

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS FROM WIRE REPORTS

Hawaii officials say DNA tests drop Maui fire death count to 97

WAILUKU, Hawaii – Authorities in Hawaii have adjusted the number of deaths from the deadly Maui wildfire down to 97.

Officials previously said they believed at least 115 people had died in the fire, but further testing showed they had multiple DNA samples from some of the victims. The number of those who are missing also fell from 41 to 31, Maui Police Chief John Pelletier said.

John Byrd, laboratory director with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, said during a news conference Friday afternoon that the current number of dead should be considered a minimum, because it’s possible that toll could rise.

So far, 74 of the deceased have been positively identified, Pelletier said.

Woman buys \$6,000 wedding dress for \$25 at Ala. Goodwill

An Alabama woman bought a \$25 wedding dress from a Goodwill store that turned out to be worth \$6,000.

Emmali Osterhoudt, a nursing student at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and her roommate were looking for photo frames and she suggested they look in the 50% off section.

“I saw this beautiful wedding dress that looked like it was my size,” Osterhoudt said. “I tried it on in the dressing room, and it was a perfect match.”

Osterhoudt, who is not engaged, purchased the dress. When she returned to her apartment, she wondered how much it was worth. To her surprise, she searched for designer Galia Lahav and discovered that her dress was valued at \$6,200.

Mexico extradites son of ex-cartel leader ‘El Chapo’ to US

MEXICO CITY – Mexico extradited Ovidio Guzmán López, a son of former Sinaloa cartel leader Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán, to the United States on Friday to face drug trafficking charges, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement.

“This action is the most recent step in the Justice Department’s effort to at-



Emmali Osterhoudt shared her story of finding a designer wedding dress at an Alabama Goodwill store on TikTok. Her video garnered almost 3 million views PROVIDED BY EMMALI OSTERHOUDT

tack every aspect of the cartel’s operations,” Garland said.

Mexican security forces captured Guzmán López, alias “the Mouse,” in January in Culiacan, capital of Sinaloa state, the cartel’s namesake.

Poland shaken by reports of bribes for visas at consulates

WARSAW, Poland – Poland’s Law and Justice party is being rocked by reports that Polish consulates issued visas in Africa and Asia in exchange for bribes, opening the door for migrants to enter the European Union – which some hoped to use as a way into the United States.

Details about the corruption scandal are coming to light a month ahead of the country’s parliamentary election Oct. 15, leaving Law and Justice struggling to control the damage.

Media reports allege Poland’s consular sections issued about 250,000 visas to migrants from Asia and Africa since 2021 in return for bribes of several thousand dollars each. Poland is a member of the EU’s visa-free zone known as Schengen, and once those migrants arrived in Poland they could cross Europe’s borders freely.

convicted rapist, Danny Masterson.

Kutcher stepped down from the board of Thorn, an organization he founded with then-wife Demi Moore in 2009, on Thursday, the group said in a statement. A Los Angeles judge sentenced Masterson to 30 years to life in prison on Sept. 7. The actor was convicted in May of raping two women in 2003, when he was starring on the Fox retro sitcom “That ’70s Show” with Kutcher and Kunis.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kutcher resigns as chair of anti-sex abuse organization

Ashton Kutcher has resigned as chairman of the board of an anti-child sex abuse organization that he co-founded, after he and wife Mila Kunis wrote letters seeking leniency for their former “That ’70s Show” co-star and



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