, a hope, that our founders risked “our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor” to actualize.

Since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, America has become hope itself. In his first inaugural address, Thomas Jefferson called America “the world’s best hope.” In an 1862 address to Congress, Abraham Lincoln called America “the last best hope of earth.”

Today, that hope is dwindling. It feels like America is breaking.

In the last few years, some politicians have locked down entire states, told businesses that they were not essential, and took Americans’ individual freedoms away. In schools across the country, young Americans are being taught that our history is something to be ashamed of rather than something to be proud of.

The breaking of America is being accelerated – even driven – by the radical policies of the Biden Administration. President Biden has crashed America’s once-proud economy into the ground, driving down wages while propelling inflation and the national debt to unheard-of heights. Under his watch, our Southern border has become a warzone. And America – the great hope of nations around the world – looks weak on the global stage because he has refused to lead.

My goal, and what I believe should be the goal of every American, is to live a life of significance. I get up every single day and do what I can to protect this great experiment – to guarantee that our freedoms survive for my kids and grandkids.

And I will continue to tell South Dakota’s story because it has become a story of hope to the country – just as America is a story of hope to the world.

Today, it is the job of every American to fight to put this country back on its foundation. America has stood the test of time because we have not given up on the ideals upon which we were founded. That has been the job of every American in history – to not drop the ball on our watch.

The freedom that we enjoy is not a guarantee. It’s something that has been fought for by generations before us. Our duty is to defend it for generations yet to come.

Over a decade before he became president, Ronald Reagan said this: “You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We’ll preserve for our children this, the last great hope of man on earth, or we’ll sentence them to take the last step into a thousand years of darkness.”

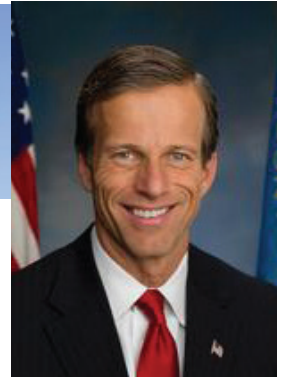
Our founders gave us an incredible gift. What matters now is what we choose to do with that gift. We can either ignore it, take it for granted, or we can use it to ensure that America will continue to be the greatest nation to ever exist for our kids, our grandkids, and their grandkids.

“E Pluribus Unum.”

Out of many generations, out of many elections, out of many leaders, out of many tribulations, out of many triumphs, comes one great nation.

The United States of America – the world’s best hope.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Summer Days in South Dakota

There's no better place to be in the summertime than South Dakota. I'm fortunate to get to spend so much of the year traveling our state, visiting our communities, and hearing from my most trusted advisers: South Dakotans. The month of August presents a unique opportunity to spend extra time traversing the state's wide open spaces. The conversations I have with folks along the way shape a lot of my work in the Senate, and a little South Dakota straight talk goes a long way in Washington.

Summer is fair season, and South Dakota's fairs showcase some of the best things our state has to offer. For example, for me, summer wouldn't be complete without a Tubby Burger at the Brown County Fair. More importantly, though, fair season is also an opportunity for me to hear from farmers and ranchers, especially during farm bill years like this one. Many of my farm bill priorities come directly from these discussions with South Dakota agriculture producers. As we continue working on this year's bill, I'm working to ensure priorities like a strong farm safety net and improvements to other key programs are included in the final bill. We need to get the farm bill done and provide certainty that critical support systems like crop insurance and commodity and livestock programs will be there when producers need them.

This summer, I've also had the chance to visit local businesses across South Dakota ranging from Showplace Cabinetry in Harrisburg to Dimock Cheese in Dimock and Dady Drug in Mobridge. Unfortunately, what I continue to hear from business owners is that they are still facing headwinds from inflation, high interest rates, and a shortage of workers. The Biden economy is clearly not working for hardworking South Dakotans, and it's time to change course. Small businesses like these are important engines of our local economy, and I'll continue working for pro-growth policies that help them thrive and grow their operations.

Expanding broadband access in South Dakota also continues to be one of my top priorities. Reliable internet access is essential for everything from education to business to farming and ranching. I was pleased to join Midco in Rapid City earlier this month as they announced the expansion of their network in the Black Hills. Sustained investment from internet providers like Midco is essential to expanding broadband access.

While I'm crisscrossing the state, I'm glad to be able to rely on South Dakota's restaurants to keep me fueled. My August travels can often read like a "Taste of South Dakota," with chislic from Waddy's in Hudson, a milkshake at Mr. Bob's Drive-In in Selby, and coffee at Black Hills Bagels in Rapid City, among other stops. There's nothing like a good meal and South Dakota hospitality to keep you going during long days.

And, of course, spending time with my family is one of my favorite parts of the summer. Some of this summer's highlights have been taking the grandkids to the fair, the Sioux Falls Air Show, and out for ice cream at sunset. Enjoying these simple yet meaningful moments with my family reminds me how grateful I am to live in South Dakota. I hope you've also been able to enjoy some of the best of our state this summer.



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Teenage Dream

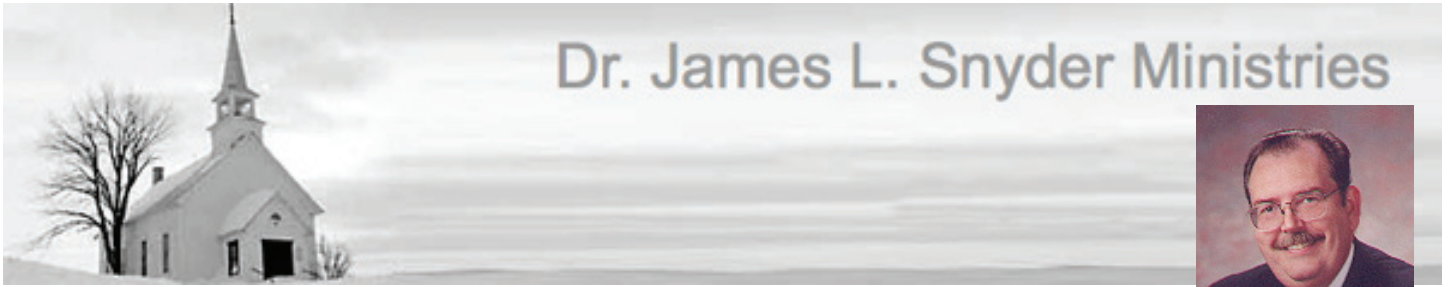
When I was a teenager, I was eager to start my first job. When I wasn't doing homework or running track, I wanted something else to do – I didn't like to sit around. A part-time job was a great option for me. Plus, I really needed the extra cash if I wanted to go on dates or have gas money.

At the time, a part-time job was something to keep me busy, but looking back, I learned what it meant to work hard from a young age. That's a value that can't be understated, especially in this day and age. Work is not punishment, but it's an opportunity to solve problems, sharpen our skillsets, and help others.

These skills don't just happen overnight – they take time to develop with hours and days of applying yourself to learn and improve. Unfortunately for our teens, the hours they're allowed to spend in the workplace are limited. Currently, 14- and 15-year-olds can only work 18 hours per week during the school year. That's not even two and a half traditional 8-hour shifts. Current regulations don't allow teens to work past 9:00PM year-round – including summer break – or past 7:00PM during the school year. They're not allowed to work even if they wanted to, but they can make the decision to play in football games until 9:30PM or play video games through the night.

I introduced a bill to alleviate these restrictions to give teenagers the option to work a little bit more if they want to. Hear me out. I'm not saying all kids need to work 40-hour weeks or slack off on schoolwork or extra curriculums. What I am saying is if teenagers want to work a couple extra hours in a week and make investments in their future, they should have the flexibility to make that choice.

My bill, the Teenagers Earning Everyday Necessary Skills (TEENS) Act, increases the number of workable hours per week from 18 to 24, and allows teens to work from 7:00AM to 9:00PM year-round. We want to raise kids who make wise choices. Many teens love their summer jobs. We should encourage them to continue those jobs if they want to, not restrict their ability to do so.



What's so Bad about a Knucklehead

As I got older, the least little thing brought back memories from a lifetime ago. From some of the memories, I must have had an incredible boyhood. Too bad I can't live again. I might improve those memories. Who knows.



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For some reason, I remembered the word "knucklehead." I'm not sure if it's still being used today, but it was back when I was young.

One memory I have is my mother saying, "Are you acting like a knucklehead or what?"

I was surprised that my mother noticed my thespian skills. I'm anxious to appear on Broadway soon.

One time, I asked her what a knucklehead was. She stared at me as usual and said, "Go into the bathroom and look in the mirror."

I was afraid to do that because I did not understand what she meant and was fearful of what I might find.

My mother and father often would say, "Would you stop acting like a knucklehead?"

Not knowing what they meant and not knowing what a knucklehead was, how can I stop what I don't know I've started?

At the time, I thought my parents were making this up. I thought it was their way of manipulating me to do what they wanted. After all, isn't that what parents are supposed to do? It was working with me.

When they started calling me this, I had some negative feelings. But the more they called me this, the happier I became. What's so bad about being a knucklehead?

I learned quite a lot about being a knucklehead when I was young, which has enabled me to have more fun than I did then. I don't think being a knucklehead is that bad. There are some good aspects to it.

Watching the news and seeing what's happening in our country today, being a knucklehead would be several steps up the ladder of sanity.

Most politicians today do not rise to the level of being a knucklehead. And I'm unanimous in this. A knucklehead would sure be an improvement.

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I don't remember what I was doing the other day because my day was all over the place, and nothing seemed to work. No matter what I did, the more my day fell apart. I was about to retire for the day and call it quits when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage approached and said, "Are you acting like your mama's knucklehead?"

That incident reminded me of all those things about being a knucklehead. Somebody needs to write a book on acting like a knucklehead. It must take a lot of skill and talent to "act" like a knucklehead.

I am surprised The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage saw all those thespian skills in me that my parents did. It's not that I've been trying to keep it a secret; I didn't think she was noticing.

How can you get through life the way it is today if you don't have some level of knucklehead-itis?

I had a few days to think about this and concluded that acting like a knucklehead does great good in a person's life. For example, if somebody thinks I'm "acting like a knucklehead," they don't think I'm as bad as I am. After all, it is just an act. Right?

I was out for lunch the other day, and looking at my menu, I couldn't think of what I wanted. Usually, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage does the choosing. Everything looked great, but I wasn't hungry and needed to decide what to order.

The waitress asked if she could help me and what she could get me for lunch. I just stared at her.

Looking at me in confusion, she asked, "Is everything all right? Is there anything I can do to help?"

"No," I said, looking back at my menu, "I'm just having a knucklehead spasm."

"I don't know what that is. Do you have them often?"

Looking back at her with a smile, I replied, "Only when I'm awake."

At the time, she didn't know if I was joking or falling off my rocker. That is the best way I found to keep a person who's serving you at attention. Most people seem to be afraid of knuckleheads.

It seemed like I was getting away with it for a while, and then The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came. She asked if I could go with her to the shopping mall.

I responded, "I can't right now because I'm acting like a knucklehead and I need the time."

Then she sparked, "I don't think you are acting right now." That's all she said. Believe me, I wasn't sure how to take that.

She says I'm acting like a knucklehead at one time, and then the next time, she tells me I'm not acting. Oh boy. If I wasn't a knucklehead, I really wouldn't be able to handle this.

As I thought about this, a Bible verse came to mind. Proverbs 3:5-7, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil."

When I try to solve my problems my way, it never works out. Sooner or later, it falls apart. Learning to trust God in all things is the way to victory in all things.

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EARTHTALK ™

Dear EarthTalk: Could the supposedly imminent collapse of the Gulf Stream cause another ice age?

-- B.L., San Francisco, CA

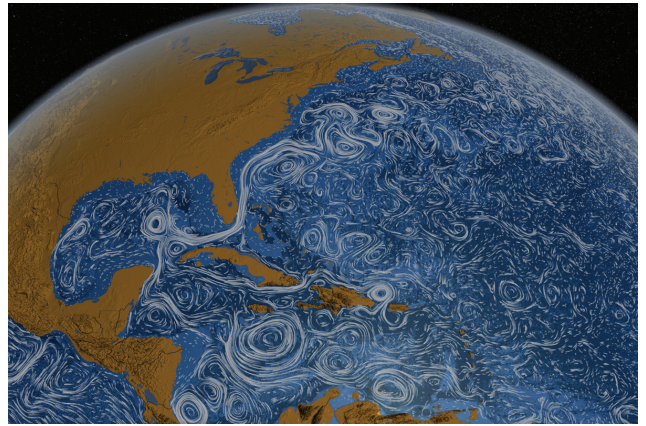
The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC)—aka the “Gulf Stream”—is a vital system of ocean currents, driven by temperature and salinity disparities at various locales and depths. Warm surface waters are propelled poleward by winds and tides. At the poles, the water cools, forming ice crystals devoid of salt and nutrients. The denser salt and nutrients sink to the cooler waters below, while warmer, less dense waters rise. This transports warmth and nutrients to the coasts of Africa and the Americas. In essence, the AMOC serves as a conveyor belt that transports nutrients and heat all around the globe.

Why are people worried about a Gulf Stream collapse? Rising global temperatures cause rapid melting of polar ice caps, introducing non-saline water. This dilutes deep currents, weakens AMOC's upwelling, and disrupts circulation. Freshwater doesn't sink rapidly, leading to a “traffic jam.” University College London researcher David Thornalley reports that the AMOC is at its weakest point in 1,600 years.

The future of AMOC is debated. Some predict it will halt; others foresee a slowdown. Some believe the point-of-no-return will come in 2025 while optimists believe we have until 2095 to stabilize the situation. Regardless, scientists have reached a consensus on the consequences of melting polar ice. The U.S. East Coast will certainly experience flooding and cooling. The Gulf Stream brings warm waters along the east coast of North America. If it stops completely, the East Coast may experience a 9°F cooldown within a decade. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates that water levels are rising at a rate of one inch every three years. Between now and 2050, coastal sea levels are projected to rise one to four feet. Areas like Miami, New Orleans, Atlantic City, Manhattan, Long Island, San Francisco, San Diego and Honolulu could face severe infrastructure damage from flooding. This is not a global-scale Ice Age, but it certainly implicates grave repercussions.

Areas in Africa and Asia will grapple with drought. The AMOC brings monsoonal rainfall to areas in West Africa and South Asia. Without this circulation, countries such as Sudan, Senegal, India and Thailand will encounter drought. The supply of freshwater for human activities and agriculture will be jeopardized. The Amazon Rainforest may transform into a savanna. The AMOC brings rainfall to the Amazon Rainforest. Without this precipitation, Harvard researchers hypothesize that this tropical forest may transition into a dry savanna. The Amazon would absorb less carbon dioxide and produce less oxygen. In addition, the over three million Amazon species will struggle to survive.

Biodiversity in aquatic ecosystems will decline. The AMOC transports nutrients and oxygen. Without the circulating presence of these organic materials, populations of life forms on all tiers of the food chain will most likely dwindle. Though neither the collapse of the Gulf Stream nor a modern-day Ice Age are guaranteed, the declining rate of the AMOC poses serious threats to our current way of life and the survival of other organisms around the globe. Reining in carbon emissions at home and around the globe is our only hope of avoiding this among many cataclysmic natural disasters in the years to come..

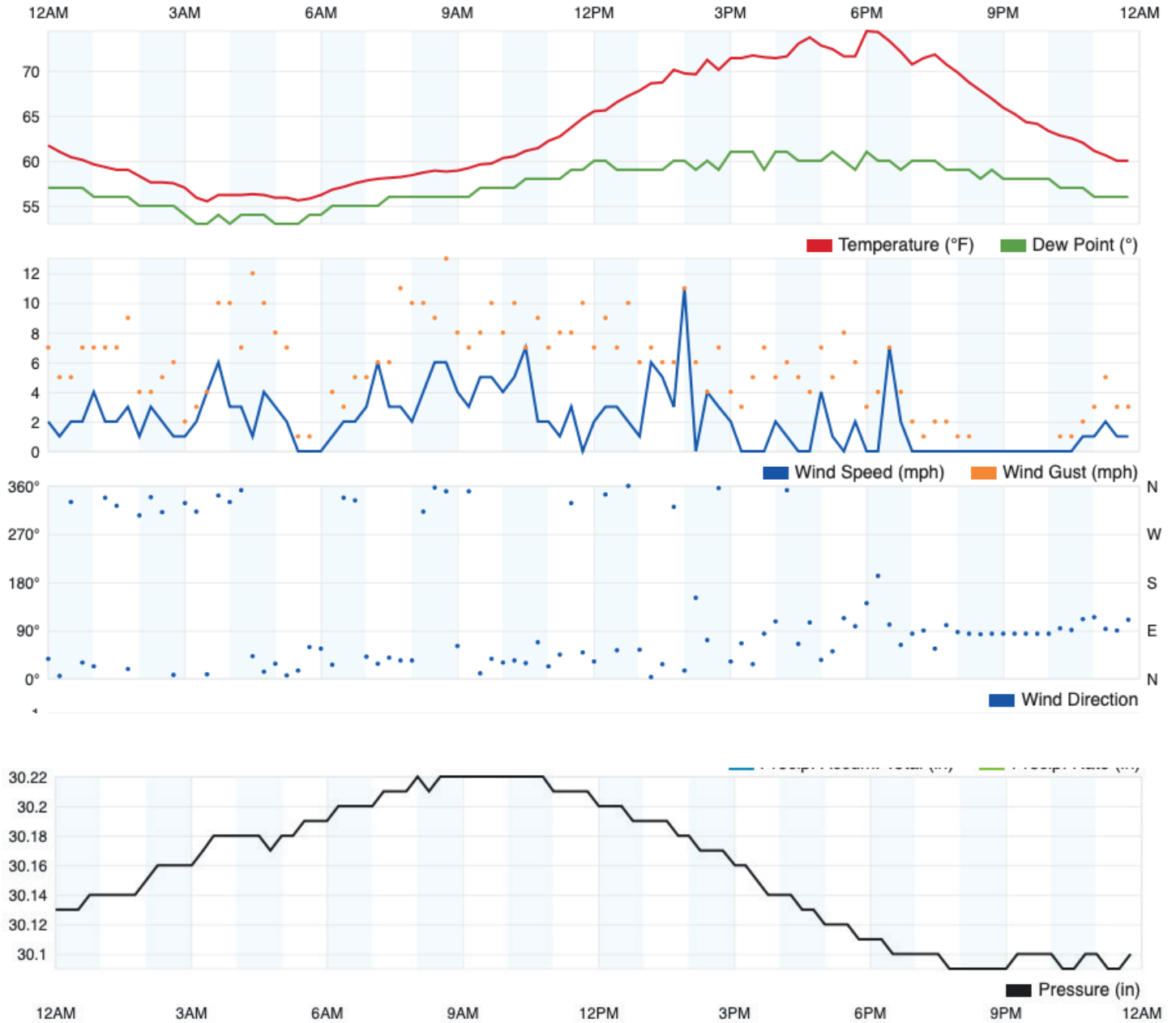


NASA's computer generated view of the gulf stream. Credit: FlickrCC.

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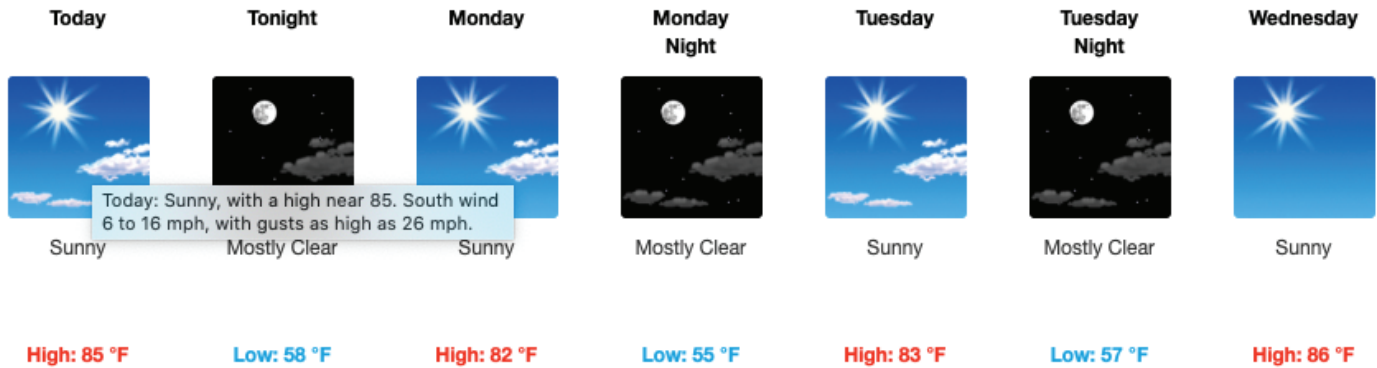
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs









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 **Mostly Dry with Seasonal Temperatures** August 27, 2023 3:05 AM



Today	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
				
80-92°	79-86°	80-88°	83-93° Windy	85-93° Windy

The next few days will feature mainly dry conditions and near seasonal temperatures. A system mid-week will result in increasing winds, but any moisture will be extremely limited.

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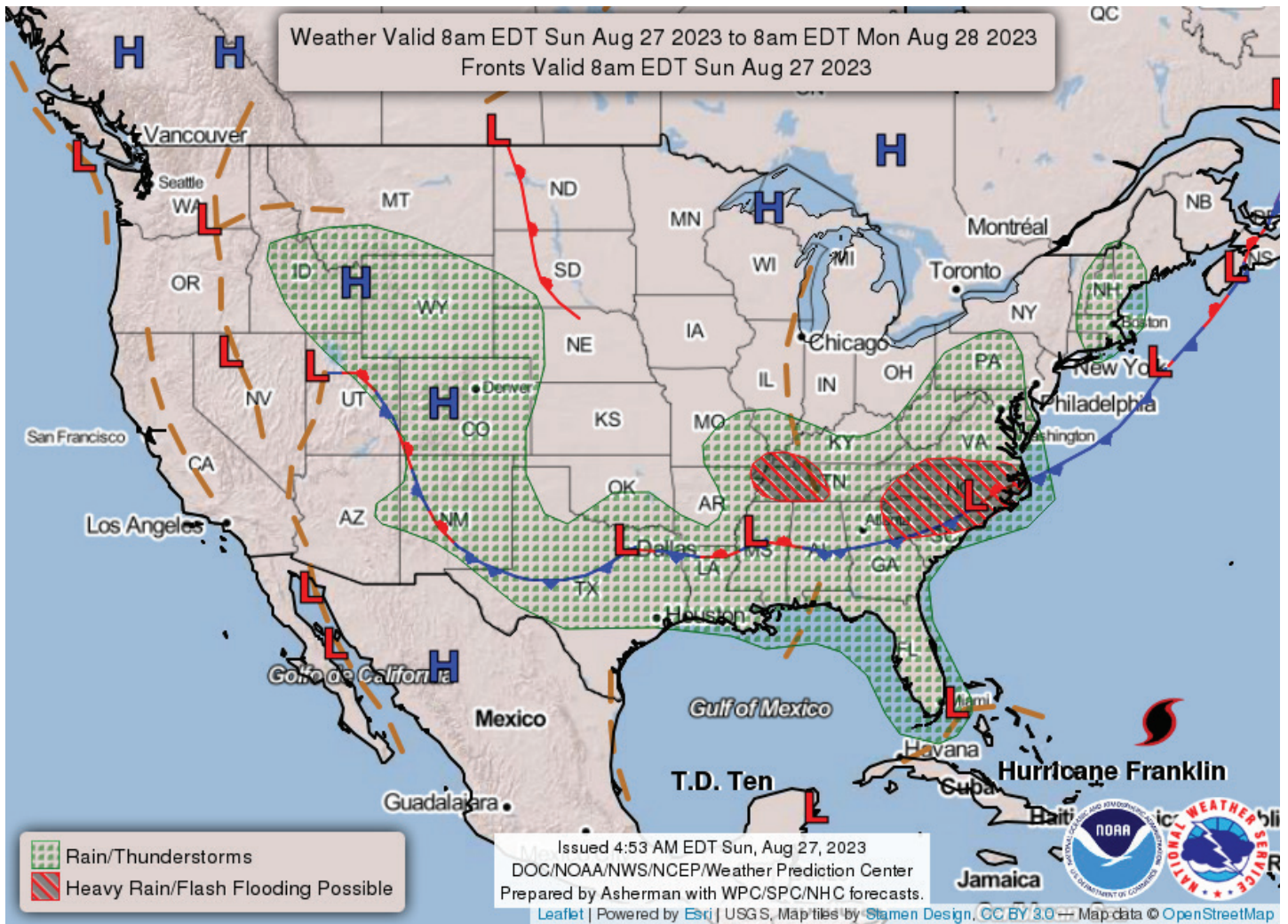
Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 75 °F at 6:18 PM
Low Temp: 56 °F at 3:29 AM
Wind: 13 mph at 8:38 AM
Precip: : 0.00

Day length: 13 hours, 35 minutes

Today's Info

Record High: 106 in 1973
Record Low: 38 in 1967
Average High: 81
Average Low: 54
Average Precip in Aug.: 1.96
Precip to date in Aug.: 5.92
Average Precip to date: 16.06
Precip Year to Date: 18.59
Sunset Tonight: 8:21:27 PM
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:47:36 AM



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Today in Weather History

August 27, 1983: High winds tore through Glenham and Wakpala, destroying several structures and damaging crops. The worst damage occurred in Glenham, in Walworth County, where two mobile homes were damaged, the roof of a school torn off, and trees limbs down. A tall TV antenna was blown over, and a boat was blown off a trailer. High winds also tore through the Bowdle area, downing power lines and tree limbs. Numerous roofs were also damaged.

August 27, 2013: Numerous severe thunderstorms brought large hail along with wind gusts from 60 to 90 mph to parts of north central and northeast South Dakota. Numerous trees were downed along with many structures damaged. Eighty mph winds near Polo in Hand County snapped off two large cottonwood trees. Ninety mph winds snapped numerous trees off at their base along with destroying a garage and tipping several campers over onto their side at Cottonwood Lake near Redfield.

1854: A tornado struck downtown Louisville around noon on Sunday, August 27th, 1854. It first touched down near 25th Street, southwest of downtown and lifted at the intersection of 5th and Main Streets. Although the tornado was only on the ground for a little over two miles, the twister claimed at least 25 lives. Many of those who perished were killed in the Third Presbyterian Church, where 55 people were gathered for Sunday church services. Straight-line winds that accompanied the tornado did significant damage to the Ohio River, where at least one boat sunk.

1881: A Category 2 Hurricane made landfall between St. Simons Island and Savannah, Georgia, on this day. Landfall coincided with high tide and proved very destructive. The hurricane killed 700 people, including 335 in Savannah, making it the sixth deadliest hurricane in the United States.

1883: Krakatoa Volcano exploded in the East Indies. The explosion was heard more than 2500 miles away, and every barograph around the world recorded the passage of the airwave, up to seven times. Giant waves, 125 feet high and traveling 300 mph, devastated everything in their path, hurling ashore coral blocks weighing up to 900 tons, and killing more than 36,000 persons. Volcanic ash was carried around the globe in thirteen days producing blue and green suns in the tropics, and vivid red sunsets in higher latitudes. The temperature of the earth was lowered one degree for the next two years, finally recovering to normal by 1888.

1893: An estimated Category 3 hurricane made landfall near Savannah, Georgia on this day. This hurricane produced a high storm surge of 16 to 30 feet which cost the lives of 1,000 to 2,000 people. As of now, this storm is one of the top 5, deadliest hurricanes on record for the USA.

1964 - Hurricane Cleo battered Miami and the South Florida area. It was the first direct hit for Miami in fourteen years. Winds gusted to 135 mph, and the hurricane caused 125 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1970 - Elko, NV, was deluged with 3.66 inches of rain in just one hour, establishing a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Washington D.C. soared to a record hot 100 degrees, while clouds and rain to the north kept temperature readings in the 50s in central and southeastern New York State. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Afternoon thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Thunderstorms in eastern New Mexico produced wind gusts to 75 mph near the White Sands Missile Range, and produced three inches of rain in two hours near the town of Belen. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in southeastern Nebraska, eastern Kansas and Missouri. Thunderstorms produced baseball size hail south of Belleville KS, and tennis ball size hail south of Lincoln NE. Thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 70 mph at Saint Joseph MO. Thunderstorms in North Dakota deluged the town of Linton with six inches of rain in one hour. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005: Hurricane Katrina reached Category 3 intensity in the Gulf of Mexico about 335 miles south-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph.

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Daily Devotionals

Seeds of Hope

CAREFUL: GOD AT WORK

One morning, a man seeking direction in his life was going through his mail. He had prayed earnestly for direction from God but it never seemed to come. On this day, however, things changed.

Tucked away in the pile of mail he was sorting through was a magazine that was addressed to his neighbor. He looked at the cover and saw an article entitled, "The Needs of the Congo." His curiosity got the best of him so he opened the magazine and read the article. It touched his heart deeply.

For days he prayed about its contents and the opportunities and challenges it represented. Finally, one day he declared, "My search is over." He went to the Congo, lost himself in his work, and became a great medical missionary and author. Ultimately he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work.

Albert Schweitzer was a theologian, philosopher, organist, and physician. But one day, he set it all aside and became a medical missionary where he lost himself in God's will doing God's work among the lost and dying in God's world. Wherever we are is where God wants us to be!

Was it an accident that the mailman put the magazine in the wrong mailbox? Of course not. He too was doing God's work even though he did not know it. Although some may consider it an "accident" it was actually "an act of God" to get Schweitzer's attention.

Prayer: How marvelous are the different ways, Lord You use to get our attention to do Your will. May we be alert to see and hear what You have for us to do TODAY! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28



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
- 08/10/2023 Family Fun Fest, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- 08/11/2023 GHS Basketball Golf Tournament
- 09/08/2023 Family Fun Fest 3:30-5:30pm
- 09/09/2023 Lion's Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm
- 09/09-10/2023 Groton Airport Fly-In/Drive-In, Groton Municipal Airport
- 09/10/2023 Couples Sunflower Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 10am
- 09/10/2023 Emmanuel Lutheran Church Sunday School Rally 9:00am
- 09/10/2023 7th Annual Doggie Day at the Swimming Pool 4-6pm
- 09/15/2023 Homecoming Parade
- 10/13/2023 Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10am
- 10/14/2023 Pumpkin Fest at the City Park 10am-3pm
- 10/31/2023 Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm
- 10/31/2023 United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm
- 11/23/2023 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm
- 12/02/2023 Tour of Homes, Live & Silent Auctions at Olive Grove Golf Course 4pm-close
- 12/09/2023 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services 9-11am

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WINNING NUMBERS

MEGA MILLIONS

WINNING NUMBERS:
08.25.23

12 23 26 31 38 2

MegaPlier: 2x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$67,000,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

LOTTO AMERICA

WINNING NUMBERS:
08.26.23

8 21 38 43 51 1

All Star Bonus: 4x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$8,970,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

LUCKY FOR LIFE

WINNING NUMBERS:
08.26.23

10 13 24 30 40 7

TOP PRIZE:

\$7,000/week

NEXT DRAW: 16 Hrs 56 Mins 16 Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

DAKOTA CASH

WINNING NUMBERS:
08.26.23

1 9 14 17 20

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$26,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

POWERBALL

DOUBLE PLAY

WINNING NUMBERS:
08.26.23

1 19 54 63 64 15

TOP PRIZE:
\$10,000,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

POWERBALL

WINNING NUMBERS:
08.26.23

20 22 26 28 63 5

Power Play: 3x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$363,000,000

NEXT DRAW:

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

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Saturday's Scores

The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL=

Hot Springs 41, McCook Central/Montrose 0

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 24, Brandon Valley 21

Tripp-Delmont/Armour/Andes Central/Dakota Christian 60, Lakota Tech 14

West Central 50, Custer 13

Some high school football scores provided by Scorestream.com, <https://scorestream.com/>

More than 600 firefighters backed by water-dropping aircraft struggle to control wildfires in Greece

By ELENA BECATOROS Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — More than 600 firefighters, including reinforcements from several European countries, backed by a fleet of water-dropping planes and helicopters were battling three persistent major wildfires in Greece Sunday, two of which have been raging for days.

A massive blaze in the country's northeastern regions of Evros and Alexandroupolis, believed to have caused the deaths of 20 people, was burning for a ninth day.

The blaze, one of the largest single wildfires ever to have struck a European Union country, has decimated vast tracts of forest and burnt homes in the outlying areas of the city of Alexandroupolis. On Sunday, 295 firefighters, seven planes and five helicopters were tackling it, the fire department said.

The wildfire has scorched 77,000 hectares (770 square kilometers) of land and had 120 active hotspots, the European Union's Copernicus Emergency Management Service said Sunday.

Copernicus is the EU space program's Earth observation component and uses satellite imagery to provide mapping data.

On the northwestern fringes of the Greek capital, another major wildfire has been blazing for days, scorching homes and burning into the national park on Mount Parnitha, one of the last green areas near Athens. The fire department said 260 firefighters, one plane and three helicopters were trying to tame the flames.

A third major wildfire started on Saturday on the Cycladic island of Andros and was still burning out of control Sunday, with 73 firefighters, two planes and two helicopters dousing the blaze. Lightning strikes are suspected of having sparked that wildfire.

Greece has been plagued by daily outbreaks of dozens of fires over the past week as gale-force winds and hot, dry summer conditions combined to whip up flames and hamper firefighting efforts. On Saturday, firefighters tackled 122 blazes, including 75 that broke out in the 24 hours between Friday evening and Saturday evening, the fire department said.

With firefighting forces stretched to the limit, Greece has called for help from other European countries. Germany, Sweden, Croatia and Cyprus have sent aircraft, while dozens of Romanian, French, Czech, Bulgarian, Albanian, Slovak and Serb firefighters are helping on the ground.

With their hot, dry summers, southern European countries are particularly prone to wildfires. European Union officials have blamed climate change for the increasing frequency and intensity of wildfires in Europe, noting that 2022 was the second-worst year for wildfire damage on record after 2017.

The causes of Greece's two largest fires have not yet been determined. For some of the smaller blazes, officials have said arson or negligence is suspected, and several people have been arrested.

On Saturday, fire department officials arrested two men, one on the island of Evia and one in the central Greek region of Larissa, for allegedly deliberately setting fire to dried grass and vegetation to spark wildfires.

Greece imposes wildfire prevention regulations, typically from the start of May to the end of October, to limit activities such as the burning of dried vegetation and the use of outdoor barbecues.

By Friday, fire department officials had arrested 163 people on fire-related charges since the start of the fire prevention season, government spokesman Pavlos Marinakis said, including 118 for negligence and 24 for deliberate arson. The police had made a further 18 arrests, he said.

3 US Marines killed, 20 injured in an aircraft crash in Australia during a training exercise

By ROD McGUIRK Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — A United States Marine Corps aircraft crashed on a north Australian island Sunday, killing three Marines and injuring 20 during a multinational training exercise, officials said.

Three had been confirmed dead on Melville Island and five of the 23 on board were flown in serious condition 80 kilometers (50 miles) to the mainland city of Darwin for hospital treatment after the Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft crashed around 9:30 a.m. local time, a statement from the Marines said.

"Recovery efforts are ongoing," the statement said, adding the cause of the crash was under investigation.

Helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft had been deployed to return from the remote location with the rest of the injured, Northern Territory Police Commissioner Michael Murphy said.

One of the injured was undergoing surgery at the Royal Darwin Hospital, Northern Territory Chief Minister Natasha Fyles said around six hours after the crash.

Some were critically injured and were being triaged on arrival at Darwin's airport, she said.

"We acknowledge that this is a terrible incident," Fyles said. "The Northern Territory government stands by to offer whatever assistance is required."

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said only Americans were injured in the crash when happened during Exercise Predators Run, which involves the militaries of the United States, Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines and East Timor.

"The initial reports suggest that the incident involves just U.S. defense force personnel," Albanese said.

"Our focus as a government and as the department of defense is very much on incident response and on making sure that every support and assistance is given at this difficult time," he added.

Melville is part of the Tiwi Islands, which along with Darwin are the focus of the exercise that involves 2,500 troops.

The Osprey that crashed was one of two that had flown from Darwin to Melville on Sunday, Murphy said.

Around 150 U.S. Marines are currently based in Darwin and up to 2,500 rotate through the city every year.

The U.S. military was also taking part in a multinational military exercise in July when four Australia personnel were killed in an army MRH-90 Taipan helicopter crash off the northeast Australian coast.

Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa wins re-election after troubled vote, officials say

By FARAI MUTSAKA and GERALD IMRAY Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa was re-elected for a second and final five-year term late Saturday in results announced much earlier than expected following another troubled vote in the southern African country with a history of violent and disputed elections.

An opposition party spokesperson said within minutes of Mnangagwa being declared the winner that they would reject the results as "hastily assembled without proper verification."

Mnangagwa's victory meant the ZANU-PF party retained the governmental leadership it has held for all 43 years of Zimbabwe's history since the nation was re-named following independence from white minority rule in 1980.

Zimbabwe has had just two leaders in that time, long-ruling autocrat Robert Mugabe and Mnangagwa.

The 80-year-old Mnangagwa, who has the nickname "the crocodile" from his days as a guerrilla fighter,

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won 52.6% of the votes in the midweek election, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission said in a late-night announcement in the capital, Harare. The 45-year-old main opposition leader, Nelson Chamisa, got 44%, the commission said.

The results were released around 11.30 p.m., about 48 hours after polls closed.

They likely will be closely scrutinized after international election observers raised questions over the environment in the buildup to the vote and pointed to an atmosphere of intimidation against Chamisa's supporters.

The observers said they had specific concerns over a ruling party affiliate organization called Forever Associates of Zimbabwe that they said set up tables at polling stations and took details of people walking into voting booths. The head of the African Union mission, former Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, said the FAZ activities should be declared "criminal offenses."

Dozens of local vote monitors also were arrested and taken to court on allegations of subversion that government critics said were trumped-up charges.

And there were problems with the actual vote.

The election had been due to be held on just Wednesday, but voting was extended to Thursday after delays with the printing of ballot papers. Results of the presidential election came a surprising two days after voting closed when the final figures were only expected on Monday or even Tuesday considering the election ran over by a day.

"We reject any results hastily assembled without proper verification," said Promise Mkwanzani, a spokesperson for Chamisa's Citizens Coalition for Change Party. "We will advise citizens on the next steps as the situation develops."

The result will now extend ZANU-PF's rule to nearly a half century with Mnangagwa's victory. ZANU-PF also retained its parliamentary majority in the election. Mnangagwa won just over 2.3 million of the 4.4 million votes cast. Chamisa received 1.9 million, the electoral commission said.

"This is a very happy occasion indeed," said Ziyambi Ziyambi, an election agent for Mnangagwa and a Cabinet minister. "Zimbabweans have shown confidence in our president and ZANU-PF."

Mnangagwa was a vice president under Mugabe before replacing his former ally after a coup in 2017. Mnangagwa then won a disputed election by a razor-thin margin against Chamisa in 2018, a result that caused unrest and deaths on the streets.

Ahead of Saturday's announcement of the 2023 results, dozens of armed police with water cannons guarded the national results center. It was the scene of deadly violence after the previous election five years ago, when soldiers killed six people during protests over delays in announcing presidential election results.

Voting this time ran over into Thursday after delays in distributing ballot papers in the capital, Harare, and other urban areas prompted Mnangagwa to extend the election by a day. Voters slept outside polling stations in urban areas that are opposition strongholds to cast their ballots.

Before the election, Chamisa alleged in an interview with The Associated Press that his party's rallies had been broken up by police and his supporters had often been intimidated and threatened with violence by ruling party supporters.

International rights groups said there was a crackdown on opposition officials and supporters by ZANU-PF. Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch alleged Mnangagwa's administration used the police and the courts to silence dissent amid rising tensions due to a currency crisis, a sharp hike in food prices, a weakening public health system and inadequate numbers of formal jobs.

Zimbabwe is renowned for having one of the world's worst economic meltdowns, when hyperinflation in 2007-2009 led to the country abandoning its currency.

Many people in the country of 15 million are sure to view the result with suspicion, although the opposition CCC party didn't immediately say what its next move would be.

Streets in Harare that would normally be bustling with late-night vendors were empty as people were digesting the results.

"It's done. It never changes," said Gerald Chosawa, a security guard at a grocery store. "I had some hope."

"Now it's better to prepare to join the others who have left the country. That's the best option."

Prigozhin's final months were overshadowed by questions about what the Kremlin had in store for him

By DASHA LITVINOVA Associated Press

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — Yevgeny Prigozhin smiled as a crowd of adoring fans surrounded his black SUV on June 24 in Russia's southern city of Rostov-on-Don and cheered him on.

"You rock!" fans shouted while taking selfies with the chief of the Wagner mercenary group, who was sitting in the vehicle after nightfall. "You're a lion! Hang in there!"

Prigozhin and his masked, camouflage-clad fighters were leaving the city after a daylong mutiny against the country's military leadership. President Vladimir Putin decried it as "treason" and vowed punishment, but then cut a deal not to prosecute Prigozhin. Beyond that, his fate looked uncertain.

Two months later, on Aug. 23, Prigozhin's business jet plummeted from the sky and crashed in a field halfway between Moscow and St. Petersburg. Everyone aboard was killed, presumably including Prigozhin and some of his top lieutenants.

The two scenes, which unfolded just two months apart, provide bookends to the mystery-shrouded final days of the outspoken, brutal mercenary leader who initially appeared to have escaped any retribution for the rebellion that posed the greatest challenge to Putin's authority in his 23-year rule.

Suspicion immediately arose that the Kremlin was behind the crash and that it was vengeance. The Kremlin denied it.

In on-camera remarks eulogizing Prigozhin, the Russian president sought to show that there was no bad blood between them. He described the head of Wagner as "a talented man" whom he had known for a long time and who made "serious mistakes" but was still apparently doing business with the government.

The last weeks of Prigozhin's life were overshadowed by questions about what the Kremlin really had in store for him. Had he already dodged a bullet? Or was his comeuppance just further down the road?

Shortly before footage emerged of Prigozhin driving off into the night in Rostov-on-Don, the Kremlin announced a deal to end the mutiny. Prigozhin would "retreat to Belarus," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said, without elaborating on whether that meant a permanent exile.

Prigozhin himself went silent, which was unusual for a man who used to release multiple written and spoken statements every day. Responding to an email from The Associated Press on June 25, the day after the mutiny, Prigozhin's press service said only that he "says hi to everyone" and would respond to all questions once he gets "proper connection."

An elaborate 11-minute statement from Prigozhin appeared the next day, but it contained nothing about where he was or what was next for him and his forces. Instead, he defended himself and the mutiny in his usual defiant and bullish manner.

He said his march on Moscow started because of an injustice — an alleged attack on his fighters in Ukraine by the Russian military. He taunted the military, calling Wagner's march a "master class" in how government soldiers should have carried out the February 2022 invasion of Ukraine. He pointed out security breaches that allowed Wagner to advance 780 kilometers (500 miles) without resistance and to block all military units on its way.

The following morning, on June 27, Russian authorities announced they were dropping the criminal investigation into the revolt, with no charges for the Wagner leader nor any other participants — even though about a dozen Russian troops were killed in clashes and several military aircraft were shot down.

Later in the day, Putin hinted that there might be a new probe — this time into Prigozhin's finances. The Russian leader told a military gathering that the state paid Wagner almost \$1 billion in just one year, while Prigozhin's other company earned about the same from government contracts. Putin wondered aloud whether any of it was stolen and promised to "figure it out."

On the day the charges were dropped, Prigozhin's plane was spotted in Belarus, and Belarus' authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko, who helped broker the deal to end the mutiny, said the Wagner

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chief had arrived. Belarusian activists soon reported that a camp was being erected there for fighters who decided to follow him.

In Russia, Prigozhin's major business asset — a media company called Patriot — shut down, and many of the news outlets it owned were blocked by authorities. Prigozhin's media operations included the infamous "troll factory" that led to his indictment in the U.S. for meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

Wagner also announced a halt to recruitment of new mercenaries "due to the move to Belarus."

On July 6, however, Lukashenko told reporters that Prigozhin was in St. Petersburg — or "maybe he went to Moscow, or maybe somewhere else, but he is not in Belarus." The remarks came amid media reports that cash and equipment seized during police searches of Prigozhin's property were returned to him.

"What will happen to him next? Well, anything can happen in a lifetime. But if you think that Putin is so malicious and vindictive that he will be offed somewhere tomorrow. ... No, this will not happen," Lukashenko assured.

As it turned out, Putin met with Prigozhin several days after the revolt.

Peskov, Putin's spokesperson, told reporters on July 10 that the meeting took place in the Kremlin and involved more than 30 Wagner commanders in addition to Prigozhin. The revelation came after Peskov repeatedly said the Kremlin knew nothing about Prigozhin's whereabouts — including on the day of the meeting with Putin, June 29.

Putin's spokesperson wouldn't offer any details about the meeting, saying only that the commanders pledged their loyalty to the Russian president.

Putin later echoed that idea, saying in a July 13 interview that "many were nodding" when he offered to let them continue serving under one of the Wagner commanders. But a defiant Prigozhin spoke for them and said they didn't like the proposal, according to the Russian president.

Comments from the Wagner chief himself became rare. Nothing more was posted by his spokespeople beyond the 11-minute audio message issued two days after the mutiny.

Words or visuals of Prigozhin instead appeared in one of several Telegram channels believed to be linked to Wagner. The relative quiet raised questions over whether keeping a low public profile was part of his deal with the Kremlin.

One such video on July 19 reportedly came from Belarus. Blurry footage showed a silhouette of a man looking like Prigozhin against the sky at dusk, and his distinctive gravelly voice was heard addressing rows of men in fatigues.

"Welcome guys! I am happy to greet you all. Welcome to Belarusian land!" he said.

Prigozhin repeated his criticism of the conduct of the fighting in Ukraine. "What is going on the frontline today is a shame in which we shouldn't take part," he said, adding that Wagner forces could return to Ukraine in the future.

In the meantime, Prigozhin said, Wagner would train in Belarus and then set off on a new journey to Africa, where his mercenaries have been active in several countries.

Another video, posted on Aug. 21 in a different Telegram channel, showed a close-up of Prigozhin toting a rifle while standing on a dusty plain. Prigozhin didn't say where the video was recorded, but he referenced the temperature being 50 degrees Celsius (122 degrees Fahrenheit).

"Just the way we like it," he boasted. He said Wagner was "making Russia even greater on all continents and Africa even more free."

Two days later came the plane crash — exactly two months after Prigozhin first announced his revolt.

Although the Kremlin rejected allegations that it was behind the crash, the reality of those two months likely didn't sit well with Putin, political analyst Abbas Gallyamov said.

The mutiny "showcased Putin's weakness to everyone," said Gallyamov, who once worked as a Kremlin speechwriter. After that, Prigozhin "was feeling normal." He was working on projects in Belarus and in Africa, and the case against him was closed.

That reality "completely dissatisfied Putin because it was an open invitation for potential mutineers," Gallyamov said.

Evacuation order lifted after firefighters douse Maui brush fire near site of deadly Lahaina blaze

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — An evacuation order following a brush fire that burned 10 acres (4 hectares) on Maui was lifted by emergency officials Saturday.

The fire prompted Maui authorities to temporarily evacuate residents Saturday from a neighborhood of Lahaina, just a few miles from the site recently ravaged by blazes, before firefighters brought it under control.

The Maui County Emergency Management Agency announced in a social media post that the evacuation ended at 5 p.m. and residents could return home.

Firefighters doused flames from above using a helicopter and with hoses on the ground, said John Heggie, a spokesperson for Maui County's Joint Information Center.

Maui County said in an online post that the fire no longer posed an active threat but firefighters were working in the area and evacuees should stay clear until it was safe to return.

The evacuation order had covered a small number of homes in the hills above Kaanapali resort hotels. It was not immediately clear how many people were affected.

At least 115 people were killed and 2,000 structures destroyed when a wildfire tore through downtown Lahaina on Aug. 8. Minimal rains have pushed the area into drought.

That fire was exacerbated by strong trade winds fueled in part by Hurricane Dora, which passed 500 miles (800 kilometers) to the south of Maui.

The National Weather Service forecast breezes of 3 to 8 mph (4.8 to 12 kph) for Lahaina on Saturday afternoon.

Workers exposed to extreme heat have no consistent protection in the US

By GABE STERN Associated Press/Report for America

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Santos Brizuela spent more than two decades laboring outdoors, persisting despite a bout of heatstroke while cutting sugarcane in Mexico and chronic laryngitis from repeated exposure to the hot sun while on various other jobs.

But last summer, while on a construction crew in Las Vegas, he reached his breaking point. Exposure to the sun made his head ache immediately. He lost much of his appetite.

Now at a maintenance job, Brizuela, 47, is able to take breaks. There are flyers on the walls with best practices for staying healthy — protections he had not been afforded before.

"Sometimes as a worker you ask your employer for protection or for health and safety related needs, and they don't listen or follow," he said in Spanish through an interpreter.

A historic heat wave that began blasting the Southwest and other parts of the country this summer is shining a spotlight on one of the harshest, yet least-addressed effects of U.S. climate change: the rising deaths and injuries of people who work in extreme heat, whether inside warehouses and kitchens or outside under the blazing sun. Many of them are migrants in low-wage jobs.

State and federal governments have long implemented federal procedures for environmental risks exacerbated by climate change, namely drought, flood and wildfires. But extreme heat protections have generally lagged with "no owner" in state and federal governments, said Ladd Keith, an assistant professor of planning at Arizona State University.

"In some ways, we have a very long way to catch up to the governance gap in treating the heat as a true climate hazard," Keith said.

There is no federal heat standard in the U.S. despite an ongoing push from President Joe Biden's administration to establish one. Most of the hottest U.S. states currently have no heat-specific standards either.

Instead, workers in many states who are exposed to extreme heat are ostensibly protected by what is

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known as the "general duty clause," which requires employers to mitigate hazards that could cause serious injury or death. The clause permits state authorities to inspect work sites for violations, and many do, but there are no consistent benchmarks for determining what constitutes a serious heat hazard.

"What's unsafe isn't always clear," said Juanita Constible, a senior advocate from the National Resources Defense Council who tracks extreme heat policy. "Without a specific heat standard, it makes it more challenging for regulators to decide, 'OK, this employer's breaking the law or not.'"

Many states are adopting their own versions of a federal "emphasis" program increasing inspections to ensure employers offer water, shade and breaks, but citations and enforcement still must go through the general duty clause.

Extreme heat is notably absent from the list of disasters to which the Federal Emergency Management Agency can respond. And while regional floodplain managers are common throughout the country, there are only three newly created "chief heat officer" positions to coordinate extreme heat planning, in Miami-Dade County, Phoenix and Los Angeles.

Federal experts have recommended extreme heat protections since 1972, but it wasn't until 1997 and 2006, respectively, that Minnesota and California adopted the first statewide protections. For a long time, those states were the exception, with only a scattering of others joining them throughout the early 2000s.

But as heat waves get longer and hotter, the tide is starting to change.

"There are a lot of positive movements that give me some hope," Keith said.

Colorado strengthened existing rules last year to require regular rest and meal breaks in extreme heat and cold and provide water and shade breaks when temperatures hit 80 degrees Fahrenheit (26.7 degrees Celsius). Washington state last month updated 15-year-old heat safety standards to lower the temperature at which cool-down breaks and other protections are required. Oregon, which adopted temporary heat protection rules in 2021, made them permanent last year.

Several other states are considering similar laws or regulations.

Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs recently announced new regulations through the heat emphasis program and declared a state of emergency over extreme heat, allowing the state to reimburse various government entities for funds spent on providing relief from high temperatures.

Nevada also adopted a version of the heat emphasis program. But a separate bill that would define what constitutes extreme heat and require employers to provide protections ultimately failed in the final month of the legislative session.

The measure faltered even after the temperature threshold for those protections was increased from 95 degrees Fahrenheit (35 degrees Celsius) to 105 (40.5 degrees Celsius). Democratic lawmakers in Nevada are now trying to pass those protections through a regulatory process before next summer.

The Biden administration introduced new regulations in 2021 that would develop heat safety standards and strengthen required protective measures for most at-risk private sector workers, but the mandates are likely subject to several more years of review. A group of Democratic U.S. Congress members introduced a bill last month that would effectively speed up the process by legislating heat standards.

The guidelines would apply to all 50 states and include private sector and select federal workers, but leave most other public sector workers uncovered. Differing conditions across states and potential discrepancies in how the federal law would be implemented make consistent state standards crucial, Constible said.

For now, protections for those workers are largely at the discretion of individual employers.

Eleazar Castellanos, who trains workers on dealing with extreme heat at Arriba Las Vegas, a nonprofit supporting migrant and low-wage employees, said he experienced two types of employers during his 20 years of working construction.

"The first version is the employer that makes sure that their workers do have access to water, shade and rest," he said in Spanish through an interpreter. "And the second type of employer is the kind who threatens workers with consequences for asking for those kinds of preventative measures."

Heat protection laws have faced steady industry opposition, including chambers of commerce and other business associations. They say a blanket mandate would be too difficult to implement across such a wide

range of industries.

"We are always concerned about a one-size-fits-all bill like this," Tray Abney, a lobbyist for the National Federation of Independent Businesses, told Nevada legislators.

Opinions vary on why the Nevada bill failed after passing the Senate on party lines. Some say it was a victim of partisan politics. Others say there were too many bills competing for attention in a session that meets for just four months every other year.

"It all comes down to the dollar," said Vince Saavedra, secretary-treasurer and lobbyist for Southern Nevada Building Trades. "But I'll challenge anybody to go work outside with any of these people, and then tell me that we don't need these regs."

Bare electrical wire and leaning poles on Maui were possible cause of deadly fires

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT, BERNARD CONDON and MICHAEL BIESECKER Associated Press

In the first moments of the Maui fires, when high winds brought down power poles, slapping electrified wires to the dry grass below, there was a reason the flames erupted all at once in long, neat rows -- those wires were bare, uninsulated metal that could spark on contact.

Videos and images analyzed by The Associated Press confirmed those wires were among miles of line that Hawaiian Electric Co. left naked to the weather and often-thick foliage, despite a recent push by utilities in other wildfire- and hurricane-prone areas to cover up their lines or bury them.

Compounding the problem is that many of the utility's 60,000, mostly wooden power poles, which its own documents described as built to "an obsolete 1960s standard," were leaning and near the end of their projected lifespan. They were nowhere close to meeting a 2002 national standard that key components of Hawaii's electrical grid be able to withstand 105 mile per hour winds.

A 2019 filing said it had fallen behind in replacing the old wooden poles because of other priorities and warned of a "serious public hazard" if they "failed."

Google street view images of poles taken before the fire show the bare wire.

It's "very unlikely" a fully-insulated cable would have sparked and caused a fire in dry vegetation, said Michael Ahern, who retired this month as director of power systems at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts.

Experts who watched videos showing downed power lines agreed wire that was insulated would not have arced and sparked, igniting a line of flame.

Hawaiian Electric said in a statement that it has "long recognized the unique threats" from climate change and has spent millions of dollars in response, but did not say whether specific power lines that collapsed in the early moments of the fire were bare.

"We've been executing on a resilience strategy to meet these challenges, and since 2018, we have spent approximately \$950 million to strengthen and harden our grid and approximately \$110 million on vegetation management efforts," the company said. "This work included replacing more than 12,500 poles and structures since 2018 and trimming and removing trees along approximately 2,500 line miles every year on average."

But a former member of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission confirmed many of Maui's wooden power poles were in poor condition. Jennifer Potter lives in Lahaina and until the end of last year was on the commission, which regulates Hawaiian Electric.

"Even tourists that drive around the island are like, 'What is that?' They're leaning quite significantly because the winds over time literally just pushed them over," she said. "That obviously is not going to withstand 60, 70 mile per hour winds. So the infrastructure was just not strong enough for this kind of windstorm ... The infrastructure itself is just compromised."

John Morgan, a personal injury and trial attorney in Florida who lives part-time in Maui noticed the same thing. "I could look at the power poles. They were skinny, bending, bowing. The power went out all the time."

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Morgan's firm is suing Hawaiian Electric on behalf of one person and talking to many more about their rights. The fire came within 500 yards of house.

Sixty percent of the utility poles on West Maui were still down on Aug. 14, according to Hawaiian Electric CEO Shelee Kimura at a media conference — 450 of the 750 poles.

Hawaiian Electric is facing a spate of new lawsuits that seek to hold it responsible for the deadliest U.S. wildfire in more than a century. The number of confirmed dead stands at 115, and the county expects that to rise.

Lawyers plan to inspect some electrical equipment from a neighborhood where the fire is thought to have originated as soon as next week, per a court order, but they will be doing that in a warehouse. The utility took down the burnt poles and removed fallen wires from the site.

This was a "preventable tragedy of epic proportions," said attorney Paul Starita, lead counsel on three of the lawsuits.

"It all comes back to money," said Starita, of the California firm Singleton Schreiber. "They might say, oh, well, it takes a long time to get the permitting process done or whatever. OK, start sooner. I mean, people's lives are on the line. You're responsible. Spend the money, do your job."

Hawaiian Electric also faces criticism for not shutting off the power amid high wind warnings and keeping it on even as dozens of poles began to topple. Maui County sued Hawaiian Electric on Thursday over this issue.

Michael Jacobs, a senior energy analyst at the Union of Concerned Scientists, said that with power lines causing so many fires in the United States: "We definitely have a new pattern, we just don't have a new safety regime to go with it."

Insulating an electrical wire prevents arcing and sparking, and dissipates heat.

Other utilities have been addressing the issue of bare wire. Pacific Gas & Electric was found responsible for the 2018 Camp Fire in northern California that killed 85 people. The disaster was caused by downed power lines.

Its program to eliminate uninsulated wire in fire zones has covered more than 1,200 miles of line so far.

PG&E also announced in 2021 it would bury 10,000 miles of electrical line. It buried 180 miles in 2022 and is on pace to do 350 miles this year.

Another major California utility, Southern California Edison, expects to have replaced more than 7,200 miles, or about 75% of its overhead distribution lines, with covered wire in high fire risk areas by the end of 2025. It, too, is burying line in areas at severe risk.

Hawaiian Electric said in a filing last year that it had looked to the wildfire plans of utilities in California.

Some don't fault Hawaiian Electric for its comparative lack of action because it has not faced the threat of wildfires for as long. And the utility is not at all alone in continuing to use bare metal conductors high up on power poles.

The same is true for public safety power shutoffs. It's been only a few years that utilities have been willing to preemptively shut off people's power to prevent fire and the disruptive practice is not yet widespread.

But Mark Toney called wildfires caused by utilities absolutely preventable. He is executive director of the ratepayer group The Utility Reform Network in California. It is pushing PG&E to insulate its lines in high-risk areas.

"We have to stop utility-caused wildfires. We have to stop them and the quickest, cheapest way to do it is to insulate the overhead lines," he said.

As for the poles, in a 2019 Hawaiian Electric regulatory document, the company said its 60,000 poles, nearly all wood, were vulnerable because they were already old and Hawaii is in a "severe wood decay hazard zone." The company said it had fallen behind in replacing wood poles because of other priorities and warned of a "serious public hazard" if the poles "failed."

The document said many of the company's poles were built to withstand 56 mph (90 kph), when a Category 1 Hurricane has winds of at least 74 mph.

In 2002, the National Electric Safety Code was updated to require utility poles like those on Maui to

withstand 105 mile per hour winds.

The U.S. electrical grid was designed and built for last century's climate, said Joshua Rhodes, an energy systems research scientist at the University of Texas at Austin. Utilities would be smart to better prepare for protracted droughts and high winds, he added.

"Everyone considers Hawaii to be a tropical paradise, but it got dry and it burned," he said Thursday. "It may look expensive if you're doing work to stave off starting wildfires or the impact of wildfires, but it's much cheaper than actually starting one and burning down so many people's homes and causing so many people's deaths."

Tony Takitani, an attorney born and raised on Maui, is working with Morgan on the litigation.

Takitani said in his 68 years there, it's getting drier and drier. He said what happened on the island is so horrific it's hard to talk about. But he does think it will force improvements to the grid.

"When the poles go down, it's kindling," he said. "The combination of what's going on with our Earth and people not being properly prepared for it, I think caused this. From living here, from the videos I've seen of poles going down and fires igniting, it seems kind of obvious."

Women working in Antarctica say they were left to fend for themselves against sexual harassers

By NICK PERRY Associated Press

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) — The howling winds and perpetual darkness of the Antarctic winter were easing to a frozen spring when mechanic Liz Monahon at McMurdo Station grabbed a hammer.

If those in charge weren't going to protect her from the man she feared would kill her, she figured, she needed to protect herself. It wasn't like she could escape. They were all stuck there together on the ice.

So she kept the hammer with her at all times, either looped into her Carhartt overalls or tucked into her sports bra.

"If he came anywhere near me, I was going to start swinging at him," Monahon says. "I decided that I was going to survive."

Monahon, 35, is one of many women who say the isolated environment and macho culture at the United States research center in Antarctica have allowed sexual harassment and assault to flourish.

The National Science Foundation, the federal agency that oversees the U.S. Antarctic Program, published a report in 2022 in which 59% of women said they'd experienced harassment or assault while on the ice, and 72% of women said such behavior was a problem in Antarctica.

But the problem goes beyond the harassment, The Associated Press found. In reviewing court records and internal communications, and in interviews with more than a dozen current and former employees, the AP uncovered a pattern of women who said their claims of harassment or assault were minimized by their employers, often leading to them or others being put in further danger.

In one case, a woman who reported a colleague had groped her was made to work alongside him again. In another, a woman who told her employer she was sexually assaulted was later fired. Another woman said that bosses at the base downgraded her allegations from rape to harassment. The AP generally does not identify those who say they have been sexually assaulted unless they publicly identify themselves.

The complaints of violence did not stop with the NSF report. Five months after its release, a woman at McMurdo told a deputy U.S. marshal that colleague Stephen Bieneman pinned her down and put his shin over her throat for about a minute while she desperately tried to communicate she couldn't breathe.

Bieneman pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor assault. He was fired and sent back to the U.S., court documents show, and his trial is scheduled for November. His lawyer, Birney Bervar, said in an email to the AP that it was "horseplay" initiated by the woman and the evidence didn't support "an assault of the nature and degree she described."

The NSF report triggered a Congressional investigation. In a written response to Congress that is contradicted by its own emails, Leidos, the prime contractor, said it received "zero allegations" of sexual assault

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in Antarctica during the five years ending April 2022.

Kathleen Naeher, the chief operating officer of the civil group at Leidos, told a congressional committee in December that they would install peepholes on dorm room doors, limit access to master keys that could open multiple bedrooms, and give teams in the field an extra satellite phone.

Rep. Mike Garcia, R-Calif., said the proposed fixes left him flabbergasted.

"This should have been done before we sent anyone down to Antarctica," he said at the hearing.

Monahon and all but one of the workers quoted in this story are speaking publicly for the first time. Trapped in one of the most remote spots on Earth, the women say they were largely forced to fend for themselves.

"No one was there to save me but me," Monahon says. "And that was the thing that was so terrifying."

Monahon believes she only escaped physical harm in Antarctica because of her colleagues, not management.

She met Zak Buckingham in 2021 at a hotel in Christchurch, New Zealand, where McMurdo workers were quarantining against COVID-19 before going to Antarctica. It would be Monahon's second stint in Antarctica, a place that had fascinated her since her childhood half a world away in upstate New York.

At the hotel, Monahon says, male colleagues bothering her and a friend backed off when Buckingham — a plumber and amateur boxer from Auckland, New Zealand — sat with them.

Buckingham, now 36, was intimidating and a bit wild, but funny and charming. One night, Monahon says, she and Buckingham hooked up.

What Monahon didn't know was that Buckingham had a history of what a judge described as alcohol-related criminal offending in New Zealand.

Three months before deploying, Buckingham breached a protection order taken out by his former partner and the mother of his three children, according to court records the AP obtained after petitioning a New Zealand judge. He'd texted his ex-partner demanding oral sex. She told him to stop being inappropriate.

"No, I will not stop being inappropriate," he'd replied, and demanded oral sex again, according to the judge's findings. She again told him to stop. He responded, according to the records: "You need to be f----- like a slut."

A week later, he sent her 18 texts, court records show. She warned him she'd call the police.

"Continue to threaten me and you'll need to," he'd replied.

Antarctica's ancient ice sheet and remoteness make it ideal for scientists studying everything from the earliest moments of the universe to changes in the planet's climate.

The population at McMurdo, the hub of U.S. operations, usually swells from 200-300 in the southern winter to over 1,000 in the summer. Typically, around 70% are men.

Funded and overseen by the NSF, the U.S. Antarctic Program is run by a tangle of contractors and subcontractors, with billions of dollars at stake. Since 2017, Leidos has held the main contract, now worth over \$200 million per year. Subcontractor PAE, which employs many of the base's workers, was bought last year by the government services giant Amentum.

There is no police presence or jail at McMurdo, and law enforcement falls to a sworn on-site deputy U.S. marshal.

Buckingham was hired by PAE. Amentum didn't respond to questions from the AP. Leidos Senior Vice President Melissa Lee Dueñas said it conducts background checks on all its employees.

"Our stance on sexual harassment or assault couldn't be more clear: we have zero tolerance for such behavior," Dueñas said in an email. "Each case is thoroughly investigated."

The NSF and Leidos declined to answer questions about Buckingham or other cases. Leidos said sharing specific details wasn't always appropriate or helpful.

The NSF told the AP it improved safety in Antarctica last year. The agency now requires Leidos to immediately report any significant health and safety incidents, including sexual assault and harassment, it said

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ice can crumble in the spring.

"To protect her, they put her in a dangerous situation," said Wes Thurmman, a fire department supervisor who had worked in Antarctica every year since 2012.

But they all felt it was safer than her remaining at McMurdo.

Thurmman, who was also notified when Dailey-Ruddy called 911, says he was introduced to McMurdo's misogynistic culture when a group of men recited a list of women they considered targets for sex. Often, Thurmman says, the NSF and Antarctic contractors blamed such behavior on alcohol.

But the bosses wouldn't ban booze, he says, because it would make deployments less attractive.

Monahan's crisis on the ice wasn't an anomaly. In November 2019, another incident involving a food worker pushed the NSF to launch its investigation. The food worker didn't respond to a request for comment, but her case is outlined in internal emails obtained by the AP.

The woman told her bosses she'd been sexually assaulted by a coworker. Her performance was subsequently criticized by a supervisor, who was also the girlfriend of the accused man. Two months later, she was fired.

Many of the woman's colleagues were outraged. Julie Grundberg, then the McMurdo area manager for Leidos, repeatedly emailed her concerns to her superiors in Denver.

"The fact that we haven't come out with some sort of public statement is making the community trust our organization even less," Grundberg wrote.

Supervisor Ethan Norris replied: "We need your help to keep this calm and be a neutral party as you have only one side of the story at this point."

Norris did not respond to a request for comment from the AP.

The case prompted some of the women to form their own support group, Ice Allies. More than 300 people signed a petition calling for better systems for handling sexual assaults.

The food steward settled a wrongful termination claim for an undisclosed amount, people familiar with the situation told the AP. Leidos later fired Grundberg, in a move many workers believe was retaliatory.

Another food steward, Jennifer Sorensen, told the AP she was raped at McMurdo in 2015. Initially, she didn't tell anyone.

"On station, I had no advocate to speak on behalf of my needs and protection, no jail to protect me from my rapist, and no knowledge of any present law enforcement personnel," Sorensen said in a written account to the AP.

Still haunted 21 months later, Sorensen wrote to the man's employer, GHG Corp., about what had happened. GHG later wrote back that it had investigated her claims with Leidos and wouldn't hire the man again.

"We have concluded that you were a victim of sexual harassment," wrote GHG President Joseph Wilhelm.

Sorensen says it was shameful that GHG and Leidos downgraded what she says was rape to harassment. GHG did not respond to a request for comment. Sorensen also contacted the FBI, which did not file criminal charges and refused to release details of its investigation to the AP.

Britt Barquist, who worked as foreperson of the fuel department, told the AP she was attending a safety briefing with co-workers in 2017 when a man in a senior role reached under the table and squeezed her upper leg.

"It was a lingering hand on the inside of my thigh, like as close as you can get to just grabbing my actual crotch," Barquist says.

Her boss at the time, Chad Goodale, told the AP he saw what happened and called his supervisor. He said the outcome was the man was taken off a joint project and told to avoid contact with Barquist. Yet upon returning to Antarctica in 2021, Barquist says, she was forced to work with the man again.

"It was humiliating. And awful," she says. "I would try to not make eye contact with him, or acknowledge him at all. ... Towards the end, he would talk to me about things, and I would just be wanting to throw up."

When Barquist returned to Antarctica last year, she took a job as a cook, working alongside her husband

at a tiny satellite camp rather than at McMurdo.

"I just wish I had been more protected," she says.

Shortly before Monahon returned from her expedition, Buckingham was taken to a plane to go home early. The woman who normally drives people to the airfield refused to transport him.

"With my supervisor, we just decided it's not safe, and station management can drive him out themselves," says Rebecca Henderson.

Izzi, PAE's HR representative, called Monahon into a meeting. Izzi's superior, Holly Newman, was on the phone in Denver. Monahon recorded the conversation.

"The investigation was completed. We took appropriate action," Newman says in the recording. She doesn't specify what action was taken other than to say the person was no longer on the ice. She adds that sometimes they get reports that aren't true.

Newman couldn't be reached for comment.

In the recording, Newman then says problems with alcohol and people "hurting other people" have been occurring in Antarctica since "way before" she first visited in 2015.

"Why does it happen? Why doesn't it stop?" Newman asks. "Those are big questions and there are not really any answers that I sit on that are satisfactory yet."

In March 2022, Buckingham was sentenced to 100 hours of community service and 10 months of supervision after pleading guilty to two charges of breaching a protection order for his ex-partner.

"This is ... the first time you have been before the court on any offending of this nature," Judge Kevin Glubb concluded. "It has to be the last, Mr. Buckingham, you understand that? You come back again, all bets are off."

Buckingham never faced any legal action or consequences for what Monahon said happened in Antarctica. He is now living back in New Zealand.

Monahon hopes her story prompts the contractors in Antarctica to face more accountability. And she wants the NSF to do more than potentially replace Leidos as the lead contractor when its contract expires in 2025.

"What are they going to do to make sure that this next contractor doesn't do the same thing?" she asks.

Monahon was determined to keep working at Antarctica and returned in 2022, but has decided to skip this season.

"It's that mentality of don't let them win," she says. "But I do think they are winning right now."

At Fukushima Daiichi, decommissioning the nuclear plant is far more challenging than water release

By MARI YAMAGUCHI Associated Press

FUTABA, Japan (AP) — For the wrecked Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, managing the ever-growing volume of radioactive wastewater held in more than 1,000 tanks has been a safety risk and a burden since the meltdown in March 2011. Its release marks a milestone for the decommissioning, which is expected to take decades.

But it's just the beginning of the challenges ahead, such as the removal of the fatally radioactive melted fuel debris that remains in the three damaged reactors, a daunting task if ever accomplished.

Here's a look at what's going on with the plant's decommissioning:

WHAT HAPPENED AT FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI?

A magnitude 9.0 quake on March 11, 2011, triggered a massive tsunami that destroyed the plant's power supply and cooling systems, causing three reactors to melt and spew large amounts of radiation. Highly contaminated cooling water applied to the damaged reactors has leaked continuously into building basements and mixed with groundwater. The water is collected and treated. Then, some is recycled as cooling water for melted fuel, while the rest is held in tanks that cover much of the plant.

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WHY RELEASE THE WATER?

Fukushima Daiichi has struggled to handle the contaminated water since the 2011 disaster. The government and the plant operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, say the tanks must be removed to make way for facilities needed to decommission the plant, such as storage space for melted fuel debris and other highly contaminated waste.

WILL THE WASTEWATER RELEASE PUSH DECOMMISSIONING FORWARD?

Not right away, because the water release is slow and the decommissioning is making little progress. TEPCO says it plans to release 31,200 tons of treated water by the end of March 2024, which would empty only 10 tanks out of 1,000 because of the continued production of wastewater at the plant.

The pace will later pick up, and about 1/3 of the tanks will be removed over the next 10 years, freeing up space for the plant's decommissioning, said TEPCO executive Junichi Matsumoto, who is in charge of the treated water release. He says the water would be released gradually over the span of 30 years, but as long as the melted fuel stays in the reactors, it requires cooling water, which creates more wastewater.

Emptied tanks also need to be scrapped for storage. Highly radioactive sludge, a byproduct of filtering at the treatment machine, also is a concern.

WHAT CHALLENGES ARE AHEAD?

About 880 tons of fatally radioactive melted nuclear fuel remain inside the reactors. Robotic probes have provided some information but the status of the melted debris remains largely unknown.

Earlier this year, a remote-controlled underwater vehicle successfully collected a tiny sample from inside Unit 1's reactor — only a spoonful of the melted fuel debris in the three reactors. That's 10 times the amount of damaged fuel removed at the Three Mile Island cleanup following its 1979 partial core melt.

Trial removal of melted debris using a giant remote-controlled robotic arm will begin in Unit 2 later this year after a nearly two-year delay. Spent fuel removal from Unit 1 reactor's cooling pool is set to start in 2027 after a 10-year delay. Once all the spent fuel is removed, the focus will turn in 2031 to taking melted debris out of the reactors. But debris removal methods for two other reactors have not been decided.

Matsumoto says "technical difficulty involving the decommissioning is much higher" than the water release and involves higher risks of exposures by plant workers to remove spent fuel or melted fuel.

"Measures to reduce radiation exposure risks by plant workers will be increasingly difficult," Matsumoto said. "Reduction of exposure risks is the basis for achieving both Fukushima's recovery and decommissioning."

HOW BADLY WERE THE REACTORS DAMAGED?

Inside the worst-hit Unit 1, most of its reactor core melted and fell to the bottom of the primary containment chamber and possibly further into the concrete basement. A robotic probe sent inside the Unit 1 primary containment chamber found that its pedestal — the main supporting structure directly under its core — was extensively damaged.

Most of its thick concrete exterior was missing, exposing the internal steel reinforcement, and the nuclear regulators have requested TEPCO to make risk assessment.

CAN DECOMMISSIONING END BY 2051 AS PLANNED?

The government has stuck to its initial 30-to-40-year target for completing the decommissioning, without defining what that means.

An overly ambitious schedule could result in unnecessary radiation exposures for plant workers and excess environmental damage. Some experts say it would be impossible to remove all the melted fuel debris by 2051 and would take 50-100 years, if achieved at all.

A white man fatally shoots 3 Black people at a Florida store in a hate crime, then kills himself

By RUSS BYNUM, TERRY SPENCER and TRISHA AHMED Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A masked white man fatally shot three Black people inside a Jacksonville, Florida, Dollar General store in a predominately African-American neighborhood on Saturday, in an attack where he used a gun painted with a swastika, officials said. The shooter, who had also posted racist writings, then killed himself.

Jacksonville Sheriff T.K. Waters told a news conference that the attack that left two men and one woman dead was definitely “racially motivated.”

“He hated Black people,” Waters said after reviewing the man’s writings, which were sent to federal law enforcement officials and at least one media outlet shortly before the attack. He added that the gunman acted alone and “there is absolutely no evidence the shooter is part of any larger group.”

Waters said the shooter, who was in his 20s, used a Glock handgun and an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle with at least one of them painted with a swastika. He was wearing a bullet-resistant vest. He said the shooter had once been involved in a 2016 domestic violence incident and was once involuntarily committed to a mental hospital for examination. He did not provide further details on those incidents.

Officials didn’t immediately release the names of the victims or the shooter.

The sheriff said the gunman had left behind in his writings evidence that leads investigators to believe that he committed the shooting because it was the fifth anniversary of when another gunman opened fire during a video game tournament in Jacksonville, killing two people before fatally shooting himself.

The shooting happened just before 2 p.m. at a Dollar General about three-quarters of a mile from Edward Waters University, a small historically Black university.

In a statement, the university said that shortly before the shooting, one of its security officers saw the man near the school’s library and asked him to identify himself. When he refused, he was asked to leave. The man returned to his car.

Sheriff Waters said the man was spotted putting on his vest and mask before leaving. He said it is unknown if he had originally planned to attack the school.

“I can’t tell you what his mindset was while he was there, but he did go there,” the sheriff said.

Edward Waters students were locked down in their dorms for several hours after the shooting. No students or faculty are believed involved, the school said.

The shooter had driven to Jacksonville from neighboring Clay County, where he lived with his parents, the sheriff said. That house was being searched late Saturday.

Shortly before the attack, the shooter sent his father a text message telling him to check his computer. The father found the writings and the family notified 911, but the shooting had already begun, Sheriff Waters said.

“This is a dark day in Jacksonville’s history. There is no place for hate in this community,” the sheriff said. “I am sickened by this cowardly shooter’s personal ideology.” He said the investigation will continue. The FBI was helping the sheriff’s office and said it had opened a hate crime investigation.

Mayor Donna Deegan said she is “heartbroken.”

“This is a community that has suffered again and again. So many times this is where we end up,” Deegan said. “This is something that should not and must not continue to happen in our community.”

Gov. Ron DeSantis, after speaking by phone with the sheriff, called the shooter a “scumbag” and denounced his racist motivation.

“This guy killed himself rather than face the music and accept responsibility for his actions. He took the coward’s way out,” said DeSantis, who was in Iowa campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination.

Both President Joe Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland were briefed on the shooting, officials said.

Dollar General’s corporate office said in a statement that the company was supporting its Jacksonville employees “as we work closely with law enforcement.”

Virginia Bradford lives in the neighborhood of modest brick and cinder block houses near the store. She

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frequently shops at the Dollar General, and said she meant to go there Saturday for detergent and bleach, but got sidetracked by other plans.

"That's my store," Bradford told reporters, looking past patrol cars with flashing lights blocking the street to the store a block away. "I know everyone in the store. It's sad."

Unsettled by the racist killings, Bradford, who is Black, said she doubts she'll ever go back.

"I won't even send my kids up there anymore," she said. "My nerves are bad."

Penny Jones told The Associated Press in a phone interview that she worked at the store, located a few blocks away from her home, until a few months ago.

"I'm just waiting to hear about my co-workers that I used to work with," Jones said. "I don't know if it's safe to move about the neighborhood."

Jones added that she was "feeling awkward, scared."

Rudolph McKissick, a national board member of the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network, was in Jacksonville on Saturday when the shooting occurred.

"As it began to unfold, and I began to see the truth of it, my heart ached on several levels," said McKissick, who is a Baptist bishop and senior pastor of the Bethel Church in Jacksonville.

The neighborhood of the shooting is known as Newton. "It's a Black neighborhood, and what we don't want is for it to be painted in some kind of light, that it is filled with plight, violence and decadence," McKissick said.

The shooting took place within hours of the conclusion of a commemorative March on Washington in the nation's capital, where organizers drew attention to the growing threat of hate-motivated violence against people of color.

Reached by The Associated Press on Saturday evening, march attendee and Jacksonville native Marsha Dean Phelts said learning of the shooting was "a death blow."

"It hurts," Phelts said by phone while on a charter bus home from Washington. Many fellow bus riders began hearing about the deadly shooting in their community, just before they all boarded to make the long journey back, she said.

"It's a neighborhood, a Black community that we come out of," said Phelts, 79, who is Black. "It's where our college is, Edward Waters University."

LaTonya Thomas, 52, who also was riding a charter bus from the march home to Jacksonville, said she wouldn't allow the shooting to completely dampen her spirits. But she did feel sadness.

"We took this long journey from Jacksonville, Florida, to be a part of history," she said. "When I was told that there was a white shooter in a predominantly Black area, I felt like that was a targeted situation."

The attack on a shopping center in a predominately Black neighborhood will undoubtedly evoke fears of past shootings targeting Black Americans, like the one at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket in 2022, and one at a historic African Methodist Episcopal church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015.

The Buffalo supermarket shooting, in particular, stands apart as one of the deadliest targeted attacks on Black people by a white lone gunman in U.S. history. Ten people were killed by the gunman, who has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The shooting happened one day before the 63rd anniversary of one of Jacksonville's most notorious racist incidents, "Ax Handle Saturday." A group of Black protesters were conducting a peaceful sit-in at a city park to protest the Jim Crow laws that kept them out of white-owned stores and restaurants. That's when they were attacked by 200 members of the Ku Klux Klan, who hit them with bats and ax handles as police stood by.

Only when members of a Black street gang arrived to fight the Klansmen did the police intercede. Only Black people were arrested.

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in a statement. The NSF said it also created an office to deal with such complaints, provided a confidential victim's advocate, and established a 24-hour helpline.

On the ice, with limited options for socializing, many head to one of McMurdo's two main bars: Southern Exposure or Gallagher's.

Neither has windows, workers say, and they smell of body odor and decades of stale beer that has seeped into the floor. In the summer, when the sun shines all night, people walk out of the bars and are dazzled by the light.

One night at Southern Exposure, Monahon told the AP, Buckingham began laughing with buddies about who was going to sleep with her and her friend. Next thing, he was forehead to forehead with another man, she says. Buckingham, reached by phone in New Zealand, declined to comment and hung up.

Monahon says she repeatedly told Buckingham she didn't want to speak with him. Soon after, she heard Buckingham was angry at her.

Worried, she says, she told PAE's human resources she feared for her safety. They took no action. A week later, Buckingham rushed up to her in Gallagher's, shaking with anger, shouting and threatening her, she says.

"You've been talking s--- about my mother," he yelled at her, she says, leaving her baffled. "People who talk s--- about my mother deserve to die."

Monahon says she was shocked to the core. "Snitches will get stitches," she says Buckingham snarled as others intervened.

Cameron Dailey-Ruddy, who bartended at Gallagher's, witnessed the commotion. He ordered everyone but Monahon to leave and called 911, which connects to the station firehouse. From the dispatcher, Dailey-Ruddy got the numbers for the Leidors station manager and PAE's HR representative and asked them to come to the bar.

"It was kind of an open secret at that point that that guy had been harassing her," said Dailey-Ruddy. He added that Buckingham was at the bars most nights, sometimes drank in public areas and harassed women.

Monahon says the managers brought her to a secret room and told her she could skip work the next day. It was the last time she would feel supported by management.

After a night in her new room, Monahon met with PAE's HR representative, Michelle Izzi.

Monahon claims Izzi discouraged her from reporting what happened to the deputy U.S. marshal, in part because it would create jurisdictional headaches and even an international problem, as Buckingham was a New Zealand citizen. Monahon also says Izzi told her she needed to carefully consider how filing charges might affect her personally and impact the entire U.S. Antarctic Program.

In a later recorded meeting, Izzi denied that she discouraged Monahon and said she had in fact instructed her to call the marshal. Izzi did not respond to the AP's requests for comment.

The next night, Dailey-Ruddy says, Buckingham was back at the bar. The night after, according to another person familiar with the situation, Buckingham got into a physical altercation with another man.

Dailey-Ruddy wasn't surprised by the lack of action against Buckingham.

"It seemed like par for the course in terms of the culture, and sexual harassment, and how women's safety was addressed on the station," he says.

Meanwhile, Monahon had taken the machinist's hammer to defend herself. In a statement to PAE's HR department, she wrote: "Zak Buckingham is a danger to me. He has threatened my life. He is capable of hurting me and he wants to hurt me. ... I have been living in fear for the last two days."

With her employers doing nothing to address her concerns, Monahon's immediate boss and co-workers came up with their own plan, according to two employees familiar with the situation.

Monahon was told to pack her bags, and the next morning joined a group trying to navigate a safe route across the sea ice over eight days to resupply a tiny U.S. outpost. The crossing is risky because the

A gang in Haiti opens fire on a crowd of parishioners trying to rid the community of criminals

By EVENS SANON Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A powerful gang opened fire Saturday on a large group of parishioners led by a pastor as they marched through a community armed with machetes to rid the area of gang members.

The attack was filmed in real time by journalists at the scene, and several people were killed and others injured, Marie Yolène Gilles, director of human rights group Fondasyon Je Klere, told The Associated Press.

She watched online as hundreds of people from a local church marched through Canaan, a makeshift town in the outskirts of the capital of Port-au-Prince founded by survivors who lost their homes in the devastating 2010 earthquake.

It wasn't immediately clear how many people were killed and injured in the attack.

Canaan is controlled by a gang led by a man identified only as "Jeff," who is believed to be allied with the "5 Seconds" gang.

Gangs have grown more powerful since the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, and they are estimated to control up to 80% of Port-au-Prince.

Gédéon Jean, director of Haiti's Center for Analysis and Research in Human Rights, told the AP that he also watched the event unfold online and planned to ask the Ministry of Justice to investigate.

He accused the pastor of being irresponsible because he "engaged a group of people and put them in a situation like this."

The parishioners who clutched machetes and yelled "Free Canaan!" were no match for gang members armed with assault rifles.

"Police should have stopped them from going," Jean said. "It's extremely horrible for the state to let something like this happen."

A spokesperson for Haiti's National Police did not return a message for comment.

From Jan. 1 until Aug. 15, more than 2,400 people in Haiti were reported killed, more than 950 kidnapped and another 902 injured, according to the most recent United Nations statistics.

Fed up with the surge in gang violence, Haitians organized a violent movement in April known as "bwa kale" that targets suspected gang members. More than 350 people have been killed since the uprising began, according to the U.N.

In October, the Haitian government requested the immediate deployment of a foreign armed force to quell gang violence.

The government of Kenya has offered to lead a multinational force, and a delegation of top officials from the eastern African country visited Haiti recently as part of a reconnaissance mission.

The U.S. said earlier this month that it would introduce a U.N. Security Council resolution that would authorize Kenya to take such action.

Bob Barker, dapper 'Price Is Right' and 'Truth or Consequences' host and animal advocate, dies at 99

By FRAZIER MOORE AP Television Writer

Bob Barker, the enduring, dapper game show host who became a household name over a half century of hosting "Truth or Consequences" and "The Price Is Right," has died. He was 99.

Barker — also a longtime animal rights activist — died Saturday morning at his home in Los Angeles, publicist Roger Neal said.

"I am so proud of the trailblazing work Barker and I did together to expose the cruelty to animals in the entertainment industry and including working to improve the plight of abused and exploited animals in the United States and internationally," said Nancy Burnet, his longtime friend and co-executor of his estate, in a statement.

Barker retired in June 2007, telling his studio audience: "I thank you, thank you, thank you for inviting

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me into your home for more than 50 years.”

Barker was working in radio in 1956 when producer Ralph Edwards invited him to audition as the new host of “Truth or Consequences,” a game show in which audience members had to do wacky stunts — the “consequence” — if they failed to answer a question — the “truth,” which was always the silly punchline to a riddle no one was ever meant to furnish. (Q: What did one eye say to another? A: Just between us, something smells.)

In a 1996 interview with The Associated Press, Barker recalled receiving the news that he had been hired: “I know exactly where I was, I know exactly how I felt: I hung up the phone and said to my wife, ‘Dorothy Jo, I got it!’”

Barker stayed with “Truth or Consequences” for 18 years — including several years in a syndicated version.

Meanwhile, he began hosting a resurrected version of “The Price Is Right” on CBS in 1972. (The original host in the 1950s and ‘60s was Bill Cullen.) It would become TV’s longest-running game show and the last on a broadcast network of what in TV’s early days had numbered dozens.

“I have grown old in your service,” the silver-haired, perennially tanned Barker joked on a prime-time television retrospective in the mid-‘90s.

CBS said in a statement that daytime television has lost one of its “most iconic stars.

“We lost a beloved member of the CBS family today with the passing of Bob Barker,” the network said, noting that he had “made countless people’s dreams come true and everyone feel like a winner when they were called to ‘come on down.’”

In all, he taped more than 5,000 shows in his career. He said he was retiring because “I’m just reaching the age where the constant effort to be there and do the show physically is a lot for me. ... Better (to leave) a year too soon than a year too late.” Comedian Drew Carey was chosen to replace him.

Barker was back with Carey for one show broadcast in April 2009. He was there to promote the publication of his memoir, “Priceless Memories,” in which he summed up his joy from hosting the show as the opportunity “to watch people reveal themselves and to watch the excitement and humor unfold.”

“There hasn’t been a day on set that I didn’t think of Bob Barker and thank him. I will carry his memory in my heart forever,” Carey wrote in a post on X, the site formerly known as Twitter.

Barker well understood the attraction of “The Price Is Right,” in which audience members — invited to “Come on down!” to the stage — competed for prizes by trying to guess their retail value.

“Everyone can identify with prices, even the president of the United States. Viewers at home become involved because they all have an opinion on the bids,” Barker once said. His own appeal was clear: Barker played it straight — warm, gracious and witty — refusing to mock the game show format or his contestants.

“I want the contestants to feel as though they’re guests in my home,” he said in 1996. “Perhaps my feeling of respect for them comes across to viewers, and that may be one of the reasons why I’ve lasted.”

As a TV personality, Barker retained a touch of the old school — for instance, no wireless microphone for him. Like the mic itself, the mic cord served him well as a prop, insouciantly flicked and finessed.

His career longevity, he said, was the result of being content. “I had the opportunity to do this type of show and I discovered I enjoyed it ... People who do something that they thoroughly enjoy and they started doing it when they’re very young, I don’t think they want to stop.”

Barker also spent 20 years as host of the Miss USA Pageant and the Miss Universe Pageant. A longtime animal rights activist who daily urged his viewers to “have your pets spayed or neutered” and successfully lobbied to ban fur coats as prizes on “The Price Is Right,” he quit the Miss USA Pageant in 1987 in protest over the presentation of fur coats to the winners.

Among his activities on behalf of animals was a \$250,000 donation to Save the Chimps, the Fort Pierce, Florida-based organization said in an emailed statement Saturday.

“Bob Barker’s kind spirit lives on at Save the Chimps, where we walk every day on the road named for him after his game-changing contribution,” said Save the Chimps’ CEO Ana Paula Tavares. At the time of the donation, Barker said that he hoped chimpanzees tortured “physically and mentally” for years when being used for research experiments would find “the first peace, contentment and love they have ever

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known at Save the Chimps.”

In 1997, Barker declined to be a presenter at the Daytime Emmy awards ceremony because he said it snubbed game shows by not airing awards in the category. He called game shows “the pillars of daytime TV.”

He had a memorable cameo appearance on the big screen in 1996, sparring with Adam Sandler in the movie “Happy Gilmore.” “I did ‘The Price Is Right’ for 35 years, and they’re asking me how it was to beat up Adam Sandler,” Barker later joked.

Sandler paid tribute to Barker on Instagram Saturday with a series of images of them together. “The man. The myth. The best. Such a sweet funny guy to hang out with.” Sandler captioned the post. “Loved talking to him. Loved laughing with him. Loved him kicking the crap out of me.”

In 1994, the widowed Barker was sued for sexual harassment by Dian Parkinson, a “Price is Right” model for 18 years. Barker admitted engaging in “hanky panky” with Parkinson from 1989-91 but said she initiated the relationship. Parkinson dropped the lawsuit in 1995, saying it was hurting her health.

Barker became embroiled in a dispute with another former “Price Is Right” model, Holly Hallstrom, who claimed she was fired in 1995 because the show’s producers believed she was fat. Barker denied the allegations.

Neither uproar affected goodwill from the audience.

Born in Darrington, Washington, in 1923, Barker spent part of his childhood on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where his widowed mother had taken a teaching job. The family later moved to Springfield, Mo., where he attended high school. He served in the Navy in World War II.

He married Dorothy Jo Gideon, his high school sweetheart; she died in 1981 after 37 years of marriage. They had no children.

Barker was given a lifetime achievement award at the 26th annual Daytime Emmy Awards in 1999. He closed his acceptance remarks with the signoff: “Have your pets spayed or neutered.”

FIFA suspends Spain soccer federation president Luis Rubiales for 90 days after World Cup win kiss

By GRAHAM DUNBAR and JOSEPH WILSON AP Sports Writers

GENEVA (AP) — FIFA suspended Spanish soccer federation president Luis Rubiales on Saturday while its disciplinary committee investigates his conduct at the Women’s World Cup final, which included kissing player Jenni Hermoso on the lips after Spain’s victory.

The provisional suspension comes less than a week after Spain’s 1-0 victory over England in Sydney, Australia, and a day after Rubiales refused to resign, despite intense pressure from the Spanish government, women players, soccer clubs and officials. Rubiales’ conduct, which also included grabbing his crotch, has overshadowed the enormous accomplishment of Spain’s first Women’s World Cup title.

Hermoso has said she did not consent to the kiss, and the team’s players have said they will not play any more games as long as Rubiales is in charge. It was not immediately clear how FIFA’s latest intervention might affect that.

FIFA said it removed Rubiales from soccer duties for 90 days “pending the disciplinary proceedings opened” against him Thursday.

The president of Spain’s women’s league, Beatriz Álvarez, told The Associated Press that she believed this was the end of Rubiales’ soccer career. The league filed one of several official complaints against Rubiales that Spain’s government has received.

“Luis Rubiales is finished. He has dug his own grave with his acts and his words,” Álvarez said. “Whether it is because of the action of FIFA or the Spanish government, I am sure that Luis Rubiales won’t spend another minute as president of the Spanish federation.”

The federation appointed vice-president Pedro Rocha as acting president. It added in a statement that Rubiales “has complete trust in the FIFA’s procedures and will use this opportunity to start his defense so

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that the truth is known and he is proven innocent.”

The federation has threatened legal action against Hermoso for refusing to accept Rubiales’ version of the kiss that happened at the on-field medal and trophy presentation last Sunday.

FIFA has given no timetable for a ruling. The body’s disciplinary judges can impose sanctions ranging from warnings and fines to suspensions from the sport.

Rubiales, who is also UEFA vice president, has been leading the joint bid by Spain, Portugal, Morocco — and possibly Ukraine — to host the 2030 World Cup. His suspension means he cannot attend UEFA meetings or vote in October to decide the winning bids for the 2028 and 2032 European Championships.

Also Saturday, FIFA disciplinary judge Jorge Palacio ordered Rubiales and the federation not to contact Hermoso, FIFA said in a statement. Hermoso had said the federation pressured her to publicly back Rubiales.

Spain’s government — via its Higher Council for Sports — filed a lawsuit Friday alleging that Rubiales violated the country’s sports laws on two counts: for an alleged abuse of power and for allegedly committing acts that tarnished the dignity and decorum of a sporting event. If found guilty, Rubiales could be ruled unfit to hold office.

Spain’s Secretary of State for Sports Víctor Francos, who heads the sports council, said FIFA’s decision “reinforces and reaffirms that the path that the government of Spain announced yesterday was correct.”

At an emergency general assembly of the federation on Friday, Rubiales had dug in, painting himself as the victim of a “witch hunt” by “false feminists” and receiving applause from the mostly male crowd.

Hermoso responded that Rubiales was lying about the kiss being consensual and that she had felt intimidated.

The federation backed Rubiales, saying he was telling the truth.

While Rubiales held his ground, federation vice president Rafael del Amo, who had been in charge of women’s soccer, resigned. Four assistant coaches for Spain’s senior team, plus two coaches of the women’s youth teams, and five other staff members for the senior and youth women’s teams also resigned Saturday.

Hermoso received an ovation from the crowd when she attended a preseason match Saturday for Atletico Madrid, the club where the 33-year-old forward started her long and successful career. Players of Atletico and visitors AC Milan posed before a banner reading “(We Are) With You Jennifer Hermoso.”

Meanwhile, the honorary “Game for the Friends of Luis Rubiales” in which Rubiales was planning to play in southern Spain was canceled by local authorities over security concerns. Feminist groups planned to protest the match in Motril, which had been scheduled before the scandal erupted.

Cadiz and Sevilla became the first men’s teams to make public showings of support for Hermoso before playing games at their home stadiums.

Cadiz’s players held up a banner saying, “We Are All With Jenni.”

“The club did what it was supposed to do, which was to send a message of unity for men’s and women’s soccer,” Cadiz player Luis Hernández said.

Sevilla’s player wore T-shirts with the message, “This is over,” echoing words Hermoso’s teammate and two-time Ballon d’Or winner Alexia Putellas posted on social media Friday. The crowd also chanted: “This is over!”

Also, Barcelona coach Xavi Hernández condemned Rubiales’ behavior, calling it “totally unacceptable.”

Others who have criticized Rubiales have included the European players’ union, Spain’s women’s league and political parties from both the left and right in Spain. Iberia airlines and other federation sponsors said they backed the government’s effort against him.

While Rubiales mustered some support at the assembly, his supporters began to abandon him after his suspension. Spain’s women’s coach Jorge Vilda and Spain’s men’s coach Luis de la Fuente, who were among those applauding him Friday, issued statements Saturday admonishing his conduct.

The furor over Rubiales comes months after Spanish soccer was rocked by racist insults on Black star Vinicius Junior. Several people were arrested and charged with racist chants against Junior and of hanging an effigy of him.

Rubiales, 46, holds the No. 3-ranking elected position in the UEFA, which pays him 250,000 euros (\$270,000) annually plus expenses. Rubiales made 339,000 euros (\$365,000) in 2021 after taxes for pre-

siding over the Spanish federation.

He was elected to the executive committee by UEFA member federations in 2019 and was promoted to the vice presidency by UEFA president Aleksander Čeferin.

Neither UEFA nor Čeferin have commented on the Rubiales scandal.

Rubiales, whose term runs through next summer, is a former player who led the Spanish affiliate of the world's players union for eight years before being elected in 2018 to replace his federation predecessor, who ended up behind bars for corruption.

His tenure has been marked by moves to modernize Spanish soccer as well as scandal. He revamped the Copa del Rey to make it a shorter and more exciting competition. But his overhaul of the Spanish Super Cup, which consisted in taking it to Saudi Arabia for \$40 million a year, was criticized by human rights groups and scrutinized by authorities. Last year, Spain's state prosecutors' office announced it was opening a probe into the contracts behind the Spanish Super Cup contracts.

Trump campaign reports raising more than \$7 million after Georgia booking

By JILL COLVIN Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — For former President Donald Trump, a picture is worth... more than \$7 million.

Trump's campaign says he has raised \$7.1 million since Thursday when he was booked at the Fulton County Jail in Georgia on charges that he illegally schemed to overturn the 2020 election in the state and became the first former president in U.S. history to ever have a mug shot taken.

Spokesman Steven Cheung said that, on Friday alone, the campaign brought in \$4.18 million — its highest-grossing day to date.

The record haul underscores how Trump's legal woes have been a fundraising boon for his campaign, even as his political operation has spent tens of millions on his defense. The mounting legal charges have also failed to dent Trump's standing in the Republican presidential primary, with the former president now routinely beating his rivals by 30 to 50 points in polls.

While Trump described his appearance Thursday as a "terrible experience" and said posing for the historic mug shot was "not a comfortable feeling," his campaign immediately seized on its fundraising power.

Before he had even flown home to New Jersey, his campaign was using it in fundraising pitches to supporters. Trump amplified that message both on his Truth Social site and by returning to X, the site formerly known as Twitter, for the first time in two-and-a-half years to share the image and direct supporters to a fundraising page.

Within hours, the campaign had also released a new line of merchandise featuring the image that began with t-shirts and now includes beer Koozies, bumper stickers, a signed poster, bumper stickers and mug shot mugs.

Cheung said that contributions from those who had purchased merchandise or donated without prompting skyrocketed, especially after Trump's tweet.

The new contributions, he said, had helped push the campaign's fundraising haul over the last three weeks to close to \$20 million. Trump in early August was indicted in Washington on felony charges related to his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election in the run-up to the violent riot by his supporters at the U.S. Capitol.

At the same time, Trump's political operation has been burning through tens of millions of dollars on lawyers as he battles charges in four separate jurisdictions. Recent campaign finance filing showed that, while Trump raised over \$53 million during the first half of 2023 — a period in which his first two criminal indictments were turned into a rallying cry that sent his fundraising soaring — his political committees have paid out at least \$59.2 million to more than 100 lawyers and law firms since January 2021.

Much of Florida under state of emergency as possible tropical storm forms in Gulf of Mexico

By TERRY SPENCER Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Forecasters are warning of possible flash flooding and landslides across the eastern Yucatan peninsula and western Cuba, and Florida braced for a possible hurricane by midweek, as a weather system off the coast of Mexico was expected to become a tropical storm by Sunday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency Saturday for most of the state's Gulf coast as the weather system strengthens as it moves northward across the Gulf of Mexico. The National Hurricane Center warned Saturday that the system could produce dangerous storm surge, heavy rain and strong winds to Florida's Gulf coast and Panhandle by midweek.

DeSantis' declaration covers the Gulf coast from the southwestern city of Fort Myers north through Panama City in the Panhandle. Thirty-three of the state's 67 counties are covered in the declaration.

The hurricane center says there's a 70% chance the system will become a tropical storm by Monday and a 90% chance overall. Currently, it would be named "Idalia" if no other tropical storm forms before it. Forecast models do not show the storm's center approaching the areas of southwest Florida where deadly Hurricane Ian struck last year.

DeSantis said in a statement that he issued his executive order "out of an abundance of caution to ensure that the Florida Division of Emergency Management can begin staging resources and Floridians have plenty of time to prepare their families for a storm next week."

"I encourage Floridians to have a plan in place and ensure that their hurricane supply kit is stocked," he said.

Forecast models have the storm curving to the northeast toward Florida, coming ashore along the Gulf coast north of Tampa near the Big Bend area and then heading diagonally across the state to emerge again in the Atlantic Ocean near southeast Georgia.

So far this year, the U.S. East Coast has been spared from cyclones. But out west, Tropical Storm Hilary caused widespread flooding, mudslides and road closures earlier this month in Mexico, California, Nevada and points to the north.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration recently said the 2023 hurricane season would be far busier than initially forecast, partly because of extremely warm ocean temperatures. The season runs through Nov. 30, with August and September typically the peak.

Thousands converge on National Mall to mark the March on Washington's 60th anniversary

By AARON MORRISON and AYANNA ALEXANDER AP National Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands converged Saturday on the National Mall for the 60th anniversary of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington, saying a country that remains riven by racial inequality has yet to fulfill his dream.

"We have made progress, over the last 60 years, since Dr. King led the March on Washington," said Alphonso David, president and CEO of the Global Black Economic Forum. "Have we reached the mountaintop? Not by a long shot."

The event was convened by the Kings' Drum Major Institute and the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network. A host of Black civil rights leaders and a multiracial, interfaith coalition of allies rallied attendees on the same spot where as many as 250,000 gathered in 1963 for what is still considered one of the greatest and most consequential racial justice and equality demonstrations in U.S. history.

Inevitably, Saturday's event was shot through with contrasts to the initial, historic demonstration. Speakers and banners talked about the importance of LGBTQ and Asian American rights. Many who addressed the crowd were women after only one was given the microphone in 1963.

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Pamela Mays McDonald of Philadelphia attended the initial march as a child. "I was 8 years old at the original March and only one woman was allowed to speak — she was from Arkansas where I'm from — now look at how many women are on the podium today," she said.

For some, the contrasts between the size of the original demonstration and the more modest turnout Saturday were bittersweet. "I often look back and look over to the reflection pool and the Washington Monument and I see a quarter of a million people 60 years ago and just a trickling now," said Marsha Dean Phelts of Amelia Island, Florida. "It was more fired up then. But the things we were asking for and needing, we still need them today."

As speakers delivered messages, they were overshadowed by the sounds of passenger planes taking off from Ronald Reagan National Airport. Rugby games were underway along the Mall in close proximity to the Lincoln Memorial while joggers and bikers went about their routines.

Yolanda King, the 15-year-old granddaughter of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., roused marchers with remarks delivered from the same spot her grandfather gave the "I Have A Dream" speech sixty years ago.

"If I could speak to my grandfather today, I would say I'm sorry we still have to be here to rededicate ourselves to finishing your work and ultimately realizing your dream," she said. "Today, racism is still with us. Poverty is still with us. And now, gun violence has come for places of worship, our schools and our shopping centers."

From the podium, Sharpton promised more demonstrations to push back against injustices, new and old.

"Sixty years ago Martin Luther King talked about a dream. Sixty years later we're the dreamers. The problem is we're facing the schemers," Sharpton said. "The dreamers are fighting for voting rights. The schemers are changing voter regulations in states. The dreamers are standing up for women's right to choose. The schemers are arguing whether they are going to make you stop at six weeks or 15 weeks."

After the speeches, the crowd marched to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

Several leaders from groups organizing the march met Friday with Attorney General Merrick Garland and Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the civil rights division, to discuss a range of issues, including voting rights, policing and redlining.

Saturday's gathering was a precursor to the actual anniversary of the Aug. 28, 1963 March on Washington. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris will observe the march anniversary on Monday by meeting with organizers of the 1963 gathering. All of King's children have been invited to meet with Biden, White House officials said.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Washington remarks have resounded through decades of push and pull toward progress in civil and human rights. But dark moments followed his speech, too.

Two weeks later in 1963, four Black girls were killed in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama, followed by the kidnapping and murder of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi the following year. The tragedies spurred passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The voting rights marches from Montgomery to Selma, Alabama, in which marchers were brutally beaten while crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge in what became known as "Bloody Sunday," forced Congress to adopt the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Speakers warned that King's unfinished dream was in danger of being further whittled away. "I'm very concerned about the direction our country is going in," Martin Luther King III said. "And it is because instead of moving forward, it feels as if we're moving back. The question is, what are we going to do?"

Rosetta Manns-Baugh knew the answer: Keep fighting.

"I think we have accomplished a lot, but I also think we lost," said Manns-Baugh, who was a Trailways bus counter worker in 1963 when she left her seven children and husband at home in Virginia to come to D.C. Now she's so disillusioned she's stopped singing "We Shall Overcome," the anthem of the civil rights movement.

But even at age 92, she returned to Washington for the 60th anniversary, bringing three generations of her family, all the way down to her 18-month-old grandchild. "I think that's why we all are here because we do expect the world to get better," Manns-Baugh said. "We can't stop working at it that's for sure."

Fukushima residents are cautious after the wrecked nuclear plant began releasing treated wastewater

By MARI YAMAGUCHI Associated Press

IWAKI, Japan (AP) — Fish auction prices at a port south of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant were mixed amid uncertainty over how seafood consumers will respond to the release of treated and diluted radioactive wastewater into the ocean.

The plant, which was damaged in the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, began sending the treated water into the Pacific on Thursday despite protests at home and in nearby countries that are adding political and diplomatic pressures to the economic worries.

Hideaki Igari, a middleman at the Numanouchi fishing port, said the price of larger flounder, Fukushima's signature fish known as Joban-mono, was more than 10% lower at the Friday morning auction, the first since the water release began. Prices of some average-size flounder rose, but presumably due to a limited catch, says Igari. Others fell.

It was a relatively calm market reaction to the water release. But, Igari said, "we still have to see how it goes next week."

The decadeslong release has been strongly opposed by fishing groups and criticized by neighboring countries. China immediately banned imports of seafood from Japan in response, adding to worries in the fisheries community and related businesses.

In Seoul on Saturday, thousands of South Koreans took to the streets to condemn the release of wastewater and to criticize the South Korean government for endorsing the plan. The protesters called on Japan to store radioactive water in tanks instead of releasing it into the Pacific Ocean.

A citizens' radiation testing center in Japan said it's getting inquiries and expects more people might bring in food, water and other samples as radiation data is now a key barometer for what to eat.

Japanese fishing groups fear the release will do more harm to the reputation of seafood from the Fukushima area. They are still striving to repair the damage to their businesses from the meltdown at the power plant after the earthquake and tsunami.

"We now have this water after all these years of struggle when the fish market price is finally becoming stable," Igari said after Friday's auction. "Fisheries people fear that prices of the fish they catch for their living may crash again, and worry about their future living."

The Japanese government and the plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, say the water must be released to make way for the facility's decommissioning and to prevent accidental leaks of insufficiently treated water. Much of tank-held water still contains radioactive materials exceeding releasable levels.

Some wastewater at the plant is recycled as coolant after treatment, and the rest is stored in around 1,000 tanks, which are filled to 98% of their 1.37 million-ton capacity. The tanks cover much of the complex and must be cleared out to make room for new facilities needed for the decommissioning process, officials say.

Authorities say the wastewater after treatment and dilution is safer than international standards require, and that its environmental impact will be negligible. On Friday, the first seawater samples collected after the release were significantly below the legally releasable levels, the power company said.

But, having suffered a series of accidental and intended releases of contaminated water from the plant early in the disaster, hard feelings and distrust of the government and TEPCO run deep in Fukushima — especially in the fishing community.

TEPCO says the release will take 30 years, or until the end of the plant decommissioning. People fear that could mean a tough future for youths in the fishing town, where many businesses are family-run.

Fukushima's current catch already is only about one-fifth its pre-disaster level due to a decline in the number of fishers and decreased catch sizes.

The government has allocated 80 billion yen (\$550 million) to support fisheries and seafood processing, and to combat potential reputation damage by sponsoring campaigns to promote Fukushima's Joban-

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mono and processed seafood. TEPCO has promised to deal with reputational damage claims, and those hurt by China's export ban.

Tetsu Nozaki, head of the Fukushima prefectural fisheries cooperatives, said in a statement that worries of the fishing community will continue for as long as the water is released.

"Our only wish is to continue fishing for generations in our home town, like we used to before the accident," Nozaki said.

Fish prices largely depend on the sentiment of wholesalers and consumers in the Tokyo region, where large portions of the Fukushima catch goes.

At the Friday auction at the Numanouchi port, the price for flounder was down from its usual level of about 3,500 yen (\$24) per kilogram (2.2 pounds) to around 3,000 yen (\$20), said Igari, the middleman.

"I suspect the result is because of the start of the treated water release from the Fukushima Daiichi and fear about its impact," he said.

Igari said the discharge is discouraging but hopes careful testing can prove the safety of their fish. "From the consumers' point of view about food safety at home, I think the best barometer is data," he said.

At Mother's Radiation Lab Fukushima in Iwaki, a citizens' testing center known as Tarachine, tests were being conducted on water samples, including on tritium levels for seawater that the lab collected from just off the Fukushima Daiichi plant before the release.

Lab director Ai Kimura said anyone can bring in food, water or even soil, though the lab has big backlogs because testing take time.

She joined the lab after regretting she might not have fully protected her daughters because of the lack of information and knowledge earlier in the disaster. She says having independent test results is important not because of distrust of government data, but because "we learned over the past 12 years the importance of testing in order to get data" on what mothers want to know for serving safe and healthy food to their children and families.

Kimura said people have different views about safety — some are fine with government standards, others want them to be as close to zero as possible.

"It's very difficult to make everyone feel safe. ... That's why we conduct testing so we can visualize data on food from different places and help people have more options to make a decision," she said.

Kimura said the lab's testing has shown Fukushima fish to be safe over the past few years, and she happily eats local fish.

"It's totally fine to eat fish that does not contain radiation," she said.

But now the treated wastewater release will bring new questions, she said.

Aeon, a major supermarket chain that has been testing cesium and iodine levels in fish, announced plans to also test for tritium, a radionuclide inseparable from water.

Katsumasa Okawa, a fish store and restaurant operator who was at one of his four shops Thursday, said customers were sparse after the plant started its final steps of the treated water release at 1 p.m. and media reports covered the development.

But on Friday, he said, his Yamako seafood restaurant next to Iwaki's main train station seemed to be doing business as usual, with customers coming in and out during lunchtime.

Okawa said he's been looking forward to the wastewater draining as a big step toward decommissioning the nuclear plant. "I feel more at ease thinking those tanks will finally go away."

Okawa, who said he did voluntary testing of his products for a number of years after the disaster, is worried about returning to the days of radiation testing and data as a benchmark of what to eat.

"I think too much testing data only triggers concerns," he said. "I'm confident about what I sell and I will just keep up the work."

Some people say they want to eat good fish and not worry.

Bus driver Hideki Tanaka, on vacation and fishing at another Iwaki port of Onagawa, said he hoped to catch horse mackerel.

"If you worry too much, you can't eat fish from anywhere," he said.

Hawaii's cherished notion of family, the ohana, endures in tragedy's aftermath

By BOBBY CAINA CALVAN, JAE C. HONG and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Families were torn asunder. A community is reeling with grief. More than 100 people have perished and dozens more remain missing after flames and smoke barreled from the hills and annihilated the historic town of Lahaina.

But even in places overwhelmed by despair and devastation, the Hawaiian spirit known as ohana endures.

In the Hawaiian lexicon, ohana is a sensibility, a way of thinking that means family, belonging, community and so much more — solace in a time of calamity. It is a unifying principle in an increasingly fragmented world. And in recent weeks, amid misfortune, the word has taken on profound importance in a place appealing for help.

"In times like this, ohana gets stronger," says Dustin Kaleiopu, whose Maui roots date back to when monarchs ruled the islands.

The kanaka of Hawaii, the Native Hawaiians who inhabit the islands, value ohana, which extends beyond the familial ties of blood. It is a life nourished by kinship.

"In a small town like Lahaina, we all know each other. We've all grown up together," says Kaleiopu, whose ohana came to his aid after he and his grandfather escaped the flames that turned their home into a mound of ash and charred debris. "It's such a tight-knit community."

TESTING THE BONDS OF OHANA

Finding grace and solace can be almost unimaginable when the very world around you is burning. This is what Lahaina faces today as the smoke begins to clear.

Thousands of other homes are gone. At least 115 people are confirmed dead. And by some counts, more than 100 of Lahaina's residents remain unaccounted for: fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, young and old, friends and neighbors — all part of someone's ohana.

"There's plenty of families who've been displaced by the fire. So we're going to take care of our community as much as possible. So in this sense, our community is the ohana," says Kapali Keahi, whose family has lived on Maui for generations.

In the days, and now weeks, after the deadliest wildfire in the United States in more than a century, families who lost homes and possessions continue to depend on the generosity of relatives, friends and even strangers. Shipments of food, clothes and everyday necessities keep arriving from the state's other islands, including Oahu, home to Honolulu.

Online fundraisers, many set up by displaced families, have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, much of it from distant places. One relief fund has well surpassed \$1.2 million, its 6,400 donors hailing from every part of the globe.

So much of Lahaina has been lost. Left behind are people in deep despair, said Kekai Keahi, another Lahaina resident. One thing, though, remained strong: a connecting strand.

"Ohana was never lost. It never left," he said. "We will always come to each other's aid."

Keahi spoke as Hawaiian flags fluttered near the ocean and a Native Hawaiian group calling itself Na 'Ohana o Lele — the ohana of Lahaina — gathered at a beachside park to speak on behalf of their community.

The message from the group was clear: There will be talk of rebuilding, yes, but families need time to grieve and begin healing before any of that begins.

Archie Kalepa, a surfing legend and revered member of Maui's Native Hawaiian community, urged his ohana to honor core values. "Love your family, take care of the land," he said, "and you'll rebuild your community."

MANY PEOPLE FROM MANY PLACES, UNITED

The community of 13,000 people included immigrants from many parts of the world. Here, they find common ground.

No matter where they came from, no matter when they arrived, transplants are soon charmed by Ha-

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waii's culture, a melange of imported customs and traditions melded together by ways in existence long before the British imperialist and explorer Capt. James Cook came across the Hawaiian archipelago nearly 250 years ago while crossing the Pacific.

As they assimilate, newcomers pick up the oft-spoken vocabulary intrinsic to island life. "Mahalo" conveys gratitude, admiration and respect. "Aloha" is for hello and goodbye, or for love and affection — a word with the warmth of a hug and the beauty of a lei.

Then there is ohana. As the movie "Lilo & Stitch" defined it, "ohana means family, and family means nobody is left behind or forgotten."

With so many dead or missing, a sentiment like that is ripe to resonate across a community coping with loss.

"It's all about family out here," says Mike Tomas, whose immediate family lost their home in the fire and are sheltering in the homes of friends and relatives. He had planned to move with his girlfriend to Texas sometime in the fall, but they will now depart much sooner.

"Nothing's left here," he says. Not even the clothes and belongings they had begun packing. But he knows he'll be back.

"This has always been home," he says. "This is where family is."

Amber Bobin moved from Chicago to Maui nearly four years ago. She says she was drawn, in part, by the culture and strong bonds of community.

Earlier this week, she joined a small group to hang 115 crosses on fences erected along the road that cuts through Lahaina. That's a single cross for each of the souls whose remains have been found. Bobin expected to hang more crosses in the coming days. The fence also was festooned with a collection of ribbons, one for every person still missing.

And if ohana is a way of life in good times, those crosses and ribbons help reveal what it is in tough ones: a mindset that ensures those who have been part of you remain so, even after they were torn away by forces no one imagined would be visited upon home.

"To be able to experience what ohana means, especially in tragedy," she says, "has been significantly impactful."

With drones and webcams, volunteer hunters join a new search for the mythical Loch Ness Monster

By JILL LAWLESS Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Mystery hunters converged on a Scottish lake on Saturday to look for signs of the mythical Loch Ness Monster.

The Loch Ness Center said researchers would try to seek evidence of Nessie using thermal-imaging drones, infrared cameras and a hydrophone to detect underwater sounds in the lake's murky waters. The two-day event is being billed as the biggest survey of the lake in 50 years, and includes volunteers scanning the water from boats and the lakeshore, with others around the world joining in with webcams.

Alan McKenna of the Loch Ness Center said the aim was "to inspire a new generation of Loch Ness enthusiasts."

McKenna told BBC radio the searchers were "looking for breaks in the surface and asking volunteers to record all manner of natural behavior on the loch."

"Not every ripple or wave is a beastie. Some of those can be explained, but there are a handful that cannot," he said.

The Loch Ness Center is located at the former Drumnadrochit Hotel, where the modern-day Nessie legend began. In 1933, manager Aldie Mackay reported spotting a "water beast" in the mountain-fringed loch, the largest body of freshwater by volume in the United Kingdom and at up to 750 feet (230 meters) one of the deepest.

The story kicked off an enduring worldwide fascination with finding the elusive monster, spawning hoaxes and hundreds of eyewitness accounts. Numerous theories have been put forward over the years,

including that the creature may have been a prehistoric marine reptile, giant eels, a sturgeon or even an escaped circus elephant.

Many believe the sightings are pranks or can be explained by floating logs or strong winds, but the legend is a boon for tourism in the picturesque Scottish Highlands region.

Such skepticism did not deter volunteers like Craig Gallifrey.

"I believe there is something in the loch," he said, though he is open-minded about what it is. "I do think that there's got to be something that's fueling the speculation."

He said that whatever the outcome of the weekend search, "the legend will continue."

"I think it's just the imagination of something being in the largest body of water in the U.K. ... There's a lot more stories," he said. "There's still other things, although they've not been proven. There's still something quite special about the loch."

Shelling kills civilians in Ukraine's northeast as fears grow of a second Russian takeover

By SUSIE BLANN Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian forces struck a cafe in a key front-line area in northeastern Ukraine Saturday, killing two civilians and wounding a third, regional officials said.

The shelling near the city of Kupiansk came as U.K. officials said that Russia may try to retake the area, which was captured by Kyiv in a lightning counteroffensive last September after more than six months of Russian occupation. Fierce fighting there earlier this month prompted mandatory evacuations and fears of a second Russian takeover.

Russian shells on Saturday morning struck the cafe in Podoly, an eastern suburb of Kupiansk, regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said in a Telegram post. He added that rescue teams were working at the site.

U.K. military intelligence on Saturday assessed that Russia may "increase the intensity of its offensive efforts" around Kupiansk and nearby Lyman in an attempt to take pressure off its forces near Bakhmut and in the Zaporizhzhia region, where a Ukrainian counteroffensive has reportedly made gradual gains.

Igor Konashenkov, a spokesman for the Russian defense ministry, said in a regular briefing Saturday that Moscow's forces had "improved their position along the front line" in the Kupiansk area and repelled five Ukrainian assaults over the previous day. He did not give further details regarding any troop movements.

Earlier this month, Ukrainian authorities ordered a mandatory evacuation of nearly 12,000 civilians from 37 towns and villages around Kupiansk, citing a concerted effort by Russian troops to punch through the front line.

After the Russian occupiers left Kupiansk last year, Ukrainian authorities said they found torture chambers and mass graves in the region.

Ukrainian officials have so far reported limited advances in Kyiv's large-scale counteroffensive launched in early June, including in the southern Zaporizhzhia region and on the outskirts of Bakhmut, the eastern city that became the site of the war's longest and bloodiest battle before falling to Moscow in May.

A Washington-based think tank said late Friday that Ukrainian forces were pushing forward in Zaporizhzhia after advancing into the village of Robotyne earlier this week. The Institute for the Study of War in its latest assessment cited pro-Kremlin military bloggers expressing concern over a lack of reinforcements and troop locations in the area, while the Ukrainian General Staff that same day claimed unspecified further successes south and southeast of Robotyne.

Also on Saturday, a new drone attack on Moscow forced an early morning temporary shutdown of all three major airports serving the city, Russian state media reported. Officials blamed Ukraine for what appeared to be the latest of near-daily strikes on the Russian capital and the surrounding region.

Kyiv has since early this year sought to take the 18-month-war into the heart of Russia, also saying recently that it was behind strikes on Russian military assets far behind the front lines.

Russia's defense ministry and Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyenin said that a drone was shot down over the Istra district of the Moscow region, some 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Red Square. Sobyenin said

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in a Telegram post that there were no immediate reports of any casualties or damage.

According to Russia's state Tass agency, the Sheremetevo, Domodedovo and Vnukovo airports all suspended flights for over an hour early Saturday.

Russian Telegram channels on Saturday posted videos, some of them apparently from home security cameras, of what they claimed was Russian air defense downing the drone. One video shows a car parked outside what appears to be a suburban home, its alarm beginning to blare seconds after two loud blasts sound in the distance.

Russia's defense ministry that same day blamed Ukraine for the attack. As of Saturday morning, Ukrainian authorities had not said whether Kyiv had any involvement.

Russia and Ukraine traded multiple drone attacks earlier this week, with Kyiv apparently targeting Moscow and the Kremlin's forces launching another bombardment of Ukrainian grain storage depots in what have recently become signature tactics.

Also this week, Kyiv claimed it had destroyed a key Russian S-400 surface-to-air missile defense system in occupied Crimea. Ukrainian media also claimed that Ukrainian saboteurs coordinated by Kyiv's military intelligence services carried out a pair of recent drone attacks that destroyed and damaged bomber aircraft at air bases deep inside Russia.

Later on Saturday, Russia's defense ministry said in a separate statement that another drone was brought down as it approached the Russian city of Belgorod, some 45 kilometers (27 miles) from the Ukrainian border. It did not mention any casualties or damage.

Belgorod regional Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov accused Ukrainian forces of shelling a border village using cluster munitions, wounding six civilians. Gladkov did not provide visual evidence for the use of the controversial and widely banned weapons, which contain dozens of small bomblets that scatter shrapnel over a wide area.

Kyiv last month began receiving cluster bombs from the U.S., but has pledged to use them only to dislodge groups of enemy soldiers. Ukrainian officials have regularly accused Moscow of firing cluster munitions at residential areas, while Russian regional authorities have reported Ukrainian cross-border attacks in which civilians were hurt.

Ukraine's air force, meanwhile, reported early on Saturday that two Iranian-made "Shahed" drones fired by Russian troops were shot down during the night over the country's northeast.

In Ukraine's front-line Kherson region in the south, local Gov. Oleksandr Prokudin reported that an 83-year-old woman died in a hospital after suffering burn wounds as Russian forces overnight shelled the riverside village of Olhivka. Also on Saturday, the Kherson regional administration reported that Russian shelling damaged a hospital in the province's namesake capital, blowing out doors and windows but causing no casualties.

Today in History: August 27, catastrophic eruption of Krakatoa

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 2023. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa erupted with a series of cataclysmic explosions. The resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date:

In 1776, the Battle of Long Island began during the Revolutionary War as British troops attacked American forces who ended up being forced to retreat two days later.

In 1894, Congress passed the Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act, which contained a provision for a graduated income tax that was later struck down by the Supreme Court.

In 1939, the first turbojet-powered aircraft, the Heinkel He 178, went on its first full-fledged test flight over Germany.

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In 1949, a violent white mob prevented an outdoor concert headlined by Paul Robeson from taking place near Peekskill, New York.

In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an accidental overdose of sleeping pills at age 32.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten and three other people, including his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, were killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

In 2001, Israeli helicopters fired a pair of rockets through office windows and killed senior PLO leader Mustafa Zibri.

In 2004, President George W. Bush signed executive orders designed to strengthen the CIA director's power over the nation's intelligence agencies and create a national counterterrorism center.

In 2005, coastal residents jammed freeways and gas stations as they rushed to get out of the way of Hurricane Katrina, which was headed toward New Orleans.

In 2008, Barack Obama was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

In 2020, speaking on the White House South Lawn, President Donald Trump accepted his party's renomination, blasting Joe Biden as a hapless career politician who would endanger Americans' safety and painting a grim portrait of violence in American cities run by Democrats.

Ten years ago: Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist who days earlier was convicted of fatally shooting 13 people and injuring 30 more at Fort Hood, Texas, in 2009, rested his case without presenting any evidence during his trial's penalty phase. (Hasan would later be sentenced to death.) Authorities in California revealed that the Rim Fire near Yosemite National Park, among the largest in the state's history, had grown to 281 square miles.

Five years ago: Under pressure to take part in the national remembrance of the late Arizona Sen. John McCain, with whom he had feuded, President Donald Trump tersely recognized McCain's "service to our country" and re-lowered the White House flag, which had been at half-staff only briefly after McCain's death. The Trump administration reached a preliminary deal with Mexico to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement. Simona Halep (HAL'-ehp) lost in the first round of the U.S. Open to Kaia Kanepi (KY'-uh kuh-NEP'-ee) of Estonia, becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose her opening match at the tournament in the half-century of the professional era.

One year ago: Concern about the potential for a radiation leak at Europe's largest nuclear power plant persisted as Ukrainian authorities said that Russian forces fired on areas just across the river and Russia claimed Ukrainian shelling hit a building where nuclear fuel is stored. A car driven by Princess Diana in the 1980s sold for 650,000 pounds (\$764,000) at auction, just days before the 25th anniversary of her death. Bob LuPone, who as an actor earned a Tony nomination in the original run of "A Chorus Line" and went on to help lead the influential off-Broadway theater company MCC Theater for almost 40 years, died at age 76.

Today's Birthdays: Author Lady Antonia Fraser is 91. Actor Tommy Sands is 86. Actor Tuesday Weld is 80. Actor G.W. Bailey is 79. Actor Marianne Sagebrecht is 78. Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 70. Actor Peter Stormare is 70. Actor Diana Scarwid is 68. Rock musician Glen Matlock (The Sex Pistols) is 67. Golfer Bernhard Langer is 66. Country singer Jeffrey Steele is 62. Gospel singer Yolanda Adams is 62. Fashion designer and film director Tom Ford is 62. Writer-producer Dean Devlin is 61. Rock musician Mike Johnson is 58. Rap musician Eric "Bobo" Correa (Cypress Hill) is 56. U.S. Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines is 54. Country singer Colt Ford is 54. Actor Chandra Wilson is 54. Rock musician Tony Kanal (No Doubt) is 53. Rapper Mase is 48. Actor Sarah Chalke is 47. Actor RonReaco Lee is 47. Actor-singer Demetria McKinney is 45. Actor Aaron Paul is 44. Rock musician Jon Siebels (Eve 6) is 44. Actor Shaun Weiss is 44. Contemporary Christian musician Megan Garrett (Casting Crowns) is 43. Actor Kyle Lowder is 43. Actor Patrick J. Adams is 42. Actor Karla Mosley is 42. Actor Amanda Fuller is 39. Singer Mario is 37. Actor Alexa PenaVega is 35. Actor Ellar Coltrane is 29. U.S. Olympic and WNBA basketball star Breanna Stewart is 29. Actor Savannah Paige Rae is 20.