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Monday, Sept. 16

- School Breakfast: Stuffed bagel.
- School Lunch: French bread pizza, cooked carrots.
- Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, oriental blend vegetables, frosted brownie, fruit, whole wheat bread.
- Homecoming Coronation, 7:30 p.m.
- Cross Country at Webster Area, 2 p.m.
- JV Football hosts Milbank, 4 p.m.
- Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
- Pantry Open, community center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Senior Citizen meet at the community center, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.
- 3rd/4th and 5th/6th Football hosts Warner - 6PM

Tuesday, Sept. 17

- School Breakfast: Waffles.
- School Lunch: Sloppy joes, tri-taters.
- Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, Mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread.
- Boys Golf at Redfield, 10 a.m.
- JH Football hosts Milbank: 7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.
- Soccer hosts Dakota Valley: Girls at 4 p.m., boys at 5:30 p.m.
- Common Cents Community Thrift Store open, 209 N Main, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Pantry open, Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.
- United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

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Why 1440? The printing press was invented around the year 1440, spreading knowledge to the masses and changing the course of history. More facts: In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. We're here to make each one count.

Trump Assassination Attempt

The FBI is investigating an apparent assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump. The attack took place yesterday around 2 pm ET at the Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Florida. Trump is safe; the suspect, known for expressing pro-Ukrainian views, is in custody.

Secret Service agents opened fire on a man stationed in bushes outside the golf course. He was pointing a rifle through the fence, officials said. The man, who was roughly 400 to 500 yards from Trump, fled by vehicle and was later apprehended. An AK-47-style rifle was discovered on-site, along with a rifle scope, GoPro camera, and multiple backpacks. Officials have not publicly identified a motive as of this writing.

The incident marks the second near-miss assassination attempt on Trump in two months.

Succession Battle Begins

The trial over the future of the Murdoch empire begins today in Reno, Nevada. Details of the conflict—which draws parallels to the hit HBO series “Succession”—will remain confidential after a judge ruled last week to keep case filings sealed.

At the heart of the court battle is 93-year-old Rupert Murdoch’s succession plan for News Corp. and Fox Corp., media outlets collectively valued at over \$32B. Murdoch owns a roughly 40% stake in each company, with each of his four children set to inherit an equal share. Last year, however, Murdoch petitioned to amend the family trust to allocate all voting rights to his eldest son and current Fox Corp. CEO, 53-year-old Lachlan Murdoch.

The Murdochs have donated millions of dollars to conservative causes, while Lachlan’s siblings—including brother James—have donated to Democratic groups. Editorial differences surrounding the direction of Murdoch’s conservative-leaning news empire are believed to have driven the conflict.

‘A Soldier’s Journey’

The long-awaited centerpiece of the National World War I Memorial was unveiled Friday, a 25-ton, nearly 60-foot-long relief capturing the human toll of the war. Located just east of the White House in Pershing Park, the relief panel is the largest freestanding bronze sculpture in the Western Hemisphere.

The piece depicts more than three dozen figures used to tell the story of a single soldier, or “dough-boy”—from leaving America for the war, witnessing death and destruction, and returning home. The sculptor, Sabin Howard, described the piece as emphasizing the process of being human as seen through the lens of war.

Roughly 118,000 Americans died in the war, with more than 200,000 soldiers wounded (the global death toll is estimated to be as high as 22 million). Read about the decadelong effort to make the larger National World War I Memorial a reality.

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Sports, Entertainment, & Culture

"Shōgun" breaks records at 76th Primetime Emmy Awards, hosted by father-son duo Eugene and Dan Levy; "Hacks" wins best comedy.

Miami Dolphins QB Tua Tagovailoa has no plans to retire after concussion in Thursday night's game against the Buffalo Bills; this was Tagovailoa's third concussion in two years.

Texas jumps Georgia to lead college football's AP poll for first time in 16 years.

"The Life of Chuck" wins top prize at 2024 Toronto International Film Festival.

"Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" leads domestic box office again, hauling in \$51.6M in its second weekend.

Science & Technology

Stranded Starliner astronauts Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore give first news conference from the International Space Station; pair will return aboard a SpaceX craft in February.

New approach helps prevent distortions in AI-generated images like extra limbs and distorted facial symmetry.

Poor performance under pressure, or "choking," linked to a drop in activity from the neurons helping to prepare the body for movement.

Business & Markets

US stock markets close higher Friday (S&P 500 +0.5%, Dow +0.7%, Nasdaq +0.7%) with Nasdaq closing out its best week of the year.

DirecTV and Disney reach deal to end 13-day blackout that had blocked ESPN, ABC, and other Disney-owned TV networks for DirecTV's 11 million customers.

Air Canada and pilots union reach tentative agreement to avoid strike this week; \$1.5B deal will increase compensation by 46% over four years, with union members set to vote in the coming weeks.

Politics & World Affairs

Venezuela detains six foreigners, including three US citizens, accusing them of CIA plot to assassinate Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and others; the US denies allegations.

Houthi missile reaches Israel from Yemen for first time, wounding nine people in country's center, per Israeli officials.

Eight migrants die in English Channel crossing from France to England; boat carried people from Eritrea, Sudan, Syria, and Iran.

Flooding in Central and Eastern Europe kills at least eight people after heaviest rain in decades.

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GDILIVE.COM

10th Anniversary of GDILIVE.COM!



Monday, Sept. 16
Coronation, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Soccer in Groton vs. Dakota Valley
Girls at 4 p.m., Boys at 5:30 p.m.



Thursday, Sept. 19
Volleyball
hosts Clark/Willow Lake
Varsity at 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20



**Homecoming
Parade**
1 p.m.



**Boys Soccer
hosts Custer,**
4 p.m.



**Football hosts
Deuel,**
7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21
**Volleyball at
Hamlin Tournament**



\$5 ticket or GDI Subscription required to watch the events.

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The GHS Seniors painted Main Street Sunday evening. (Photo courtesy Weston Dinger)

Elementary Dress-up Days

- Monday (Sept. 16): Pajama day
- Tuesday (Sept. 17): Class Color day
- Wednesday (Sept. 18): Future Job day (dress like what you want to be when you get older!)
- Thursday (Sept. 19): Sports/Jersey day
- Friday (Sept. 20): Spirit Day (Groton Tiger/black and yellow gear) Join us in dressing up for the week and spreading the homecoming spirit! Go Tigers!

MS/HS Dress-up Days

- Monday - Pajama Day
- Tuesday - Decades 70's, 80's, 90's
- Wednesday - Adam Sandler Day
- Thursday - Class Color Day
- Friday - Spirit Day

Donovans are Parade Marshals

by Dorene Nelson

Dick and Ruby Donovan are familiar faces around the Groton area. Many people either had Dick as a math teacher or as their coach in various sports connected to Groton Area Schools.

Dick, a graduate of Hecla High School, taught math in Groton High School for eighteen years as well as coaching wrestling, football, and track. In addition to his former student's admiration and fond memories, he has also received many honors and awards for his various athletic talents. During his early retirement years, Dick was sought out for help and advice in track and field practices.

"One my favorite memories from high school in Hecla was when we were finally able to beat that Claremont Honkers football team," Dick chuckled. "Those guys had a sixty-two-game winning streak, and we were finally able to take care of that!"

Ruby Donovan is very active in Groton Senior Citizens, currently serving as the vice president. Each year Ruby spearheads the Senior Citizens' City of Groton beautification work. She organizes, purchases, and helps plant the many flowers and bushes located around the Groton Community Center.

Ruby, originally from Rapid City, worked as a department manager for Sears and Roebuck. "I traveled a lot in my various jobs which were mostly in sales," Ruby explained.

Dick had five children, 3 boys and 2 girls, who were all graduates of Groton High School! "Some of my kids even became teachers and coaches, like me!" Dick stated proudly.

Ruby has three children, four grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren while Dick has eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

"Dick and I first met online on a senior citizen website," Ruby explained. "We first met in person in Pierre, since that was half-way for both of us. We have now been married for nine and one-half years."



Dick and Ruby Donovan

(Photo by Dorene Nelson)

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

For the first time since 2016, the Minnesota Vikings are 2-0 to start the season after beating the San Francisco 49ers 23-17. This wasn't a fluky win either, the Vikings' offense moved the ball effectively and were able to overcome two turnovers, while the Vikings' defense stood their ground against a dynamic 49ers offense and was able to create two turnovers of their own. Fun fact: in his young career, Brock Purdy has only lost two games against NFC opponents – both are against the Vikings.

The Vikings had 403 yards on offense and a phenomenal 7.5 yards per play, thanks in large part to a 97-yard touchdown from Sam Darnold to Justin Jefferson (the Vikings' 2nd longest offensive touchdown in team history). Against a stingy defense, Minnesota was 7 for 12 on third-down conversions. In week one, the Vikings were balanced and efficient, and that continued on Sunday. They picked up nine first downs through the air and eight on the ground. They also threw the ball 26 times compared to 24 attempts on the ground.

Sam Darnold completed 17 of 26 passes for 268 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception, plus another 32 yards on the ground. The Vikings' offensive line deserves some credit as well, holding up well against the 2022 NFL Defensive Player of the Year Joey Bosa while also opening some running lanes for Ty Chandler (10 carries, 82 yards) and Aaron Jones (9 carries, 32 yards). Justin Jefferson had four catches for 133 yards and a touchdown, Jalen Nailor had three catches for 54 yards and a touchdown, and Aaron Jones had five catches out of the backfield for 36 yards. Jefferson left the game with an injury, and after the game, head coach Kevin O'Connell said it's a quad contusion and Jets will be day-to-day.

The Vikings' offense has looked good through two games, but the defense has been lights out this season. After sacking Daniel Jones five times in week one, the Vikings' defense got to Brock Purdy six times in week two. Pat Jones II might be the team's most improved player, adding another two sacks Sunday, bringing his total to four for the season. Blake Cashman, Andrew Van Ginkel, and Jonathan Greenard also joined in the sack party. The Vikings also had eight tackles for a loss, including two each from Jones II and Van Ginkel. Brian Flores has this Vikings' defense playing at an elite level, and with all the new faces, it's safe to assume that the defense will continue to get better as we get further into the season.

The player of the game on offense was Sam Darnold. His stats might not have been out of this world, but he stepped up in big moments when the team needed it the most. In the fourth quarter, after the 49ers had just driven 99 yards for a touchdown, the Vikings needed a big drive to take time off the clock and put points on the board to make it a two-score game again. Without his top two WRs, Darnold put together a 14-play, 62-yard scoring drive that took nearly seven minutes off the clock. He put the team on his back and was a huge reason the Vikings won this game.

The player of the game on defense was Pat Jones II. After a surprising two-sack game in week one, he followed that up with another two-sack performance. To make it even better, he was matched up against the best left tackle in the NFL (Trent Williams) for most of the game.

Looking ahead, the Vikings remain at home to take on the Houston Texans. C.J. Stroud, who is entering his second season, leads an impressive Texans offense that includes former Vikings Stefon Diggs. On the defensive side of the ball, the Vikings will have to contend with Danielle Hunter, who was signed by Houston this offseason after spending his first eight seasons in Minnesota. This will be another tough game for the Vikings, but if they can play like they did against the 49ers, there's a real chance the Vikings can start the season 3-0. Skoll!

Adoption - "It's Complicated"

My personal connection with adoption began nearly 30 years ago. As my mentor Dr Holm and I hurried to the hospital, he told me about the child he and his wife Joanie had recently adopted.

Rick loved being a father, even more, it seems to me, than he loved being a doctor. He couldn't quite believe that he got to parent this amazing little person, that he was blessed not just with Joanie and his sons, but with this precious girl who was now their daughter. His besotted delight so moved me that I knew I wanted to adopt, too.

Over the next few years, I witnessed other families grow through adoption. I walked with women as they wrestled with unplanned pregnancies. I watched them grieve the children being raised by other mothers. I read blogs and books by adult adoptees who discussed their joys and their struggles.

Nearly 10 years after that conversation with Rick, my husband and I, too, became part of an adoptive family.

As an adoptive parent, I've often been told how "lucky" my children are. Of course this is flattering: every parent wants to believe they are doing that incredibly difficult job well. However, people aren't usually complimenting us on our parenting. They are frequently responding to a feel good-narrative about the orphan who is now part of a family, with the expectation that we will all live happily every after.

The reality of adoption is much messier. No child comes to adoption except through loss. At a minimum, that child has lost a parent: to poverty, addiction, mental illness, incarceration, death, or some combination of factors. Even infants experience distress on separation from their biological mothers. Many children have lost more than one parent or caregiver. Some children are in open adoptions and able to maintain a connection with their biologic families, although that connection may be tenuous. More are not. I have never understood how a culture obsessed with genealogy can simultaneously discount the importance to an adopted person of knowing their own genetic heritage.

Around the time I graduated medical school, researchers published a groundbreaking study linking traumatic experiences in childhood to a myriad of significant health and social challenges in adulthood. Subsequent research has born this out. These traumas are common; estimates are that 2/3 of middle class people have experienced at least one. They include abuse and neglect, having a household member who experiences addiction, mental illness, or incarceration, witnessing domestic violence, and the loss of a parent. Additional research has demonstrated the impact of factors outside the home, such as bullying and community violence. The more of these a person experiences, the higher the likelihood that they will suffer, for example, heart disease, suicide, lung disease, mental illness, and even cancer in adulthood.

Adoption, even adoption into a stable, loving, privileged family, doesn't erase the trauma that preceded it. We can't address those wounds if we won't acknowledge them.

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Debra Johnston, MD



Dale Ringgenberg receives a special thank you for 50 years of services on the Groton Fire and Rescue Department. (Photo

Courtesy Patti Woods)

Ringgenberg recognized for 50 years of service

by Dorene Nelson

Dale Ringgenberg recently received a beautiful and amazing thank you gift for 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter and volunteer rescue squad member.

"For forty-nine years, I worked for Pioneer Ford, starting out by washing cars, changing oil, and doing brake work," Ringgenberg listed. "After several years of working there, I became a certified mechanic."

"When I worked at Pioneer Ford, the fire station was just across the alley from the Ford garage," he said. "We often watched the firemen as they prepared to leave on a call."

"Eventually I was asked to join the volunteer firemen, which I did at the age of twenty-one," he stated. "In 1974 I joined the fire fighters, and ten years later I joined the rescue squad too."

"The City of Groton had two firetrucks, one for the city and one for rural use," Ringgenberg explained. "A 1953 military truck was added and converted into a tanker."

"The firefighters had very basic personal protection equipment (PPE'S) at the time," he stated. "The helmets were plastic, the rubber boots were knee high, and the coat was rubber as well."

"Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) consisted of a rubber face mask with a steel breathing tank on our backs," Ringgenberg listed. "Later in 1986 the equipment was upgraded to a new Chevrolet fire pumper which is still being used by the Bath Fire Department."

"When I first started, the fire equipment had no shelf life so the same items were used year after year," he admitted. "Now the equipment, which has to regularly be updated, has a ten-year shelf life with one person's equipment costing up to \$16,000!"

"Today the city fire department is in a fire district being supported by taxes," Ringgenberg said. "When I was the fire chief in 2000, the budget was \$34,000 a year, insurance included. Today the insurance alone costs the fire department \$21,000 a year!"

"At first used military equipment was purchased because of the high cost involved," he explained. "Even the trucks were purchased from surplus equipment, but refurbishing was needed to meet updated safety standards. The firemen themselves did the necessary refurbishing in their free time!"

"I was a fire fighter for fifty years and on the rescue squad for forty," he said. "I was the fire chief for ten years and am currently on the fireboard where I serve as the treasurer."

"I've done many different jobs in my lifetime, but my favorite is being a mechanic," Ringgenberg admitted. "Currently I drive grain truck for Trey and Harvey Flihs Jr. I also enjoy hunting and fishing."

"I have two children and five grandchildren," Ringgenberg stated proudly. "My daughter has three sons, and my son has two daughters."



Vote South Dakota forum aims to shed light on 'complicated' election

By **STU WHITNEY**

South Dakota News Watch

Trina Lapp, an 18-year-old Milbank native who attends Dakota Wesleyan University, doesn't view politics or the upcoming election as an afterthought. She's digging in.

"I think it's important for young people to be involved and learn about the candidates and issues," said Lapp. "We're the upcoming generation that will be the main voters eventually."

She is one of several Dakota Wesleyan students who will take part in a Vote South Dakota forum Sept. 19 at the Sherman Center on the DWU campus in Mitchell.

Students will team up with South Dakota journalists to ask questions at the forum, which is presented by South Dakota Public Broadcasting, South Dakota News Watch, the McGovern Center for Leadership and Public Service and Dakota Wesleyan University.

The two-hour event, to be televised live on SDPB and several commercial TV stations across the state, will feature candidates for the Public Utilities Commission and representatives of both sides of constitutional amendments and initiated/referred measures that will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Republican U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson and his Democratic opponent, Sheryl Johnson, will meet in a separate debate on Oct. 15 that also will be broadcast live on SDPB.

There are seven ballot measures in South Dakota's 2024 election, including abortion rights, open primaries, grocery tax repeal and recreational marijuana.

Joel Allen, director of the McGovern Center on the DWU campus, noted that several of the measures have complex language that voters should hear more about before deciding.

"This is going to be a complicated election," said Allen, a professor of religion and philosophy. "There's a lot to unpack, so when I heard about this event, it was a no-brainer. I knew we needed to be a part of it."

The forum comes at a time of declining trust in democratic institutions in South Dakota and nationally, according to recent polling. A survey co-sponsored by South Dakota News Watch in May found that more than 6 in 10 South Dakotans said they were dissatisfied with how democracy is working in the United States, including 32% who said they were "very dissatisfied."

That was followed by historically low turnout in primary elections in June, with just 17% of voters cast-



A Sioux Falls resident has her registration checked before casting a South Dakota primary ballot at the Instructional Planning Center in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. (Photo: Stu Whitney / South Dakota News Watch)

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The McGovern Library at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D., contains a museum dedicated to the life and political career of former South Dakota statesman and presidential candidate George McGovern. (Photo: Courtesy of Dakota Wesleyan University)

ing ballots, below the state's primary turnout in presidential cycles of 2020 (28%), 2016 (22%) and 2012 (21%).

Cara Hetland, director of journalism at SDPB, sees an important role for the media in engaging and informing prospective voters ahead of the general election. She came up with the idea for Vote South Dakota, a partnership among SDPB, News Watch, the South Dakota Broadcasters Association (SDBA) and the South Dakota NewsMedia Association (SDNA).

"I feel very strongly about the role that journalists play in asking tough questions and getting clarifications and calling out false statements when appropriate," said

Hetland. "It's our duty to hold accountable those who are running for office and standing for these (ballot measures)."

Besides organizing the forum, the effort includes the VoteSouthDakota.com website that has a legislative map with information about candidates as well as stories about the election from several news organizations.

Teams of regional journalists and DWU students will ask questions of candidates and those representing each issue at the forum, which will be hosted by SDPB's Jackie Hendry.

Lapp, a nursing major, will be asking questions about the open primaries amendment and takes her role seriously. She noted that social media outlets such as TikTok are not always reliable sources of information and that "it's important for my generation to be more involved and hear directly from the candidates."

Those are encouraging words to Allen of the McGovern Center, founded in 2006 in honor of former South Dakota statesman and presidential candidate George McGovern and his wife, Eleanor. The center's mission, in part, is to "cultivate leaders of integrity who are committed to civic responsibility in their communities."

McGovern, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and was the 1972 Democratic presidential nominee, died in 2012.

"I envision telling George that we're doing this (forum), and I can just see a big grin on his face," Allen said. "This is something that he would love."

This story was produced by South Dakota News Watch, an independent, nonprofit news organization.

EARTHTALK ™

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that bee populations are healthier in and around organic farms than elsewhere and if so, why?

-- Martin Mason, St. Louis, MO

According to experts from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, bees are responsible for a third of the world's food production. Flowering plants, which make up about 75 percent of agricultural crops, depend on pollinators like bees for seed production, thus ensuring the success of future crop generations. Concerningly, this critical insect faces a multitude of health threats.



Bee populations are healthier in and around organic farms as compared to other locales in agricultural, suburban and urban areas. Credit: Pexels.com.

Bees are mainly threatened by constant exposure to synthetic pesticides. Neonicotinoids, for example, are common insecticides that affect the receptors in a bee's nervous system. Consuming the nectar of treated plants, even in small amounts, can impair bees' motor skills and foraging behaviors. Other conventional insecticides including diazinon, acephate and pyrethrin are also correlated with declining bee health.

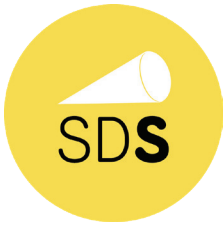
Regardless of whether farms use synthetic pesticides, pests and pathogens such as Deformed Wing Virus are constant threats to bee health. The Varroa mite, which feeds on the blood and bodies of bees, affects nearly every hive in the U.S. As such, colonies untreated by either organic or non-organic beehive-specific pesticides can expect to survive for three years maximum against infestation before collapse.

Farming monocultures also pose a threat to pollinators, as the nutritional makeup of nectar and pollen varies between crops. When bees are exposed to a single crop, they can suffer from malnutrition and weakened immune systems. Monocultures also tend to be heavily affected by parasites.

Starting in 2006, the rate of Colony Collapse Disorder—the sudden flight of honey bees from seemingly healthy hives—has drastically increased to 31 percent of hives annually. Experts haven't yet identified a singular cause, rates trend lower on farms that meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Organic Program standards, suggesting that organic farms may be healthiest for their pollinators.

Primarily, bees inhabiting organic farms are exposed to fewer toxic substances; USDA's organic standards prohibit the majority of synthetic pesticides and promote integrated pest management (IPM) techniques such as crop rotation which improves upon natural biodiversity. Organic farms also tend to implement more cover crops and multi-functional insectary hedge rows, benefitting bees nutritionally.

While nation-wide all-organic polycultures may be economically infeasible, techniques such as implementing hedge-rows can promote bee health even when coupled with synthetic pesticides. Ultimately, however, an absence of toxic chemicals provides the greatest health benefits; as such, bee populations tend to be healthier in and around organic farms as opposed to conventional farms.



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FBI investigating shots fired near Trump as apparent assassination attempt; Trump is safe

BY: ARIANA FIGUEROA - SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 4:57 PM

WASHINGTON — The FBI is investigating a possible assassination attempt against former President Donald Trump after gunshots were fired Sunday near Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Florida, where the GOP presidential nominee was playing golf.

The FBI said in a statement to States Newsroom the incident “appears to be an attempted assassination of former President Trump.”

A male suspect is in custody, law enforcement officials said.

“President Trump is safe following gunshots in his vicinity. No further details at this time,” Steven Cheung, the Trump campaign’s communications director, said in a statement about 20 minutes after the incident occurred just before 2 p.m. Eastern.



Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw holds a photograph of the rifle and other items found near where a suspect was discovered during an apparent assassination attempt of former President Donald Trump while Trump was golfing at Trump International Golf Club. Bradshaw stands with Rafael Barros, right, special agent in charge of the U.S. Secret Service’s Miami field office, during a press conference on Sept. 15, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Florida. (Joe Raedle/

Getty Images)

The FBI is taking a lead on investigating, said Jeffrey Veltri, the special agent in charge of the bureau’s Miami field office during a late afternoon press conference by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw told reporters that a Secret Service agent with Trump spotted a rifle coming out of bushes next to the golf course.

“The Secret Service agent that was on the course did a fantastic job,” he said. “What they do is, they have an agent that jumps one hole ahead of time to where the president was at, and he was able to

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spot this rifle barrel, stickin' out of the fence, and immediately engage that individual, at which time the individual took off."

The suspect in the bushes had an AK-47 style rifle with a scope, two backpacks filled with ceramic tile and a GoPro camera, Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw said a witness saw the suspect come out of the bushes and take off in a black Nissan. The witness took a picture of the license plate and local law enforcement officers were able to stop the vehicle in Martin County, which borders Palm Beach County.

"They spotted the vehicle and pulled it over and detained the guy," Bradshaw said.

Once the driver was detained, Bradshaw said the witness was able to identify the driver as "the person that he saw running out of the bushes that jumped into the car."

Bradshaw said the suspect was about 300 to 500 yards away from Trump.

"With a rifle and a scope like that, that's not a long distance," he said.

Bradshaw did not provide more details about the suspect's identity.

U.S. Secret Service spokesperson Anthony Guglielmi said on social media prior to the press conference that "a protective incident" involving Trump occurred and that the Secret Service was investigating the incident with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. He also confirmed that Trump was safe.

The private golf club is about 4 miles from Trump's primary residence at Mar-a-Lago.

Reaction from Vance, Harris, Biden

The Republican vice presidential nominee, Ohio Sen. J.D. Vance, wrote on social media that he has spoken to Trump, who is "in good spirits."

"Still much we don't know, but I'll be hugging my kids extra tight tonight and saying a prayer of gratitude," Vance wrote.

Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, said on social media that she had been briefed and she is glad Trump is safe.

"Violence has no place in America," she said.

The White House said that President Joe Biden had also been briefed.

"They are relieved to know that he is safe," the White House said of Biden and Harris. "They will be kept regularly updated by their team."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York, said in a statement that he applauded "the Secret Service for their quick response to ensure former President Trump's safety."

"There is no place in this country for political violence of any kind," he said. "The perpetrator must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

The incident follows a July 13 assassination attempt of Trump during a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Congress set up a bipartisan task force to investigate that attempted assassination. The chair of the task force, U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly, Republican of Pennsylvania and the top Democrat, U.S. Rep. Jason Crow of Colorado released a joint statement, requesting a briefing from the Secret Service on the shooting in West Palm Beach "and how security responded."

"We are thankful that the former President was not harmed, but remain deeply concerned about political violence and condemn it in all of its forms," they wrote. "The Task Force will share updates as we learn more."

U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce, an Ohio Republican and a member of the task force investigating that incident, said on social media "with continued threats against Trump, it is critical to remain dedicated to our work on the Task Force to Investigate the Attempted Assassination of President Trump."

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Scorecard rates South Dakota members of Congress poorly on pro-democracy positions

BY: JOSHUA HAIAR - SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 7:00 AM

South Dakota's three members of Congress scored poorly on a watchdog group's new Democracy Scorecard, which evaluates congressional positions on democracy-related bills and resolutions.

Common Cause is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. It was founded in 1970 by Republican John W. Gardner, "the father of campaign finance reform" and President Lyndon Johnson's secretary of health, education and welfare.

The organization's 2024 scorecard gave South Dakota's Republican Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds zeros out of 10

— zero meaning they took no pro-democracy positions on legislation analyzed by the organization— and Republican Rep. Dusty Johnson one out of 13.

Johnson's one point reflects his vote to expel Rep. George Santos, R-New York. Common Cause said removing the representative for ethical violations was pro-democracy because it upheld accountability and integrity within the legislative body, ensuring trust in U.S. institutions.

None of the spokespeople for South Dakota's congressional delegation offered a comment on the scorecard when contacted by South Dakota Searchlight.

No Republican scored greater than a two on the scorecard, and no Democrat received less than a seven.

Common Cause is critical of the 118th Congress, calling it one of the most dysfunctional in U.S. history, with many pro-democracy bills failing to move forward due to partisan gridlock.

The scorecard highlights how in January 2023, the House of Representatives took four days and 15 votes to elect Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-California, as speaker. Nine months later, the House made history by removing McCarthy, remaining at a standstill for three weeks before electing Rep. Mike Johnson, R-Louisiana, as the new speaker.

Shortly after, the House expelled Santos. Then, this summer, Sen. Bob Menendez, D-New Jersey, became the first sitting member of Congress to face charges of conspiracy to act as a foreign agent. He was subsequently convicted and resigned.



South Dakota's all-Republican congressional delegation, from left: Sen. John Thune, Rep. Dusty Johnson and Sen. Mike Rounds. (Photos

courtesy of Thune/Johnson/Rounds offices; composite by South Dakota Searchlight)

Legislation analyzed

The 2024 Democracy Scorecard evaluated members of Congress for their positions on bills and resolutions including the following:

Democracy for All Amendment: The constitutional amendment would give Congress and state legisla-

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tures the authority to set "reasonable" limits on campaign spending and would effectively overturn the Citizens United v. FEC decision, which removed restrictions on corporate and union spending in elections.

DISCLOSE Act: The bill would make foreign dark money political action committees illegal, ban foreign nationals from contributing to ballot initiatives and referendums, require the federal Government Accountability Office to study and report on foreign money in elections, and close some dark money loopholes.

Judicial Ethics and Anti-Corruption Act/Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act: The bills would prohibit federal judges and Supreme Court justices from owning individual stocks and securities, restrict the solicitation or acceptance of gifts for judges, and establish a committee to review complaints against the Supreme Court.

CISA's budget: Some Republicans proposed cutting funding for a Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) initiative focused on election security; Common Cause argues cutting the funding weakens the country's ability to safeguard elections from cyberattacks.

Protecting Our Democracy Act: The broad reform bill's key provision limits the president's ability to grant pardons when there is a personal conflict of interest.

Freedom to Vote Act: The bill would make Election Day a national holiday, promote early voting and automatically register U.S. citizens to vote.

John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act: The bill would reinstate federal oversight in states with a history of discriminatory voting practices, including South Dakota.

Washington, D.C., Admission Act: This bill would grant statehood to Washington, D.C.

Democracy Restoration Act: The bill would restore voting rights to individuals with felony convictions after they have completed their prison sentences.

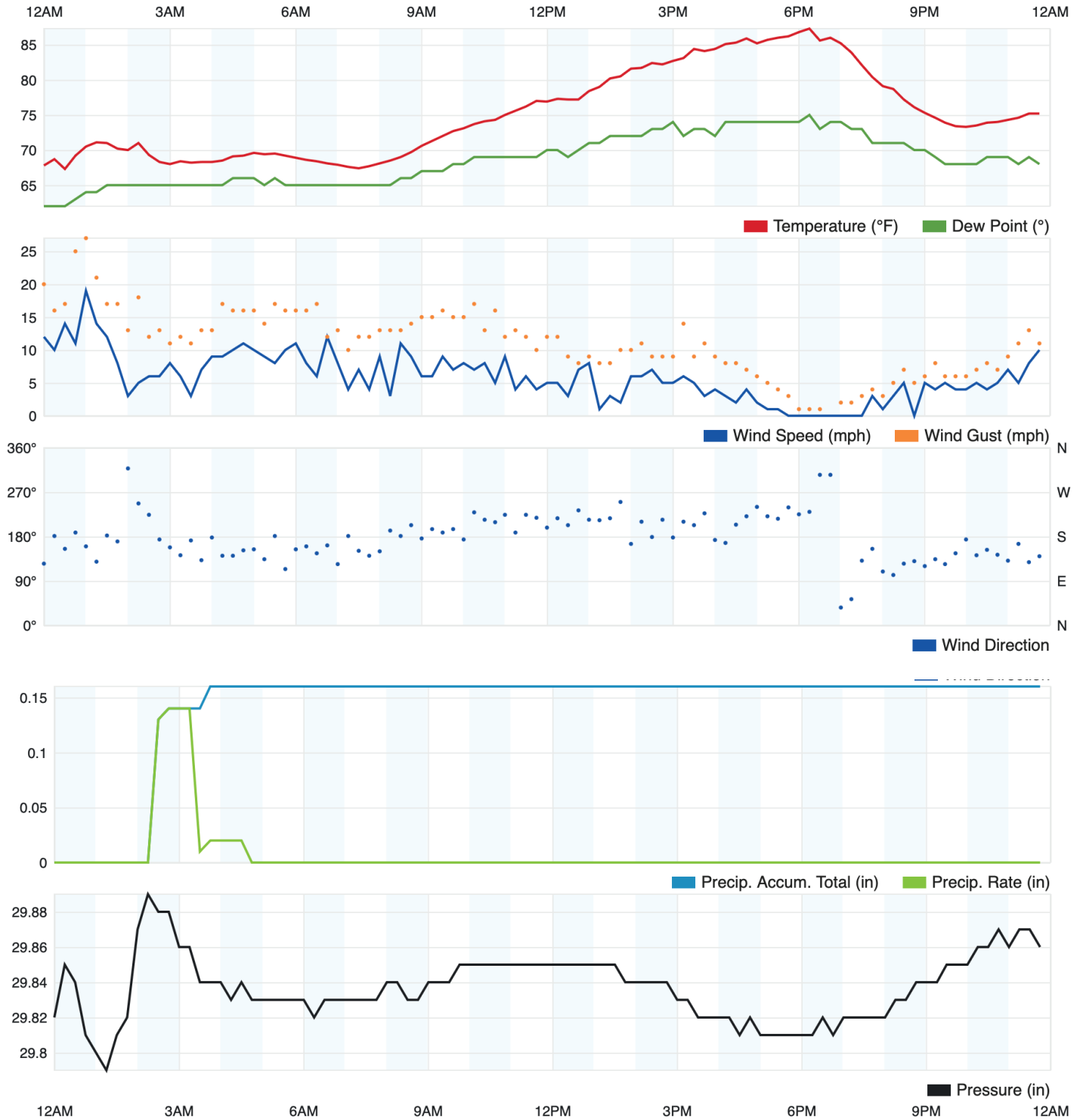
Expelling Rep. George Santos: This resolution led to the expulsion of Rep. George Santos from Congress following a series of ethics allegations.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



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Today



High: 86 °F

Partly Sunny
then Partly
Sunny and
Breezy

Tonight



Low: 67 °F

Slight Chance
T-storms

Tuesday



High: 86 °F

Sunny and
Breezy

Tuesday Night



Low: 66 °F

Breezy.
Mostly Clear
then Chance
T-storms

Wednesday



High: 83 °F

Breezy.
Slight Chance
T-storms then
Slight Chance
Showers



Early Week Forecast Outlook

September 16, 2024
4:35 AM

Highlights

- 20-30% chance for showers and storms across central South Dakota this morning; and across northeast South Dakota/west central Minnesota tonight
- Above normal temperatures the next couple days with highs warming into the 80s to low 90s
- Marginal Risk for Severe Storms in Central South Dakota late Tuesday
 - 40-80% chance Tue night/Wednesday



Today

- Highs: 83-92°
- Wind: E. SD/WC MN - S 10-20 mph
Central SD - SE 15-30 mph



Tuesday

- Highs: 84-95°
- Wind: E. SD/WC MN - S 15-25 mph
Central SD - SE 20-35 mph



Wednesday

- Highs: 77-86°
- Wind: S 15-30 mph



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

An active pattern looks to remain in place the next few days across central and northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota. Periods of showers and thunderstorms will affect parts of the area this morning and again tonight. More widespread chances for showers and storms move in Tuesday night into Wednesday. Some of these storms could be on the strong to severe side across central South Dakota Tuesday night. Temperatures will remain warm and above normal through midweek.

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Marginal Severe Weather Threat Tuesday

September 16, 2024
4:47 AM

Late in the day through the overnight hours

Location/Timing

Storms (40-80% chance) will mainly affect central SD during late evening and overnight. The storms are not expected to be widespread at this time.

Primary Threats for the **Dark Green** areas

Tornado Potential

Very Low Low Medium High

Max Hail Size

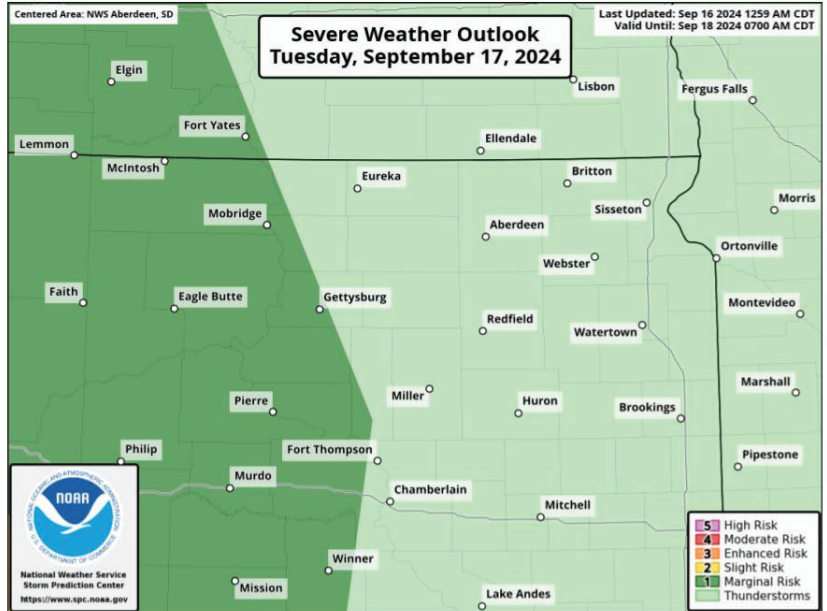
Dimes Quarters Golfball Baseball

Max Wind Speed

< 60 mph **60-70 mph** 70-80 mph > 80mph

Heavy Rain/Flooding Potential

Very Low Low Medium High



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

A well organized storm system will begin to approach the region Tuesday into Wednesday. Scattered thunderstorms are expected to develop across the Northern High Plains and portions of the western Dakotas Tuesday afternoon. Some of these storms could move into central portions of South Dakota Tuesday night. A Marginal Risk (level 1 out of 5) for severe weather has been posted for central South Dakota. The main threats from any of the strongest storms will be damaging winds in excess of 60 mph.

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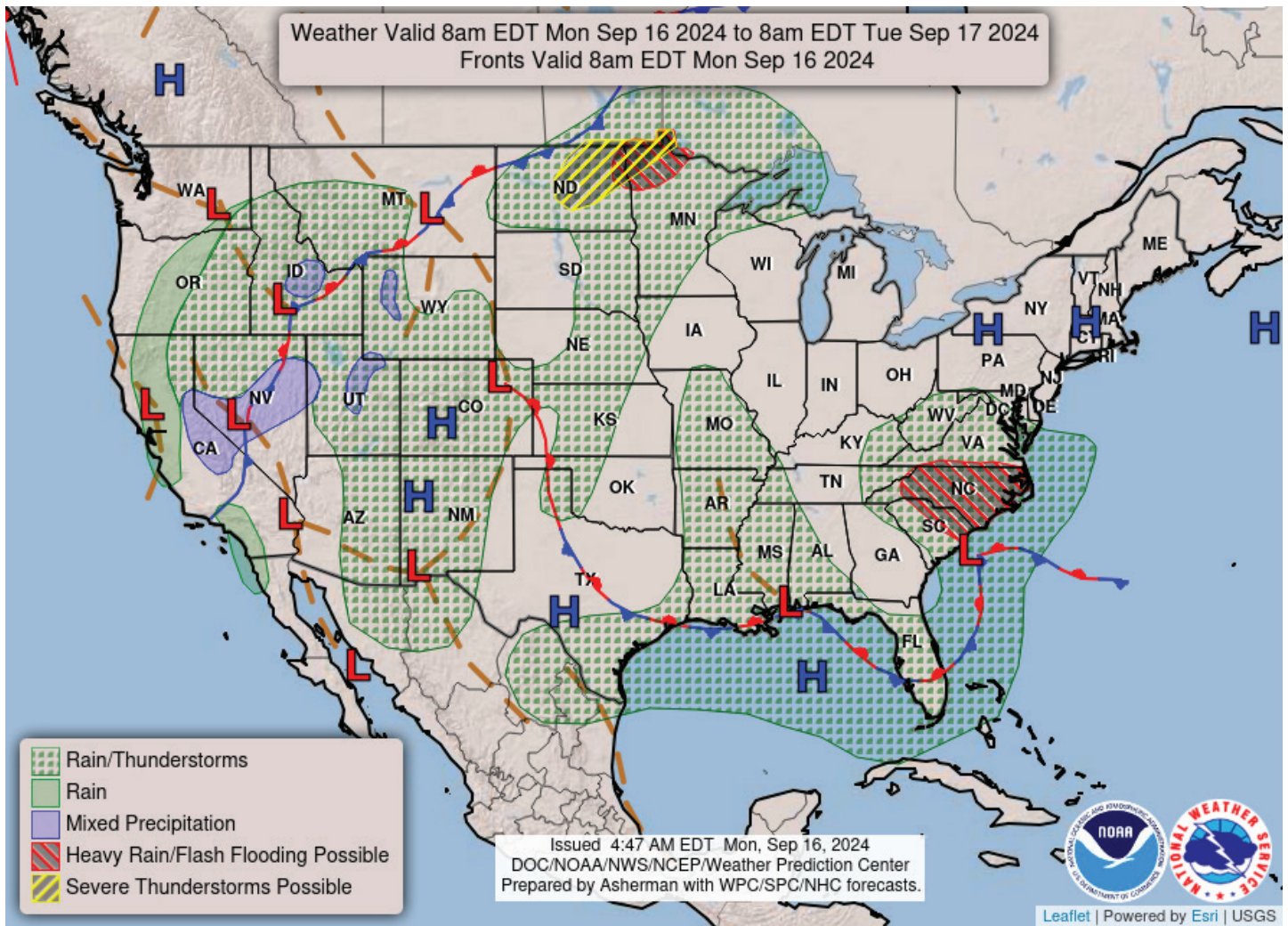
Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 87 °F at 6:12 PM
Low Temp: 67 °F at 12:29 AM
Wind: 44 mph at 2:05 AM
Precip: : 0.00

Day length: 13 hours, 30 minutes

Today's Info

Record High: 96 in 1925
Record Low: 20 in 1916
Average High: 75
Average Low: 47
Average Precip in Sept.: 1.08
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.19
Average Precip to date: 17.42
Precip Year to Date: 19.61
Sunset Tonight: 7:42:18 pm
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:12:50 am



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Today in Weather History

September 16, 1965: A heavy snow event brought widespread snowfall across the region with snowfall accumulations of 1 inch in Colony and Devils Tower, 2.6 inches at the Rapid City Airport, 4 inches in Oelrichs, 5.1 inches in Redig, and 8 inches in Lead, Spearfish, and Sundance.

September 16, 2006: Two weak tornadoes touched down briefly west and north of Clark in the late afternoon. No damage occurred.

1961: On September 16, 1961, Hurricane Esther was seeded by Navy planes in the inaugural experiment of what was to formally become Project STORMFURY next year. Esther was the first hurricane to be initially detected by satellite. On Sept. 10th, TIROS III imaged an area of disturbed weather a hundred miles southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands.

1881: Iowa's earliest measurable snow of record fell over western sections of the state. Four to six inches was reported between Stuart and Avoca.

1888: An estimated F2 tornado struck Washington, DC. The tornado first touched down on the south side of the city then moved up Maryland Avenue. The National Museum and Botanical Gardens were damaged before the tornado lifted off the ground.

1928: The Okeechobee Hurricane, also known as the San Felipe Segundo Hurricane was one of the deadliest hurricanes in the history of the Atlantic basin. This Hurricane made landfall near West Palm Beach, Florida as a Category 4 storm during the evening hours of the 16th. The storm surge caused water to pour out of the southern edge of Lake Okeechobee, flooding hundreds of square miles as high as 20 feet. This storm killed over 4,000 people, including 2,500 in Florida.

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1984 - The remains of Tropical Storm Edourd began to produce torrential rains in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Port Isabel reported more than 21 inches. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Overnight rains soaked Arkansas, with 5.25 inches reported at Bismarck. In the town of Malvern, up to four feet of water was reported over several downtown streets, with water entering some homes and businesses. Thunderstorms in Texas drenched Lufkin with 4.30 inches of rain in just three hours. Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Missouri. A small tornado near Kirksville lifted a barn thirty feet into the air and then demolished it. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Hurricane Gilbert moved ashore into Mexico. The hurricane established an all-time record for the western hemisphere with a barometric reading of 26.13 inches. Winds approached 200 mph, with higher gusts. Gilbert devastated Jamaica and the Yucatan Peninsula. (The Weather Channel) Hurricane Gilbert made landfall 120 miles south of Brownsville TX during the early evening. Winds gusted to 61 mph at Brownsville, and reached 82 mph at Padre Island. Six foot tides eroded three to four feet off beaches along the Lower Texas Coast, leaving the waterline seventy-five feet farther inland. Rainfall totals ranged up to 8.71 inches at Lamar TX. Gilbert caused three million dollars damage along the Lower Texas Coast, but less than a million dollars damage along the Middle Texas Coast. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms, representing what remained of Hurricane Octave, brought locally heavy rains to California, impeding the drying process for raisins and other crops. Sacramento CA was soaked with 1.53 inches of rain in six hours. At Phoenix AZ, the afternoon high of 107 degrees marked a record seventy-six days with afternoon highs 105 degrees or above. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2004 - Hurricane Ivan turned northward over cooler waters, and made landfall in southern Alabama as a Category 3 storm. Hurricane Ivan had a very unusual track almost making a huge circle.



OUT OF SERVICE

Recently, while waiting for an airport bus to take me to the parking lot, I noticed that several of them had signs that read OUT OF SERVICE! There I stood at the curb, alone and helpless left in the exhaust and noise of empty buses. I waited for quite some time wondering when one would come by and take me to my vehicle.

Then I thought of those standing around me. No doubt they, too, were anxious to be helped to their destination. Perhaps they had been on a long, lonely journey and were discouraged with the results of their efforts. Maybe they were fearful of what might be awaiting them. And of course, there were also those who were filled with joy and the expectations of a happy homecoming to a welcoming family, friends or business associates.

As I waited with them, I thought of all the people that God brings into our lives each and every day who need His grace. They face the same issues in life that we do, and their experiences are no different than ours. Often they face their problems alone because there is no one to give them His help or hope. Unfortunately, too often we are like the bus: OUT OF SERVICE!

Jesus said, "Look around you! Vast fields are ready right now for the harvest."

Prayer: Help us, Father, to get involved in serving You by serving others. Open our eyes to see their needs and our ears to hear their cries and then share Your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. John 4:34-38

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

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WINNING NUMBERS

MEGA MILLIONS

WINNING NUMBERS:
09.13.24

21 55 56 57 66 1

MegaPlier: 3x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$31,000,000

NEXT 1 Days 17 Hrs 12
DRAW: Mins 25 Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

LOTTO AMERICA

WINNING NUMBERS:
09.14.24

6 9 38 42 50 4

All Star Bonus: 4x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$8,940,000

NEXT 16 Hrs 27 Mins
DRAW: 25 Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

LUCKY FOR LIFE

WINNING NUMBERS:
09.15.24

1 2 10 22 27 11

TOP PRIZE:
\$7,000/week

NEXT 16 Hrs 42 Mins
DRAW: 25 Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

DAKOTA CASH

WINNING NUMBERS:
09.14.24

5 9 11 18 28

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$32,000

NEXT 2 Days 16 Hrs 42
DRAW: Mins 24 Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

POWERBALL

DOUBLE PLAY

WINNING NUMBERS:
09.14.24

1 26 38 52 55 16

TOP PRIZE:
\$10,000,000

NEXT 17 Hrs 11 Mins
DRAW: 24 Secs

[PREVIOUS RESULTS](#)

POWERBALL

WINNING NUMBERS:
09.14.24

29 34 38 48 56 16

Power Play: 2x

NEXT ESTIMATED JACKPOT:
\$165,000,000

NEXT 17 Hrs 11 Mins
DRAW: 25 Secs

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Upcoming Groton Events

- 07/04/2024 Firecracker Couples Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 07/09/2024 FREE SNAP Application Assistance 1-6pm at the Community Center
- 07/14/2024 Lion's Club Summer Fest/Car Show at the City Park 9am-4pm
- 07/17/2024 Legion Auxiliary #39 Salad Buffet & Dessert Bar at the Groton Legion 11am-1pm
- 07/17/2024 Pro Am Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 07/25/2024 Dairy Queen Miracle Treat Day
- 07/25/2024 Summer Downtown Sip & Shop 5-8pm
- 07/25/2024 Treasures Amidst The Trials 6pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- 07/26/2024 Ferney Open Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Start
- 07/27/2024 1st Annual Celebration in the Park 1-9:30pm
- 08/05/2024 School Supply Drive 4-7pm at the Community Center
- Cancelled:** Wine on 9 at Olive Grove Golf Course 6pm
- 08/08/2024 Family Fun Fest 5:30-7:30pm
- 08/9-11/2024 Jr. Legion State Baseball Tournament
- 08/12/2024 Vitalant Blood Drive at the Community Center 1:15-7pm
- 09/07/2024 Lion's Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm
- 09/07-08/2024 Groton Airport Fly-In/Drive-In, Groton Municipal Airport
- 09/08/2024 Sunflower Couples Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 10am
- 10/05/2024 Pumpkin Fest at the City Park 10am-3pm
- 10/11/2024 Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10am
- 10/31/2024 Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm
- 10/31/2024 United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm
- 11/16/2024 Groton American Legion "Turkey Raffle" 6:30-11:30pm
- 11/28/2024 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm
- 12/01/2024 Groton Snow Queen Contest, 4:30 p.m.
- 12/07/2024 Olive Grove 8th Annual Holiday Party & Tour of Homes with Live & Silent Auctions 6pm-close
- 04/12/2025 Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park 10am Sharp
- 05/03/2025 Lion's Club Spring Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm
- 05/26/2025 Memorial Day Services Groton Union Cemetery with lunch at Legion Post #39, 12pm
- 07/04/2025 Firecracker Couples Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 07/09/2025 Legion Auxiliary Salad Luncheon
- 07/13/2025 Lion's Club Summer Fest/Car Show at the City Park 9am-4pm
- 09/06/2025 Lion's Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm
- 10/31/2025 Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm
- 11/27/2025 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm

News from the **AP** Associated Press

Steve Stricker with a stunning shot wins his 1st PGA Tour Champions title of the year

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Steve Stricker ended a four-hole playoff with a shot out of the rough that banged into the pin and set up a tap-in birdie Sunday, his third straight Sanford International victory and his first PGA Tour Champions title of the year.

Stricker had a two-shot lead until a three-putt bogey on the 18th hole at Minnehaha Country Club for a 3-under 67. Richard Green made a 12-foot birdie putt in the final group for a 69 to force extra holes.

Stricker twice had to work hard for par on the par-4 18th in the playoff, while Green narrowly missed birdie chances. They both made par on the par-3 10th before returning to the 18th again.

Stricker pulled his 3-wood into deep rough and hammered a wedge that landed in the front and raced up the steep slope, smacking the pin in the middle and settling 2 feet away. Green missed his 8-foot birdie putt and Stricker tapped in for another Sanford International title.

He was more emotional than usual, winning for the first time since his father died in January. That partially explains why Stricker, who won six times on the PGA Tour Champions a year ago, had to wait so long for his first one of 2024.

"I was trying to win one so bad," Stricker said. "I owe him everything. We miss a lot. He was the guy who showed me the game, how to act on the course how to be a professional. I was putting some extra pressure on myself to win one and dedicate one to him."

Minnehaha was the right spot. Stricker now has four victories at the Sanford International, and he became the first player to win a tournament three straight times on the PGA Tour Champions and the PGA Tour (John Deere Classic from 2009 through 2011).

Stricker showed plenty of nerves down the stretch. He was tied with Green until Stricker, playing one group ahead, got up-and-down for birdie on the reachable par-4 15th and Green three-putted for bogey on the 14th.

Stricker wasted one chance to put it away by missing an 8-foot birdie putt on the 16th. But he saved par with a 15-foot putt on the 17th to keep his two-shot lead. On the closing hole, he came up well short of the steep ridge and three-putted, missing a 7-foot par putt.

He had to hook a shot around a tree — just barely — to make par on the 18th on the first playoff hole. He had to two-putt from about 75 feet up the slope on the second extra hole. And then he hit a shot off the pin for the winner.

"They're all hard," Stricker said.

Strongest typhoon since 1949 hits Shanghai and knocks out power to some homes

By SIMINA MISTREANU Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The strongest typhoon to hit Shanghai since at least 1949 flooded roads with water and broken tree branches, knocked out power to some homes and injured at least one person as it swept over the financial hub Monday.

More than 414,000 people had been evacuated ahead of the powerful winds and torrential rain. Schools were closed and people were advised to stay indoors.

One elderly man was injured by a falling tree on Shanghai's Chongming Island, according to state media. He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Typhoon Bebinca made landfall around 7:30 a.m. in the sprawling Pudong business district with winds of 151 kph (94 mph) near its center.

Torrential rains flooded roads in the district, according to images broadcast by state media. Elsewhere

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in Shanghai, uprooted trees and fallen branches blanketed some roads and sidewalks. As the typhoon eased, responders cleared branches and other objects blown around by the storm.

More than 60,000 emergency responders and firefighters were at hand to lend aid in Shanghai.

Authorities said winds uprooted or damaged more than 10,000 trees and knocked out power for at least 380 households, damaging four houses.

At least 53 hectares (132 acres) of farmland were flooded.

The typhoon weakened as it moved inland, dousing parts of Jiangsu, Anhui and Zhejiang provinces.

Flights, ferries and train services have been suspended in the megacity and in neighboring provinces, disrupting travel during China's three-day Mid-Autumn Festival. Shanghai's airports canceled more than 1,400 flights, while in Hangzhou, about 170 kilometers (106 miles) southwest of Shanghai, authorities also canceled more than 180 flights.

Weather authorities expected Shanghai and parts of neighboring provinces to receive up to 30 centimeters (12 inches) of rainfall between Monday and Wednesday.

Shanghai, which has 25 million people, is rarely hit by strong typhoons, which usually make landfall further south in China.

Typhoon Yagi hit China's southern Hainan island earlier this month and has caused devastation in Southeast Asia. In Myanmar, Yagi caused at least 74 deaths with dozens missing. Four deaths were reported in Hainan, at least 10 have died in Thailand and 20 in the Philippines.

Vietnam has reported more than 230 people killed in the typhoon and subsequent flooding and landslides, with dozens more still missing.

Trump was the subject of an apparent assassination attempt at his Florida golf club, the FBI says

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Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Donald Trump was the target of what the FBI said "appears to be an attempted assassination" at his golf club in West Palm Beach, Florida, on Sunday, just nine weeks after the Republican presidential nominee survived another attempt on his life. The former president said he was safe and well, and authorities held a man in custody.

U.S. Secret Service agents stationed a few holes up from where Trump was playing noticed the muzzle of an AK-style rifle sticking through the shrubbery that lines the course, roughly 400 yards away.

An agent fired and the gunman dropped the rifle and fled in an SUV, leaving the firearm behind along with two backpacks, a scope used for aiming and a GoPro camera, Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said. The man was later stopped by law enforcement in a neighboring county.

It was the latest jarring moment in a campaign year marked by unprecedented upheaval. On July 13, Trump was shot during a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and a bullet grazed his ear. Eight days later, Democratic President Joe Biden withdrew from the race, giving way for Vice President Kamala Harris to become the party's nominee.

And it spawned new questions about Secret Service protective operations after the agency's admitted failures in preventing the assassination attempt this summer.

The man who was detained had a calm, flat demeanor and showed little emotion when he was stopped, according to Martin County Sheriff William Snyder.

"He never asked, 'What is this about?'" Obviously, law enforcement with long rifles, blue lights, a lot going on. He never questioned it," Snyder said.

In an email to supporters, Trump said: "There were gunshots in my vicinity, but before rumors start spiraling out of control, I wanted you to hear this first: I AM SAFE AND WELL!" He wrote: "Nothing will slow me down. I will NEVER SURRENDER!"

He returned to Mar-a-Lago, his private club in Palm Beach where he lives, according to a person familiar with Trump's movements who was not authorized to discuss them publicly and spoke on condition of

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anonymity.

It was not immediately clear how the development would affect his schedule or campaign dynamics. Trump was set to speak from Florida about cryptocurrency live on Monday night on the social media site X and had stops planned Tuesday and Wednesday in Michigan and on New York's Long Island.

An email to Trump campaign staffers obtained by AP said, "We ask that you remain vigilant in your daily comings and goings."

"As we enter the last 50 days of President Trump's campaign, we must remember that we will only be able save America from those who seek to destroy it by working together as one team."

Biden and Harris were briefed on the matter and each issued a statement condemning political violence. Harris' added that she was "deeply disturbed" by the day's events and that "we all must do our part to ensure that this incident does not lead to more violence."

Biden said he had directed his team to ensure the Secret Service "has every resource, capability and protective measure necessary to ensure the former President's continued safety."

In the aftermath, Trump checked in with allies, including running mate Ohio Sen. JD Vance, South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham and several Fox News hosts. House Speaker Mike Johnson said he spent several hours with Trump and called him "unstoppable."

Fox News host Sean Hannity recounted on air his conversation with the former president's golf partner, Steve Witkoff.

They had been on the fifth hole and about to go up to putt when they heard a "pop pop, pop pop." Within seconds, he said Witkoff recounted, Secret Service agents "pounced" on Trump and "covered him" to protect him.

Trump had returned to Florida this weekend from a West Coast swing that included a Friday night rally in Las Vegas and a Utah fundraiser. His campaign had not announced any public plans for Trump on Sunday. He often spends the morning playing golf.

Trump has had a stepped-up security footprint since the assassination attempt in July. When he is at Trump Tower in New York, parked dump trucks have formed a wall outside the building. At outdoor rallies, he now speaks from behind bulletproof glass.

The Florida golf course was partially shut down for Trump as he played, but there are several areas around the perimeter of the property where golfers are visible from the fence line. Secret Service agents and officers in golf carts and on ATVs generally secure the area several holes ahead and behind Trump. Agents also usually bring an armored vehicle onto the course to shelter Trump quickly should a threat arise.

The Palm Beach County sheriff said the entire golf course would have been lined with law enforcement if Trump were the president, but because he is not, "security is limited to the areas that the Secret Service deems possible."

"I would imagine that the next time he comes to the golf course, there will probably be a little more people around the perimeter," Bradshaw said. "But the Secret Service did exactly what they should have done."

Late Sunday, Trump posted a message on social media thanking the Secret Service and law enforcement for keeping him safe, calling them "brave and dedicated Patriots," adding that it was "certainly an interesting day!"

He was to be briefed in person Monday by acting Secret Service director Ronald Rowe about the investigation into the assassination attempt, according to a person familiar with the plan for the briefing who was not authorized to speak publicly.

Former presidents and their spouses have Secret Service protection for life, but the security around former presidents varies according to threat levels and exposure, with the toughest measures typically being taken in the immediate aftermath of their leaving office.

Trump's protective detail has been higher than some other former presidents because of his high visibility and his campaign to seek the White House again.

The man in custody was Ryan Routh, three law enforcement officials told the AP. The officials who identified the suspect spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss

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the ongoing investigation.

Records show Routh, 58, lived in North Carolina for most of his life before moving to Hawaii in 2018. In 2020, he made a social media post backing Trump's reelection, but in more recent years his posts have expressed support for Biden and Harris.

Routh tried to recruit Afghan soldiers fleeing the Taliban to fight in Ukraine, and spent several months in the country, according to an interview with The New York Times last year.

The FBI was leading the investigation and working to determine any motive. Attorney General Merrick Garland was receiving regular updates. Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were helping investigate.

"The FBI has responded to West Palm Beach Florida and is investigating what appears to be an attempted assassination of former President Trump," the bureau said.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican, said the state would do its own investigation, posting on X that, "The people deserve the truth about the would be assassin and how he was able to get within 500 yards of the former president and current GOP nominee."

News reporters were not with Trump on Sunday. Bucking tradition, Trump's campaign has not arranged to have a protective pool of reporters travel with him, as is standard for major party nominees and for the president. Harris does not have a protective pool at all times, but does allow reporters to travel with her for public events.

Snyder, the Martin County sheriff, said the suspect was apprehended within minutes of the FBI, Secret Service and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office putting out a "very urgent BOLO" — or "be on the lookout" alert.

Snyder said his deputies "immediately flooded" northbound I-95 and "we pinched in on the car, got it safely stopped and got the driver in custody."

Tito Jackson's family says the Jackson 5 member has died at 70

By BRIAN P. D. HANNON Associated Press

Tito Jackson, one of the brothers who made up the beloved pop group the Jackson 5, has died at age 70.

Tito was the third of nine Jackson children, which include global superstars Michael and sister Janet, part of a music-making family whose songs are still beloved today.

"It's with heavy hearts that we announce that our beloved father, Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Tito Jackson is no longer with us. We are shocked, saddened and heartbroken. Our father was an incredible man who cared about everyone and their well-being," his sons TJ, Taj and Taryll said in a statement posted on Instagram late Sunday.

The Jackson 5 included brothers Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael. The family group, which was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1997, produced several No. 1 hits in the 1970s including "ABC," "I Want You Back" and "I'll Be There."

The Jackson 5 became one of the biggest names in music under the guidance of their father, Joe Jackson, a steelworker and guitar player who supported his wife and nine children in Gary, Indiana. As the family's music careers took off, they relocated to California.

Born on Oct. 15, 1953, Toriano Adaryll "Tito" Jackson was the least-heard member of the group as a background singer who played guitar. His brothers launched solo careers, including Michael, who became one of the world's biggest performers known as The King of Pop.

Michael Jackson died at age 50 on June 25, 2009.

Speaking to The Associated Press in December 2009, Jackson said his younger brother's death pulled the family closer together.

"I would say definitely it brought us a step closer to each other. To recognize that the love we have for each other when one of us is not here, what a great loss," he said, adding he would personally never "be at peace with it."

"There's still moments when I just can't believe it. So I think that's never going to go away," he said.

In 2014, Jackson said he and his brothers still felt Michael Jackson's absence in their shows, which continued with international tours.

"I don't think we will ever get used to performing without him. He's dearly missed," he said, noting that Michael's spirit "is with us when we are performing. It gives us a lot of positive energy and puts a lot of smiles on our faces."

Days before his death, Jackson posted a message on his Facebook page from Germany on Sept. 11, where he visited a memorial to Michael Jackson with his brothers.

"Before our show in Munich, my brothers Jackie, Marlon, and I, visited the beautiful memorial dedicated to our beloved brother, Michael Jackson. We're deeply grateful for this special place that honors not only his memory but also our shared legacy. Thank you for keeping his spirit alive," he wrote.

Tito Jackson was the last of the nine Jackson siblings to release a solo project with his 2016 debut, "Tito Time." He released a song in 2017, "One Way Street," and told the AP in 2019 that he was working on a sophomore album.

Jackson said he purposely held back from pursuing a solo career because he wanted to focus on raising his three sons, TJ, Taj and Taryll, who formed their own music group, 3T. Jackson's website offers a link to a single featuring 3T and Stevie Wonder titled, "Love One Another."

Tito Jackson also is survived by his brothers Jermaine, Randy, Marlon and Jackie, his sisters Janet, Rebbie and La Toya and their mother, Katherine. Their father died in 2018.

Jackson's death was first reported by Entertainment Tonight.

5 things to know about the apparent assassination attempt on Trump at one of his golf courses

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Former President Donald Trump is safe following what the FBI says "appears to be an attempted assassination" while playing golf two months after another attempt on his life at a rally in Pennsylvania.

Local authorities said the U.S. Secret Service agents protecting Trump fired at a man pointing an AK-style rifle with a scope as Trump was playing on one of his Florida golf courses in West Palm Beach.

Here are five things to know about what happened Sunday to the Republican presidential nominee.

Who is the suspect?

Law enforcement officials said the man who pointed the rifle and was arrested is Ryan Wesley Routh. The officials identified the suspect to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation.

Records show Routh, 58, lived in North Carolina for most of his life before moving in 2018 to Kaaawa, Hawaii, where he and his son operated a company building sheds, according to an archived version of the webpage for the business.

Routh frequently posted on social media about the war in Ukraine and had a website where he sought to raise money and recruit volunteers to go to Kyiv to join the fight against the Russian invasion. In June 2020, he made a post on X directed at then-President Trump to say he would win reelection if he issued an executive order for the Justice Department to prosecute police misconduct. That year, he also posted in support of the Democratic presidential campaign of then-U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, who has since left the party and endorsed Trump.

However, in recent years, his posts suggest he soured on Trump, and he expressed support for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

In July, following the assassination attempt on Trump in Pennsylvania, Routh urged Biden and Harris to visit those wounded in the shooting at the hospital and to attend the funeral of a former fire chief killed at the rally.

Voter records show he registered as an unaffiliated voter in North Carolina in 2012, most recently voting

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in person during the state's Democratic Party primary in March 2024. Federal campaign finance records show Routh made 19 small political donations totaling \$140 since 2019 using his Hawaii address to ActBlue, a political action committee that supports Democratic candidates.

Records show that while living in Greensboro, North Carolina, Routh had multiple run-ins with law enforcement. He was convicted in 2002 of possessing a weapon of mass destruction, according to online North Carolina Department of Adult Correction records.

The records do not provide details about the case. But a News & Record story from 2002 says a man with the same name was arrested after a three-hour standoff with police. The story says he was pulled over during a traffic stop, put his hand on a gun and barricaded himself inside a roofing business. He owned the roofing company, according to state incorporation filings.

How did this happen?

Local authorities said the gunman was about 400 yards to 500 yards away from Trump and hiding in shrubbery while the former president was playing a round of golf at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach.

Ric Bradshaw, sheriff of Palm Beach County, said that when people get into the shrubbery around the course, "they're pretty much out of sight." Bradshaw said the entire golf course would have been lined with law enforcement if Trump were the sitting president, but because he's not, "security is limited to the areas the Secret Service deems possible."

Trump's protective detail has been higher than some of his peers because of his high visibility and his campaign to seek the White House again. His security was bolstered days before the July assassination attempt in Pennsylvania because of a threat on Trump's life from Iran, U.S. officials said.

What has Trump said since the attempt?

In an email to supporters, Trump said: "There were gunshots in my vicinity, but before rumors start spiraling out of control, I wanted you to hear this first: I AM SAFE AND WELL!"

His running mate, JD Vance, and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said they spoke with Trump after the incident, and both said he was in "good spirits." Trump also checked in with several Fox News hosts.

Fox News host Sean Hannity, a close friend of the former president's, said on air that he spoke with Trump and his golf partner, Steve Witkoff, afterward. They told Hannity they had been on the fifth hole when they heard a "pop pop, pop pop." Within seconds, he said Witkoff recounted, Secret Service agents "pounced on" Trump and "covered him" to protect him.

Moments later, Witkoff said, a "fast cart" with steel reinforcement and other protection was able to whisk Trump away.

Hannity said Trump's reaction after this happened — and when it was clear that everyone, including Witkoff, was safe — was to quip that he was sad he hadn't been able to finish the hole since he "was even and had a birdie putt."

What is Vice President Kamala Harris saying?

Harris, Trump's Democratic opponent in the presidential election, posted on X that she had been briefed on the reports of gunshots fired.

"I am glad he is safe. Violence has no place in America."

The White House said President Joe Biden and Harris would be kept updated on the investigation. The White House added it was "relieved" to know Trump is safe.

What's next?

Trump has not announced any changes to his schedule and is set to speak live on X on Monday night from his Mar-a-Lago resort to launch his sons' crypto platform.

Meanwhile, the leaders of a congressional bipartisan task force investigating the July 13 assassination attempt on Trump said they have requested a briefing by the Secret Service.

"We are thankful that the former President was not harmed, but remain deeply concerned about political violence and condemn it in all of its forms," Rep. Mike Kelly, R-Pa., and Rep. Jason Crow, D-Colo., said in a statement. They said the task force will share updates.

U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz, a Florida Democrat who is part of the task force, said he "will seek answers about what happened today and then."

Israel-Hamas war latest: Israeli airstrikes kill 16 in Gaza, including 4 children, Palestinians say

By The Associated Press undefined

Palestinian officials say Israeli airstrikes have killed 16 people in the Gaza Strip, including five women and four children.

A strike early Monday flattened a home in the built-up Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza, killing at least 10 people, including four women and two children.

The Awda Hospital, which received the bodies, confirmed the toll and said another 13 people were wounded. Hospital records show that the dead included a mother, her child and her five siblings.

Another strike on a home in Gaza City killed six people, including a woman and two children, according to the Civil Defense, first responders who operate under the Hamas-run government.

Israel says it only targets militants and accuses Hamas and other armed groups of endangering civilians by operating in residential areas. The military rarely comments on individual strikes, which often kill women and children.

The Gaza Health Ministry says over 41,000 Palestinians have been killed since Hamas' Oct. 7 attack triggered the war nearly a year ago. It does not distinguish between fighters and civilians in its count but says a little over half of those killed were women and children. Israel says it has killed over 17,000 militants, without providing evidence.

Here's the latest:

Israeli defense minister says time is running out for agreement with Hezbollah to halt fighting along Israel-Lebanon border

JERUSALEM — Israel's defense minister has told his U.S. counterpart that time is running out for an agreement with Hezbollah to halt the fighting along the Israel-Lebanon border.

Yoav Gallant told Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin that "the possibility for an agreed framework in the northern arena is running out as Hezbollah continues to 'tie itself' to Hamas."

"The trajectory is clear," Gallant added, according to a statement released from his office on Monday.

Hezbollah began firing rockets and drones into northern Israel after the outbreak of the war in Gaza, which was ignited by Hamas' Oct. 7 attack. Both armed groups are allied with Iran, and Hezbollah says it is acting in solidarity with the Palestinians.

Israel has responded to the attacks with airstrikes and the targeted killing of Hezbollah commanders. It has threatened a wider operation, raising fears of another all-out war.

Hezbollah has said it will halt its attacks if there is a cease-fire in Gaza, but months of talks brokered by the United States, Qatar and Egypt have repeatedly stalled.

Hamas has demanded a lasting cease-fire and the full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza as part of any agreement to release the scores of hostages it still holds from the Oct. 7 attack.

Gallant told Austin that "in any possible scenario, Israel's defense establishment will continue to operate with the aim of dismantling Hamas and ensuring the return of hostages held by Hamas in Gaza — by any means."

Will the Federal Reserve cut interest rates fast enough to deliver a 'soft landing'?

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — American consumers and home buyers, business people and political leaders have been waiting for months for what the Federal Reserve is poised to announce this week: That it's cutting

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its key interest rate from a two-decade peak.

It's likely to be just the first in a series of rate cuts that should make borrowing more affordable now that the Fed has deemed high inflation to be all but defeated.

Consider Kelly Mardis, who owns Marcel Painting in Tempe, Arizona. About a quarter of Mardis' business comes from real estate agents who are prepping homes for sale or from new home buyers. Customer queries, he recalls, quickly dropped almost as soon as the Fed started jacking up interest rates in March 2022 — and then kept raising rates through July 2023.

As the housing market contracted, Mardis had to lay off about half his staff of 30. It was the worst dry spell he had experienced in 14 years.

After the Fed begins cutting rates on Wednesday, Mardis envisions brighter times ahead. Typically, a succession of Fed rate cuts leads over time to lower borrowing costs for things like mortgages, auto loans, credit cards and business loans.

"I'm 100% sure it would make a difference," Mardis said. "I'm looking forward to it."

At the same time, plenty of uncertainty still surrounds this week's Fed meeting.

How much will the policymakers decide to reduce their benchmark rate, now at 5.3%? By a traditional quarter-point or by an unusually large half-point?

Will they keep loosening credit at their subsequent meetings in November and December and into 2025? Will lower borrowing costs take effect in time to bolster an economy that is still growing at a solid pace but is clearly showing cracks?

Chair Jerome Powell emphasized in a speech last month in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, that the Fed is prepared to cut rates to support the job market and achieve a notoriously difficult "soft landing." That is when the central bank manages to curb inflation without tipping the economy into a steep recession and causing unemployment to surge.

It's not entirely clear that the Fed can pull it off.

One hopeful sign is that as Powell and other Fed officials have signaled that rate cuts are coming, many interest rates have already fallen in anticipation. The average 30-year mortgage rate dropped to 6.2% last week — the lowest level in about 18 months and down from a peak of nearly 7.8%, according to the mortgage giant Freddie Mac. Other rates, like the yield on the five-year Treasury note, which influences auto loan rates, have also tumbled.

"That really does help lower those borrowing costs across the board," said Kathy Bostjancic, chief economist at Nationwide Financial. "That helps to give nice relief to consumers."

Businesses can now borrow at lower rates than they've been able to for the past year or so, potentially boosting their investment spending.

"The question is if it's helping quickly enough ... to actually deliver the soft landing that everyone's been hoping for," said Gennadiy Goldberg, head of U.S. rates strategy at TD Securities.

Many economists would like to see the Fed announce a half-point rate cut this week, in part because they think the officials should have begun cutting rates at their previous meeting in July. Wall Street traders on Friday signaled their expectation that the Fed will carry out at least two half-point cuts by year's end, according to futures prices.

Yet Goldberg suggested that there would be downsides to implementing a half-point rate cut this week. It might signal to the markets that the Fed's policymakers are more worried about the economy than they actually are.

"Markets could assume that something is wrong and the Fed sees something quite terrible on the horizon," Goldberg said.

It could also raise expectations for additional half-point cuts that the Fed might not deliver.

In the long run, more important than Wednesday's Fed action is the pace of rate cuts through next year and the ultimate end point. If Fed officials conclude that inflation is essentially defeated and they no longer need to slow the economy, that would suggest that their key rate should be at a more "neutral" setting, which could be as low as 3%. That would require a series of further rate cuts.

Many economists think the economy needs much lower rates. Diane Swonk, chief economist at KPMG,

notes that hiring has averaged just 116,000 a month for the past three months, a level equivalent to the sluggish job growth coming out of the 2008-2009 Great Recession. The unemployment rate has risen by nearly a full percentage point to 4.2%.

"There is a fragility out there when you are not hiring at a very strong pace," Swonk said. "This is still a much weaker labor market than we thought we had."

Still, Fed rate cuts may provide a crucial boost to the economy just when it's needed.

Michele Raneri, head of U.S. research at TransUnion, a credit monitoring company, noted that lower rates typically lead consumers to refinance high interest-rate debt — principally credit card borrowing — into lower-cost personal loans. Doing so would ease their financial burdens.

And once mortgage rates fall below 6%, Raneri said, more homeowners will likely be willing to sell, rather than holding on to their house out of reluctance to swap a low mortgage rate for a much higher one. More home sales would help relieve the supply crunch that's made it hard for younger people to buy a first home.

"That starts to break up this logjam that we've been in where there's a low inventory of houses," Raneri said. "We need some people to start moving to start that churn."

Other small businesses are seeing signs that the churn is picking up. Brittany Hart, who owns a software consulting firm in Phoenix that works with mortgage brokers, wealth managers and banks, is noticing more interest from potential clients in adopting new software to boost efficiency. That is because they expect the housing market to pick up.

Hart has started looking for three new employees to help handle the expected business, to add to the roughly 20 employees she has now.

"This is the first leading indicator that we are getting back to that normal activity in the housing market," she said.

Trump was on the links taking a breather from the campaign. Then the Secret Service saw a rifle

By CALVIN WOODWARD Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sunday was to be a day of relative rest for Donald Trump, a rare breather this deep into a presidential campaign. Aside from sounding off on social media, golf was on the agenda.

Then the Secret Service spotted the muzzle of a rifle sticking out of a fence in bushes at Trump's West Palm Beach golf club, and everything changed.

For the second time in just over two months, someone apparently tried to shoot Trump and came dangerously close to the former president in that effort — within 500 yards Sunday, law enforcement officials said. This time, the gunfire came from the Secret Service, before the suspect could get any shots off at his target.

The episode raised sharp questions about how to keep the former president safe -- not only while he is campaigning across the country, but while he spends time at his own clubs and properties.

Trump has had stepped-up security since the assassination attempt on him in July, when he was wounded in the ear during an attack that laid bare a series of Secret Service failures. When he has been at Trump Tower in New York, parked dump trucks have formed a wall outside the building. And at outdoor rallies, he now speaks from behind bulletproof glass.

But unlike typical VIPs, who live in private residences with tall fences, Trump, while in Florida, resides at a club open to dues-paying members, and often spends his down time at his golf courses. And this a toxic era in the nation's politics.

"The threat level is high," Rafael Barros, special agent in charge of the Secret Service's Miami field office, told reporters Sunday. "We live in danger times."

Sunday in the political world opened with Trump assailing a pop star on social media who had endorsed Kamala Harris — "I HATE TAYLOR SWIFT" — complaining about the post office and hitting the links. Run-

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ning mate JD Vance riffed on TV about that thoroughly debunked conspiracy theory concerning immigrants and pets, refusing to disown it. Democrats were apoplectic.

All that was standard fare for the most tumultuous presidential campaign in anyone's memory. But shortly before 2 p.m., the subject abruptly changed and this election was thrust ever deeper into unprecedented territory.

Trump and golf partner Steve Witkoff were on the fifth hole of the course and about to putt when they heard the "pop, pop, pop, pop," said Fox News host Sean Hannity, a close friend of the former president who spoke with him several times afterward as well as with Witkoff.

Moments later, Hannity said, a "fast cart" with steel reinforcement and other protection whisked Trump away.

After the Secret Service noticed the rifle and then the suspect, an agent fired on him but apparently missed.

Secret Service agents immediately used their bodies to shield Trump and moved him to the golf course's clubhouse, where he remained until he went back to Mar-a-Lago about 15 minutes away, according to a person with knowledge of the situation who was not authorized to discuss it publicly and described it on condition of anonymity.

About an hour later, Secret Service spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said the agency and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office were investigating an unspecified "protective incident involving former President Donald Trump," adding he was safe.

The meaning was highly unclear. It could have been an unrelated shooting or disturbance near Trump, for all the country knew at first. "There were about 20 or more cop cars flying from nearby streets," said Max Egusquiza, of Palm Beach, describing the emergency response he witnessed.

The Trump campaign issued a statement saying "President Trump is safe following gunshots in his vicinity." Again, no word whether he was the intended target.

But it soon became known that the Secret Service had fired shots. And about an hour after that happened, Donald J. Trump Jr. posted on X that an AK-style rifle was discovered in the bushes, "per local law enforcement."

All of that was finally followed by an FBI statement saying it is investigating "what appears to be an attempted assassination of former President Trump."

The suspect quickly vanished but law enforcement had managed to identify his vehicle.

Martin County Sheriff William D. Snyder said his deputies "immediately flooded" northbound I-95, deploying to every exit between the Palm Beach County line to the south and St. Lucie County line to the north.

The suspect was apprehended within minutes of the FBI, Secret Service and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office putting out a "very urgent BOLO" — or be-on-the-lookout alert — detailing the specific vehicle sought, license plate number and description of the driver.

"One of my road patrol units saw the vehicle, matched the tag and we set up on the vehicle," Snyder said, "We pinched in on the car, got it safely stopped and got the driver in custody."

Snyder added: "He never asked, 'What is this about?' Obviously, law enforcement with long rifles, blue lights — a lot going on. He never questioned it."

With that, police arrested Ryan Wesley Routh, 58, of Kaaawa, Hawaii, three law enforcement officials told The Associated Press. The officials identified the suspect to AP but spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation.

The suspect had left behind an AK-style rifle with a scope, two backpacks hanging on a fence with ceramic tile inside and a GoPro camera, Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said.

The sheriff said the suspect was 400 to 500 yards away from Trump hidden in shrubbery, while the former president played golf on a nearby hole.

"It was certainly an interesting day!" Trump posted on Truth Social on Sunday night. He effusively thanked law enforcement for keeping him "SAFE."

'Shogun' and 'Hacks' win top series Emmy Awards and 'The Bear' and 'Baby Reindeer' take 4 apiece

By ANDREW DALTON AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Shogun" had historic wins in an epic 18-Emmy first season, "Hacks" scored an upset for best comedy on what was still a four-trophy night for "The Bear," and "Baby Reindeer" had a holiday at an Emmy Awards that had some surprising swerves.

"Shogun," the FX series about power struggles in feudal Japan, won best drama series, Hiroyuki Sanada won best actor in a drama, and Anna Sawai won best actress. Sanada was the first Japanese actor to win an Emmy. Sawai became the second just moments later.

"Shogun" taught me when we work together, we can make miracles," Sanada said in his acceptance speech from the stage of the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles.

Along with 14 Emmys it claimed at the precursor Creative Arts Emmys, it had an unmatched performance with 18 overall for one season.

"Hacks" was the surprise winner of its first best comedy series award, topping "The Bear," which most had expected to take it after big wins earlier in the evening.

Jean Smart won her third best actress in a comedy award for the third season of Max's "Hacks," in which her stand-up comic character Deborah Vance tries to make it in late-night TV. Smart has six Emmys overall.

Despite losing out on the night's biggest comedy prize after winning it for its first season at January's strike-delayed ceremony, FX's "The Bear" star Jeremy Allen White won best actor in a comedy for the second straight year, and Ebon Moss-Bachrach repeated as best supporting actor.

And Liza Colón-Zayas was the surprise best supporting actor winner over competition that included Meryl Streep, becoming the first Latina to win in the category.

"To all the Latinas who are looking at me," she said, her eyes welling with tears. "keep believing, and vote."

Netflix's darkly quirky "Baby Reindeer" won best limited series. Creator and star Richard Gadd won for his lead acting and his writing and Jessica Gunning, who plays his tormentor, won best supporting actress.

Accepting the series award, Gadd urged the makers of television to take chances.

"The only constant across any success in television is good storytelling," he said. "Good storytelling that speaks to our times. So take risks, push boundaries. Explore the uncomfortable. Dare to fail in order to achieve."

"Baby Reindeer" is based on a one man-stage show in which Gadd describes being sexually abused along with other emotional struggles.

Accepting that award, he said, "no matter how bad it gets, it always gets better."

The Associated Press does not typically name people who say they have been sexually abused unless they come forward publicly as Gadd has.

Jodie Foster won her first Emmy to go with her two Oscars when she took best actress in a limited series for "True Detective: Night Country."

Foster played a salty police chief investigating a mass killing in the round-the-clock dark of an Alaskan winter on the HBO show. While her castmate Kali Reis missed out on becoming the first Indigenous actor to win an Emmy in the supporting category, Foster praised her, and the show's collaboration with Indigenous contributors.

"The Inupiaq and Inuit people of northern Alaska who told us their stories, and they allowed us to listen," Foster said. "That was just a blessing. It was love, love, love, and when you feel that, something amazing happens."

Greg Berlanti, a producer and writer on shows including "Dawson's Creek" and "Everwood," received the Television Academy's Governors Award for his career-long contributions to improving LGBTQ visibility on television. He talked about a childhood when there was little such visibility.

"There wasn't a lot of gay characters on television back then, and I was a closeted gay kid," Berlanti said. "It's hard to describe how lonely that was at the time,"

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The long decline of traditional broadcast TV at the Emmys continued, with zero wins between the four broadcast networks.

In the monologue that opened the ABC telecast, Dan Levy, who hosted with his father and "Schitt's Creek" co-star Eugene Levy, called the Emmys "broadcast TV's biggest night for honoring movie stars on streaming services."

Though other than Foster, movie stars didn't fare too well. Her fellow Oscar winners Streep and Robert Downey Jr. had been among the favorites, but came up empty.

"Robert Downey Jr. I have a poster of you in my house!" said Lamorne Morris, who beat Downey for best supporting actor in a limited series, said from the stage as he accepted his first Emmy.

The evening managed to meet many expectations but included several swerves like the win for "Hacks."

"We were really shocked," "Hacks co-creator Jen Statsky, who also won for writing, said after the show. "We were truly, really surprised."

And "Shogun" got off to a quiet start, missing on early awards and not getting its first trophy until past the halfway point.

Still, it shattered the record for Emmys for one season previously held by the 2008 limited series "John Adams" in 2008. And its acting wins would have been hard to imagine before the series became an acclaimed phenomenon.

Sanada is a 63-year-old longtime screen star whose name is little known outside Japan, even if his face is through Hollywood films like "The Last Samurai" and "John Wick Chapter 4." Sawai, 32, who was born in New Zealand and moved to Japan as a child, is significantly less known in the U.S. She wept when she accepted best actress.

"When you saw me cry on stage, it was probably the 12th time I cried today," Sawai said backstage. "It was just mixed emotions, wanting everyone to win all that. I may cry again now."

"The Bear" would finish second with 11 overall Emmys, including guest acting wins at the Creative Arts ceremony for Jamie Lee Curtis and Jon Bernthal.

The Levys in their opening monologue mocked the show being in the comedy category.

"In honor of 'The Bear' we will be making no jokes," Eugene Levy said, to laughs.

Elizabeth Debicki took best supporting actress in a drama for playing Princess Diana at the end of her life in the sixth and final season of "The Crown."

"Playing this part, based on this unparalleled, incredible human being, has been my great privilege," Debicki said in her acceptance. "It's been a gift."

Several awards were presented by themed teams from TV history, including sitcom dads George Lopez, Damon Wayans and Jesse Tyler Ferguson and TV moms Meredith Baxter, Connie Britton, and Susan Kellch Watson.

Apparent attempt on Trump's life raises questions about how it could have happened again

By JILL COLVIN Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — An apparent attempt to assassinate former President Donald Trump as he played golf in Florida has rocked a presidential campaign already marred by violence and raised questions about how such a thing could have happened for the second time in as many months.

U.S. Secret Service agents opened fire Sunday afternoon on a man who was spotted pointing an AK-style rifle through a fence while hiding in the bushes as Trump golfed at his club in West Palm Beach. The FBI described it as an apparent attempted assassination on the GOP nominee.

At a Pennsylvania rally in July, Trump was grazed in the ear by a bullet when a gunman was able to gain access to an unsecured roof, unleashing a hail of bullets that left one of Trump's supporters dead and two others badly injured.

While the Secret Service has grappled with how to keep Trump safe as he campaigns across the country, holding rallies that often draw thousands, less attention has focused on his protection when he is off the

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trail, often at his own clubs and properties.

The fact that there are places along the perimeter of the property where golfers — including Trump — are visible to those standing behind the fence has long been known to law enforcement. While Trump was president, news photographers were often able to capture images of him on the greens by finding gaps in the shrubbery.

While Trump's plans to golf Sunday were not part of any public schedule, on days he is not campaigning, he can often be found golfing at one of his courses. Trump International Golf Club, West Palm Beach, about a 10-minute drive from his Mar-a-Lago residence, is a favorite. One of three golf clubs he owns in Florida, it boasts 27 holes of championship golf, as well as event spaces. Trump often eats lunch and holds meetings in the clubhouse between rounds.

Trump had just returned from a West Coast swing that included stops in Las Vegas and Utah, and had announced on social media that he would be delivering remarks Monday from Mar-a-Lago about cryptocurrency as he launches a new crypto platform.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw noted at a briefing that because Trump is no longer in office, security protocols around the course had loosened.

"He's not the sitting president. If he was, we would have had this entire golf course surrounded. But because he's not, his security is limited to the areas that the Secret Service deems possible," he told reporters.

Law enforcement officials praised the work of the agents assigned to protect Trump. One agent, tasked with jumping one hole ahead of the former president to scope out potential threats, managed to spot the gunman's rifle barrel sticking out of the fence that surrounds the golf club and "immediately engaged that individual," Bradshaw said.

In an email to campaign staff Sunday night, senior campaign advisers Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles credited the Secret Service for saving Trump, who has praised the agents in his own protective detail for their bravery as they rushed on stage to protect him in Butler, Pennsylvania.

"President Trump and everyone accompanying him are safe thanks to the great work of the United States Secret Service," they wrote.

Unlike other past presidents and typical VIPs who live in private residences with tall fences or in gated communities, Trump has his official residence at his Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach. The club is open to dues-paying members, who mingle with the former president at meals and at events and can invite their own guests to the property.

Many nights, Trump holds court on the club's patio, playing DJ with his iPad. While president, he once plotted a response to a North Korean missile launch from the candlelit terrace, the meeting captured and posted on social media by a club member.

The club is also a popular Palm Beach venue and hosts a constant stream of fundraisers, weddings and other events that sometimes see Trump drop by unannounced.

Secret Service spokesperson Anthony Guglielmi said in a social media post that the agency is working closely with the FBI, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement to investigate what happened.

Trump will be briefed in person Monday by acting Secret Service director Ronald Rowe about the investigation, according to a person familiar with the plan who was not authorized to speak publicly.

The incident sparked immediate finger-pointing and calls for answers on Capitol Hill.

New York Rep. Elise Stefanik, the House Republican Conference chair and a close ally of the former president, said she was grateful Trump was safe. "However, we must ask ourselves how an assassin was allowed to get this close to President Trump again?" she asked in a statement.

The leaders of the bipartisan task force that has been investigating the security failures in Pennsylvania said they were monitoring the situation and had requested a briefing from the Secret Service.

"We are thankful that the former President was not harmed, but remain deeply concerned about political violence and condemn it in all of its forms," said Rep. Mike Kelly, R-Pa., and Rep. Jason Crow, D-Colo., in a joint statement.

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Meanwhile, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, one of Trump's rivals in the GOP primary, said his state will conduct its own investigation.

"The people deserve the truth about the would be assassin and how he was able to get within 500 yards of the former president and current GOP nominee," he wrote in a social media post.

Democratic Rep. Ro Khanna echoed that message. "Two assassination attempts in 60 days on a former President & the Republican nominee is unacceptable," he wrote. "The Secret Service must come to Congress tomorrow, tell us what resources are needed to expand the protective perimeter, & lets allocate it in a bipartisan vote the same day."

President Joe Biden said in a statement that he was "relieved" that Trump was unharmed and said "there is no place for political violence or for any violence ever in our country." He said he had directed his staff "to continue to ensure that Secret Service has every resource, capability and protective measure necessary to ensure the former President's continued safety."

Is 'Judge Judy' on the Supreme Court? Lack of civics knowledge leads to colleges filling the gap

By ALLEN G. BREED and TIM SULLIVAN AP National Writers

BLUFFTON, South Carolina (AP) — On the first day of his American National Government class, Prof. Kevin Dopf asks how many of his students are United States citizens. Every hand shoots up.

"So, how did all you people become citizens?" he asks. "Did you pass a test?"

"No," one young woman says tentatively. "We were born here."

It's a good thing. Based on his years of making his students at the University of South Carolina Beaufort take the test given to immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship, most would be rejected.

"Thirty, 35% of the students will pass it," says Dopf, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and former West Point instructor. "The rest of them are clueless. I mean, they're just clueless."

Most states require some sort of high school civics instruction. But with surveys showing that a third of American adults can't name the three branches of the federal government, and one in which 10% of college graduates think Judith Sheindlin — TV's "Judge Judy" — serves on the U.S. Supreme Court, many think we should be aiming higher.

Over the past few years, a small but growing number of states have begun requiring students at publicly funded colleges to complete a civics requirement. That comes as polling indicates civics education is wildly popular across the political spectrum.

Civics — the study of citizens' rights and responsibilities — fosters a sense of unity, advocates say, and an ability to deal with disagreement. It empowers citizens, and many people believe it could help heal America's divides. Having it in higher education means they can look at issue in more sophisticated ways, perhaps weaving it into other classes.

"I feel we are in the business for making a case for America," said Louise Dube, head of iCivics, which promotes civics education.

But what does it mean when those talking about civics often can't be, well, civil?

Take North Carolina, where lawmakers and academics got into a heated battle over who should decide how civics would be taught.

Last year, North Carolina Republicans introduced the REACH Act — an acronym for "Reclaiming College Education on America's Constitutional Heritage." The bill required undergraduates to take at least three credit hours in American government and read a series of major U.S. history documents, from the Declaration of Independence to Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 "Letter from Birmingham Jail." They would also have to pass a final exam worth 20% of the final grade.

If the bill seemed anodyne on the surface, it met with intense pushback. Critics pointed to the bill's "reclaiming" title, its attempt to dictate curriculum usually set by professors and that it was drafted by Jameson Broggi, an avowedly conservative U.S. Marine Corps captain and lawyer who has said curriculum

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must include “devotion to American institutions and ideals.”

The North Carolina act easily passed the state House in March 2023 and a first reading in the Senate. It seemed on its way to victory.

University of North Carolina officials and faculty were not happy.

“We tried to slow this down in House but had zero success,” Bart Goodson, senior vice president of government relations for the 16-school UNC system wrote to a fellow administrator in an April 2023 email, obtained by Broggi through an open records request.

“It was a ‘wrap yourself in the flag’ type bill and anyone who spoke against was essentially viewed as non-American,” Goodson wrote.

So, as the idea moved slowly through the legislative process, UNC faculty took matters into their own hands.

Wade Maki, chair of the UNC faculty assembly, worked with professors from four other campuses, including two historically Black universities, to draft a set of learning outcomes. They studied what’s being done in other states.

The resulting proposal, called the “Foundations of American Democracy,” mirrors the REACH Act in many ways. They even added Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address to the list of required documents.

It seemed like everyone wanted the same thing.

But supporters of requiring civics through legislation were troubled – why did the faculty object to their version?

“What are these people afraid of?” asked Michael B. Poliakoff, president and chief executive officer of American Council of Trustees and Alumni, which helped Broggi draft the North Carolina act and a similar one that passed in South Carolina three years ago.

“As if understanding the founding documents and the pivotal moments in our history, culminating with letter from Birmingham Jail, would be too disturbing, too retro.”

That’s not the point, the academics say.

Unlike standards in K-12 schools, college faculty typically decide the content of individual courses. It’s seen as a core of academic freedom.

“Faculty are the primary owners of the curriculum.” says Maki, who teaches philosophy at UNC-Greensboro. “We know what works in ways that sometimes someone outside of higher ed may not know what works.”

The UNC board of governors, all 24 of whom were appointed by the GOP-led legislature, unanimously approved the plan in mid-April. Details are still being ironed out, with the requirement applying to students entering the system starting July 2025. (The NC REACH Act’s sponsors, displeased with the UNC plan, have vowed to revive the legislative effort next year.)

According to the conservative, New York-based Civics Alliance, legislation in at least 10 states — Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Nevada, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming — require undergraduates at public universities to take at least one American history and/or government course. The requirement is being enacted, or at least discussed, in other states.

And the Alliance — which rails against “identity politics” and “radical New Civics activists” — is looking to spread the word.

The organization has created model legislation that calls for the “study of and devotion to America’s exceptional and praiseworthy history.” David Randall, the alliance’s executive director, said its materials had “informed” legislation in Florida, Iowa and Texas, but declined to say what other states might have reached out.

Some state college systems, like UNC, haven’t waited for a legislative mandate to act.

For example, students at Indiana’s Purdue University and its satellite campuses can choose from three paths — write reflections after attending six approved civics-related events, listen to 12 podcasts and take a series of quizzes or complete one of 13 politics or history courses — and pass an exam. University of Arizona system faculty are currently developing “American Institutions” curricula to fulfill a requirement from the board of regents.

Professors acknowledge not all students appreciate the forced civics learning.

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"Some view it as the vegetable in a meal, some view it as the dessert. For some, the goal is just to finish the meal," said David Reingold, dean of Purdue's College of Liberal Arts, who oversaw the implementation of the system's civics program.

The Civics Alliance says America's colleges, which train K-12 teachers, have been "taken over by a radical establishment determined to replace proper civics education with pedagogies such as Critical Race Theory and action civics ..." Whitney Ross Manzo, an associate professor of political science at Meredith College in Raleigh, says fears about political indoctrination assume "a power that faculty simply don't have."

"If I could force something on my students, it would be to read their syllabus and do their homework. I don't have the power to change their political ideology," said Manzo, who once taught in Texas.

Back in Bluffton, Dopf has his work cut out for him.

After some introductory remarks, Dopf tells his students to take out a piece of paper and pen.

"This is your first test."

The 14 questions are relatively simple: How many members in the U.S. Senate? What are the requirements to be president? How long is the term for members of the House of Representatives?

Would-be citizens must get six of 10 answers correct to pass. Dopf holds his students to a lower standard — just seven of 14.

As he expected, about 70% flunked.

One student thought Clarence Thomas was chief justice of the Supreme Court. Another put down that the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1667.

"To miss basic facts like that," Dopf says, exasperation in his voice. "We need to develop better skill sets for our students so that we have a better democracy." (In fairness, he says even 30% of his West Point cadets failed the quiz.)

Audra Hillman, 18, a freshman from Wake Forest, North Carolina, took two politics classes in high school. So, how'd she do?

"I probably would have got kicked out," she says with a nervous chuckle.

Hillman wants to eventually work with special needs kids but doesn't resent having to squeeze in this civics class.

"Everyone should vote," she says. "Like, it's your duty as an American citizen. And I think that everyone should go out and be educated."

Emmy Moments: Hosts gently mock 'The Bear,' while TV moms, 'Happy Days' and 'West Wing' celebrated

By MARK KENNEDY AP Entertainment Writer

The last Emmys — in January, the 75th edition — went reunion crazy on such a big birthday, with cast reunions of such classic series as "Cheers," "The Sopranos," "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" and "All in the Family." The latest Emmys said: "Hold my applause."

"Shogun," "Baby Reindeer" and "The Bear" all picked up trophies throughout the night that was peppered with reunions of shows like "Saturday Night Live" and "Happy Days," as well as themes, like TV dads and moms.

Here are some of the night's notable moments:

Gentle hosts

The father-and-son duo of Eugene and Dan Levy, the winning stars of the 2020 Emmys aboard "Schitt's Creek," hosted and they were warm, mocking themselves as they noted the TV telecast was honoring "movie stars on streaming services."

Even when the Candians went after a show — like "The Bear," competing in the best comedy series category, even though it's not a traditional yukfest — it was gentle.

"Now, I love the show, I love the show, and I know some of you will be expecting us to make a joke about whether 'The Bear' is really a comedy — but in the true spirit of 'The Bear,' we will not be making any jokes," Eugene Levy said.

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In one bit, the two found themselves in the audience but in different rows, mistaking stage left for house left. Awkwardness ensued. When they tried to push through, Eugene Levy wailed: "I can't see the prompter!"

The show goes to the dogs

John Oliver thanked a lot of people after his "Last Week Tonight" won for outstanding scripted variety series, but things got weird when he ended up honoring his family's recently dead dog.

"We have the most fantastic dog, and she was at our wedding and she got us through the pandemic. She was with us for two pregnancies...", he said, before getting the leave-the-stage music swelled.

Oliver didn't take the hint: "We had to say goodbye to her. I feel like Sarah McLaughlin right now. She was an amazing dog," he said. He then shouted an expletive and tried to make it more than about his deceased canine.

"This isn't just for her. This is for all dogs," he continued as the auditorium roared. "All dogs, you are all very good girls. You are very good boys. You all deserve a treat. Play me off now! Thanks so much."

'The West Wing' reunited

"The West Wing" celebrated its 25th anniversary with castmembers Martin Sheen, Dulé Hill, Richard Schiff, Janel Moloney and Allison Janney gathering to help hand out the best drama trophy.

Created by Aaron Sorkin and first airing on NBC in the fall 1999, "The West Wing" offered an idealistic depiction of what politics can be. The castmembers gathered in a set mimicking the Oval Office. It ended in 2006.

"It's hard to believe that just 25 years ago, Aaron and the writers actually had to use their imaginations to create interesting plot lines for 'The West Wing,'" Janney said. Added Schiff: "Unlike today, where storylines can be plucked right off the news, storylines that writers would have deemed a bit far-fetched if not utterly ridiculous 25 years ago."

Put me in, coach

Jane Lynch, who played vicious cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester on "Glee" and Brendan Hunt, the quiet Coach Willis Beard on "Ted Lasso," teamed up to help hand out the award for best director of a drama series.

They appeared in a locker room set, with Lynch teasing Hunt that she was a head coach on TV and he was just an assistant coach. But the stage seemed a little too big for just these two TV coaches.

That changed when the stage revealed Paris Olympians Ilona Maher, Caeleb Dressel and Stephen "Pommel Horse Guy" Nedoroscik alongside Paralympian Ezra Frech.

"Saturday Night Live" greets mock its creator

"Saturday Night Live" got a head start to its 50th anniversary next year with a mini-reunion, as Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Seth Meyers and Bowen Yang presented the award for best writing for a variety special.

Three of the four mocked creator and producer Lorne Michaels in the audience, who they claimed was nominated and lost 85 times at the Emmys. Rudolph said he was "robbed." Yang said "it gets better" and "keep winning." Meyers corrected them all to say that, in fact, Michaels has actually won 21 Emmys. Yang then leaned into mispronouncing his boss' first name.

It may have been a taste for 2025, when the trailblazing sketch show will be celebrated, including a three-hour live primetime special in February. It has been the springboard for such stars as Eddie Murphy, Adam Sandler, Tina Fey, Will Ferrell and Mike Myers.

Bad guys and gals

Antony Starr of "The Boys," Giancarlo Esposito from "Breaking Bad" and Kathy Bates of "Misery" came out to represent an oddly key part of TV — the villains.

"Without villains or antagonists, there wouldn't be much of a story," Esposito said. But it takes its toll. "Do you know how hard it was to get a date after 'Misery,'" Bates joked about her Stephen King role as a crazed kidnapper.

Esposito complained that drug dealers will interrupt his dinner to ask his advice about building their empires and Starr said so many 12-year-old critics have approached him to say his superhero is "bad." He

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responds that the show has an R rating. "It's sloppy, sloppy parenting," he observed.

Moms and dads

George Lopez, Damon Wayans, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, who have all played memorable TV dads, gathered to recognize the lead actor in a comedy series. They walked into a mancave set and Lopez and Wayans said they wanted to thank their TV wives, but Ferguson balked, having starred with a TV husband instead on "Modern Family." "I'm so sorry, did you watch my show, or...?" he asked them. "Yes, all 90 seasons," Wayans responded.

Later, it was the moms' turn. Meredith Baxter, who played the "Family Ties" matriarch, Connie Britton of "Friday Night Lights" and Susan Kelechi Watson of "This Is Us" presented the award for best writing for a comedy series. "We have come a long way," said Baxter. "TV moms are no longer one-dimensional," said Watson. "It's OK to ask for as much as a TV dad."

'Tuesday, Wednesday, happy days'

Director-producer Ron Howard and actor-author Henry Winkler reunited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of "Happy Days," a romanticized take on teenage life in the 1950s that pivoted on adolescent humor about cars and dating.

Winkler, who played cool guy Fonzie with his signature "Aaaayy!" with both thumbs up, and Howard, who played the goody-goody Richie Cunningham, became household names thanks to the sitcom, which ran from 1974–1980. Winkler went on to win an Emmy on HBO's dark comedy "Barry" and spread awareness about dyslexia as a best-selling author; Howard went on direct such Oscar-winners as "Apollo 13" and "A Beautiful Mind."

The two men met onstage in a set dressed like the diner the show was mostly set in. Winkler congratulated Howard for his Emmy-winning documentary on Jim Henson. But despite some prodding by Howard, Winkler wouldn't sing the theme song. "I'm out of practice," he said. "And it takes schooling." So Winkler nudged the jukebox with his elbow instead and the theme played.

Order & Law

The TV criminal justice system was represented Sunday by two separate but equal parts. There were the cops – Jimmy Smits of "NYPD Blue," Niecy Nash-Betts of "Reno 911!" and Don Johnson of "Miami Vice." They appeared on a set with a New York City police car onstage. Smits noted that he died in episode one of "Miami Vice" and later as a cast member of "NYPD Blue." Nash-Betts said she never died: "I'm Black and I survived 'Dahmer,'" she joked.

And then there were the TV lawyers who took cases to court: Viola Davis of "How to Get Away with Murder," Gina Torres from "Suits" and Christine Baranski from "The Good Wife" and "The Good Fight." (Though, to be honest, Smits was also a good lawyer in "L.A. Law.")

"Lawyers have seen every combination of the human condition," Davis said. Added Torres: "In so many ways, they try to better that human condition and uplift us."

Hillary Clinton takes stock of life's wins and losses in a memoir inspired by a Joni Mitchell lyric

By JOCELYN NOVECK AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — At the end of her new memoir, Hillary Clinton offers up what sounds like a far-off wish: "I hope I'm alive to see the United States elect a female president."

Turns out her book went to the printers a tad too soon. Clinton wrote that sentence before Kamala Harris became the Democratic presidential nominee, suddenly making that wish feel a whole lot more immediate. It was too late to update the print version of "Something Lost, Something Gained," which comes out this week, though the audiobook now has an epilogue.

So how does Clinton feel about that wish now?

"Really optimistic," she says, praising the vice president as a candidate and in particular her recent debate performance. "I think I'm going to be around to see the first woman president!"

Clinton, 76, has written memoirs before – from "Living History" in 2003 up through "What Happened?"

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in 2017, about the painful loss to Donald Trump that thwarted her own quest to be the first female U.S. president. This latest feels more intimate. Inspired by the song "Both Sides Now" by one of her favorite musicians, Joni Mitchell, the book aims to be a snapshot of how she sees the world now, she says — rather like catching up with her over dinner.

So it goes from the macro — for example, a chapter on how she imagines the years following a Trump re-election, starting with troops patrolling America's cities — to the micro, describing life as a grandmother or mornings at home with Bill, competing over the Spelling Bee puzzle in *The New York Times*.

First lady, lawyer, senator, secretary of state, and of course presidential nominee. University professor, fledgling Broadway producer. Clinton has lived many chapters, and the book's actual chapters shift easily between eras.

She recounts in spy-novel-worthy detail an operation to save threatened women in Afghanistan as the Taliban were taking over in 2021, then reflects in the next chapter on the unique "sisterhood" of former first ladies, at one point defending Melania Trump from criticism of her attire at Rosalynn Carter's memorial service: "She came. That's what mattered."

But she makes no secret of her animosity toward Donald Trump. It's clear that in the "something lost" category of her title is the election that still hurts, deeply. In one recent anecdote, she recounts running into a retired FBI official who apologized for his role in how the bureau handled the investigation over her emails, a probe that was reopened days before the election.

She writes that she stared for a minute, unable to speak. "I would have been a great president," she then told him, before walking off.

Clinton spoke to *The Associated Press* last week ahead of her book's release. Some more takeaways:

The ever-present glass ceiling

Clinton wore white, honoring women's suffrage, when she accepted the Democratic nomination; Harris did not. Clinton spoke of "18 million cracks" in the ultimate glass ceiling when she lost; Harris has not emphasized gender in her speeches. Why the difference?

Well, says Clinton, it's been eight years. When she ran, it was so new for the country to have a female major-party candidate that it had to be a focus. Nearly a decade later, the country's gotten more used to the idea.

"We now don't just have one image of a person who happens to be a woman who ran for president — namely me," she said. "Now we have a much better opportunity for women candidates, starting with Kamala, to be viewed in a way that just takes for granted the fact that yes, guess what? She's a woman."

On 'being right'

Clinton writes that admirers often come up to her and say "You warned us, and I wish we had listened." (She adds: "What am I supposed to say to that? Yes, I did.")

But Clinton also writes that she takes no pleasure in hearing or feeling she was right — "in fact, I hate it" — even when she learned one afternoon in May that Trump had become the first former U.S. president to be convicted of felony crimes, a moment she says brought "a jolt of disbelief" and "a pang of vindication" plus some tears.

Asked what she is most afraid of "being right" about now, she replies: "I'm most afraid that people will not take Donald Trump seriously. And literally."

Old pursuits, and new ones

Not surprisingly for the woman who coined the phrase "Women's rights are human rights" three decades ago, Clinton writes about many female activists and dissidents she's worked with around the globe. She also tells the story of how she joined with colleagues in a secret operation to get hundreds of women out of Afghanistan — professors, lawyers, activists and their families — who were likely to be targeted by the Taliban once U.S. troops left.

But Clinton also discusses new pursuits. Like teaching, for the first time in 50 years, at Columbia University. And Broadway producing. Clinton was among the producers of "Suffs," the Tony-winning musical about women who fought for the right to vote in the early 20th century. She ends her book with a song from the show, "Keep Marching."

Is there more producing in the future? "I don't know," she says. "I can tell you it's been one of the greatest experiences in my life."

Family and marriage

Being a grandmother "truly is the one experience of life that is not overrated," says the grandmother of three, who dedicates her book to them.

But Clinton gets most personal when addressing her marriage, which she says brings her "new joys every day." She does not feel the need to elaborate on her reference to past challenges. "It's no secret that Bill and I had dark days in our marriage in the past," she writes. "But the past softens with time, and what's left is the truth: I'm married to my best friend."

Asked now if she feels some people still don't believe that, and wonder why she stayed, she replies: "I'm sure there are people who don't get it. (But) this was for me an opportunity to basically say what I believe, which is that every life has challenges, opportunities, setbacks, disappointments, successes, achievements. And you have to make a decision almost every day about how you're going to live that day." Hers, she says, were right for her.

Walks in the woods

Clinton's schedule is organized by an aide, to the minute. A phone call might be planned for 10:14 a.m. But what does that mean about her much-documented walks in the woods near home in Chappaqua, New York.

Clinton schedules time for those, too. Sometimes Bill comes, but his walks are more like "an ambling conversation" where he needs to chat with everyone they see. As for her, she needs to "just get out and walk as fast as I can."

Sometimes she plans speeches while walking. Other times, she says, she thinks about absolutely nothing. "The Japanese have this great phrase that translates to forest bathing, where you just literally walk in the woods and just take it all in."

She advises readers to do the same when the political climate starts to overwhelm: "Put down your phone and go outside. Take a walk."

The Coast Guard will hear from former OceanGate employees about the Titan implosion

By PATRICK WHITTLE Associated Press

U.S. Coast Guard officials investigating the implosion of an experimental watercraft en route to the wreck of the Titanic were scheduled Monday to hear from former employees of the company that owned the Titan submersible.

The aim of the two-week hearing in Charleston County, South Carolina, is to "uncover the facts surrounding the incident and develop recommendations to prevent similar tragedies in the future," the Coast Guard said in a statement earlier this month. The ongoing Marine Board of Investigation is the highest level of marine casualty investigation conducted by the Coast Guard.

The Titan imploded in the North Atlantic in June 2023, killing all five people on board and setting off a worldwide debate about the future of private undersea exploration.

Among those killed was Stockton Rush, co-founder of OceanGate, the Washington state company that owned the Titan. The company suspended operations after the implosion. Witnesses scheduled to testify on Monday include OceanGate's former engineering director, Tony Nissen; the company's former finance director, Bonnie Carl; and former contractor Tym Catterson.

Some key OceanGate representatives are not scheduled to testify. They include Rush's widow, Wendy Rush, who was the company's communications director.

The Coast Guard does not comment on the reasons for not calling specific individuals to a particular hearing during ongoing investigations, said Melissa Leake, a spokesperson for the Coast Guard. She added that it's common for a Marine Board of Investigation to "hold multiple hearing sessions or conduct ad-

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ditional witness depositions for complex cases.”

Scheduled to appear later in the hearing are OceanGate co-founder Guillermo Sohnlein; former operations director, David Lochridge; and former scientific director, Steven Ross, according to a list compiled by the Coast Guard. Numerous guard officials, scientists, and government and industry officials are also expected to testify. The U.S. Coast Guard subpoenaed witnesses who were not government employees, Leake said.

OceanGate has no full-time employees at this time but will be represented by an attorney during the hearing, the company said in a statement. The company has been fully cooperating with the Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board investigations since they began, the statement said.

“There are no words to ease the loss endured by the families impacted by this devastating incident, but we hope that this hearing will help shed light on the cause of the tragedy,” the statement added.

The Titan became the subject of scrutiny in the undersea exploration community in part because of its unconventional design and its creator’s decision to forgo standard independent checks. The implosion killed Rush and veteran Titanic explorer Paul-Henri Nargeolet; two members of a prominent Pakistani family, Shahzada Dawood and his 19-year-old son Suleman Dawood; and British adventurer Hamish Harding.

The Titan made its final dive on June 18, 2023, losing contact with its support vessel about two hours later. When it was reported overdue, rescuers rushed ships, planes and other equipment to an area about 435 miles (700 kilometers) south of St. John’s, Newfoundland.

The search for the submersible attracted worldwide attention, as it became increasingly unlikely that anyone could have survived the implosion. Wreckage of the Titan was subsequently found on the ocean floor about 300 meters (330 yards) off the bow of the Titanic, Coast Guard officials said.

The time frame for the investigation was initially a year, but the inquiry has taken longer. The Coast Guard said in July that the hearing would delve into “all aspects of the loss of the Titan,” including both mechanical considerations as well as compliance with regulations and crewmember qualifications.

The Titan had been making voyages to the Titanic wreckage site going back to 2021.

Florida hospitals ask immigrants about their legal status. Texas will try it next

By VALERIE GONZALEZ, GISELA SALOMON and DEVI SHASTRI undefined

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — For three days, the staff of an Orlando medical clinic encouraged a woman with abdominal pain who called the triage line to go to the hospital. She resisted, scared of a 2023 Florida law that required hospitals to ask whether a patient was in the U.S. with legal permission.

The clinic had worked hard to explain the limits of the law, which was part of Gov. Ron DeSantis’ sweeping package of tighter immigration policies. The clinic posted signs and counseled patients: They could decline to answer the question and still receive care. Individual, identifying information wouldn’t be reported to the state.

“We tried to explain this again and again and again, but the fear was real,” Grace Medical Home CEO Stephanie Garris said, adding the woman finally did go to an emergency room for treatment.

Texas will be the next to try a similar law for hospitals enrolled in state health plans, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. It takes effect Nov. 1 — just before the end of a presidential election in which immigration is a key topic.

“Texans should not have to shoulder the burden of financially supporting medical care for illegal immigrants,” Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement announcing his mandate, which differs from Florida’s in that providers don’t have to tell patients their status won’t be shared with authorities.

Both states have high numbers of immigrants, ranging from people who are in the U.S. without legal permission to people who have pending asylum cases or are part of mixed-status families. And while the medically uninsured rate in these two states — neither of which have expanded Medicaid — are higher than the national average, research has shown immigrants tend to use less and spend less on health care.

Texas and Florida have a long history of challenging the federal government’s immigration policies by passing their own. And their Republican leaders say the hospital laws counter what they see as lax enforcement

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at the border by the Biden administration — though Florida's early data is, by its own admission, limited.

Florida GOP state Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, who sponsored the hospital bill, said in a written statement that the law is "the strongest, and most comprehensive state-led, anti-ILLEGAL immigration law," but did not respond to The Associated Press' questions about the impact of the law on the immigrant community or on hospital patients.

Luis Isea, an internal medicine doctor with patients in hospitals and clinics in central Florida, said the law "is creating that extra barrier" for patients who are already exposed to many disparities.

Immigrant advocate groups in Florida said they sent thousands of text messages and emails and held clinics to help people understand the limitations of the law — including that law enforcement agencies wouldn't know an individual's status because the data would be reported in aggregate.

But many outreach calls from health workers went unanswered. Some patients said they were leaving Florida, as a result of the law's impact on getting health care and on employment; the DeSantis' administration tied the hospital mandate to other initiatives that invalidated some driver's licenses, criminalized transportation of migrants lacking permanent status and changed employment verification policies.

Others, advocates say, languished in pain or needed to be persuaded. Verónica Robleto, program director at the Rural Women's Health Project in north central Florida, fielded a call before the law took effect in July 2023 from a young woman who didn't have legal permission to be in the U.S. and was afraid she would be separated from her child if she gave birth at the hospital.

"She was very afraid (but) she did end up going after speaking with me," Robleto said.

Whatever data Florida and Texas do collect likely will be unreliable for several reasons, researchers suggested. Health economist Paul Keckley said the report released by Florida state officials could have "incomplete or inaccurate or misleading" data.

For one, it's self-reported. Anyone can decline to answer, an option chosen by nearly 8% of people admitted to the hospital and about 7% of people who went to the emergency room from June to December 2023, the Florida state report said. Fewer than 1% of people who went to the emergency room or were admitted to the hospital reported being in the U.S. "illegally."

The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration acknowledged large limitations in their analysis, saying it didn't know how much of the care provided to "illegal aliens" went unpaid. It also said it was unable to link high levels of uncompensated care with the level of "illegal aliens" coming to a hospital, saying it's "more associated with rural county status than illegal immigration percentages."

The agency didn't immediately respond to requests for comment and more information. Its report noted that for much of the last decade, the amount of unpaid bills and uncollected debts held by Florida hospitals has declined.

In Florida and in Texas, people who aren't in the U.S. legally can't enroll in Medicaid, which provides health insurance for low-income people — except in the case of a medical emergency.

Multiple factors can affect the cost of care for people who are in the U.S. without legal permission, experts said, especially the lack of preventive care. That's especially true for people who have progressive diseases like cancer, said Dr. James W. Castillo II, the health authority for Cameron County, Texas, which has about 22% of the population uninsured compared to the state average of 16.6%.

At that point, he said, "it's usually much harder to treat, much more expensive to treat."

Texas community groups, policymakers and immigration attorneys are partnering with Every Texan, a nonprofit focusing on public policy and health care access, to encourage people to not answer the status question, said Lynn Cowles with Every Texan.

And in Florida, the deportation fears are subsiding but questions about the purpose of the law remain.

"How much of this is substantive policy and good policy versus how that fared, I leave that for others to speculate," said Garris with the Orlando clinic. "But I know the practical effect of the law was egregious and demeaning to patients who are living here, working here. It's just insulting."

TikTok heads to court over US law that could lead to a ban on the popular platform

By HALELUYA HADERO AP Business Writer

The U.S. government and TikTok will go head-to-head in federal court on Monday as oral arguments begin in a consequential legal case that will determine if – or how — a popular social media platform used by nearly half of all Americans will continue to operate in the country.

Attorneys for the two sides will appear before a panel of judges at the federal appeals court in Washington. TikTok and its China-based parent company, ByteDance, are challenging a U.S. law that requires them to break ties or face a ban in the U.S. by mid-January. The legal battle is expected to reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

The law, signed by President Joe Biden in April, was a culmination of a years-long saga in Washington over the short-form video-sharing app, which the government sees as a national security threat due to its connections to China. But TikTok argues the law runs afoul of the First Amendment while other opponents claim it mirrors crackdowns sometimes seen in authoritarian countries abroad.

In court documents submitted over the summer, the Justice Department emphasized the government's two primary concerns. First, TikTok collects vast swaths of user data, including sensitive information on viewing habits, that could fall into the hands of the Chinese government through coercion. Second, the U.S. says the proprietary algorithm that fuels what users see on the app is vulnerable to manipulation by Chinese authorities, who can use it to shape content on the platform in a way that's difficult to detect.

TikTok has repeatedly said it does not share U.S. user data with the Chinese government and that concerns the government has raised have never been substantiated. In court documents, attorneys for both TikTok and its parent company have argued that members of Congress sought to punish the platform based on propaganda they perceived to be on TikTok. The companies also claimed divestment is not possible and that the app would have to shut down by Jan. 19 if the courts don't step in to block the law.

"Even if divestiture were feasible, TikTok in the United States would still be reduced to a shell of its former self, stripped of the innovative and expressive technology that tailors content to each user," the companies said in a legal brief filed in June. "It would also become an island, preventing Americans from exchanging views with the global TikTok community."

Opponents of the law stress a ban would also cause disruptions in the world of marketing, retail and in the lives of many different content creators, some of whom also sued the government in May. TikTok is covering the legal costs for that lawsuit, which the court has consolidated with the company's complaint and another filed on behalf of conservative creators who work with a nonprofit called BASED Politics Inc.

Though the government's primary reasoning for the law is public, significant portions of its court filings include classified information that has been redacted and hidden from public view. The companies have asked the court to reject the secret filings or appoint a district judge who can ferret through the material, which the government has opposed because it will cause a delay in the case. If admitted into the court, legal experts say those secret filings could make it nearly impossible to know some of the factors that could play a part in the eventual ruling.

In one of the redacted statements submitted in late July, the Justice Department claimed TikTok took direction from the Chinese government about content on its platform, without disclosing additional details about when or why those incidents occurred. Casey Blackburn, a senior U.S. intelligence official, wrote in a legal statement that ByteDance and TikTok "have taken action in response" to Chinese government demands "to censor content outside of China." Though the intelligence community had "no information" that this has happened on the platform operated by TikTok in the U.S., Blackburn said there is a risk it "may" occur.

In a separate document submitted to court, the DOJ said the U.S. is "not required to wait until its foreign adversary takes specific detrimental actions before responding to such a threat."

The companies, however, argue the government could have taken a more tailored approach to resolve its concerns.

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During high-stakes negotiations with the Biden administration more than two years ago, TikTok presented the government with a draft 90-page agreement that allows a third party to monitor the platform's algorithm, content moderation practices and other programming. TikTok says it has spent more than \$2 billion to voluntarily implement some of these measures, which include storing U.S. user data on servers controlled by the tech giant Oracle. But it said a deal was not reached because government officials essentially walked away from the negotiating table in August 2022.

Justice officials have argued complying with the draft agreement is impossible, or would require extensive resources, due to the size and the technical complexity of TikTok. The Justice Department also said the only thing that would resolve the government's concerns is severing the ties between TikTok and ByteDance given the porous relationship between the Chinese government and Chinese companies.

But some observers have wondered whether such a move would accelerate the so-called "decoupling" between the U.S. and its strategic rival at a time when other China-founded companies, such as Shein and Temu, are also making a big splash in the West. Last week, the Biden administration proposed rules that would crack down on duty-free products being shipped directly from China.

For its part, ByteDance has publicly said TikTok is not up for sale. But that has not stopped some investors, including former Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and billionaire Frank McCourt, from announcing bids to purchase the platform. However, even if such a sale would occur, it would most likely be devoid of TikTok's coveted algorithm, leaving a big question mark on whether the platform would be capable of serving up the type of personally tailored videos that users have come to expect.

The political alignments on the issue are playing out in unconventional ways.

The law, which passed with bipartisan approval in Congress, had encountered resistance from some progressive and Republican lawmakers who voiced concerns about giving the government the power to ban a platform used by 170 million Americans. Former President Donald Trump, who tried to ban TikTok while in office, is now opposing a ban because that would help its rival, Facebook, a platform Trump continues to criticize over his 2020 election loss.

In court, free speech and social justice groups have submitted amicus briefs in support of TikTok, arguing it restricts the First Amendment rights of users and suppresses the speech of minority communities by disrupting a tool many of them use to advocate for causes online. Some libertarian groups with ties to ByteDance investor Jeff Yass have also filed briefs supporting the company.

Meanwhile, the Biden administration has received the backing of more than 20 Republican attorneys general, former national security officials and China-focused human rights groups who are asking the court to uphold the law.

A missile fired by Yemen's rebels lands in Israel and triggers sirens at international airport

By NATALIE MELZER and OHAD ZWIGENBERG Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A missile fired by Yemen's Iran-backed rebels landed in an open area in central Israel early Sunday and triggered air raid sirens at its international airport, in the latest reverberation from the nearly yearlong war in Gaza. Israel hinted that it would respond militarily.

There were no reports of casualties or major damage, but Israeli media aired footage showing people racing to shelters in Ben Gurion International Airport. The airport authority said that it resumed normal operations shortly thereafter.

A fire could be seen in a rural area of central Israel, and local media showed images of what appeared to be a fragment from an interceptor that landed on an escalator in a train station in the central town of Modiin.

Israel's army said the surface-to-surface missile was intercepted by Israel's defense system, which hit and fragmented the target but did not destroy it. The military said the sound of explosions in the area came from interceptors.

The Yemeni rebels, known as Houthis, have repeatedly fired drones and missiles toward Israel since the

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start of the war in Gaza between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas, but nearly all of them have been intercepted over the Red Sea.

In July, an Iranian-made drone launched by the Houthis struck Tel Aviv, killing one person and wounding 10 others. Israel responded with a wave of airstrikes on Houthi-held areas of Yemen, including the port city of Hodeidah, a Houthi stronghold.

Israel indicates it will respond to attack

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hinted at a similar response in remarks at a Cabinet meeting after Sunday's attack.

"The Houthis should have known by now that we exact a heavy price for any attempt to harm us," he said. "Anyone who needs a reminder is invited to visit the port of Hodeidah."

Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree, a military spokesman for the rebels, said they fired a ballistic missile targeting "a military target" in the area of Tel Aviv.

The Houthis have also repeatedly attacked commercial shipping in the Red Sea, in what the rebels portray as a blockade on Israel in support of the Palestinians. Most of the targeted ships have no connection to Israel.

The war in Gaza, which began with Hamas' Oct. 7 attack into southern Israel, has rippled across the region, with Iran and allied militant groups attacking Israeli and U.S. targets and drawing retaliatory strikes from Israel and its Western allies. On several occasions, the strikes and counterstrikes have threatened to trigger a wider conflict.

Iran supports militant groups across the region, including Hamas, the Houthis and Lebanon's Hezbollah, its most powerful ally, which has traded fire with Israel on a near-daily basis since the war in Gaza began. Iran and its allies say they are acting in solidarity with the Palestinians.

Israel says 'high probability' its strike killed three hostages in Gaza

On Sunday, the Israeli military said there was a "high probability" that three hostages found dead months ago were killed in an Israeli airstrike.

The army announced the conclusions of its investigation into the deaths of Cpl. Nik Beizer, Sgt. Ron Sherman and Elia Toledano. It said investigations had determined that the three were likely killed in a November airstrike that also killed a senior Hamas militant, Ahmed Ghandour.

All three of the hostages were kidnapped in Hamas' Oct. 7 attack. Their bodies were recovered in December, but the cause of death was only recently determined.

In its report, the army said there was a "high probability" they were killed in the strike, based on where the bodies were recovered, pathological reports and other intelligence. But it said, "it is not possible to definitely determine the circumstances of their deaths."

The conclusions could add pressure on the government to strike a deal to bring home the remaining hostages held by Hamas. Critics say it's too difficult and dangerous to try to rescue them. Late last month, Israel recovered the bodies of six hostages that it says were killed by Hamas captors shortly before Israeli forces arrived.

The army's announcement is the first time it has linked the deaths of hostages to airstrikes. In other cases of bodies being recovered, the army has said people were either killed on Oct. 7, died in Hamas captivity or were killed by the militant group.

In December, the army acknowledged mistakenly killing three hostages who had escaped Hamas captivity in a battle-torn neighborhood of Gaza City. It was believed that the three had either fled their captors or been abandoned.

Around 250 hostages were taken on Oct. 7. Israel now believes 101 remain in captivity, including 35 who are thought to be dead. More than 100 were freed during a cease-fire in November in exchange for the release of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. Eight have been rescued by Israeli forces.

Also on Sunday, an Israeli border police officer was stabbed near Jerusalem's Damascus Gate and the attacker was shot and killed trying to escape, said the police. The stabbed officer wasn't severely injured and was evacuated for treatment. Police secured the area and began an investigation.

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Rockets fired from Lebanon

The military said that around 40 projectiles were fired from Lebanon early Sunday, with most intercepted or falling in open areas.

In a separate incident, Israeli forces dropped leaflets over the Lebanese border town of al-Wazzani, calling on residents to evacuate. The military later said there were no such evacuation orders, and that a local commander had acted without the approval of his superiors. It said the incident was under investigation.

It wasn't immediately clear if any message had been conveyed to residents that the leaflets were dropped in error. Ahmad al-Mohammed, the mayor of Al-Wazzani, said most of the town's remaining residents had not heeded the evacuation order.

The strikes along the Israel-Lebanon border have displaced tens of thousands of people on both sides.

"This requires a change in the balance of power on our northern border," Netanyahu said at the Cabinet meeting. "We will do everything necessary to return our residents safely to their homes."

Gaza smuggling tunnels blocked

Hezbollah has said it would halt its attacks if there is a cease-fire in Gaza. The United States and Arab mediators Egypt and Qatar have spent much of this year trying to broker a truce and the release of scores of hostages held by Hamas, but the talks have repeatedly bogged down.

In recent weeks, Netanyahu has insisted on lasting Israeli control over the Gaza side of the border with Egypt, which Israeli forces captured in May. He has said Hamas used a network of tunnels beneath the border to import arms, allegations denied by Egypt, which along with Hamas is opposed to any lasting Israeli presence there.

An Israeli military official said late Saturday that of the dozens of tunnels discovered along the border, only nine entered Egypt, and all were found to have been sealed off. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive intelligence, said that it wasn't clear when the tunnels were sealed.

The discovery appeared to weaken Netanyahu's argument that Israel needs to keep open-ended control of the corridor to prevent cross-border smuggling.

Egypt has said it sealed off the tunnels on its side of the border years ago, in part by creating its own military buffer zone along the frontier.

Butker hits a 51-yard winner for KC after penalty on Bengals safety keeps Chiefs alive

By DAVE SKRETTA AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Harrison Butker kept making a lonely walk to midfield after each quarter Sunday to check on the direction of the wind, which tends to swirl inside Arrowhead Stadium. He did it one last time during the 2-minute warning, when his Chiefs were trailing the Bengals by two and trying to give him a winning field-goal attempt.

When Patrick Mahomes and the rest of the offense did exactly that, helped along by a pass interference call on Cincinnati safety Daijahn Anthony on fourth down in the final minute, Butker once again headed onto the field as Chiefs fans began to roar.

Rarely does he miss. And they didn't expect him to this time.

With preternatural calm, Butker drilled the 51-yarder as time expired, giving Kansas City the 26-25 victory.

"I try to block it out," Butker said of the crowd noise. "It's hard not to feed off it, but I try to block it out. What I don't like is when you're trotting onto the field and everyone is clapping, and I'm like, 'The game's not over yet. I still have to make this kick.'"

Patrick Mahomes threw for 151 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions, but it was his incomplete pass intended for Rashee Rice on fourth-and-16 from the Kansas City 35 that turned out to be decisive. Anthony arrived a split-second early and moved Rice from behind with his body, and flags flew with 38 seconds remaining to keep the Chiefs alive.

The penalty came just after Kansas City had a long gain on fourth down wiped out by a penalty of its own.

The pass interference call moved the Chiefs to the Cincinnati 36, and they ran a couple more plays to

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bleed the clock for the big-legged Butker, who turned around and started walking off the field even before his kick went through the uprights.

"You know, it's one of those plays where we might benefit from that at some point this season. That's what I told the guys," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said of the pass interference call. "They're calling it like they see it. I thought they called a very fair game, and they saw that as a penalty. So they called a penalty."

Joe Burrow threw for 258 yards and two touchdowns, both to Andrei Iosivas, as the Bengals (0-2) came up empty against one of their biggest nemeses for the third straight time. That includes a loss to Kansas City in the AFC championship game.

Chamarri Conner returned a fumble 37 yards for a touchdown for the Chiefs, and big offensive tackle Wanya Morris — who had the penalty that nearly cost them in the final minute — had a touchdown reception on a day full of bizarre plays.

It was the second win for Kansas City decided on the final play after its 27-20 victory over Baltimore on opening night.

"That's two great football games we've played the last two weeks, teams we played in the AFC championship game," Mahomes said. "We're going to clean up the mistakes, especially on the offense. It starts with me. And we'll be a better team for it."

The Chiefs struggled in their first game with Ravens tight end Isaiah Likely, who had nine catches for 111 yards and a score. And with Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins absent with an ailing hamstring, Burrow leaned heavily on his own tight ends — Drew Sample, Mike Gesicki and rookie Erick All Jr. — to move an offense that never got going last weekend against New England.

Sample and Gesicki accounted for most of the yardage on an opening drive that produced a field goal. A few minutes later, after Mahomes was picked by Akeem Davis-Gaither, All's catch helped set up Iosivas' touchdown reception.

Mahomes eventually atoned for the interception when he found Rice over the outstretched fingers of Cam Taylor-Britt for a tying 44-yard touchdown pass. But otherwise, Andy Reid's potent offense was stuck in neutral and trailed 16-10 at the half.

All that and the hijinks were just beginning.

The Chiefs pulled ahead early in the second half, when Mahomes popped a pass to his 310-pound tackle-eligible Morris for a touchdown. The Bengals answered on fourth-and-goal when Burrow connected with Iosivas for a second time, only to see Burrow get stripped a few minutes later and Conner return the fumble 37 yards for another touchdown.

Evan McPherson's fourth field goal gave the Bengals a 25-23 lead with 5:12 to go, and their defense gave them the ball back. But the Chiefs forced a punt with 2:59 remaining, giving Mahomes and Co. the opportunity to decide the game.

Unsportsmanlike conduct

Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct in the fourth quarter. Chase was stopped short of the first-down marker on second-and-11, and he appeared to be upset that a flag was not thrown for a hip-drop tackle. He got right into the face of referee Alex Kemp, who threw the flag. It forced a third-and-22 at the Chiefs 45, and after a completion to Gesicki got 10 yards back, McPherson kicked the field goal that gave the Bengals a 25-23 lead.

"It's pretty clear cut. It's just simply abusive language toward a game official," Kemp said. "I'm not going to repeat to you what he said, but there was no interpretation with the language that he used. Just abusive language."

Chase refused to discuss the penalty in the postgame locker room, saying only: "It doesn't feel great losing."

"It's OK to be emotional," Taylor said. "I can't see everything that's said or done, so it's better that I not comment on it."

Injuries

Bengals: DT B.J. Hill (hamstring) left in the second quarter. DT Sheldon Rankins (hamstring) left in the

fourth.

Chiefs: RB Isiah Pacheco left in the final minute and was seen in a walking boot with crutches leaving the stadium. Reid did not provide any details other than to say he would undergo tests on Monday.

Up next

Cincinnati returns home to play Washington on Sept. 23.

Kansas City heads to Atlanta on Sunday night.

Hundreds march in Brazil to support religious freedom as cases of intolerance rise

By DIARLEI RODRIGUES Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Practitioners of different religious traditions marched down Rio de Janeiro's iconic Copacabana Beach on Sunday to support religious freedom in Brazil, where cases of intolerance have doubled over the past six years.

Hundreds of men, women and children from more than a dozen faiths participated in the event, known as the March for the Defense of Religious Freedom. Many of the participants were practitioners of Afro-Brazilian religions that have recently faced attacks from members of Christian groups. Brazil's recently appointed Minister for Human Rights Macaé Evaristo also joined the march, which was held for the 17th consecutive year.

"The great challenge today in our country is to reduce inequality," Evaristo told the state-run Agencia Brasil news agency. "So for me it is very important to be present in this march, because the people here are also struggling for many things like decent work and a life free from hunger."

In Rio de Janeiro state, which is home to a quarter of the practitioners of Afro-Brazilian religions, there's been a proliferation of evangelical Christianity, particularly neo-Pentecostal churches founded since 1970 that focus on spreading their faith among non-believers.

Experts say that while most neo-Pentecostal proselytizing is peaceful, the spread of the faith has been accompanied by a surge of intolerance for traditional African-influenced religions, ranging from verbal abuse and discrimination to destruction of temples and forced expulsion from neighborhoods.

"Everything that comes from Black people, everything that comes from people of African origin is devalued; if we are not firm in our faith, we will lose strength," said Vania Vieira, a practitioner of the Afro-Brazilian religion Candomblé. "This walk is to show that we are standing, that we will survive."

While the Brazilian constitution protects the free exercise of religion, cases of disrespect and attacks, especially against groups of African origin, have become increasingly frequent.

Between 2018 and 2023, the Brazilian government's complaint service recorded an increase of 140% in the number of complaints of religious intolerance in the country.

In Brazil, those who commit crimes of religious intolerance can face up to five years in prison, as well as a fine.

Texas on top! Longhorns take over at No. 1 in AP Top 25 for first time in 16 years, jumping Georgia

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

Texas is No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll for the first time in 16 years, replacing Georgia on Sunday after the Bulldogs struggled to remain unbeaten.

The Longhorns moved up a spot from No. 2 and received 35 first-place votes and 1,540 points. The Bulldogs, who have been No. 1 since the preseason poll, received 23 first-place votes and 1,518 points.

Ohio State received five first-place votes and stayed at No. 3 during an off week. No. 4 Alabama and No. 5 Mississippi held their places and Tennessee moved up a spot to No. 6, flip-flopping with Southeastern Conference rival Missouri.

The last time the Longhorns were No. 1 was the middle of the 2008 season, when they spent three weeks

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at the top of the polls before losing a memorable game at Texas Tech in early November. The Longhorns are likely to settle into the top spot for at least another week with a home game against Louisiana-Monroe up next, possibly with Arch Manning as the starting quarterback.

Manning, the nephew of Peyton and Eli Manning, stepped in Saturday night against UTSA when Quinn Ewers went out with an abdomen injury that coach Steve Sarkisian said was not serious.

"There's nothing like being in the game. Playing in front of 105,000 people is not the easiest thing to do. I'm really proud of Arch," Sarkisian said.

A week after the SEC became the first conference to hold six of the first seven spots, the league repeated the feat.

There was some shuffling at the back of the top 10, with No. 8 Oregon and No. 9 Miami each moving up a spot and Penn State slipping back to No. 10.

Poll points

Winning and dropping from No. 1 is not unusual. This is the 94th time it has happened since the poll started in 1936, and first time since Georgia and Alabama swapped No. 1 back and forth for a few weeks in 2022.

The Bulldogs needed a second-half rally to squeak by 13-12 at Kentucky — the same Kentucky team that was buried at home a week earlier by South Carolina. That was the fewest points scored by a No. 1 team in a victory since Alabama beat LSU 10-0 in 2016.

"I don't know much about this team, but I found out more tonight than I've known to this point," coach Kirby Smart told reporters after the game.

Georgia has dominated the top spot in the AP poll since 2021, with 39 appearances.

In its first season as a member of the SEC, Texas keeps No. 1 in the conference where it has resided for 50 of the last 52 polls, dating to the start of the 2021 season. Only Michigan of the Big Ten in the final two polls of last season has interrupted the streak of No. 1 rankings by the SEC, which includes 10 appearances by Alabama.

Looking ahead, both the Crimson Tide and Bulldogs are off next week to prepare for a likely top-five matchup in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on Sept. 28 that should have voters thinking about who's No. 1 again.

In and out

Boston College joined fellow Atlantic Coast Conference member Georgia Tech in the brief-stay-after-a-long-drought club. The Eagles lost at Missouri and fell out of the rankings after moving in last week for the first time since 2018.

Arizona is also out for the first time this season after getting thumped by Kansas State.

Moving in for the first time this season was Illinois at No. 24. Texas A&M jumped back into the rankings at No. 25.

Conference call

The 18-team Big Ten matched a conference record (reached 11 times previously) with seven ranked teams.

SEC — 9 (Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 16, 25).

Big Ten — 7 (Nos. 3, 9, 10, 11, 18, 22, 24).

Big 12 — 4 (Nos. 12, 13, 14, 20).

ACC — 3 (Nos. 8, 19, 21).

MAC — 1 (No. 23).

Independent — 1 (No. 17).

Ranked vs. ranked

No. 24 Illinois at No. 22 Nebraska, Friday. The last time the Cornhuskers hosted a game with both teams ranked was 2013 when No. 16 UCLA beat No. 23 Nebraska 41-21.

No. 6 Tennessee at No. 15 Oklahoma, Saturday. The Volunteers welcome the Sooners to the SEC.

No. 11 USC at No. 18 Michigan, Saturday. The Trojans' first Big Ten game is exactly what the executives at Fox hoped for.

No. 12 Utah at No. 14 Oklahoma State, Saturday. The first big game between Big 12 teams that actually

counts in the conference standings.

2 people die in Ukraine's Odesa after Moscow and Kyiv exchange drone and missile attacks

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Two people died in a missile attack on the Ukrainian Black Sea port city of Odesa, local officials said, as Moscow and Kyiv exchanged drone and missile attacks.

The Ukrainian air force said Sunday it shot down 10 of the 14 drones and one of the three missiles Russia launched overnight.

Oleh Kiper, Odesa's regional governor, said the two who died in the suburbs of Odesa on Saturday night were a married couple, and that another person was wounded in the attack.

At least 41 people were wounded Sunday afternoon when a Russian aerial bomb struck a multistory residential building in Kharkiv, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said, adding that the guided bomb hit the 10th floor of the building, with the fire spreading across four stories. Twelve other buildings were also damaged, he said.

Meanwhile, the Russian Defense Ministry said that it downed 29 Ukrainian drones overnight into Sunday over western and southwestern regions, with no damage caused by the falling debris. It also said another Ukrainian drone was shot down Sunday morning over the western Ryazan region.

While Ukraine and Russia regularly launch overnight drone raids on each other's territory, Ukrainian officials generally don't confirm or deny attacks within Russia's borders.

The latest attacks came after Ukraine made a new call Saturday on the West to allow it to use the long-range missiles they have provided to strike targets deep inside Russia, as Ukrainian forces struggle to hold back Russian advances in eastern Ukraine.

So far, the U.S. has allowed Kyiv to use American-provided weapons only in a limited area inside Russia's border with Ukraine.

Kyiv officials argue the weapons are vital to weaken Russia's ability to strike Ukraine and force it to move its strike capabilities further from the border.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy took to social media on Sunday to again appeal for a shift in the West's policy on the use of long-range weapons, noting that Russia had launched "around 30 missiles of various types, more than 800 guided aerial bombs, and nearly 300 strike drones against Ukraine" this week.

"Ukraine needs strong support from our partners to defend lives against Russian terror — air defense, long-range capabilities, support for our warriors. Everything that will help force Russia to end this war," Zelenskyy posted on X.

Long before gay marriage was popular, Kamala Harris was at the forefront of the equal rights battle

By DAN MERICA and CHRIS MEGERIAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two decades ago, when a Democratic presidential nominee wouldn't dream of endorsing gay marriage, a newly elected district attorney named Kamala Harris was performing one of the first same-sex unions in the United States.

It was the so-called Winter of Love in San Francisco. The mayor at the time, Gavin Newsom, had directed the county clerk to approve gay marriages even though there was no law on the books recognizing them. His act of rebellion prompted a bipartisan political backlash, but Harris had no hesitation.

"You could tell she was so overwhelmed and had so much joy about performing this ceremony," said Brad Witherspoon, whose marriage to Raymond Cobane was officiated by Harris on Valentine's Day 2004.

The moment represents a stark difference between Harris and all previous Democratic presidential nominees, who didn't begin their political careers as gay marriage supporters. Four years after the Winter of Love, the issue was still off the table during the party's primary. And it took another four years for Democratic President Barack Obama, running for reelection against Republican Mitt Romney, to back gay

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marriage.

For LGBTQ leaders, Harris' history validates their deep support for the Democratic nominee.

"It's not just that she held a position in support of fundamental equality for gay and lesbian couples. A lot of politicians take positions and hold positions," said Chad Griffin, former head of the Human Rights Campaign, who is on Harris' national fundraising committee. "Fewer actually roll up their sleeves and use their power to make lives better."

Her decision to officiate was made in the moment

In her book, "The Truths We Hold," Harris writes that her decision to officiate the weddings was spur-of-the-moment. She was on her way to the airport before she decided to stop by City Hall. She and other local officials were sworn in and performed marriages in "every nook and cranny" of the building, Harris recalled.

"I was delighted to be a part of it," she wrote. "There was all this wonderful excitement building as we welcomed the throngs of loving couples, one by one, to be married then and there. It was unlike anything I had ever been a part of before. And it was beautiful."

Witherspoon recalls that it wasn't only him and his new husband who were caught up in the excitement.

"She was as well," he said. "We were both crying and hugging each other." Witherspoon said Harris told them, "I really wanted to be a part of this."

All the marriages performed during that month in San Francisco were invalidated later that year, a move that Harris described as "devastating."

Harris' early embrace of gay marriage is rooted, at least in part, in geography. She grew up in California's liberal Bay Area and started her political career in San Francisco, a city with a vibrant gay community.

Sean Meloy, a top operative at Victory Fund, a political committee aimed at increasing LGBTQ representation in politics, calls Harris' story an example of why "representation matters."

"A lot of people didn't know LGBTQ people," Meloy said of the atmosphere nationally during the Winter of Love. "In San Francisco, (LGBTQ people) were already a political force and also out, so she understood we are just people much earlier."

Some of Harris' earliest political advisers were gay, including Jim Rivaldo, who had worked with Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected official in California as a San Francisco supervisor. During a recent fundraiser, Harris recalled that after Rivaldo fell sick with AIDS, her mother helped take care of him before he died.

When you grow up in the Bay Area, "almost everybody knows a gay couple that has been together for a long time," said Debbie Mesloh, who served as Harris' communications director when she was district attorney.

Mesloh said Harris paid particular attention to legal and criminal issues involving gay people, and she organized a national symposium to train prosecutors how to handle the "gay panic" defense that was used in Wyoming by the two men who killed Matthew Shepard in 1998. The defense tactic, which suggested that suspects could be goaded into violence by the victim's overt sexuality, "just enraged Kamala," Mesloh said.

Supporting gay rights was not without political risk for ambitious politicians, a lesson that Newsom, now California's governor, learned after beginning the Winter of Love. He did not get a speaking slot at the Democratic National Convention in 2004 as Republicans, led by President George W. Bush, turned gay marriage into a wedge issue with voters.

Nonetheless, Harris was eager to participate in and officiate weddings, Mesloh recalled.

"There wasn't an assessment or an analysis," Mesloh said. "She wanted to do it. She was excited. She loved it."

Harris was an early supporter when it was politically fraught

Witherspoon and Cobane, the couple married by Harris, assumed she would want to climb the political ranks one day, which boosted their admiration for her.

"That adds to the bravery of her stance to come out and perform a gay wedding," Witherspoon said. "It is one thing to say I support gay marriage, but it's another thing to put yourself on record and perform gay marriages, knowing at some point you want to move to a national level."

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"She had national ambitions, but she supported it ahead of the time and before anyone else," Cobane said. "And I give her credit for that."

The issue of gay marriage resurfaced when Harris ran for California attorney general in 2010, just two years after the state's voters banned same-sex unions with Proposition 8.

"To her, it was not an academic issue. It was also a personal issue — people whose lives she knew up close," said Brian Brokaw, a Democratic consultant who worked for Harris on the campaign.

Harris said she would not defend Proposition 8 as the state's top law enforcement officer. But she said she would defend the death penalty despite her personal opposition to it.

"She took a lot of heat for that," Brokaw said, and she faced accusations that she was picking and choosing which laws to support. The U.S. Supreme Court eventually overturned Proposition 8 in 2013.

When Griffin heard a rumor that same-sex marriages would soon be allowed in San Francisco, he called Harris as Kris Perry and Sandy Stier, two of the plaintiffs in the case, headed to City Hall so that she could marry them.

"Say no more — I will meet you there," Griffin recalled Harris saying. "I bet you the call was less than 30 seconds," he said. "She didn't jump in a car and have a driver take her. She walked to City Hall."

The Democratic Party more broadly embraced gay marriage in 2012, when Obama became the first presidential nominee to endorse the right. His announcement was precipitated by Joe Biden, then the vice president, disclosing his own support. Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee in 2016, did not endorse same-sex marriage until 2013, after she stepped down as secretary of state.

Now gay marriage is a cornerstone of the party's platform, and it even has occasional support from Republicans too. But some Democrats still view Harris as a trailblazer on the issue because of her early involvement.

"It's not lost on me, in a very personal way," said Malcolm Kenyatta, Pennsylvania's Democratic nominee for auditor general. He married his partner, Dr. Matthew JM Kenyatta, in 2022. "Whether that is popular at the time or not, she does what is right."

Tech billionaire returns to Earth after first private spacewalk

By MARCIA DUNN AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A billionaire spacewalker returned to Earth with his crew on Sunday, ending a five-day trip that lifted them higher than anyone has traveled since NASA's moonwalkers.

SpaceX's capsule splashed down in the Gulf of Mexico near Florida's Dry Tortugas in the predawn darkness, carrying tech entrepreneur Jared Isaacman, two SpaceX engineers and a former Air Force Thunderbird pilot.

They pulled off the first private spacewalk while orbiting nearly 460 miles (740 kilometers) above Earth, higher than the International Space Station and Hubble Space Telescope. Their spacecraft hit a peak altitude of 875 miles (1,408 kilometers) following Tuesday's liftoff.

Isaacman became only the 264th person to perform a spacewalk since the former Soviet Union scored the first in 1965, and SpaceX's Sarah Gillis the 265th. Until now, all spacewalks were done by professional astronauts.

"We are mission complete," Isaacman radioed as the capsule bobbed in the water, awaiting the recovery team. Within an hour, all four were out of their spacecraft, pumping their fists with joy as they emerged onto the ship's deck.

It was the first time SpaceX aimed for a splashdown near the Dry Tortugas, a cluster of islands 70 miles (113 kilometers) west of Key West. To celebrate the new location, SpaceX employees brought a big, green turtle balloon to Mission Control at company headquarters in Hawthorne, California. The company usually targets closer to the Florida coast, but two weeks of poor weather forecasts prompted SpaceX to look elsewhere.

During Thursday's commercial spacewalk, the Dragon capsule's hatch was open barely a half-hour. Isaacman emerged only up to his waist to briefly test SpaceX's brand new spacesuit followed by Gillis, who was knee high as she flexed her arms and legs for several minutes. Gillis, a classically trained violinist, also

held a performance in orbit earlier in the week.

The spacewalk lasted less than two hours, considerably shorter than those at the International Space Station. Most of that time was needed to depressurize the entire capsule and then restore the cabin air. Even SpaceX's Anna Menon and Scott "Kidd" Poteet, who remained strapped in, wore spacesuits.

SpaceX considers the brief exercise a starting point to test spacesuit technology for future, longer missions to Mars.

This was Isaacman's second chartered flight with SpaceX, with two more still ahead under his personally financed space exploration program named Polaris after the North Star. He paid an undisclosed sum for his first spaceflight in 2021, taking along contest winners and a pediatric cancer survivor while raising more than \$250 million for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

For the just completed so-called Polaris Dawn mission, the founder and CEO of the Shift4 credit card-processing company shared the cost with SpaceX. Isaacman won't divulge how much he spent.

Canelo Alvarez wins unanimous decision in dominating title defense against Edgar Berlanga

By W.G. RAMIREZ Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Super middleweight champion Saul "Canelo" Alvarez outpointed challenger Edgar Berlanga on Saturday night in front of a sold-out crowd at T-Mobile Arena.

Making his eighth super middleweight title defense, the 34-year-old Alvarez (61-2-2) dominated much of the fight, using his experience and tenacious pursuit to wear down the 27-year-old challenger, frequently sending 20,312 fans into a frenzy, often chanting "Mexico! Mexico!" or "CA-NEL-O! CA-NEL-O!"

Berlanga lost for the first time in his career, dropping to 22-1-0.

"I did good. Now what are they going to say? They said I don't fight young fighters," Alvarez said. "They always talk, but I'm the best fighter in the world."

Judges Max DeLuca and Steve Weisfeld scored the fight 118-109, and judge David Sutherland had it 117-110.

Berlanga almost matched Alvarez's punch output, but the champion was much more accurate. Alvarez landed 43.3% (201 of 464) of the punches he threw, while Berlanga connected on just 119 of 446 (26.7%). Alvarez also landed 49.1% (133 of 271) of his power punches.

Alvarez, a four-division champion, still hasn't ended a fight early since scoring a technical knockout of Caleb Plant nearly three years ago, when he became the undisputed champion.

It appeared that drought might end when a sharp left hook to the chin dropped Berlanga in the third round, and further punishment from Alvarez seemed to be taking a toll. Alvarez landed a crisp right uppercut in the fifth and a vicious hook in the sixth.

But Berlanga wouldn't go away, as he stood toe to toe and matched Alvarez's machismo, refusing to be bullied by the man he'd call "my idol" after the fight. He also got wild in the seventh, missing a wild overhand right that caused him to fall on the canvas, and was warned for a headbutt to Alvarez's face in the eighth round.

"I got a little angry with his tactics, but I'm Mexican man," Alvarez said. "It means a lot to fight on this day. It's an honor to represent my country on this day."

It marked one of the biggest nights in combat sports on Mexican Independence Day for Las Vegas, as the UFC made its debut at the Sphere, just three miles down Las Vegas Boulevard, with seven Mexican fighters in the lineup.

Alvarez closed as a -1600 favorite at BetMGM Sportsbook, which means a bettor would have had to wager \$1,600 to win \$100.

The IBF removed Alvarez's title after he chose to fight Berlanga rather than fight its No. 1 challenger, William Scull.

In a very uneventful WBA middleweight championship bout, 41-year-old Erislandy Lara (31-3-3) successfully

defended his title against Danny Garcia (37-4-0) with a TKO at three minutes of the ninth round thanks to a straight left jab to the face. Garcia's father and trainer, Angel, requested the stoppage after the round.

"The punches I was landing were hurting him," said Lara, the oldest active world champion in boxing. "That punch that ended the fight was a big shot."

After falling behind on the scorecards early during a fight for the interim WBA super middleweight belt, Caleb Plant overcame being knocked down in the fourth, dominated the last four rounds, and earned a ninth-round TKO of Trevor McCumby (28-1-0). With time winding down, Plant unleashed a flurry of punches to McCumby's head that prompted referee Allen Huggins to stop the bout at the 2:59 mark.

"I knew I had him hurt and had to go to work," Plant said. "It was time to get my belt. Now I'm ready to go home and play with my daughter."

In the first fight of the main card on the pay-per-view event, Rolando Romero improved to 16-2-0 with a unanimous decision over Manual Jaimes (16-2-1), with all three judges scoring the fight with identical scores, 99-91.

Profiles in clean energy: She founded a business to keep EV charging stations up and running

By ISABELLA O'MALLEY, KRISTA FAURIA and EUGENE GARCIA Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kameale Terry saw it coming before almost anyone else did. She realized the expanding network of electric vehicle charging stations across the U.S. would need a workforce to maintain it.

The realization came as she found herself back in South Central Los Angeles — where she grew up — taking care of her mom, who was on her third recurrence of cancer. It was 2016 and she had left a job in banking to come home. Now she needed some work flexibility to address her mom's needs.

Terry ended up taking a job with EV Connect, a company that made software for electric vehicle charging stations, in a position called "driver support." When EV drivers found something wasn't working at a station, they called in and she would talk them through the issue or send out a technician. It made her realize the need.

"When I saw that the charging experience wasn't a great experience, I wanted to figure out how could I be helpful in ensuring that it is a great experience," Terry said.

So, in 2020 she co-founded the company ChargerHelp! with the aim of training a nationwide workforce of technicians to repair charging stations and reduce the amount of time they are down.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of an occasional series of personal stories from the energy transition — the change away from a fossil-fuel based world that largely causes climate change.

The calls Terry fielded from frustrated drivers weren't the only thing that prompted the decision to found ChargerHelp! She now understood the big picture when it came to charging infrastructure, and she rose through several roles to become a director at EV Connect, heading up programs in Australia and Canada, as well as the U.S.

During the early pandemic lockdowns, it struck her that there were hardly any cars on the roads and suddenly see the Hollywood sign from her home. Usually it was hidden by thick smog. "It really just hit me ... if folks drove electric or chose more sustainable transportation, this could be an everyday thing," she said.

Terry also had firsthand experience with air pollution, having grown up in South Central Los Angeles.

"I am in a community that's near like three freeways," she said. It wasn't until the work at EV Connect that she made the link between that and air pollution and health effects. "That's really where I started to dive in, to understand how the air, you know, in the community was really like killing folks."

The cancer ended up taking her mom, and Terry believes pollution played a role. A growing number of studies indicate that air pollution can be related to breast cancer.

These experiences, plus the desire to provide job opportunities for communities like hers, forged her

entrepreneurial idea.

Now 35, Terry is an expert in the new field of EV charger maintenance. She's found that her best technicians often come from careers in oil and gas, or in sales. One of her most highly-requested techs is a former furniture salesperson.

"It is the coolest thing seeing a group of folks that may not have fully known about this space prior to, but are so bought in to the idea of pushing forward massive EV adoption. That to me brings me so much joy," Terry said.

The case for creating the company has only strengthened since it was launched.

One study found that nearly a quarter of the fast-charge EV stations in the San Francisco were broken. Data analytics company J.D. Power found that 21% of EV drivers in the U.S. have rolled up to a public charger that wasn't working. Not all studies have found the issue to be that grave. Last fall, the federal government found far fewer chargers down, about 4.1%

This is how ChargerHelp! works: When an EV charging port has a mechanical or electronics problem, the manager of the gas station or business where it's located submits a request via the company app, and a technician remotely provides quick assistance for things that can be fixed on the spot. For problems that require help in person, the company sends out a technician.

Clyde Ellis is a field service manager with the company in Los Angeles. He's seen all sorts of damage to EV chargers — a site where a car plowed into one, copper cables cut out by thieves and infestations of squirrels, frogs, ants, and other insects.

"There was once a honeycomb with honey dripping out of the side of the station," he recalled.

Ellis came to the electric vehicle business from the oil and gas industry, where his work ranged from permitting to putting out fires sparked by welders working on pipelines. It was a stable job but eventually he chose to leave.

"I realized that I was in an industry that wasn't beneficial to our environment," Ellis said, remembering the air pollution generated at his former plant. "I had to take a step back and really look at what was going on around me ... and I just thought, how could I make a change? How could I be a part of something bigger?"

Now he is.

"That is the pride and joy of my day every day and definitely at the end of the week," he said.

Scientists say cars and other machines and activities that pollute, like power plants, must ramp down their exhaust sharply to preserve a livable climate. Yet instead of declining, global emissions continue to rise. Electric vehicles have no exhaust or tailpipe.

The Biden-Harris administration has a goal for 50% of all new cars and trucks in the U.S. to be electric by 2030. Some states like Washington aim to transition even faster, requiring all new vehicles be electric or non-polluting by 2030.

Terry said that in order for that to happen, people need to be able to trust EV charging infrastructure. The current mistrust, due to broken chargers, is a problem that can be solved, she said.

ChargerHelp! currently operates in 17 states.

Days of preparation and one final warning. How Kamala Harris got ready for her big debate moment

By CHRIS MEGERIAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was almost time for the presidential debate, but Kamala Harris' staff thought there was one more thing she needed to know. So less than an hour before the vice president left her Philadelphia hotel, two communications aides got her on the phone for one of the strangest briefings of her political career.

They told her that Donald Trump had been posting on social media about a false and racist rumor that Haitian migrants in Springfield, Ohio, were eating people's pets. The former president might mention it during the debate, they said.

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The warning, described by two people with knowledge of the conversation, proved spot on.

While answering a question about immigration policy, Trump said migrants in Springfield were “eating the dogs” and “they’re eating the cats.” Harris laughed, shook her head and stared at her Republican opponent in amazement. “Talk about extreme,” she said, and then moved on.

It was easily the most bizarre moment from last week’s debate, spawning an explosion of online memes and parody videos. Now, Harris is trying to use her performance as an ongoing source of momentum, hoping to rekindle the kind of energy that she generated when she replaced President Joe Biden at the top of the Democratic ticket.

It is unclear whether the debate will affect the outcome of the Nov. 5 election. In a flash poll of viewers conducted by CNN afterward, opinions of Trump were unchanged and Harris received only a slight bump in the share of people who view her favorably. But her team is making the most of it, turning key points into television advertisements and flooding the internet with clips. No equivalent effort is apparent from Trump’s side, despite his repeated insistence that he came out on top.

There almost certainly will not be another debate; Trump has said he will not do one. That means the debate at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia may be the only chance that voters will have to see the candidates side by side.

This story is based on interviews with five people close to Harris, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private conversations and reveal new details about how she prepared for and handled the debate. It was her first time meeting Trump in person.

Harris spent five days getting ready at a hotel in downtown Pittsburgh after a breakneck few weeks of campaigning.

Her team recreated the set where she would debate Trump on the night of Sept. 10. It was a far more professional setup than Harris had used eight years earlier as she was running for Senate in California, when campaign staff taped together cardboard boxes to serve as makeshift lecterns.

Two communications aides — one man, one woman — stood in for David Muir and Linsey Davis, the ABC News debate moderators.

Philippe Reines, a longtime aide to Hillary Clinton, reprised his role as Trump, which he played when the former secretary of state ran for president. Reines wore a dark suit, a long red tie and orange bronzer to embody Trump.

One challenge would be the microphones.

When Biden was running, his team agreed that the debate microphones should be muted when it was not a candidate’s turn to speak. But Harris’ staff wanted the microphones hot at all times, which would allow her to jump in and create more opportunities for Trump to make outbursts.

But their campaign could not reach an agreement to change the rules, and the original plan remained in place.

Harris decided to make the most of the split screen format, where each candidate would be on camera at all times. Biden had flubbed the visual test when he debated Trump in June, often looking aimless with his mouth slightly agape. Harris provided silent commentary through her expressiveness — laughing, raising her eyebrows, bringing her hand to her chin with a quizzical look.

At one point during preparations, staff members suggested practicing mannerisms that Harris could use. The vice president waved them off, saying she would be fine without that kind of rehearsal.

Harris rarely left the hotel during preparations. On Sept. 7, she took a field trip to Penzeys Spices, where she picked up some seasoning mixes. One woman in the store wept as Harris hugged her. On Sept. 8, Harris and her husband, Doug Emhoff, went to a military airbase and took a walk for about a half hour. Because of security considerations, the tarmac was the only place where they could stretch their legs.

Asked if she was ready for the debate, Harris gave reporters a thumb’s up and said “ready.”

She ended up leaving Pittsburgh on Sept. 9 rather than the day of the debate, canceling an extra mock debate and getting to Philadelphia earlier than expected.

As the clock ticked down to the start of the debate, dozens of staff members in the campaign’s Delaware headquarters assembled in assigned seats in front of four television screens. Some were nervous, still

rattled from watching Biden implode in his own debate with Trump.

But Harris' opening move, striding toward Trump to shake his hand as they took the stage, helped ease those jitters.

Throughout the debate, Harris mocked and needled Trump, throwing him off balance with jabs about the size of crowds at his campaign rallies. She pounced on questions about abortion and promised the country a new generation of leadership, while Trump became increasingly agitated and missed opportunities to press his case against her.

During the final commercial break, Trump departed the stage with a sigh. Harris stayed at her lectern, writing on her notepad, reviewing her words and taking a sip of water.

In her closing statement, she told viewers that "I think you've heard tonight two very different visions for our country — one that is focused on the future and the other that is focused on the past."

Trump ended his remarks by calling Harris "the worst vice president in the history of our country."

There was no live audience in the room to react to the candidates, and it was not always clear whether certain lines or expressions were hitting their marks.

So when Harris left the stage, she had a question for her staff: How did I do?

This city is hailed as a vaccination success. Can it be sustained?

By MIKE STOBBE AP Medical Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — On his first day of school at Newcomer Academy, Maikel Tejada was whisked to the school library. The 7th grader didn't know why.

He soon got the point: He was being given make-up vaccinations. Five of them.

"I don't have a problem with that," said the 12-year-old, who moved from Cuba early this year.

Across the library, a group of city, state and federal officials gathered to celebrate the school clinic, and the city. With U.S. childhood vaccination rates below their goals, Louisville and the state were being praised as success stories: Kentucky's vaccination rate for kindergarteners rose 2 percentage points in the 2022-2023 school year compared with the year before. The rate for Jefferson County — which is Louisville — was up 4 percentage points.

"Progress is success," said Dr. Mandy Cohen, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But that progress didn't last. Kentucky's school entry vaccination rate slipped last year. Jefferson County's rate slid, too. And the rates for both the county and state remain well below the target thresholds.

It raises the question: If this is what success looks like, what does it say about the nation's ability to stop imported infections from turning into community outbreaks?

Local officials believe they can get to herd immunity thresholds, but they acknowledge challenges that includes tight funding, misinformation and well-intended bureaucratic rules that can discourage doctors from giving kids shots.

"We're closing the gap," said Eva Stone, who has managed the county school system's health services since 2018. "We're not closing the gap very quickly."

Falling vaccination rates

Public health experts focus on vaccination rates for kindergartners because schools can be cauldrons for germs and the launching pad for community outbreaks.

For years, those rates were high, thanks largely to mandates that required key vaccinations as a condition of school attendance.

But they have slid in recent years. When COVID-19 started hitting the U.S. hard in 2020, schools were closed, visits to pediatricians declined and vaccination record-keeping fell off. Meanwhile, more parents questioned routine childhood vaccinations that they used to automatically accept, an effect that experts attribute to misinformation and the political schism that emerged around COVID-19 vaccines.

A Gallup survey released last month found that 40% of Americans said it is extremely important for parents to have their children vaccinated, down from 58% in 2019. Meanwhile, a recent University of Pennsylvania survey of 1,500 people found that about 1 in 4 U.S. adults think the measles, mumps and

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rubella vaccine causes autism — despite no medical evidence for it.

All that has led more parents to seek exemptions to school entry vaccinations. The CDC has not yet reported national data for the 2023-2024 school year, but the proportion of U.S. kindergartners exempted from school vaccination requirements the year before hit a record 3%.

Overall, 93% of kindergartners got their required shots for the 2022-2023 school year. The rate was 95% in the years before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Officials worry slipping vaccination rates will lead to disease outbreaks.

The roughly 250 U.S. measles cases reported so far this year are the most since 2019, and Oregon is seeing its largest outbreak in more than 30 years.

Kentucky has been experiencing its worst outbreak of whooping cough — another vaccine-preventable disease — since 2017. Nationally, nearly 14,000 cases have been reported this year, the most since 2019.

Persuading parents

The whooping cough surge is a warning sign but also an opportunity, said Kim Tolley, a California-based historian who wrote a book last year on the vaccination of American schoolchildren. She called for a public relations campaign to “get everybody behind” improving immunizations.

Much of the discussion about raising vaccination rates centers on campaigns designed to educate parents about the importance of vaccinating children — especially those on the fence about getting shots for their kids.

But experts are still hashing out what kind of messaging work best: Is it better, for example, to say “vaccinate” or “immunize”?

A lot of the messaging is influenced by feedback from small focus groups. One takeaway is some people have less trust in health officials and even their own doctors than they once did. Another is that they strongly trust their own feelings about vaccines and what they’ve seen in Internet searches or heard from other sources.

“Their overconfidence is hard to shake. It’s hard to poke holes in it,” said Mike Perry, who ran focus groups on behalf of a group called the Public Health Communications Collaborative.

But many people seem more trusting of older vaccines. And they do seem to be at least curious about information they didn’t know, including the history of research behind vaccines and the dangers of the diseases they were created to fight, he said.

Some of the CDC’s recent communications take a gentle approach.

One example is a digital media ad that depicts a boy playing with a toy Tyrannosaurus rex. The caption reads, “He thinks ‘diphtheria’ is the name of a dinosaur.” It’s an attempt to use humor while sending a message that children no longer know much about the infections that used to be common threats — and it’s better to keep it that way.

Improving access

Dolores Albarracin has studied vaccination improvement strategies in 17 countries, and repeatedly found that the most effective strategy is to make it easier for kids to get vaccinated.

“In practice, most people are not vaccinating simply because they don’t have money to take the bus” or have other troubles getting to appointments, said Albarracin, director of the communication science division within Penn’s Annenberg Public Policy Center.

That’s a problem in Louisville, where officials say few doctors were providing vaccinations to children enrolled in Medicaid and fewer still were providing shots to kids without any health insurance. An analysis a few years ago indicated 1 in 5 children — about 20,000 kids — were not current on their vaccinations, and most of them were poor, said Stone, the county school health manager.

A 30-year-old federal program called Vaccines for Children pays for vaccinations for children who Medicaid-eligible or lack the insurance to cover it.

But in a meeting with the CDC director last month, Louisville health officials lamented that most local doctors don’t participate in the program because of paperwork and other administrative headaches. And it can be tough for patients to get the time and transportation to get to those few dozen Louisville providers who do take part.

The school system has tried to fill the gap. In 2019, it applied to become a VFC provider, and gradually established vaccine clinics.

Last year, it held clinics at nearly all 160 schools, and it's doing the same thing this year. The first was at Newcomer Academy, where many immigrant students behind on their vaccinations are started in the school system.

It's been challenging, Stone said. Funding is very limited. There are bureaucratic obstacles, and a growing influx of children from other countries who need shots. It takes multiple trips to a doctor or clinic to complete some vaccine series. And then there's the opposition — vaccination clinic announcements tend to draw hateful social media comments.

But there's also a lot of support. The local health department and nursing schools are crucial partners, and city leaders support the endeavor.

At the recent vaccination celebration, Mayor Craig Greenberg acknowledged access problems and that vaccinations have become politicized.

But "to me, there's nothing political about improving public health, about improving the health of our kids," said Greenberg, a Democrat. "There should be no debate about that."

Which candidate is better for tech innovation? Venture capitalists divided on Harris or Trump

By SARAH PARVINI and MATT O'BRIEN AP Technology Writers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Being a venture capitalist carries a lot of prestige in Silicon Valley. Those who choose which startups to fund see themselves as fostering the next big waves of technology.

So when some of the industry's biggest names endorsed former President Donald Trump and the one-time VC he picked for a running mate, JD Vance, people took notice.

Then hundreds of other VCs -- some high profile, others lesser-known -- threw their weight behind Vice President Kamala Harris, drawing battle lines over which presidential candidate will be better for tech innovation and the conditions startups need to thrive. For years, many of Silicon Valley's political discussions took place behind closed doors. Now, those casual debates have gone public — on podcasts, social media and online manifestos.

Venture capitalist and Harris backer Stephen DeBerry says some of his best friends support Trump. Though centered in a part of Northern California known for liberal politics, the investors who help finance the tech industry have long been a more politically divided bunch.

"We ski together. Our families are together. We're super tight," said DeBerry, who runs the Bronze Venture Fund. "This is not about not being able to talk to each other. I love these guys -- they're almost all guys. They're dear friends. We just have a difference of perspective on policy issues."

It remains to be seen if the more than 700 venture capitalists who've voiced support for a movement called "VCs for Kamala" will match the pledges of Trump's well-heeled supporters such as Elon Musk and Peter Thiel. But the effort marks "the first time I've seen a galvanized group of folks from our industry coming together and coalescing around our shared values," DeBerry said.

"There are a lot of practical reasons for VCs to support Trump," including policies that could drive corporate profits and stock market values and favor wealthy benefactors, said David Cowan, an investor at Bessemer Venture Partners. But Cowan said he is supporting Harris as a VC with a "long-term investment horizon" because a "Trump world reeling from rampant income inequality, raging wars and global warming is not an attractive environment" for funding healthy businesses.

Several prominent VCs have voiced their support for Trump on Musk's social platform X. Public records show some of them have donated to a new, pro-Trump super PAC called America PAC, whose donors include powerful tech industry conservatives with ties to SpaceX and Paypal and who run in Musk's social circle. Also driving support is Trump's embrace of cryptocurrency and promise to end an enforcement crackdown on the industry.

Although some Biden policies have alienated parts of the investment sector concerned about tax policy,

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antitrust scrutiny or overregulation, Harris' bid for the presidency has reenergized interest from VCs who until recently sat on the sidelines. Some of that excitement is due to existing relationships with Silicon Valley that are borne out of Harris' career in the San Francisco area and her time as California's attorney general.

"We buy risk, right? And we're trying to buy the right type of risk," Leslie Feinzaig, founder of "VCs for Kamala" said in an interview. "It's really hard for these companies that are trying to build products and scale to do so in an unpredictable institutional environment."

The schism in tech has left some firms split in their allegiances. Although venture capitalists Marc Andreessen and Ben Horowitz, founders of the firm that is their namesake, endorsed Trump, one of their firm's general partners, John O'Farrell, pledged his support for Harris. O'Farrell declined further comment.

Doug Leone, the former managing partner of Sequoia Capital, endorsed Trump in June, expressing concern on X "about the general direction of our country, the state of our broken immigration system, the ballooning deficit, and the foreign policy missteps, among other issues." But Leone's longtime business partner at Sequoia, Michael Moritz, wrote in the Financial Times that tech leaders supporting Trump "are making a big mistake."

Shaun Maguire, a partner at Sequoia, posted on X that he donated \$300,000 to Trump's campaign after supporting Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election. Federal Election Commission records show that Maguire donated \$500,000 to America PAC in June; Leone donated \$1 million.

"The area where I disagree with Republicans the most is on women's rights. And I'm sure I'll disagree with some of Trump's policies in the future," Maguire wrote. "But in general I think he was surprisingly prescient."

Feinzaig, managing director at venture firm Graham & Walker, said that she launched "VCs for Kamala" because she felt frustrated that "the loudest voices" were starting to "sound like they were speaking for the entire industry."

Much of the VC discourse about elections is in response to a July podcast and manifesto in which Andreessen and Horowitz backed Trump and outlined their vision of a "Little Tech Agenda" that they said contrasted with the policies sought by Big Tech.

They accused the U.S. government of increasing hostility toward startups and the VCs who fund them, citing Biden's proposed higher taxes on the wealthy and corporations and regulations they said could hobble emerging industries involving blockchain and artificial intelligence.

Vance, a U.S. senator from Ohio who spent time in San Francisco working at Thiel's investment firm, voiced a similar perspective about "little tech" more than a month before he was chosen as Trump's running mate.

"The donors who were really involved in Silicon Valley in a pro-Trump way, they're not big tech, right? They're little tech. They're starting innovative companies. They don't want the government to destroy their ability to innovate," Vance said in an interview on Fox News in June.

Days earlier, Vance had joined Trump at a San Francisco fundraiser at the home of venture capitalist and former PayPal executive David Sacks, a longtime conservative. Vance said Trump spoke to about 100 attendees that included "some of the leading innovators in AI."

DeBerry said he doesn't disagree with everything Andreessen Horowitz founders espouse, particularly their wariness about powerful companies controlling the agencies that regulate them. But he objects to their "little tech" framing, especially coming from a multibillion-dollar investment firm that he says is hardly the voice of the little guy. For DeBerry, whose firm focuses on social impact, the choice is not between big and little tech but "chaos and stability," with Harris representing stability.

Complicating the allegiances is that a tough approach to breaking up the monopoly power of big corporations no longer falls along partisan lines. Vance has spoken favorably of Lina Khan, who Biden picked to lead the Federal Trade Commission and has taken on several tech giants. Meanwhile, some of the most influential VCs backing Harris -- such as LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman; and Sun Microsystems co-founder Vinod Khosla, an early investor in ChatGPT-maker OpenAI -- have sharply criticized Khan's approach.

U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna, a Democrat whose California district encompasses part of Silicon Valley, said Trump supporters are a vocal minority reflecting a "third or less" of the region's tech community. But while the

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White House has appealed to tech entrepreneurs with its investments in clean energy, electric vehicles and semiconductors, Khanna said Democrats must do a better job of showing that they understand the appeal of digital assets.

"I do think that the perceived lack of embrace of Bitcoin and the blockchain has hurt the Democratic Party among the young generation and among young entrepreneurs," Khanna said.

Naseem Sayani, a general partner at Emmeline Ventures, said Andreessen and Horowitz's support of Trump became a lightning rod for those in tech who do not back the Republican nominee. Sayani signed onto "VCs for Kamala," she said, because she wanted the types of businesses that she helps fund to know that the investor community is not monolithic.

"We're not single-profile founders anymore," she said. "There's women, there's people of color, there's all the intersections. How can they feel comfortable building businesses when the environment they're in doesn't actually support their existence in some ways?"

Today in History: September 16, Cherokee Strip Land Run

By The Associated Press undefined

Today is Monday, Sept. 16, the 260th day of 2024. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Sept. 16, 1893, the largest land run in U.S. history occurred as more than 100,000 white settlers rushed to claim over more than 6 million acres of land in what is now northern Oklahoma.

Also on this date:

In 1810, Catholic priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla called on his parishioners to join him in a rebellion against Spanish rule, marking the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence.

In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Michigan, by William C. Durant.

In 1940, Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was first elected speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; he would hold the post for a record 17 years, spanning three separate terms.

In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera officially opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts with the world premiere of Samuel Barber's "Antony and Cleopatra."

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford signed a proclamation announcing a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft evaders.

In 1982, the massacre of more than 1,300 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

In 2007, O.J. Simpson was arrested in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. (Simpson was later convicted of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison; he was released in 2017.)

In 2013, Aaron Alexis, a former U.S. Navy reservist, went on a shooting rampage inside the Washington Navy Yard, killing 12 people before being fatally shot by police.

In 2018, at least 17 people were confirmed dead from Hurricane Florence as catastrophic flooding spread across the Carolinas.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Chakiris is 92. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 75. Author-historian-filmmaker Henry Louis Gates Jr. is 74. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 74. Actor Mickey Rourke is 72. Jazz musician Earl Klugh is 71. TV personality Mark McEwen is 70. Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount is 69. Magician David Copperfield is 68. Actor Jennifer Tilly is 66. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Orel Hershiser is 66. Baseball Hall of Famer Tim Lincecum is 65. Singer Richard Marx is 61. Comedian Molly Shannon is 60. Singer Marc Anthony is 56. News anchor/talk show host Tamron Hall is 54. Comedian-actor Amy Poehler is 53. Singer-songwriter Musiq Soulchild is 47. Rapper Flo Rida is 45. Actor Alexis Bledel is 43. Actor Madeline Zima is 39. Actor Max Minghella is 39. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 32. Actor Chase Stokes is 32. Golfer Bryson DeChambeau is 31.