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most notorious criminals, including gangster Al Capone and George "Machine Gun" Kelly. It has long been part

of the cultural imagination and has been the subject of numerous movies, including "The Rock" starring Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage.

Still in the 29 years it was open, 36 men attempted 14 separate escapes, according to the FBI. Nearly all were caught or didn't survive the attempt.

The fate of three particular inmates — John Anglin, his brother Clarence and Frank Morris — is of some debate and was dramatized in the 1979 film "Escape from Alcatraz" starring Clint Eastwood.

Alcatraz Island is now a major tourist site that is operate by the National Park Service and is a designated National Historic Landmark.

return-Trump, ing to the White House on Sunday night after a weekend in Florida, said

he'd come up with the idea because of frustrations with "radicalized judges" who have insisted those being deported receive due process. Alcatraz, he said, has long been a "symbol of law and order. You know, it's got quite a history."

A spokesperson for the Bureau of Prisons said in a statement that the agency "will comply with all Presidential Orders." The spokesperson did not immediately answer questions from The Associated Press regarding the practicality and feasibility of reopening Alcatraz or the agency's role in the future of the former prison given the National Park Service's control of the island. Former House Speaker

Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat whose district includes the island, questioned the feasibility of reopening the prison after so many years. "It is now a very popular national park and major tourist attraction. The President's proposal is not a serious one," she wrote on X.

The island serves as a veritable time machine



President Donald Trump boards Air Force One at Palm Beach International Airport, Sunday, May 4, 2025, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

to a bygone era of corrections. The Bureau of Prisons currently has 16 penitentiaries performing the same high-security functions as Alcatraz, including its maximum security facility in Florence, Colorado, and the U.S. penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana, which is home to the federal death chamber.

The order comes as

Trump has been clashing with the courts as he tries to send accused gang members to a maximum-security prison in El Salvador, without due process. Trump has also floated the legally dubious idea of sending some federal U.S. prisoners to the Terrorism Confinement Center, known CECOT.

Trump has also direct-

ed the opening of a detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to hold up to 30,000 of what he has labeled the "worst criminal aliens."

The Bureau of Prisons has faced myriad crises in recent years and has been subjected to increased scrutiny after Jeffrey Epstein's suicide at a federal jail in New York City in 2019. An AP investigation uncovered deep, previously unreported flaws within the Bureau of Prisons. AP reporting has disclosed widespread criminal activity by employees, dozens of escapes, chronic violence, deaths and severe staffing shortages that have hampered responses to emergencies, including assaults and suicides. The AP's investiga-

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tion also exposed rampant sexual abuse at a federal women's prison in Dublin, California. Last year, President Joe Biden signed a law strengthening oversight of the agency after AP reporting spotlighted its many

At the same time, the Bureau of Prisons is operating in a state of flux with a recently installed new director and a redefined mission that includes taking in thousands of immigration detainees at some of its prisons and jails under an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security. The agency last year closed several facilities, in part to cut costs, but is also in the process of building a new prison in Kentucky.

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL ISAACS

In the last year since it began Lending Closet Too has managed to donate 7,000 items of medical supplies to people in need across Madison County.



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them through Facebook in their group for the Lending Closet Too which goes by the same name.

The other thing that Isaacs said would help would be a donation of space. At this time Isaacs and several volunteers are ferrying items from their own homes to other peoples homes, a situation that poses some risk to those involved. "I don't like sending

one stranger to another stranger's home, and that's what we're having to do with the heavier equipment, such as the hospital beds," said

Isaacs says that with a donation of an office or storefront space they would be able to store more supplies, heavier supplies, and provide

a safer way to exchange these supplies with each

People who want to donate to the Lending Closet Too, or who are in need of assistance in getting medical supplies, are encouraged to reach out over Facebook at https:// www.facebook.com/ share/g/1AbzXC5JK7/

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person, "Singapore's Cardinal William Goh said. "We don't choose a pope based on continent, based on race, based on language."

The countries with the most electors are: Italy (17), the United States (10), Brazil (7), France and Spain (5 each), Argentina, Janada, India, Poland and Portugal (4 each).

Here is a regional breakdown of the full 135 cardinal electors, according to Vatican statistics and following the geographic Vatican's grouping.

Europe: 53. (An elector who says he's skipping the conclave is from Spain, so the actual number of Europeans is expected to be 52.)

Asia (including the Middle East): 23

Africa: 18. (Another elector who says he's skipping the conclave is from Kenya, so the number of Africans is expected to be 17.)

South America: 17 North America: 16 (of whom 10 are American, 4 are Canadian and 2 are Mexican)

Central America: 4 Oceania: 4 (1 each from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing of the Madison County Planning Commission on Tuesday May 20, 2025

at 5:30 p.m. at the Joint Information Center (558 S Keeneland Dr). The purpose is to consider a land use change for 220, 226, and 230 Waco Loop from C-7 (Agricultural) to UC-4 (General Commercial) as shown on the map above. Contact the Madison County Planning and Development Office at 859-624-4780 for questions. Applications and other documentation may be found on the Madison County website at

www.madisoncountyky.gov under the Planning and Development tab.