

AROUND THE WORLD

A brief look at what's happening elsewhere



Russia-Ukraine

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine on Thursday marked its second Independence Day since Russia's full-scale invasion, with officials vowing to keep up their fight to drive out the Kremlin's forces and local people remembering their fallen loved ones.

The national holiday coincided with the war's 18-month milestone, giving a somber mood to the commemorations.

"We remember everyone who gave their lives for freedom and independence, for the free future of Ukraine," Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a social media post.

He said that an independent Ukraine is "what we are fighting for."

Turkey's economy

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's central bank raised its key interest rate by an aggressive 7.5 percentage points on Thursday, a larger-than-expected boost that offers a new sign of a return to more traditional economic policies under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The bank hiked its policy rate to 25% as it continues to backtrack from a rate-cutting course set by Erdogan, which has been blamed for inflating a cost-of-living crisis. Many households have been left struggling to afford rent and basic goods as inflation has surged.

The increase "will go a long way towards reassuring investors that the shift back to policy orthodoxy is on track," London-based Capital Economics research firm wrote in an analyst note.

It called the move a surprise as most analysts expected a much smaller blip in borrowing costs.

"As far as Turkey's macroeconomic outlook is concerned this could be a game-changer," the firm said.

Quran burnings

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — The Danish government on Friday said it would propose a law that would make it illegal to desecrate any holy book in Denmark, where a recent string of public desecrations of the Quran by a handful of anti-Islam activists had sparked angry demonstrations in Muslim countries.

Denmark has been viewed as a country that facilitates insults and denigration of the cultures, religions and traditions of other countries, the government said.

The center-right government seeks to extend Denmark's existing ban on burning foreign flags by also "prohibiting improper treatment of objects of significant religious significance to a religious community," Justice Minister Peter Hummelgaard said.

"The bill will make it punishable, for example, to burn the Quran or the Bible in public. It will only aim at actions in a public place or with the intention of spreading in a wider circle," Hummelgaard said. He said such acts would be punishable by fines or up to two years in prison.

SpaceX launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA and SpaceX halted the countdown late Thursday for the launch of four astronauts to the International Space Station.

Mission managers rescheduled the liftoff for early Saturday morning, giving them an extra 24 hours to close out lingering issues, officials said. Nearly ideal weather was expected.

The four astronauts, representing four countries, had not yet headed to the SpaceX Falcon rocket awaiting them on the pad.

They are expected to spend six months at the space station, replacing four astronauts who have been there for half a year. A NASA astronaut is leading the new crew, which includes a Japanese surgeon and Danish and Russian engineers.

Bigger

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Ultimately, without a trusted, reliable, local press providing accountability and reporting facts from all sides through in-depth coverage, corruption and unchecked power can take over.

Think of all the important, informative reporting on city government (regarding planning, taxes, zoning, salaries, etc.), school boards (with all the issues of today), county and district boards like the NRD, local industry and community issues, etc. What if that ended?

Social media, in and of itself, is not trusted, reliable news. Individuals on Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms are often more intent on influencing and sharing propaganda. Or worse, spreading and feeding lies. Most are not trained journalists committed to reporting truth and facts from all sides of a story.

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The Fourth Pillar of democracy, and thus our freedoms, will endure or be lost based on what each of us in our community chooses.

We began this series with the headline "Final Edition ... Or is it?" The Fourth Pillar of democracy, and thus our freedoms, will endure or be lost based on what each of us in our community chooses. Again, for many communities across our nation, it is too late, and they are already suffering the consequences. Not just cities, but whole counties are becoming news deserts.

It is not too late in Norfolk and our quarter of the state. Won't you each subscribe and advertise?

We continue to feel called to this and, by the grace of God, we are in this for the long haul ... for our wonderful community, for our great nation, for our democracy — and our freedom.

Are you in it with us?

We believe you are.

It is a part of what, for generations, has made us such a wonderful community. We each continually do all we can, each with what he has, helping our community become the best it can be — striving to leave it better than we found it, better for generations to come.

Isn't it amazing, truly a blessing, to be a part of such a wonderful "Bedford Falls"-like community?

George Bailey thought so.

So do I.

We believe you do, too.

Let's each do all we can to "Protect the Pillar," and thus our freedoms ... for all of us, for our children and the generations to come.

WEATHER

NATIONAL OUTLOOK — SATURDAY



FRIDAY

City	Hi	Lo	Prc
Albuquerque	87	68	55%
Anchorage	60	53	98%
Atlanta	94	71	17%
Baltimore	89	73	99%
Billings	85	59	14%
Boston	72	68	100%
Cheyenne	65	54	100%
Chicago	79	70	48%
Cleveland	79	70	55%
Dallas	107	86	5%
Denver	73	58	100%
Des Moines	96	67	48%
Detroit	83	70	42%
Duluth	82	59	78%
Honolulu	85	74	97%
Houston	103	80	25%
Indianapolis	92	72	82%
Kansas City	101	75	42%
Las Vegas	103	79	1%
Los Angeles	82	62	0%
Miami	90	78	87%
Milwaukee	78	67	45%
Minneapolis	87	62	46%
Nashville	101	73	5%
New Orleans	97	85	10%
New York	80	72	99%
Oklahoma City	105	78	2%
Orlando	93	76	15%
Philadelphia	86	72	100%
Phoenix	110	88	1%
Salt Lake City	91	70	12%
San Antonio	104	78	27%
San Diego	74	64	0%
San Francisco	71	59	0%
Seattle	86	61	41%
Sioux Falls	88	58	30%
St. Louis	103	77	30%
Washington	89	71	99%
Wichita	104	75	9%

THURSDAY

City	Hi	Lo	Prc
Ainsworth	93	68	.03
Albion	96	67	
Broken Bow	100	66	
Chadron	95	72	
Columbus	101	70	
Falls City	103	73	
Grand Island	105	72	
Hastings	102	73	
Imperial	100	65	
Kearney	100	71	
Lincoln	105	70	
McCook	100	69	
Norfolk	100	75	
North Platte	100	70	
Omaha	104	75	
O'Neill	97	71	
Scottsbluff	95	68	
Valentine	93	69	.09
Valley	102	74	
Wayne	97	71	

NORFOLK

Thursday's high temperature	Friday morning's low temperature
100	75
Record: 104 in 1936	Record: 36 in 1928

NEBRASKA

Thursday's high temperature	Friday morning's low temperature
106	65
Hebron	Imperial and other towns

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Difficulty: ★★★★★ 8/25

SUDOKU: HOW TO PLAY

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9-by-9 grid with several given numbers.

The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 box contains the same number only once.

ONLINE EXTRA

LATEST NEWS ALERTS

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CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

- ▶ Bassist Gene Simmons of Kiss is 74.
- ▶ Singer Rob Halford of Judas Priest is 72.
- ▶ Musician Elvis Costello is 69.
- ▶ Director Tim Burton is 65.
- ▶ Country singer-actor Billy Ray Cyrus is 62.
- ▶ Guitarist Vivian Campbell of Def Leppard is 61.
- ▶ TV chef Rachael Ray is 55.
- ▶ Country singer Jo Dee Messina is 53.
- ▶ Model Claudia Schiffer is 53.
- ▶ Actor Alexander Skarsgard ("Big Little Lies," "True Blood") is 47.
- ▶ Actor Jonathan Togo ("CSI: Miami") is 46.
- ▶ Actor Blake Lively is 36.

Trump

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dozens of felony charges.

Trump was released on \$200,000 bond and headed back to the airport for his return flight home to New Jersey, flashing a thumbs-up through the window of his sport utility vehicle as his motorcade left. Unrepentant but subdued after the brief jail visit, he again insisted that he "did nothing wrong" and called the case accusing him of subverting election results a "travesty of justice."

"If you challenge an election, you should be able to challenge an election," he told reporters on the airport tarmac.

Trump's surrender to law enforcement authorities, the fourth time this year, carried with it the unprecedented spectacle of a former president, and current candidate, being booked on criminal charges. But his visit to Atlanta was notably different from the three past surrenders, unfolding at night and requiring him to visit a problem-plagued jail — rather than a courthouse.

And unlike in other cities that did not require him to pose for a mug shot, a booking photo of him was taken. It depicts Trump, wearing a navy suit and red tie, his brows furrowed as he stares into the lens.

Before Trump's plane had crossed North Carolina, his campaign was already using the image to solicit contributions on a fundraising site. And for the first time since Jan. 8, 2021, he made a post on X, the website formerly known as Twitter, issuing a fundraising plea on the platform that pre-



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FORMER President Donald Trump steps off his plane as he arrives at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport on Thursday in Atlanta.

vented him from using his account after he helped spark the violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

"This mug shot will forever go down in history as a symbol of America's defiance of tyranny," according to a Trump campaign fundraising email.

He also called into conservative TV channel Newsmax to talk about what he said had been "a very sad day for our country."

Trump landed in Atlanta around 7 p.m. and was driven to jail for the booking process. He offered a wave and thumbs-up as he descended the steps of his private plane.

He completed the process in a brisk 20 minutes, providing officials as is customary with his physical measurements: 6 foot, 3 inches. 215 pounds. Blond or strawberry hair. And Trump, who for four years in the White House reveled in the title of "Mr. President," was given the inmate number of P01135809.

The Fulton County prosecution is the fourth criminal case against Trump since March, when he became the first for-

mer president in U.S. history to be indicted. Since then, he's faced federal charges in Florida and Washington, and this month he was indicted in Atlanta with 18 others — including his ex-chief of staff, Mark Meadows, and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani — under a racketeering statute normally associated with gang members and organized crime.

District Attorney Fani Willis had given all of the defendants until Friday afternoon to turn themselves in at the main Fulton County jail.

Just ahead of his surrender, Trump hired a new lead attorney for the Georgia case.

Prominent Atlanta criminal defense attorney Steve Sadow replaced another high-profile criminal defense attorney, Drew Findling, who had represented Trump as recently as Monday when his bond terms were negotiated. But by Thursday, Findling was no longer part of the team, according to a person with knowledge of the change who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Street

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Overall, the total price tag for the planned street improvement project in the coming years is about \$25.3 million, with about \$4.9 million in projects expected to be completed in fiscal year 2023-24. There are also \$5 million in community-driven street repairs planned, which includes concrete repairs, mill and overlay work as well as curb and gutter repairs.

Another critical project to be addressed in the plan is the addition of LED streetlights in the downtown area. Rames said the new light system would cost the city about \$300,000 to install but would save about \$50,000 per year in energy and operating costs. The LED system also will feature sensors to more closely monitor pedestrian traffic at intersections, and it can even sense if there is foot traf-

fic in an intersection before the light changes.

At the meeting, attendees also were provided with financial documentation on the repair and improvement projects and had the opportunity to look at the maps that city officials created that identify street needs in the community. Those who attended the session also were given a survey of more than 70 potential street projects as part of the one- and six-year plan and asked to identify their top 20 priorities. Rames said the survey also would be distributed to the community in about three weeks at a public hearing Tuesday, Sept. 5.

City council members will take up the one- and six-year plan at their scheduled Monday, Sept. 18, meeting, and a resolution on the plan is expected to be adopted. The plan must be adopted no later than Saturday, Sept. 30.

Benjamin Avenue and First Street

City engineer Steven Rames also offered a brief update on the Benjamin Avenue and First Street projects. While there have been a few delays on those projects, Rames said he expects them to be completed this year, as planned. Rames added that he believes that First Street will be fully open to traffic by the end of September.

Rames said that overall, he is pleased with the projects, although there have been moments of frustration along the way, most of those coming from the unexpected scope of work issues and labor shortages among contractors.

Look for more details about the Sept. 5 public hearing on the one- and six-year plan projects in the coming days.