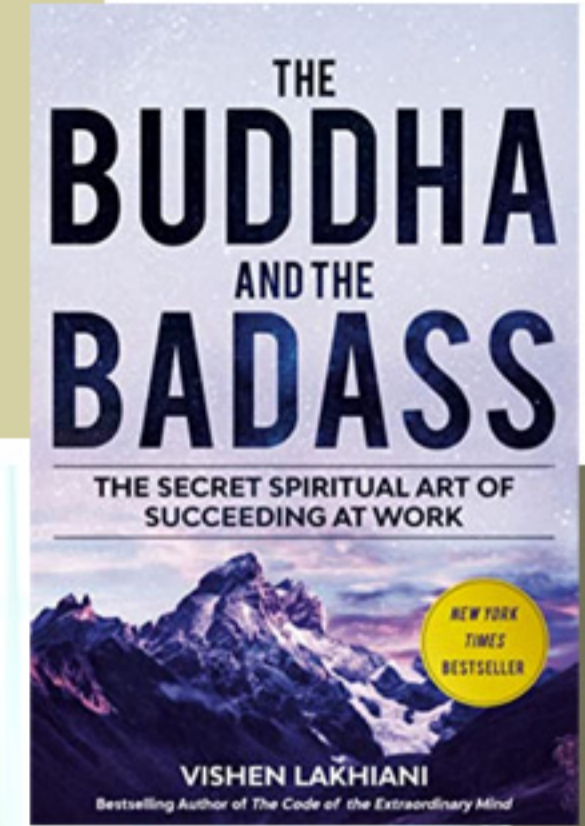




Mayim Bialik



Hi everybody! Mayim Bialik here. You might know me as Amy Farrah Fowler from 'The Big Bang Theory' or from 'Blossom,' but there are so many other parts of me that you might not be aware of! I'm trained as a neuroscientist, I'm a passionate activist, an observant Jew, a perfectly imperfect mother, and I'm a complicated human being like many of you. This is the place where I wear all of those hats —and none of them have a flower on them! ;)

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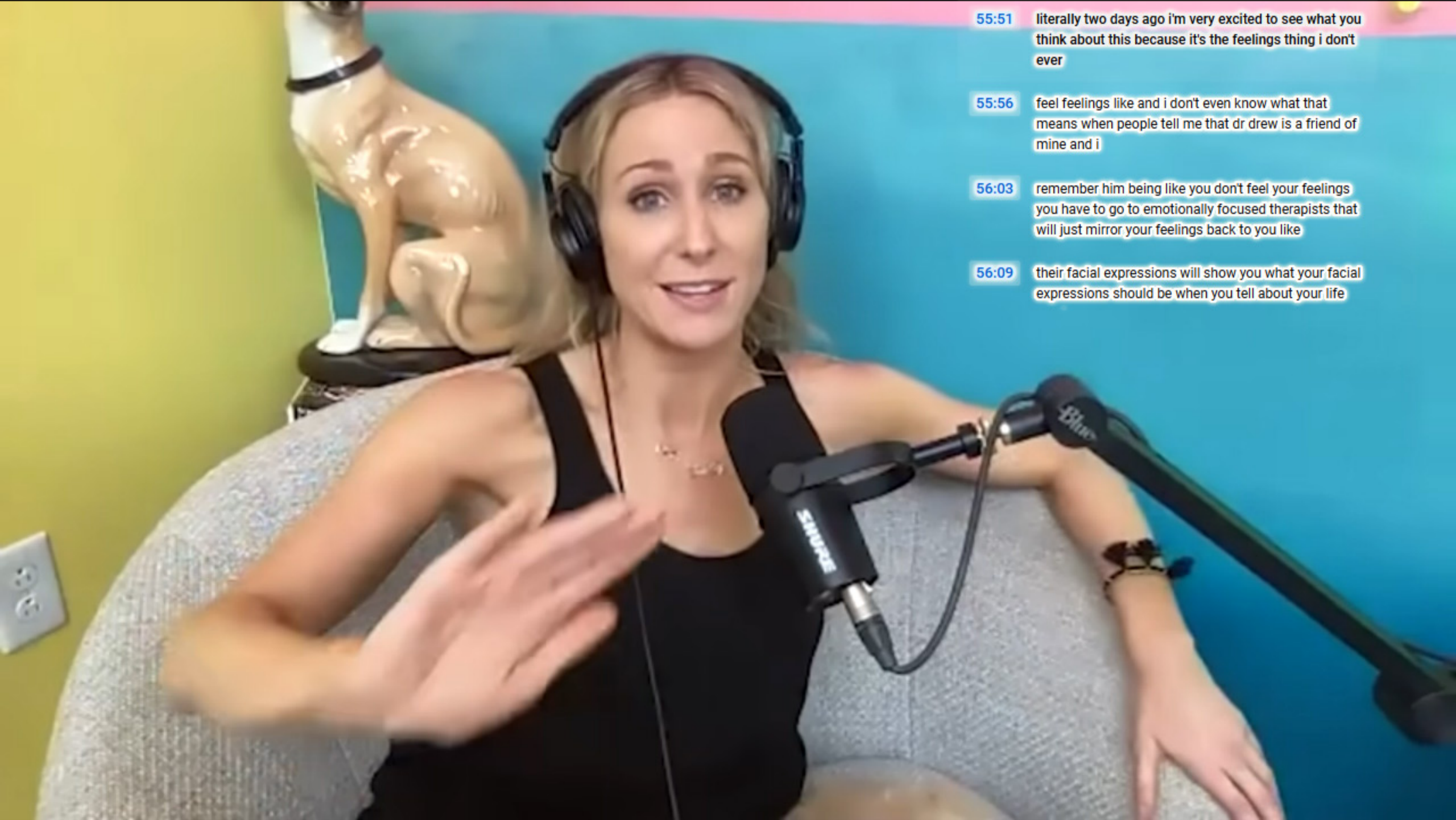


Nikki Glaser: The Drug of Feelings

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- 55:46 help with the weed because it really is about and this was the breakthrough i had
- 55:51 literally two days ago i'm very excited to see what you think about this because it's the feelings thing i don't ever
- 55:56 feel feelings like and i don't even know what that means when people tell me that dr drew is a friend of mine and i
- 56:03 remember him being like you don't feel your feelings you have to go to emotionally focused therapists that will just mirror your feelings back to you like
- 56:09 their facial expressions will show you what your facial expressions should be when you tell about your life



"I don't ever feel feelings, like and, I don't even know what that means."

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2:24 > and yes **chelsea handler** who specifically is known for for having a sharp tongue and a sharp wit she's mellowed a bit in her older age she's opened up and she opens up in this interview and is quite spiritual and reflective she goes deep on her uh her personal trauma and grief it's pretty amazing i don't even want to spoil what her childhood was like just in terms of when she found out for example that her mother was not jewish which is a it's a fascinating story not that everyone has to be not that everyone has to be but she was...

Nancy Pelosi meets Zelenskyy in Kyiv, civilians leave Mariupol steel plant

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In this image released by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Office on Sunday, May 1, 2022, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, centre right, and U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi shake hands during their meeting in Kyiv, Ukraine, Saturday, April 30, 2022.

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has led a Congressional delegation to Kyiv to meet with Ukraine's president before heading to Poland for talks with officials there. Pelosi, a California Democrat and second in line to the presidency after the vice president, is the highest-ranking American leader to visit Ukraine since the start of the war, and her visit marks a major show of continuing support for the country's struggle against Russia. "Our delegation traveled to Kyiv to send an unmistakable and resounding message to the entire world: America stands firmly with Ukraine," Pelosi said in a statement released Sunday.

Footage released by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office showed Pelosi and other U.S. legislators in Kyiv. The full Congressional delegation included Democratic Reps. Gregory Meeks of New York who chairs the House Foreign Affairs Committee; Adam Schiff, of California who chairs the House Intelligence Committee; Jim McGovern of Massachusetts who chairs the House Rules Committee; Jason Crow of Colorado; Barbara Lee of California; and Bill Keating of Massachusetts.

"You all are welcome," Zelenskyy told the delegation. Pelosi told Zelenskyy: "We believe that we are visiting you to say thank you for your fight for freedom."

"We are on a frontier of freedom and your fight is a fight for everyone. Our commitment is to be there for you until the fight is done," Pelosi added. The visit wasn't previously announced.

Pelosi said the delegation would continue its trip in southeast Poland and the capital, Warsaw, to meet with President Andrzej Duda and other senior officials. Poland has received more than 3 million refugees from Ukraine since Russia launched its war on Feb. 24.

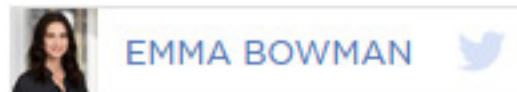
"We look forward to thanking our Polish allies for their dedication and humanitarian efforts," she said.



People sit in a bus during evacuation from Lyman, Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine, Saturday, April 30, 2022.

What is May Day? For the most part, the opposite of capitalism

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May Day demonstrators march through downtown Los Angeles last year. Thousands of people took to the streets across the nation that May 1 in rallies calling for immigration reform, workers' rights and police accountability.

May Day, celebrated by workers across the globe as International Labor Day, falls on May 1. But you'd be forgiven if that's news to you. While the day traces its origins to an American laborers' fight for a shorter work day, the U.S. does not officially recognize International Labor Day. Like other countries that mark Labor Days on different dates, the U.S. and Canada celebrate their Labor Day in September.

The History Of America's Fight For Fair Labor: U.S. resistance to celebrate International Labor Day — also called International Workers' Day — in May stems from a resistance to emboldening worldwide working-class unity, historians say. "The ruling class did not want to have a very active labor force connected internationally," said Peter Linebaugh, author of *The Incomplete, True, Authentic, and Wonderful History of May Day*. "The principle of national patriotism was used against the principle of working-class unity or trade union unity."

"The meaning of that day keeps changing," Linebaugh said.

The traditional May Day is an ancient European export: If you instead associate May Day with baskets of flowers, dancing around maypoles, or simply, the start of summer, those May Day celebrations recall the holiday's much earlier origins. Before May Day was adopted as a day to champion workers, its roots belonged to pagan tradition.

The springtime tradition was inherited from pagan tribes in Ireland and Scandinavia, said Linebaugh, borrowing ancient Roman practices celebrating the Earth's flowering season. When the first Europeans came to North America and erected a maypole in Quincy, Mass., they imbibed copious amounts of beer and danced with the Indigenous people, he said. "The Puritans of Boston put an end to it by military force," Linebaugh said. "And yet this tradition of May Day as a time of dancing and play and pleasure persisted right into many parts of the U.S. today." At the end of the day, no matter your version of May Day, it remains a time meant to celebrate togetherness. Inevitably, history shows, that May Day comradery has been met with suppression.

May Day in America has bloody origins: May Day in America was born out of the 8-hour workday movement in 19th-century Chicago. At the time, as the capitalist system gained a foothold in industrial-era America, working-class conditions had worsened. A 16-hour shift wasn't unusual for workers at the time.

Decades before the 8-hour work-day became the country's norm, the organization now known as the American Federation of Labor set May 1, 1886, as the date that workers nationwide should go on strike to demand the 8-hour workday. "The reason was that the decade before there had been terrible unemployment ... and yet new technology had made the employer richer," Bill Edelman, a professor of labor studies, previously recounted on *Talk of the Nation*. The workers followed through. On that May date, anarchists and labor activists in Chicago began a multi-day strike in what became known as the Haymarket affair of 1886. By May 3, the protests turned violent when police — "which were basically the armed force of the capitalist masters," according to historian Linebaugh — attacked workers demonstrating near the McCormick Reaper plant. The following day, a meeting held in the city's Haymarket Square turned even bloodier. Again, the police intervened, said Linebaugh, triggering clashes that killed both officers and civilians. A bomb exploded among police ranks in the melee, but historians say it's unclear whether it was intended for the police or the crowd of civilians. "There was a trial of eight men who were found guilty of conspiracy to murder," Linebaugh said. "Even though no evidence was ever produced that any of them had any relationship to this bomb, and four of them were eventually hanged despite a worldwide campaign in England, Europe, Mexico to save their lives."

Linebaugh points to the influential words of August Spies, one of the convicted men, who just before his execution cried out the famous words: "There will come a time when our silence will be more powerful than the voices you strangle today." His words "swept the globe," Linebaugh said. "Throughout Latin America, throughout Europe and in North America, to many, the day became this holiday to celebrate working people." To honor the Chicago workers, the International Socialist Conference in 1889 named May Day a labor holiday, birthing what many nations now call International Workers' Day. But in the U.S., anti-communist attitudes during the Cold War, as well as opposition to working-class unity, led authorities to suppress May Day's association with labor movements. President Dwight D. Eisenhower instead declared May 1 "Law Day" — dedicated to the principles of government under law — and Labor Day is now celebrated in September.

As for Americans this year, he mused, "How it will be celebrated this day?"

"I'm not sure. I think it'll be exciting to pay attention to see the ways in which its history is remembered." For a day that celebrates reform and revolution, political discussions and petitions, said Linebaugh, there's something in it for everyone. Well, maybe not. "There's nothing in it for the capitalist class," he said.

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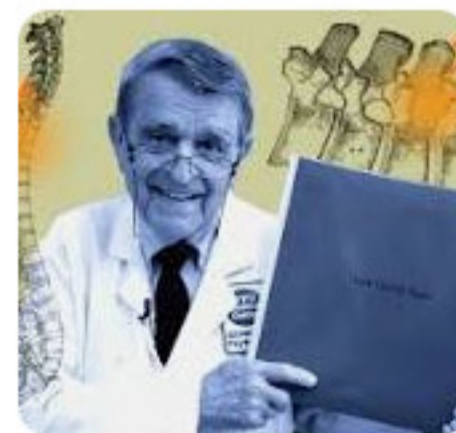
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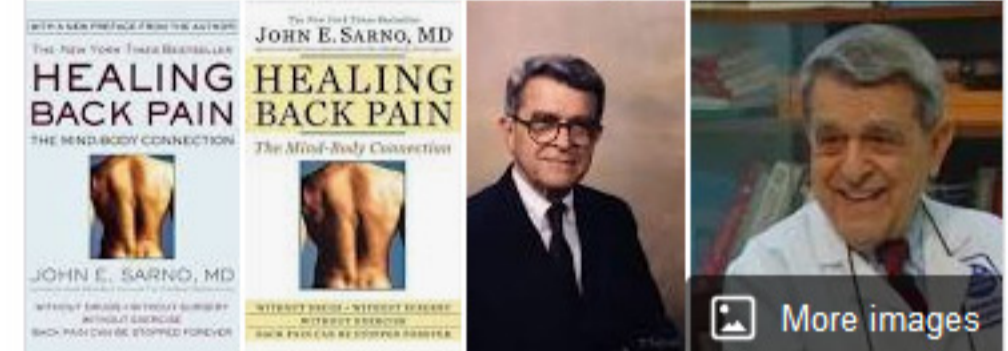
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John E. Sarno

Physician

John Ernest Sarno Jr. was Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University School of Medicine, and attending physician at the Howard A. Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: June 23, 1923, Williamsburg, New York, NY

Died: June 22, 2017, Danbury, CT

Known for: Tension Myoneural Syndrome (formerly Tension Myositis Syndrome)

Spouse: Martha Lamarque (m. 1967–2017), Penny Patt (m. ?–1966)

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4 things to know as the Fed embarks on its biggest fight against inflation in years

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Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell collects his notebooks as he testifies before the Senate Banking Committee on March 3. The Fed is widely expected to raise interest rates by half a percentage point at its meeting this week.

Why is the Fed raising interest rates?

The central bank is worried that prices are climbing too rapidly as people continue to spend money, from shopping for stuff to booking long-delayed vacations. **Demand is so strong it's outpacing what businesses can deliver, given that global supply chains are still fragile and employers are still struggling to find enough workers.**

How much will the Fed raise interest rates?

Potentially a lot more.

How will raising borrowing costs affect the economy?

Rising interest rates make it more expensive to take out a car loan or carry a balance on a credit card.

What other steps is the Fed taking?

In addition to raising interest rates, the Fed is expected to announce plans to gradually reduce the collection of government bonds and mortgage-backed securities that it bought during the pandemic. Buying those bonds helped pump money into the economy and keep borrowing costs low. Reducing the Fed's holdings should have the opposite effect — tamping down demand and helping to curb inflation. "It's a secondary tool, but it does remove quite a bit of liquidity and accommodation from the system," said Kathy Bostjancic of Oxford Economics.

Pop Culture Happy Hour

There's too much TV to keep up. Have we hit the limit?

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Maybe you've heard this phrase: "peak TV."

It was coined by John Landgraf, the boss of FX, during an address he gave at the Television Critics Association press tour in the summer of 2015. It was a very buzzy talk, as these things go, and since then, the phrase "peak TV" has gained traction as a shorthand for the massive expansion of television through cable and now streaming.

What got the most attention were Landgraf's musings on sheer quantity: He pointed out that he (and critics) not only could barely keep up with all the shows; we could barely keep up with all the outlets that were making shows. (And this was before Disney+, or Apple TV+, or HBO Max.) He told us that FX estimated that during 2015, more than 400 scripted series would air. That doesn't even count the also-exploding genres of reality and documentary, or sports, or news. He said, in a way that seemed both obvious and darkly funny, "This is simply too much television."

As a critic, I do feel overwhelmed by the amount of television — but not by the amount that's terrible, most of which I get to ignore. I feel overwhelmed by the amount that's okay. Perfectly fine. Watchable, but unremarkable.

[...]

Or, I suppose, this will all be wrong, and the number of shows will grow for the next seven years like they've grown for the last seven years, and in 2029, we'll be back here talking about SuperPeak TV and the fact that our greatest movie stars are now making shows that exclusively air on those little screens at gas pumps. Nobody ever said it was easy to see the future.

NYC mayor's 'End Gun Violence' Met Gala jacket sparks criticism online

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Tracey Collins and New York City Mayor Eric Adams at the 2022 Met Gala on Monday in New York City.



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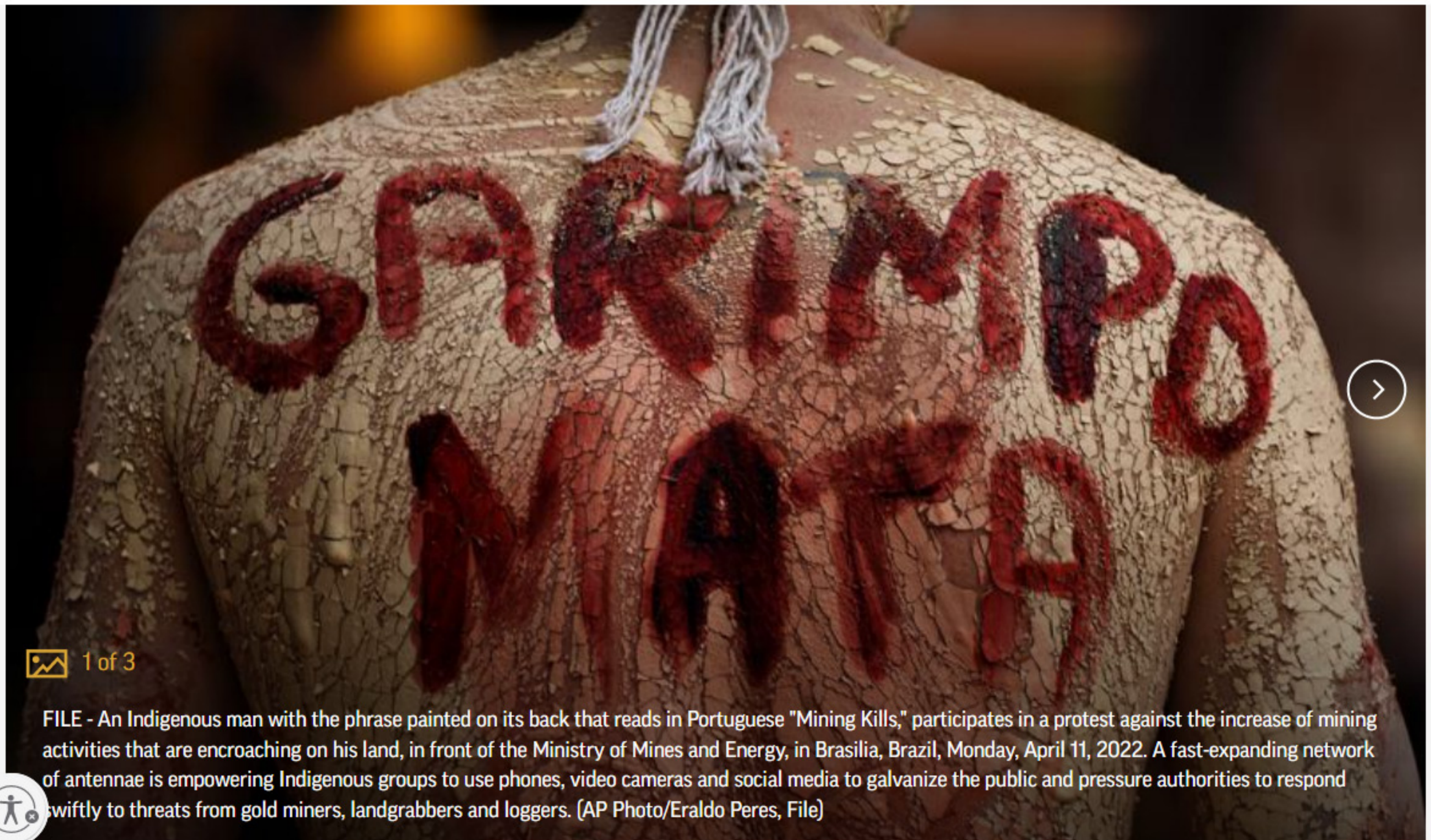


Amazon tribes turn the tables on intruders with social media

By FABIANO MAISONNAVE yesterday

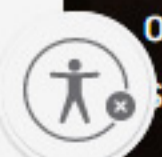
Indigenous peoples of Amazonia

Some Indigenous people in the Amazon, including the Xipaia and Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau, are using apps and social media to fight environmental crimes. But elsewhere in the vast region, for example in the territory of the Yanomami people, the internet has yet to arrive.



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FILE - An Indigenous man with the phrase painted on its back that reads in Portuguese "Mining Kills," participates in a protest against the increase of mining activities that are encroaching on his land, in front of the Ministry of Mines and Energy, in Brasilia, Brazil, Monday, April 11, 2022. A fast-expanding network of antennae is empowering Indigenous groups to use phones, video cameras and social media to galvanize the public and pressure authorities to respond swiftly to threats from gold miners, landgrabbers and loggers. (AP Photo/Eraldo Peres, File)



Amazon workers in NYC reject union in a reversal of fortune

By HALELUYA HADERO and ANNE D'INNOCENZIO yesterday



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Members and supporters of the Amazon Labor Union stand outside an office of the National Labor Relations Board after a count of votes for unionization was concluded in New York, Monday, May 2, 2022. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon workers at a warehouse on New York City's Staten Island overwhelmingly rejected a union bid on Monday, dealing a blow to organizers who last month pulled off the first successful U.S. organizing effort in the e-commerce giant's history.

This time around, warehouse workers cast 618 votes — or about 62% — against the union, giving Amazon enough support to fend off a second labor win and raise questions as to whether the first victory was just a fluke.

According to the National Labor Relations Board, which oversees the process, 380 workers — or 38% — voted in favor of the grassroots union. **Turnout was 61%, with about 1,600 workers eligible to vote, according to a voter list provided by Amazon.**

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Congregants sit in a circle at the Women's Mosque of America.





A soft landing may be out of the Fed's reach. Oliver Furrer/Stone Getty Images

Fed hopes for 'soft landing' for the US economy, but history suggests it won't be able to prevent a recession

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The Federal Reserve will likely soon learn what gymnasts already know: sticking a landing is hard. With inflation surging to a new 40-year high and continuing to accelerate, the Fed is expected to lift interest rates by a half-percentage point at the end of its next meeting on May 4, 2022. It will be the second of seven planned rate hikes in 2022 – following a quarter-point increase in March – as the Fed tries to cool consumer demand and slow rising prices.

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Our recent research, however, suggests that engineering a soft landing is highly improbable and that there is a significant likelihood of a recession in the not too distant future.

That’s because high inflation and low unemployment are both strong predictors of future recessions. In fact, since the 1950s, every time inflation has exceeded 4% and unemployment has been below 5%, the U.S. economy has gone into a recession within two years.

Today, inflation is at 8.5% and unemployment is at 3.6% – suggesting a recession will be very hard to avert.

The odds of recession

The U.S. economy today is facing additional inflationary pressures from higher grain and energy prices due to the Ukraine war and more supply-chain disruptions as COVID-19 forces new lockdowns in China. These factors threaten to exacerbate inflation even more over the coming year.

In our assessment, the inflation problem facing the Fed today is substantial and unlikely to be resolved without a significant economic slowdown. Overall, the combination of an overheating economy, surging wages, policy delay by the Fed and recent supply shocks means that a recession in the next couple of years is certainly more likely than not.



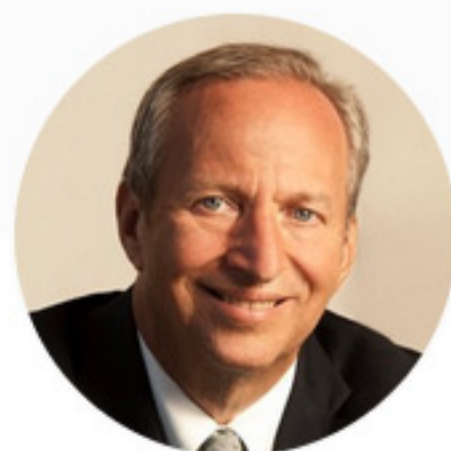
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Disruptive kindergartners are likely to be bullied later in elementary school

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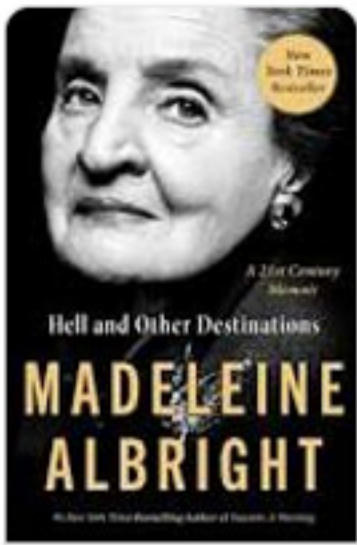
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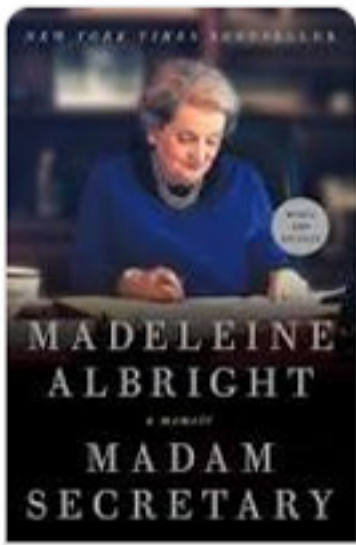
Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's daughters Alice Albright, Anne K. Albright and Katharine M. Albright spoke during her funeral service at the Washington National Cathedral.



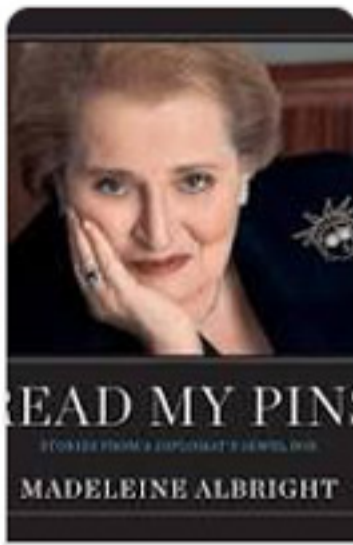
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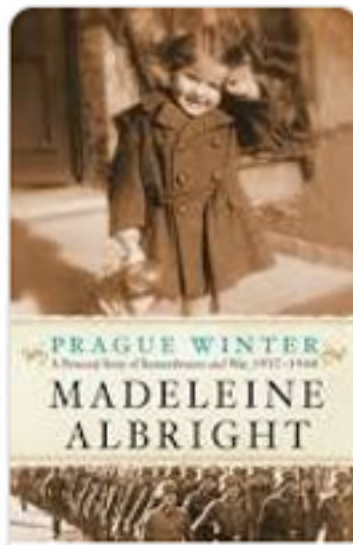
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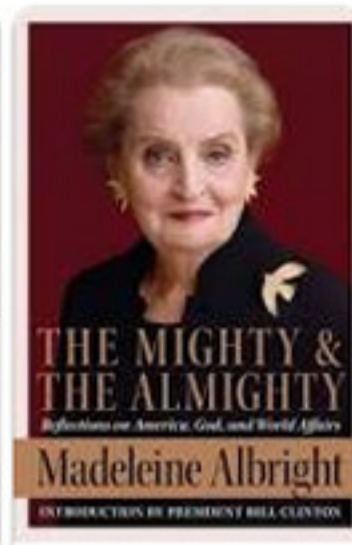
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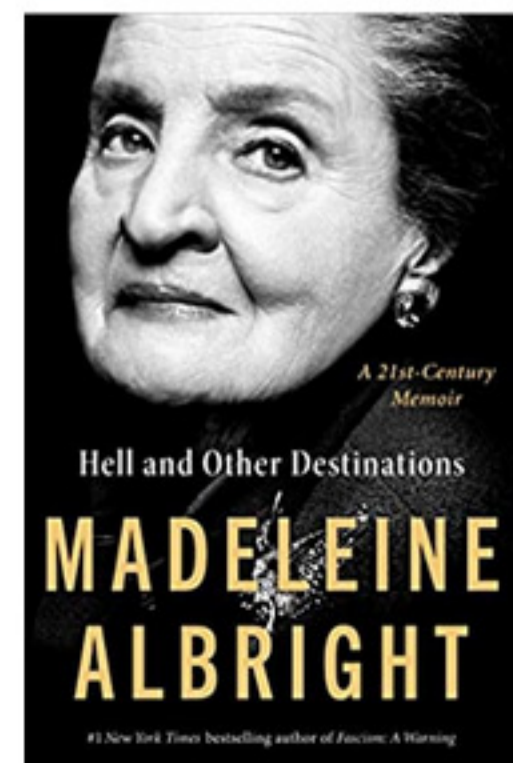
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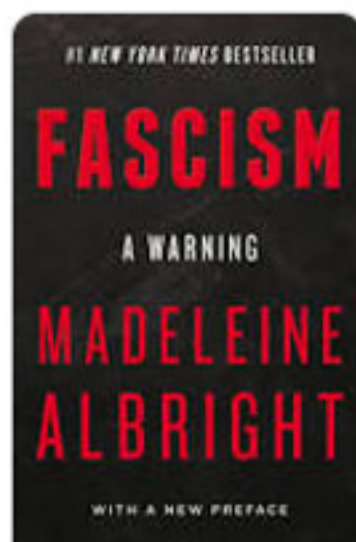
From the seven-time New York Times bestselling author and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright—among history's most admired and tireless public servants—a revealing, funny, and inspiring reflection on the challenge of continuing one's career far beyond the normal age of retirement

In 2001, when Madeleine Albright was leaving office as America's first female secretary of state, interviewers asked her how she wished to be remembered. "I don't want to be remembered," she answered. "I am still here and have much more I intend to do. As difficult as it might seem, I want every stage of my life to be more exciting than the last."

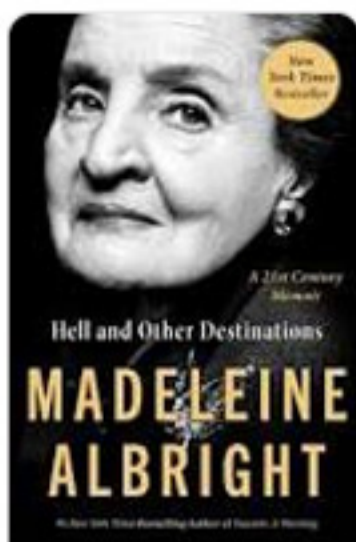
In that time of transition, the former Secretary considered the possibilities: she could write, teach, travel, give speeches, start a business, fight for democracy, help to empower women, campaign for favored political candidates, spend more time with her grandchildren. Instead of choosing one or two, she decided to do it all. For nearly twenty years, Albright was in constant motion, navigating half a dozen professions, clashing with presidents and prime ministers, learning every day. After leaving the State Department, she blazed her own trail—and gave voice to millions who yearned for respect, regardless of gender, background, or age.

Hell and Other Destinations reveals this remarkable figure at her bluntest, funniest, most intimate, and most serious. It is the tale of our times anchored in lessons for all time, narrated by an extraordinary woman who had a matchless zest for life.





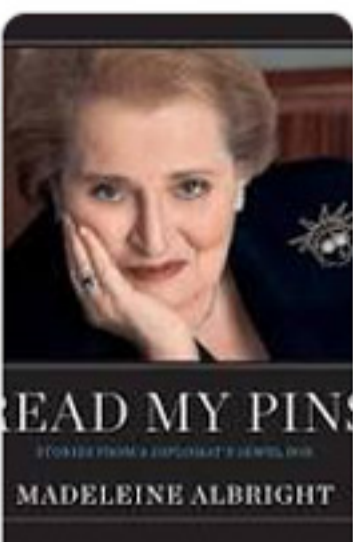
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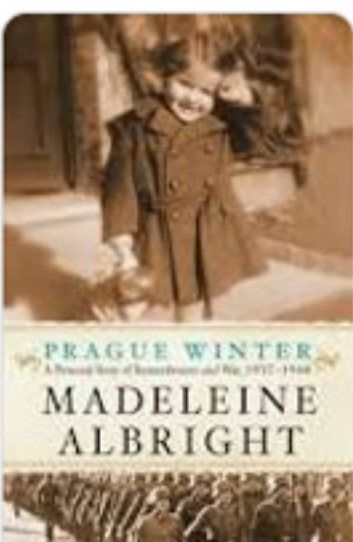
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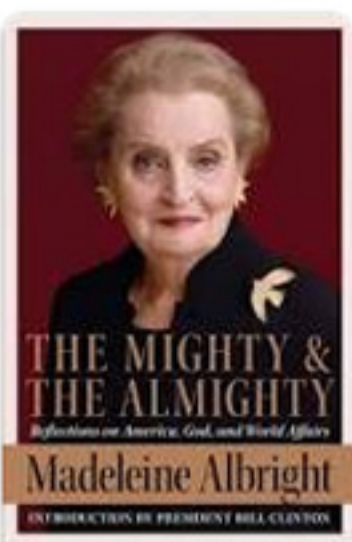
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Book by Madeleine Albright :

A personal and urgent examination of Fascism in the twentieth century and how its legacy shapes today's world, written by one of America's most admired public servants, the first woman to serve as U.S. secretary of state

A Fascist, observes Madeleine Albright, "is someone who claims to speak for a whole nation or group, is utterly unconcerned with the rights of others, and is willing to use violence and whatever other means are necessary to achieve the goals he or she might have."

The twentieth century was defined by the clash between democracy and Fascism, a struggle that created uncertainty about the survival of human freedom and left millions dead. Given the horrors of that experience, one might expect the world to reject the spiritual successors to Hitler and Mussolini should they arise in our era. In *Fascism: A Warning*, Madeleine Albright draws on her experiences as a child in war-torn Europe and her distinguished career as a diplomat to question that assumption.

Fascism, as she shows, not only endured through the twentieth century but now presents a more virulent threat to peace and justice than at any time since the end of World War II. The momentum toward democracy that swept the world when the Berlin Wall fell has gone into reverse. The United States, which historically championed the free world, is led by a president who exacerbates division and heaps scorn on democratic institutions. In many countries, economic, technological, and cultural factors are weakening the political center and empowering the extremes of right and left. Contemporary leaders such as Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong-un are employing many of the tactics used by Fascists in the 1920s and 30s.

Fascism: A Warning is a book for our times that is relevant to all times. Written by someone who has not only studied history but helped to shape it, this call to arms teaches us the lessons we must understand and the questions we must answer if we are to save ourselves from repeating the tragic errors of the past.



Dave Chappelle was physically attacked in the middle of his performance in LA

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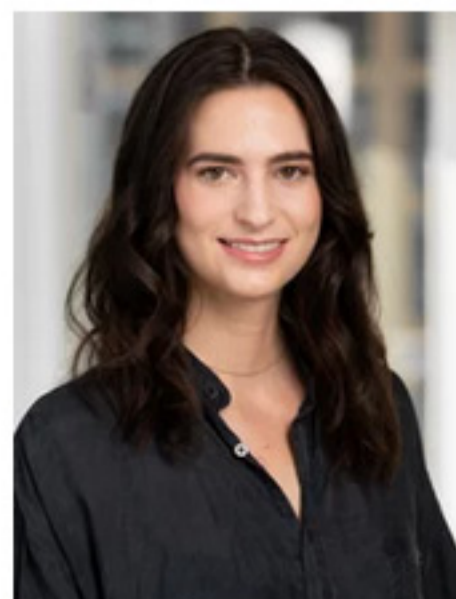
Comedian Dave Chappelle attends a boxing bout Nov. 6, 2021, in Las Vegas.

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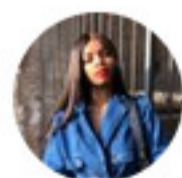
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Dave Chappelle was apparently unharmed after an audience member rushed the stage and physically attacked the comedian in the middle of his performance in Los Angeles Tuesday night.

Security staff chased the attacker until they detained him off stage at the Hollywood Bowl. The attacker was later escorted from the venue on a stretcher and appeared to have injuries to his arm and face.

The comedian appeared to lose his composure momentarily, and later joked: "That was a trans man," a call back to earlier words in his set that suggested he felt attacked by transgender people, and past material that has been criticized as transphobic.

Trans Netflix workers drop labor complaint, but 1 resigns after Chappelle controversy
<https://www.npr.org/2021/11/23/1058287571/dave-chappelle-trans-netflix-workers-labor-complaint-resigns>

At one point, Chappelle disappeared from view to locate the attacker. When he returned, he said, "I've been doing this 35 years. I just stomped a [n-word] backstage — always wanted to do that," appearing to refer to his assailant.

In October, Chappelle faced controversy over his 2021 Netflix special *The Closer*. In the special, Chappelle jokes about trans women and their genitalia and defends J.K. Rowling against critics who say she is transphobic.

The altercation also follows another high-profile stage attack, in which actor Will Smith slapped comedian Chris Rock for a joke Rock told about Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, on the Oscars stage in March.

Earlier in his set, which was part of the Netflix Is A Joke festival, Chappelle discussed "the slap 'heard round the world," and said both Smith's and Rock's actions resonated with him.

Rock, who had a brief set earlier in the show, came back on stage and joked, "Was that Will Smith?"

After an investigation, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences banned Smith from all its events, virtually or in person, for 10 years.

Chappelle moved on by introducing the closing set — the rap duo known as Black Star, comprised of Yasiin Bey and Talib Kweli, who were joined by DJ Madlib.

Eviction filings are up sharply as pandemic rental aid starts to run out

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JENNIFER LUDDEN



Housing activists march across town towards the office of New York Gov. Kathy Hochul. The state recently pledged to spend \$800 million of its pandemic relief money on rental assistance.

Emergency rental aid has helped keep millions of people in their homes during the pandemic. But that federal program will start winding down this summer, when it expects to have allocated all of the \$46 billion from Congress. About half of that has been spent so far, and in some places programs are now running out of their share of the money and shutting down. That's sending eviction filings up sharply, even as rents spike and inflation cuts deeper into household budgets.



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Some worry there will be a return not to normal, but to "worse"

For much of the pandemic, a range of economic aid and restrictions on evictions kept eviction filings well below normal. Even after the national moratorium on evictions ended last August, rates rose slowly. Peter Hepburn tracks filings in six states and 31 cities for the Eviction Lab at Princeton University, and he saw a notable shift this spring. As rental aid programs started closing, eviction filings overall have reached nearly the same level as before the pandemic.

"There's no limit on landlords' ability to use the courts to evict people," he says. "And there's less incentive for them to try an alternative, because the money that was there — that could make them whole again, that could pay back rent — is no longer there in a lot of cases." Legal aid attorney Karni says even the extra rental assistance that's been allocated for Houston is not nearly enough. She says right now, there's an "outrageous" number of filings every week, and "I don't think it's going down, not only anytime soon but maybe ever again."

The affordable housing crisis needs long-term solutions

The end of rental aid hits landlords too, especially small ones with months of unpaid rent and bills, says Greg Brown of the National Apartment Association. And he says this moment comes as the country's larger affordable housing crisis has only grown worse. Along with rising rents and inflation, supply chain problems are slowing badly needed new construction.

Meanwhile, as federal rental aid runs out, the Biden administration wants more states and cities to step in. It's urging them to follow the example of New York, which recently committed \$800 million of its pandemic recovery money toward helping struggling renters stay in their homes. And on Monday, Deputy Treasury Secretary Wally Adeyemo praised California's plan to use \$7.4 billion of its relief money to build and preserve more affordable housing.

Condors are soaring again over Northern California's coastal redwoods

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This image from a live web cam provided by Yurok Tribal Government shows California condors waiting for release in a designated staging enclosure on Tuesday.

REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — The endangered California condor returned to soar the skies over the state's far northern coast redwood forests on Tuesday for the first time in more than a century. Two captive-bred birds were released from a pen in Redwood National Park, about an hour's drive south of the Oregon border, under a project aimed at restoring the giant vultures to their historic habitat in the Pacific Northwest. The two male condors were moved into staging area at late morning and a remotely controlled gate was opened. After a few minutes of warily eyeing the opening, the birds stepped one by one through the opening, spread their giant wings and took off. "They just jumped up and took flight off into the distance," Tiana Williams-Claussen, wildlife director for the region's Yurok tribe, said in a webcast. Condors were last spotted in the park area around 1892, authorities said. The California condor is the largest native North American bird, with a wingspan of nearly 10 feet (3 meters). The scavenger was once widespread but had virtually disappeared by the 1970s because of poaching, lead poisoning from eating animals shot by hunters and destruction of its habitat. The birds can live for 60 years and fly vast distances in search of carrion, so their range could extend into several states.



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Federal and local fish and wildlife agencies are involved in the restoration project headed by the Yurok tribe, which traditionally has considered the California condor a sacred animal and has been working for years to return the species to the tribe's ancestral territory. "For countless generations, the Yurok people have upheld a sacred responsibility to maintain balance in the natural world. Condor reintroduction is a real-life manifestation of our cultural commitment to restore and protect the planet for future generations," tribal Chairman Joseph L. James said in a statement.

Two more condors were set to be released later — after biologists determine that the two birds who took to the skies Tuesday have displayed appropriate behavior, authorities said. The condors, including one female and three males, are between 2 and 4 years old. Two were hatched at the Oregon Zoo and two at the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey in Idaho.

In the early 1980s, all 22 condors remaining in the wild were trapped and brought into a captive-breeding program that began releasing the giant vultures into Southern California's Los Padres National Forest in 1992. That flock has been expanding its range while other condors now occupy parts of California's Central Coast, Arizona, Utah and Baja California, Mexico. The total population now numbers more than 500 birds in captivity and in the wild. Two years ago, California condors were spotted in Sequoia National Park, in California's Sierra Nevada, for the first time in nearly 50 years. However, that same year, a dozen adults and two chicks died when a wildfire set by an arsonist ravaged their territory on the Big Sur coast.



A juvenile California condor flies from a shelf to a branch in the condor reintroduction pen of the Redwood National Park near Orick, Calif., on April 12.

Carlos Avila Gonzalez/San Francisco Chronicle via AP, File



• Oct 3, 2018



"Kindness" by Naomi Shihab Nye

Kindness

Naomi Shihab Nye

Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.
What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness.
How you ride and ride
thinking the bus will never stop,
the passengers eating maize and chicken
will stare out the window forever.

Before you learn the tender gravity of kindness
you must travel where the Indian in a white poncho
lies dead by the side of the road.
You must see how this could be you,
how he too was someone
who journeyed through the night with plans
and the simple breath that kept him alive.

Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside,
you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing.
You must wake up with sorrow.
You must speak to it till your voice
catches the thread of all sorrows
and you see the size of the cloth.
Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore,
only kindness that ties your shoes
and sends you out into the day to gaze at bread,
only kindness that raises its head
from the crowd of the world to say
It is I you have been looking for,
and then goes with you everywhere
like a shadow or a friend.

The Art of Disappearing

When they say Don't I know you?
say no.

When they invite you to the party
remember what parties are like
before answering.

Someone telling you in a loud voice
they once wrote a poem.
Greasy sausage balls on a paper plate.
Then reply.

If they say we should get together.
say why?

It's not that you don't love them any more.
You're trying to remember something
too important to forget.

Trees. The monastery bell at twilight.
Tell them you have a new project.
It will never be finished.

When someone recognizes you in a grocery store
nod briefly and become a cabbage.
When someone you haven't seen in ten years
appears at the door,
don't start singing him all your new songs.
You will never catch up.

Walk around feeling like a leaf.
Know you could tumble any second.
Then decide what to do with your time.

-- NAOMI SHIHAB NYE





Uptown needs to grow

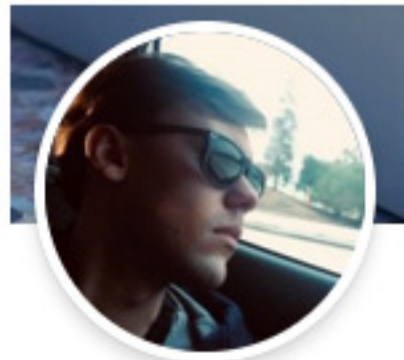
January 7, 2022

By Brian Schrader

In the last two years, the Uptown region spanning from Banker's Hill to South Park has seen a significant increase in large, several-story apartment complexes. Even more are currently under construction. Consequently, there has been a significant amount of local pushback to the increased density, including attack ads in local papers. Much of the ire seems to be aimed at especially large developments like the one currently under construction on Ohio Street. With so much happening and so much controversy, it's time to discuss the purpose of these new units and why there are likely many more coming to Uptown in the coming years.

It is no secret that San Diego is in the midst of a housing shortage, but the severity is often understated or under-explored. According to the most recent state assessment, the city of San Diego alone will need to construct more than 108,000 housing units by 2030—more than enough for the entire population of El Cajon—to meet demand and stabilize our rising housing costs. It's well known in housing policy circles that increasing density—building more and taller buildings—is the most efficient way to do this. More dense housing is also far more climate friendly than endless sprawl and new housing needs to be built in neighborhoods all over the city to improve social and racial equity.

In short, we need a lot more infill housing in existing neighborhoods; especially in wealthy neighborhoods like Hillcrest, North Park, University Heights and Normal Heights.



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A lot of residents in these areas may see all these large complexes and fear the changes they could bring. This is only natural. After all, people choose to live in Uptown because they enjoy it the way it is, but it's important to remember that the status quo is incredibly unfair and unequal. Thousands of San Diegans experience homelessness every year, and more than half of San Diego renters are rent burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on rent.

We aren't going to solve the twin housing affordability and availability crises without changing the composition of our neighborhoods significantly. It's also very important to remember that no one is proposing that Uptown becomes Downtown or even anything like it. A few multi-story complexes won't drastically change anything about the character of Uptown's neighborhoods. If anything, it will give local businesses more customers and increase the use of our new bike lanes.

According to Wikipedia, there are approximately 170 named urban communities in the city of San Diego. If around 640 new housing units were built in each one, we could solve our housing crisis. That's about four of those Ohio Street complexes per community. Now that's a lot of housing, but it's not enough to drastically change the Uptown skyline.

In the past few years, San Diego has picked up the pace and allowed more housing to be built throughout the city. However, it still isn't enough. At current levels, San Diego is not going to come anywhere close to solving its housing crisis before 2030. The simple fact is that San Diego doesn't have enough housing and that the city needs to build a lot more, a lot faster. These new units need to be in existing neighborhoods and they need to be accessible by bike and by public transit. Then and only then can San Diego get in front of its housing crisis.

Housing policy is a powerful lever to reduce racial and social inequality. Building both market-rate and affordable housing units in wealthy neighborhoods allows less wealthy and more disadvantaged residents to move in. Access to good schools, safe neighborhoods, and good public transit is a boon to those trying to improve their lot in life. Right now Uptown is fairly exclusionary—as is much of San Diego—and more housing is the solution. It's not enough to build housing "over there" in poorer neighborhoods. Such a strategy only increases racial and economic segregation because while families and individuals can afford to stay in their current poorer communities, they can't afford to leave. Uptown is perhaps the wealthiest area south of the 8. It's time we acted as a bridge and not a gate to social mobility.

More housing solves this problem.

A lot has changed in Uptown since 2019, but if we want things to get better, then we need to be willing to embrace a little more change.

— Brian Schrader is a local business owner, software developer, writer and San Diego resident living in Normal Heights.



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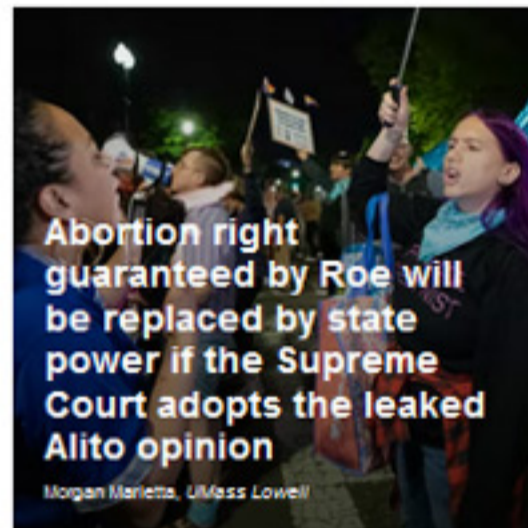
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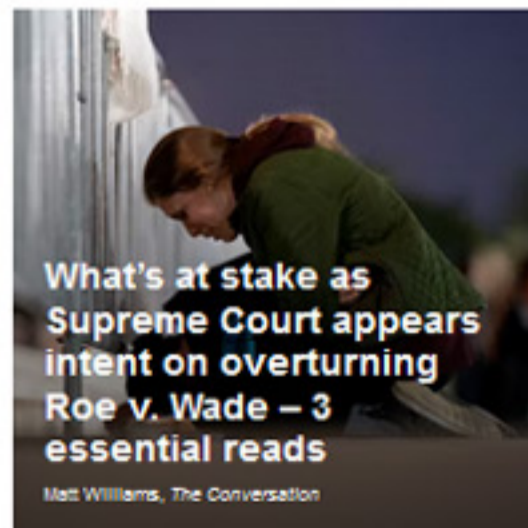
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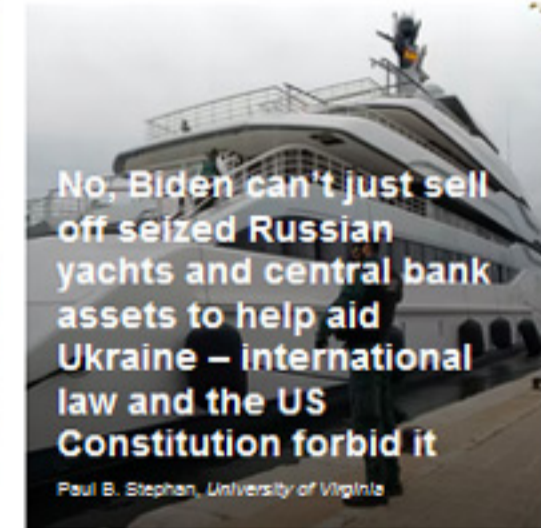
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Evacuees arrive by bus at an evacuation point for people fleeing the Azovstal plant, Mariupol, Melitopol and surrounding towns under Russian control, on May 3 in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine. Scores arrived from Mariupol, including the first group who escaped the Azovstal steel facility, following negotiations brokered by the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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Russia can only afford its war in Ukraine because Britain helped raise the cash

Oliver Bullough

To undermine Putin in the long term, government ministers have to get serious about closing tax breaks and loopholes

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Boris Johnson is congratulating himself on doing so much to help Ukraine, but Britain is like a doctor treating a patient's symptoms after causing the infection in the first place. The weapons shipments are crucial, as are plasters and painkillers when someone's unwell, but there is no sign yet that Downing Street recognises how to treat the underlying condition.

The Kremlin is solely to blame for the horror it is inflicting on the Ukrainians, but its ability to wage war derives from the wealth it has accumulated. And that is something we share responsibility for, and something we should address as urgently as we are providing Kyiv with missiles to destroy Russian armoured vehicles.

For far too long, Britain welcomed the Kremlin's companies and oligarchs and allowed them to raise funds on our financial markets. Our lawyers defended their interests, our accountants filed their accounts and our shell companies protected their assets. Our professionals may have dropped their oligarch clients in the past six weeks, but the damage had already been done: the Russian state would have nothing like the wealth it has now, and would thus not be able to wage this war, without the assistance they provided. And does anyone really believe that, once the memories of Bucha, Kramatorsk and Mariupol have faded, the City won't sell its services to the Kremlin elite again?

If we wish to degrade the oligarchs' influence and undermine Russia's military in the long term, we need to stop them ever doing business in this country again.

There are two reasons why Britain has allowed Russian kleptocratic wealth to flow through the City of London in such vast quantities. The first is that we have cared only about the fees it generates, not about how it was earned.

The second reason is more complex, and lies in the nature of Vladimir Putin's regime. The Kremlin controls everything in Russia, and it interchangeably uses whatever tools are available – the military, the FSB, the economy, organised crime, embassies, the media – either singly or in combination, for whatever task it wishes to address. This is fundamentally different to how the British state operates, and that has allowed the Russians to slip through the cracks in our system with ease: the threat is not purely criminal, so it's not the police's responsibility; it's not military, so the Ministry of Defence doesn't step up; it's not run by spies, so our security services don't step in.

For far too long, the threat posed by Russia has always been – for British officials – “somebody else's problem”, and has thus never been adequately addressed. This is a shame, because there is one vulnerability in Putin's system that the UK is perfectly placed to address. The Kremlin's ability to move illicit wealth seamlessly through the offshore financial system, and therefore through London, underpins every aspect of its behaviour.

Oliver Bullough

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< Journalist says Britain has become a safe deposit box for oligarchs' ill-gotten gains

May 5, 2022 · 1:29 PM ET

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TERRY GROSS, HOST:

This is FRESH AIR. I'm Terry Gross. Russia can afford its war in Ukraine because Britain helped raise the cash, writes my guest Oliver Bullough. He's referring to how Russian oligarchs linked to Putin launder their money, keep it hidden in shell companies and stash it in luxury yachts and mansions in Britain. There are so many Russian-owned mansions in London it's been nicknamed Londongrad. Bullough says the Russian state would have nothing like the wealth it has now without Britain's help. England, the U.S. and several other Western countries have sanctioned some oligarchs, but Bullough says they're not changing the financial systems that enable oligarchs and criminals to protect their ill-gotten gains.

Bullough has spent years investigating how kleptocrats hide and protect their money. His second book on the subject will be published in the U.S. in June. It's called *"Butler To The World: How Britain Helps The World's Worst People Launder Money, Commit Crimes, And Get Away With Anything."* Among the things he's known for is giving kleptocracy tours in London, pointing out the mansions and apartments owned by oligarchs. Bullough is a British journalist and spent the early part of his career reporting from Russia and covering the war in Chechnya.

Oliver Bullough, welcome back to FRESH AIR.

GROSS: Can you explain how the money that Russian oligarchs have stashed in England is helping Russia pay for the war, is helping Putin pay for the war?

BULLOUGH: Well, this is a, on the face of it, complicated question in that they make it complicated. You know, the money is hidden by multiple layers of shell companies in multiple jurisdictions. But **it all comes down to a pretty basic calculation, which is people don't steal things unless they can keep them. And the basic expedient used by Russian oligarchs to secure their ill-gotten gains - and these are people who have made huge fortunes by essentially stealing chunks of the state in Russia - their sort of main tactic is to get that money outside Russia and to put it somewhere where they think it's safe. And the main place that they've chosen - not the only place, but the main place they've chosen - to keep it safe is the U.K.** They put their money in the form of high-end property in West London or in the countryside around London. They buy soccer clubs. They buy fine art. They buy superyachts. They buy financial instruments - all of these things.

And so, essentially, what Britain has been and what Britain has become for them is a giant safety deposit box that allows them to know that whatever happens in Russia, you know, whatever the government there does, whatever the response of the people to the government's mismanagement, their money is safe. That's been the calculation. And therefore, they've kept stealing it far past the kind of limits when people would, in any normal country, have had to stop. They've been able to keep stealing it because they've been able to keep it safe.

GROSS: So here's what I don't understand. If the Russian oligarchs have taken their ill-gotten money and stashed it in England to keep it out of sight and to keep it out of reach, how is that money helping to fund Putin's war in Ukraine?

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TODAY: How Russian oligarchs have stashed their wealth and laundered their money in Britain, and how that's helped Putin – and the Russian state – launch its war in Ukraine. There's so much oligarch money in London, it's been nicknamed "Londongrad." We talk with @OliverBullough.

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Roe v. Wade and the future of reproductive rights in America

Abortion-rights groups see a surge in donations after Roe v. Wade leak

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Abortion rights activists attend a rally in front of the Supreme Court building on Thursday. Abortion-rights funds and health clinics that perform abortions across the country have seen an outpouring of support since the Supreme Court's draft decision was leaked Monday.

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Abortion-rights groups across the country experienced a tidal wave of financial support this week after a leaked Supreme Court draft decision to tentatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* was made public.



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NARAL Pro-Choice America fights to protect and expand reproductive freedom for *every* body.

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Elliott Kozuch, a senior communications strategist with NARAL Pro-Choice America, said donations to the group skyrocketed 1,400% the day after Politico first reported that the Supreme Court may overturn the landmark case, which would leave the fate of abortion rights in the hands of individual states. About half of the supporters were first-time donors, Kozuch told NPR.



Abortion-rights supporters chant Thursday in front the Supreme Court building.

Democrats hope abortion will jolt young voters to action in the midterms

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Stanford's Sapolsky On Depression in U.S. (Full Lecture)

3:27 > Terminology-- the everyday depression that we all have now and then, that sort of version. The second one, the something awful happens and you feel terrible for a while, and then come out the other end, a reactive depression. The third version, where you are flattened by it for long periods afterward, a major depression. And what you also see with people with major depression after a while is as doesn't take something awful externally to trigger one of those again.

3:50 > **OK, so what are the symptoms about? If I had to define major depression in one sentence, I would say, it's a lot biochemical disorder with a genetic component, and early experience influences, where somebody can't appreciate sunsets. And that's what this disease is about. And when you think about it, that is a very sad thing.**

4:54 > What could possibly be worse than a disease whose defining symptom is the inability to feel pleasure? Thus, at the top of the list, anhedonia-- hedonism, the pursuit of pleasure, anhedonia the inability to feel pleasure. That is what a depression is about. And you get someone who has just had some enormous good luck, a long-sought relationship works out well, whatever. And they feel nothing, an inability to feel pleasure, way at the top list. What else? Grief guilt, and ...

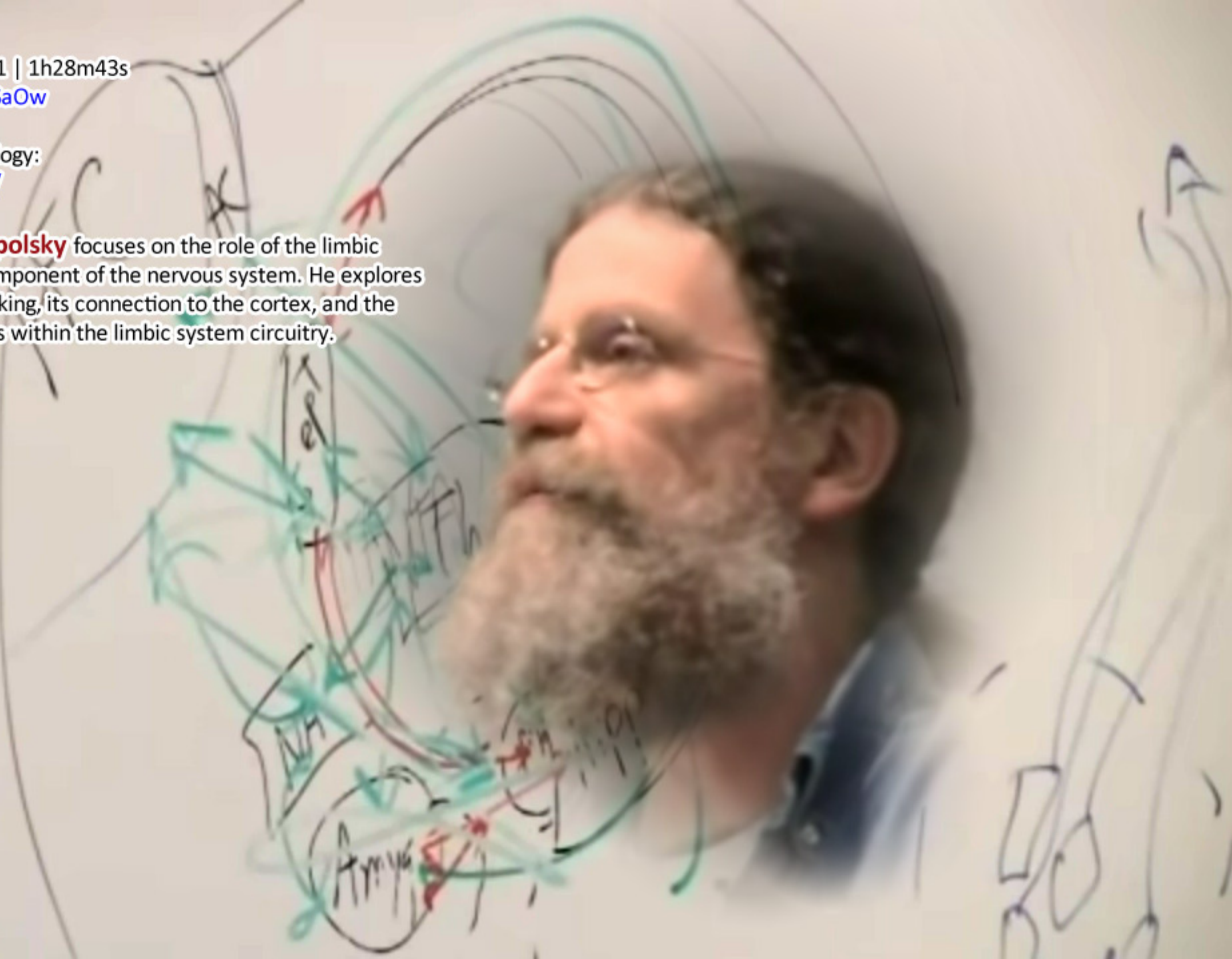
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The Limbic System

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Called the “emotional brain,” the limbic system is comprised of four glands which are found inside the cerebrum. The glands help to express emotions and regulate hormonal responses. They are:

Amygdala

Responsible for recognition of emotions, memories and fear, the amygdala is located in the telencephalon (the most highly-developed section of the cerebrum). It is comprised of two almond-sized pieces of grey matter inside the temporal lobe.

Hippocampus

The hippocampus aids in building memories and cognitive learning. It is where short-term memories are converted into permanent ones. The centrally-located gland is also what allows humans to have spatial awareness.

Hypothalamus

The hypothalamus gland is associated with circadian rhythm (sleep cycles), hunger and some emotional responses. It is also responsible for regulating the pituitary gland and its release of hormones.

Thalamus

A vital piece of gray matter that lives deep within the frontal lobe, the thalamus is responsible for major nervous and sensory functions. With the exception of taste and smell, all senses pass through the thalamus to be categorized into what becomes touch, sight and hearing.

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1:50 How come-- because-- Yes? You can't hear a thing. No. No. Um-- [NOISE OF HELPLESSNESS]

1:59 He's going to try to find the sound guy. OK, somebody's off to get sound. But in the meantime, I will pantomime bladder problems.

2:08 So what you've got-- I will try-- maybe in the back, just start waving each time I start hypoventilating

The **limbic system**, also known as the **paleomammalian cortex**, is a set of **brain** structures located on both sides of the **thalamus**, immediately beneath the medial **temporal lobe** of the **cerebrum** primarily in the **forebrain**.^[1]

It supports a variety of functions including **emotion**, **behavior**, **long-term memory**, and **olfaction**.^[2] **Emotional life is largely housed in the limbic system, and it critically aids the formation of memories.**

With a primordial structure, the limbic system is involved in lower order emotional processing of input from sensory systems and consists of the amygdaloid nuclear complex (**amygdala**), **mammillary bodies**, **stria medullaris**, **central gray** and **dorsal and ventral nuclei of Gudden**.^[3] This processed information is often relayed to a collection of structures from the **telencephalon**, **diencephalon**, and **mesencephalon**, including the **prefrontal cortex**, **cingulate gyrus**, **limbic thalamus**, **hippocampus** including the **parahippocampal gyrus** and **subiculum**, **nucleus accumbens** (**limbic striatum**), **anterior hypothalamus**, **ventral tegmental area**, **midbrain raphe nuclei**, **habenular commissure**, **entorhinal cortex**, and **olfactory bulbs**.^{[3][4]}

1 Structure

2 Function

2.1 Hippocampus

2.1.1 Spatial memory

2.1.2 Learning

2.1.3 Hippocampus damage

2.2 Amygdala

2.2.1 Episodic-autobiographical memory (EAM) networks

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2.2.4 Klüver–Bucy syndrome

3 Evolution

4 History

4.1 Etymology and history

4.2 Academic dispute

Evolution [edit]

Paul D. MacLean, as part of his **triune brain** theory, hypothesized that **the limbic system is older than other parts of the forebrain** and that it developed to manage circuitry attributed to the **fight or flight** first identified by **Hans Selye**^[27] in his report of the **General Adaptation Syndrome** in 1936. It may be considered a part of survival adaptation in reptiles as well as mammals (including humans). MacLean postulated that the human brain has evolved three components, that evolved successively, with more recent components developing at the top/front. These components are, respectively:

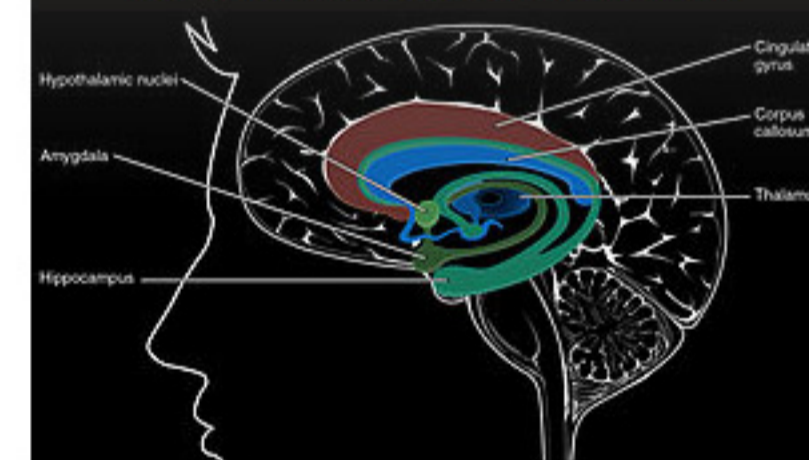
1. The archipallium or primitive ("reptilian") brain, comprising the structures of the brain stem – medulla, pons, cerebellum, mesencephalon, the oldest basal nuclei – the globus pallidus and the olfactory bulbs.
2. The paleopallium or intermediate ("old mammalian") brain, comprising the structures of the limbic system.
3. The neopallium, also known as the superior or rational ("new mammalian") brain, comprises almost the whole of the hemispheres (made up of a more recent type of cortex, called neocortex) and some subcortical neuronal groups. It corresponds to the brain of the superior mammals, thus including the primates and, as a consequence, the human species. Similar development of the neocortex in mammalian species unrelated to humans and primates has also occurred, for example in cetaceans and elephants; thus the designation of "superior mammals" is not an evolutionary one, as it has occurred independently in different species. ^[dubious – discuss] The evolution of higher degrees of intelligence is an example of convergent evolution, and is also seen in non-mammals such as birds. ^[citation needed]

Limbic system



Cross section of the human brain showing parts of the limbic system from below.

Traité d'Anatomie et de Physiologie (1786)



The limbic system largely consists of what was previously known as the *limbic lobe*.

Jill Biden visits Ukraine, making her first solo trip to a combat zone as first lady

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First Lady Jill Biden greets her Ukrainian counterpart, Olena Zelenska, in Uzhhorod, Ukraine, on Sunday.

Susan Walsh/AP

First lady Jill Biden made a surprise visit to Ukraine Sunday and met with the country's first lady, Olena Zelenska.

It was the first time a U.S. first lady has traveled solo to a combat zone since 2015, when Michelle Obama visited Qatar's al-Udeid Air Base.

Biden crossed the Slovakia-Ukraine border after a visit to the Slovakia side of a border crossing in Vysne Nemecke. She spent about two hours in Ukraine, visiting the city of Uzhhorod, in Zakarpattia Oblast in the southwest corner of the country.

Zelenska, the wife of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has been in hiding along with their children since the beginning of the war.

This was the first time since the war began that Zelenska had emerged in public.

Biden and Zelenska met at a school that has been converted into a shelter for internally displaced Ukrainians. Zelenska stepped out of a black SUV guarded by a Ukrainian soldier. Biden handed her flowers, and the two hugged.

They then met in a small side room behind closed doors for more than an hour.

When traveling press were briefly brought in, Biden said, "I wanted to come on Mother's Day. We thought it was important to show the Ukrainian people that this war has to stop, and this war has been brutal. And the people of the U.S. stand with the people of Ukraine."

"We feel it," Zelenska responded.

"First of all, I would like to thank you for a very courageous act," Zelenska continued. "Because we understand what it takes for the U.S. first lady to come here during a war when the military actions are taking place every day, where the air sirens are happening every day even today."

"We all feel your support, and we all feel the leadership of the U.S. president, but we would like to note that the Mother's Day is a very symbolic day for us because we also feel your love and support during such an important day."

Biden had previously exchanged correspondence with Zelenska, according to U.S. officials.

The first lady's visit to Ukraine was not announced ahead of time, and was not on Biden's public schedule. Biden's motorcade was pared down for the drive into Ukraine, and several staffers (and some traveling reporters) stayed behind in Slovakia.

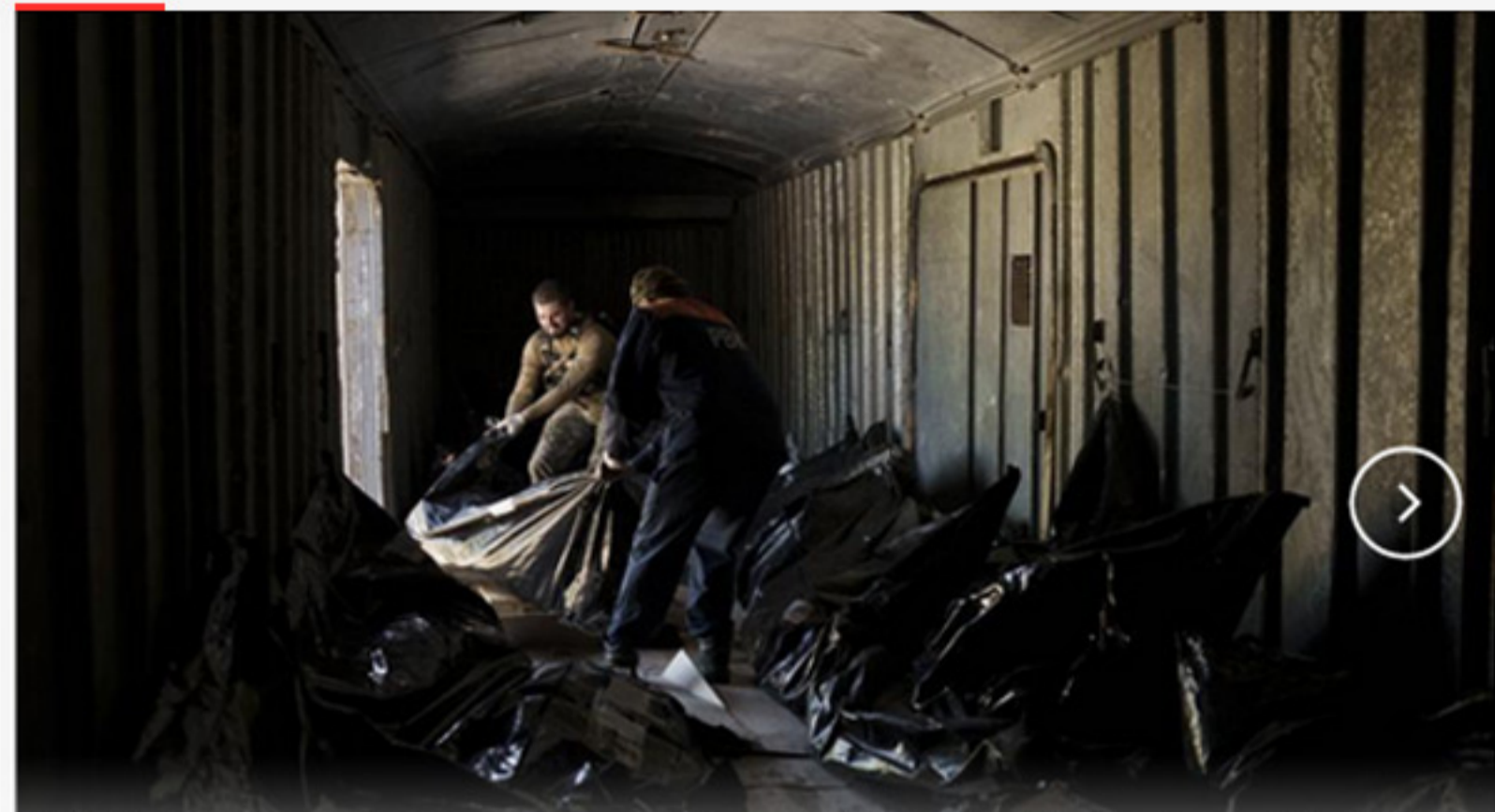


Biden and Zelenska spent more than an hour in their meeting.

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More than 60 feared dead in bombing of Ukrainian school

By ELENA BECATOROS and JON GAMBRELL today



A Ukrainian serviceman and a worker carry the body of a Russian soldier into a refrigerated train in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Thursday, May 5, 2022. The bodies of more than 40 Russian soldiers who were found after battles around Kharkiv are being stored in the refrigerated car. (AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine (AP) — More than 60 people were feared dead Sunday after a Russian bomb flattened a school being used as a shelter, Ukrainian officials said, while Moscow’s forces pressed their attack on defenders inside Mariupol’s steel plant in an apparent race to capture the city ahead of Russia’s Victory Day holiday. As Moscow prepared to celebrate the 1945 surrender of Nazi Germany with a Victory Day military parade on Monday, a lineup of Western leaders and celebrities made surprise visits to Ukraine in a show of support.

Russian forces struggled to complete their takeover of Mariupol, which has been largely reduced to rubble. The sprawling seaside steel mill where an estimated 2,000 Ukrainian fighters were making what appeared to be their last stand was the only part of the city not under Russian control.

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The last of the women, children and older civilians who were taking shelter with the fighters in the Azovstal plant were evacuated Saturday. Buses carrying over 170 evacuees from the steelworks and other parts of Mariupol arrived in the Ukrainian-held city of Zaporizhzhia on Sunday, U.N. officials said.

The Ukrainian defenders in the steel mill have rejected deadlines set by the Russians for laying down their arms. “Surrender for us is unacceptable because we cannot grant such a gift to the enemy,” Lt. Ilyya Samoilenko said.

On the economic front, leaders from the Group of Seven industrial democracies pledged to ban or phase out imports of Russian oil. The G-7 consists of the U.S., Canada, Britain, Germany, France, Italy and Japan. The United States also announced new sanctions against Russia, cutting off Western advertising from Russia’s three biggest TV stations, banning U.S. accounting and consulting firms from providing services, and cutting off Russia’s industrial sector from wood products, industrial engines, boilers and bulldozers.

Trudeau met with Zelenskyy and made a surprise visit to Irpin, which was damaged in Russia’s attempt to take Kyiv. The Ukrainian president also met with the German parliament speaker, Bärbel Bas, in Kyiv to discuss further defense assistance. Jill Biden visited western Ukraine for a surprise Mother’s Day meeting with Zelenskyy’s wife, Olena Zelenska.

Zelenskyy released a video address marking the day of the Allied victory in Europe 77 years ago, drawing parallels between Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the evils of Nazism. The black-and-white footage showed Zelenskyy standing in front of a ruined apartment block in Borodyanka, a Kyiv suburb. Zelenskyy said that generations of Ukrainians understood the significance of the words “Never again,” a phrase often used as a vow not to allow a repeat of the horrors of the Holocaust.

South of Kharkiv, in Dnipropetrovsk province, the governor said a 12-year-old boy was killed by a cluster munition that he found after a Russian attack. An international treaty bans the use of such explosives, but neither Russia nor Ukraine has signed the agreement. “This war is treacherous,” the governor, Valentyn Reznichenko, wrote on social media. “It is near, even when it is invisible.”

Gambrell reported from Lviv, Ukraine. Yesica Fisch in Bakhmut, David Keyton in Kyiv, Yuras Karmanau in Lviv, Mstyslav Chernov in Kharkiv and AP staff around the world contributed to this report.

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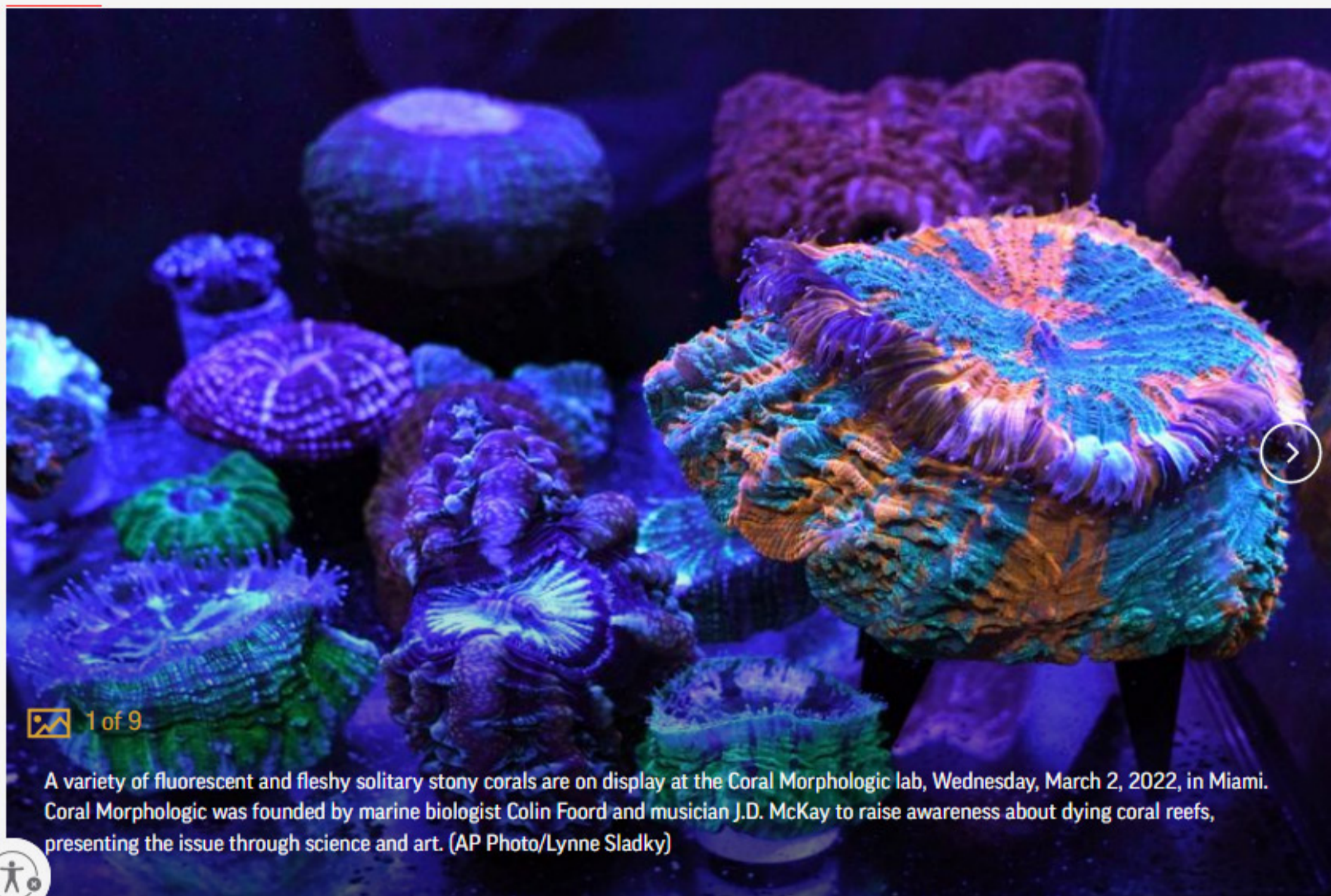


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Coral reefs provide stunning images of a world under assault

By CURT ANDERSON and CODY JACKSON today



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A variety of fluorescent and fleshy solitary stony corals are on display at the Coral Morphologic lab, Wednesday, March 2, 2022, in Miami. Coral Morphologic was founded by marine biologist Colin Foord and musician J.D. McKay to raise awareness about dying coral reefs, presenting the issue through science and art. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

MIAMI (AP) — Humans don't know what they're missing under the surface of a busy shipping channel in the "cruise capital of the world." Just below the keels of massive ships, an underwater camera provides a live feed from another world, showing marine life that's trying its best to resist global warming.

That camera in Miami's Government Cut is just one of the many ventures of a marine biologist and a musician who've been on a 15-year mission to raise awareness about dying coral reefs by combining science and art to bring undersea life into pop culture.

Their company — Coral Morphologic — is surfacing stunning images, putting gorgeous closeups of underwater creatures on social media, setting time-lapsed video of swaying, glowing coral to music and projecting it onto buildings, even selling a coral-themed beachwear line.

"We aren't all art. We aren't all science. We aren't all tech. We are an alchemy," said Colin Foord, who defies the looks of a typical scientist, with blue hair so spiky that it seems electrically charged. He and his business partner J.D. McKay sat down with The Associated Press to show off their work.

One of their most popular projects is the Coral City Camera, which recently passed 2 million views and usually has about 100 viewers online at any given time each day. "We're going to actually be able to document one year of coral growth, which has never been done before in situ on a coral reef, and that's only possible because we have this technological connection right here at the port of Miami that allows us to have power and internet," Foord said. The livestream has already revealed that staghorn and other corals can adapt and thrive even in a highly urbanized undersea environment, along with 177 species of fish, dolphins, manatees and other sea life, Foord said. "We have these very resilient corals growing here. The primary goal of us getting it underwater was to show people there is so much marine life right here in our city," Foord said. McKay, meanwhile, sounds like a Broadway producer as he describes how he also films the creatures in their Miami lab, growing coral in tanks to get them ready for closeups in glorious color. "We essentially create a set with one of these aquariums, and then obviously there's actors — coral or shrimp or whatever — and then we film it, and then I get a vibe, whatever might be happening in the scene, and then I soundtrack it with some ambient like sounds, something very oceanic," McKay explained. Their latest production, "Coral City Flourotour," will be shown on the New World Center Wallscape this week as the Aspen Institute hosts a major climate conference in Miami Beach. Foord is speaking on a panel about how the ocean's natural systems can help humans learn to combat impacts of climate change. The talk's title? "The Ocean is a Superhero." "I think when we can recognize that we're all this one family of life and everything is interconnected, that hopefully we can make meaningful changes now, so that future generations don't have to live in a world of wildfires and melted ice caps and dead oceans," Foord told the AP. Their mission is urgent: After 500 million years on Earth, these species are under assault from climate change. The warming oceans prompt coral bleaching and raise the risk of infectious diseases that can cause mass die-offs in coral, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Stronger storms and changes in water chemistry can destroy reef structures, while altered currents sweep away food and larvae. "Climate change is the greatest global threat to coral reef ecosystems," NOAA said in a recent report. That gets at the second part of Coral Morphologic's name. "What does it mean to be morphologic? It really means having to adapt because the environment is always changing," Foord said. The staghorn, elkhorn and brain coral living in Government Cut provide a real-world example of how coral communities can adapt to such things as rising heat and polluted runoff, even in such an unlikely setting as the port of Miami. Their video has documented fluorescence in some of the coral, an unusual response in offshore waters that Foord said could be protecting them from solar rays. "The port is a priceless place for coral research," Foord said. "We have to be realistic. You won't be able to return the ecosystems to the way they were 200 years ago. The options we are left with are more radical." Beyond the science, there's the clothes. Coral Morphologic sells a line of surf and swimwear that takes designs from flower anemones and brain coral and uses environmentally sustainable materials such as a type of nylon recycled from old fishing nets. "We see the power of tech connecting people with nature. We are lucky as artists, and corals are benefitting," Foord said.

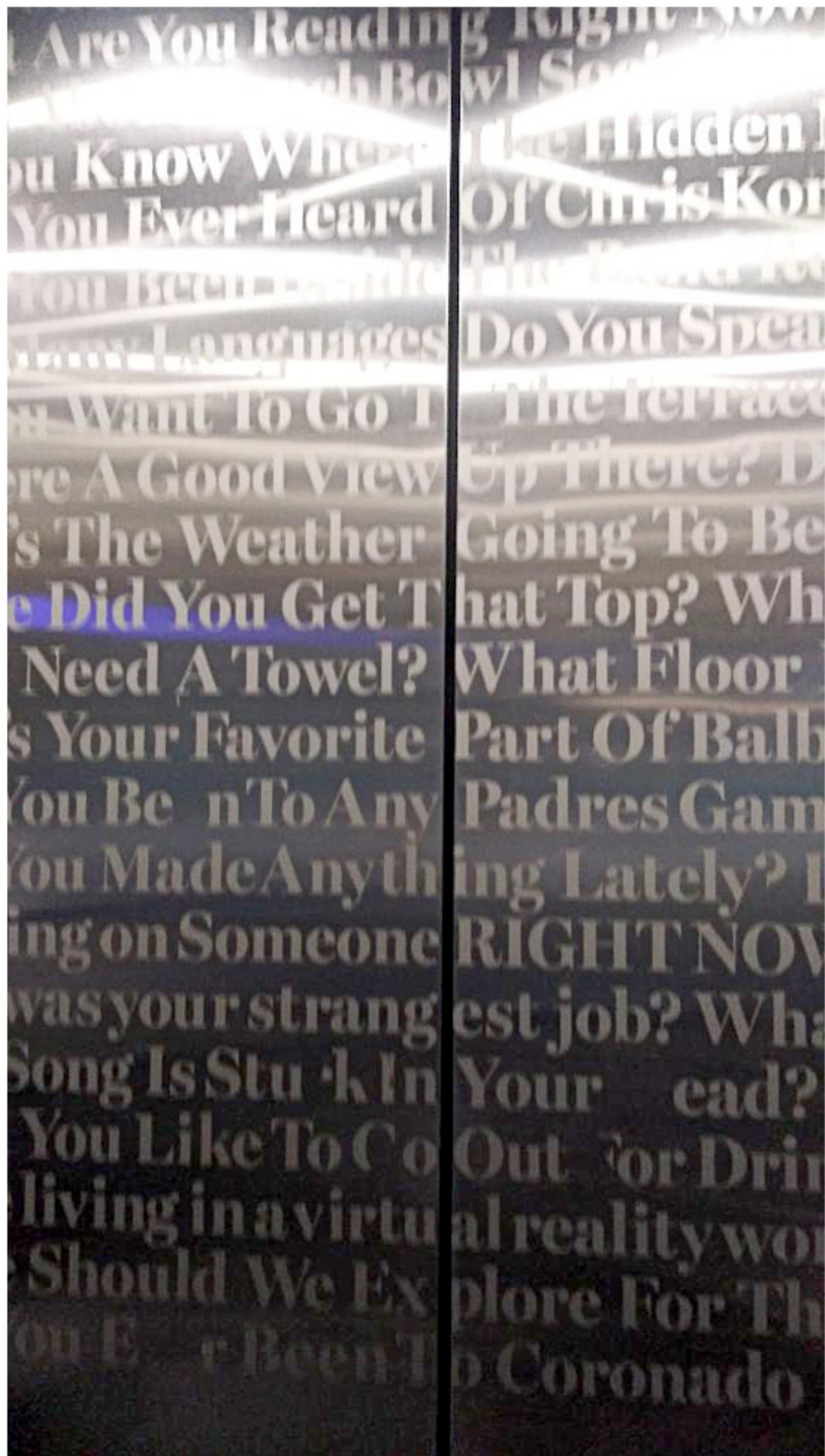




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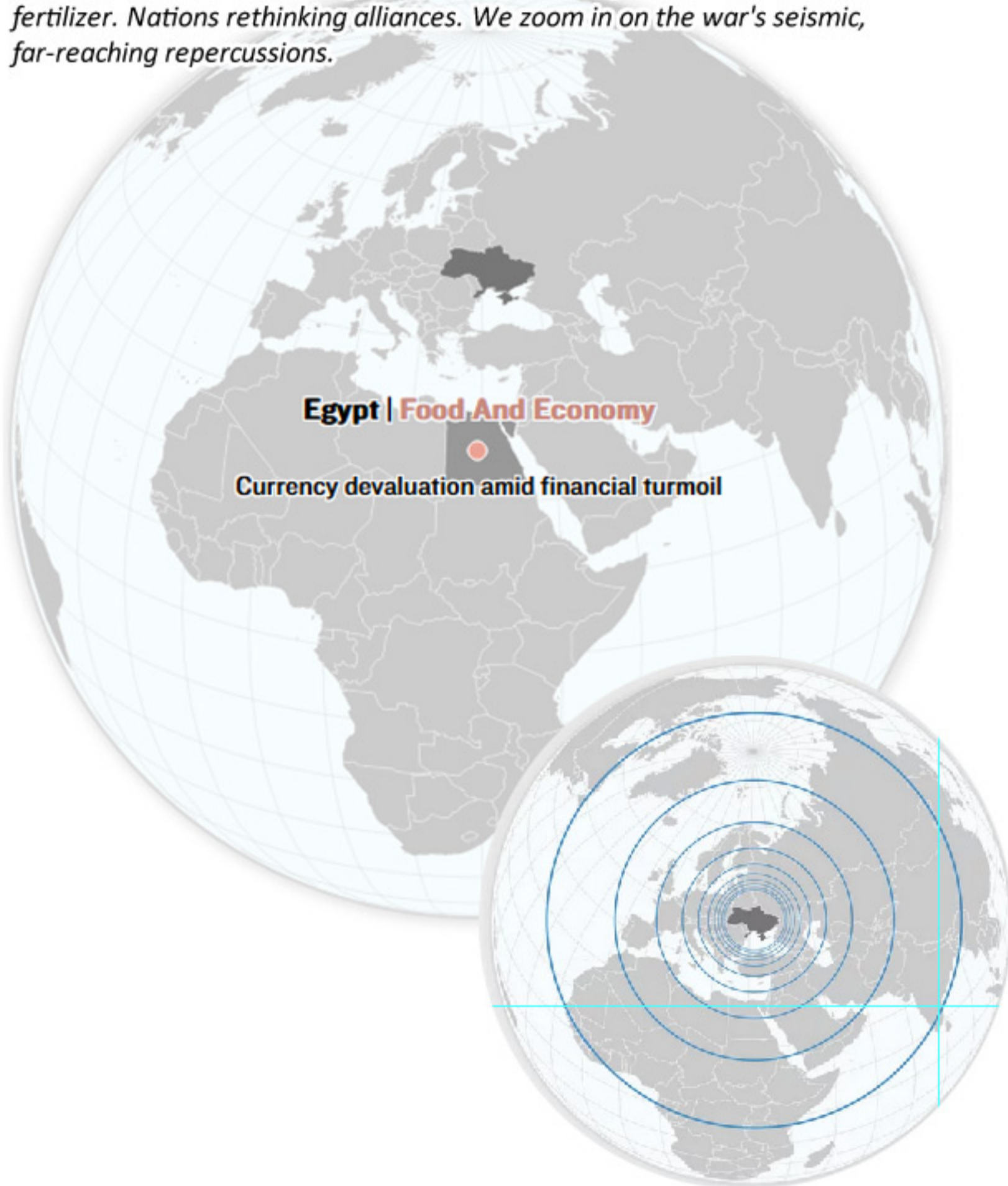


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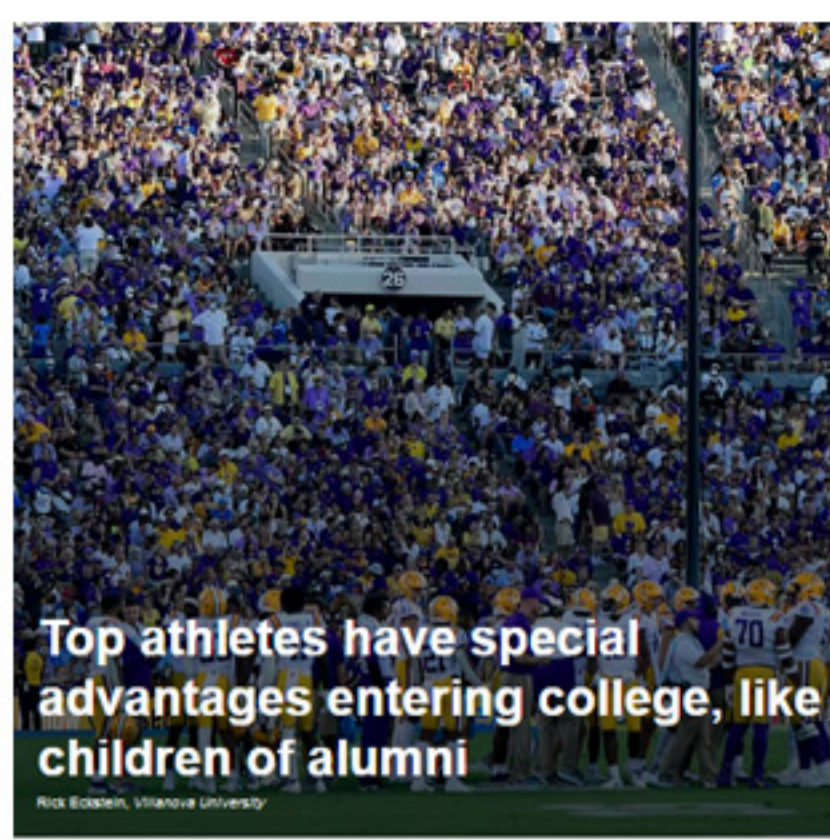
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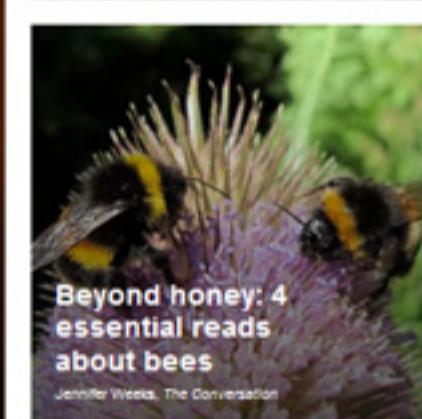
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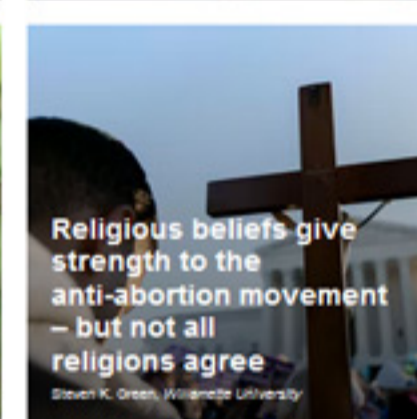
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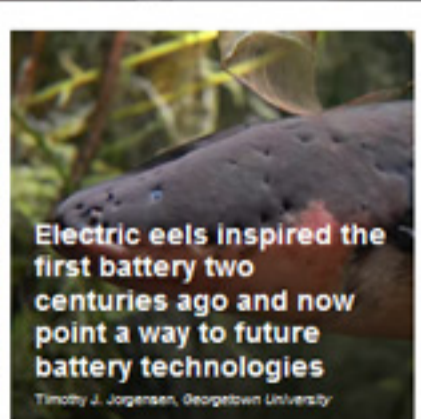
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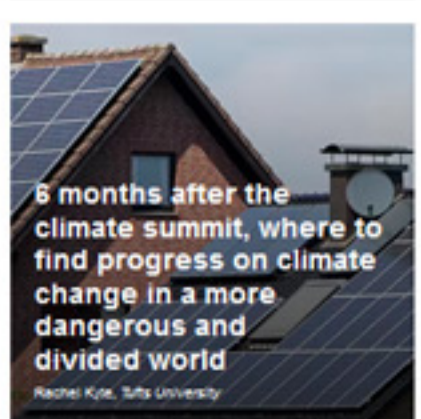
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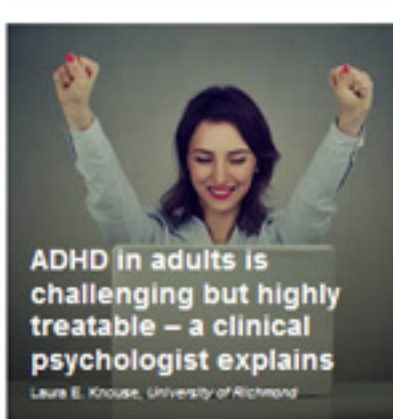
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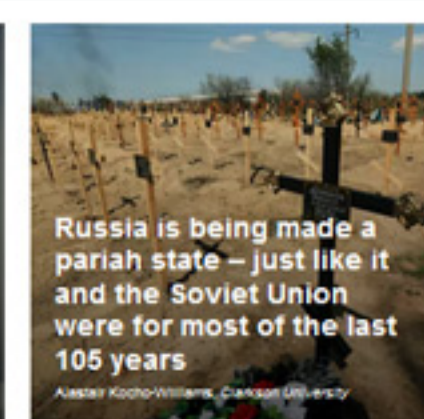
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CNN — Since Covid-19 vaccines became widely available, there has been a wide gap in deaths between the vaccinated and unvaccinated. But recent Covid deaths are much more evenly split as highly transmissible variants take hold, vaccine protection wanes and booster uptake stagnates.

Breakthrough infections have become more common in recent months, putting vulnerable populations at increased risk of severe disease or death as more and more transmissible variants continue to spread. This seems to be especially true for seniors in the United States, who were among the first to get their initial vaccine series.

In the second half of September – the height of the Delta wave – less than a quarter of all Covid-19 deaths were among vaccinated people, federal data shows. But in January and February, amid the Omicron surge, more than 40% of Covid-19 deaths were among vaccinated people.

Getting more Americans boosted against Covid-19 could make a big difference as the country heads into the fall and winter, Dr. Peter Marks, director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, said Monday. "It's really important that we try to get the half – or a little bit more than a half – of Americans who have only received two doses to get that third dose," he said. **"That may make a difference moving forward here, and it may particularly make a difference now that we're coming into yet another wave of Covid-19."**

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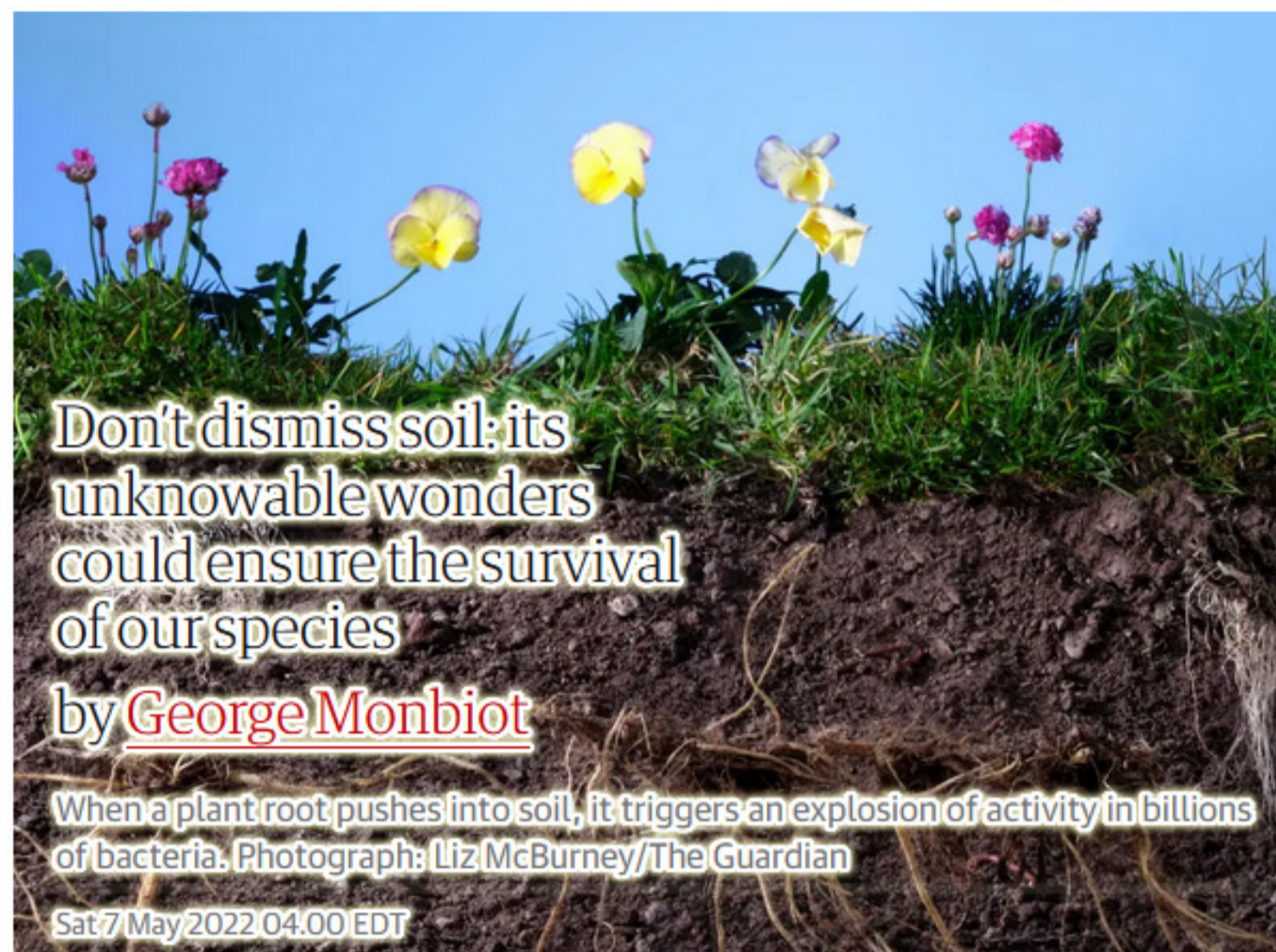
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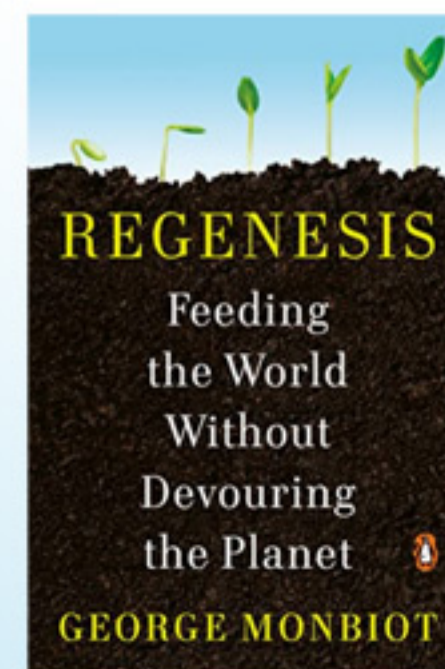
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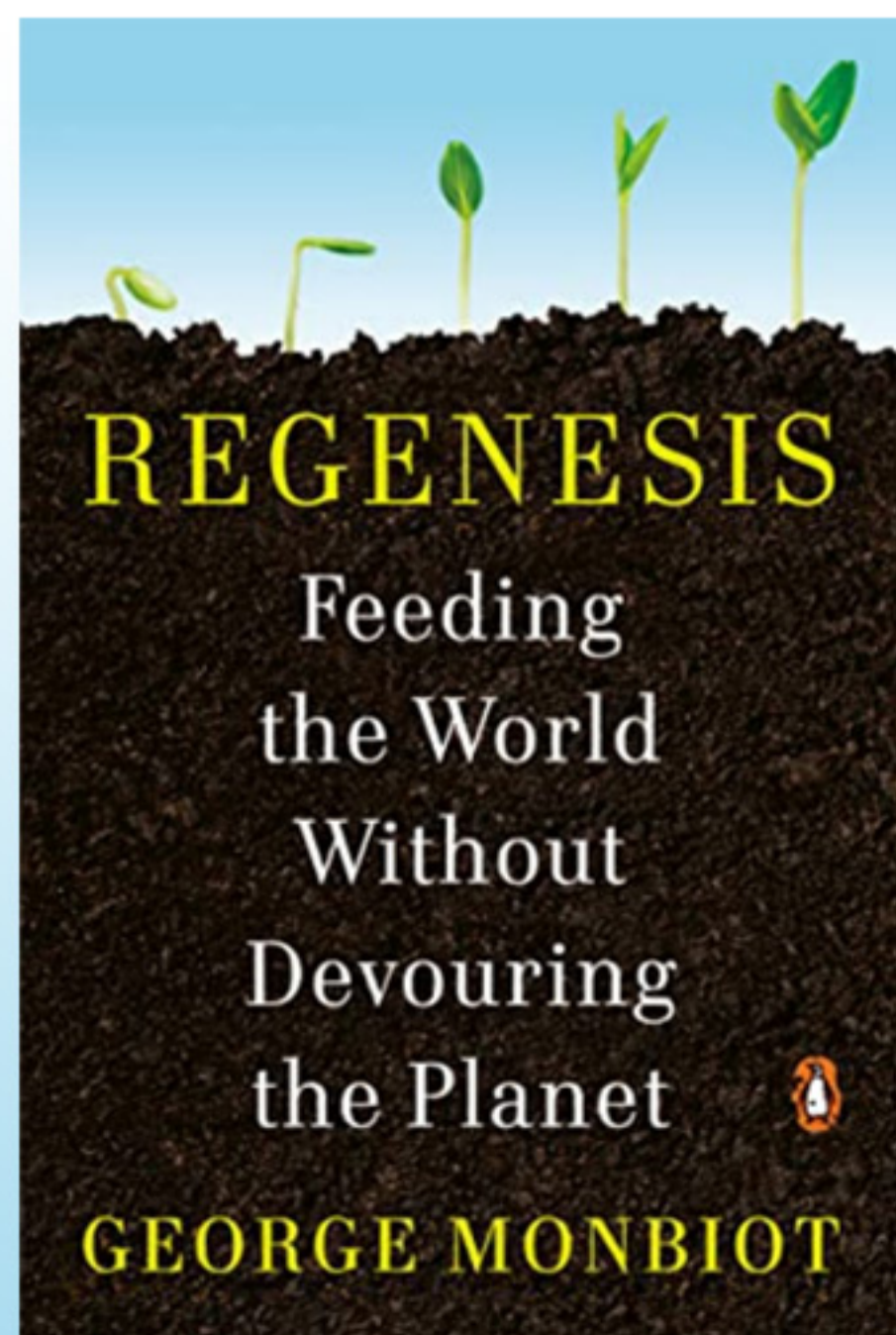
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Soaring inflation forces San Diegans to make key choices



With inflation at levels not seen in 40 years, San Diegans are being forced to make difficult decisions in order to stay afloat.

 By: [Jonathan Horn](#)

Posted at 5:10 PM, May 11, 2022 and last updated 5:29 PM, May 11, 2022

SAN DIEGO (KGTV) — With inflation at levels not seen in 40 years, San Diegans are being forced to make difficult decisions in order to stay afloat. The Labor Department reported Wednesday annual inflation at 8.3 percent in April, a rate once again at levels not seen in 40 years. While that's a tick down from the 8.5 percent reported in March, it's of little consolation to San Diegans who are paying \$5.85 for a regular gallon of gas, plus some of the highest electricity rates in the country — and, like food, they have to buy it.

Adam Zack, owner of Jensen's Foods Point Loma, said he's seen prices rise on everything from Julian Pies to milk to eggs. In all, prices at his store are up about 7.5 percent year-over-year, due to things like rising wages, supply crunches, and fuel surcharges. His hope is that inflation returns to normal levels — around 2 percent.



by: [City News Service](#)
Posted: May 11, 2022 / 11:28 AM PDT
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SAN DIEGO (CNS) – The state Tuesday awarded two blocks of Downtown San Diego to the Michaels Organization to develop into affordable housing, as well as market-rate units, office space and retail.

The California Department of General Services and the California Department of Housing and Community Development awarded the “excess” state property to Michaels as part of Gov. Gavin Newsom’s effort to spur housing development under the Excess Land for Affordable Housing Executive Order.

“This redevelopment project is a testament to what can be accomplished when the state and local governments work together to advance sorely needed housing,” said Ana Lasso, director of the Department of General Services. “We expect this project to also embody the sort of shift from office to residential that thoughtful downtown development can achieve.”

The property is bordered by West Ash to the north, West A to the south, State Street to the west and Front Street to the east, and contains an excess state office building, 1350 Front Street, which is expected to be demolished.

“Working to meet the state’s need of 2.5 million new housing units by 2030 requires commitment, creativity and collaboration at every level of government and community,” said Gustavo Velasquez, director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. “As we look to making the highest and best use of public lands, we must center affordable housing and climate solutions, and this project does just that.”

Stage Nearly Set for Construction on Chula Vista Bayfront's Billion-Dollar Resort

The billion-dollar resort hotel is in its final planning and financing stages.

By Joe Little • Published May 11, 2022 • Updated on May 11, 2022 at 5:49 pm



The billion-dollar resort hotel is in its final planning and financing stages, reports NBC 7's Joe Little.

One of the largest developments on the West Coast is close to finally breaking ground after decades of work. The Port of San Diego and city of Chula Vista passed several steps Tuesday night that pave the way for construction on the billion-dollar, 1,500-room Gaylord Pacific resort hotel and convention center.

"After decades of hard work, our dreams of a world-class development on our Bayfront are becoming reality," declared Chula Vista Mayor Mary Casillas Salas in a statement sent to NBC 7. "This is a complicated deal that involves the Port of San Diego, [developer] RIDA, [hotel operator] Gaylord/Marriott, JP Morgan and several governmental agencies that have worked very hard to reach this goal. Now the way is paved for an amazing transformation on the Bayfront that will delight tourists, visitors and most importantly, our residents."

The final financial steps could close as early as next week.

Once construction begins, the Port and city could permanently close portions of roads that have stood on the bayfront for decades. The Chula Vista City Council agreed to vacate small sections of Marina Parkway and G Street where the future Gaylord Pacific will eventually stand. Along with construction of the resort hotel, the Port of San Diego said open and park space will also be expanded. The future Sweetwater Park is expected to be completed before or by the time the resort is completed.

Georgians' Suit vs. OAN Formally Settled: San Diego Outlet Finally Admits the Truth

 by Ken Stone
10 hours ago



OAN is posting this report multiple times in wake of lawsuit settlement with two Georgia election workers. Image via Twitter

More than 500 days ago — on Dec. 4, 2020 — Georgia election authorities publicly debunked claims that two Fulton County elections workers were involved in criminal acts — helping steal an electoral victory from Donald Trump. This week, San Diego-based One America News finally reported the same. "Georgia officials have concluded that there was no widespread voter fraud by election workers who counted ballots at the State Farm Arena in November 2020," an OAN announcer said Monday. The same report, on Twitter, has been viewed 400,000 times. Repeat OAN tweets, conveying the same message, were posted about 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday. OAN's Facebook page has run the same video four times since Monday. "The results of this investigation indicate that Ruby Freeman and Wandrea 'Shaye' Moss did not engage in ballot fraud or criminal misconduct while working at State Farm Arena on Election Night," the OAN report continued. "A legal matter with this network and the two election workers has been resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the parties through a fair and reasonable settlement."

The settlement wasn't news either.

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Kiva Is Not Quite What It Seems

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[Update: Matt **Flannery**, CEO and Co-Founder of Kiva, [replied](#) to this post as a guest blogger. Kiva has also changed its site, and I have [blogged more](#).]

This post is so long it needs an executive summary.



BLOG POST

Matt Flannery, Kiva CEO and Co-Founder, Replies

OCTOBER 12, 2009

[I am honored to host Matt Flannery as my first guest blogger. My [October 2 post](#) about Kiva generated copious [commentary](#) and [tweeting](#). Accepting a guest strays somewhat from the construct of this blog, but seems highly appropriate in this case.--David Roodman] Hello Everyone, This is Matt Flannery, Co-Founder and CEO of Kiva. I recently read and enjoyed David's article "Kiva Is Not Quite What It Seems". The article is well-written and thoughtful, and has generated a lot of passionate responses. I'm writing here because I thought it would be helpful to hear from Kiva, as part of this dialogue, to increase understanding about what Kiva does and where it is going. I see Kiva as a public property, "owned", in a sense, by its three main constituents---the entrepreneurs, the lenders and the MFI partners, all of



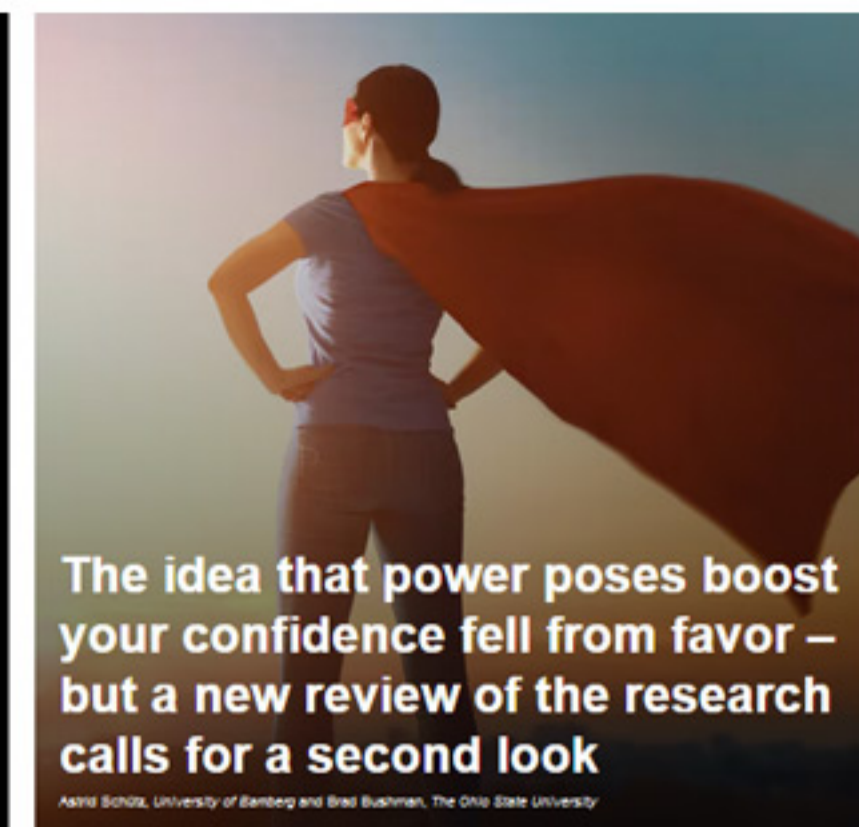
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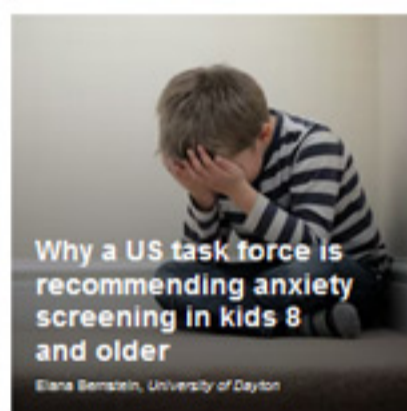
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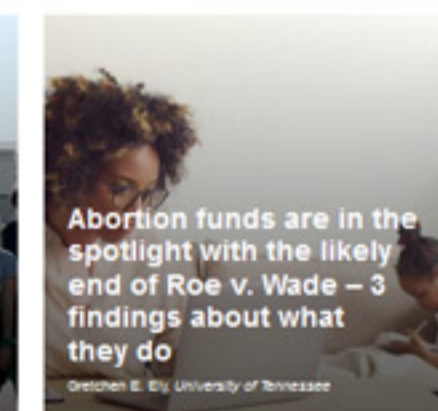
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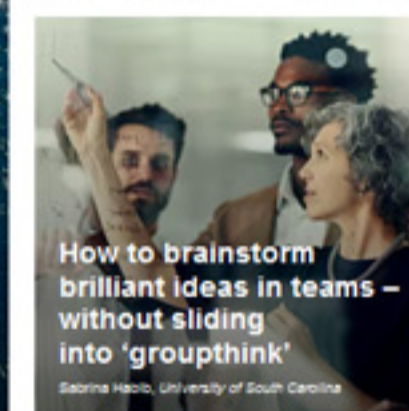
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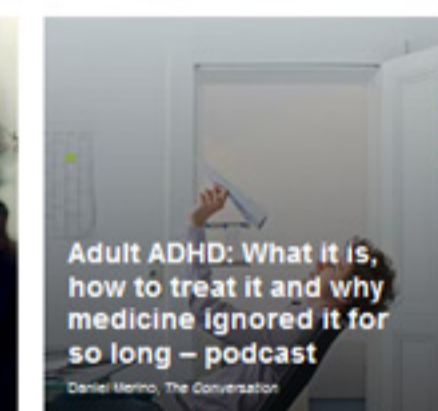
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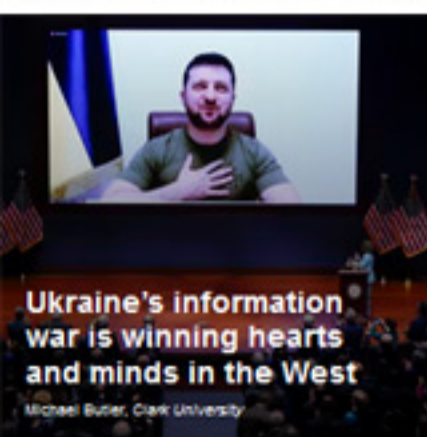
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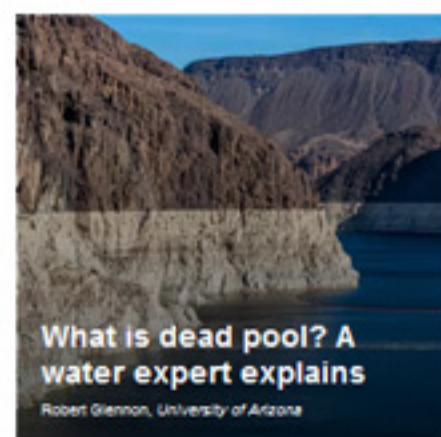
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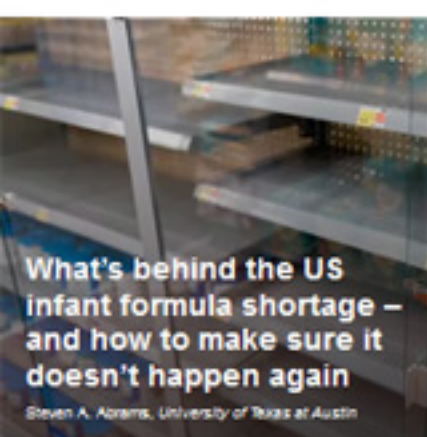
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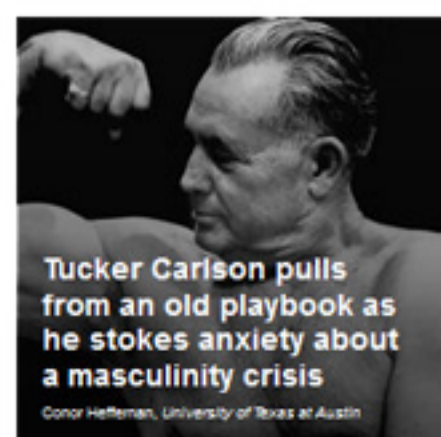
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Thomas says Supreme Court after leaked draft opinion is 'not the court' of Ginsburg's era

By [Shawna Mizelle](#) and [Joan Biskupic](#), CNN

Updated 7:27 AM EDT, Sat May 14, 2022



CNN — Justice Clarence Thomas on Friday expressed dismay at the recent leak of a draft Supreme Court opinion that would strike down *Roe v. Wade*, comparing it to “an infidelity” and saying it has changed the culture of the nation’s highest court. “The institution that I’m a part of, if someone said that one line of one opinion would be leaked by anyone, you’d say, ‘Oh, that’s impossible. No one would ever do that.’ There is such a belief in the rule of law, a belief in the court, a belief in what we were doing that that was verboten,” Thomas said. “It was beyond anyone’s understanding, or at least anyone’s imagination, that someone would do that.”

The comments from the 73-year-old justice were delivered at an “Old Parkland Conference” event sponsored by the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute in Dallas. The remarks echoed those he had made earlier this month in Atlanta, when he said government institutions shouldn’t be “bullied” into delivering what some see as the preferred outcome.

Thomas was interviewed by former law clerk John Yoo, a law professor at the University of California at Berkeley and a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, during a dinner event at the three-day conference focused on challenges facing Black Americans.

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Asked by a member of the audience how Americans and Congress could better foster friendships despite differing ideologies, like the friendship between the late Justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Thomas replied, “*Well, I’m just worried about keeping it at the court now. This is not the court of that era.*”

Thomas, who was appointed in 1991 and sat on the bench with 1993 appointee Ginsburg for nearly 30 years, said, “We actually trusted each other. We may have been a dysfunctional family, but we were a family, and we loved it. I mean, you trusted each other, you laughed together, you went to lunch together every day, and I can only hope you can keep it.”

The leak, he said, had eroded trust, and “you begin to look over your shoulder. It’s like kind of an infidelity, that you can explain it, but you can’t undo it.” The final opinion in the case – which stands as a direct challenge to *Roe v. Wade*’s holding of a federal constitutional right to an abortion – has not been released, and votes and language can still change before then. The opinion is not expected to be issued until late June.

“I do think what happened at the court is tremendously bad,” Thomas said. “I wonder how long we’re going to have these institutions at the rate we’re undermining them, and then I wonder when they’re gone or they are destabilized, what we’ll have as a country – and I don’t think that the prospects are good if we continue to lose them.”

2020 California Proposition 16

Proposition 16 is a California ballot proposition that appeared on the November 3, 2020, general election ballot, asking California voters to amend the Constitution of California to repeal 1996's Proposition 209. Wikipedia

Ballot text: Allow Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education, and Contracting Decisions. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

* Permits government decision-making policies to consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin to address diversity by repealing article I, section 31, of the California Constitution, which was added by Proposition 209 in 1996.

* Proposition 209 generally prohibits state and local governments from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, individuals or groups on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, education, or contracting.

* Does not alter other state and federal laws guaranteeing equal protection and prohibiting unlawful discrimination

Polling [edit]

Public opinion of affirmative action may vary depending on question framing and survey design.

Poll source	Date(s) administered	Sample size	Margin of error	For Proposition 16	Against Proposition 16	Undecided
UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies 📄	October 16–21, 2020	5,352 (LV)	–	38%	49%	13%
David Binder Research 📄	October 17–19, 2020	600 (LV)	± 4%	45%	45%	10%
Public Policy Institute of California 📄	October 9–18, 2020	1,185 (LV)	± 4.3%	37%	50%	13%
Ipsos/Spectrum News 📄	October 7–15, 2020	1,400 (A)	± 3%	38%	28%	34%
SurveyUSA 📄	September 26–28, 2020	588 (LV)	± 5.4%	40%	26%	34%
UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies 📄	September 9–15, 2020	5,942 (LV)	± 2%	33%	41%	26%
Public Policy Institute of California 📄	September 4–13, 2020	1,168 (LV)	± 4.3%	31%	47%	22%

Ethnic/Racial Cross-Tabs [edit]

UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies - October 2020 ⁽⁶³⁾

Group	For Proposition 16	Against Proposition 16	Undecided
Race/White	35%	53%	12%
Race/Black	58%	33%	10%
Race/Asian	39%	50%	11%
Race/Latino	40%	42%	17%
Race/Native American	22%	72%	4%

Results were certified on December 11, 2020.

Choice	Votes	%
For	7,217,064	42.77
Against	9,655,595	57.23
Blank votes	912,492	-
Total	17,785,151	100
Registered voters/turnout	22,047,448	80.67

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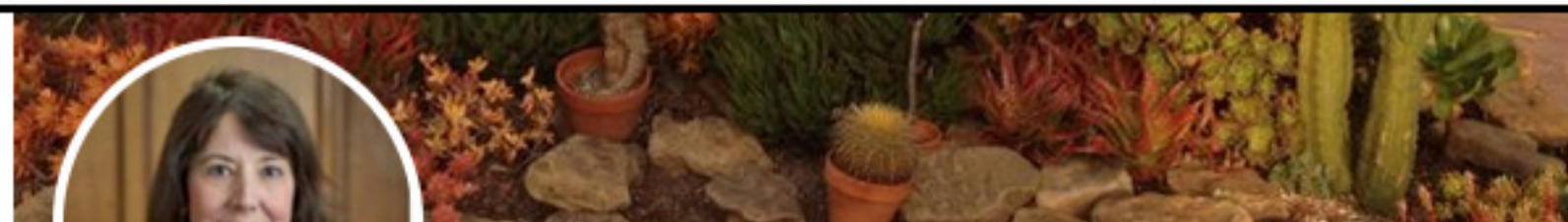
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Latino Community Foundation 📄	August 24, 2020	1200 Latino RV	± 2.8%	51%	43%	6%
Asian American Voter Survey 📄	September 15, 2020	609 Asian American RV	Not available	35%	21%	36%

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Proposition 16 is a California ballot proposition that appeared on the November 3, 2020, general election ballot, asking California voters to amend the Constitution of California to repeal 1996's Proposition 209. Proposition 209 amended the state constitution to prohibit government institutions from considering race, sex, or ethnicity, specifically in the areas of public employment, public contracting, and public education.[4] Therefore, Proposition 209 banned the use of race and gender-based affirmative action in California's public sector.

The legislatively referred state constitutional amendment was originally introduced as California Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 5 (ACA 5) by Democratic Assembly Members Weber, Gipson, and Santiago on January 18, 2019.[4] In June 2020, the California State Legislature passed ACA 5 on a mostly party-line vote, voting 60–14 on June 10 in the Assembly and 30–10 on June 24 in the Senate.

The measure was defeated 57% to 43%.

California governor: \$98B surplus backs true pro-life state

By ADAM BEAM and KATHLEEN RONAYNE yesterday



California Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his 2022-2023 state budget revision during a news conference in Sacramento, Calif., Friday, May 13, 2022. California is expected have a record surplus. (AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli,)

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday pledged to use the state’s record-breaking \$300 billion budget, including an unprecedented nearly \$100 billion surplus, to “future proof” the state from the impacts of a volatile midterm election cycle that he fears will undermine abortion access, gun safety and privacy protections across the country.

He trumpeted major increases in spending on health care, education, child care and the environment while also pledging to spend \$125 million to make it easier for women to get abortions in California, including those from other states.

Newsom’s budget presentation comes as the state is in the throes of a deepening drought and as state energy officials warn of possible power shortages during the summer when air conditioning is at its peak.

The governor has called for people to cut their water use by 15%, but consumption went up dramatically in March. Newsom wants to spend more money to encourage conservation, provide loans to struggling drinking water systems and boost water recycling. It includes \$75 million for grants to farms and businesses hurt by drought.

Meanwhile, he’s calling for \$5 billion to create a 5,000-megawatt “strategic reserve” of energy to help the state avoid blackouts. One megawatt can power 750 to 1,000 homes.

Newsom’s budget document included limited details on how that reserve would be built, but he has indicated he’s open to the possibility of keeping the Diablo Canyon nuclear facility online past its planned closure in 2025, as well as some gas-fired power plants that are set to retire.

The budget plan must be approved by the Legislature and takes effect July 1.



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Peter Doocy (born July 21, 1987) is an American journalist who is a White House correspondent for *Fox News*. He is the son of *Fox & Friends* co-host Steve Doocy.

Peter Doocy



Doocy in 2015

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Education	Villanova University (BA)
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Employer	Fox News
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This portfolio manager's strategy uses just one ETF and his own 'crash indicator' to beat the market by 530%

May 13, 2022 at 7:13 a.m. ET By Barbara Kollmeyer



What goes down must go up?

While market volatility has left some investors unsure of what to do and panicky, Kee said he was not seeing signs of an immediate crash risk, based on his proprietary **Evitar Corte Model****, which uses FOMC monetary policy to define market crash risk.

What should investors do with this info? Kee has long been a fan of index ETF strategies, and suggested investors do the same, only buying or selling index ETFs — he prefers the highly liquid **SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust SPY***. He cautioned it will take much longer for investors with multiple stocks in their portfolios to control risk.

Since 2000, an investor putting money only in the S&P 500 ETF SPY and cash, moving to cash when his crash indicator was warning of high risk, but all other times investing in the S&P 500 ETF, would be beating the market by 530%, said Kee. Kee said there are two types of retail investors out there: those who like to trade and those who just want to hold and stay invested. The latter should just focus on being able to neutralize their portfolio and focus on a market crash model that tells them if that's coming and make it more nimble. The other investor who likes to trade just needs to look at daily or weekly pivot points for the S&P 500.

Right now investing in SPY is better than cash, but last December cash was the better investment, he said. Kee said that their Fibonacci calculator just triggered a buy for the S&P 500 at 3,884. "This calculator is adapted for the stock market, based on mathematical formulas that are governed by human emotion, and without stimulus that is exactly what the market is left with," he said. The money manager's message is clear: "Volatility is here, it's coming and you better be ready for it and your portfolio better be prepared to handle it as well. Because it's really difficult for people who have never experienced real volatility to handle volatility," he said.

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The Federal Reserve controls the three tools of monetary policy—open market operations, the discount rate, and reserve requirements. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is responsible for the discount rate and reserve requirements, and the Federal Open Market Committee is responsible for open market operations. Using the three tools, the Federal Reserve influences the demand for, and supply of, balances that depository institutions hold at Federal Reserve Banks and in this way alters the federal funds rate. The federal funds rate is the interest rate at which depository institutions lend balances at the Federal Reserve to other depository institutions overnight.

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Jerome Powell

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Party: [Republican Party](#)

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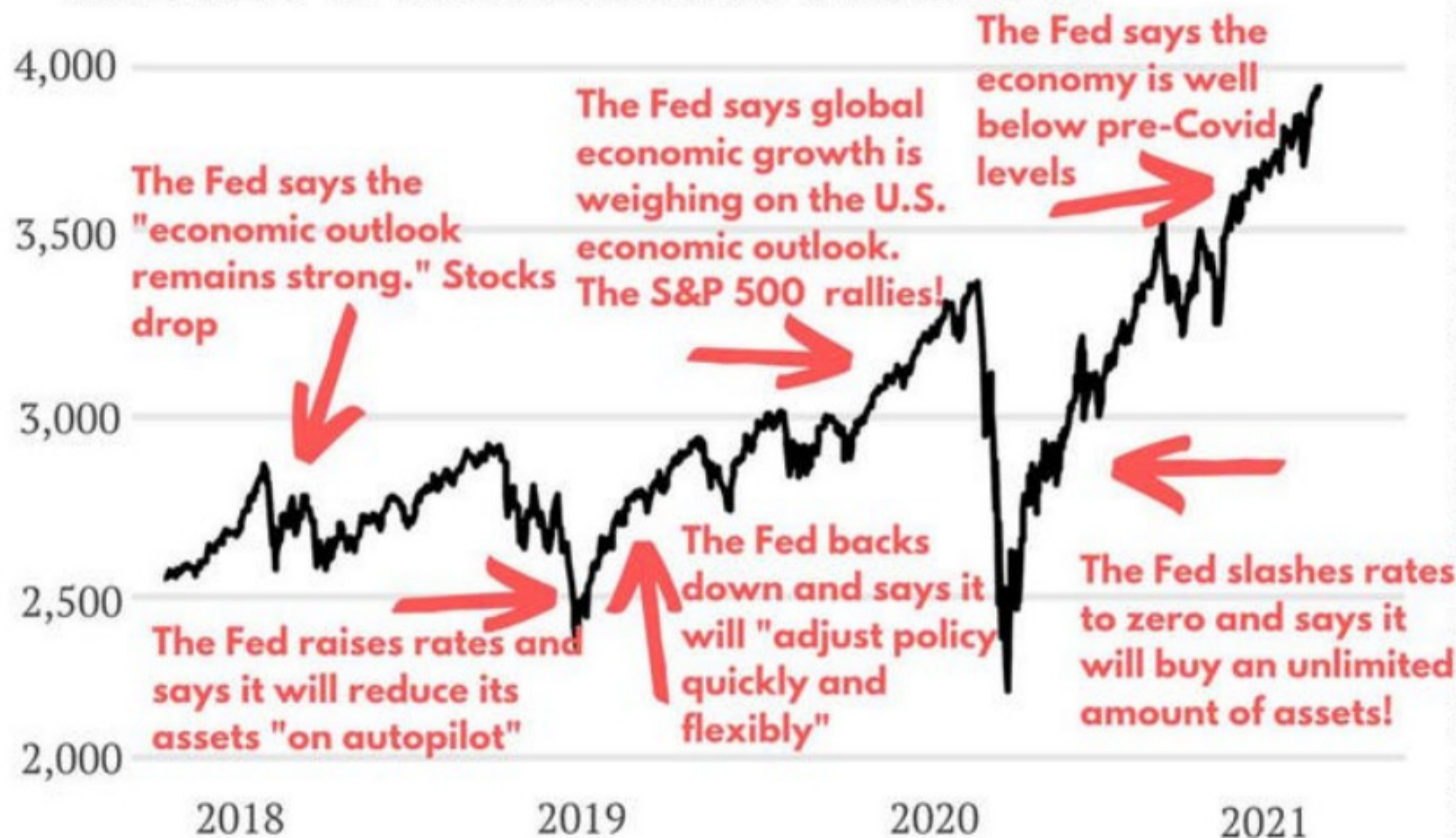
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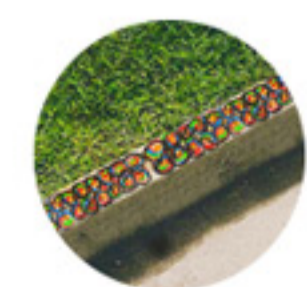
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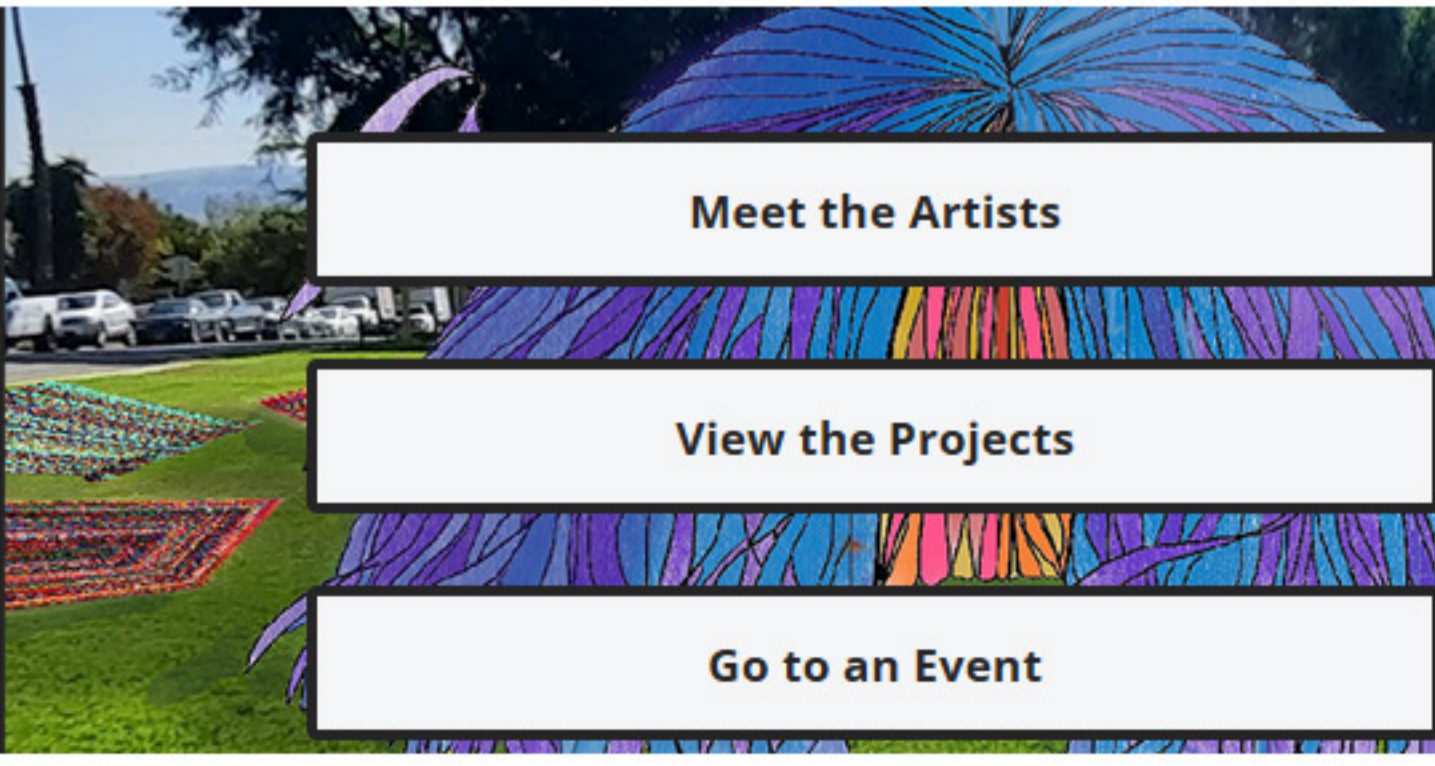
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Park Social is a citywide initiative introducing social-specific public art into San Diego's vast and varied park system. Held for six months in 2022, Park Social engages with a broad and constantly shifting audience of park goers, intervening and interacting in the social spheres of public parks and exploring topics ranging from environmental justice to belonging and social cohesion through responsive artistic projects.

Park Social, initiated by the City of San Diego, is the first citywide social-specific public art initiative and the only initiative of its kind in San Diego. Featuring eighteen projects by San Diego area artists and collectives, Park Social utilizes over twenty-eight parks and presents newly commissioned works that connect the park-goer and the park directly, providing a range of unique experiences and events. Park Social uses the park system as a platform to strengthen social connections and bolster a dynamic artistic landscape across the city.



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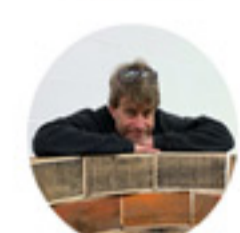
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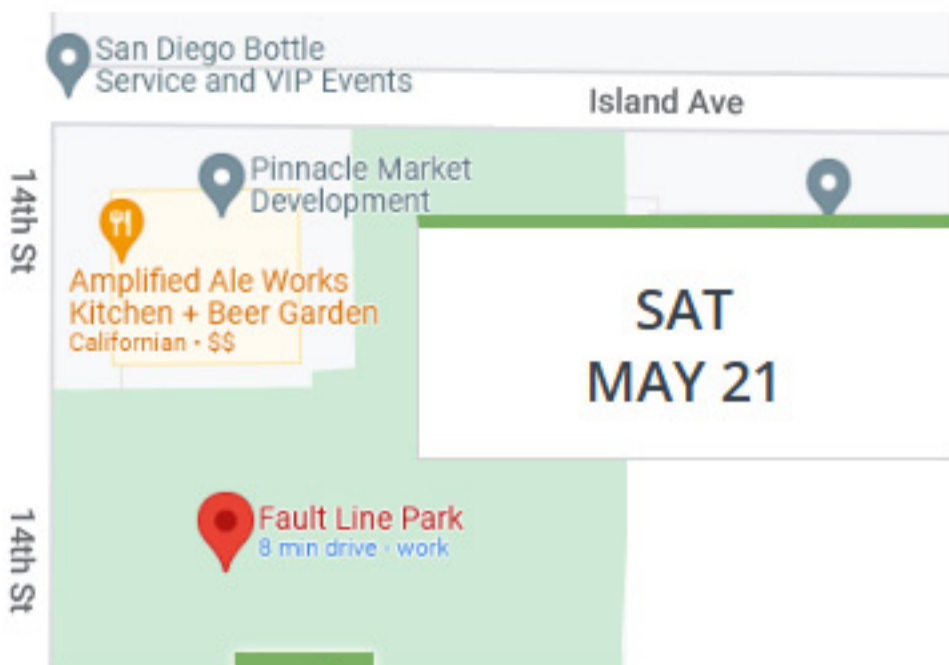


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Park Social Launch

11:30AM to 12:30PM - Fault Line Park [View Map](#)

Join us to celebrate the launch of Park Social with a pop-up ice cream social and opening remarks. We'll have free ice cream and refreshments (while supplies last!). At the Park Social ranger station, park goers can learn more about the initiative, pick up a Park Social guide, and meet the artists. The Walking the Line performance will follow the launch in the park.

Dance Performance

12:30PM to 3:30PM - Fault Line Park [View Map](#)

Walking the Wall - Timothy Murdoch

Artist Timothy Murdoch's project in the park will feature the dance performance Walking the Wall. Bring a blanket and enjoy an outdoor afternoon of art, community, and performative art.

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Ukraine wins Eurovision 2022 with overwhelming support from the audience

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Members of the band Kalush Orchestra pose onstage with the winner's trophy and Ukraine's flags after winning on behalf of Ukraine.

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Ukraine is the winner of the 2022 Eurovision Song Contest, one of the most visually stimulating spectacles on European television. Much of the world's attention had already been focused on Ukraine since Russia launched its invasion in late February. But the country took the spotlight on a different kind of world stage on Saturday, when folk-rap group Kalush Orchestra competed and prevailed in Eurovision's grand final.

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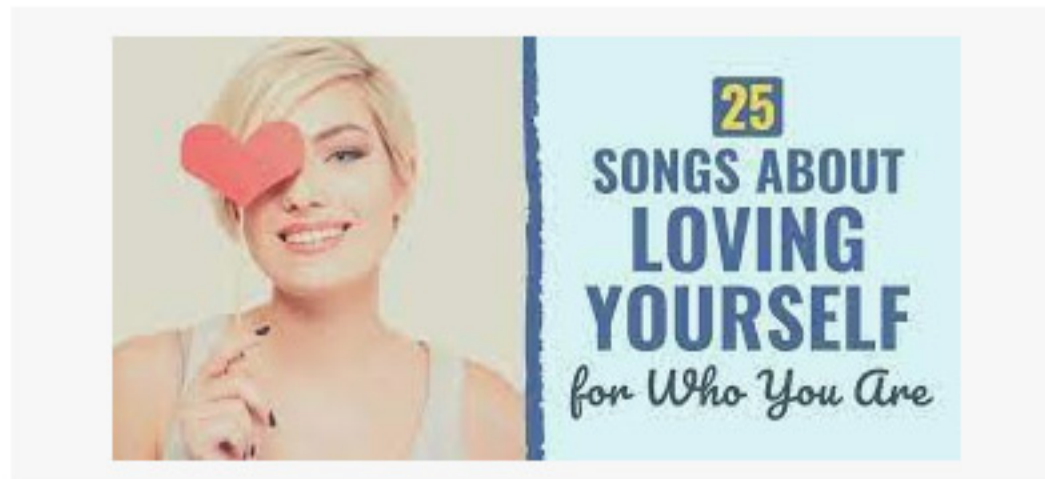
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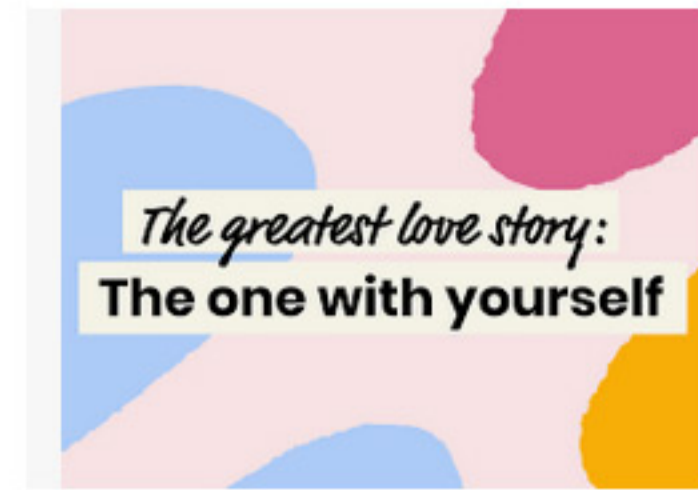
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As one of my favorite philosophers, Daniel Dennett says, 'I begrudge every hour I have to spend worrying about politics.' I've been extending hope for so long, I'm about worn out -- they's getting on my last nerve, especially theses new-fangled 'power for power sake,' 'power to enrich me and mine and to hell with the rest' Republicans ... a question I'd very much love to pose to cousin Janet Brown, "WTF happened to the GOP?"

But don't get me started on that side-track.

Vegetarian Protein Is Just As 'Complete' As Meat, Despite What We've Been Taught

We're hanging on to notions from a 1970s diet fad that's a "complete" waste of our time.

By Kristen Aiken

Feb. 28, 2018, 05:47 AM EST | Updated Mar. 13, 2018

"If you eat a dish with black beans, you're not getting complete protein. You have to add another kind of bean to get the same kind of protein you'd get from meat." This suggestion came from a generally well-informed acquaintance of mine while we were on a long car ride, making me wonder if the fumes had gone to her head. Simmering with skepticism, I asked, "Adding any kind of beans will make it complete?" "Yes, any kind of beans," she replied with supreme confidence. "White beans, kidney beans, lima beans, lentils. When you combine any two beans, it's just as good as eating animal-based protein." My instinct was to tell her she was wrong. But our drive through a countryside without cell towers or access to Google prevented me from doing so with absolute certainty. Now, however, I'm armed and ready to bust this myth.

It turns out my acquaintance was referring to a diet fad called "protein combining" that became popular in the 1970s. It was based on the premise that vegetarian and vegan diets provide insufficient content of essential amino acids, making it necessary to combine plant-based proteins to get the same "complete" protein you'd get from an animal. Protein combining has since been discredited by the medical community, but there are still people out there who adhere to this practice, and even more people who still believe plant-based protein is incomplete. Concepts like "good fat vs. bad fat" and "good cholesterol vs. bad cholesterol" are somewhat well-known these days, but chatter about "incomplete protein vs. complete protein" hasn't quite made it into the nutritional zeitgeist. You may have heard about complete protein if you're vegan or vegetarian, but that doesn't guarantee you fully understand what it is. Case in point: quinoa. Quinoa is often marketed as one of the only vegetarian sources of complete protein, but that's a misleading claim because every plant-based protein is complete. There's no information to support the idea that quinoa is a more complete source of vegetarian protein than other plant-based foods. Nor is meat, for that matter. Let's get to the bottom of why.

What's a complete protein, anyway? Just to be clear, a "complete protein" is a protein that contains all nine of the essential amino acids our bodies need to function: tryptophan (the stuff in turkey that supposedly makes us sleepy), threonine, isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine+cystine, phenylalanine+tyrosine, valine and histidine. Those amino acids are "essential," but our bodies can't make them, so they must be derived from the foods we eat. Though many vegans and vegetarians worry about getting enough protein, concern about "complete protein" intake has more to do with the quality of our protein than the quantity.

Animal protein is not more complete than plant-based protein.

Dr. Michael Greger explains at his site NutritionFacts.org that all nutrients come from the sun or the soil. Cows, for example, get their nutrients from the sun and from plant-based foods like grass and hay. So if cows eat plants, and plants provide cows with all the nutrients they need, why would we assume steak is a more complete protein than the food that provides the steak with its nutrients? The answer: We shouldn't.

While it's true that some plant proteins are relatively low in certain essential amino acids, our bodies know how to make up for it. "It turns out our body is not stupid," Greger explains. "It maintains pools of free amino acids that can be used to do all the complementing for us. Not to mention the massive protein recycling program our body has. Some 90 grams of protein is dumped into the digestive tract every day from our own body to get broken back down and reassembled, so our body can mix and match amino acids to whatever proportions we need, whatever we eat." Greger told HuffPost that there's no such thing as incomplete vegetarian protein. The only incomplete protein in the food supply is gelatin, which lacks tryptophan. **So why have we been led to believe that animal protein is more complete than vegetarian protein?** *Misleading studies sparked the popularity of a bogus practice called 'protein combining' in the 1970s.*

In 1909, the biochemist Karl Heinrich Ritthausen formed a theory that vegetarian and vegan diets provide insufficient amounts of essential amino acids, making it necessary to combine plant-based proteins to get the same "complete" protein you'd get from an animal. Another 1914 study out of Yale also suggested that plant-based protein is incomplete — but this research was conducted on infant rodents and lacked context. Protein combining gained popularity in 1954 with the publication of Adelle Davis' book *Let's Eat Right to Keep Fit*. The concept gained even more steam in 1971, when Frances Lappé published the best-selling book *Diet for a Small Planet*, which echoed the same idea. *Vogue* and the *American Journal of Nursing* even talked about protein combining in 1975. By then, America was on board. But in 1981, Lappé changed her position on protein combining in a revised edition of her book, in which she backpedaled on the entire theory and apologized for reinforcing a myth. **The biggest push-back to the theory came in 2002, when Dr. John McDougall issued a correction to the American Heart Association for a 2001 publication that questioned the completeness of plant proteins.** McDougall asserted that earlier research about plant-based protein was misleading. "It is impossible to design an amino acid-deficient diet based on the amounts of unprocessed starches and vegetables sufficient to meet the calorie needs of humans," he said. "Furthermore, mixing foods to make a complementary amino acid composition is unnecessary." He went on to say: "The reason it is important to correct this misinformation is that many people are afraid to follow healthful, pure vegetarian diets — they worry about 'incomplete proteins' from plant sources. A vegetarian diet based on any single one or combination of these unprocessed starches (eg, rice, corn, potatoes, beans), with the addition of vegetables and fruits, supplies all the protein, amino acids, essential fats, minerals, and vitamins (with the exception of vitamin B12) necessary for excellent health. To wrongly suggest that people need to eat animal protein for nutrients will encourage them to add foods that are known to contribute to heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and many forms of cancer, to name just a few common problems. Other doctors supported this hypothesis, including Dr. Andrew Weil and Dr. Joel Fuhrman, and the medical community followed.

So if all protein is complete, is all protein equal? If protein combining isn't necessary, is it all the same? Do 10 grams of protein from lentils have the same effect on our bodies as 10 grams of protein from steak? Though they are both considered complete proteins, Greger told HuffPost there are differences. For example, he said, "lentil protein doesn't raise IGF-1 levels as much as beef protein, which is one reason beef is a probable human carcinogen and legume consumption is associated with lower cancer risk. The lentils would probably also be better for our kidneys as well as longevity." **How much protein do we really need, anyway?**

Whether we're vegan, vegetarian or omnivorous, protein intake is one of our key daily dietary concerns. But how much do we actually need per day to maintain a healthy lifestyle? According to Greger, it's not nearly as much as we think.

"As long as we're eating enough calories of whole plant foods, one shouldn't have to worry at all," he said. "We only need 0.8 to 0.9 grams of protein per healthy kilogram of body weight. In other words, one PB&J could get you a third of the way there."

Now that we can do.



Kristen Aiken

Head Of Life



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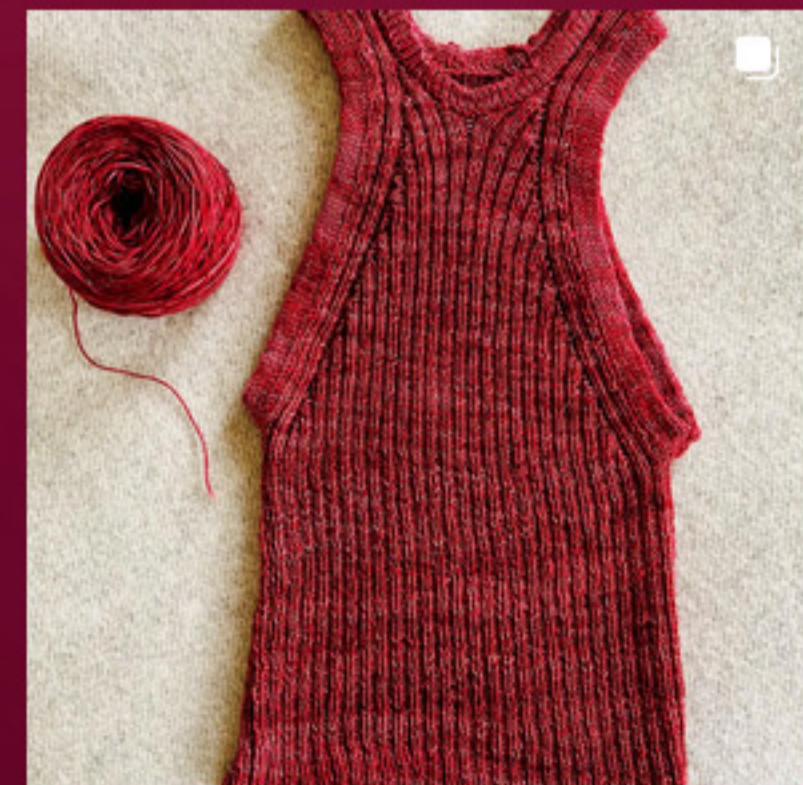
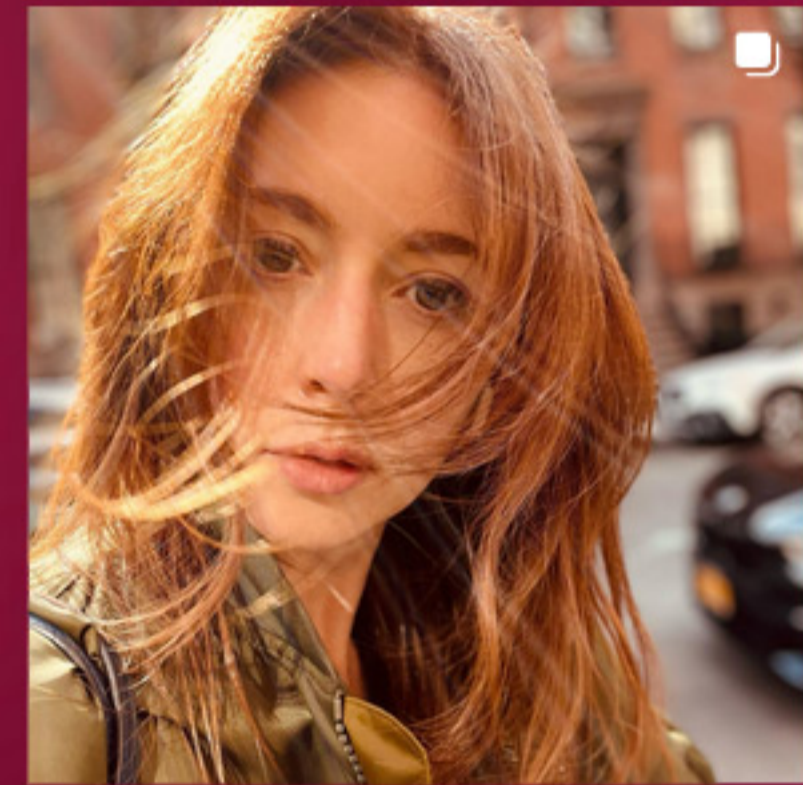
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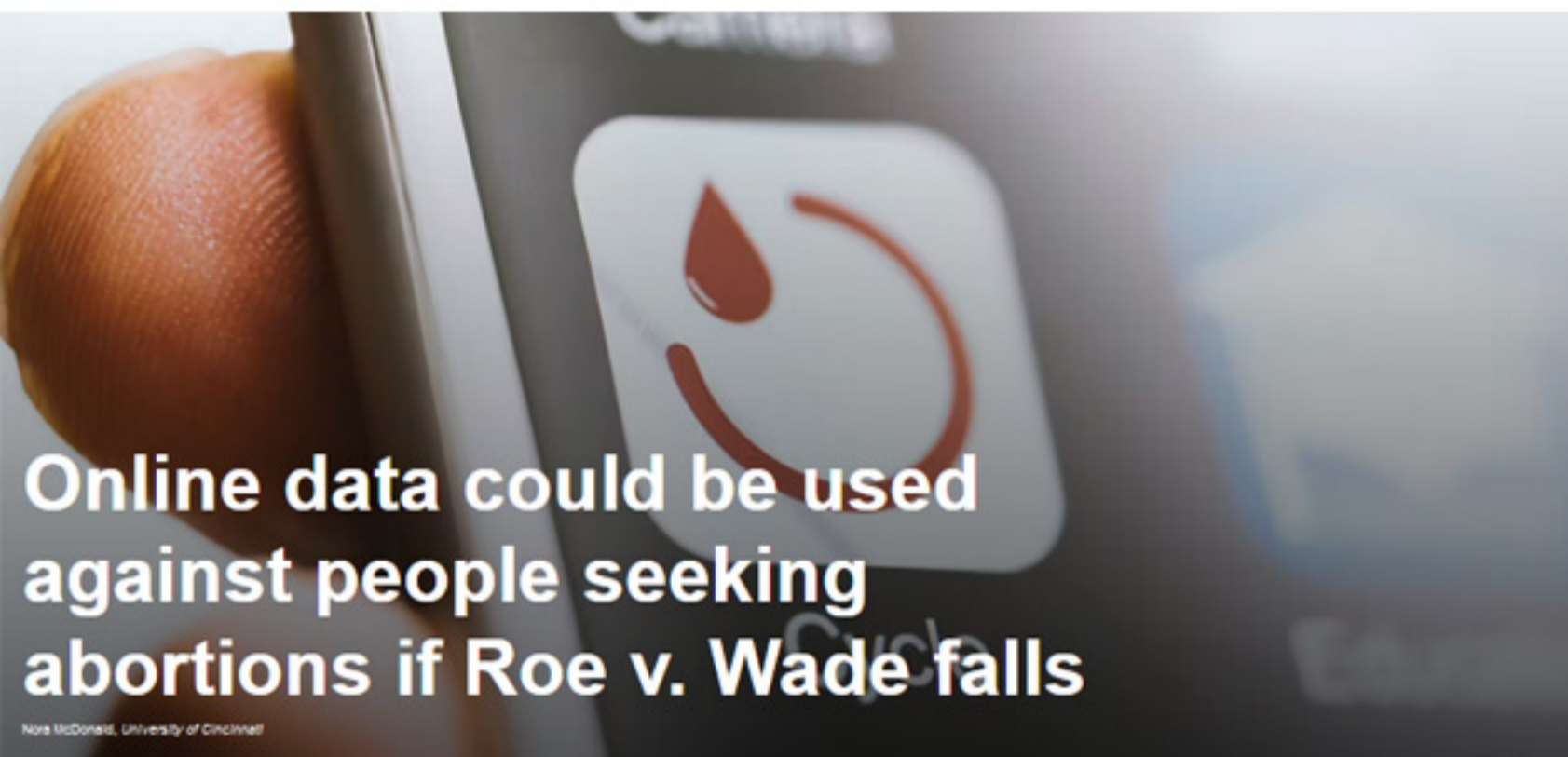
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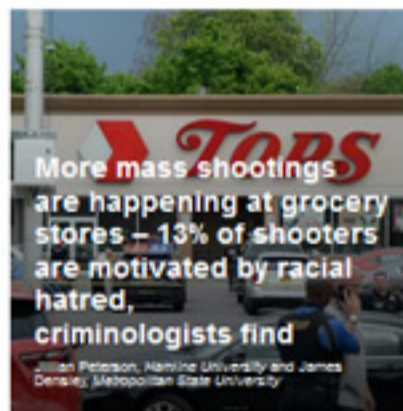
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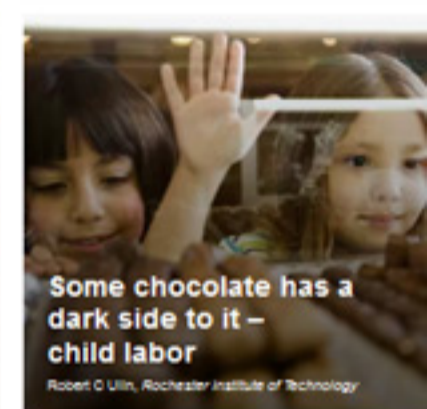
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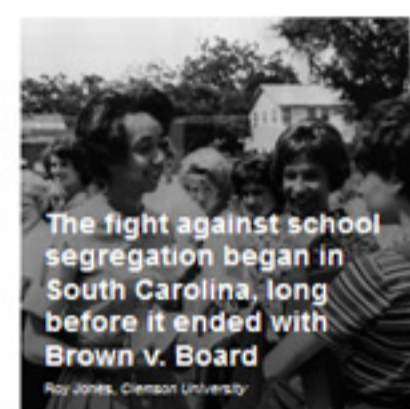
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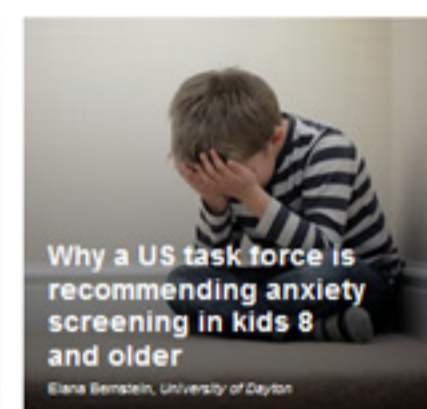
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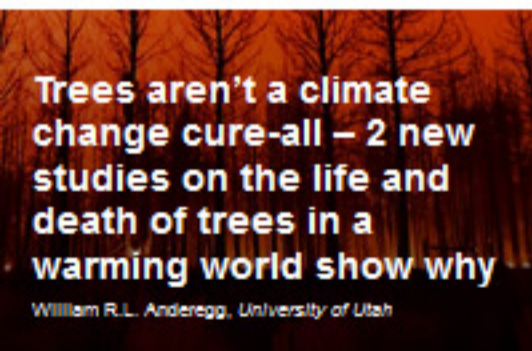
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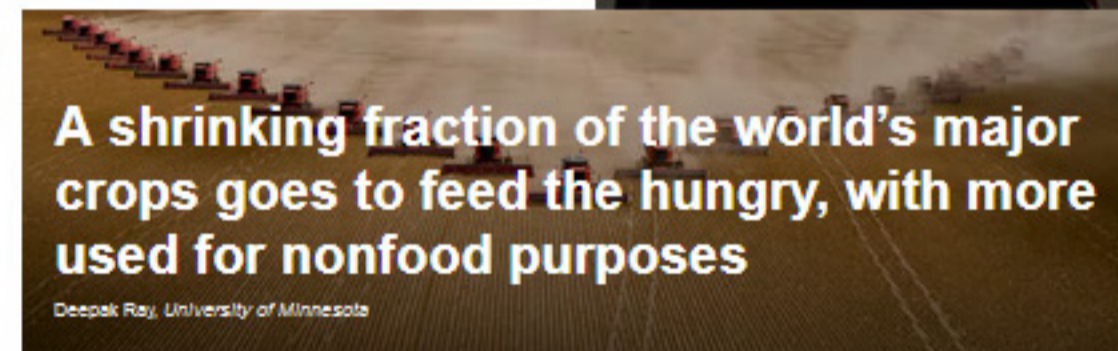
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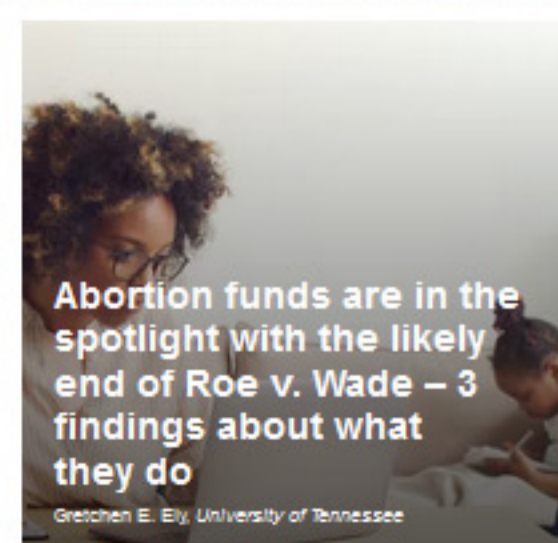
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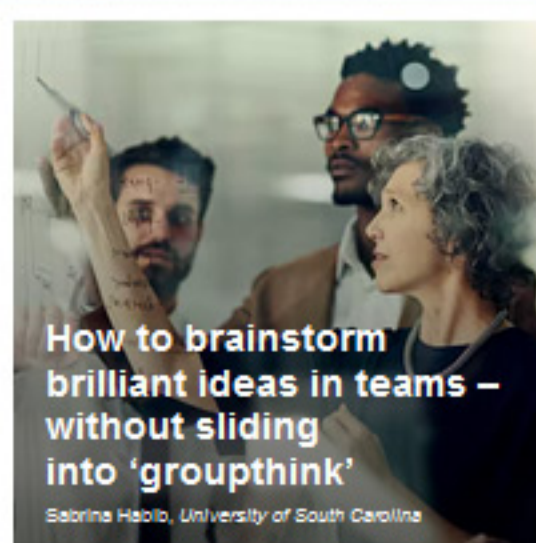
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The Buffalo gunman planned to continue his rampage, says the city's police commissioner

The alleged perpetrator of the mass shooting, which left 10 people dead, would have driven away and sought more victims had he not been stopped by police, Commissioner Joseph Gramaglia told ABC News.



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RACE

What is the 'Great Replacement' and how is it tied to the Buffalo shooting suspect?

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DUSTIN JONES 



People gather outside the scene of a shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo, N.Y., Sunday, May 15, 2022.

Authorities are calling Saturday's mass shooting in Buffalo, N.Y., a racially motivated attack. The suspect allegedly wrote a 180-page document filled with hateful rants about race and ties to the "Great Replacement." Here's what you need to know about this particular conspiracy theory.

What is the "Great Replacement"? In short, the "Great Replacement" is a conspiracy theory that states that non-white individuals are being brought into the United States and other Western countries to "replace" white voters to achieve a political agenda. It is often touted by anti-immigration groups, white supremacists and others, according to the National Immigration Forum. White supremacists argue that the influx of immigrants, people of color more specifically, will lead to the extinction of the white race. Similar to mass extremists, Payton Gendron, the 18-year-old white male accused of killing 10 people and wounding another three in Buffalo, allegedly said in his screed that the decrease in white birth rates equates to a genocide. The alleged supermarket shooter and other extremists claim the U.S. has to close its borders to immigrants. The "Great Replacement" theory is sometimes seen in other ways such as claims of voter replacement and immigrants invading America, the National Immigration Forum said. The first claim assumes that immigrants and non-white people will vote a certain way, ultimately drowning out the votes of white Americans.

Adolphus Belk Jr., professor of political science and African American studies at Winthrop University, said white nationalist movements arise when people of color are seen as a threat in the political and economic realms. Belk said white nationalists are worried that, "whites will no longer be a majority of the general population, but a plurality, and see that as a threat to their own well-being and the well-being of the nation."

Where does this theory come from? The "Great Replacement" theory has roots in French nationalism books dating back to the early 1900s, according to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). However, the theory's more contemporary use is attributed to Renaud Camus, a French writer who wrote "Le Grand Remplacement" (which translates to "The Great Replacement") in 2011. Camus' writing was influenced by another French Author, Jean Raspail, who's 1973 novel, The Camp of the Saints, told a fictional tale of migrants banding together to take over France, the ADL said. According to the ADL, white supremacists blame Jewish people for non-white immigration to the U.S., and the replacement theory is now associated with antisemitism. **A core belief to the white supremacist movement is the 14-word slogan, "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for White children",** according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which was coined by David Lane, a member of the white supremacist group The Order.

Fast forward to August 2017, when white nationalists rallied at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Rally participants chanted, "The Jews will not replace us!"



Protestors in Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 12, 2017. White supremacists at the protests chanted, "The Jews will not replace us!", a reference to the "Great Replacement" theory.

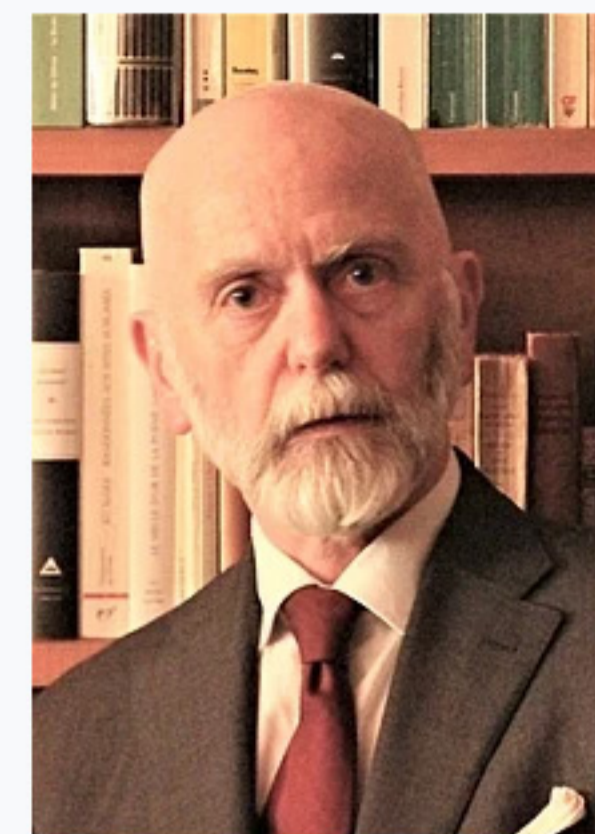
The "Great Replacement" and its role in hate crimes The U.S. House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing about the rise of hate crimes and white nationalism in April 2019. New York representative and Judiciary Committee chairperson Jerrold Nadler then described the issue as, "an urgent crisis in our country." "Unfortunately, various statistics confirm what most of us have observed, that hate incidents are increasing in the United States," Nadler said. "This increase has occurred during a disturbing rise of white nationalism in our country and across the globe." He listed off several racially motivated attacks: nine people killed at a South Carolina church in 2015; 11 at a synagogue in Pennsylvania in 2018; 50 people shot and killed at a mosque in New Zealand in 2019. Belk said what makes individual extremists and white nationalist groups so dangerous are the lengths they are willing to go to in order protect their position in society. "They are willing to use any means that are available to preserve and defend their position in society ... it's almost like a sort of holy war, a conflict, where they see themselves as taking the action directly to the offending culture and people by eliminating them," Belk said. The suspect in custody for Buffalo's most recent mass shooting traveled from Broome County, N.Y., some 200 miles away, to carry out his attack, according to police. The overwhelming majority of the victims were Black.

Renaud Camus

Jean Renaud Gabriel Camus (/kæˈmuː/; French: [ʁəno kamy]; born 10 August 1946) is a French novelist and writer. He is the creator of the "Great Replacement", a theory that claims that a global elite is colluding against the white population of Europe to replace them with non-European peoples. Camus's views on the "Great Replacement" have been translated on far-right websites and adopted by far-right groups to reinforce their white genocide conspiracy theory. Born in Chamalières, Auvergne, a rural town in central France, Camus was raised in a bourgeois family, he is the son of Léon Camus, an entrepreneur, and Catherine Gourdiat, a lawyer. His parents removed him from their will after he revealed his homosexuality. At 21, then a socialist, he participated in pro-LGBT marches during the May 1968 events in Paris.

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Camus in 2019

Born	Jean Renaud Gabriel Camus 10 August 1946 (age 75) Chamalières, France
Education	Sorbonne University University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas Sciences Po
Notable works	<i>Tricks</i> (1979) <i>The Great Replacement</i> (2011)
Notable awards	<i>Prix Fénelon</i> (1977) <i>Prix Amic</i> (1996)

The Great Replacement [edit]

Development (1996–2011) [edit]

Camus stated in a 2016 interview with British magazine *The Spectator* that he began to think up his theory in 1996, while editing a guidebook about the department of Hérault. He claimed that he "suddenly realised that in very old villages (...) the population had totally changed too," and added, "this is when I began to write like that."^[6]

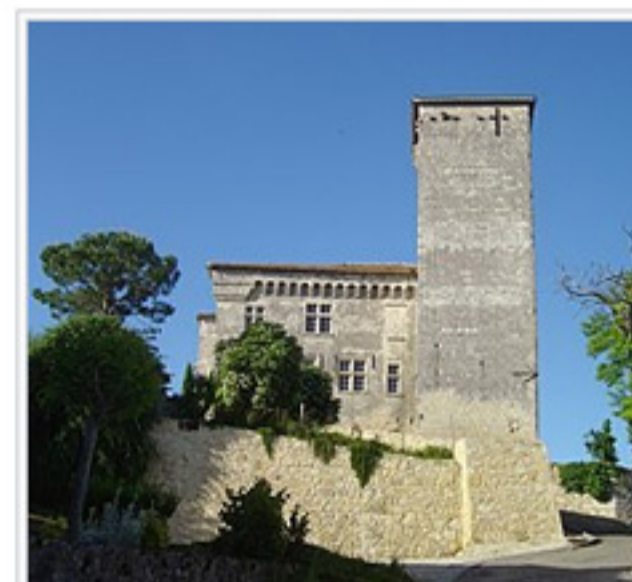
Camus supported for a time the left-wing souverainist politician Jean-Pierre Chevènement, then voted for the ecologist candidate Noël Mamère in the 2002 presidential election.^[8] The same year, he founded his own racialist political party,^[17] the Parti de l'in-nocence ("Party of No-harm"), although it was not publicly launched until the 2012 presidential election.^[6] The party advocates remigration, i.e. sending all immigrants and their families back to the country of their origin, and a complete cessation of future immigration.^[5]

He also declared that a key to understanding his "Great Replacement" theory can be found in a book about aesthetics he published in 2002, titled *Du Sens* ("Of Meaning").^[6] In the latter, inspired by a dialog between Plato and Cratylus, he wrote that the words "France" and "French" equal a natural and physical reality, not a legal one; it is a cratyism similar to Charles Maurras' distinction between the "legal country" and the "real country."^{[a][18]}

Since his 2010 and 2011 books *L'Abécédaire de l'in-nocence* ("Abecedarium of no-harm") and *Le Grand Remplacement* ("The Great Replacement")—both unpublished in English—Camus has been warning of the purported danger of the "Great Replacement".^[19] The conspiracy theory supposes that "replacist elites"^[b] are colluding against the White French and Europeans in order to replace them with non-European peoples—specifically Muslim populations from Africa and the Middle East—through mass migration, demographic growth and a drop in the European birth rate; a supposed process he labeled "genocide by substitution."^{[1][20]} To promote his theory, Camus participated in two conferences organised by Bloc Identitaire in December 2010 and November 2012.^[17]

Political activism (2012–present) [edit]

He was a candidate in the 2012 French presidential election, with a program ranging from "serious proposals, such as the repatriation of foreign-born criminals", to unusual themes in French politics, such as "the right to silence, abolishing wind-farms, banning roadside ads, making sanctuaries of remaining unspoiled places, stopping the production of cars that can go faster than the speed limit, and recognising Israel, Palestine and a Greater Lebanon for Christians in the Middle East."^[6] He nonetheless failed to gain enough elected representatives presentations to be able to run for president, and eventually decided to support Marine Le Pen.^{[16][21]}



The castle of Plieux, built in 1340 and Camus' home in Occitanie, southern France

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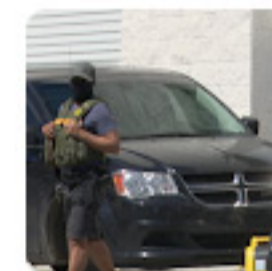
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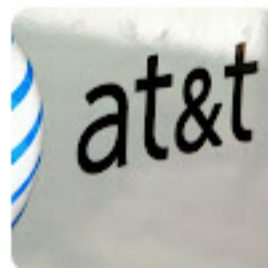
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Town of Warren officially recognizes Pokanoket ties to land



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Members and supporters of the Pokanoket Nation demonstrate in a march to the Brown University campus in September. [The Providence Journal / David DelPoio] *The Providence Journal*

WARREN — In recognition of its Native American history, the Town of Warren has approved a “land acknowledgment” that pays tribute to the Pokanoket people who inhabited the region when colonists arrived four centuries ago.

The Town Council, at a meeting July 13, unanimously approved the measure, which reads in part:

“We acknowledge that our community was a part of the larger ancestral homeland of the Pokanoket Nation. Let this acknowledgement serve as a reminder of our ongoing efforts to recognize, honor, reconcile and partner with the Pokanoket people for the benefit of the lands and water of Sowams.”

The Pokanoket Nation, which is not recognized by the federal government, claims as its ancestral lands parts of southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Rhode Island. The heart of its territory was the area known to the tribe as Sowams, which is now divided into the towns of Bristol, Barrington and Warren.

Led by its sagamore, or chief, William Guy, the tribe has been seeking to have its identity acknowledged for many years. In August 2017, the Pokanokets and their supporters reclaimed land in Bristol owned by Brown University, setting up an encampment and blocking access to the area. The occupation came to an end more than a month later after Brown agreed to put a portion of the land in trust and guarantee access to the Pokanokets and other tribes.

The Warren Town Council formed a study committee in October 2020 to “look at ways that the town’s precolonial history could be better appreciated,” according to a news release from the town. The committee wrote the land acknowledgment and the language was approved by the Pokanoket Nation Council, the town said. The tribe did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Land acknowledgments are formal statements that aim to recognize indigenous peoples, their history and their ties to lands. A growing number of cities and towns, as well as colleges and universities, have approved land acknowledgments. The Town of Warren says it’s the first municipality in New England to do so.

The acknowledgment is part of a larger effort in the town to pay respect to the Pokanoket people. On July 3, the town commemorated the 400th anniversary of the first visit of the Pilgrims to the home of Massasoit, also known as Ousamequin, the chief of the Pokanokets at the time. The ceremony honoring the 1621 meeting was held at what is now Massasoit Spring, the site in Warren where the tribe’s settlement is believed to have been located.

The town has installed a new marker at the spring to describe the site’s history, and has also updated a local history program for schoolchildren with more information about the tribe. The town is also working with the Warren Athletic Hall of Fame to reinterpret the use, before 1993, of a Native American mascot.

In addition, on Aug. 8, the Pokanokets will hold an event at Burr’s Hill Park, where Massasoit was buried, for people to learn more about the tribe and its history.









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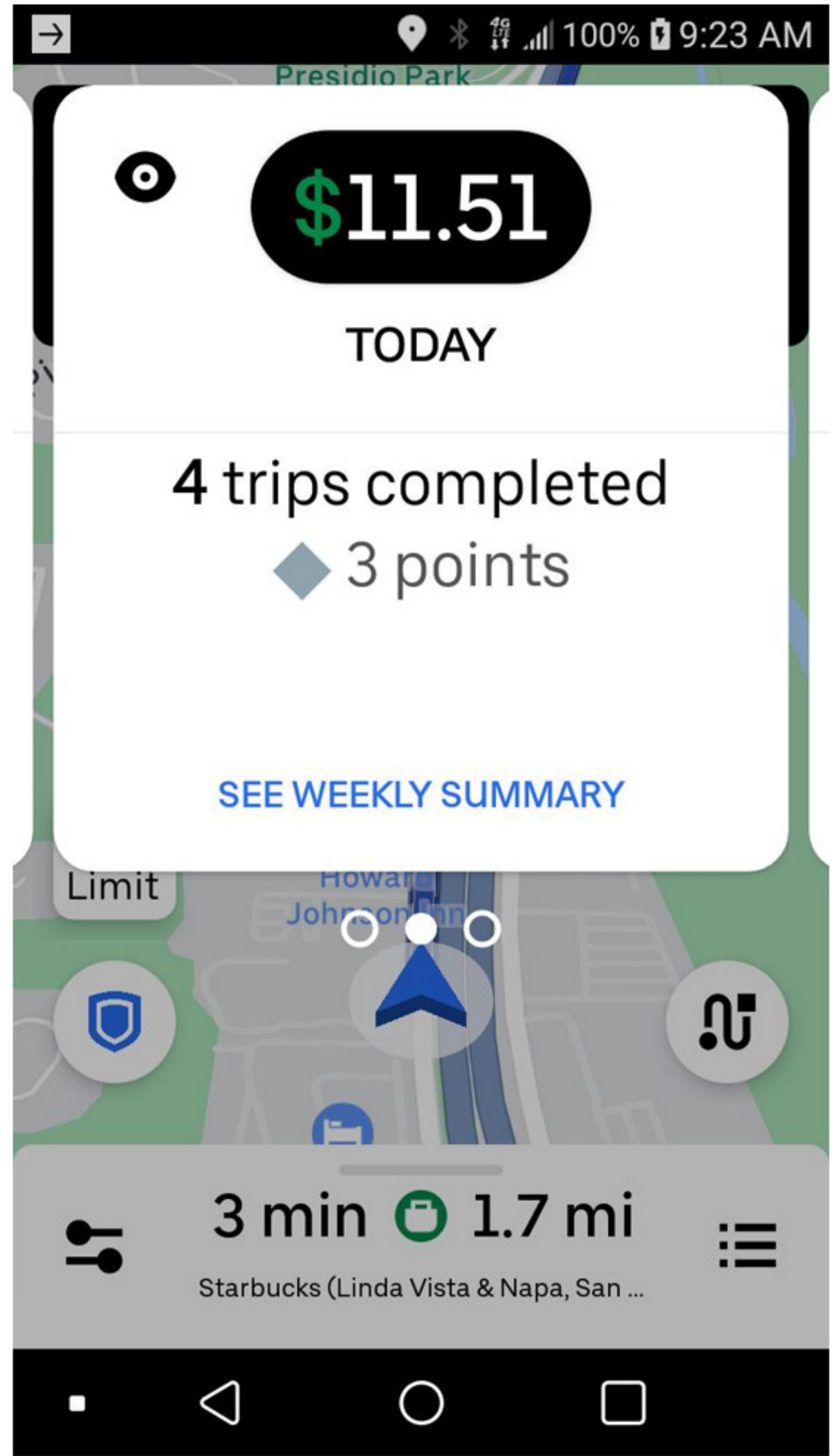


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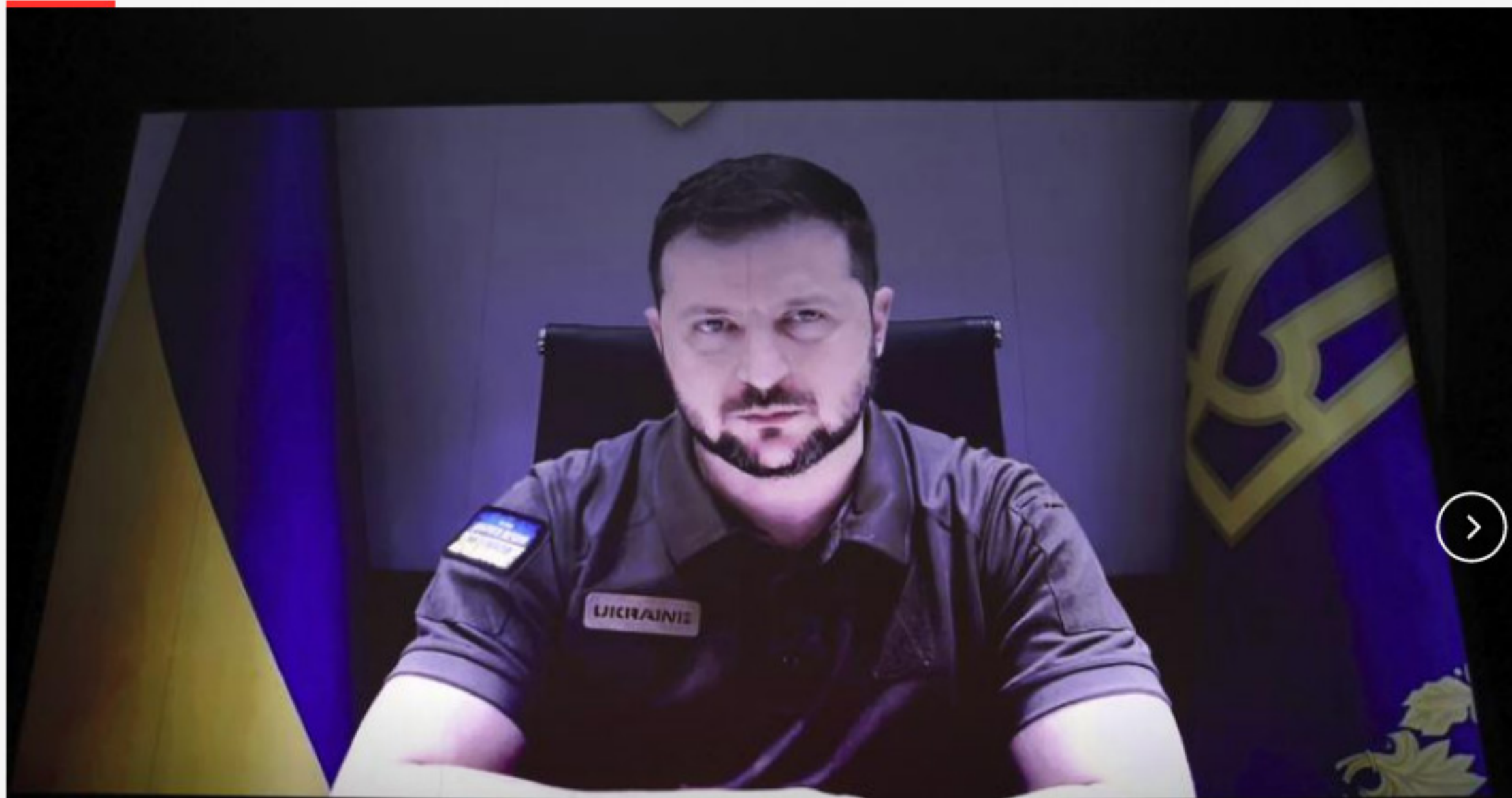
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Zelenskyy opens Cannes Film Festival, links war and cinema

By JAKE COYLE yesterday



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President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy appears via remote during the opening ceremony of the 75th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Tuesday, May 17, 2022. (Photo by Vianney Le Caer/Invision/AP)

CANNES, France (AP) — The 75th Cannes Film Festival kicked off Tuesday with an eye turned to Russia’s war in Ukraine and a live satellite video address from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who called on a new generation of filmmakers to confront dictators as Charlie Chaplin satirized Adolf Hitler.

After tributes and musical numbers, Zelenskyy was streamed live for the formally attired audience who had gathered for the premiere of Michel Hazanavicius’ zombie comedy “Final Cut.”

Zelenskyy, dressed in his signature olive green shirt, drew a thunderous standing ovation and spoke at length about the connection between cinema and reality. He referenced films like Francis Ford Coppola’s “Apocalypse Now” and Charlie Chaplin’s “The Great Dictator” as not unlike Ukraine’s present circumstances.

Zelenskyy quoted Chaplin’s final speech in “The Great Dictator,” which was released in 1940, in the early days of World War II: “The hate of men will pass, and dictators die, and the power they took from the people will return to the people.”

“We need a new Chaplin who will demonstrate that the cinema of our time is not silent,” implored Zelenskyy.

The Ukrainian president pushed filmmakers not to “stay silent” while hundreds continue to die in Ukraine, the largest war in Europe since WWII, and show that cinema “is always on the side of freedom.”

The war is to be a regular presence in Cannes, where the festival has barred Russians with ties to the government from attending this year. Set to screen are several films from prominent Ukrainian filmmakers, including Sergei Loznitsa’s documentary “The Natural History of Destruction.” Footage shot by Lithuanian filmmaker Mantas Kvedaravičius before he was killed in Mariupol in April will also be shown by his fiancée, Hanna Bilobrova.

Even “Final Cut,” the latest film from “The Artist” filmmaker Hazanavicius, was renamed from its original title, “Z,” after Ukrainian protesters noted that the letter Z to some symbolizes support for Russia’s war in Ukraine.



Decomposers at work: Shelf fungi feeding on a rotting log. Craig Joiner/Loop Images/Universal Images Group via Getty Images

Beyond flora and fauna: Why it's time to include fungi in global conservation goals

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It's no secret that Earth's biodiversity is at risk. According to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, 26% of all mammals, 14% of birds and 41% of amphibians are currently threatened worldwide, mainly due to human impacts such as climate change and development.

Other forms of life are also under pressure, but they are harder to count and assess. Some scientists have warned of mass insect die-offs, although others say the case hasn't been proved. And then there are fungi – microbes that often go unnoticed, with an estimated 2 million to 4 million species. Fewer than 150,000 fungi have received formal scientific descriptions and classifications.

If you enjoy bread, wine or soy sauce, or have taken penicillin or immunosuppressant drugs, thank fungi, which make all of these products possible. Except for baker's yeast and button mushrooms, most fungi remain overlooked and thrive hidden in the dark and damp. But scientists agree that they are valuable organisms worth protecting.

As mycologists whose biodiversity work includes studying fungi that interact with millipedes, plants, mosquitoes and true bugs, we have devoted our careers to understanding the critical roles fungi play. These relationships can be beneficial, harmful or neutral for the fungus's partner organism. But it's not an overstatement to say that without fungi breaking down dead matter and recycling its nutrients, life on Earth would be unrecognizable.



Australian naturalist Steve Axford photographs fungi in Australia's rainforests, helping scientists document previously unknown species.

Delegations from most of the world's countries will meet in China this fall for a major conference on protecting biodiversity. Their goal is to set international benchmarks for conserving life on Earth for years to come. Mycologists want the plan to include mushrooms, yeasts and molds.

Anyone who takes their curiosity outdoors can use community science platforms, such as iNaturalist, to report their observations of fungi and learn more. Joining a mycology club is a great way to learn how to find and harvest fungi responsibly, without overpicking or damaging their habitats.

Fungi are forming important networks and partnerships all around us in the environment, moving resources and information in all directions between soil, water and other living things. To us, they exemplify the power of connection and cooperation – valuable traits in this precarious phase of life on Earth.

NATIONAL

Doug Mastriano, backed by Trump, wins crowded Pennsylvania GOP primary for governor

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GOP voters in Pennsylvania picked state Sen. Doug Mastriano as their candidate for governor, according to the AP. Mastriano has touted far-right views and election lies, drawing Trump's endorsement.



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How the war in Ukraine 'changed everything' for a generation of young Poles

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Why Turkey isn't on board with Finland, Sweden joining NATO – and why that matters

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After decades of neutrality, the two Scandinavian states that have to date remained out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization have reacted to Russia's invasion of Ukraine by declaring an intention to join the American-led alliance. But there is a major obstacle in their way: Turkey.

The increasingly autocratic and anti-democratic president of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, has said he will not agree to the entry of these two countries. And as a member of NATO, Turkey's approval is needed for Finland and Sweden to join.

Erdoğan is alone among NATO leaders in publicly stating that he is against the two Scandinavian countries' joining the alliance.

Harboring terrorists or grudges?

The Turkish president's opposition is based on his view that Finland and Sweden support "terrorists." What Erdoğan means is that both countries have given protection and residence to members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK – the major armed group mounting resistance to Turkey's harsh treatment of its millions of Kurdish citizens. The plight of the country's Kurds, part of a large but stateless ethnic group in the region, has long been a bone of contention between Turkey and parts of the international community.

Despite the PKK's being listed by the U.S. and EU as a terrorist group, Finland and Sweden have been reluctant to extradite members of the group to Turkey over human rights concerns. Erdoğan has responded by calling Sweden a "hatchery" for terrorism and claiming neither country has "a clear, open attitude" toward terrorist organizations, adding: "How can we trust them?"

Erdoğan's ire with Finland and Sweden has also been exacerbated by the country hosting followers of Turkish scholar and cleric Fethullah Gulen. These followers are part of an educational and political movement with which Erdoğan had been allied, but with which he broke as it grew more powerful. The Turkish president accuses the Gulenists of staging a failed coup against his government in 2016.

All international politics is local

As if that were not enough, the neutral Scandinavians condemned Turkey's 2019 incursion into Syria. In that operation, the Turks targeted Rojava – a socialist, feminist autonomous Kurdish enclave near the Turkish border. Complicating the matter, the Syrians of Rojava were – despite their links to the PKK – allies of the American forces. The Kurds of Rojava played a crucial role beating back the Islamic State group in Syria but were later abandoned by the Trump administration, which pulled U.S. troops back from the Turkish border, allowing its NATO ally to launch a military operation against the Kurds.

Foreign policy is almost always intimately tied to domestic concerns. In the case of Turkey's government, a major fear is the threat to its grip on power posed by the Kurds – and international pressure over Turkey's record of repressing the group.

Turkey's Kurdish populations are not allowed free elections in the eastern Anatolian region, where they are the majority. Meanwhile, education and cultural institutions in the Kurdish language face a de facto ban.



Before the pandemic, an intergenerational tea party wouldn't have seemed a risky proposition.

Just how accurate are rapid antigen tests?

Two testing experts explain the latest data

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by Nathaniel Hafer, Apurv Soni, UMass Chan Medical School

The role of rapid antigen tests: During that time, our group was working on a study examining the performance of over-the-counter tests in the general population. We used data from this study to look at the performance of these tests both before and after omicron became the dominant variant in the United States. Our study, which has not yet been peer-reviewed, was unique because it was testing people for the COVID-19 virus over the course of two weeks, and thus we were able to observe emerging infections. In our analysis of approximately 150 individuals who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 during the study, we made two major observations. The first is that over-the-counter tests were able to detect the omicron variant as well as the delta variant. Another is that serial testing – two tests taken 24 to 36 hours apart – is critical with rapid tests. This is because we observed that if a person had an infection that was detected by a PCR test for at least two days in a row, one or two of the over-the-counter tests taken over the same time also detected the infection more than 80% of the time. In comparison, a single rapid test detected far fewer infections. Previous research by our study team and others suggests that over-the-counter tests are more likely to detect an infection among people who are actively contagious.

It's impossible to determine your personal COVID-19 risks and frustrating to try – but you can still take action

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How risky is swim team? How risky is it to go to my orthodontist appointment? How risky is going to the grocery store with a mask on if no one else is wearing one and my father is an organ transplant recipient? How risky is it to have a wedding with 200 people, indoors, and the reception hall has a vaulted ceiling? And on and on.

These questions are hard to answer, and even when we try, the answers are unsatisfying. So in early April 2022, when Anthony Fauci, the president's chief medical advisor, told Americans that from here on out, each of us is going to have to do our own personal risk assessment, I put my head down on my desk.

Individualized risk assessment is not a reasonable ask, even for someone who does risk assessment for a living, let alone for the rest of us. It's impossible to evaluate our own risk for any given situation, and the impossibility of the task can make us feel like giving up entirely. So instead of doing that, I suggest focusing on risk reduction. Reframing in this way brings us back to the realm of what we can control and to the tried and true evidence-based strategies: wearing masks, getting vaccinated and boosted, avoiding indoor crowds and improving ventilation.

I suspect the question folks are really asking is: How can I manage the risks? I like this question better because it has an answer: You should do what you can. If it's reasonable to wear a mask, wear one. Yes, even if it isn't required. If it's reasonable to do an at-home antigen test before you see your vulnerable grandparents, do that. Get vaccinated and boosted. Tell your friends and family that you did, and why. Choose outdoor gatherings. Open a window.

Constantly assessing and reassessing risks has given many people decision fatigue. I feel that too. But you don't need to recalibrate risks of everything, every day, for every variant, because the strategies to reduce risk remain the same. Reducing risk – even if it's just a little bit – is better than doing nothing.

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A protein called ZNG1 helps cells make use of zinc when stores of this essential nutrient are running low. bagi1998/E+ via Getty Images

Zinc is a metal essential to life – scientists have discovered a protein that helps keep cells alive when zinc levels are low

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Zinc is a micronutrient you can't live without.

All living things, including people, need zinc in their diets. Getting too little of this essential metal can impair growth and cause immune dysfunction, neurological disorders and cancer. Unfortunately, over 17% of the world's population is at risk for zinc deficiency. The World Health Organization considers this kind of micronutrient-related malnutrition a leading contributor to disease and death.

After you eat a meal, zinc is taken up by the cells of your body. Inside each cell, zinc binds to proteins to support their structure and function. Researchers estimate that up to 10% of all proteins need zinc to properly function. In this sense, a zinc protein without zinc is similar to a car without an engine or without screws holding it together: It either might not work or disassemble completely.

Despite zinc's importance to human health, several aspects of how it supports cellular processes aren't completely understood, including how it's incorporated into the proteins essential for cell function in the first place.

As researchers who study how metals work in biological systems such as the human body, we wanted to understand how zinc is distributed within a cell. Which proteins in the cell get zinc first, especially if there isn't enough to go around? How does zinc get to these important proteins?

ZNG1 may hold the key to zinc deficiency

We believe this research is just the first step to better understand how zinc metallochaperones maintain health and cellular function when zinc levels are low.

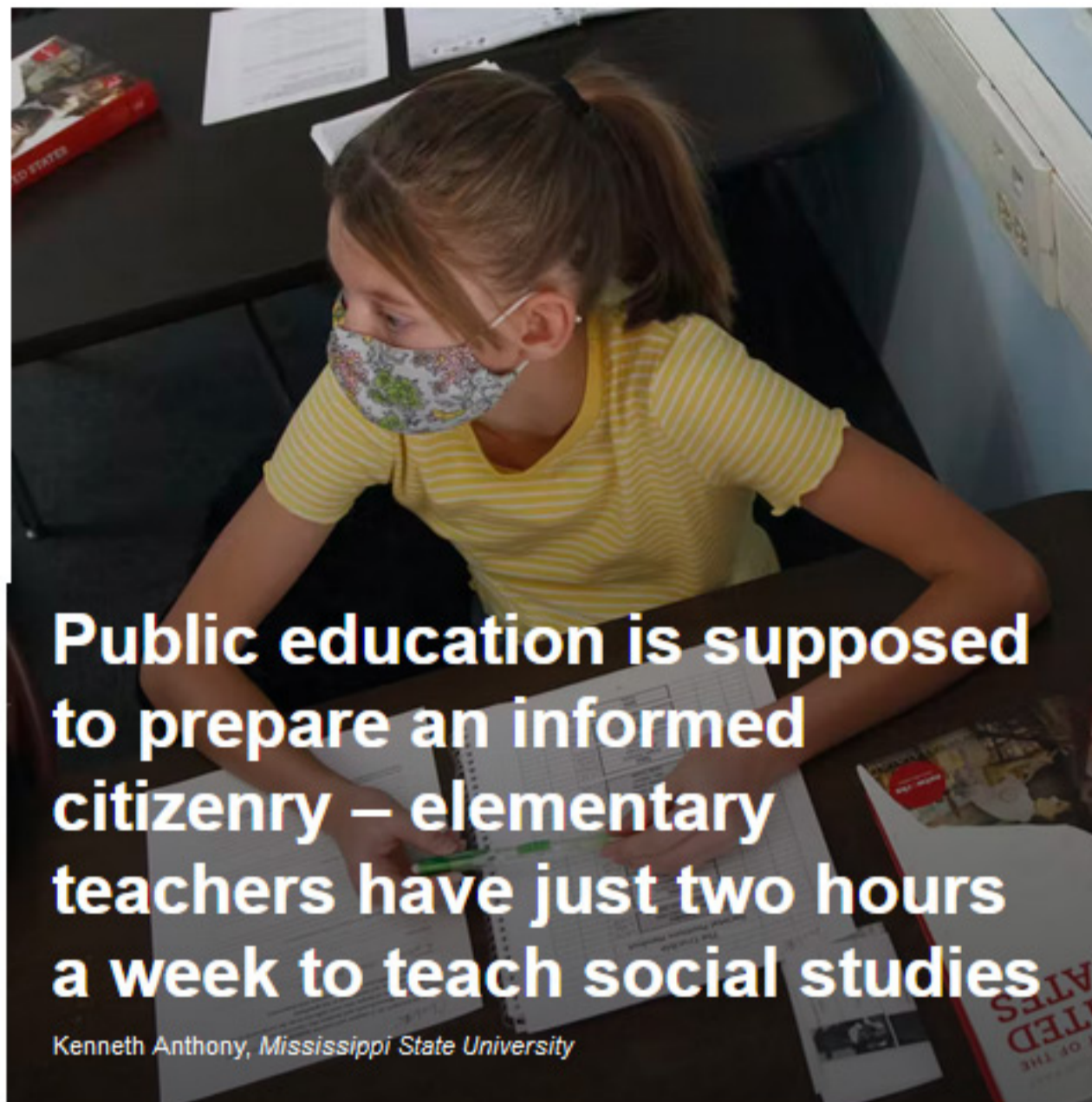
We hypothesize that ZNG1 supports the function of additional zinc-dependent proteins in the cell. In that way, ZNG1 would be the gatekeeper that distributes zinc to a network of essential proteins, ultimately allowing an organism to survive even if dietary zinc is limited.

This research paves the way to understanding how cells use zinc during periods of malnourishment or zinc deficiency. Further research on the proteins to which ZNG1 preferentially gives zinc when there isn't enough available could help identify which cellular processes are most crucial to sustain life when zinc is limited. This in turn could help in the fight against the negative health consequences of zinc deficiency.



In Midwestern schools, LGBTQ teachers face discrimination, hate and their own fears

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"They still draw pictures!"

So wrote the editors of an influential collection of children's art that was compiled in 1938 during the Spanish Civil War. Eighty years later, war continues to upend children's lives in Ukraine, Yemen and elsewhere. In January, UNICEF projected that 177 million children worldwide would require assistance due to war and political instability in 2022. This included 12 million children in Yemen, 6.5 million in Syria and 5 million in Myanmar. The Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 added 7 million more children to this number. To date, more than half of Ukraine's children have been internally or externally displaced. Many more have faced disruptions to education, health care and home life.



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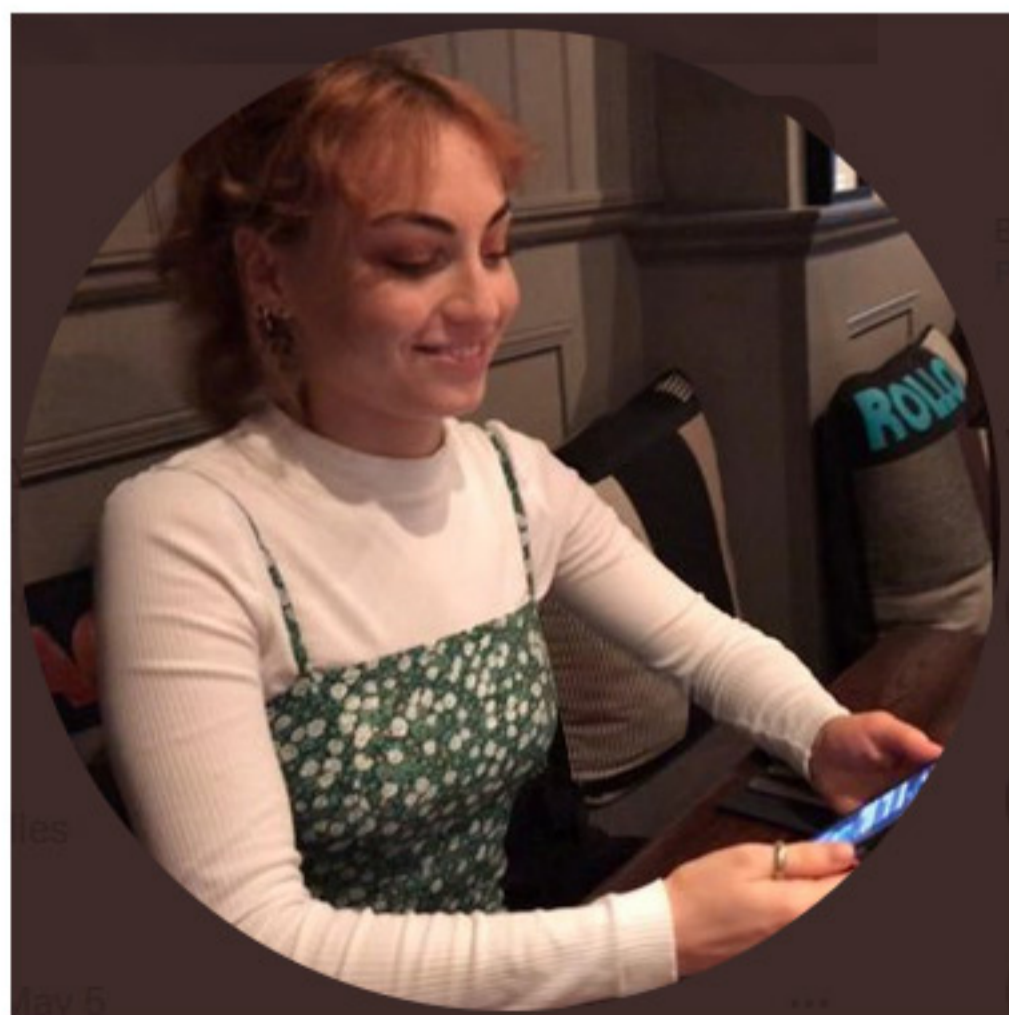
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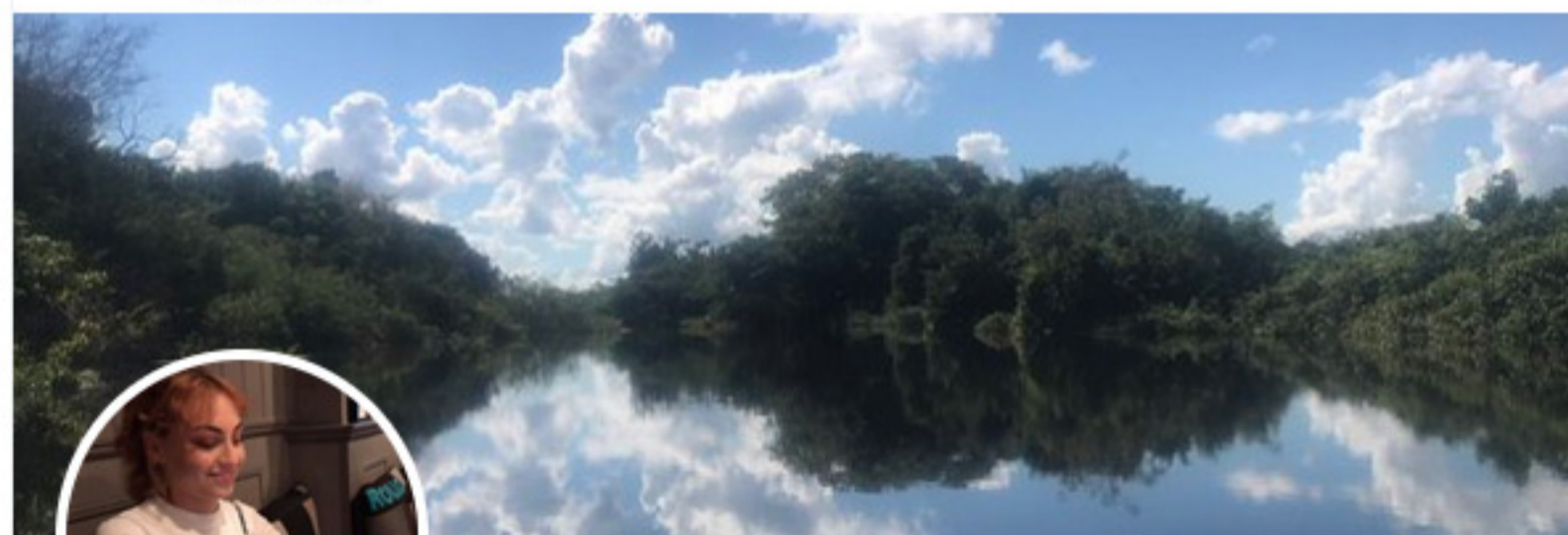
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House passes domestic terrorism bill after Buffalo shooting

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed legislation late Wednesday night that would bolster federal resources to prevent domestic terrorism in response to the racist mass shooting in Buffalo, New York.

The 222-203, nearly party-line vote was an answer to the growing pressure Congress faces to address gun violence and white supremacist attacks — a crisis that escalated following two mass shootings over the weekend. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., a member of the congressional committee investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol, was the lone Republican to vote in favor of the measure.

But the legislative effort by Democrats is not new. The House passed a similar measure in 2020 only to have it languish in the Senate. And since lawmakers lack the support in the Senate to move forward with any sort of gun-control legislation they see as necessary to stop mass shootings, Democrats are instead putting their efforts into a broader federal focus on domestic terrorism.

“We in Congress can’t stop the likes of (Fox News host) Tucker Carlson from spewing hateful, dangerous replacement theory ideology across the airwaves. Congress hasn’t been able to ban the sale of assault weapons. The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act is what Congress can do this week to try to prevent future Buffalo shootings,” Rep. Brad Schneider, D-Ill., who first introduced the measure in 2017, said on the House floor.

Replacement theory is a racist ideology that alleges white people and their influence are being intentionally “replaced” by people of color through immigration and higher birth rates. It’s being investigated as a motivating factor in Saturday’s supermarket shooting that killed 10 people in Buffalo, New York, all of them Black. Police say an 18-year-old white man drove three hours to carry out a racist, livestreamed shooting rampage in a crowded supermarket.

Supporters of the House bill say it will fill the gaps in intelligence-sharing among the Justice Department, Department of Homeland Security and the FBI so that officials can better track and respond to the growing threat of white extremist terrorism. Under current law, the three federal agencies already work to investigate, prevent and prosecute acts of domestic terrorism. But the bill would require each agency to open offices specifically dedicated to those tasks and create an interagency task force to combat the infiltration of white supremacy in the military.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill would cost about \$105 million over five years, with most of the money going toward hiring staff. “As we took 9/11 seriously, we need to take this seriously. This is a domestic form of the same terrorism that killed the innocent people of New York City and now this assault in Buffalo and many other places,” said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who is sponsoring an identical bill in the Senate.

Senate Democrats are pledging to bring up the bill for a vote next week. But its prospects are uncertain, with Republicans opposed to bolstering the power of the Justice Department in domestic surveillance.

Republican lawmakers assert that the Justice Department abused its power to conduct more domestic surveillance when Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a memo in October aimed at combating threats against school officials nationwide. They labeled the memo as targeting concerned parents.

GOP lawmakers also say the bill doesn’t place enough emphasis on combatting domestic terrorism committed by groups on the far left. Under the bill, agencies would be required to produce a joint report every six months that assesses and quantifies domestic terrorism threats nationally, including threats posed by white supremacists and neo-Nazi groups.

“This bill glaringly ignores the persistent domestic terrorism threat from the radical left in this country and instead makes the assumption that it is all on the white and the right,” said Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif.

The divergence highlights the stubborn gap between Democrats and Republicans over domestic terrorism in the U.S. and how it should be defined and prosecuted.

For decades, terrorism has been consistently tied with attacks from foreign actors, but as home-grown terrorism, often perpetrated by white men, has flourished over the past two decades, Democratic lawmakers have sought to clarify it in federal statute.

“We’ve seen it before in American history. The only thing missing between these organizations and the past are the white robes,” Durbin said. “But the message is still the same hateful, divisive message, that sets off people to do outrageously extreme things, and violent things, to innocent people across America. It’s time for us to take a stand.”

EXPLAINER: Why is Wall Street close to a bear market?

By STAN CHOE and ALEX VEIGA

NEW YORK (AP) — The bears are rumbling toward Wall Street.

The stock market's skid this year has pulled the S&P 500 close to what's known as a bear market. Rising interest rates, high inflation, the war in Ukraine and a slowdown in China's economy have caused investors to reconsider the prices they're willing to pay for a wide range of stocks, from high-flying tech companies to traditional automakers. The last bear market happened just two years ago, but this would still be a first for those investors that got their start trading on their phones during the pandemic. For years, thanks in large part to extraordinary actions by the Federal Reserve, stocks often seemed to go in only one direction: up. Now, the familiar rallying cry to "buy the dip" after every market wobble is giving way fear that the dip is turning into a crater.

WHY IS IT CALLED A BEAR MARKET? A bear market is a term used by Wall Street when an index like the S&P 500, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, or even an individual stock, has fallen 20% or more from a recent high for a sustained period of time. Why use a bear to represent a market slump? Bears hibernate, so bears represent a market that's retreating, said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA. In contrast, Wall Street's nickname for a surging stock market is a bull market, because bulls charge, Stovall said. The S&P 500 index slid 165.17 points Wednesday to 3,923.68. It's now down 18.2% from its high of 4,796.56 on Jan. 3. The Nasdaq is already in a bear market, down 29% from its peak of 16,057.44 on Nov. 19. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is 14.4% below its most recent peak. *The most recent bear market for the S&P 500 ran from February 19, 2020 through March 23, 2020. The index fell 34% in that one-month period. It's the shortest bear market ever.*

WHAT'S BOTHERING INVESTORS? *Market enemy No. 1 is interest rates, which are rising quickly as a result of the high inflation battering the economy. Low rates act like steroids for stocks and other investments, and Wall Street is now going through withdrawal.* The Federal Reserve has made an aggressive pivot away from propping up financial markets and the economy with record-low rates and is focused on fighting inflation. The central bank has already raised its key short-term interest rate from its record low near zero, which had encouraged investors to move their money into riskier assets like stocks or cryptocurrencies to get better returns. *Last week, the Fed signaled additional rate increases of double the usual amount are likely in upcoming months. Consumer prices are at the highest level in four decades, and rose 8.3% in April compared with a year ago.* The moves by design will slow the economy by making it more expensive to borrow. The risk is the Fed could cause a recession if it raises rates too high or too quickly.

Russia's war in Ukraine has also put upward pressure on inflation by pushing up commodities prices. And worries about China's economy, the world's second largest, have added to the gloom.

SO, WE JUST NEED TO AVOID A RECESSION? Even if the Fed can pull off the delicate task of tamping down inflation without triggering a downturn, higher interest rates still put downward pressure on stocks. If customers are paying more to borrow money, they can't buy as much stuff, so less revenue flows to a company's bottom line. Stocks tend to track profits over time. Higher rates also make investors less willing to pay elevated prices for stocks, which are riskier than bonds, when bonds are suddenly paying more in interest thanks to the Fed. Critics said the overall stock market came into the year looking pricey versus history. Big technology stocks and other winners of the pandemic were seen as the most expensive, and those stocks have been the most punished as rates have risen. Stocks have declined almost 35% on average when a bear market coincides with a recession, compared with a nearly 24% drop when the economy avoids a recession, according to Ryan Detrick, chief market strategist at LPL Financial.

SO I SHOULD SELL EVERYTHING NOW, RIGHT? *If you need the money now or want to lock in the losses, yes. Otherwise, many advisers suggest riding through the ups and downs while remembering the swings are the price of admission for the stronger returns that stocks have provided over the long term.* While dumping stocks would stop the bleeding, it would also prevent any potential gains. Many of the best days for Wall Street have occurred either during a bear market or just after the end of one. That includes two separate days in the middle of the 2007-2009 bear market where the S&P 500 surged roughly 11%, as well as leaps of better than 9% during and shortly after the roughly monthlong 2020 bear market. *Advisers suggest putting money into stocks only if it won't be needed for several years.* The S&P 500 has come back from every one of its prior bear markets to eventually rise to another all-time high. The down decade for the stock market following the 2000 bursting of the dot-com bubble was a notoriously brutal stretch, but stocks have often been able to regain their highs within a few years.

HOW LONG DO BEAR MARKETS LAST AND HOW DEEP DO THEY GO? *On average, bear markets have taken 13 months to go from peak to trough and 27 months to get back to breakeven since World War II.* The S&P 500 index has fallen an average of 33% during bear markets in that time. The biggest decline since 1945 occurred in the 2007-2009 bear market when the S&P 500 fell 57%. History shows that the faster an index enters into a bear market, the shallower they tend to be. Historically, stocks have taken 251 days (8.3 months) to fall into a bear market. When the S&P 500 has fallen 20% at a faster clip, the index has averaged a loss of 28%.

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adjective

incongruously varied in appearance or character; disparate. "a motley crew of discontents and zealots"

Similar: miscellaneous, disparate, diverse, assorted, sundry, varied

noun

- 1. an incongruous mixture. "a motley of interacting interest groups"
- 2. **HISTORICAL** the particolored costume of a jester. "life-size mannequins in full motley"

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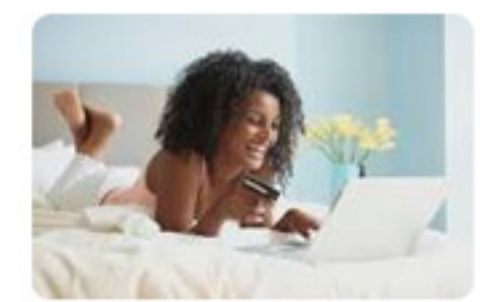
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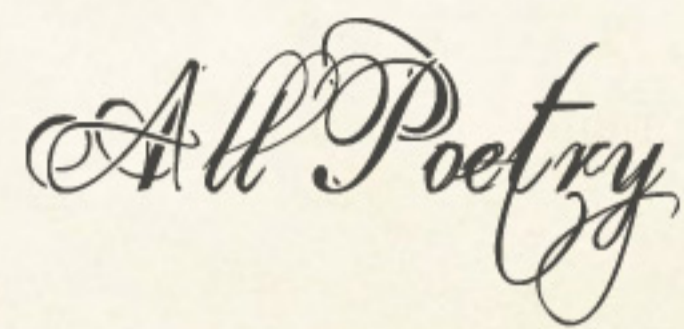
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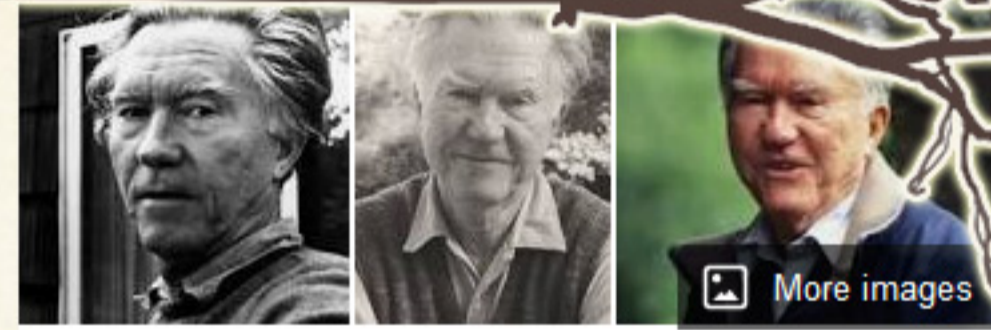
For My Young Friends Who Are Afraid

There is a country to cross you will find in the corner of your eye, in the quick slip of your foot—air far down, a snap that might have caught. And maybe for you, for me, a high, passing voice that finds its way by being afraid. That country is there, for us, carried as it is crossed. What you fear will not go away: it will take you into yourself and bless you and keep you. That's the world, and we all live there.

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William Stafford

American poet

William Edgar Stafford was an American poet and pacifist. He was the father of poet and essayist Kim Stafford. He was appointed the twentieth Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress in 1970.

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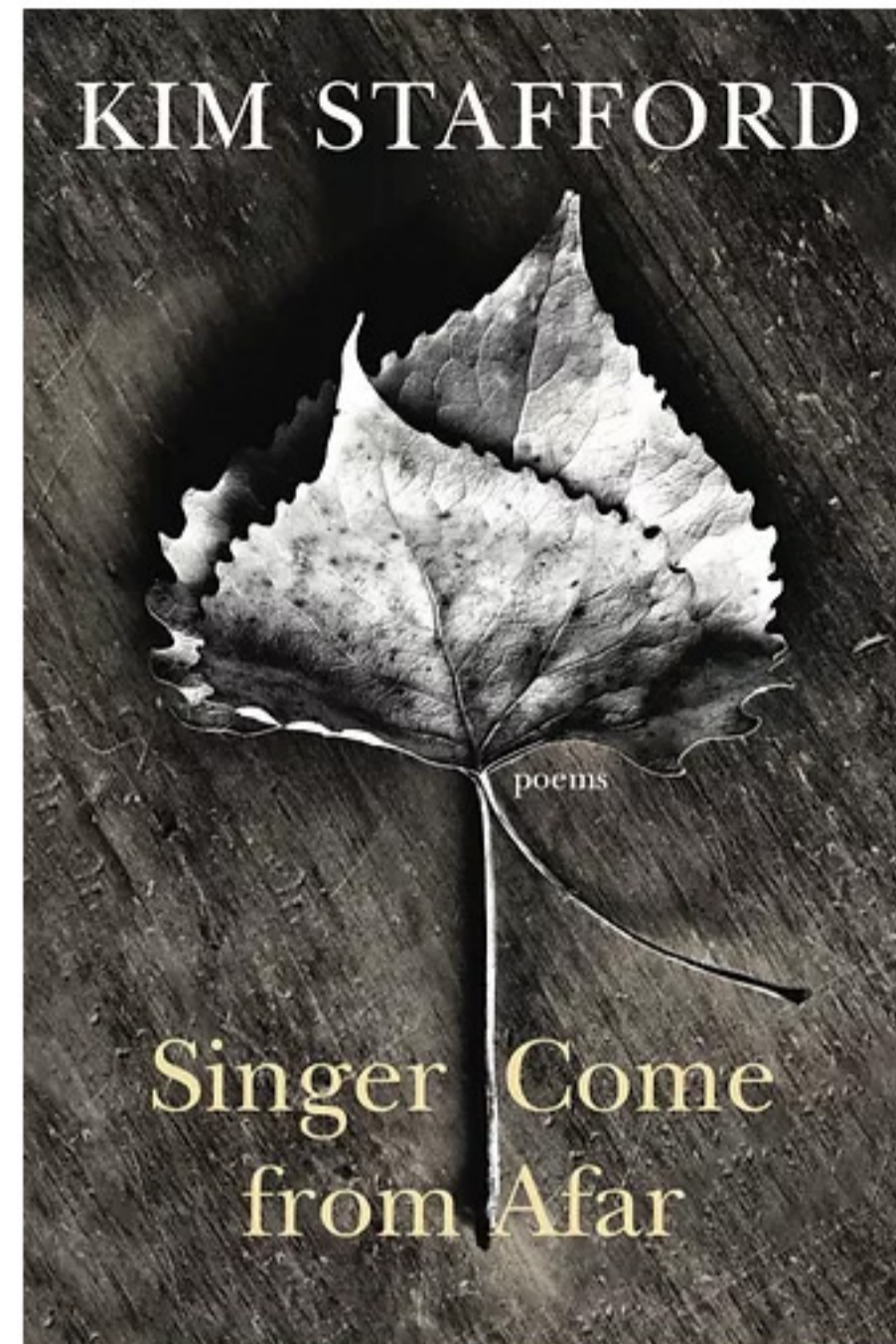
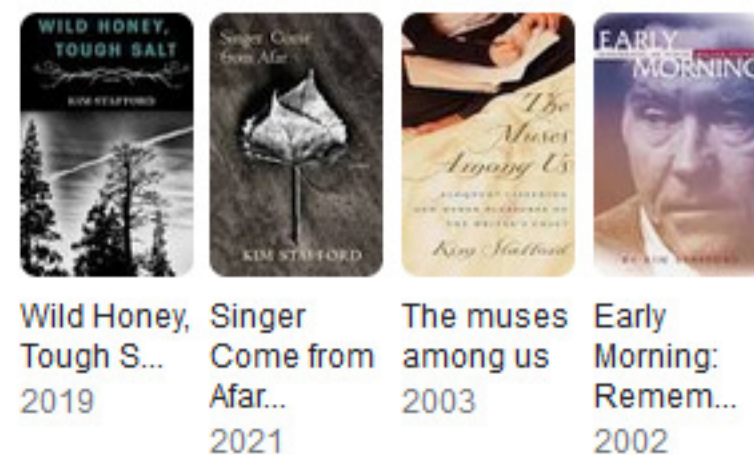
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Our Singer Come from Afar *for Naomi Shihab Nye*

Be our wren or warbler lit in willow
swaying with your tender weight
of songs, sipping the sky to tell us
hard things from far away you
freighted for our understanding and
comfort. Sing the mysterious harmony
of news and blessing, hurt and healing
offered with head high, eye bright
until with a friendly shrug
you flit away and leave us
strangely younger.

from *Singer Come from Afar*
(Red Hen Press, 2021)

The five sections in Kim Stafford's *Singer Come from Afar* hold poems that summon war and peace, pandemic struggles, Earth imperatives, a seeker's spirit, and forge kinship. The former poet laureate of Oregon, Stafford has shared poems from this book in libraries, prisons, on reservations, with veterans, immigrants, homeless families, legislators, and students in schools. He writes for hidden heroes, resonant places, and for our chance to converge in spite of differences. Poems like "Practicing the Complex Yes" and "The Fact of Forgiveness" engineer tools for connection with the self, the community, and the Earth: "It is a given you have failed . . . [but] the world can't keep its treasures from you." For the early months of the pandemic, Stafford wrote and posted a poem for challenge and comfort each day on Instagram and published a series of chapbooks that traveled hand to hand to far places—to Norway, Egypt, and India. He views the writing and sharing of poetry as an essential act of testimony to sustain tikkun olam, the healing of the world. May this book be the hidden spring you seek.

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1. White Flag Patriots (p. 15)

Describe an unusual parade, your own group recruited for a cause dear to you.

2. For the Customs Agent (p. 16) & Dear Mr. President (p. 19)

Write a compassionate letter to someone who has opposed you.

3. Presidential Alert (p. 29) & A Note (p. 120)

Write a "theme and variations" sequence starting with fragments from an official proclamation.

4. All My Relations (p. 38)

Write your own psalm of gratitude to those who made possible your place in the world.

5. Mingling (p. 42)

Describe the sensations of some cherished ritual in life before lockdown.

6. For a Daughter in Quarantine (p. 45)

Write a note to someone out of reach.

7. Dr. Fauci's Smile (p. 52)

How will you know it's over?

8. I Am the Seed (pl. 57)

Go to www.rhymezone.com and make a list of rhyming words, then toss them capriciously into a poem.

9. Advice from a Raindrop (p. 58) & Lessons from a Tree (65)

Speak in the voice of a creature with some simple wisdom for humans.

10. Wild Birds Teach Us (p. 62)

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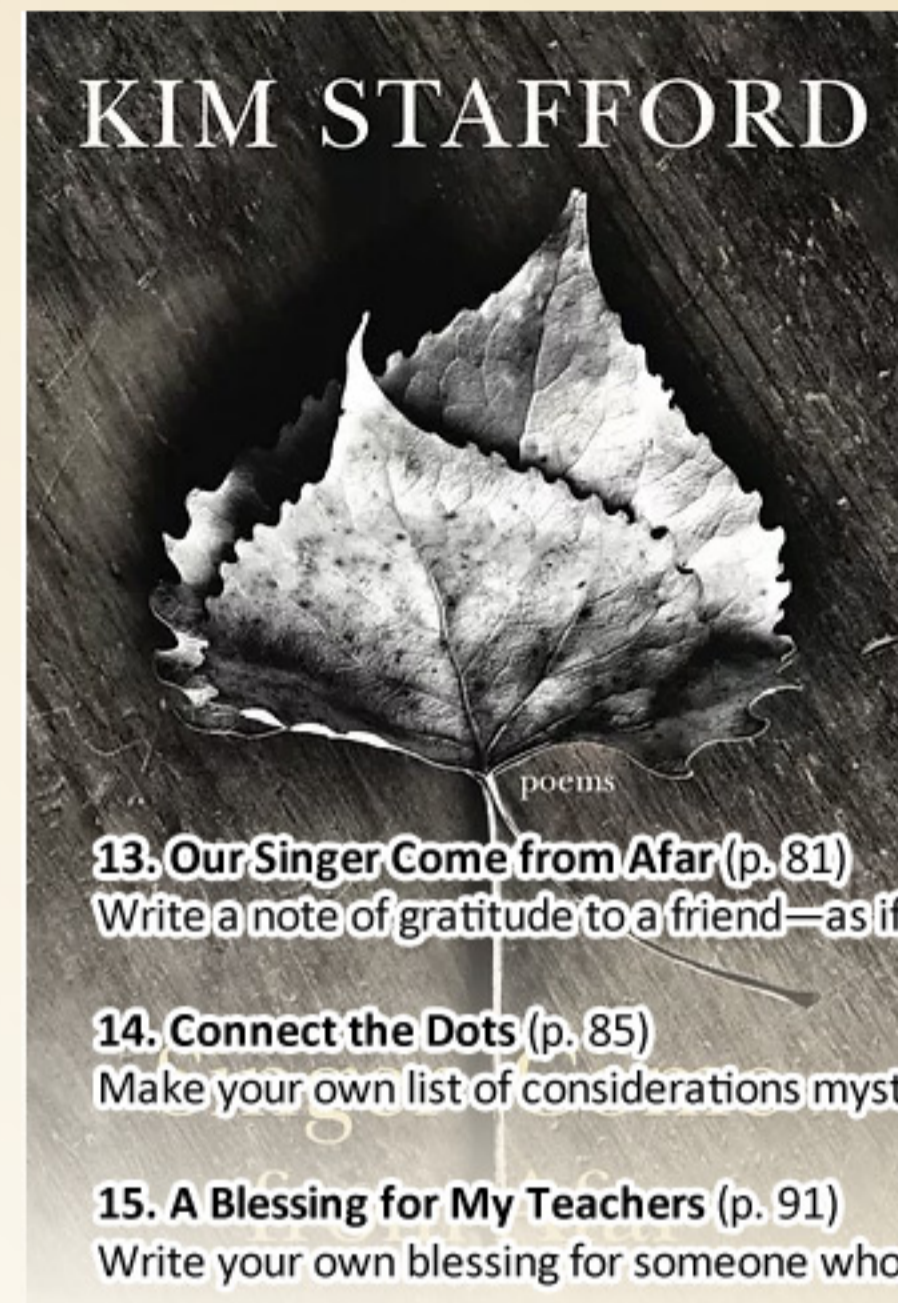
Part 2 (lament, remedy, blessing).

11. For a Toad (p. 68)

Write your blessing for a humble creature...perhaps in creature's own voice.

12. Wonder's Wisdom (p. 76)

List your earliest encounters with the natural world.



13. Our Singer Come from Afar (p. 81)

Write a note of gratitude to a friend—as if speaking to that person's wild spirit.

14. Connect the Dots (p. 85)

Make your own list of considerations mysteriously linked.

15. A Blessing for My Teachers (p. 91)

Write your own blessing for someone who has helped you become you.

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41 Years of Crime in the San Diego Region: 1980 through 2020

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COVID-19 in San Diego County



Daily Highlights

Beginning May 2, 2022, the Daily Highlights dashboard is updated on Mondays and Thursdays. Data through May 18, 2022. Updated May 19, 2022. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

	Cumulative Count	New Cases Reported*	Percentage	Cumulative Rate per 100,000
Confirmed Cases	775,369	1,579	100.0%	23,133

	Cumulative Count	Change from Previous Report	Percentage of Confirmed Cases
Hospitalizations**	30,058	6	3.9%
Deaths	5,282	5	0.7%



San Diego COVID Cumulative rate of confirmed cases = 23.133%

Crime in the San Diego Region: In 2020, there were 11,522 Part I violent crimes reported to law enforcement in the San Diego region, an increase of 1% from 2019. The violent crime rate per 1,000 of 3.44 was also an increase of 1% from the 3.40 reported for 2019.. The most common type of violent crime in 2020 was aggravated assault, which represented over two-thirds (69%) of all violent crime; robbery represented 22%, rape 8%, and homicide 1%. According to statistics from the National Crime Victimization Survey, 47% of violent crime was reported to law enforcement nationwide in 2019 (the most recent year available), including 34% of rapes, 47% of robberies, and 52% of aggravated assaults (not shown).

When interpreting these annual figures, it is essential to note that because of changes in how rape is defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), comparisons across time for rape and violent crime overall should be made with caution. Specifically, in 2015, California law enforcement agencies began to use the revised and broader Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) definition of rape that includes male victims, sodomy, penetration with any body part or objects, and no longer requires force. As a result of this change, some Part I crimes that previously would have been aggravated assaults are now rapes and some Part II crimes that previously would not have been captured in these statistics are now Part I crimes.

Overall crime: There was a total of 61,013 Part I crimes in the San Diego region in 2020, which equated to 18.20 crimes per 1,000 population. Part I crimes include four violent offenses (homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and three property offenses (burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) that are tracked nationwide in a standardized manner by the FBI, with agencies submitting crime data through the UCR system. Other crimes, such as drug-related offenses, vandalism, and fraud, also are documented by local law enforcement as Part II crimes. However, because categorization schemes can vary across agencies, **standardized numbers for Part II crimes are not available, even though these crimes may be sizeable in number and require substantial attention and resources from law enforcement.**

41 Years of Crime in the San Diego Region: 1980 Through 2020

UPDATE on the downside of what's up:

April 2021

Global killer virus and economic inflation are surging, stock markets and our deams are plummeting. Stagnation looms as prices go through the roof, growth grinds to a halt, radicalized hate kids with guns increasingly shoot masses of 'the other,' as violent crime rates rise, while standardized numbers or Part II crimes are not available, even though these crimes may be sizeable in number and require substantial attention and resources from law enforcement.

Research findings from the Criminal Justice Clearinghouse



RACE

A photo of Florida students spelling out a racial slur is under investigation

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JONATHAN FRANKLIN



A South Florida school district says it's launching an investigation after a photo showing students spelling out a racial slur was shared online.

A South Florida school district said it is launching a comprehensive investigation into a photo showing students spelling out a racial slur that was shared online Monday. The Martin County School District confirmed that the photo with the six students spelling out the racial slur was authentic, according to a statement from the district. In the photo, each of the six students is shown holding up a large letter that spells out the N-word.

Montrell Pryor, an instructor at the University of Kentucky College of Social Work, told NPR that this incident shows why critical race theory is important. "From a diversity perspective, this is why critical race theory is important," Pryor told NPR. "[Critical race theory] allows students of all races, creeds, and backgrounds to understand America's volatile past within the context of the educational curriculum so that generational trauma, such as this, is not repeated."

The school district said it is "appalled, and saddened" by the incident.

"The Martin County School District is committed to promoting and maintaining a learning environment free of hateful, racist and discriminatory actions or conduct," John Millay, superintendent for Martin County School District, said in a statement.

The students involved in the photo are facing "severe disciplinary consequences" in accordance with the district's code of student conduct, a district spokesperson told NPR.

The school district said it cannot identify the students involved or discuss the discipline they will face.

"We have and will continue to enforce a zero-tolerance policy in this regard. I will work towards partnering with the leaders in our community to reinforce our values in this regard and will continue to strive towards fostering a learning environment free of bigotry and racism," Millay said.

Members of the Black community told WPTV that this specific incident brings back up decades of mistreatment in the county.

"It might seem like it's funny or might just be kids. No, we have all made mistakes," Jimmy Smith, Martin County NAACP president, told WPTV. "But when you get to that degree, to come up with an idea like that, there's something else going on."

Denver Broncos safety Justin Simmons also spoke out against the photo on Twitter, saying he will not be doing anything for the school until disciplinary action is taken against the students.

"This disturbing picture was sent to me from a friend. This picture was taken at HOMS where I used to compete when I attended another middle school down the road," Simmons tweeted. "This type of behavior is completely unacceptable. And if the school fails to act it means this type of behavior is allowed."

In response to Simmons' tweet, RISE, an organization that educates the sports world on racial discrimination, said the photo is yet another reason why adults and children must be exposed to "honest conversations and education on racism, diversity and inclusion."

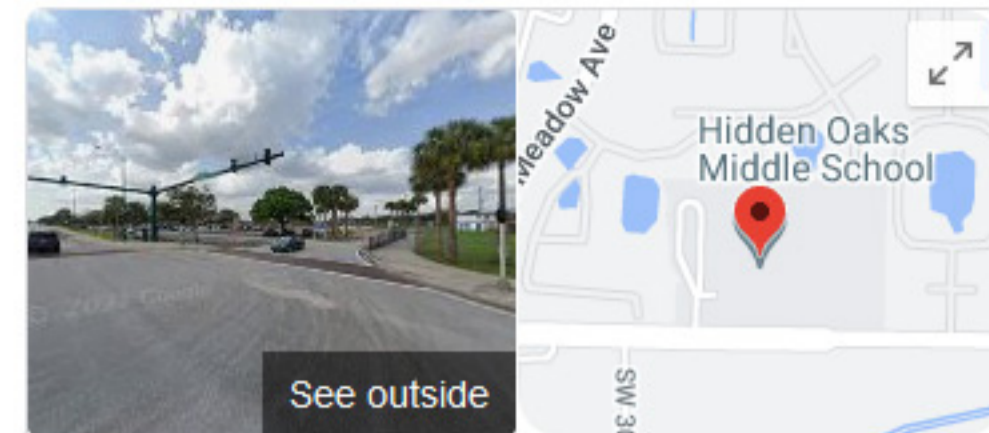
U.S. NEWS

Students Pose Outside Middle School With Large Letters Spelling Racial Slur

Officials are investigating a photo taken of six students outside Hidden Oaks Middle School in Palm City, Florida.

AP **AP**

May. 21, 2022, 07:15 AM EDT



Hidden Oaks Middle School

Middle school in Palm City, Florida

Address: 2801 SW Martin Hwy, Palm City, FL 34990

District: [Martin County School District](#)



PALM CITY, Fla. (AP) — A half-dozen Florida students posed for a photo outside a middle school while holding large letters that spelled out a racial slur, school officials said.

The school will follow its code of student conduct in responding to the pupils' action, Martin County School District Superintendent John Millay said in a statement Thursday. He explained that state and federal laws prevent the district from identifying the students or releasing any other specific information about possible punishment. No school personnel were involved, the statement added.

"We are deeply aware of the hurt and pain this photograph has caused our community, especially our Black American residents and students," Millay said. "This incident is in complete opposition to our values and the ideals that we instill in our students."

The photo shows six students standing in a line outside Hidden Oaks Middle School in Palm City, a community located about 35 miles (56 kilometers) north of West Palm Beach. Each student is holding a large, hand-painted letter, and the students have arranged themselves so that the letters spell out a racial slur.

The photo was posted to social media earlier this week, officials said.

The district is providing counseling to any students who need it, officials said.



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The Martin County School District confirmed that a disturbing photo taken outside of a school is authentic.



Subject: Racism Issue in Martin County

We had an incident at one of our middle schools where six students held up letters from an art project that spelled the N-word as another student took a picture and posted it on social media. The letters themselves were graphically racist.

At the next day's School Board meeting, many of us spoke out about the incident. Many were so angry, they were calling for expulsion, legal action, and voting out school board members. There was local and national media coverage.

On Monday, we meet with the families of the seven students at the NAACP office. A family member who is one of the parents has asked that the students become part of our youth group and work on projects that will help them understand the significance of their actions.

It may end up being a very good teaching moment.

The story is not unlike the dozens of stories that we, a forensic psychologist and a sociologist, have collected in recent years in our effort to study the life histories of mass shooters. It typifies what we believe is one of the biggest challenges that schools face when it comes to averting school shootings – and in the case of Buffalo, mass shootings in general. And that challenge is recognizing and acting upon warning signs that mass shooters almost always give well before they open fire.

In the end, we must learn from the lives of mass shooters and the long and tragic history of mass shootings in America to do everything possible to stop the next mass shooting before it occurs.

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Significant Figures

16%

Share of US children experiencing poverty in 2020



The official child poverty rate is about the same today as in 1967. More Than Words Photography by Alisa Brouwer/Moment Open via Getty Images

1 in 6 US kids are in families below the poverty line

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Callie Freitag, Heather D. Hill, *University of Washington*

In the United States, children are more likely to experience poverty than people over 18. In 2020, about 1 in 6 kids, 16% of all children, were living in families with incomes below the official poverty line – an income threshold the government set that year at about US\$26,500 for a family of four. Only 10% of Americans ages 18 to 64 and 9% of those 65 and up were experiencing poverty, according to the most recent data available. The official child poverty rate ticks down when the economy grows and up during downturns. It stood at 17% in 1967 – just about the same as in 2020. In many recent years the rate hovered even higher – around 20%. Researchers calculate the official poverty rate by adding up a household's income and comparing it with a threshold of what is needed to survive. The government has calculated this rate the same way since the 1960s. One of its shortcomings is that it excludes several sources of income, including tax credits and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which are intended to reduce poverty.

In 2011, the government began to calculate an alternative metric: the supplemental poverty measure. It includes SNAP and tax credits. It also uses thresholds based on the cost of living in different areas of the country. For a family of four, this threshold currently ranges from \$24,000 to \$35,000, depending on where a family lives and whether they own or rent housing. According to this alternative measure, 10% of children were living in poverty in 2020, the lowest rate ever recorded. Depending on which measure you use, either 7 million or 11.7 million U.S. children lived in poverty in 2020. By both metrics, poverty is higher for children of color. The official poverty rate for Black children stood at 26%, and 23% for Hispanic children, while for white, non-Hispanic children it was 10%.

Before and after 2020: Both child poverty rates had been declining before the COVID-19 pandemic. The official rate dipped to 14% in 2019 from 21% five years earlier. It shot back up to 16% in 2020, when the pandemic compounded economic hardships for many families. The supplemental measure of child poverty tells a more complete story. Steps the government took during the pandemic, including its series of economic impact payments, the child tax credit expansion and a boost in SNAP benefits, led the supplemental child poverty rate to keep declining even during the economic crisis. The government will release its child poverty data for 2022 in September 2023. But some researchers at Columbia University have monthly data suggesting that child poverty rose steeply after the expiration of the pandemic-era programs. They estimate that 3.7 million more children were living in poverty in January 2022 than in December 2021 because of the expiration of the child tax credit expansion.

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unidentified plant with big triangular serrated leaves
nextdoor neighbor's butting up to the property line

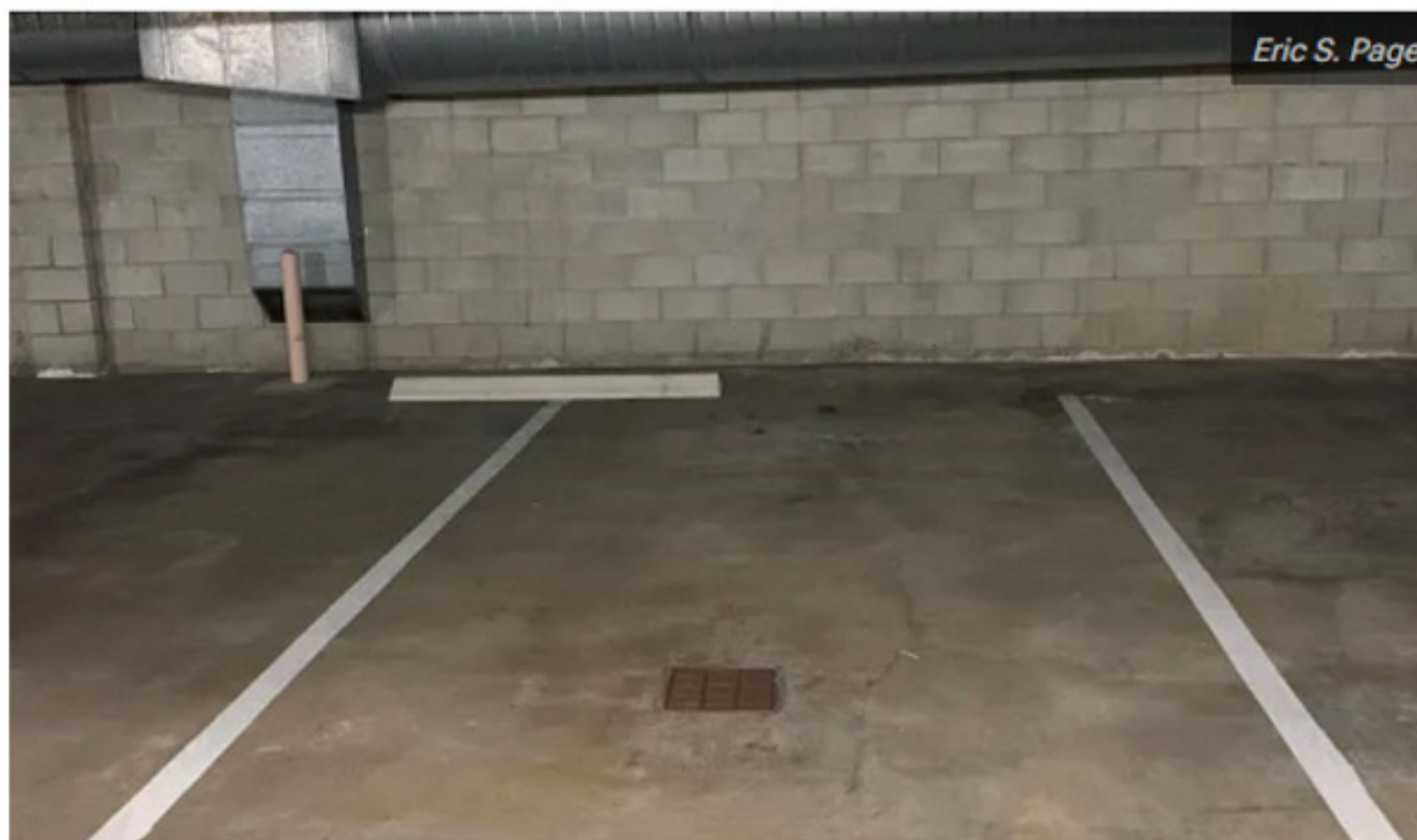


EAST VILLAGE

San Diego to Build Parking Garage, at \$188,000 Per Spot, as Part of New East Village Park

San Diego City Council approves East Village park with an \$80 million price tag, 16 years after the original design

By **Bill Feather** • Published May 21, 2022 • Updated on May 21, 2022 at 9:41 am



A parking spot in an underground garage in La Jolla

Help is on the way for people looking for parking and green spaces in San Diego's East Village, but, if the city's plan to build a new garage and park comes to fruition, it won't be cheap for taxpayers. Sixteen years after the East Village Green park project was envisioned as part of the April 2006 updated Downtown Community Plan, the San Diego City Council recently approved an addition to its budget, which has swollen to nearly \$80 million for its construction.

A large portion of the project's overall project cost will be for a two-level underground 185-space structure that will be built at an estimated cost of a little under \$35 million — that breaks down to a cost of \$188,374.49 per parking space.

The park, originally described as a 4.1 acre, multi-block park, would span the area between F and G streets, bordered by 13th Street to the west and 15th Street to the east. The park would be split by 14th Street, which could be closed on weekends and during special events at the park.

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Food Banks: Demand at Height of Pandemic Levels



13 HOURS AGO

YMCA Skatepark Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The original design, part of 2006's Downtown Community Plan, included large grassy recreation areas with an informal amphitheater as well as the possibility of a café, a playground, an area for farmers' markets and a neighborhood center. Local

After years of delays, the project was approved by the San Diego City Council in December 2019, estimated then to cost a little more than \$52 million and expected to include a 14,000-square-foot two-story recreation and community center, a playground with splash pad, off-leash dog parks and a passive game/reading area.

City council members though, this month OK'd an additional \$27.3 million for the budget, due to increased building costs, etc., bringing the project total to a near \$80 million price tag. That amount also factors in what the city will pay to relocate two homes currently on F Street, designated by the city as historic structures.

Several of the original planned amenities for the park — the west park's café building and the east park's Bark Bar, as well as a decorative shade structure over the performance pavilion — were redlined, however, in the final proposal, and the decorative fencing that was proposed has now, sadly, been downgraded to chain link. The downgrades save the city more than \$2.5 million

The approval of the additional funds effectively serves as the city's green light for the project; the city's non-profit independent planning agency, Civic San Diego, solicited bids for construction on Phase 1 of the project in the summer of 2021.

The project is expected to take form in multiple phases, with construction on Phase 1 potentially kicking off in August 2022, as long as the project is awarded by the end of the month.

With public camping a felony, Tennessee homeless seek refuge

By TRAVIS LOLLER today



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Adam Atnip, who is homeless and lives in his car, accepts money from a driver as he panhandles on May 10, 2022, in Cookeville, Tenn. Tennessee is about to become the first U.S. state to make it a felony to camp on local public property such as parks. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

Tennessee is about to become the first U.S. state to make it a felony to camp on local public property such as parks.

Tennessee already made it a felony in 2020 to camp on most state-owned property. In pushing the expansion, Sen. Paul Bailey noted that no one has been convicted under that law and said he doesn't expect this one to be enforced much, either. Neither does Luke Eldridge, a man who has worked with homeless people in the city of Cookeville and supports Bailey's plan — in part because he hopes it will spur people who care about the homeless to work with him on long-term solutions.

The law requires that violators receive at least 24 hours notice before an arrest. The felony charge is punishable by up to six years in prison and the loss of voting rights.

"The big problem with this law is that it does nothing to solve homelessness. In fact, it will make the problem worse," said Bobby Watts, CEO of the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council. "Having a felony on your record makes it hard to qualify for some types of housing, harder to get a job, harder to qualify for benefits."

"Criminalizing homelessness just makes people criminals," Watts said.

Wisconsin Republicans vote not to endorse for governor

By SCOTT BAUER today



Gubernatorial candidate and former Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch addresses the audience during the Republican State Convention in Middleton, Wis., Saturday, May 21, 2022. (Ebony Cox/Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel via AP)

MIDDLETON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Republicans voted Saturday not to endorse anyone for governor ahead of the GOP primary in August, with former Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch falling just short of the 60% needed to get the nod — and cash — that comes with winning the party's official backing. It marked the first time delegates have not endorsed a candidate for governor. Many activists, and one of Kleefisch's rivals, had argued for not endorsing anyone, saying it would fracture the party. The winner of the Aug. 9 primary will advance to face Democratic Gov. Tony Evers, in a race that's a top priority for both parties nationally. In addition to Kleefisch, who polls have shown is leading the field, other candidates are construction business co-owner Tim Michels; business consultant and former Marine Kevin Nicholson; and state Rep. Timothy Ramthun. The Republican endorsement has been highly sought after because it unlocks funding from the state party, which can then spend as much as it wants on the winner. Now the top candidates will fight it out without any official backing from the party. Kleefisch got 55%, while "no endorsement" got 43% on the final ballot. The other candidates were all in the single digits.

Milley tells West Point cadets technology will transform war

By LOLITA C. BALDOR yesterday



Mark A. Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shakes the hands of West Point graduates as they receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony of the U.S. Military Academy class of 2022 at Michie Stadium on Saturday, May 21, 2022, in West Point, N.Y. (AP Photo/Eduardo Munoz Alvarez)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. military officer challenged the next generation of Army soldiers on Saturday to prepare America’s military to fight future wars that may look little like the wars of today.

Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, painted a grim picture of a world that is becoming more unstable, with great powers intent on changing the global order. He told graduating cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point that they will bear the responsibility to make sure America is ready. **“The world you are being commissioned into has the potential for significant international conflict between great powers. And that potential is increasing, not decreasing,”** Milley told the cadets. **“Whatever overmatch we, the United States, enjoyed militarily for the last 70 years is closing quickly, and the United States will be, in fact, we already are challenged in every domain of warfare, space, cyber, maritime, air, and of course land.”**

America, he said, is no longer the unchallenged global power. Instead, it is being tested in Europe by Russian aggression, in Asia by China’s dramatic economic and military growth as well as North Korea’s nuclear and missile threats, and in the Middle East and Africa by instability from terrorists.

Drawing a parallel with what military officials are seeing in Russia’s war on Ukraine, Milley said future warfare will be highly complex, with elusive enemies and urban warfare that requires long-range precision weapons, and new advanced technologies. The U.S. has already been rushing new, high-tech drones and other weapons to the Ukrainian military — in some cases equipment that was just in the early prototype phases. Weapons such as the shoulder-launched kamikaze Switchblade drones are being used against the Russians, even as they are still evolving.

And as the war in Ukraine has shifted — from Russia’s unsuccessful battle to take Kyiv to a gritty urban battle for towns in the eastern Donbas region — so has the need for different types of weapons. Early weeks focused on long-range precision weapons such as Stinger and Javelin missiles, but now the emphasis is on artillery, and increased shipments of howitzers. And over the next 25 to 30 years, the fundamental character of war and its weapons will continue to change.

The U.S. military, Milley said, can’t cling to concepts and weapons of old, but must urgently modernize and develop the force and equipment that can deter or, if needed, win in a global conflict. And the graduating officers, he said, will have to change the way U.S. forces think, train and fight.

As the Army’s leaders of tomorrow, Milley said, the newly minted 2nd lieutenants will be fighting with robotic tanks, ships and airplanes, and relying on artificial intelligence, synthetic fuels, 3-D manufacturing and human engineering. “It will be your generation that will carry the burden and shoulder the responsibility to maintain the peace, to contain and to prevent the outbreak of great power war,” he said. In stark terms, Milley described what failing to prevent wars between great powers looks like.

“Consider for a moment that 26,000 — 26,000 — soldiers and Marines were killed in only six weeks from October to November of 1918 in the Battle of the Meuse-Argonne in World War I,” Milley said. “Consider also that 26,000 U.S. troops were killed in the eight weeks in the summer of 1944 from the beaches of Normandy to the liberation of Paris.” Recalling the 58,000 Americans killed in just the summer of 1944 as World War II raged, he added, “That is the human cost of great-power war. The butcher’s bill.”

Thinking back to his own graduation, Milley paraphrased a popular Bob Dylan song from the time: “we can feel the light breeze in the air. And right now as we sit here on the plain at West Point, we can see the storm flags fluttering in the wind. We can hear in the distance the loud clap of thunder. The hard rain is about to fall.”

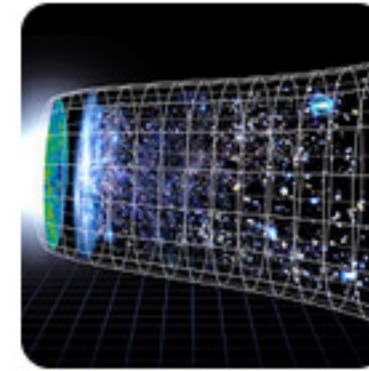
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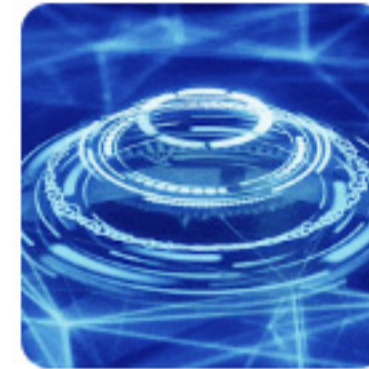
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Summary

- A growing performance gap between AT&T and Warner Brothers Discovery suggests that investors misunderstood AT&T's value.
- The possibility of a recession could widen the performance discrepancy between AT&T and the spun-off content business, as investors value stable FCF more than top line growth prospects.
- Looking past short term debt repayments, AT&T could start to deliver material stock buybacks in FY 2024.



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Shares of AT&T Inc. (NYSE:T) have kept surging after the completion of the media business spin-off last month, as investors are now ready to value AT&T's free cash flow at a higher valuation factor. Shares of Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc. (WBD), however, made new lows recently, indicating that the market has been wrong about AT&T all along. With AT&T earning billions of dollars in free cash flow, the company's shares could be an attractive investment during a recession period!

Performance gap between AT&T and Warner Brothers Discovery

AT&T completed its spin-off and the merger of WarnerMedia with Discovery on April 8, 2022. Post-separation, AT&T has out-performed Warner Bros. Discovery. While this short term performance discrepancy is not indicative of future performance, it does nevertheless show that the market is growing more fond of AT&T, in part because of the telecom's massive free cash flow, attractive stock yield of 5.5%, and changing investment landscape. The content business is currently not much appreciated by the market, which has likely to do with recession clouds gathering on the horizon.

[...]

Final thoughts

The market has been wrong about AT&T all along, but still underprices the firm's free cash flow. Shares of AT&T have surged post-separation and materially out-performed shares of Warner Bros. Discovery. I believe this performance discrepancy is the result of investors now being more open to buying value stocks that promise high free cash flow and stable dividends as recession risks are growing. **Going forward, I expect AT&T to continue to outperform AT&T's former content business and believe the stock is worth buying despite its recent share price increase!**

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I live in Thailand and Canada.

A superstar investor with the Midas touch or just lucky? The puzzle of Cathie Wood



Cathie Wood, chief executive officer and chief investment officer, Ark Invest speaks during the Milken Institute Global Conference in Beverly Hills on May 2. Wood, a star investor who has attracted millions in social media, has had a rough year as many of her technology-focused investments have cratered.

In February last year, Cathie Wood was the toast of Wall Street. The 66-year-old investor had attracted millions of devoted followers with a unique vision that she frequently laid out in YouTube videos and tweets: that huge technological advances are reshaping the world, and Wall Street is too timid to take advantage of those seismic shifts. In 2020, that vision paid off big time. Her flagship fund, called the ARK Innovation ETF, returned an astonishing 150% – well above the S&P 500's 16% return, when lockdowns led to a surge in many of tech companies Wood had bet on, including Zoom Video Communications and Roku. It seemed Wall Street couldn't get enough – until recently.

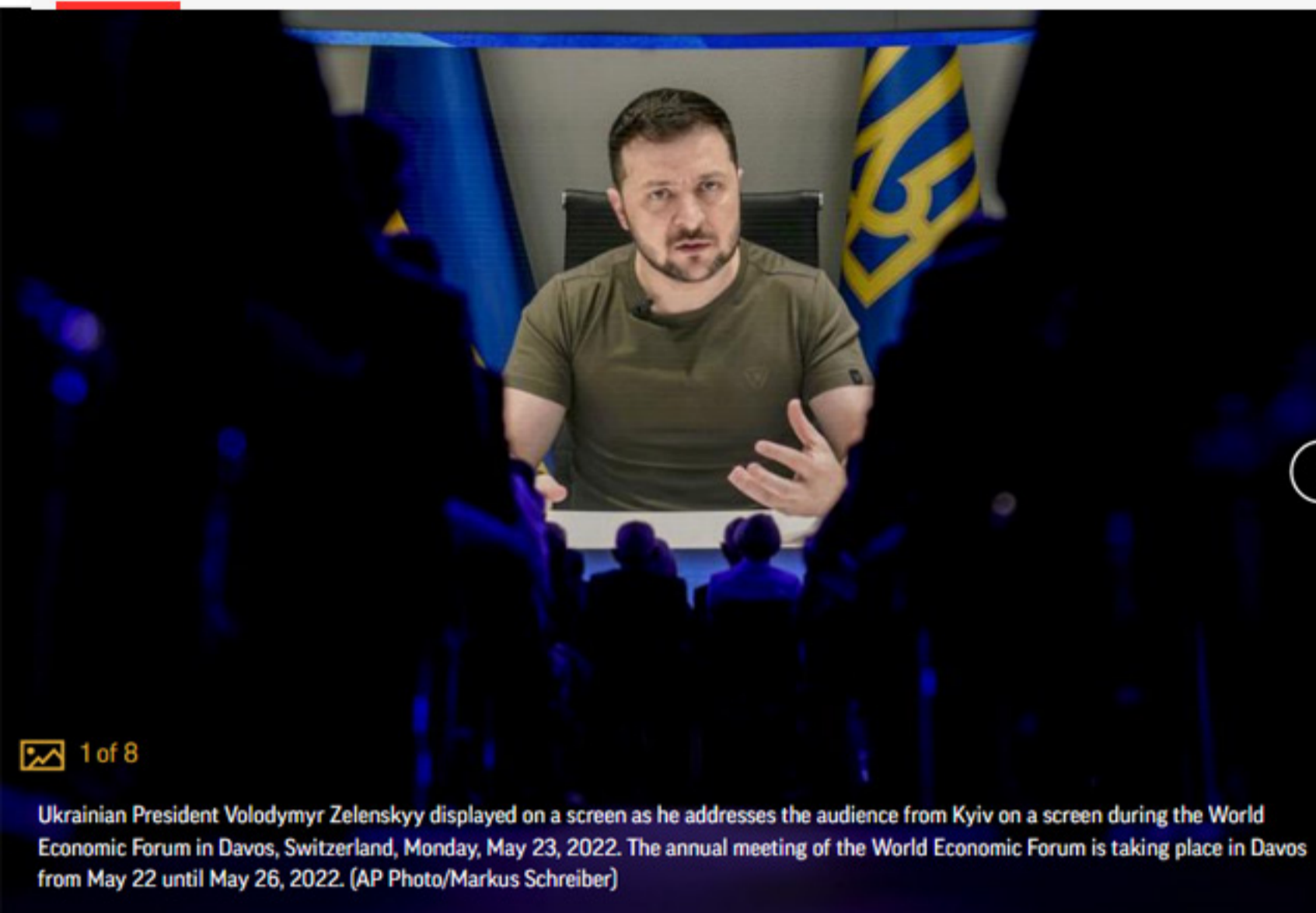
Those same companies that had brought her so much success have plunged, and Wood's flagship fund has fallen hard. It's down by about 55% this year, much worse than the 18% fall in the S&P. And eight other funds Wood manages as the head of ARK Invest, including ones focused on financial technology and space exploration are among the worst performing ones in their category on Wall Street. Her performance has been so poor it's left Wall Street wondering whether one of the most unusual and successful investors it's seen in years was talented – or just lucky.

Wood has heard the criticism and the doubters before, and she is unfazed. She argues ARK Invest's success should be judged over a five-year period because it will take time for the companies in her portfolios, many young and not profitable, to mature. "I'm pretty battle-tested on that score," she said in a recent interview with NPR. "And as I say to anyone who will listen, just keep your eye on that prize." It's a prize that has led her down an unusual career path. Something else that sets Wood apart is how she has embraced social media. She has more than a million followers on Twitter, and ARK Invest's videos on YouTube have almost 15 million views. Wood's online outreach appeals to younger investors in particular, who have helped her firm grow from managing just over \$10 million to more than \$40 billion, turning her ARK Innovation fund into one of the largest in that investment segment. Kevin Paffrath is one of those young investors. He is a YouTube star in his own right, and like many of Wood's followers, he calls her Cathie. Just Cathie. "About a year into me being on YouTube, we heard Cathie's bull theses," he says. "I had just bought a Tesla myself so, it seemed like somebody very easy to align with, and I have to say, I completely agreed with." For a while, Wood could seem to do no wrong. The pandemic helped turbocharge Wood's investments and her thesis looked incredibly prescient. As it turns out, however, February 2021 marked the peak of the ARK Innovation ETF's run. It has slumped about 72% since then, driven by a particularly rough performance this year.

Many of the factors that propelled her fund are now turning against her. **Annual inflation has hit its highest level in decades, and the Federal Reserve is in the midst of aggressively raising interest rates to help cool down prices. Technology – the centerpiece of Wood's portfolios – has been one of the market's worst performing sectors. There are three dozen holdings in ARK Innovation ETF, including the cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase, the e-commerce company Shopify, and the virtual healthcare provider Teladoc. All of them are down more than 65% year to date. In interviews, she continues to point to her past success, and she insists — over and over again — her performance should be judged over a five-year time horizon.** In her latest YouTube videos, Wood is characteristically upbeat as she encourages her followers to stay focused. "Read our research for hope, optimism, and really, a thrilling look at what the future is going to hold," she says. Wood has something else that gives her comfort. So far, the money has continued to flow in from new investors, all betting her vision for the future will come to pass. This year, \$1.4 billion in net inflows have gone into the ARK Innovation ETF alone. And followers like Paffrath are hanging on. He's heard the criticism of Wood, and has seen how badly her funds have performed recently, but Paffrath still has his eye on that prize. "You can't go 10 minutes on CNBC without someone mentioning her, but they are all trying to say mean things," Paffrath says. "Look, everybody has their turn, and I think she is doing right for the world."

Zelenskyy urges 'maximum' sanctions on Russia in Davos talk

By JAMEY KEATEN today



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy displayed on a screen as he addresses the audience from Kyiv on a screen during the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Monday, May 23, 2022. The annual meeting of the World Economic Forum is taking place in Davos from May 22 until May 26, 2022. (AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called for “maximum” sanctions against Russia during a virtual speech Monday to corporate executives, government officials and other elites on the first day of the World Economic Forum gathering in Davos. He said sanctions need to go further to stop Russia’s aggression, including an oil embargo, blocking all of its banks and cutting off trade with Russia completely. He said that it’s a precedent that would work for decades to come. “This is what sanctions should be: They should be maximum, so that Russia and every other potential aggressor that wants to wage a brutal war against its neighbor would clearly know the immediate consequences of their actions,” Zelenskyy said through a translator. He also pushed for the complete withdrawal of foreign companies from Russia to prevent supporting its war and said Ukraine needs at least \$5 billion in funding per month. “The amount of work is enormous: we have more than half a trillion of dollars in losses, tens of thousands of facilities were destroyed. We need to rebuild entire cities and industries,” Zelenskyy said, coming days after the Group of Seven leading economies agreed to provide \$19.8 billion in economic aid. He said that if Ukraine had “received 100% of our needs at once, back in February” in terms of weapons, funding, political support and sanctions against Russia, “the result would be tens of thousands of lives saved.”

Zelenskyy’s speech is a key focus Monday at Davos, the village in the Swiss Alps that has been transformed into a glitzy venue for the four-day confab ostensibly dedicated to making the world a better place. The event is resuming in person after a two-year hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which also delayed this year’s meeting from its usual winter slot. For the attendees, there’s much to tackle amid soaring food and fuel prices, Russia’s war in Ukraine, climate change, inequality and persistent health crises. But it’s hard to predict if the high-minded discussions will yield substantial announcements that make headway on the world’s most pressing challenges. “This war is really a turning point of history, and it will reshape our political and our economic landscape in the coming years,” said the event’s founder, Klaus Schwab.


Zelenskyy, who received a standing ovation after this remarks, reiterated that Russia was blocking critical food supplies, such as wheat and sunflower oil, from leaving its ports. Ukraine, along with Russia, is a major exporter of wheat, barley and sunflower oil, and the interruption of those supplies is threatening food insecurity in countries in Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia that rely on those affordable supplies. The head of the U.N.’s World Food Program said in a panel that “the failure to open the ports is a declaration of war on global food systems.” He told The Associated Press that the region’s farmers “grow enough food to feed 400 million people.” If such supplies remain off the market, the world could face a food availability problem in the next 10 to 12 months, and “that is going to be hell on earth,” WFP Executive Director David Beasley told the AP in an interview.

He warned that there are “49 million (people) knocking on famine’s door right now in 43 countries,” including Yemen, Lebanon, Mali, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Congo, Guatemala and El Salvador. Beasley called on the world’s top mega-billionaires to aid efforts to prevent hunger: “The world is in real serious trouble. This is not rhetoric and B.S. Step up now, because the world needs you.” Besides Zelenskyy’s speech, a sizable Ukrainian government delegation is attending in person, making their case for more Western support in the country’s fight against Russia. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko pointed to the audience during a panel with his brother, Wladimir, and said, “We are defending you personally.” “We are fighting, first of all, for values” and to be part of the democratic world, Vitali Klitschko said. “And right now everyone has to be proactive because we pay for that — the biggest prize, human lives every day.” Russian officials have not been invited to Davos this year, with what was dubbed the “Russia House” having been transformed by critics — including Ukrainian tycoon Victor Pinchuk and the country’s Foreign Ministry — into what they call the “Russia War Crimes House.” The venue features photos of crimes and cruelties that Russian forces are accused of perpetuating. Meanwhile, the head of the International Energy Agency urged countries and investors not to see energy shocks from the war as a reason to increase fossil fuel investments — connecting the invasion to another major theme at Davos, climate and environmental issues. “We should not try to justify a new wave of long-term fossil fuel investments on the basis of what (Russian President Vladimir) Putin did,” Fatih Birol said on an energy panel. Instead, efficiencies, such as reducing leaked methane and even lowering thermostats by a few degrees this winter in Europe would help ensure adequate energy supply. Russia is a major supplier of oil and natural gas, with the invasion sending European countries scrambling to reduce their reliance on Moscow’s supplies.

1.1 million Afghan children could face severe malnutrition

By RAHIM FAIEZ and LEE KEATH today



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Nazia 30, who has lost four children due to severe malnutrition, holds her malnourished baby in a hospital in Parwan province north of Kabul, Afghanistan, Thursday, May 19, 2022. Some 1.1 million Afghan children under the age of five will face malnutrition by the end of the year. , as hospitals wards are already packed with sick children . (AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)



American Idol: HunterGirl's Emotional "Redbird" Hits No. 9 on iTunes

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American Idol Top 5 contestant, HunterGirl released his new original song, "Redbird" on Friday (May 13) along with his fellow Top 7 finalists. The song has climbed as high as No. 9 on the iTunes overall chart.

The 23-year-old Tennessee native (real name Hunter Wolkonowski) began singing at three years old with her grandfather at church and began writing her own music at nine. From a young age, Hunter competed in singing competitions and performed at venues across the country. At 15 years old, she won the 2014 Texaco Country Showdown. She has also won several songwriting contests like "Nash Next" and the Nashville Songwriter Association International. The country singer unanimously received a platinum ticket at the start of her American Idol journey sending her directly to the second round of Hollywood Week.

Her five-song EP One Day charted #4 on iTunes and #2 on the iTunes country chart. "Red birds have been a big sign in my life since I was a little girl," HunterGirl shared in a press statement. "There is a saying that states, 'When a cardinal appears around you, it is one of your family members in Heaven coming down to visit you.' My mom also told me when I was younger that if I made a wish on a red bird, when it flies my wish will come true."

"A red bird flew across my window"

"The evening of the first episode of American Idol, I was driving to my family's house terrified. I was so scared about being on television. What if people don't like me? What if I am not good enough? I was talking to God and I said, 'I know that you know everything is going to be okay, but could you just let me know?' Right after I asked that question, a red bird flew across my window and more flew as I drove down the road. It was like he was saying everything was going to be alright."

"The day after the episode, I came back to Nashville to write this song with two of my friends, Matt McKinney and Austin Goodloe. This is a song that is from my heart. I hope that this song can help someone like it helped me when I wrote it."

"Red Bird" was produced by Jimmy Robbins (Maren Morris, Kelsea Ballerini, Brett Young).

The Top 3 will debut their singles on the American Idol season 20 finale airing on ABC May 22. But before that, the Top 5 will sing two songs on the Top 5 performance episode airing on Sunday May 15. Ryan Seacrest will reveal the Top 3 at the end of the episode after a nationwide vote.



GUNS IN AMERICA

As Uvalde reckons with tragedy, survivors of past shootings express outrage

A reported 21 people were killed in an attack by a lone gunman at an elementary school in the small town of Uvalde, Texas. At least 19 students and two adults were among the casualties.

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...the City of Uvalde Town Square during a prayer vigil last night in the wake of a mass shooting at Robb Elementary School.



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Trump's pick for governor — who ran on election lies — loses to Kemp in Georgia

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Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp won the GOP primary for governor over former U.S. Sen. David Perdue. Kemp will face Democrat Stacey Abrams in November — a rematch of 2018.



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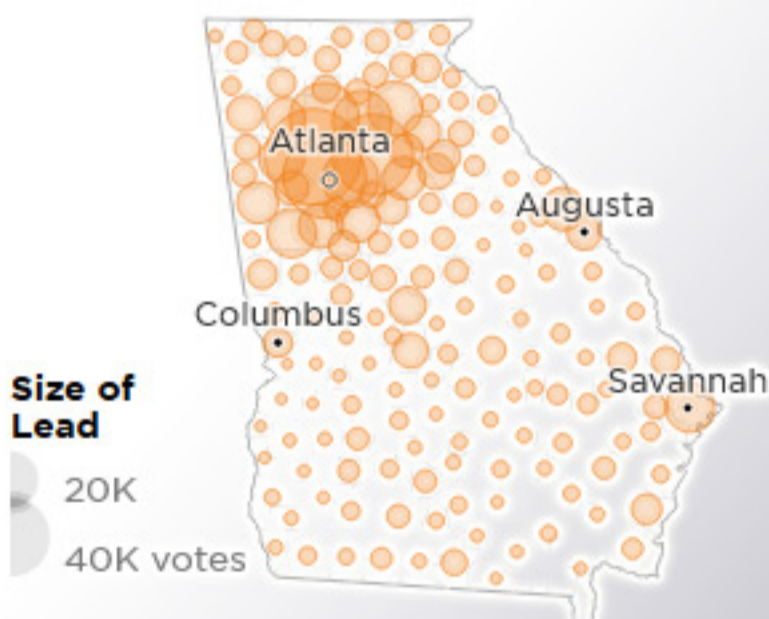
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Brian Kemp wins. AP race call at 5:30 p.m. on May 24, 2022.

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David Perdue R	261,264	21.8%
Kandiss Taylor R	41,013	3.4%
Catherine Davis R	9,691	0.8%
Tom Williams R	3,218	0.3%

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How the NRA evolved from backing a 1934 ban on machine guns to blocking nearly all firearm restrictions today

Robert Spitzer, State University of New York College at Cortland

NRA conventiongoers, like these at the gun group's 2018 big meeting, browse firearms exhibits.

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The mass shootings at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket and an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, just 10 days apart, are stirring the now-familiar national debate over guns seen after the tragic 2012 and 2018 school shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, and Parkland, Florida. Inevitably, if also understandably, many Americans are blaming the National Rifle Association for thwarting stronger gun laws that might have prevented these two recent tragedies and many others. And despite the proximity in time and location to the Texas shooting, the NRA is proceeding with its plans to hold its annual convention in Houston on May 27-29, 2022. The featured speakers include former President Donald Trump and Sen. Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican. After spending decades researching and writing about how and why the NRA came to hold such sway over national gun policies, I've seen this narrative take unexpected turns in the last few years that raise new questions about the organization's reputation for invincibility.

Three phases: The NRA's more than 150-year history spans three distinct eras. **At first the group was mainly concerned with marksmanship. It later played a relatively constructive role regarding safety-minded gun ownership restrictions before turning into a rigid politicized force.** The NRA was formed in 1871 by two Civil War veterans from Northern states who had witnessed the typical soldier's inability to handle guns. The organization initially leaned on government support, which included subsidies for shooting matches and surplus weaponry. These freebies, which lasted until the 1970s, gave gun enthusiasts a powerful incentive to join the NRA. The NRA played a role in fledgling political efforts to formulate state and national gun policy in the 1920s and 1930s after Prohibition-era liquor trafficking stoked gang warfare. It backed measures like requiring a permit to carry a gun and even a gun purchase waiting period.

ME: *The authors of the US Constitution never saw a 200 horsepower automobile, a train much less a plane, nor electricity, flush toilets, or labor saving washer/dryer or a dishwasher. Much, much less a mobile phone and Twitter – and the shit-storm of ensuing social media. When they granted the rights of States to form militia and to bear arms, they were thinking about the Brown Bess musket, which could fire a single shot ball per load, not Uzi or AK47 fully automatic assault rifles like the one Payton Gendron, the 18-year-old in Buffalo, used in his racially motivated mass murders. Payton Gendron was clearly radicalized by the long simmering hate rhetoric, that now has in the internet, the most powerfully unfettered, unregulated communications platform in history – Thomas Jefferson could never have imagined it. It's up to us to imagine it forward and guide the dialog towards the common good.*

And the NRA helped shape the National Firearms Act of 1934, with two of its leaders testifying before Congress at length regarding this landmark legislation. They supported, if grudgingly, its main provisions, such as **restricting gangster weapons, which included a national registry for machine guns and sawed-off shotguns and taxing them heavily. But they opposed handgun registration, which was stripped out of the nation's first significant national gun law.**

A sharp right turn: By the mid-1970s, a dissident group within the NRA believed that the organization was losing the national debate over guns by being too defensive and not political enough. The dispute erupted at the NRA's 1977 annual convention, where the dissidents deposed the old guard. From this point forward, the NRA became ever more political and strident in its defense of so-called "gun rights," which it increasingly defined as nearly absolute under the Second Amendment. And until the mid-1970s, the NRA supported waiting periods for handgun purchases. Since then, however, it has opposed them. It fought vehemently against the ultimately successful enactment of a five-business-day waiting period and background checks for handgun purchases in 1993. The NRA's influence hit a zenith during George W. Bush's gun-friendly presidency, which embraced the group's positions. Among other things, his administration let the ban on assault weapons expire, and it supported the NRA's top legislative priority: enactment in 2005 of special liability protections for the gun industry, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

Supreme Court ruling's repercussions: These latest mass shootings may stir gun safety supporters to mobilize public outrage and turn out voters favoring stricter firearm regulations during the 2022 midterm elections. **But there is a wild card: The Supreme Court will soon rule on New York State Rifle & Pistol Club v. Bruen, the most significant case regarding gun rights it has considered in years. It's likely that the court will strike down a long-standing New York pistol permit law, broadening the right to carry guns in public across the United States.** Such a decision could galvanize gun safety supporters while also emboldening gun rights activists – making the debate about guns in America even more tumultuous.

NATIONAL

More details and reactions emerge about the Texas school shooting and gunman

Local and state officials in Texas release more information, while Americans across the nation continue to express shock and grief at the massacre.



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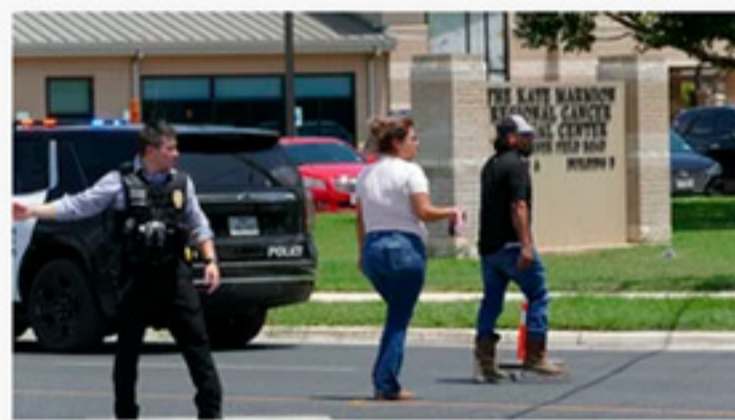
While the gun control debate amplifies, the overwhelming emotion in Uvalde is grief



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UVALDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOOTING

Onlookers urged police to charge into Texas school



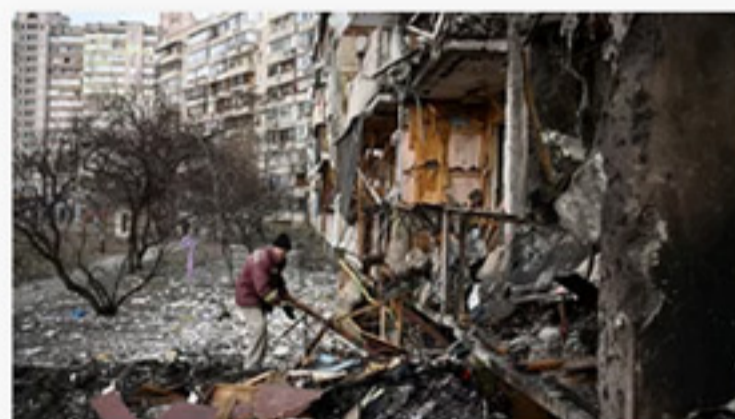
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Photos: The scene after the Texas elementary school shooting

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May 24: Members of the community gather at the City of Uvalde Town Square for a prayer vigil in the wake of a mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

'Horrifying' conspiracy theories swirl around Texas shooting

By DAVID KLEPPER and ALI SWENSON today



Crime scene tape surrounds Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Desperation turned to heart-wrenching sorrow for families of grade schoolers killed after an 18-year-old gunman barricaded himself in their Texas classroom and began shooting, killing at least 19 fourth-graders and their two teachers. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — By now it's as predictable as the calls for thoughts and prayers: A mass shooting leaves many dead, and wild conspiracy theories and misinformation about the carnage soon follow. It happened after Sandy Hook, after Parkland, after the Orlando nightclub shooting and after the deadly rampage earlier this month at a Buffalo grocery store. Within hours of Tuesday's school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, another rash began as internet users spread baseless claims about the man named as the gunman and his possible motives.

Unfounded claims that the gunman was an immigrant living in the U.S. illegally, or transgender, quickly emerged on Twitter, Reddit and other social media platforms. They were accompanied by familiar conspiracy theories suggesting the entire shooting was somehow staged.

The claims reflect broader problems with racism and intolerance toward transgender people, and are an effort to blame the shooting on minority groups who already endure higher rates of online harassment and hate crimes, according to disinformation expert Jaime Longoria. "It's a tactic that serves two purposes: It avoids real conversations about the issue (of gun violence), and it gives people who don't want to face reality a patsy, it gives them someone to blame," said Longoria, director of research at the Disinfo Defense League, a non-profit that works to fight racist misinformation.



DISINFO DEFENSE LEAGUE

ORGANIZING TO DISRUPT ONLINE RACIALIZED DISINFORMATION

The Disinfo Defense League (DDL) is a distributed national network of organizers, researchers and disinformation experts disrupting online racialized disinformation infrastructure and campaigns that deliberately target Black, Latinx, Asian American/Pacific Islander and other communities of color. DDL was created by and for these communities and is supported by services and insight provided by expert partners and organization.

Launched in June 2020, DDL uses coordinated strategy, disinformation training, and research to support member organizations with resources to fortify and scale current inoculation efforts and increase cohesion and collaboration in targeted communities. DDL features over 230 organizational members who work across geography, generation, and gender to equip communities with tools, training, and tactics needed to combat racialized disinformation and win.



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Goodbye NYC; Estimates show big city losses, Sunbelt gains

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Eight of the 10 largest cities in the U.S. lost population during the first year of the pandemic, with New York, Los Angeles and Chicago leading the way. Between July 2020 and July 2021, New York lost more than 305,000 people, while Chicago and Los Angeles contracted by 45,000 residents and 40,000 people, respectively.

Although San Francisco's not among the 10 largest cities, almost 55,000 residents left that city, or 6.3% of its 2020 population, the highest percentage of any U.S. city.

Among the 10 largest U.S. cities, only San Antonio and Phoenix gained new residents, but they added only about 13,000 people each, or less than 1% of their populations, according to 2021 vintage population estimates.

In March, the Census Bureau released estimates for metro areas and counties showing changes from mid-2020 to mid-2021. The estimates released Thursday offer a more granular perspective. For instance, the March data showed metro Dallas had the largest population gain of any metro area in the U.S., adding more than 97,000 residents, but Thursday's estimates show the city of Dallas lost almost 15,000 residents. The growth occurred in Dallas suburbs like Frisco, McKinney and Plano.

Reasons for population changes vary from city to city, driven by housing costs, jobs, births and deaths. The pandemic and the lockdown that followed in spring 2020 made living in a crowded city less appealing for a time, and those who could leave -- workers who could do their jobs remotely, for example -- sometimes did.

Brookings Institution demographer William Frey said he believes the population declines in most of the largest U.S. cities from 2020 to 2021 are "short-lived and pandemic-related."

Lake Charles, Louisiana, which was devastated by Hurricane Laura in 2020, lost almost 5% of its residents, the second-highest rate in the U.S. behind San Francisco.

Though the Category 4 storm was the driver there, elsewhere, the pandemic created opportunities to move. Andrew Mazur, 31, had been wanting for some time to leave Philadelphia for South Florida where he grew up, and the chance to work remotely in his job at a large professional services firm arrived in November 2020. He joined almost 25,000 residents who left Philadelphia between 2020 and 2021.

Although he now needs a car to get around, Mazur loves golfing every weekend and going to the beach. He recently moved out of his parents' home, getting his own apartment in Fort Lauderdale. He made the move official three weeks ago by obtaining a Florida driver's license.

"I'm not going back. It has been great," Mazur said. "Philly, New York, Chicago — tons of people from there are moving down here."

Q: Are coronavirus long-haulers still contagious?

A: It's not very likely, but it's a sticky question to answer.

Typically after having an active infection like COVID-19, the contagiousness goes away after a week or so and you start to recover. We less commonly see persistent fevers in this group, which hints that they probably aren't infectious months later, but it can vary. The vast majority of long-haulers test negative for COVID-19, despite lingering symptoms. We define a long-hauler as still having some sort of symptom 28 days or later after they were first infected.

San Diego remains responsive to water conservation calls

By **Erik Anderson** / Environment Reporter

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San Diego County residents can expect more calls for water conservation, even as local water officials insist the region has enough.



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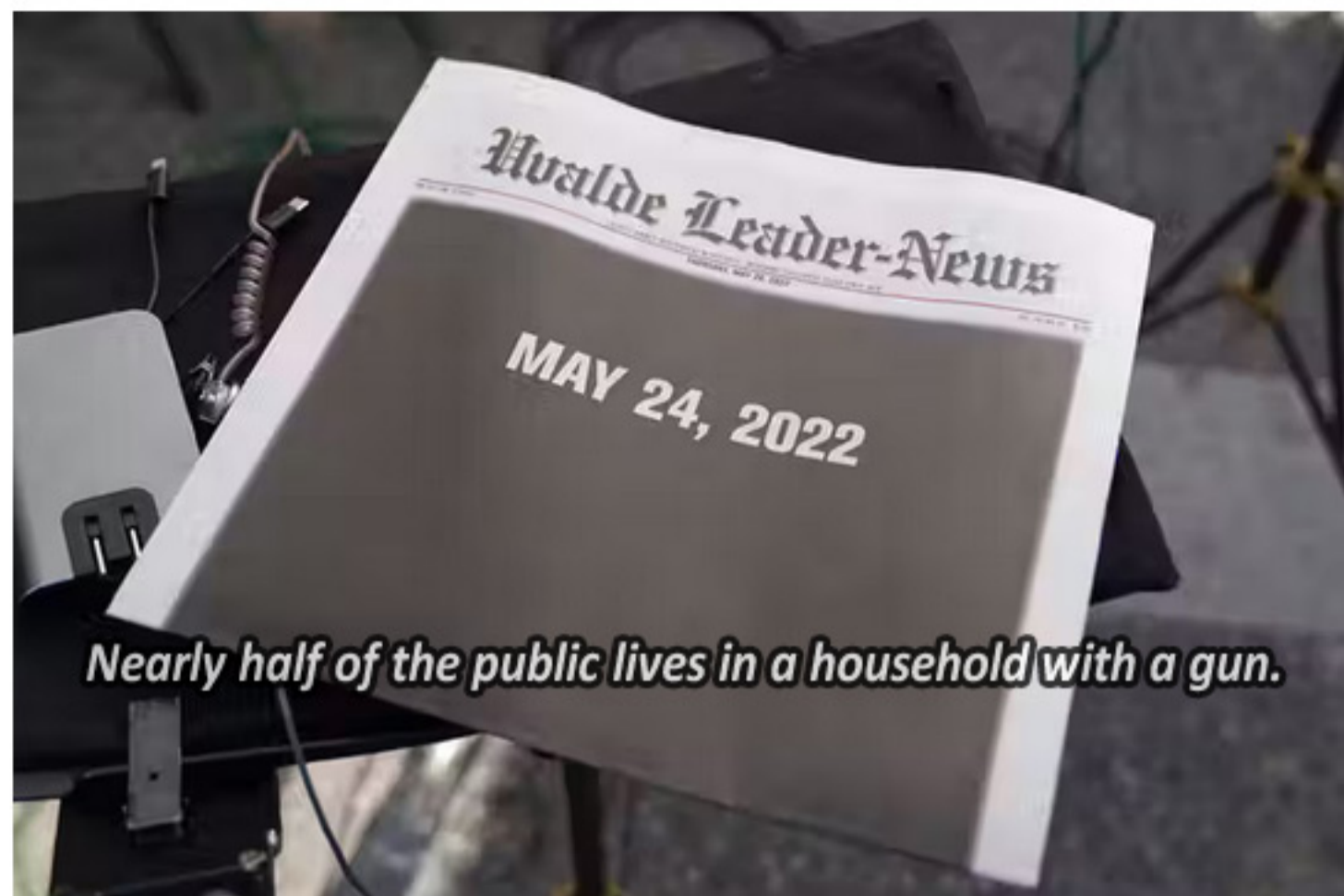
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Why gun control laws don't pass Congress, despite majority public support and repeated outrage over mass shootings

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With the carnage in Uvalde, Texas, and Buffalo, New York in May 2022, calls have begun again for Congress to enact gun control. Since the 2012 massacre of 20 children and four staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, legislation introduced in response to mass killings has consistently failed to pass the Senate. We asked political scientists [Monika McDermott](#) and [David Jones](#) to help readers understand why further restrictions never pass, despite a majority of Americans supporting tighter gun control laws.

Mass killings are becoming more frequent. Yet there has been no significant gun legislation passed in response to these and other mass shootings. Why?

Monika McDermott: While there is consistently a majority in favor of restricting gun access a little bit more than the government currently does, usually that's a slim majority – though that support tends to spike in the short term after events like the recent mass shootings.

We tend to find even gun owners are in support of restrictions like background checks for all gun sales, including at gun shows. So that's one that everyone gets behind. The other one that gun-owning households get behind is they don't mind law enforcement taking guns away from people who have been legally judged to be unstable or dangerous. Those are two restrictions on which you can get virtual unanimous support from the American public. But agreement on specific elements isn't everything.

This isn't something that people are clamoring for, and there are so many other things in the mix that people are much more concerned about right now, like the economy. Also, people are insecure about the federal budget deficit, and health care is still a perennial problem in this country. So those kinds of things top gun control legislation in terms of priorities for the public.

So you can't just think about majority support for legislation; you have to think about priorities. People in office care what the priorities are. If someone's not going to vote them out because of an issue, then they're not going to do it.

The other issue is that you have just this different view of the gun situation in gun-owning households and non-gun-owning households. Nearly half of the public lives in a household with a gun. And those people tend to be significantly less worried than those in non-gun households that a mass shooting could happen in their community. They're also unlikely to say that stricter gun laws would reduce the danger of mass shootings.

The people who don't own guns think the opposite. They think guns are dangerous. They think if we restricted access, then

An estimated **4.2 million California adults** (14% of adults in the state) **personally own a gun**, and an additional **3.1 million** (11%) **live in a home with someone else who does.**

6 charts shows key role firearms makers play in America's gun culture

This overall picture suggests that a marketing change fueled an increased demand for more lethal weapons. This, in turn, appears to have fostered a change in gun culture, which has shifted away from an appreciation of the use of guns for hunting, sport and recreation and toward a view that guns are a necessity to protect oneself from criminals. How and whether this change in gun culture is influencing rates of firearms violence is a question I'm currently researching.

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Why do Americans own guns?

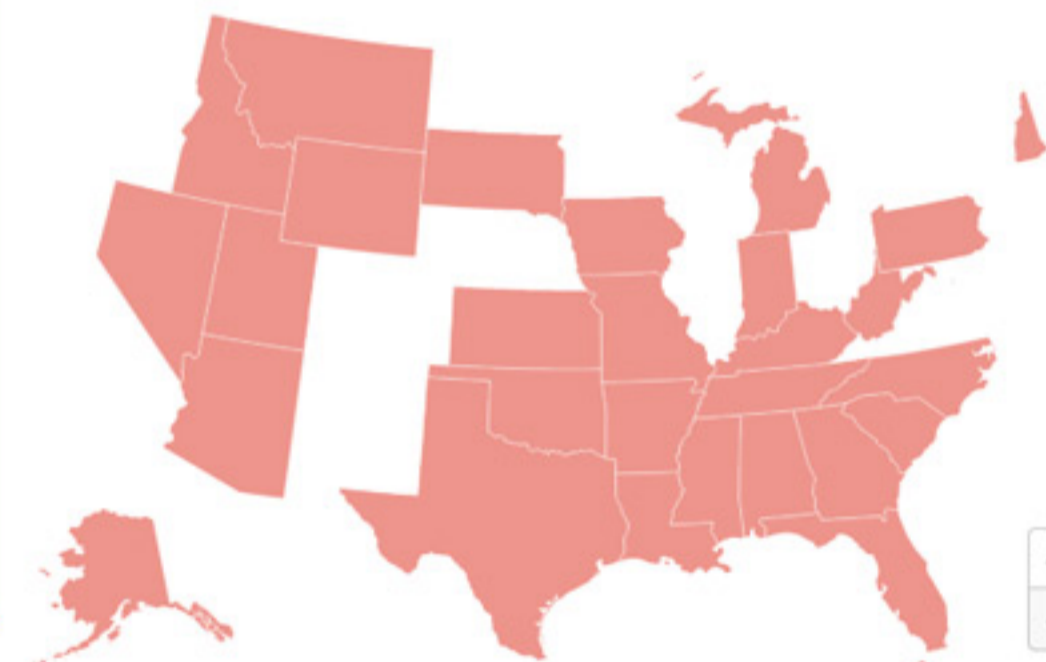
Over the last two decades, fewer Americans have cited hunting and sport as their reasons for owning guns. In 2021, 88% of gun owners said self-defense was a key reason.



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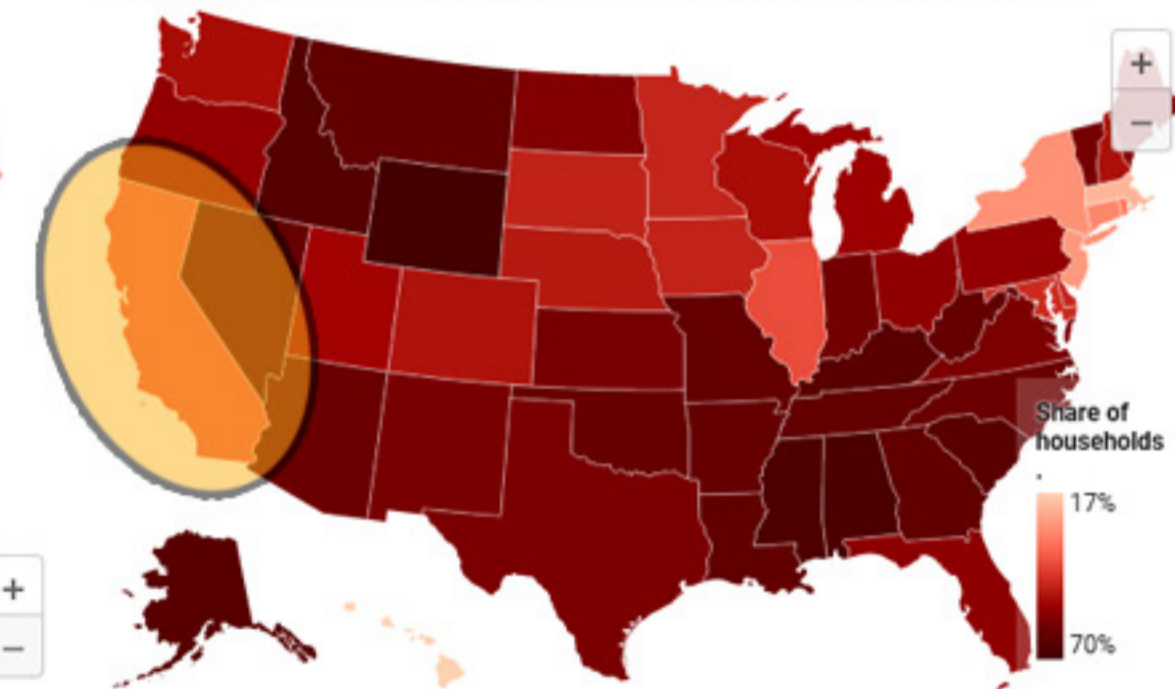
'Stand your ground' laws

From 2004 to 2022, 28 states enacted a "stand your ground" law allowing a person to shoot another if they perceive a threat of bodily harm.



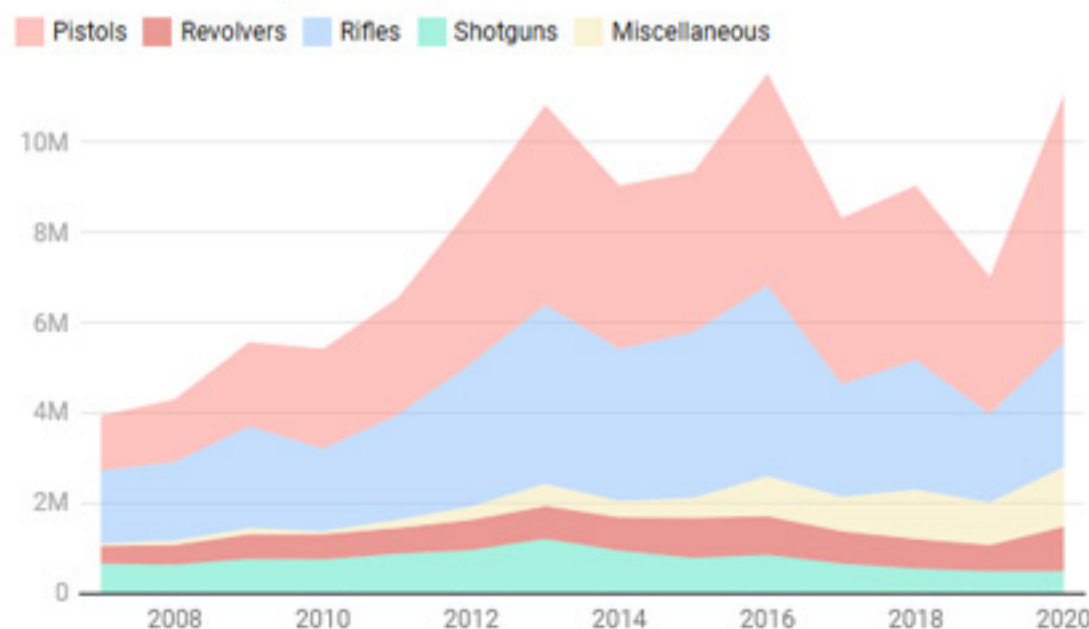
Estimated household gun ownership

Wyoming has the highest rate of home gun ownership, with 70% of households reporting at least one firearm. Hawaii has the lowest at 17%. Data as of 2020.



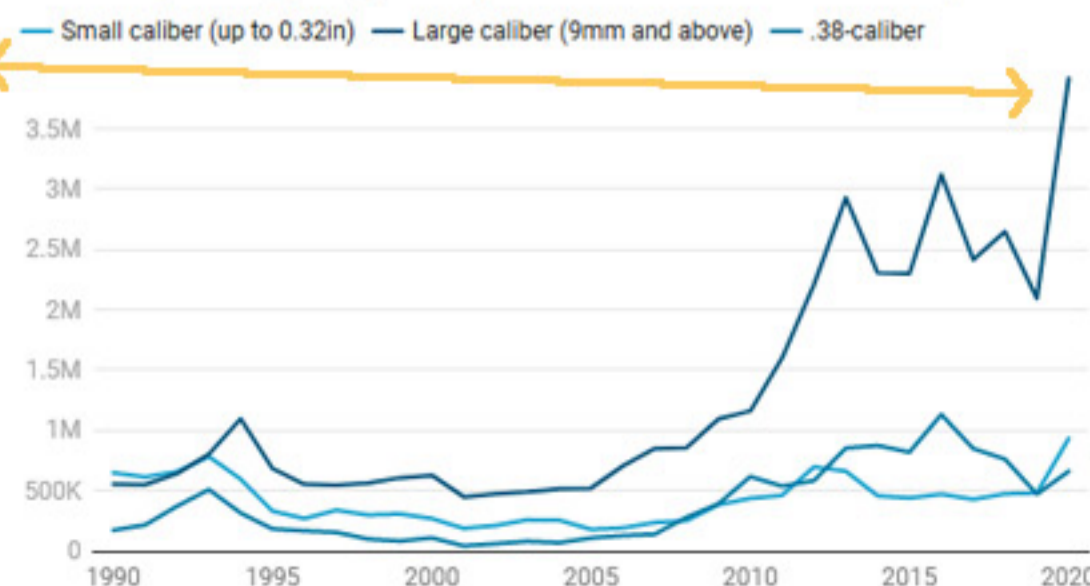
Trends in gun manufacturing

More than 11 million guns were produced in the U.S. in 2020.



Pistol manufacturing in the US

The growing demand for large and .38-caliber pistols shows Americans' increased interest in guns designed specifically for self-defense and concealed carry.



Category	Company	Location	Guns produced in 2020
Pistols	Smith & Wesson	Columbia, MO	1,557,174
Pistols	Sig Sauer	Newington, NH; Exeter, NH	1,018,063
Pistols	Sturm, Ruger & Co.	Prescott, AZ; Mayodan, NC; Newport, NH; Southport, CT	772,382
Pistols	Glock	Smyrna, GA	445,442
Pistols	Kimber Manufacturing	Yonkers, NY; Troy, AL	212,395

There are approximately 4.2 million gun owners and 20 million firearms (9 million handguns) in California. About 1 in 4 California adults lives in a gun-owning home. Gun ownership is highly concentrated. The typical owner just 1 or 2 guns, but 10% of owners own 10 or more. Most owners purchased their last firearm from a retailer. These purchases were most often handguns purchased primarily for protection against people. Compared with the US as a whole, California has lower prevalence of firearm ownership but similar demographic patterns of ownership, reasons for ownership, and trends in acquisition.

FIREARM OWNERSHIP IN CALIFORNIA

Results from the 2018 California Safety and Wellbeing Survey (CSaWS)

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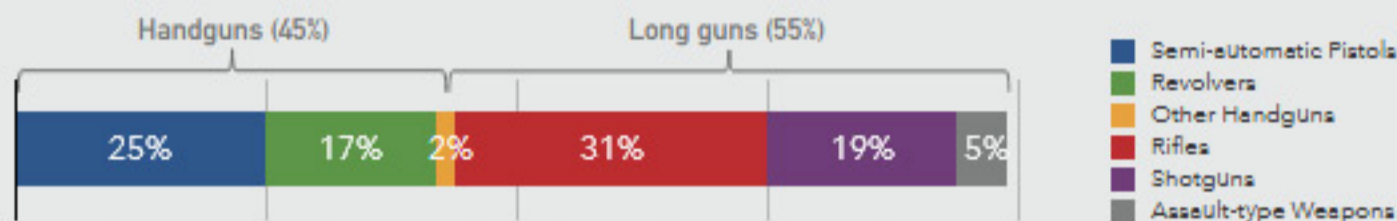


An estimated **4.2 million California adults** (14% of adults in the state) **personally own a gun**, and an additional **3.1 million** (11%) **live in a home with someone else who does.**

1 icon = 1,000,000 Californians

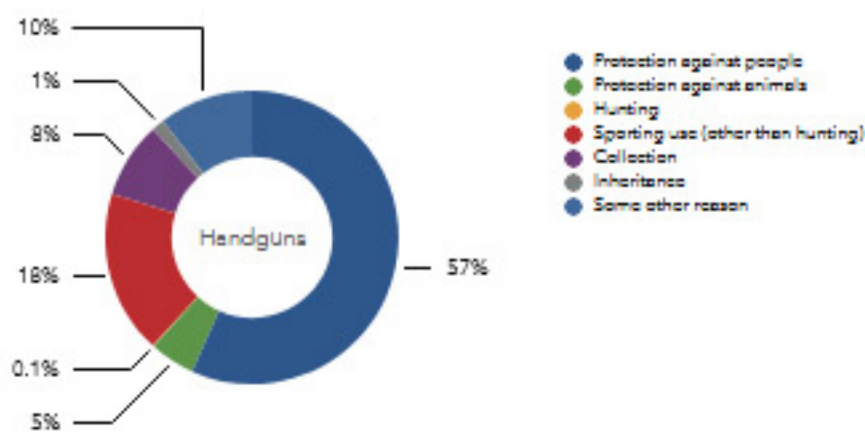
A MAJORITY OF GUNS IN CALIFORNIA ARE LONG GUNS, SUCH AS RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS.

Californians who own one gun most often own a handgun.

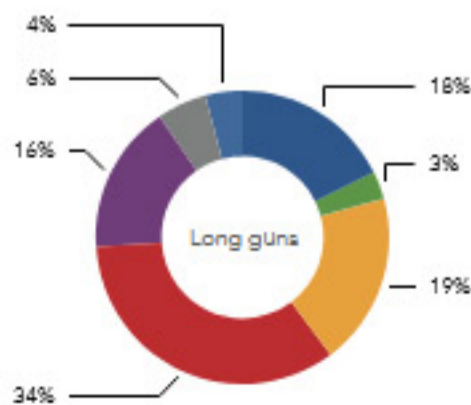


CALIFORNIANS OWN HANDGUNS AND LONG GUNS FOR DIFFERENT REASONS.

Protection is the most common reason for owning handguns. Sport shooting is the most common reason for owning long guns.



- Protection against people
- Protection against animals
- Hunting
- Sporting use (other than hunting)
- Collection
- Inheritance
- Some other reason



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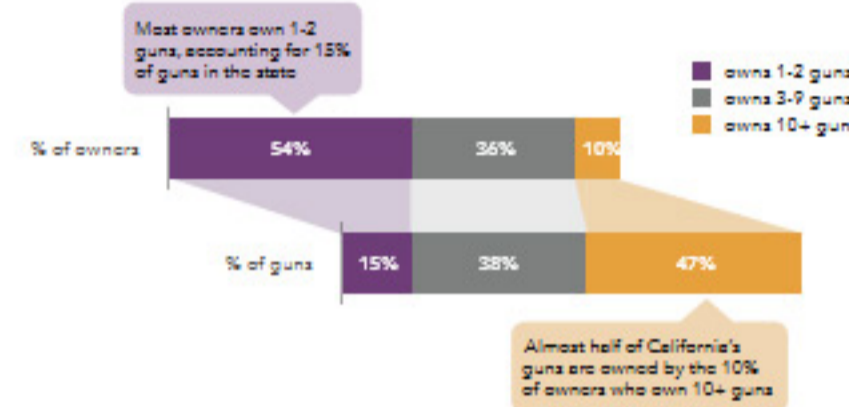
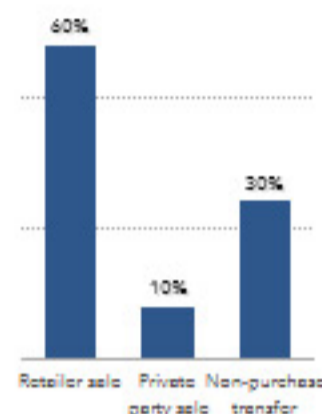
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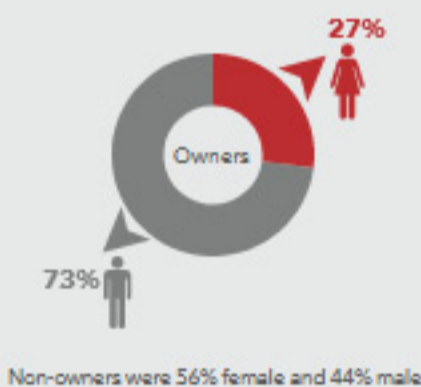
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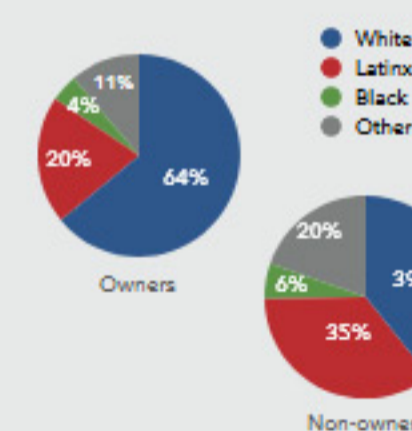
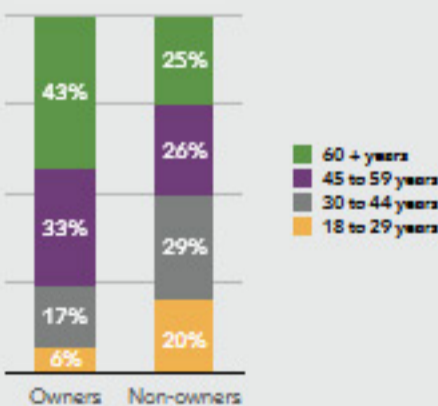
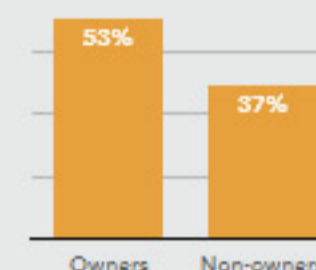
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Gun Ownership by Sex, Income, Age, and Race/Ethnicity



Non-owners were 56% female and 44% male.

Household income >\$100,000



CSaWS

The California Safety and Wellbeing Survey (CSaWS) is a statewide, probability-based Internet survey developed by UCFC and administered by Ipsos Public Affairs, LLC in late 2018. CSaWS asked questions on a wide range of topics related to firearm ownership and exposure to violence and its consequences. More than 2,500 California adults completed CSaWS, and their answers are weighted to be statistically representative of the adult population of the state.

Funding for CSaWS comes from the State of California.

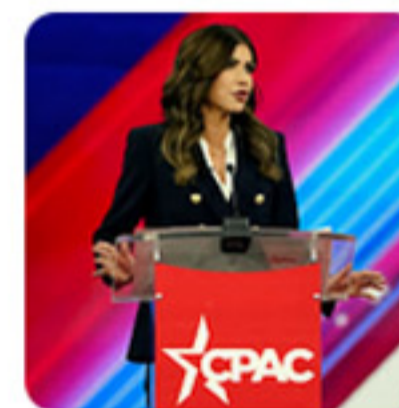
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The evolving narrative of what happened at Uvalde the day of the shooting

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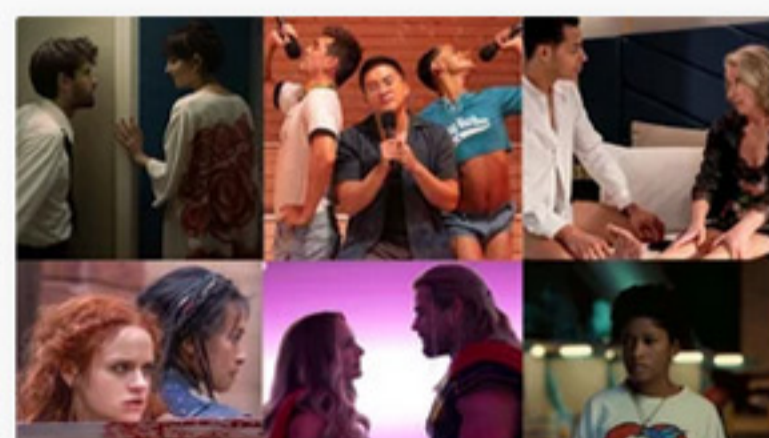
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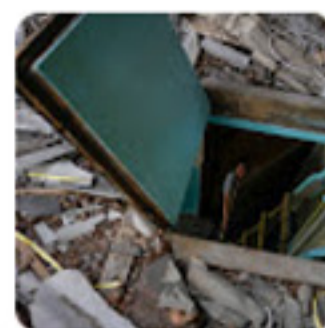


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These are the movies NPR critics are looking forward to this summer

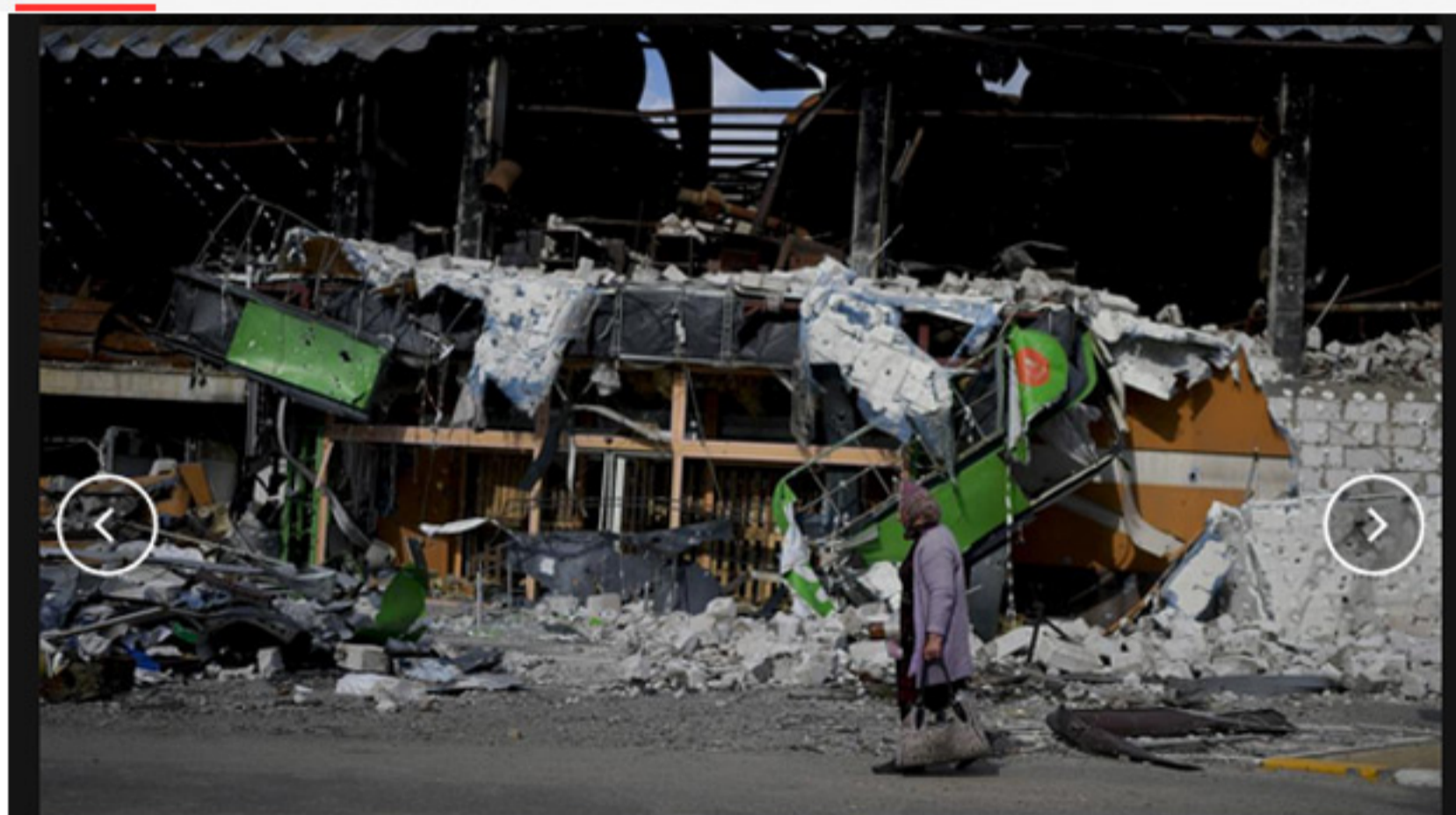
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Russia slams sanctions, seeks to blame West for food crisis

By RICARDO MAZALAN and ELENA BECATOROS today



A woman walks in front of a damage building ruined by attacks in Irpin, outskirts Kyiv, Ukraine, Thursday, May 26, 2022. (AP Photo/Natacha Pisarenko)

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Moscow pressed the West on Thursday to lift sanctions against Russia over the war in Ukraine, seeking to shift the blame for a growing food crisis that has been worsened by Kyiv's inability to ship millions of tons of grain and other agricultural products while under attack. Britain immediately accused Russia of "trying to hold the world to ransom," insisting there would be no sanctions relief, and a top U.S. diplomat blasted the "sheer barbarity, sadistic cruelty and lawlessness" of the invasion.

Ukraine is one of the world's largest exporters of wheat, corn and sunflower oil, but the war and a Russian blockade of its ports have halted much of that flow, endangering world food supplies. Many of those ports are now also heavily mined. Russia also is a significant grain exporter, and Kremlin spokesman Dmitri Peskov said the West "must cancel the unlawful decisions that hamper chartering ships and exporting grain." His comments appeared to be an effort to lump the blockade of Ukrainian exports with what Russia says are its difficulties in moving its own goods.

Western officials have dismissed those claims. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken noted last week that food, fertilizer and seeds are exempt from sanctions imposed by the U.S. and many others — and that Washington is working to ensure countries know the flow of those goods should not be affected. With the war grinding into its fourth month, world leaders have ramped up calls for solutions. World Trade Organization Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said about 25 million tons of Ukrainian grain is in storage and another 25 million tons could be harvested next month.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called for imposing even tougher sanctions on Russia, including for the European Union to ban Russian oil and gas. "Pressuring Russia is literally a matter of saving lives," he said in his nightly video address. "And every day of delay, weakness, various disputes or proposals to appease the aggressor at the expense of the victim is new Ukrainians killed. And these are new threats to everyone on our continent."

Zelenskyy pleaded with the West to send multiple launch rocket systems to Ukraine as soon as possible to give it a fighting chance against the Russian offensive in the Donbas.

China's Pacific plan seen as regional strategic game-changer

By DAVID RISING and NICK PERRY an hour ago



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare at right lock arms with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Honiara, Solomon Islands, Thursday, May 26, 2022. (Xinhua via AP)

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — When China signed a security pact with the Solomon Islands in April it raised concerns from the U.S. and its allies that Beijing may be seeking a military outpost in the South Pacific, an area of traditional American naval dominance. But China upped the ante further this week, reaching out to the Solomon Islands and nine other island nations with a sweeping security proposal that, even if only partially realized, could give it a presence in the Pacific much nearer Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and on the doorstep of the strategic American territory of Guam. China insists its proposals are targeted at regional stability and economic growth, but experts and governments fear that beneath the surface, it is a brazen attempt to expand its influence in a strategically critical area.

David Panuelo, the president of Micronesia, one of the nations targeted by China, warned the others against signing on, saying it “threatens to bring a new Cold War at best, and a world war at worst.” “Aside from the impacts on our sovereignty ... it increases the chances of China getting into conflict with Australia, Japan, the United States and New Zealand on the day when Beijing decides to invade Taiwan,” Panuelo warned in a letter obtained by The Associated Press, noting China has not ruled out using force to take the self-governing island, which it claims as its own territory.

A draft of the proposal obtained by The Associated Press shows that China wants to train Pacific police officers, team up on “traditional and non-traditional security” and expand law enforcement cooperation. China also wants to jointly develop a marine plan for fisheries, and raises the possibility of a free trade area with the Pacific nations. It targets Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands, Niue and Micronesia — and pointedly leaves out the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau and Tuvalu, all of which recognize Taiwan as a country. Like many other nations, the U.S. has a “one China” policy, which does not recognize Taiwan, but also opposes any unilateral changes to the status quo.

Already, there are fears that China’s proposal may give its massive commercial fishing fleet unfettered access to the fragile grounds, said Anna Powles, a senior lecturer in security studies at New Zealand’s Massey University. There are also concerns that any kind of base for Chinese commercial fishing fleets in Kiribati could also be used as an additional hub for Beijing’s surveillance activities, she said. The Solomon Islands and Kiribati both shifted their allegiances from Taiwan to mainland China in 2019, and are seen as among the most amenable to China’s proposal. Vanuatu is also seen as likely in that camp, having just signed a contract with China for a runway extension at its Pekoa airport. But Powles said Panuelo’s letter echoed strong overall concerns about the Chinese proposal, and that there are “significant areas of concern” about many areas, including the increased engagement in fisheries and the security cooperation agreements.

“It will only change things if countries agree to adopt this communique, and it doesn’t sound like people are particularly happy about it,” she said.

Graham said he did not think any country would see the Chinese proposal as a need to choose either Beijing or the West, but that even if a few countries signed on it could have significant effects.


“If they could get the Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Vanuatu, that right there is some pretty important real estate,” he said. “From a purely geostrategic point of view that would change the odds, that would dramatically alter Australia’s future defense planning.”

In his letter, Panuelo stressed to the others that Micronesia would reject the proposal. “Geopolitics like these are the kind of game where the only winning move is not to play,” he said.

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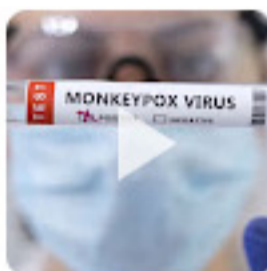
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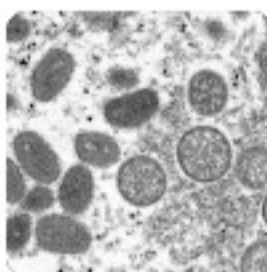
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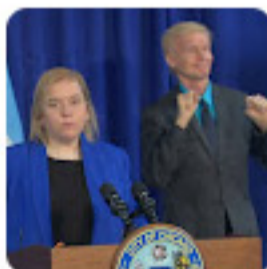
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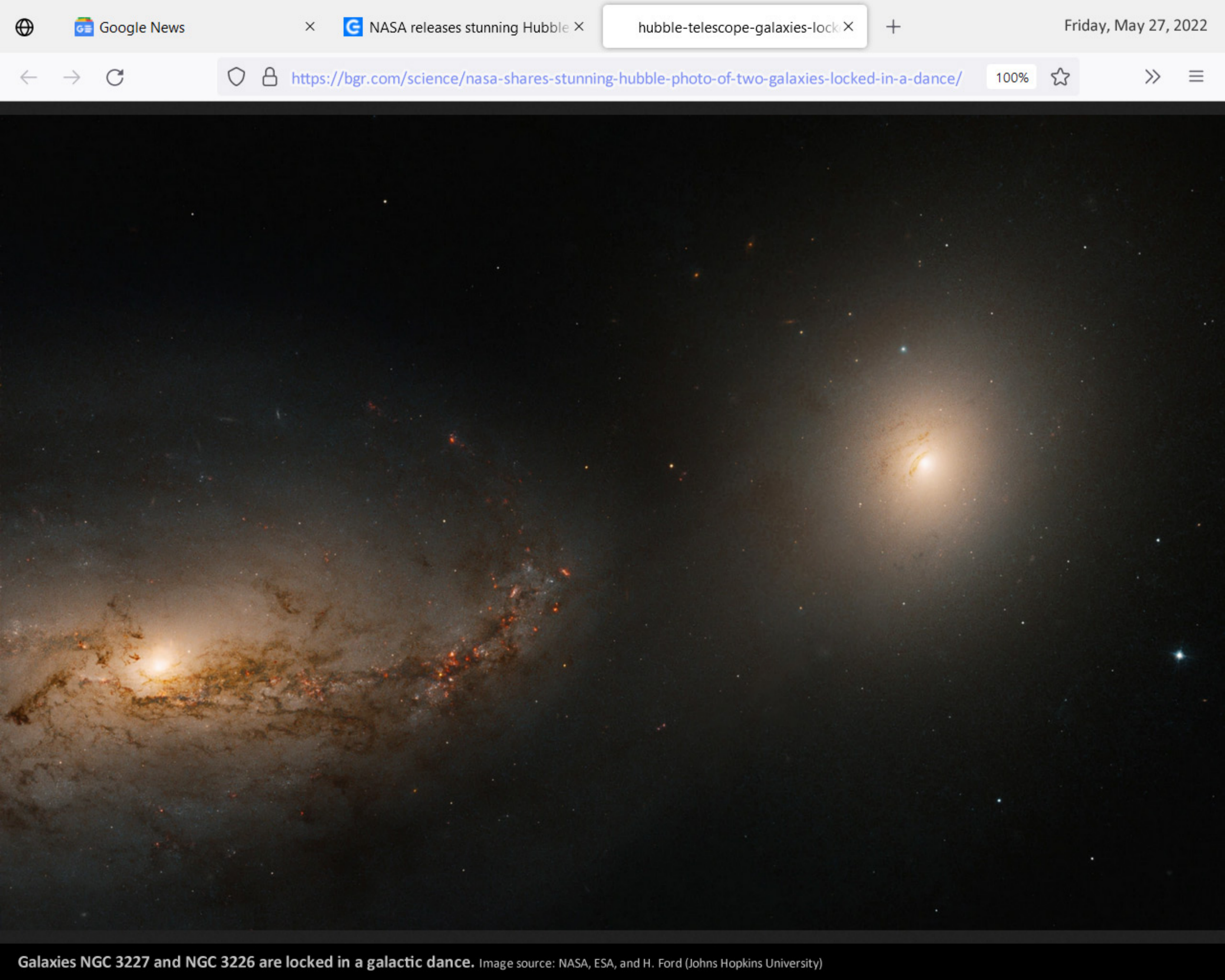
Cases of COVID-19 are – yet again – on the rise. The U.S. is seeing an average of more than 100,000 reported new cases across the country every day. That's nearly double the rate a month ago and four times higher than this time last year.

And the real number of cases is likely much higher than that, according to health officials. Because many people now rely on at-home tests, "we're clearly under-counting infections," White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha told reporters at the most recent COVID press briefing. Hospitalizations are trending upwards too, though only gradually in most places.

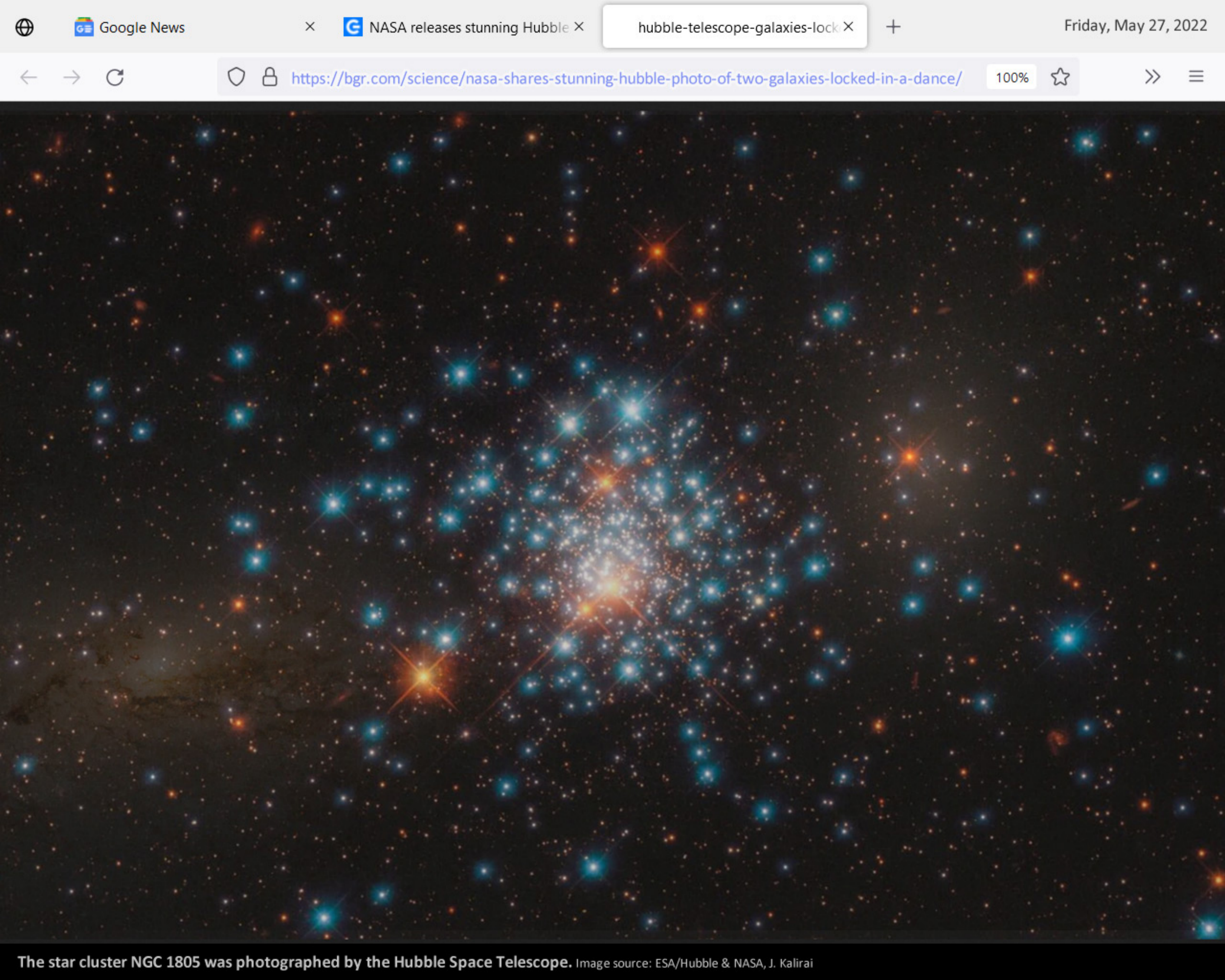
Yet in most places, health officials haven't called for any new COVID restrictions. So how big is the surge, really? And is there anything you should be doing about it?

[...]

Beyond vaccination, if the virus is spreading a lot in your community right now, anyone who's high-risk because of age or underlying conditions – or lives with someone who is – would be smart to dial up on personal COVID-19 precautions: being selective about time in public spaces indoors and wearing a high quality well-fitting mask when you do.



Galaxies NGC 3227 and NGC 3226 are locked in a galactic dance. Image source: NASA, ESA, and H. Ford (Johns Hopkins University)



The star cluster NGC 1805 was photographed by the Hubble Space Telescope. Image source: ESA/Hubble & NASA, J. Kalirai

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Bertrand Russell Message To Future Generations (1959)

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INTERVIEWER One last question: Suppose Lord Russell this film were to be looked at by our descendants, like a Dead Sea scroll in a thousand years time, what would you think it's worth telling that generation about the life you've lived and the lessons you've learned from it?

BERTRAND RUSSELL I should like to say two things, one intellectual and one moral: The intellectual thing, I should want to say to them, is this: When you are studying any matter, or considering any philosophy, ask yourself only "what are the facts, and what is the truth that the facts bear out?" Never let yourself be diverted, either by what you wish to believe, or by what you think could have beneficial social effects, if it were believed. But look only and solely at: "What are the facts?" That is the intellectual thing that I should wish to say. The moral thing I should wish to say to them is very simple. I should say: **Love is wise, hatred is foolish.** In this world, which is getting more and more closely interconnected, we have to learn to tolerate each other. We have to learn to put up with the fact, that some people say things that we don't like. We can only live together in that way. And if we are to live together and not to die together, we must learn a kind of charity and a kind of tolerance, which is absolutely vital to the continuation of human life on this planet.

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7:12 ...and so the only thing anybody can agree about today so far as the discussion of ethical and moral problems are concerned is that we ought to survive, and therefore certain forms of conduct have survival value and certain forms don't. But when you say to yourself you must go on living you put yourself in a double blind because you said to a process which is in a sense essentially spontaneous, that it must happen.

7:47 ...and the basic form of the double bind, which is imposed upon all children, is you are required to do that which will be acceptable only if you do it voluntarily.



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The Smithsonian Natural History Museum houses 147 million specimens – everything from pickled animals to priceless gems to dinosaur bones. But less than 1% of it's on display. The rest is hidden behind the scenes in what's called collections. But they're not just sitting in storage rooms collecting dust. The specimens are actively used for scientific research with real-world benefits, from preventing bird strikes to documenting invasive species. We went inside the collections to see how they acquire, maintain, and protect our Earth's treasures.

PARENTING: DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

What to say to kids when the news is scary

Whether a school shooting or a deadly tornado, scary events in the news can leave parents struggling to know when — and how — they should talk with their kids about it. Rosemarie Truglio of Sesame Workshop and Tara Conley, a media studies professor at Montclair State University, give us tips.



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▪ **Cómo hablar con los niños cuando las noticias dan miedo. Una guía bilingüe**



They told me, "*Choose the lesser of the two evils.*" They didn't give instructions on what to do with the endless barrage of evils, all of piece, each worse than the other. The ones they keep slinging at you in the name of the daily news.



Arming teachers – an effective security measure or a false sense of security?

Aimee Huff, *Oregon State University* and Michelle Barnhart, *Oregon State University*

In the wake of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, some elected officials are making calls anew for teachers to be armed and trained to use firearms to protect the nation's schools. To shine light on the matter, The Conversation reached out to Aimee Huff and Michelle Barnhart, two Oregon State University scholars who have studied the ins and outs of putting guns in the hands of the nation's teachers as a way to protect students.

What does the public think about arming teachers? According to a 2021 poll, 43% of Americans supported policies that allow school personnel to carry guns in schools. But if you take a closer look, you see that most of that support comes from Republicans and gun-owners. For instance, 66% of Republican respondents expressed support for such policies, versus just 24% of Democratic respondents. And 63% of gun owners supported allowing school personnel to carry guns, versus just 33% of non-gun owners. **The majority of teachers, parents and students oppose allowing teachers to carry guns.**

What were the results? There are documented incidents of school staff using their firearm to neutralize a shooter. However, researchers have not found evidence that arming teachers increases school safety. Rather, arming teachers may contribute to a false sense of security for teachers, students and the community.

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A photographer's journey to reconnect with his Chinese American identity

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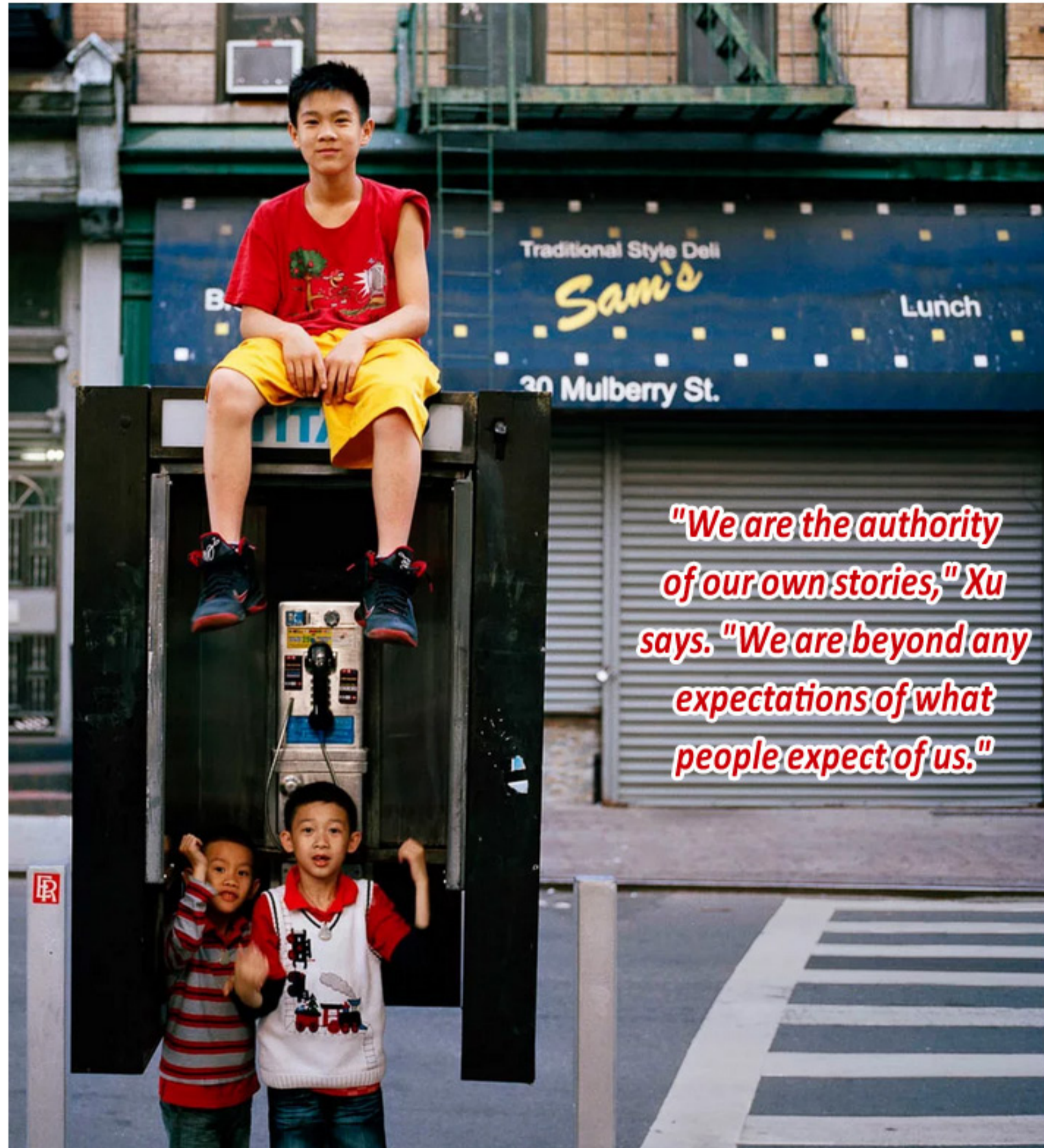


Ryan, Grand Canyon, 2013 Ryan, Chinese-Japanese-American, Cowboy
An Rong Xu



Houston Rodeo, 2013. Houston, Texas.
An Rong Xu

Growing up in Queens as a young Chinese American, An Rong Xu internalized a shameful when he realized the way that he and his culture were negatively perceived through American eyes. Hearing so many offensive stereotypes targeting his identity, Xu grew resentful of his Chinese heritage.



"We are the authority of our own stories," Xu says. "We are beyond any expectations of what people expect of us."

CULTURE

Like The Linda Lindas, this teen girl band in Benin makes you dance — and think

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NICK ROLL



GLOBAL HEALTH
Ethiopia set a world record for displacements in a single year: 5.1 million in 2021



The first time that **Star Feminine Band** – a group of 7 girl musicians from the ages of 12 to 19 – played a show in their West African nation of Benin, many in the crowd broke out in both applause and tears.

While the country has seen its share of successful female musicians – singer Angélique Kidjo, for example, has won five Grammys – residents of Natitingou, a town in Benin's conservative north had never seen musical female power in action. "It was the first time [that girls in the community] saw women play instruments," says Sandrine Ouei, the group's 19-year-old drummer, recalling the event in 2016. "We're showing the world that women have the capacity and the potential, that they can make music."

During one Sunday lesson, the girls perform an acapella version of an unreleased, English-language song from their upcoming album. They swing back and forth, swaying in unison.

"Women stand up, stand up for your rights. Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights," they sing, nearly chanting. "Don't underestimate her – because she can do what you do, too."

Ethiopia set a world record for displacements in a single year: 5.1 million in 2021

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JACKY HABIB

Conflict and violence triggered over 5.1 million displacements within Ethiopia in 2021 — triple the number reported there in 2020 and the highest figure recorded for any country in a given year, according to a new report from the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre.

People who fled from fighting in Ethiopia gather in a temporary internally displaced people camp to receive first bags of wheat from the World Food Programme. Ethiopia saw a record 5.1 million displacements in 2021.





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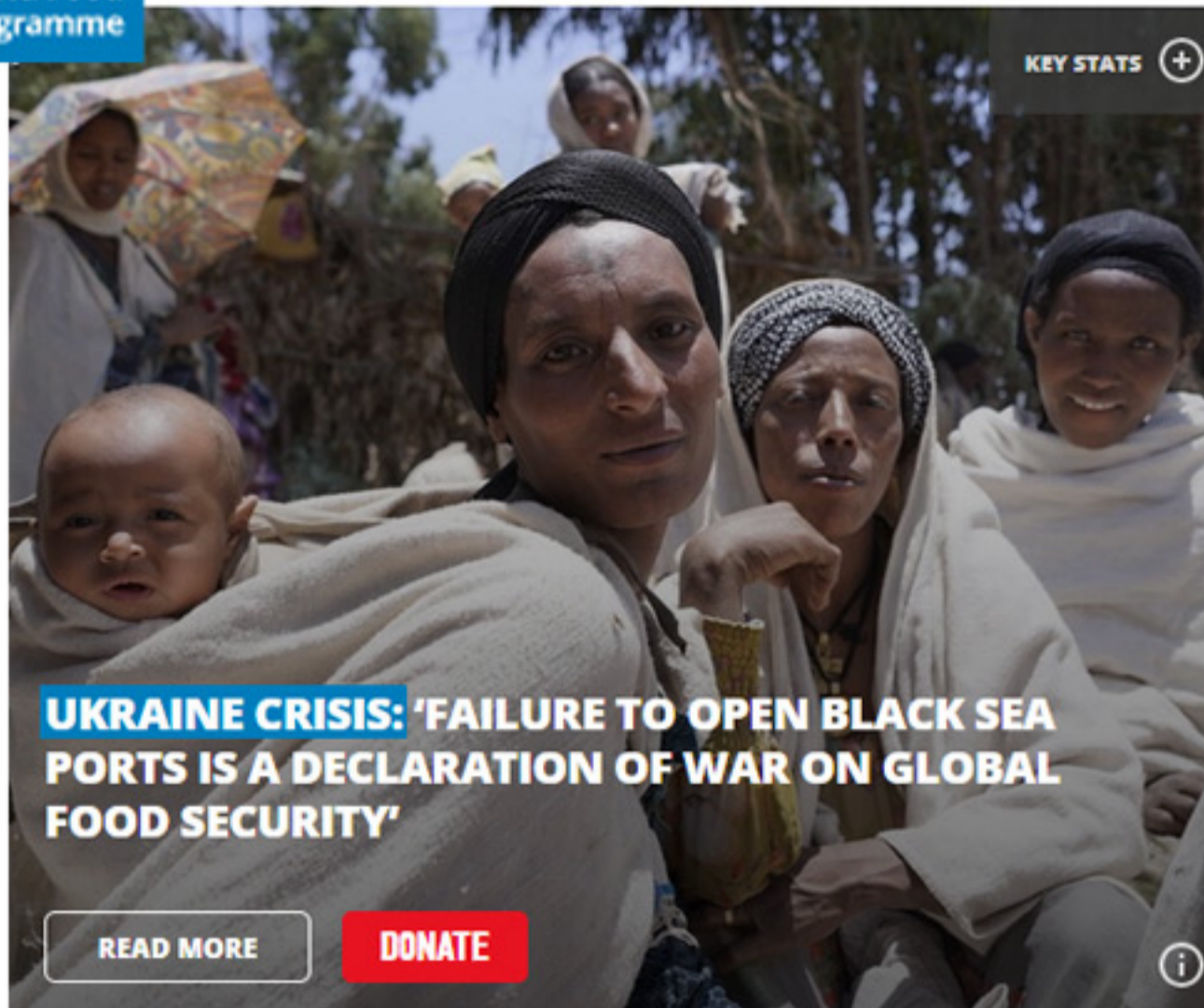
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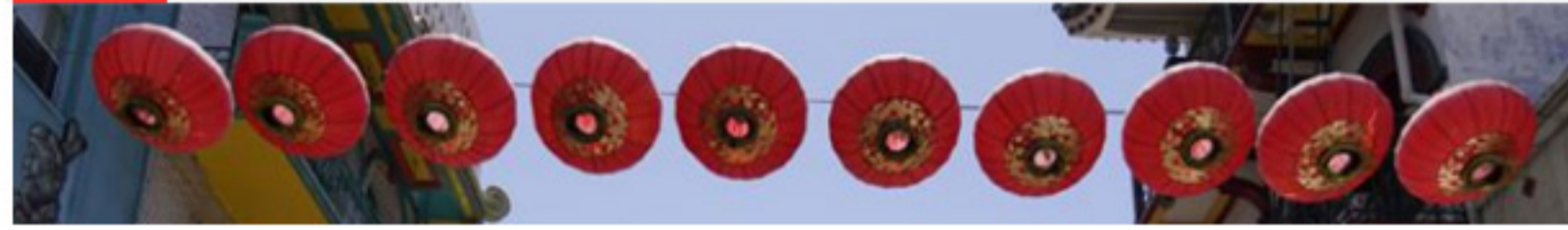
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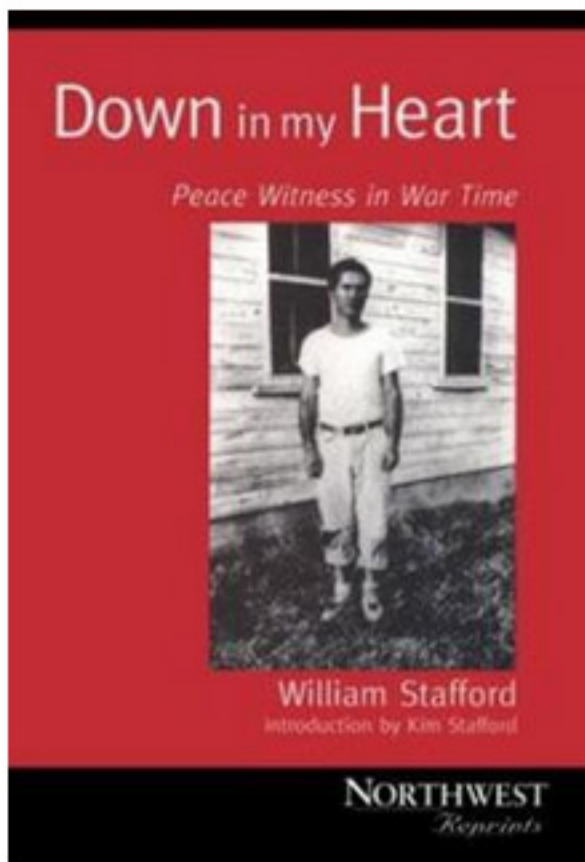
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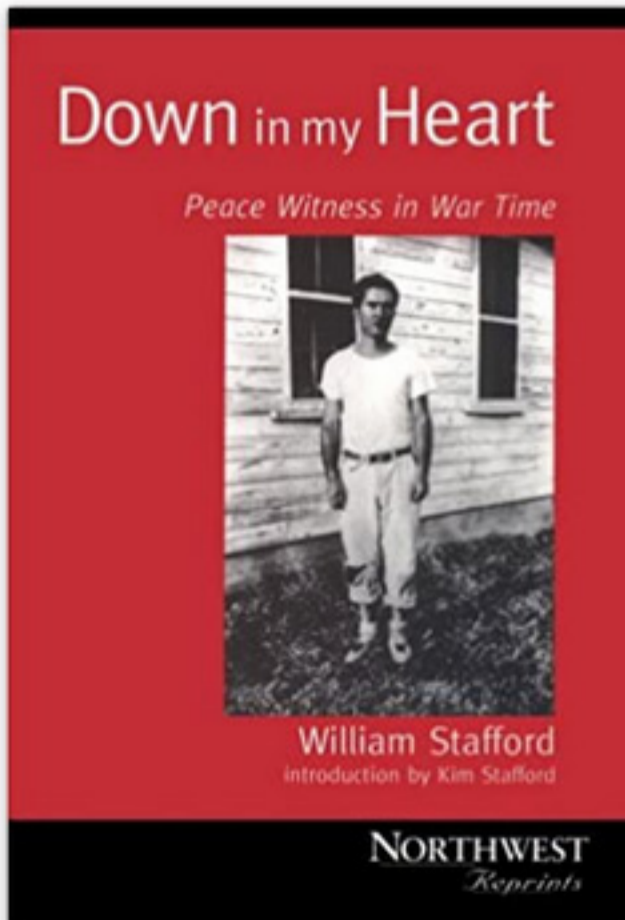
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From 1942 to 1945, William Stafford was interned in camps for conscientious objectors in Arkansas and California for his refusal to be inducted into the U.S. Army.

Down in My Heart is an account of the relationships among the men in the camps and their day-to-day activities - fighting forest fires, building trails and roads, restoring eroded lands - and their earnest pursuit of a social morality rooted in religious and secular pacifist ideals. In his new introduction to the book, Kim Stafford calls them a "generation of seekers" working full time "to envision a way to avoid the next war."

First published in 1947, this "peace relic," as William Stafford later called his first book, offers a rich glimpse into a little-known aspect of the war and a fascinating look at the formative years of a major American poet.

Asian photographers share the stories behind their names

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In her conception dream, Young Ok Na, the photographer's mother, holds up jewels from the stream to the light. She thinks of the Korean character 아 (pronounced 'Ah'), which stands for beauty, and ĩ (pronounced 'Lhin'), which is the sparkle of a jade. In an interpretation of that moment, Arin Yoon holds up her Korean name necklace to the sunlight.



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Students protest against a Seattle university's ban on hiring LGBTQ employees

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JONATHAN FRANKLIN



Students at Seattle Pacific University (SPU), a private Christian university in Seattle, protested after the campus administration voted last week to uphold rules that ban the hiring of LGBTQ+ staff from working at the university. Last week, the SPU Board of Trustees voted to retain the university's current employee lifestyle expectations regarding sexual conduct. Following the board's vote, students walked out of class on last Tuesday to protest in front of the university president's office.

With this decision, faculty and staff at the university must "continue to reflect a traditional view on Biblical marriage and sexuality, as an expression of long-held church teaching and biblical interpretation," the university's said in its statement.

"We want the community of SPU to know that this was a thorough and prayerful deliberation," Davis said in the statement.

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The board statement added: "While this decision brings complex and heart-felt reactions, the Board made a decision that it believed was most in line with the university's mission and Statement of Faith and chose to have SPU remain in communion with its founding denomination, the Free Methodist Church USA, as a core part of its historical identity as a Christian university."

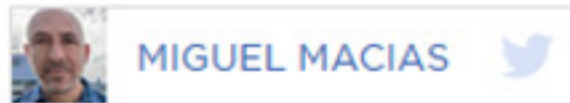
The board recognizes that there is "disagreement among faithful Christians" regarding sexuality and identity.

The university had previously been in court over its controversial views regarding sexuality and its policies. In 2021, adjunct nursing professor Jéaux Rinedahl sued the university, but the case was eventually settled out of court.



There are 2 types of immigrants: those who look back, and those who don't. I'm both

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I came to the U.S. to accomplish things. But what does that look like?

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[...]

Recently another friend of mine sent me a message. She is also an immigrant to the U.S and also struggles with depression. She was struggling with the same questions I deal with: where is our place in the world? Why are we putting ourselves through all this suffering, going back and forth?

The only advice I could give her is to try to decide where you want to be in the future. And even if you don't know when that will happen, at least you'll know that you made a decision. And at that moment, I realized that I had made my own decision. Maybe it's my age — I'm 46 now. Maybe it's the years apart from Maria, or maybe it's my father's passing. But all of those things helped me make some decisions. To stop running away from my problems.

I recently bought an old house in Seville to tear down and build a new home. And I asked Maria to marry me. It was on her birthday, while getting lunch with some good friends in Seville. I finally know where my place in the world is. And even though I don't have a set date, or a one-way plane ticket, I know I will come back to Spain. **To finally rest. To live for the things that matter.**

I met Maria in Seville. A friend introduced us outside of a bar. People love to hang out with friends outside of bars in Seville. It didn't take long for Maria to realize there was Miguel in Spain, and Miguel in the United States.



Meet Maria.

Miguel Macias

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Rough hewn. Victim of my own petard. *(Aren't we all immigrants here?)*

There's a chance that life is 49.999% NOT good, best left to rest from the start. And a fifty point zero zero one per cent chance that life is good, worth living. With, in actuality, an infinite number of zeros after the decimal point, before the one. A very slim chance. It's an unstable experience erupting from nowhere to undergo certain decay back into nothing, with only a hope, a slim hope that there is something next, something larger, more meaningful coming after, coming next — interesting particularly and only to you. Or in my case me and my god. Yet, I can't even attract Jon Batiste or Naomi Shihab Nye's interest in sharing, illuminating this ephemeral event before me, what even slimmer chance do I have with an eternal almighty that will ultimately take the wobble out and make this overall worthwhile? A glimmer of a glimmer. I don't mean to whine exploding in my own petard, to simply be a firecracker celebrating the empty jingo of survival, but why? What first cause? When the true purpose? Who's bigger picture? What's it all about, Alfie? Where do I belong? Is it just for the moment we live? Are we meant to take more than we give? Or are we meant to be kind? If only fools are kind, if life belongs only to the strong, Alfie, what is love? You say, without true love we just exist, until you find the love you've missed, you're nothing, Alfie. When you walk, if let your heart lead the way will you really find that love, Alfie? Can you tell me, Alfie, what is love? Was it all but a poem, a song — just for the moment... did we live, do we live on in love?



Meet Maria.

Miguel Macias

Uvalde shooting survivors seek comfort anywhere, including in the arms of bikers

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Celeste Ibarra and her daughter, Aubriella Melchor, who survived the mass shooting on Tuesday, prayed with members of the Journey Riders, Sons of God Motorcycle Club, including Adam Torres (far left) at Murphy USA gas station in Uvalde, Texas.

People in Uvalde are praying everywhere and all the time.

UVALDE, Texas — People in Uvalde are praying everywhere and all the time.

Adam Torres, president of the San Antonio chapter of the Christian biker group, the Journey Riders, towers over Melchor and her mother Celeste Ibarra as he holds his hands over them.

"This is a brave little girl and a brave mother," he said with his eyes closed.

The motorcycle club made the 85 mile trek early to provide some comfort to anyone who is seeking "the love of God."

Several dozen riders joined the caravan on their Harleys and others drove behind them in cars adorned with flags. In all they spent a handful of hours in town, praying with people on the sidewalk, in stores and parking lots, and the gas station.

And it appears they have provided at least a few moments of respite for Ibarra and her daughter, who said she feels "sad, frustrated, and scared" since the shooting.

"We just met this lady and her daughter and we just wanted to show them that there's hope and there's people on the other side," Torres told NPR.

A 9-year-old relives the horror

From inside Robb Elementary, Melchor said she remembered hearing three shots ring out, and says it sounded as if the gunman "was kicking a door [to a nearby classroom] and then he opened it and he started shooting."

Melchor doesn't know how long she was there alone. Her mother told NPR that the third grader remained "crouched in a ball — in a fetal position — on the floor."

When officers finally came in to take the child to safety, Melchor was still curled up on the floor of a bathroom stall. She remembers that she was too afraid to make a sound or look up. All she could see was two shoes on the other side of the door.

The baby formula shortage is prompting calls to increase support for breastfeeding

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SCOTT HORSLEY



The baby-formula shortage has led some to question why the U.S. doesn't provide more support for breastfeeding. Here, a woman breastfeeds her son outside New York City Hall during a 2014 rally to support breastfeeding in public.

"The breast is the shortest supply chain," says Kadee Russ, an economist at the University of California, Davis.

Russ is quick to acknowledge that not every parent can breastfeed, or wants to. But while 84% of new mothers start breastfeeding, **six in ten stop earlier than they'd like. Russ points to a variety of factors, including too little training from health care providers, too few pumping options at work, and too little paid family leave.**

"It's a little bit demoralizing when you have a baby and you're talking to your friends in these other countries and they're going to have a year of leave to nurse their children and you don't," Russ says. "It's not easy to breastfeed. Mothers need support. It's not an easy process. It's work."

Dr. Bartick argues that boosting breastfeeding rates would bring substantial health care savings, since nursing babies suffer less from ear infections, diarrhea, obesity and other ailments.

But Russ notes that building the economic case for breastfeeding requires a more inclusive kind of accounting.

"If you buy formula, that goes into GDP as a transaction," she says. "Breastfeeding isn't [included]. And in fact, what may show up in national economic statistics is that you may be working less."

Russ says it's short-sighted to count the economic cost of expanding paid leave, for example, without considering the offsetting benefits of increased access to breastfeeding.

"I think that it's important to understand that breast milk is part of food systems," Russ says. "It is a supply chain in itself."

Boosting breastfeeding rates won't solve the immediate formula shortage. But the memory of empty store shelves may prompt some families to take a second look at formula's original competition.

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A researcher's avatar was sexually assaulted on a metaverse platform owned by Meta, making her the latest victim of sexual abuse on Meta's platforms, watchdog says

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Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg. Drew Angerer/Getty Images

- **A nonprofit advocacy group says a researcher's avatar was raped in the metaverse.**
- **Other Meta users have also said they were sexually harassed or abused in the metaverse.**
- **Meta investors wanted a report on harms facing metaverse users, but shareholders rejected the idea.**

A researcher entered the metaverse wanting to study users' behavior on Meta's social-networking platform Horizon World. But within an hour after she donned her Oculus virtual-reality headset, she says, her avatar was raped in the virtual space.

"Metaverse: another cesspool of toxic content," a new report published by the nonprofit advocacy group SumOfUs on Tuesday, details the researcher's violent encounter in Meta's Horizon World.

In December, the investors Arjuna Capital and Storebrand Asset Management, together with SumOfUs and several other advocacy organizations, co-filed a motion demanding that Meta publish a report examining any harms users could face on its metaverse platforms, they said in a press release.

"Investors need to understand the scope of these potential harms, and weigh in on whether or not this is a good idea before we throw good money after bad," Arjuna Capital's managing partner Natasha Lamb said in the release.

At Meta's Wednesday shareholder meeting, a proposal was introduced to complete a third-party assessment of "potential psychological and civil and human rights harms to users that may be caused by the use and abuse of the platform" and "whether harms can be mitigated or avoided, or are unavoidable risks inherent in the technology."

However, the proposal was voted down.

Earlier this month, Nick Clegg, the president for global affairs at Meta Platforms, said in a blog post that "the rules and safety features of the metaverse — regardless of the floor — will not be identical to the ones currently in place for social media" and "nor should they be."

But, he continued: "In the physical world, as well as the internet, people shout and swear and do all kinds of unpleasant things that aren't prohibited by law, and they harass and attack people in ways that are. The metaverse will be no different. People who want to misuse technologies will always find ways to do it."

Indian rapper turned politician Sidhu Moose Wala shot dead

By Heather Chen and Esha Mitra, CNN

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Sidhu Moose Wala performs at the Wireless Festival 2021 at Crystal Palace in London.

CNN — Police are searching for the killers of prominent Indian rapper turned politician Sidhu Moose Wala, who was shot by unidentified assailants while driving near his home in the Mansa district of India's Punjab state on Sunday.

The 28-year-old singer, whose real name was Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, sustained a bullet injury and was taken to hospital where he was confirmed dead, Punjab police chief Viresh Kumar Bhawra told reporters.

Bhawra said about 30 empty casings were found at the crime scene, belonging to at least three different weapons including a 9mm handgun.

Punjab police linked the attack to gang rivalry, with a gang member from Canada allegedly claiming responsibility for Moose Wala's death. But political groups have blamed Punjab's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for allowing the killing to take place.

"Sidhu Moose Wala was gunned down in a state-sponsored murder. The AAP government is totally responsible for this," India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party said in a statement.

Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann, from the AAP, said Moose Wala's killers would not be spared. "I am shocked and deeply saddened by the gruesome murder of Sidhu Moose Wala. Nobody involved will be spared. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his fans across the world. I appeal everyone to stay calm," he tweeted.

The murder

Moose Wala left his home in a car with two other people at around 4.30 p.m., Bhawra said. About an hour later, two cars approached the vehicle from the front and opened fire, he said.

The attack comes as Punjab's state government announced the scaling back and withdrawal of security cover previously provided to 424 officials, among them 122 politicians who included Moose Wala, according to the Press Trust of India. Critics said the move would make individuals vulnerable to attack.

Bhawra said Moose Wala normally had access to four commandos but two had been reassigned to cover the anniversary of a Sikh massacre. Moose Wala still had access to two armed security guards but had chosen not to travel with police protection on Sunday, Bhawra added. "When he left his house, he did not take commando (guards) with them and told them that they did not need to come," Bhawra said.

Prominent journalist gunned down in Kashmir

The singer also had access to a bulletproof car that he did not use, Bhawra added.

Moose Wala rose to fame after releasing his first song in 2017, becoming one of the most prominent musicians of his generation.

He had 8 million followers on Instagram and his music videos have racked up millions of views on YouTube. Fellow rapper Drake reacted to the news of his death by sharing a photo of him on Instagram. "RIP Moose," he wrote in a caption.

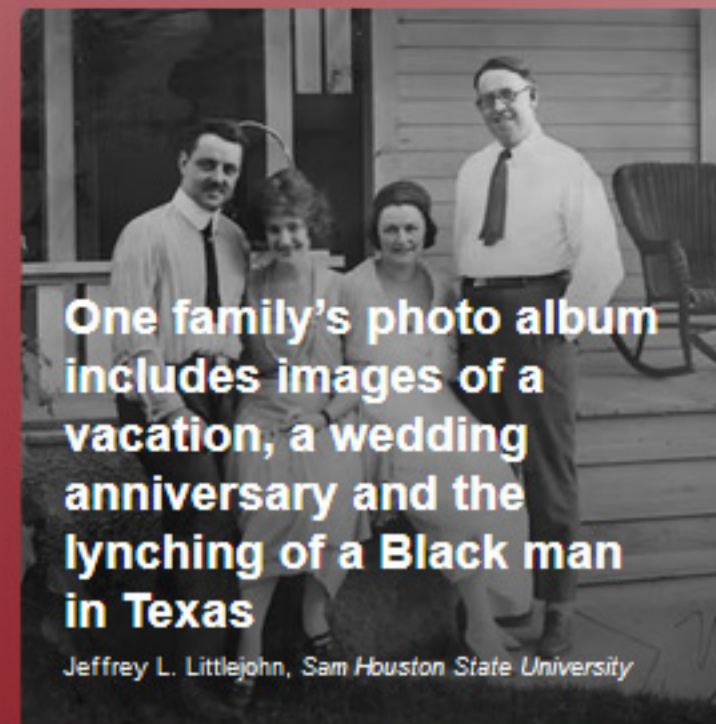
The rapper ventured into politics in 2021 and joined the Indian National Congress party, contesting Punjab legislative elections in February when he was defeated by the rival AAP.

Rahul Gandhi, leader of Moose Wala's Congress party, shared public condolences on social media.



The forgotten history of Memorial Day

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One family's photo album includes images of a vacation, a wedding anniversary and the lynching of a Black man in Texas

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How crosses and mementos help some Marines remember fallen comrades

Katrina Finkelstein, University of Tennessee and Derek H. Alderman, University of Tennessee



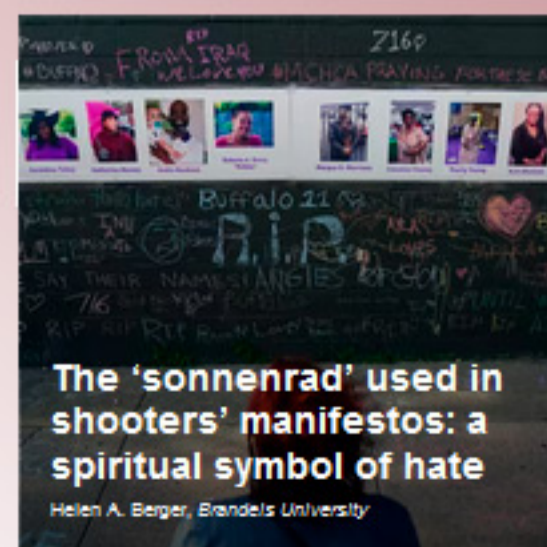
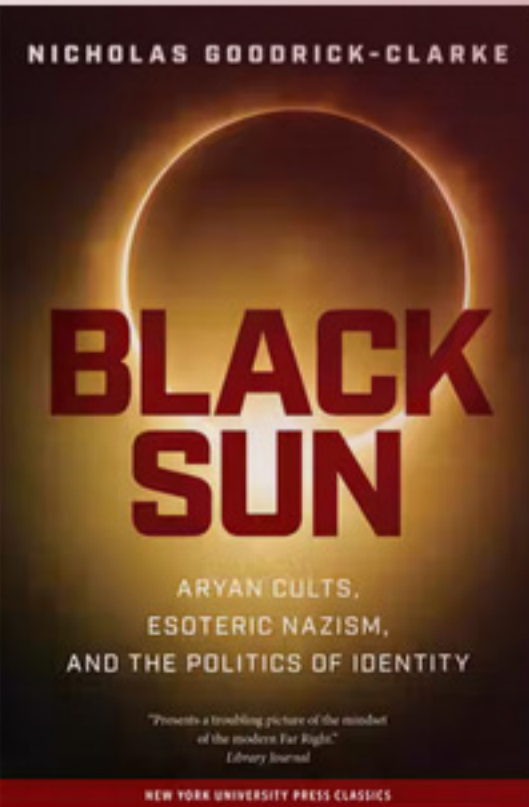
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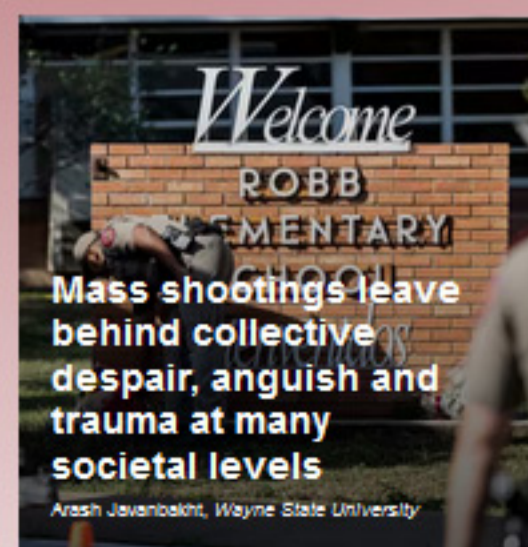
The 'sonnenrad' used in shooters' manifestos: a spiritual symbol of hate

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Why gun control laws don't pass Congress, despite majority public support and repeated outrage over mass shootings

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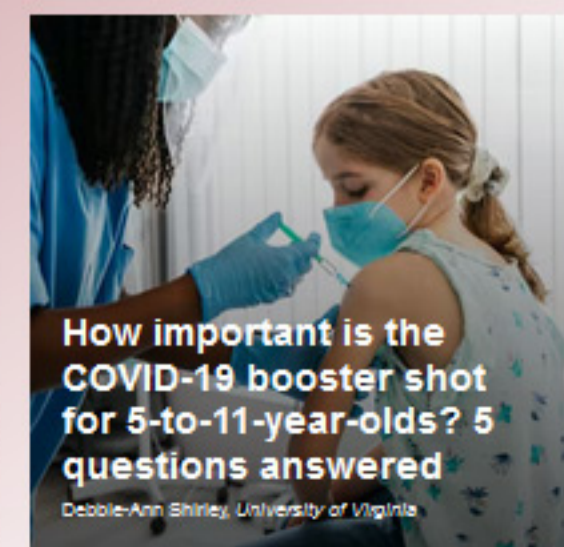
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A person visits a makeshift memorial near the scene of the fatal shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, on May 19, 2022. AP Photo/Matt Rourke

In Commonwealth, queen's jubilee draws protests and apathy

By JILL LAWLESS 2 hours ago



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FILE - A man waves a British union flag and a flag bearing the image of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II ahead of the annual Commonwealth Day service at Westminster Abbey in London, Monday, March 9, 2020. After seven decades on the throne, Queen Elizabeth II is widely viewed in the U.K. as a rock in turbulent times. But in Britain's former colonies, many see her as an anchor to an imperial past whose damage still lingers. (AP Photo/Frank Augstein, File)

LONDON (AP) — After seven decades on the throne, Queen Elizabeth II is widely viewed in the U.K. as a rock in turbulent times. But in Britain's former colonies, many see her as an anchor to an imperial past whose damage still lingers.

So while the U.K. is celebrating the queen's Platinum Jubilee — 70 years on the throne — with pageantry and parties, some in the Commonwealth are using the occasion to push for a formal break with the monarchy and the colonial history it represents.

“When I think about the queen, I think about a sweet old lady,” said Jamaican academic Rosalea Hamilton, who campaigns for her country to become a republic. “It’s not about her. It’s about her family’s wealth, built on the backs of our ancestors. We’re grappling with the legacies of a past that has been very painful.”

The empire that Elizabeth was born into is long gone, but she still reigns far beyond Britain's shores. She is head of state in 14 other nations, including Canada, Australia, Papua New Guinea and the Bahamas. Until recently it was 15 — Barbados cut ties with the monarchy in November, and several other Caribbean countries, including Jamaica, say they plan to follow suit.

The crisis in the Commonwealth reflects Britain's declining global clout. “She is becoming irrelevant here,” social activist Peter Nyapedwa said. “We know about (Chinese President) Xi (Jinping) or (Russian President Vladimir) Putin, not the queen.”

Sue Onslow, director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London, said the queen has been the “invisible glue” holding the Commonwealth together. But she says the organization has proven remarkably resilient and shouldn't be written off. The Commonwealth played a major role in galvanizing opposition to apartheid in the 1980s, and could do the same over climate change, which poses an existential threat to its low-lying island members.

“The Commonwealth has shown a remarkable ability to reinvent itself and contrive solutions at times of crisis, almost as if it's jumping into a telephone box and coming out under different guise,” she said. “Whether it will do it now is an open question.”

As many 10 million children in the U.S. may provide some form of care at home, according to researcher Melinda Kavanaugh. Some kids are the only caregivers patients have, while others fill in when visiting nurses or other help is not available.

Young caregivers 'exist in the shadows,' offer crucial help

By TOM MURPHY today



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Ronan Kotiya, 11, removes a compression leg sleeve from his father Rupesh Kotiya as his mother Siobhan Pandya looks at their home in Plano, Texas, Sunday, April 10, 2022. Ronan helps care for his father who suffers from ALS and is dependent on a ventilator and around the clock care. Millions of Americans with serious health problems depend on children ages 18 and younger to provide some or all of their care at home. An exact number is hard to pin down, but researchers think millions of children are involved in caregiving in the U.S. Ronan helps care for his father who suffers from ALS and is dependent on a ventilator and around the clock care. Millions of Americans with serious health problems depend on children ages 18 and younger to provide some or all of their care at home. An exact number is hard to pin down, but researchers think millions of children are involved in caregiving in the U.S. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Ronan Kotiya leans over his father, fingers wrapped around a plastic tube he's about to slide from a tracheostomy hole in dad's neck. "3, 2, 1, go," the 11-year-old says as he removes the tube. His mom slips a padded neck brace on her husband and lifts him into a sitting position on their bed.

Ronan's 9-year-old brother, Keaton, waits nearby, ready to connect their dad, Rupesh Kotiya, to a portable ventilator. "Ronan, do you want to suction daddy's mouth and then get ready to go?" Siobhan Pandya asks after her son steers dad's power wheelchair into the living room of the family's Plano, Texas, home.

"Thanks buddy, good job," a robotic voice crackles from a tablet Kotiya uses to speak.

So begins another weekend for the brothers — two Harry Potter fans with mouths full of braces, a knack for building with Legos and some heavy caregiving responsibilities.

Their 46-year-old father has Lou Gehrig's disease, a fatal illness that has taken his ability to speak and walk. A ventilator helps him breathe. He uses eye-tracking software on the tablet to say things, blinks to indicate yes or moves his mouth side to side for no.



Firearm stocks spike after mass shootings as investors dismiss the chance of tightening gun laws

Brad Greenwood, George Mason University



50 years of UN environmental diplomacy: What's worked and the trends ahead

Mihaela Pape, Tufts University

Ongoing efforts to create a more circular economy, which eliminates waste and keeps materials in use, can help mitigate climate change and restore natural systems.

Advocacy for rights of nature and animal rights is becoming more prominent in environmental diplomacy.

The next 50 years: Trends to watch

As environmental diplomacy heads into its next 50 years, climate change, biodiversity and effects on human health are high on the agenda. Here are a few newer trends that also bear watching.



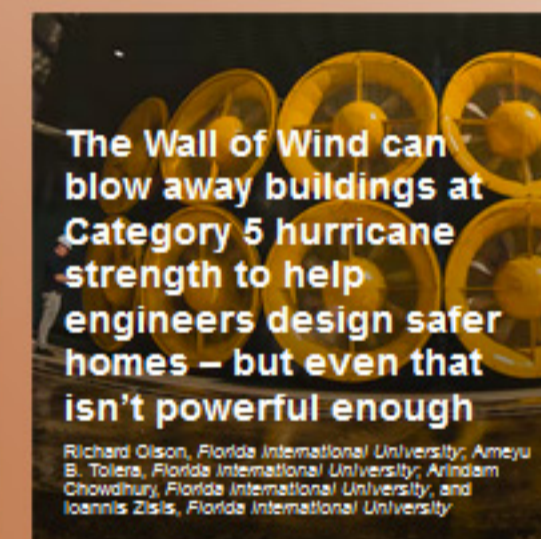
Most people support abortion staying legal, but that may not matter in making law

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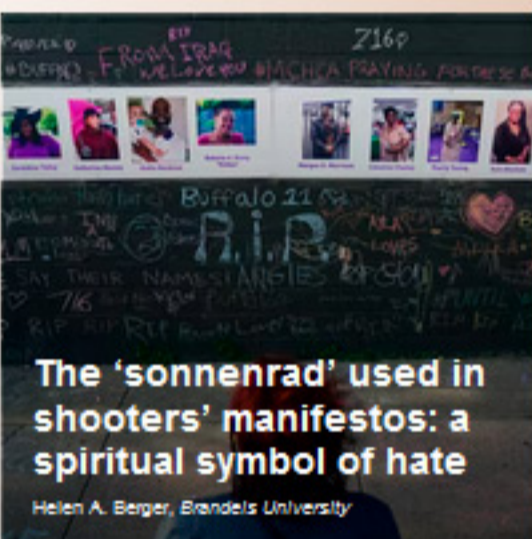
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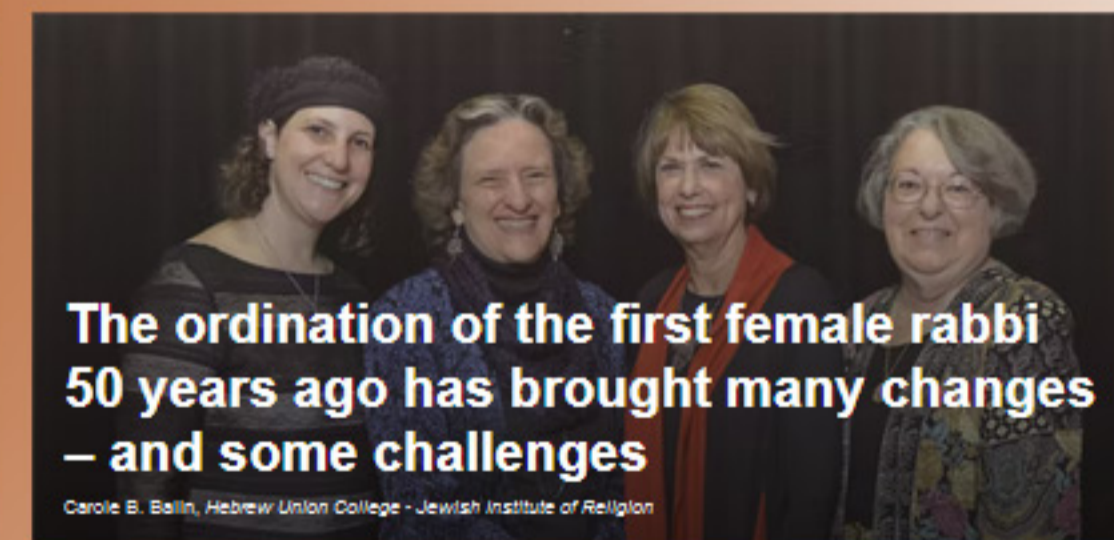
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So as we mourn the 21 lives lost in Uvalde, we must not forget about the hundreds of other students who were at the school that day. These students will be forced to live with the consequences of what happened for decades to come.



One family's photo album includes images of a vacation, a wedding anniversary and the lynching of a Black man in Texas

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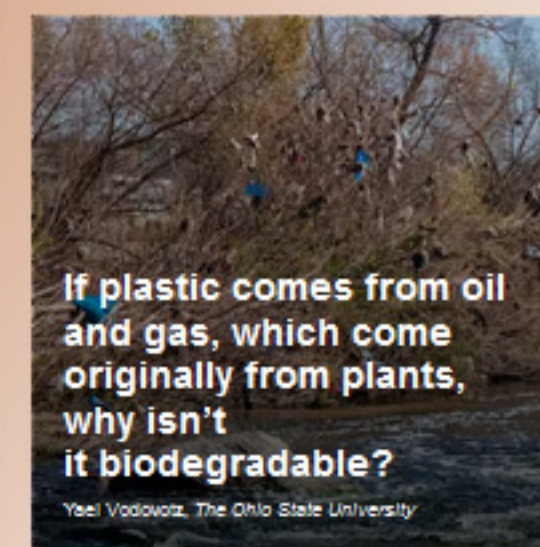
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Yael Vodovotz, The Ohio State University

K-Pop stars BTS went to the White House to talk about anti-Asian hate crimes

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ELIZABETH BLAIR



Korean band BTS appears at the daily press briefing with Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, to discuss Asian inclusion and representation, and addressing anti-Asian hate crimes and discrimination.



Canceled flights over Memorial Day weekend offer travelers a peek of the summer

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Travelers queue up at a security checkpoint in the main terminal of Denver International Airport on Thursday.

U.S. airlines canceled more than 2,800 flights from Thursday through Monday, or about 2% of their schedules, according to tracking service FlightAware. Delta Air Lines, usually among the top performers, had the worst record among major carriers with more than 800 canceled flights over the five-day span. When asked to comment Tuesday about its weekend troubles, Delta pointed to a statement it issued last week, when it said it faced challenges including rising COVID-19 cases among workers.

Various forecasts of high numbers of travelers over the weekend proved to be accurate. The Transportation Security Administration reported screening more than 11 million people at airport checkpoints from Thursday through Monday.

That was down 9% from the same days in 2019, but an increase of almost 25% over last year. Crowds of just under 2.4 million on both Thursday and Friday nearly matched the pandemic high set on the Sunday after Thanksgiving last year.

DOJ asks federal appeals court to reverse order lifting travel mask mandate

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JONATHAN FRANKLIN



The U.S. Justice Department filed a brief in federal appeals court Tuesday to overturn a federal judge's decision that declared the government mask mandate on planes, trains and buses unlawful. Here, a sign stating that masks are required at San Francisco International Airport stands in a terminal after the federal mask mandate was overturned.

That was down 9% from the same days in 2019, but an increase of almost 25% over last year. Crowds of just under 2.4 million on both Thursday and Friday nearly matched the pandemic high set on the Sunday after Thanksgiving last year.

That meant many flights were packed, too, because airline schedules still have not returned to pre-pandemic levels, according to figures from travel-research firm Cirium.

The U.S. airline industry hopes to push passenger numbers higher, in part by removing one of the last U.S. pandemic-related travel restrictions. Industry representatives said they met Tuesday with White House officials to repeat their request to end the requirement that travelers test negative for COVID-19 within a day of flying into the United States.

Trade group Airlines for America said its member airlines estimate that lifting the requirement would lead to 4.3 million more international passengers over one year. Airlines believe many Americans are unwilling to travel overseas because they could be stranded if they contract the virus on their trip.

A look inside the Ukrainian 'billionaire's battalion' fighting Russian forces

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JASON BEAUBIEN



Business leader turned military commander Vsevolod Kozhemyako stands at a position in Ruska Lozova, a village retaken by the Ukrainian forces in the Kharkiv region, May 16.

KHARKIV, Ukraine — One of Ukraine's wealthiest men is seated at a white piano in the lobby of a closed-down hotel in Ukraine's second-largest city. The multistory atrium is dark except for a few running lights along the edge of the carpet. Cardboard covers all the windows. Wearing military fatigues, Vsevolod Kozhemyako is alone at the piano near the elevators, playing a slow, mournful rendition of Beethoven's Für Elise. The notes seep into the cavernous space. Kozhemyako is the founder and CEO of Agrotrade Group, one of Ukraine's largest grain production, storage and export companies. But his focus is now on the war. "Yes, I'm a businessman," he says. "And now I'm a commander of a military unit in Ukraine."

Kozhemyako set up and leads his own light infantry battalion. It's formally known as Khartia or "charter," and consists mostly of civilians. It's casually called the "billionaire's battalion," referring to Kozhemyako's wealth in Ukrainian currency, not dollars. Along with other wealthy Ukrainians, Kozhemyako pays for training, weapons and vehicles. His unit takes orders from the army but operates independently.

The Ukrainian counteroffensive north and east of Kharkiv essentially broke the siege of the city. Now people are returning, some businesses are reopening and even the public transit system has started running again on a limited schedule.

Farmers, carpenters and factory workers have signed up for the battalion

Technically, the Khartia battalion is a territorial defense unit, a wartime necessity that will go away when the war is over. Most such units are groups of local men who sit at makeshift, sandbagged roadblocks. After the invasion, the government handed out rifles to many of these volunteers, along with instructions on how to make Molotov cocktails. Kozhemyako's Khartia battalion is one of these volunteer units, on steroids.

Igor Cornet, who spent nearly two decades in the Ukrainian military, is teaching the recruits how to attack a dug-in enemy position. He retired from the military as a lieutenant colonel before going back to college to study agriculture and eventually working with Kozhemyako at Agrotrade.

"Infantry is infantry!" he says with pride. And his job is to turn a collection of civilians into a light infantry battalion. Some of the men are in their teens, others are pushing 50. They are carpenters, factory workers and mechanics, among other things. Cornet says he even has one economist whom he's training to fight. Most come from the Kharkiv region. Some are from areas currently occupied by the Russians.

"We don't win the war without infantry," Cornet declares. You can bomb a place as much as you want, he says, but until you can send foot soldiers into the streets, you cannot truly control it.

Kozhemyako notes that territorial defense units such as his are only authorized under a special martial law.

"This is a special law for the wartime. As soon as the wartime is finished, we are again civilians," he says. His infantrymen can go back to growing wheat and building houses.

Kozhemyako predicts that this could be a long war. But once it's over, he says, he'll go back to being the jetsetting CEO.

After the Big Wind: How Long Do You Believe Ants Live Without A Queen?

I don't believe in much. I'm not a believer. Sure, if the wind blows my hat off my head, I believe it'll eventually fall back down to the ground. Even in a big wind – a hurricane, a tornado – gravity will win in the end. And even though taken miles away, I could find my hat again. If not on the ground, then snagged in the branches of a tree, or perhaps, stretching credulity, floating on mythic trade winds to the Firth of Tay just south of my ancestral home near Dundee, or such. And that's what makes me a coward. If I don't really believe in its gravity, I can't get behind a cause, won't sacrifice my freedom of choice, my living. My ease and comfort. And I don't believe in much. I've yet to meet a state, a government, an institution, a corporation, a school board or homeowners association, for instance, I can get behind. I shy away from virtually all 'two or more' believers who have gathered in some name, some righteousness too good to be true. Yuval Noah Harari says a small group of five working in concert can do more than 50 individuals working alone. Five can be more efficient, more expedient than 50. Then again, the efficient and expedient can serve the evil as much as the good. Such evil compounding evil leads to the ultimate evil, war. And history tells us again and again in the same way a cyclone blows, when expedient efficiency gains hegemony, evil yielding to temptation is not far behind. Unless the 5 are saints (and I've yet to meet a saint) I'll trust more the wild, crazy, raucous consensus of the 50 to return my hat to me in good order – if not roughed up a bit with added character, after a big wind. Or even if I have to walk lonely unable to digest food properly and walk myself to an early death in search for my own true three cornered hat... I do believe, I have faith, I ain't gonna study war no more.



Environment

Scientists discover 'biggest plant on Earth' off Western Australian coast

Genetic testing has determined a single 4,500-year-old seagrass may have spread over 200 sq km of underwater seafloor – about 20,000 football fields

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About 4,500 years ago, a single seed – spawned from two different seagrass species – found itself nestled in a favourable spot somewhere in what is now known as Shark Bay, just off Australia's west coast.

Left to its own devices and relatively undisturbed by human hands, scientists have discovered that seed has grown to what is now believed to be the biggest plant anywhere on Earth, covering about 200 sq km (77 sq miles, or about 20,000 rugby fields, or just over three times the size of Manhattan island).

The species – a *Posidonia australis*, also known as fibre-ball weed or ribbon weed – is commonly found along the southern coastlines of Australia.

But when scientists started looking for genetic differences in ribbon weed across the bay, they came across a puzzle. Samples taken from sites that were 180km apart suggested there were not multiple specimens of *Posidonia australis*, but one single plant.

"We thought 'what the hell is going on here?'" said Dr Martin Breed, an ecologist at Flinders University. "We were completely stumped."

Identifications technical officer, Andrew Orme inside one of the vaults at the National Herbarium of New South Wales, Australia.

Meet the plant detective helping gardeners and fighting crime
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Student researcher Jane Edgeloe, of the University of Western Australia (UWA), said about 18,000 genetic markers were examined as they looked for variations in the species that might help them select specimens for use in restoration projects.

But what they found instead was that the same plant had spread using rhizomes in the same way that a lawn can spread from its edges by sending out runners.

"The existing 200 sq km of ribbon weed meadows appear to have expanded from a single, colonising seedling," she said.

The one plant now spreads out like a meadow, providing habitat for a huge array of marine species including turtles, dolphins, dugongs, crabs and fish.

WATER SUPPLY

How San Diego Secured Its Water Supply, at a Cost

Thanks to selling less water, San Diego County has raised rates by an average of 4% for each of the past five years

By Suman Naishadham • Published May 31, 2022 • Updated on May 31, 2022 at 6:33 am



An official at the Carlsbad Desalination plant fills a cup with filtered water made from ocean water, Thursday, May 26, 2022, in Carlsbad, Calif. The facility is the Western hemisphere's

California Drought



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Map: 'Exceptional Drought' Expands in Part of California



MAY 25

California Cuts Grass Watering Down as Drought Dries West

As a worsening drought forces millions of Californians to face mandatory water restrictions, one corner of Southern California has largely shielded itself from supply-related woes: San Diego County.

For Western water planners, the path it took to get there serves either as a blueprint or a cautionary tale.

Over the past three decades, San Diego County diversified its water supply, ramped up conservation and invested in big-ticket water infrastructure including the Western hemisphere's largest desalination plant, which removes salt and impurities from ocean water. As a result, the water agency that serves 24 water utilities including the city of San Diego says it can avoid cuts until at least 2045, even during dry periods. But that security has come at a cost.

San Diego County's water is among the most expensive in the country, costing about 26% more at the wholesale level in 2021 than the Metropolitan Water District's, which serves Los Angeles and surrounding counties. Now, two rural irrigation districts in San Diego County home to large avocado industries want to break away from the regional water supplier, saying they can purchase cheaper water elsewhere. If they succeed, water in San Diego County could grow even more expensive.

"San Diego's situation is very surprising, very striking," said Michael Hanemann, an environmental economist at Arizona State University who recently was commissioned to study the region's water costs for a California agency. "I think this is a harbinger of something that's going to happen elsewhere in California and elsewhere in the U.S."

Poseidon, not again

Water officials in San Diego County say higher water costs are coming for other parts of California and the West, even if desalination is less popular today than it once was. Recently, a California coastal commission denied a permit for Poseidon Water to build another decades-in-the-making desalination plant some 60 miles (97 kilometers) up the coast, in Huntington Beach. The rejection came after years of opposition from environmentalists.

The rest of the state has work to do, officials in San Diego County said, as climate change continues to intensify droughts and shrink the rivers feeding California's reservoirs and the Colorado River.

"There's no more cheap water available," said Kerl.

Slave reparations advocates hail historic California report

By JANIE HAR yesterday



FILE - People line up to speak during a reparations task force meeting at Third Baptist Church in San Francisco on April 13, 2022. A report by California's first in the nation task force on reparations Wednesday, June 1 will document in detail the harms perpetuated by the state against Black people and recommend ways to address those wrongs. (AP Photo/Janie Har, File)

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The slavery reparations movement hit a watershed moment Wednesday with the release of an exhaustive report detailing California's role in perpetuating discrimination against African Americans, a major step toward educating the public and setting the stage for an official government apology and case for financial restitution.

The 500-page document lays out the harm suffered by descendants of enslaved people even today, long after slavery was abolished in the 19th century, through discriminatory laws and actions in all facets of life, from housing and education to employment and the legal system.

Longtime reparations advocate Justin Hansford, who is a law professor at Howard University and director of the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center in Washington called the moment exciting and monumental.

"To have an official detail of these histories coming from the state is important," he said. "I know a lot of people say we don't need to keep doing studies, but the reality is until it comes from some source that people think is objective, then it is going to be harder to convince everybody of some of the inequalities described."

The report comes at a time when school boards and states across the U.S. are banning books or restricting what can be taught in classrooms, with parents and lawmakers largely opposed to topics of sexuality, gender identity or race. State lawmakers have tried to bar schools from teaching the "1619 Project," a New York Times Pulitzer Prize-winning report that reframes American history with enslaved people at its heart.

California is headed in the opposite direction, said Adam Laats, a historian at Binghamton University who called the document remarkable in its unflinching account, including detailing how police officers and district attorneys in the Los Angeles of a century ago were members of or had ties to the Ku Klux Klan. "Who children should learn are the main actors in the story of us as a nation has always been a real lightning rod," he said.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation creating the two-year task force in 2020, making California the only state to move ahead with a study and plan. Cities and universities have taken up the cause, with the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois, becoming the first city to make reparations available to Black residents last year.

On Wednesday, Newsom issued a statement praising California for leading the country on a long overdue discussion of racial justice and equity. The state's Attorney General Rob Bonta, whose office is assisting the task force, said, "California was not a passive actor in perpetuating these harms."

A similar effort is underway to delve into what Newsom has called California's dark history of violence, mistreatment and neglect of Native Americans. The report by the Truth and Healing Council, due in 2025, could include recommendations for reparations. Many tribes across the country have sought to acquire their ancestral land and co-manage public land.

The report should offer other cities and states — and ultimately the federal government — a blueprint for seeking reparations, members said. Over the next year, the task force will take on the difficult task of crafting an apology and creating a reparations plan to compensate for and stop the harm.

"The big question is: What are they going to do with it? The danger here is that everyone reads it and nods their heads and waits on the task force to initiate the response," said Hansford, the law professor. "We need to have universities, local governments, businesses and others working together to do their part to address ... the recommendations offered in the report."

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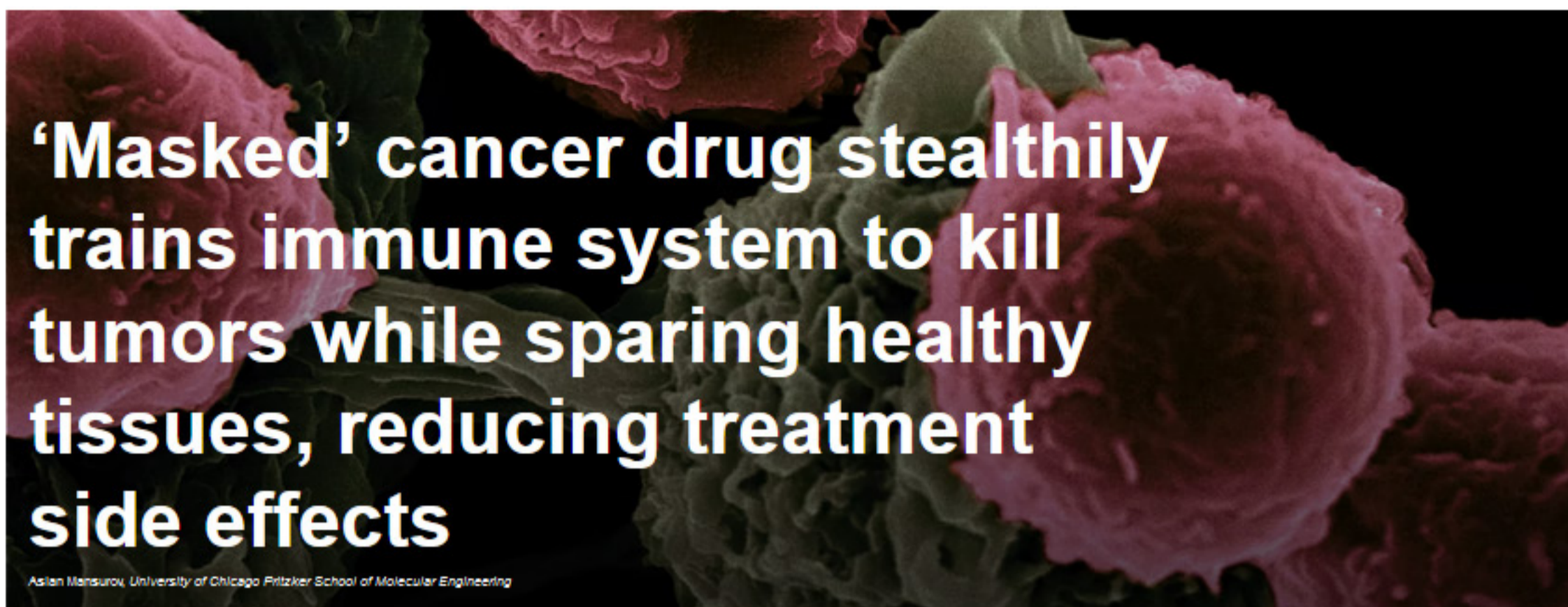
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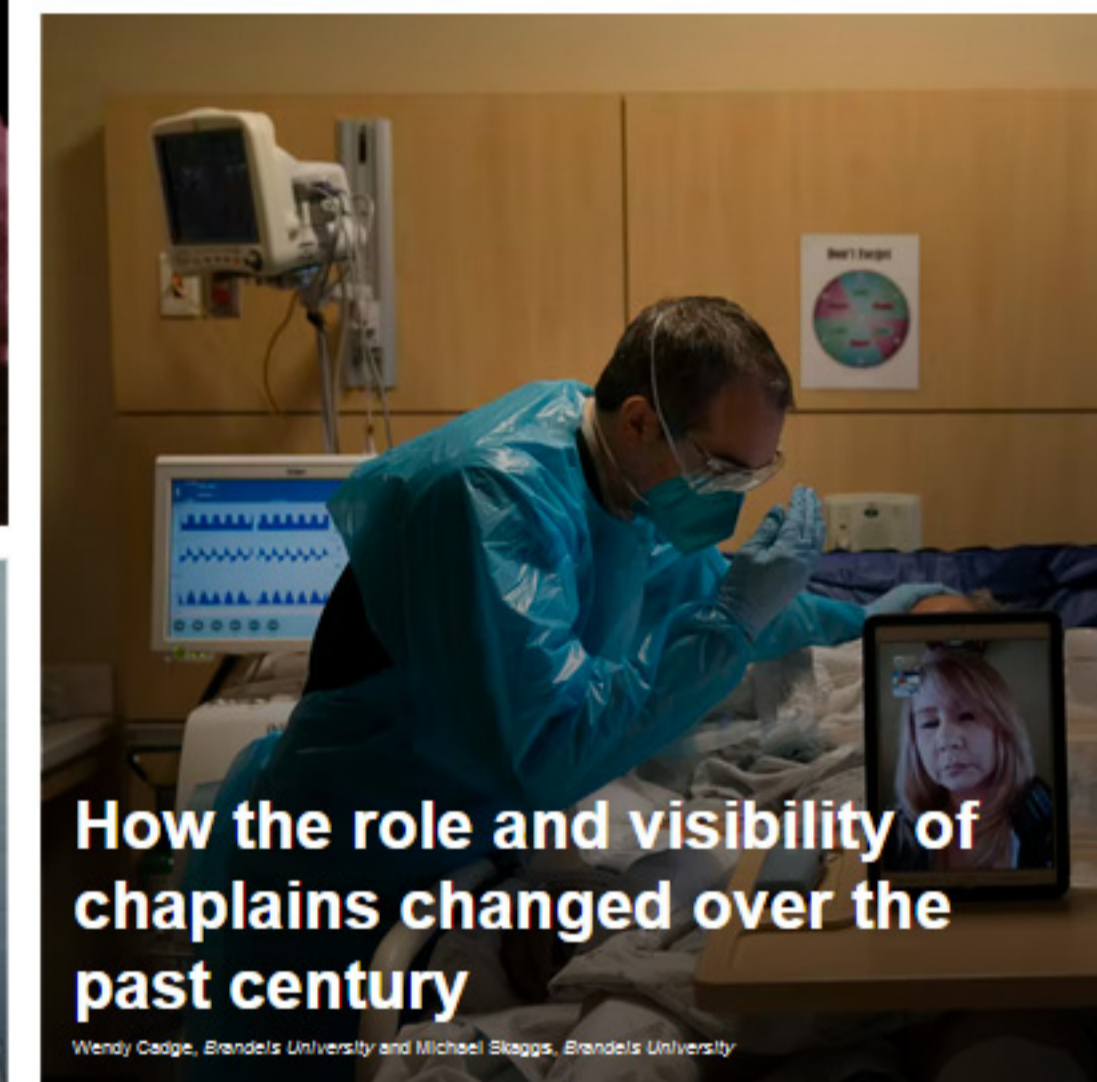
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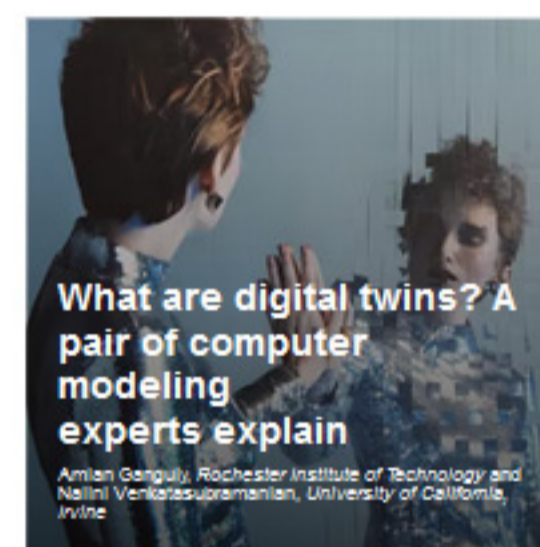
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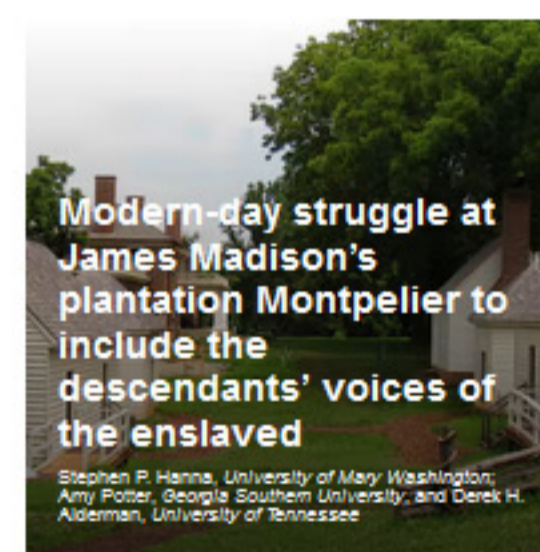
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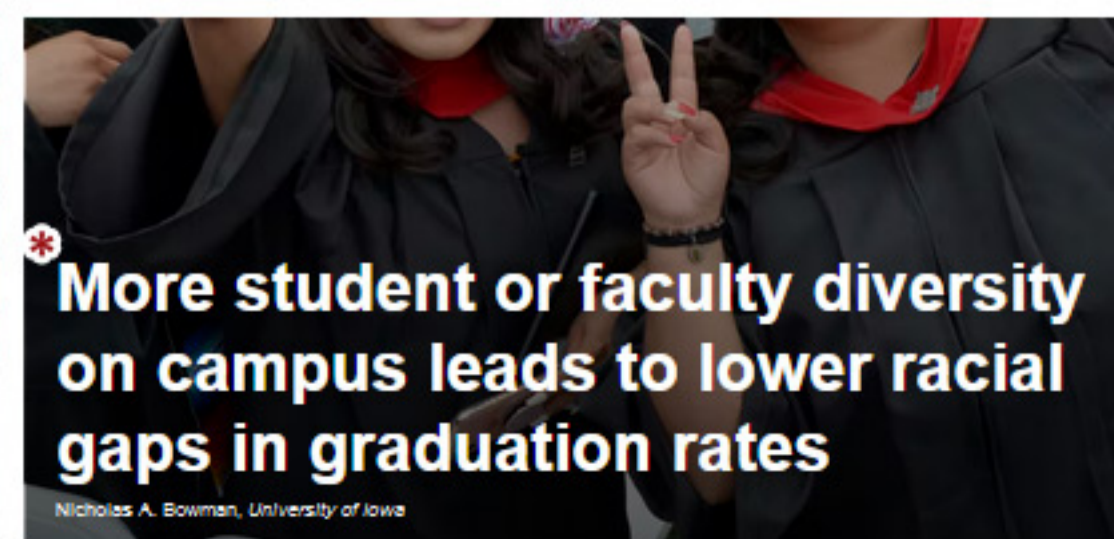
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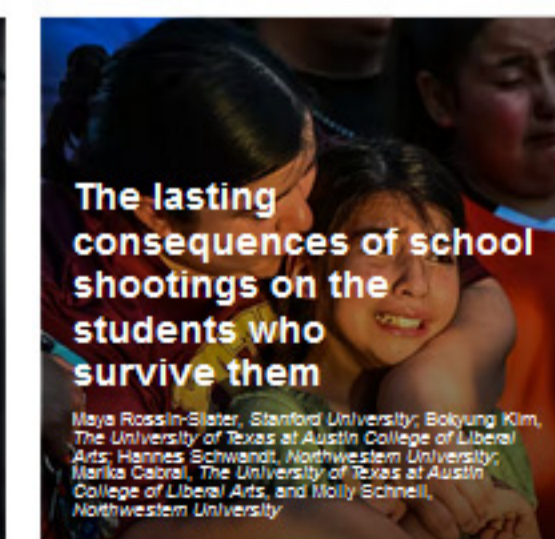
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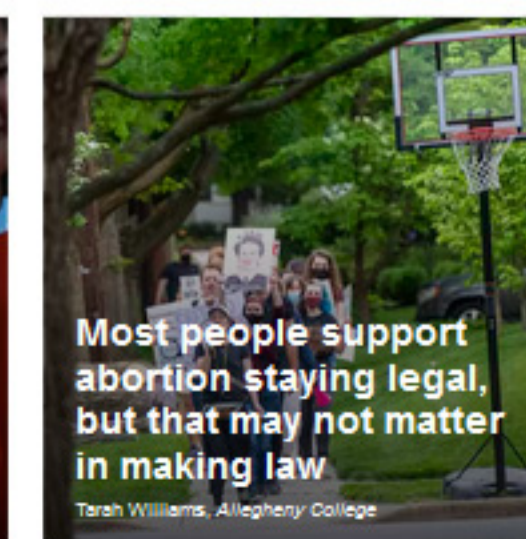
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The U.S. Department of Education will forgive \$5.8 billion of federal student loans for those who attended Corinthian Colleges, a chain of for-profit schools that deceived students about their job placement rates and students' ability to transfer credits.

PARIS — Across France, more than 300 people have reported being pricked out of the blue with needles at nightclubs or concerts in recent months. Doctors and multiple prosecutors are on the case, but no one knows who's doing it or why, and whether the victims have been injected with drugs — or indeed any substance at all.

Delivery Driver (San Diego)

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Mississippi state legislators review an option for redrawing the state's voting districts at the state Capitol in Jackson on March 29, 2022. AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis

Supreme Court allows states to use unlawfully gerrymandered congressional maps in the 2022 midterm elections

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Henry L. Chambers Jr., *University of Richmond*

In the upcoming midterm elections, states may use maps that a federal court has found unlawful. You read that right: The U.S. Supreme Court recently barred federal courts from requiring states to fix their newly adopted, but unlawful, congressional maps before the 2022 midterm congressional elections.

In *Merrill v. Milligan*, the Supreme Court in February 2022, stayed the decision of a lower court that ruled Alabama had improperly redistricted its congressional seats. The lower court found Alabama's maps resulted in Black and Democratic voters wielding less political power in Alabama's congressional delegation than they otherwise would or should. It required Alabama to redraw its congressional map immediately.

The Supreme Court left Alabama's congressional redistricting – deemed a violation of the Voting Rights Act by the lower court – in place through the 2022 midterm elections, without deciding for itself whether the maps are unlawful.

This ruling will guide federal judges considering similar cases in states across the country. The decision will affect who gets elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and may determine control of Congress. It may not flip control of Congress from one party to another, but it almost certainly will affect the majority of the party that controls Congress.

The ideal: The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years, which triggers congressional redistricting. As the Congressional Research Service describes this process, "reapportionment is the process of dividing seats for the House among the 50 states following the decennial census. Redistricting refers to the process that follows, in which states create new congressional districts or redraw existing district boundaries to adjust for population changes and/or changes in the number of House seats for the state."

The reality: State legislatures or state redistricting commissions draw a state's congressional districts. Such redistricting can lead to racial gerrymandering, which can diminish the power of racial groups and is unconstitutional or unlawful under federal law. It can also result in partisan gerrymandering, which gives an advantage to one party or the other. This may violate state law, but unlike racial gerrymandering, it does not violate federal law or the U.S. Constitution, the Supreme Court decided in 2019. Voters, political organizations and legislators, among others, may challenge redistricting plans. Dozens of cases have been filed in state and federal court challenging aspects of congressional redistricting plans drawn in the wake of the 2020 census. Litigants may request that the districts be redrawn either by the legislature or redistricting commission that originally drew them, or by courts. The legal principle that justice delayed is justice denied would suggest improper gerrymandering should be fixed as quickly as possible. The Supreme Court appears to disagree.

The effect: The court's choice to allow unlawful congressional redistricting plans to stand will likely affect who gets elected to the House of Representatives. How districts are drawn may determine which candidates run and which candidates win. A state's gerrymandered districts yield a different congressional delegation than if the districts were not gerrymandered. The Supreme Court's approach may have two important effects. First, the power to gerrymander or stop gerrymandering will now rest with state officials and judges. If gerrymandered districts yield more highly partisan representatives, the Supreme Court's actions will likely lead to a House that is more highly partisan and less likely to produce bipartisan legislation. That may have implications for abortion, tax and economic policies and the many other issues Congress may address or fail to address.

The Supreme Court's mandate to lower courts to take time to decide gerrymandering cases may appear procedural. However, it may have real, measurable effects in the lives of Americans.



Mississippi state legislators review an option for redrawing the state's voting districts at the state Capitol in Jackson on March 29, 2022. AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, along with Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis appear on the balcony of Buckingham Palace as part of the Trooping the Color parade during the queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



Prince Louis of Cambridge :

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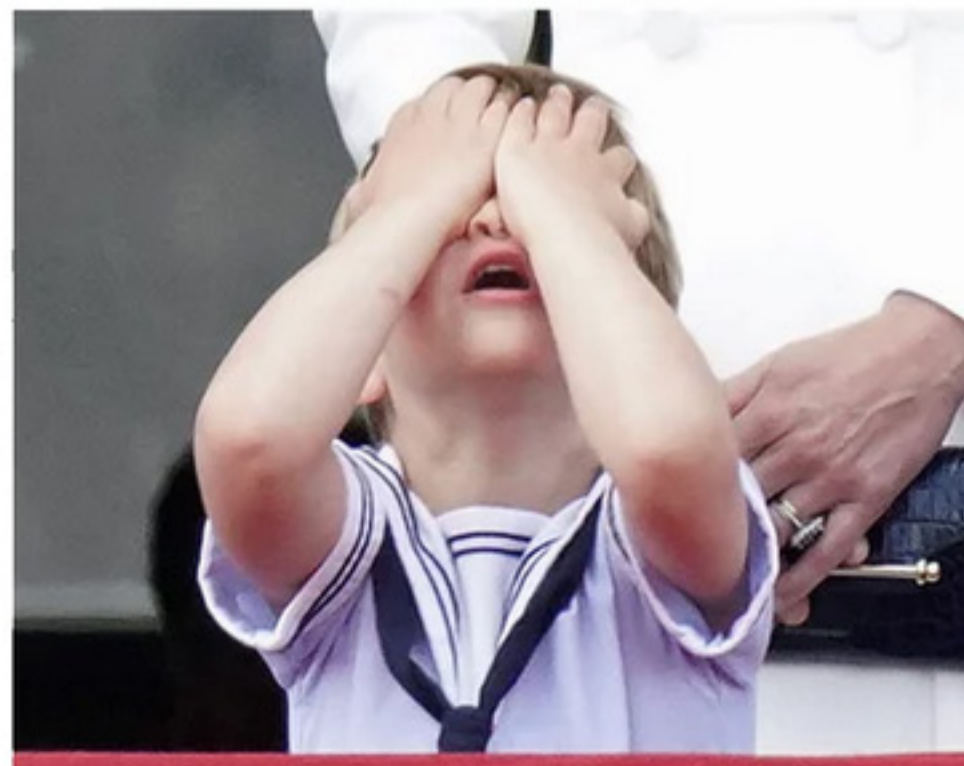
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Grandparents: Charles, Prince of Wales, Diana, Princess of Wales, Carole Middleton, Michael Middleton

Great-grandparents: Queen Elizabeth II,

Here's a look at Prince Louis on day one of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.





Unable to access the Mall and the Trooping of the Color ceremonial event that coincided with the queen's Platinum Jubilee, Londoners gather in Trafalgar Square.

Richard Baker/In Pictures via Getty Images

UVALDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOOTING

* The Buffalo and Uvalde mass shootings have put some gun raffles on pause, for now

Charitable gun raffles have proliferated in recent years as fundraisers for law enforcement and civic organizations. But recent mass shootings have caused some organizers to postpone or cancel.

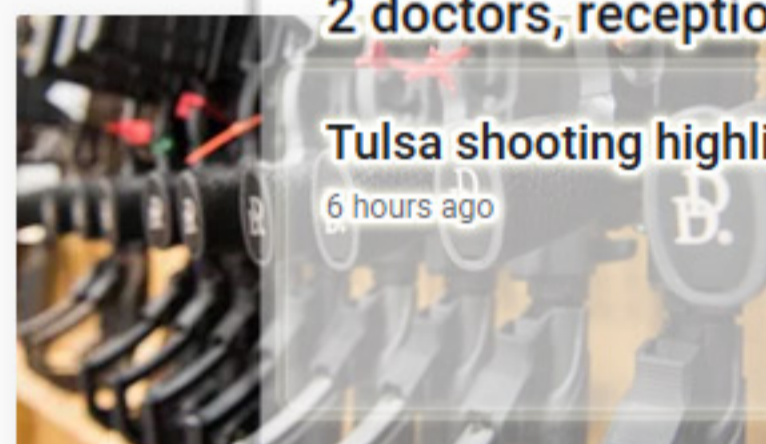


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* Guns



2 doctors, receptionist and visitor killed in Tulsa shooting



Tulsa shooting highlights vulnerability of hospitals

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POLITICS

* President Biden calls for an assault weapons ban and other measures to curb gun violence



NATIONAL

* N.Y. passes a bill that raises the age to buy and own semi-automatic rifles

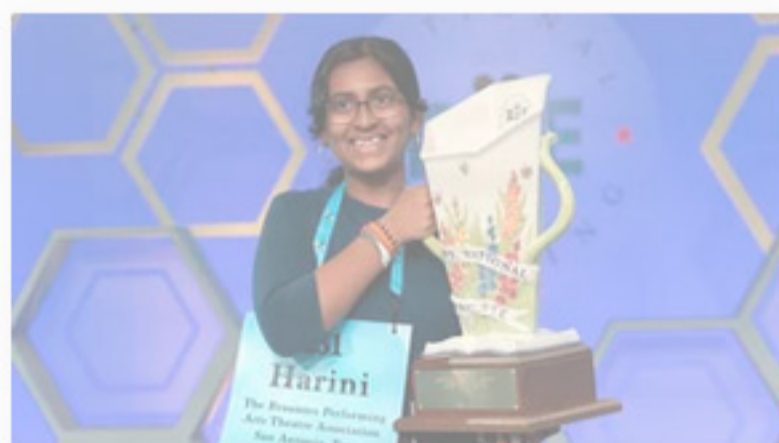
NEWS

* Uvalde special ed staffer seeks to depose gunmaker for a possible lawsuit



NATIONAL

* 2 women are killed at a church in Iowa, hours after a shooting near Milwaukee



NATIONAL

'Moorhen' is the word of a champion as Texas teenager claims Spelling Bee title



FOOD

It's grilling season. Here's how to nail a plant-based burger



2 women are killed at a church in Iowa, hours after a shooting near Milwaukee

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People console each other after a shooting at Cornerstone Church on Thursday, June 2, 2022 in Ames, Iowa. Two people and a shooter died Thursday night in a shooting outside a church in Ames.
Nirmalendu Majumdar/The Des Moines Register via AP

Domestic Travel During COVID-19

Information for People Traveling within the United States and U.S. Territories

Updated May 3, 2022 Languages ▾

As a result of a court order, effective immediately and as of April 18, 2022, CDC's January 29, 2021 [Order](#) requiring masks on public transportation conveyances and at transportation hubs is no longer in effect. Therefore, CDC will not enforce the Order. CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time.

What You Need to Know

- **Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines before travel.**
- Check your destination's COVID-19 situation before traveling. State, tribal, local, and territorial governments may have travel restrictions in place.
- Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is recommended in indoor areas of public transportation (including airplanes) and indoors in U.S. transportation hubs (including airports).
- Do not travel if you have COVID-19 symptoms, tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test, or had close contact with a person with COVID-19 and are recommended to quarantine.

Testing

RECOMMENDED

- Consider getting tested for current infection with a [viral test](#) as close to the time of departure as possible (no more than 3 days) **before** travel.
 - [Check COVID-19 testing locations near you](#) [↗](#) .

Before You Travel

Make sure you are [up to date](#) with your COVID-19 vaccines before travel.

Make sure to plan ahead:

- Check the current [COVID-19 Community Level at your destination](#).
 - If traveling to an area with high or medium COVID-19 Community Levels, and you are, live with, or are visiting someone with a weakened immune system or at increased risk for severe disease, plan to take [steps to prevent getting sick](#).
- Make sure you understand and follow all state, tribal, local, and territorial travel restrictions, including proper mask use.

During Travel Protect Yourself and Others

RECOMMENDED

- Everyone aged 2 years or older—including passengers and workers— [should properly wear](#) a well-fitting [mask or respirator](#) in indoor areas of public transportation (such as airplanes, trains, buses, ferries) and transportation hubs (such as airports, stations, and seaports), **especially in locations that are crowded or poorly ventilated such as airport jetways.**
- Follow all [state, tribal, local, and territorial health recommendations and requirements](#) at your destination.
- Follow [recommendations for protecting yourself and others](#).

After Travel

You might have been exposed to COVID-19 on your travels. You might feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can still be infected and spread the virus to others.

EXPLAINER: What is behind Turkey's Syria incursion threats?

By BASSEM MROUE and ZEYNEP BILGINSOY today



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FILE - Turkish troops deploy in Syria's northern region of Manbij, Syria, Oct. 14, 2019. Hardly a day passes in northern Syria without Kurdish fighters and opposition gunmen backed by Turkey exchanging gunfire and shelling and concerns are rising that the situation will only get worse in the coming weeks with Ankara threatening to launch a new major operation along its southern border. (AP Photo, File)

BEIRUT (AP) — In northern Syria, residents are bracing for a new fight. With the world's attention focused on the war in Ukraine, Turkey's leader says he's planning a major military operation to push back Syrian Kurdish fighters and create a long sought-after buffer zone in the border area. Tensions are high. Hardly a day passes by without an exchange of fire and shelling between the U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish fighters, and Turkish forces and Turkey-backed Syrian opposition gunmen.

Analysts say Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is taking advantage of the war in Ukraine to push his own goals in neighboring Syria — even using Turkey's ability as a NATO member to veto alliance membership by Finland and Sweden as potential leverage.

But a major incursion by Ankara comes with risks and complications, threatening to upset Turkey's ties with both the United States and Russia. It also risks creating a new wave of displacement in a war-ravaged region where the Islamic State group still lurks in the shadows.

As one of Damascus' closest allies, Russia's role in Syria has been paramount in turning the tide of the conflict in Syria — which started amid Arab Spring uprisings in 2011 — in favor of Syrian President Bashar Assad. The Syrian opposition fighters were relegated to an enclave in the northwest and Turkey's sphere of influence. But with Moscow focused on Ukraine, it's unlikely Vladimir Putin will stand in Erdogan's way over what is essentially just a strip of land along Turkey's southern border.

Washington has made clear its opposition to a Turkish military incursion, saying it would put at risk hard-won gains in the campaign against IS. "We recognize Turkey's legitimate security concerns on its border. But again, we are concerned that any new offensive would further undermine regional stability," said State Department spokesman Ned Price.

Stein, the analyst, said any operation would be complicated because of Russian presence in both potential hotspots, Kobani and Tel Rifaat. Whether an operation takes place boils down to the question on how far Erdogan is prepared to go in Syria, particularly in and around the Kobani area — and whether he would be unchallenged by Moscow and Washington.

"How much risk does he want to take? The evidence that we have is that he takes a lot of risk," Stein said.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County Gets \$37M Payout From Massive Charter School Scheme

The District Attorney's Office called the case "one of the nation's largest fraud schemes targeting taxpayer dollars intended for primary education"

By City News Service • Published June 1, 2022 • Updated on June 1, 2022 at 6:11 pm



A pair of open handcuffs sitting on top of a pile of U.S. dollars.

More than \$37 million in fines has been paid to San Diego County as part of a court judgment stemming from a charter school fraud scheme that took millions in public school funds and led to criminal charges against 11 people, the San Diego County District Attorney's Office announced Wednesday. The total fine amount includes \$18.75 million recently paid by Sean McManus, CEO and president of A3 Education, who pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$50 million in public funds and was sentenced to four years in prison.

Prosecutors say McManus and co-defendant Jason Schrock directed subordinates to open up 19 "A3 charter schools" in San Diego County and elsewhere across the state, and collected state funds by alleging students were enrolled in programs run by the schools.

The District Attorney's Office, which called the case "one of the nation's largest fraud schemes targeting taxpayer dollars intended for primary education," said the men paid for student information and used the info to enroll children in summer school programs at their online campuses. Prosecutors say some parents were unaware their children were enrolled in a charter school at all.

The schools earned as much as \$4,000 per student despite not providing full educational services, with the defendants transferring millions of those funds to private companies they owned, according to the DA's Office.

McManus, Schrock and nine others were indicted in 2019 and have since pleaded guilty.

Along with fines, \$14 million in restitution has been paid to victims in kindergarten through 12th grade, which is being held in trust and administered by the San Diego Foundation. Up to \$90 million in additional restitution will go to the state.

Fines imposed in connection with the case will be earmarked for programs "that directly serve the needs of kindergarten through 12th grade students in San Diego County," the DA's Office said, citing a resolution passed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

A grant program has also been established, which will provide funds recovered in the case to community-based organizations looking to establish or expand programs aimed at improving educational outcomes and reducing inequities and disparities for youth.

Proposals for the K-12 Youth Services Community Grant must focus on one or more of the following areas: educational equity/acceleration of learning; behavioral health needs; housing, food stability, poverty; mentorship.

Organizations interested in applying for a K-12 Youth Services Community Grant must apply by 5 p.m. Friday. Grants are expected to range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 to be utilized for up to a 12-month period. Additional information is available here.

Damn Nature You Scary Pt. 2 | Funny Scary Animal Encounters



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I made a diorama in 1 Hour vs 10 Hour vs 100 hours



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We wanted to see how much time it actually takes to build a diorama from scratch, so we decided to challenge ourselves by building the same fantasy diorama spending 1 hour, 10 hours and 100 hours on each one! Turns out, it's a pretty huge difference between them!



LOOK: Protestor ties herself to net during 2022 French Open men's semifinal between Casper Ruud, Marin Cilic

Play stopped for roughly 15 minutes as security worked to remove the protestor from the court



By [Isabel Gonzalez](#) 10 hrs ago • 1 min read



The 2022 French Open men's semifinal between Casper Ruud and Marin Cilic was interrupted when a woman walked onto the court and tied her neck to the net as a form of protest. Ruud had the serve in the middle of the third set when, all of a sudden, a woman entered Court Philippe Chatrier and quickly used what officials said were metal wires and glue to tie herself to Cilic's side of the net. After tying herself to the net, the protestor kneeled on the clay and both players left the court. Security proceeded to remove the protestor, and play resumed in roughly 15 minutes.

The protestor -- who reportedly had a valid ticket to the event -- is part of a climate activist group called Dernière Renovation, which translates to Last Renovation. She wore a white T-shirt with the words "We have 1028 days left" written in black.

Dernière Rénovation > LAST RENOVATION

A campaign of civil resistance that aims to achieve a political victory over energy renovation, through non-violent disruption actions repeated over time.

Our goal is to force legislation to drastically reduce France's emissions, starting with energy renovation, the area most likely to bring together social and climate justice today. Faced with the ongoing ecological disaster, we want to demonstrate that it is possible for citizens around the world to impose on their governments the political agenda that we desperately need.

A CITIZEN DISRUPTS THE SEMI-FINAL OF ROLAND GARROS

"We are in 2022 and it is time to look reality in the face, the world to which politicians are sending us is a world to which Roland Garros will no longer be able to exist.

"Today, I entered the field because I can no longer take the risk of doing nothing in the face of the climate emergency".

– Alizée, 22 years old.



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WE HAVE 1027 DAYS LEFT

1027 days is what we have left to determine the future of humanity. Less than three years. The countdown began on March 28, 2022, the end of the ultimatum sent by Last Renovation to the government, and the date on which citizens entered into civil resistance. France has been condemned by its own courts for climate inaction. The future of this country is literally destroyed. To waste time is to perish.

"You have to go very fast. What we do in the next 3 to 4 years, I am sure, will determine the future of the human species"

Sir David King – Former Scientific Advisor to the UK Government

Want to support civil resistance?

[Donate to Last Renovation!](#)

" I realized that I had no choice but to join the civil resistance if I wanted to have a viable future. Alizée , 23 years old



↳ Dernière Rénovation Retweeted




Insulate Britain @InsulateLove · 2h

"I must act upon the urgency we are in. 1028 days left to save our lives and those we love from the worst weather disasters... Don't be a spectator."

Thank you Alizée, 22 years old yesterday stopped the French Open Tennis Semi-Final @derniere_renov



A close-up portrait of a young woman with dark hair, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. She is wearing a white t-shirt. The background is a solid, vibrant red color.

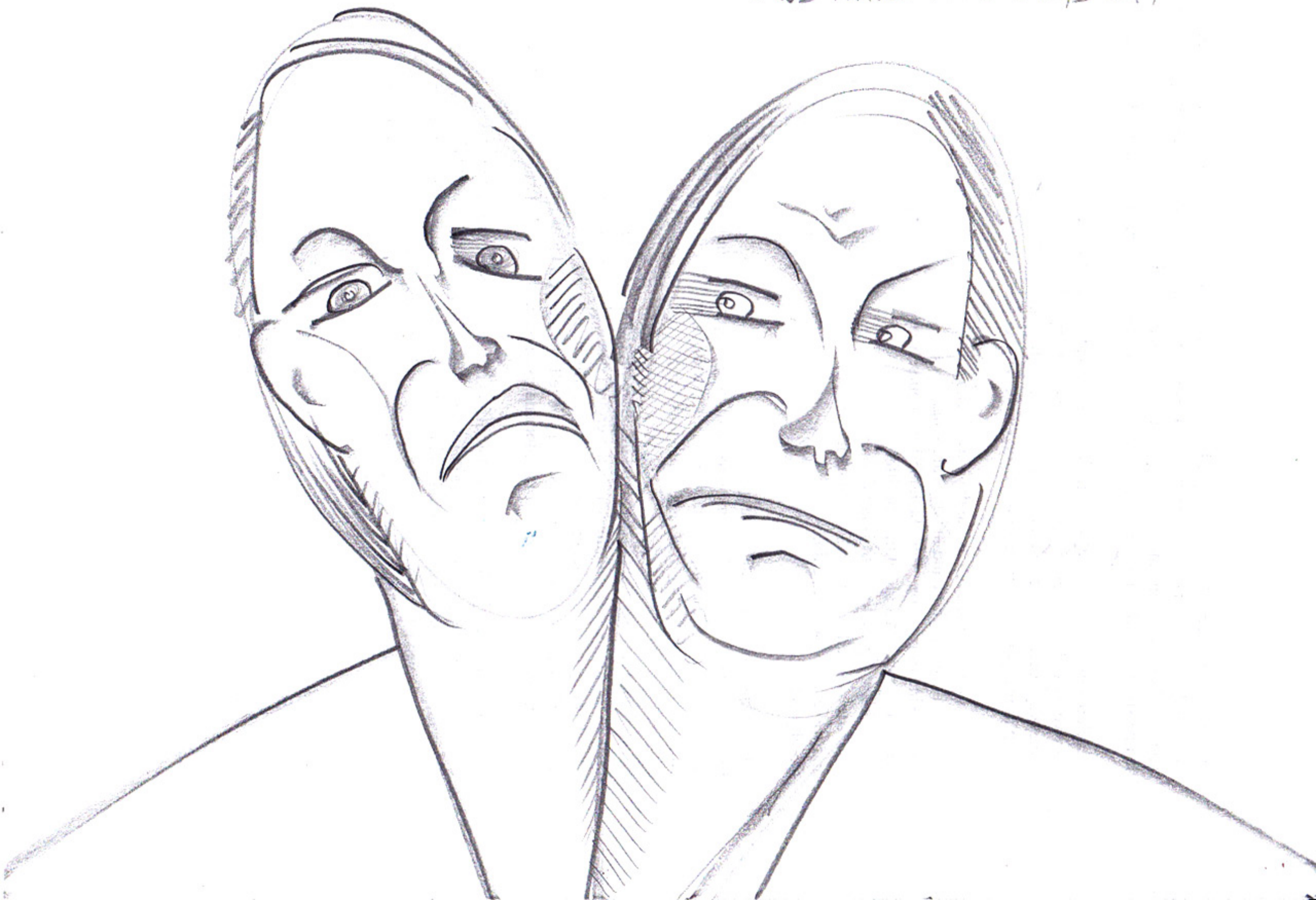
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LAST RENOVATION - Alizée
"WE HAVE 1028 days left"



"Pray for his help with your anxieties!"

Dear Neighbor,

My name is Sylvia, I'm one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

I am writing to you today to share a unique and comforting scriptural thought.

Have you ever wondered, will God help me if I pray?

The answer is yes. God listens to all who come to him with the right attitude, even if you haven't prayed before.

You need not fear that God is so distant that he is not concerned with your problems. At Psalms 138:6 the Bible says: "Jehovah is high, and yet the humble one he sees; but the lofty one he knows only from a distance!" God observes details about you that even you are not aware of. How much more, then, will he listen if you pray for his help with your anxieties!

You can find many encouraging thoughts from the Bible at www.jw.org

Thank you

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Cooking food over an open flame produces unique flavors thanks to some interesting chemistry. Lars Szatmari / EyeEm via Getty Images

What makes smoky, charred barbecue taste so good? The chemistry of cooking over an open flame

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▼ [Kristine Nolin](#), *University of Richmond*

Unfortunately for those who like a little extra crisp, some of the chemicals in charred meat – molecules called heterocyclic amines and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons – are known carcinogens. Though the dangers are far lower than smoking cigarettes, for example, limiting the amount of charring on meats can help reduce the risk of developing **cancer**.



Smoke gives barbecued foods much of their unique flavor. Harry Knight/Unsplash Photos

Smokey flavors

Smoke can contain hundreds of possible carcinogens depending on what you are burning. Only a small amount of research has been done on whether grilled foods absorb enough smoke to pose a significant risk to health. But researchers know that inhaling smoke is strongly correlated with **cancer**.

What makes smoky, charred barbecue taste so good? The chemistry of cooking over an open flame

Kristine Nollin, University of Richmond

As a researcher who specializes in supporting student mental health, I believe these discussions are overlooking important issues. To prevent school violence, the discussion must shift. Rather than what schools missed, the emphasis should be placed on how schools can be more proactive about identifying students with mental health needs before they display signs of distress.

Biggest health impacts may be psychological: Bed bugs have been suspected in the transmission of more than 40 disease organisms, but there is little evidence bed bugs transmit human pathogens, with the possible exception of the microorganism that causes Chagas disease. Extreme infestations can, in rare cases, lead to blood loss severe enough to cause anemia.

EMERGENCY DOOR

How Indian American spelling bee dominance may fuel educational inequities

Pawan Dhingra, Amherst College

Warning signs can be detected sooner through universal screenings for student mental health

Nathaniel von der Embse, University of South Florida

What 5 previous congressional investigations can teach us about the House Jan. 6 committee hearings

Jennifer Bellin, Wayne State University

Future COVID-19 booster shots will likely need fresh formulations as new coronavirus variants of concern continue to emerge

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Can Bionic Reading make you a speed reader? Not so fast

Lauren M. Singer Trakhtman, University of Maryland

US moves to rename Army bases honoring Confederate generals who fought to defend slavery

Jeff South, Virginia Commonwealth University

Genetic paparazzi are right around the corner, and courts aren't ready to confront the legal quagmire of DNA theft

Liza Vertinsky, University of Maryland and Yaniv Heled, Georgia State University

Giving refugees money instead of stuff can lead to price gouging – but it doesn't have to

Owen Wu, Indiana University; Alfonso J. Pedraza Martinez, Indiana University; and Telesilla Kotsi, The Ohio State University

5 ways to reduce school shootings

Paul Boxer, Rutgers University - Newark

Listening to young people could help reduce pandemic-related harms to children

Tommy Chang, University of Michigan and Jonathan Todres, Georgia State University

Change won't appear overnight in many states if the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade

Katherine Drabek, University of South Florida

Bed bugs' biggest impact may be on mental health after an infestation of these bloodsucking parasites

Jerome Goddard, Mississippi State University

50 years after 'Napalm Girl,' myths distort the reality behind a horrific photo of the Vietnam War and exaggerate its impact

W. Joseph Campbell, American University School of Communication

As the UK celebrates Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, why will so many Americans also be cheering her on?

Arlanne Chernock, Boston University

Supreme Court allows states to use unlawfully gerrymandered congressional maps in the 2022 midterm elections

Henry L. Chambers Jr., University of Richmond

Heard v. Depp trial was not just a media spectacle – it provided an opportunity to discuss the nuances of intimate partner violence

Kellie Lynch, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Musk called the SEC "bastards" at a recent conference. He tweeted a vulgar innuendo in 2020. He said, "I do not respect the SEC," in a 2018 interview. Musk seems to have figured out something: in this new world, using the social media platform that Musk is trying to buy, you can mess with markets and it "doesn't really rise to the level of fraud."



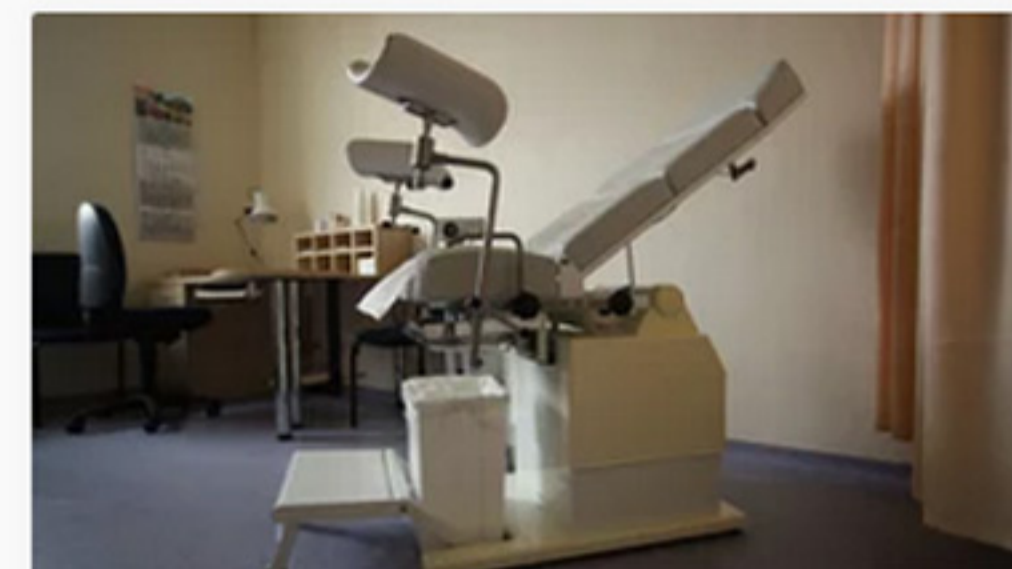
BUSINESS

Can the SEC stand up to the richest man on the planet?



NATIONAL

A company proposes using Taser-armed drones to stop school shootings



ROE V. WADE AND THE FUTURE OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN AMERICA

What might life look like in a post-Roe America?



NATIONAL

A man is held in an attack on a doctor and 2 nurses at a Southern California hospital



POLITICS

Buffalo-area GOP Rep. Jacobs won't run again after backlash for gun control support



WHAT'S MAKING US HAPPY: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 'POP CULTURE HAPPY HOUR'

What to listen to this weekend

Opinion: The endurance of parents

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Heard on Weekend Edition Saturday



SCOTT SIMON



Families hug outside the Willie de Leon Civic Center where grief counseling will be offered in Uvalde, Texas, on May 24.

"Parents are just being hit on all sides," Indiana University sociologist Jessica Calarco told us.

This winter, as omicron surged, her ongoing national survey found that 70% of mothers and 54% of fathers of children under the age of 18 felt overwhelmed. Roughly half of all parents had recently felt depressed and even hopeless, as despondent as during the first weeks of the pandemic.

These times are vexing and distressing for everyone. But parents can feel that their children carry around their hearts, too.

As a parent, you want to protect your children at all costs. But a pandemic, now into a third year, still upsets their lives, learning and emotional well-being, and threatens their health. Children under five years old still wait for a COVID vaccine, as some grown-ups return to restaurants, concerts and parties. Many parents left or lost jobs during the pandemic, and all are watching rising prices with rising panic. Calarco told us, "Given the high costs of food, gas and other necessities, many of the families I've interviewed are worried about making ends meet."

Recent mass shootings at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Tops Supermarket in Buffalo, a hospital in Tulsa, a funeral in Racine and more left many parents scared about the safety of the world their children must navigate, and feeling helpless to fix it.

Calarco offers a personal story. Her 8-year-old daughter came down with COVID, despite being vaccinated and wearing masks at school. Then Calarco herself got sick. She was trying to keep her younger child from getting it too.

"I couldn't hug my 4-year-old after the school shooting in Texas," she told us. "And that certainly wasn't great for our mental health."

For a parent to know their child is hurting, or scared, and not to be able to comfort or help them, is a special agony.

When my mother held me through some tragedy, anxiety or loss, and said, "This too shall pass," I can see now that she couldn't really be certain — but wanted to help get me through that night, and the next day.

In these times of war, violence and illness, when our children ask, "When will this be over?" we have to say, "I don't know." But we know we keep going together.

https://youtu.be/_q7olC1lteE

When Angeli Gomez heard there was a man shooting people at her sons' school in Uvalde, Texas, she knew she had to go rescue her kids. CBS News Correspondent Lilia Luciano spoke exclusively with Gomez about the moments she spent inside the school, and why Gomez says police warned her to stop telling her story.

LOCAL NEWS

Uvalde mother who ran into school describes being handcuffed, saving kids during shooting: 'I'm going in there'

Angeli Gomez was told she was being 'very uncooperative' and was later threatened by authorities for speaking out

Rebecca Salinas, Digital Journalist

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"I'ANGELI GOMEZERE"

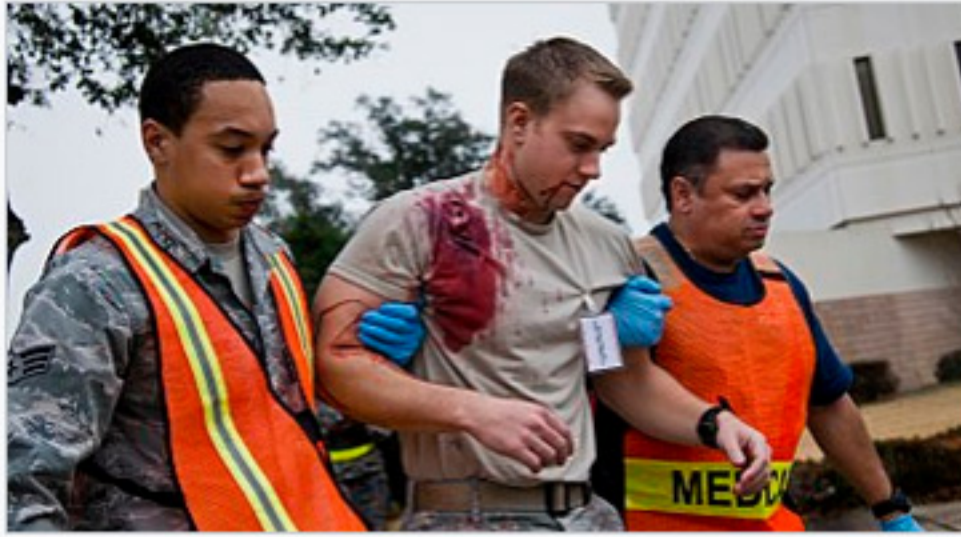
MOTHER WHO RAN INTO SCHOOL DESCRIBES WHAT HAPPENED DURING ATTACK

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Rebecca L. Salinas ✓

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<https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2022/06/05/uvalde-mother-who-ran-into-school-describes-being-handcuffed-saving-kids-during-shooting-im-going-in-there/>



Emergency medical technicians from the 96th Medical Group move an Airman pretending to be wounded toward safety during an active shooter exercise at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida in 2014.

A **crisis actor** (aka **actor-patient** or **actor victim**) is a trained actor, role player, volunteer, or other person engaged to portray a disaster victim during **emergency drills** to train first responders such as police, firefighters or EMS personnel. Crisis actors are used to create high-fidelity simulations of disasters in order to allow first responders to practice their skills and help emergency services organizations to prepare and train in realistic scenarios as part of full-scale disaster exercises.



James Frederick Tracy (born 1965) is an American conspiracy theorist and former professor who has espoused the view that some American mass shootings did not occur and are hoaxes.

Tracy holds a PhD degree, awarded by the University of Iowa^[1] in 2002.^[2] He was previously a tenured professor of communications^[3] at Florida Atlantic University^[4] at Boca Raton.^[5] He maintains that the Boston Marathon bombing was a false flag operation perpetrated by the United States government,^[5] and that the Sandy Hook massacre did not occur^{[3][6]} but was a hoax also perpetrated by the United States government.^[7] There is a "Sandy Hook truther" movement founded upon this conspiracy theory.^{[8][9][10][11]}

Tracy demanded that Leonard Pozner, the father of Sandy Hook victim Noah Pozner, provide proof of his son's death.^{[3][4][7][12]} As a result, Florida Atlantic University initiated a procedure to dismiss Tracy, who had tenure, in December 2015.^[17] He was dismissed in January 2016, although a statement from his former employer asserted that Tracy was fired for repeatedly neglecting or refusing to file standard paperwork disclosing activities or employment outside his job that might pose conflicts of interest.^[14] On April 25, 2016, he filed suit for wrongful termination.^[18] On December 12, 2017, Tracy's termination was upheld by a jury.^[19]

In 2018, civil rights attorneys for Tracy filed an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.^[20] In November 2020, Tracy lost the appeal,^[21] with the *Tampa Bay Times* reporting, "The opinion said Tracy argued that 'no reasonable juror could have found that his blog speech did not motivate the university to fire him,' but it concluded that he 'cherry-picks' the evidence and that he was fired for insubordination related to not filing reports about his outside activities."^[22]

Tracy then appealed to the United States Supreme Court, but in December of 2021 the court declined his appeal without comment.^[23]

Conspiracy theories and defamation

In the United States, the term has been used by conspiracy theorists who falsely claim that mass shootings and other disasters are staged, and victims and their families are being played by crisis actors in order to pass gun control laws.^[11] Conspiracy theorists' use of the term is thought to have originated in 2012, when a blog post by former professor and professional conspiracy theorist James Tracy suggested that the government could have hired an acting agency named Visionbox to help stage the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Visionbox offered dramatic training "in criminal and victim behavior" to actors intended to help "bring intense realism to simulated mass casualty incidents in public places".^[12]

Tracy also promoted a crisis actor conspiracy theory of the Boston Marathon bombing.^{[12][13]} Conspiracy theorists have falsely claimed such attacks are "false flag operations" staged by conspirators, usually government or corporate forces, in order to achieve some goal such as justifying increased government surveillance, disarmament of the population, or military action against blamed nations or groups. Crisis actors are claimed in this context to play the part of bystanders or witnesses, emergency response personnel, and (with the aid of stage makeup) wounded victims of the attack.

Advocates of the conspiracy theory include Alex Jones and outlets such as *True Pundit*.^{[14][15][13][16]} In April 2018, the parents of two children killed in the Sandy Hook shooting launched a lawsuit against Jones for defamation "accusing him and his website InfoWars of engaging in a campaign of 'false, cruel, and dangerous assertions'".^[17] In November 2021, Jones was found liable by default after failing to provide documents to the court. He has announced he will appeal this decision.^[18]

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Starbucks union says the coffee giant is closing a store to retaliate

June 4, 2022 · 6:51 PM ET

RINA TORCHINSKY



Pro-union pins sit on a table during a watch party for Starbucks' employees union election in December in Buffalo, N.Y. Starbucks union organizers say the company is closing a New York store to retaliate.

NLRB sues Starbucks for retaliating against 3 workers involved in unionizing

April 24, 2022 · 7:48 PM ET

JOE HERNANDEZ



A Starbucks coffee shop is seen in the background as people gather for a rally and march in Seattle on Saturday.

Starbucks says employees getting new benefits, but not at stores that are unionizing

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ANDREA HSU



People hold signs while protesting in front of Starbucks on April 14, 2022 in New York City. Activists gathered to protest Starbucks' CEO Howard Schultz anti-unionization efforts and demand the reinstatement of workers fired for trying to unionize.

Starbucks workers drive nationwide surge in union organizing

May 1, 2022 · 5:00 AM ET

ANDREA HSU



Protesters march in Seattle during the "Fight Starbucks' Union Busting" rally and march on April 23, 2022.

Bottling the sun

The world has been trying to master this limitless clean energy source since the 1930s. We're now closer than ever

Story by Boštjan Videmšek
Photographs by Matjaž Krivic
May 30, 2022



First plasma is now expected in 2025, and the first deuterium-tritium experiments are hoped to take place in 2035, though even those are now under review — delayed, in part, by the pandemic and persistent supply chain issues.

Yet with one of the world's biggest projects running behind time on his lap, Bigot remained passionate and optimistic about ITER's potential until his last breath. "Hydrogen fusion is a million times more efficient than burning up fossil fuels. What we are trying to do here is actually, really very much like creating a small artificial sun on Earth," he said. "This fusion power plant will be in operation all the time. This sun, so to speak, will never set."

This was excellent news for the project in France, the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, better known as ITER. Its main objective is to prove fusion can be utilized commercially. If it can, the world will have no use for fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas, the main drivers of the human-made climate crisis.

There has been a huge sense of momentum at ITER since the success in the UK, but the people working on the project are also undergoing a major change. Their director general, Bernard Bigot (pronounced bi-GOH in French), died from illness on May 14 after leading ITER for seven years.

Before his death, Bigot shared his infectious optimism for fusion energy from his sunny office, which overlooked the shell of ITER's own tokamak, a sci-fi like structure still under construction.

"Energy is life," Bigot said. "Biologically, socially, economically."

When the Earth was populated by less than a billion people, there were enough renewable sources to meet demand, Bigot said.

"Not anymore. Not since the Industrial Revolution and the following population explosion. So we embraced fossil fuels and did a lot of harm to our environment. And here we are now, 8 billion strong and in the middle of a drastic climate crisis," he said.

"There is no alternative but to wean ourselves off our current main power source," he said. "And the best option seems to be the one the universe has been utilizing for billions of years."

The world is now scrambling to rapidly decarbonize and speed up its transition from planet-baking fossil fuels to renewable energy like solar, wind and hydro-power. Some countries are banking on nuclear fission energy, which is low-carbon but comes with a small, but not negligible, risk of disaster, storage problems for radioactive waste and a high cost.

But there are serious questions about whether the world can make this green transition fast enough to avert catastrophic climate change.

That's where fusion could be an 11th-hour hero — if the world masters it in time.

A high school senior reflects on her community's resilience after a devastating flood

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Zoe, second from left, walks onto the field with her fellow graduates. Zoey was one of eight Valedictorians and told her classmates, "Do not think about the unknown stresses of the future or the treasured memories of the past, but think about the present moment we are living right now."

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The Turners pray at the dinner table before eating at Zoe's grandmother's house.

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Left: Zoe at her graduation. Right; Family and friends pack into the bleachers during the Waverly Central High School graduation ceremony at Ray Hampton Stadium.

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Can journalists and grieving communities coexist in tragedy?

By DAVID BAUDER today



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FILE - Crosses bearing the names of the victims killed in the school shooting are seen through a balloon at a memorial at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on June 1, 2022. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — As a knot of journalists stood across from a mortuary witnessing a funeral for a child killed in the Uvalde school massacre, some people passing by didn't disguise their anger.

"Y'all are the scum of the Earth," said one woman, surveying the cameras.

When tragedy comes to town in the 21st century, the media follows, focusing the world's eyes on a community during its most difficult hours. Columbine, Sandy Hook, now Uvalde, Texas — the list of places synonymous with horrible mass killings keeps growing.

Journalists are called upon to explain what happened, and sometimes to ask uncomfortable questions in places where many people want to be left alone to grieve. Is it possible to do it better, to co-exist within a moment no one wants to be part of?

Tempers have flared in Uvalde. One female journalist was told, "I hope your entire family dies in a massacre." Some are threatened with arrest for trespassing while on public property. A group called "Guardians of the Children" blocked camera views, often with the encouragement of police.

Yet there are also people like Ben Gonzalez, who approached reporters near the mortuary after hearing the woman lash out to say that she doesn't speak for everyone. "Thank you for documenting this tragedy," he said. "We'll look back at the photos you take and appreciate it."

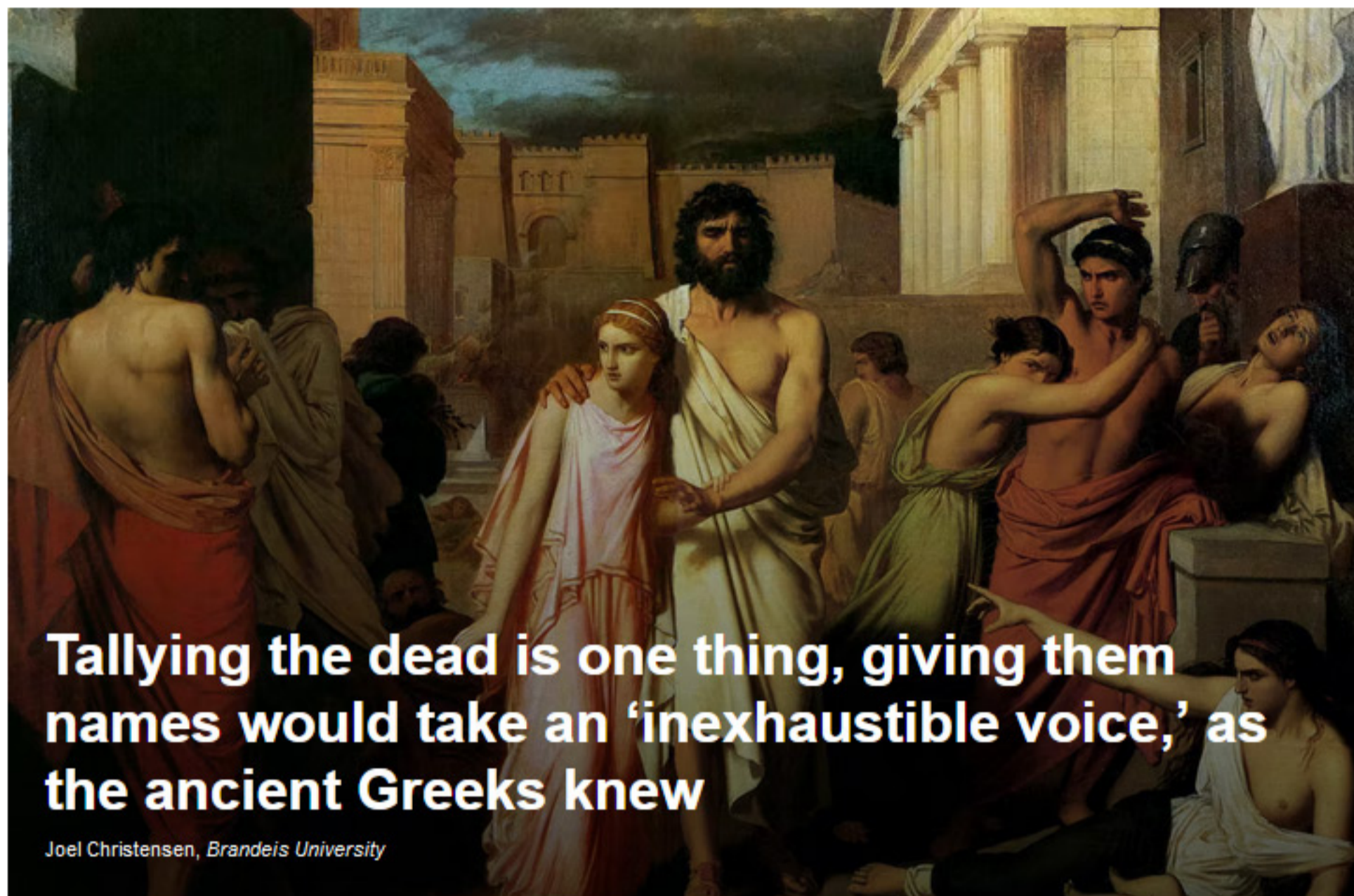
There's no avoiding the shock an influx of journalists brings to a quiet community. Monsignor Robert Weiss of the town's St. Rose of Lima Parish recalls being swarmed by reporters after emerging from a meeting with parents. He didn't know what to say. But in general, the Catholic monsignor said he found the press respectful and has come to understand the importance of its role.

"We needed to get the story out there and we needed to keep this story out there," Weiss said. "Because in 10 years, what has changed? If anything, it has gotten worse."

Kim Stafford and wife Perrin Kerns at the IN A LANDSCAPE performance in the Alvord Desert, Sept. 15, 2021.

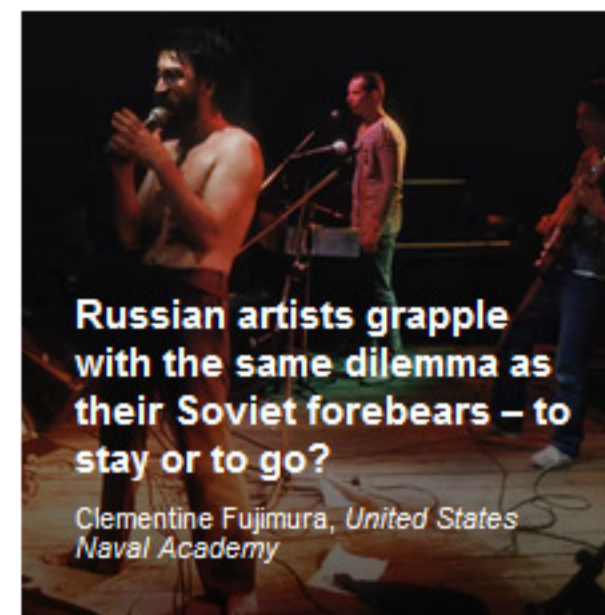


For a Daughter in Quarantine: It's all so like a dream as in my mind I drive the empty streets to find you across the river, then east and north, all trees in wild blossom. In my mind, I descend the steps to your basement den—with food, drink, music, we sit together, your stories and mine. I'm old, may catch it, be gone. Or you... or both of us. It was always possible, but now we live in acceleration of the possible. I always wanted your independence, and now we have it—I here writing this, and you there, in danger, brave. Child, girl, woman—it's okay. From far, we live this day.



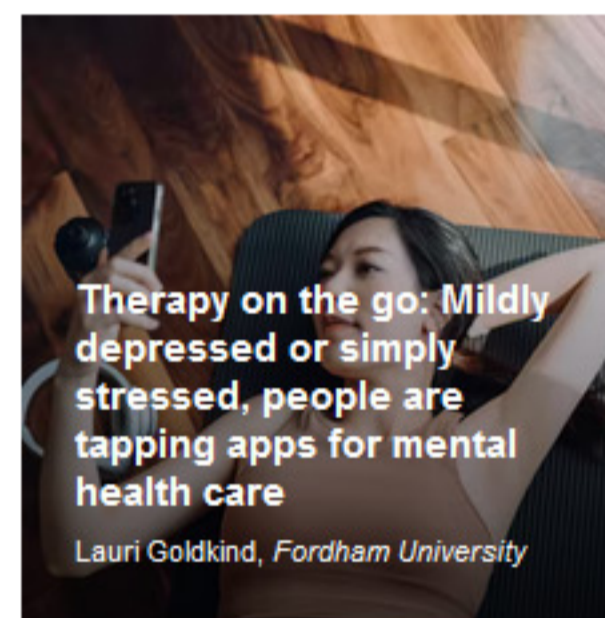
Tallying the dead is one thing, giving them names would take an ‘inexhaustible voice,’ as the ancient Greeks knew

Joel Christensen, *Brandeis University*



Russian artists grapple with the same dilemma as their Soviet forebears – to stay or to go?

Clementine Fujimura, *United States Naval Academy*



Therapy on the go: Mildly depressed or simply stressed, people are tapping apps for mental health care

Lauri Goldkind, *Fordham University*

Colleges and universities across the U.S. typically maintain databases of all **student organizations on their campuses**. By analyzing those databases, we found that Muslim student groups are located at only 28% of U.S. colleges and universities, while Jewish student groups are at just 25% of U.S. colleges and universities. Additionally, Buddhist and Hindu student groups are each represented at 5% of colleges and universities. And 66% of U.S. colleges and universities lack any type of minority religious student group.

Millions of Americans enjoy observing and photographing **wildlife** near their homes or on trips. But when people get too close to wild animals, they risk serious injury or even death. It happens regularly, despite the threat of jail time and thousands of dollars in fines. These four articles from The Conversation’s archive offer insights into how wild animals view humans and how our presence affects nearby animals and birds – plus a scientist’s perspective on what’s wrong with wildlife selfies.

Why are so many big tech whistleblowers women? Here is what the research shows

Francine Berman, *UMass Amherst* and Jennifer Lundquist, *UMass Amherst*

A number of high-profile **whistleblowers in the technology industry** have stepped into the spotlight in the past few years. For the most part, they have been revealing corporate practices that thwart the public interest: Frances Haugen exposed personal data exploitation at Meta, Timnit Gebru and Rebecca Rivers challenged Google on ethics and AI issues, and Janneke Parrish raised concerns about a discriminatory work culture at Apple, among others. Many of these whistleblowers are women – far more, it appears, than the proportion of women working in the tech industry. This raises the question of whether women are more likely to be whistleblowers in the tech field. The short answer is: “It’s complicated.”

The official count of Americans lost to COVID-19 has surpassed 1 million. It is the latest grim milestone that has marked the progression of deaths and infections since the virus took hold in the U.S. in March 2020. Such numbers make it hard to **memorialize individuals** – a problem that has existed throughout the ages. As a scholar who studies Greek myth and has written a book about psychology and Homer’s epic poem, the “Odyssey,” I keep trying to understand what we have experienced in the U.S. during the COVID-19 era through my research. Greek texts cannot name all their countless fallen heroes, but they show how to honor the lives of those lost to war or plague, and the significance of doing so.

With few exceptions, most **Russian artists who oppose the war** have been relegated to releasing songs, posting artwork or publishing articles on social media. Boris Grebenshchikov is one artist who took to social media in the wake of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. On April 16, 2022, Grebenshchikov posted a song on the messaging app Telegram – and later on YouTube, Instagram and Facebook – with the unsettling line: “But none of us will get out of here alive.” A few days later, his feed went silent. People started to worry about his safety. A clampdown on free speech has made life riskier for dissident artists who criticize Vladimir Putin and the war. It’s forced many of them to flee or consider fleeing the country altogether – no easy call, because Russians traditionally haven’t looked kindly upon artists who fled during times of crisis.

Real questions persist about how apps are regulated, how to ensure user privacy and care quality and how remote therapy can be reimbursed by insurance. While those debates continue, people are regularly **using apps to connect to therapists** for help with emotional and mental struggles. And through these apps, therapists are interacting with people who may never have considered therapy before. Therapy apps have helped to normalize the idea that it’s OK to pursue mental health treatment through nontraditional routes. And with high-profile people such as Michael Phelps and Ariana Grande partnering with these apps, they might even be on their way to making mental health treatment cool.

2/3 of US colleges and universities lack student groups for Muslims, Jews, Hindus or Buddhists

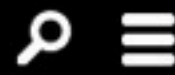
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Making room for wildlife: 4 essential reads

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HUMANS

Huge 4-Day Work Week Experiment Begins in The UK: The Largest Ever Conducted

PETER DOCKRILL

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For thousands of lucky people, the work week is now only four days long – and they're still getting paid 100 percent of their regular income to do their jobs, even though they've gained an entire day of personal time.

Does it sound too good to be true? It's not necessarily an impossible dream. This idyllic work rebalancing could hypothetically become the new normal one day, if campaigns to realize a four-day work week continue to gather momentum.

Now, in what's estimated to be the largest four-day work week experiment ever conducted, 70 companies and over 3,300 employees in the UK are embracing the work-life balance shift, as part of a pilot program to trial four-day work arrangements for the next six months.

The initiative, spearheaded by nonprofit 4 Day Week Global alongside other organizations, is being run in conjunction with researchers from Cambridge University, Oxford University, and Boston College, who will investigate how the four-day week impacts workers (among other things).

"We'll be analyzing how employees respond to having an extra day off, in terms of stress and burnout, job and life satisfaction, health, sleep, energy use, travel, and many other aspects of life," says economist and sociologist Juliet Schor from Boston College, the project's lead researcher.

But it's not just workers in the UK who stand to benefit from making the move to four days. 4 Day Week Global is also conducting pilots in Australia and New Zealand, and the organization recently announced an upcoming trial in the US and Canada, with next month being the deadline for signing up, and the pilot expected to get underway in October.

Four-day work weeks or, alternatively, 35-hour weeks have been studied by researchers for years now across a number of international trials, with the largest to date being an experiment in Iceland that involved approximately 2,500 participants.

That trial found reducing hours worked by staff offered numerous benefits to employees, while not leading to drops in productivity.

"Many workers expressed that after starting to work fewer hours they felt better, more energized, and less stressed, resulting in them having more energy for other activities, such as exercise, friends, and hobbies," the researchers reported.

"This then had a positive effect on their work."

"We're paying for productivity."

It remains to be seen whether the new UK, Australia, and New Zealand trials (and the future US/Canada pilot) will deliver such hugely promising results, but if they do, we can expect even more support to get behind the campaign to only work four days.

Some think the transition may only be a matter of time, echoing modern society's adoption of the five-day work week in the early decades of the 20th century, which involved eliminating a sixth day of work.

"By moving first we get a lot of advantages," Paddy Lambros, head of people and talent at British tech company Sensat, which is taking part in the UK trial, told Euronews.

"We've seen an uptick in applications, we've seen an increase in sentiment, we've been able to hire more diverse people... When we tie all those things together we see a massive advantage in adopting what we think is coming inevitably anyway, earlier than everyone else."

You can find out more about the pilot and campaign at the 4 Day Week Global website: <https://www.4dayweek.com/>

How a public hearing is different from an investigation – and what that means for the Jan. 6 committee

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▼ Claire Leavitt, Grinnell College

On Thursday, June 9, the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol holds the first of several public hearings. The committee aims to lay out the results of months of investigative work into the involvement of President Donald Trump and his political allies in the 2021 insurrection and other attempts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.



Pro-Trump protesters approach the entrance to the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Win McNamee/Getty Images

First, a crucial distinction: Investigations are meant to acquire information, hearings are meant to present it. While the committee's public hearings will reveal new information about the insurrection to the American public, it is far less likely that the committee itself will learn something new.

NATIONAL

An Arizona man says American Airlines is to blame for his wrongful arrest

Michael Lowe says he is still suffering from trauma following a 17-day experience in a New Mexico jail, according to a lawsuit filed Monday.

To identify and locate the suspect in the burglary, airport police obtained a search warrant ordering American Airlines to "produce any and all recorded travel data" for passengers onboard flight 2248, according to the lawsuit.

But **when police asked American Airlines for a list of passengers, according to the lawsuit, they provided only one name: Michael Lowe.**

"In response to the search warrant, American did not produce 'any and all recorded travel data for all individuals,'" the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit goes into detail describing Lowe's experience at the detention center, emphasizing that he "lived in a constant state of fear of confrontation or abuse."

Lowe was eventually released from the detention center and the charges against him were eventually dropped, according to the lawsuit. However, the suit alleged that his experience in the Quay County Detention Center left him with continuous distress and anxiety.

"As a result of this sustained severe emotional pain, anguish, anxiety, depression and loss of self-esteem, Mr. Lowe has become a man desperate to find himself," the lawsuit said.



Michael Lowe

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JONATHAN FRANKLIN



Michael Lowe has filed a lawsuit against American Airlines.

Michael Lowe/Scott Palmer

ENVIRONMENT

Hudson Canyon, a giant underwater chasm, could be the newest national marine sanctuary

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ERIC MCDANIEL



Good news for sea turtles...

About 100 miles southeast of New York City, Hudson Canyon is the largest underwater canyon in the U.S. portion of the Atlantic Ocean. It's also a biodiversity hotspot: home to sensitive species including sperm whales, cold-water coral and, yes, sea turtles.



Activists decry French retailer over Amazon deforestation

By JADE LE DELEY 2 minutes ago

PARIS (AP) — Environmental groups and representatives of Brazil’s Indigenous community are protesting Thursday outside the main Paris courthouse, urging a quick trial for a French supermarket chain accused of selling beef linked to deforestation and land grabs in the Amazon rainforest.

Several leading Indigenous representatives are in Paris and Brussels this month to denounce international threats to their territories and attract public attention to cattle farming practices in the Amazon.

Climate groups and Indigenous activists filed a lawsuit last year against France’s Casino Group, which has supermarkets around the world, accusing it of violating human rights and environmental rules. The company has said it “fights actively against deforestation linked to cattle raising in Brazil and Colombia.” A hearing is scheduled Thursday to set a date for a trial.

For the Indigenous movement, the lawsuit against Casino Group is an attempt to hold someone accountable for buying cattle they say is raised illegally in their territory, with activists warning that far-right Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro’s government policies are further threatening indigenous lands.

Since taking office in 2019, Bolsonaro has repeatedly said that Indigenous peoples have too much land, saying he would revise demarcations, even though such a move is forbidden by law.

Cattle ranching is one of the main drivers of deforestation in Brazil’s Amazon, with levels reaching record highs earlier this year. More than 1,000 square kilometers (nearly 400 square miles) were deforested in April this year, according to satellite alerts. The biome holds about 57 million hectares (140.8 million acres) of pasture, an area slightly larger than France, according to MapBiomas, a network of nonprofits, universities and technology startups.

CLIMATE

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Beefalo, a bison-cattle hybrid, is being touted as the healthy meat of the future

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Supporters cite the beefalo's hardiness, ease of breeding and the leaner, protein-rich healthier meat, but others say the costly crossbreed weakens the genetic line of the bison.

NATIONAL

Have you faced a bidding war trying to rent an apartment?

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We want to hear from you!

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As if it couldn't get even harder to find an affordable place to rent... looking for people who've run into bidding wars.

In an incredibly tight rental market, more people are finding themselves outbid in the kind of competition usually only seen with buying houses. If you've experienced this NPR wants to hear from you!

You've probably noticed rents have been skyrocketing in many places, as the country struggles with a historic housing shortage. Now with mortgage rates rising there's even more pressure on the rental market. Many people are facing the kind of intense competition usually only seen with buying houses.

If you've experienced a rental bidding war — whether you've won, lost, or just turn and ran from it — NPR wants to hear from you! Has this changed how you're going about the search, or where you're looking? And if you're a realtor or landlord we'd love to hear how you're navigating this as well.

Sharing your story will help reporters understand what Americans are grappling with in the hunt for affordable housing. We may contact you to see if you'd like to do an interview for a story.

Please tell us your story by filling out the form below.



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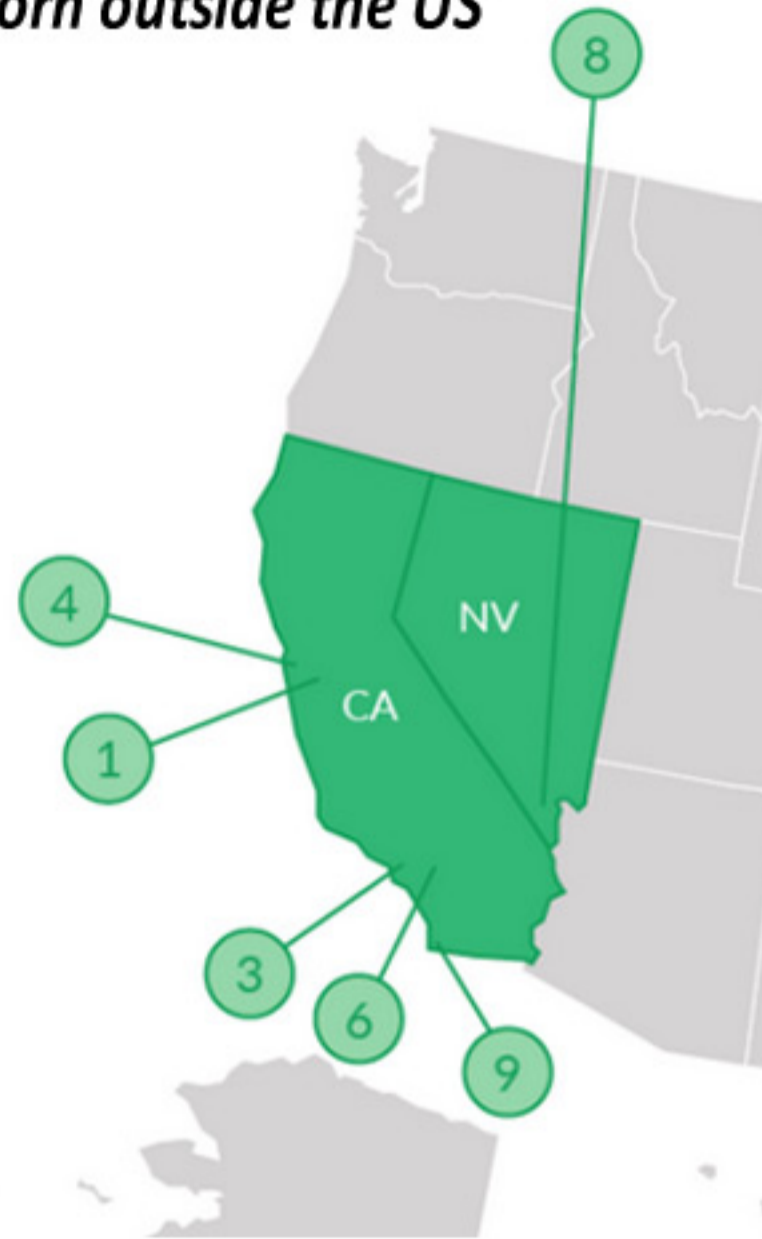
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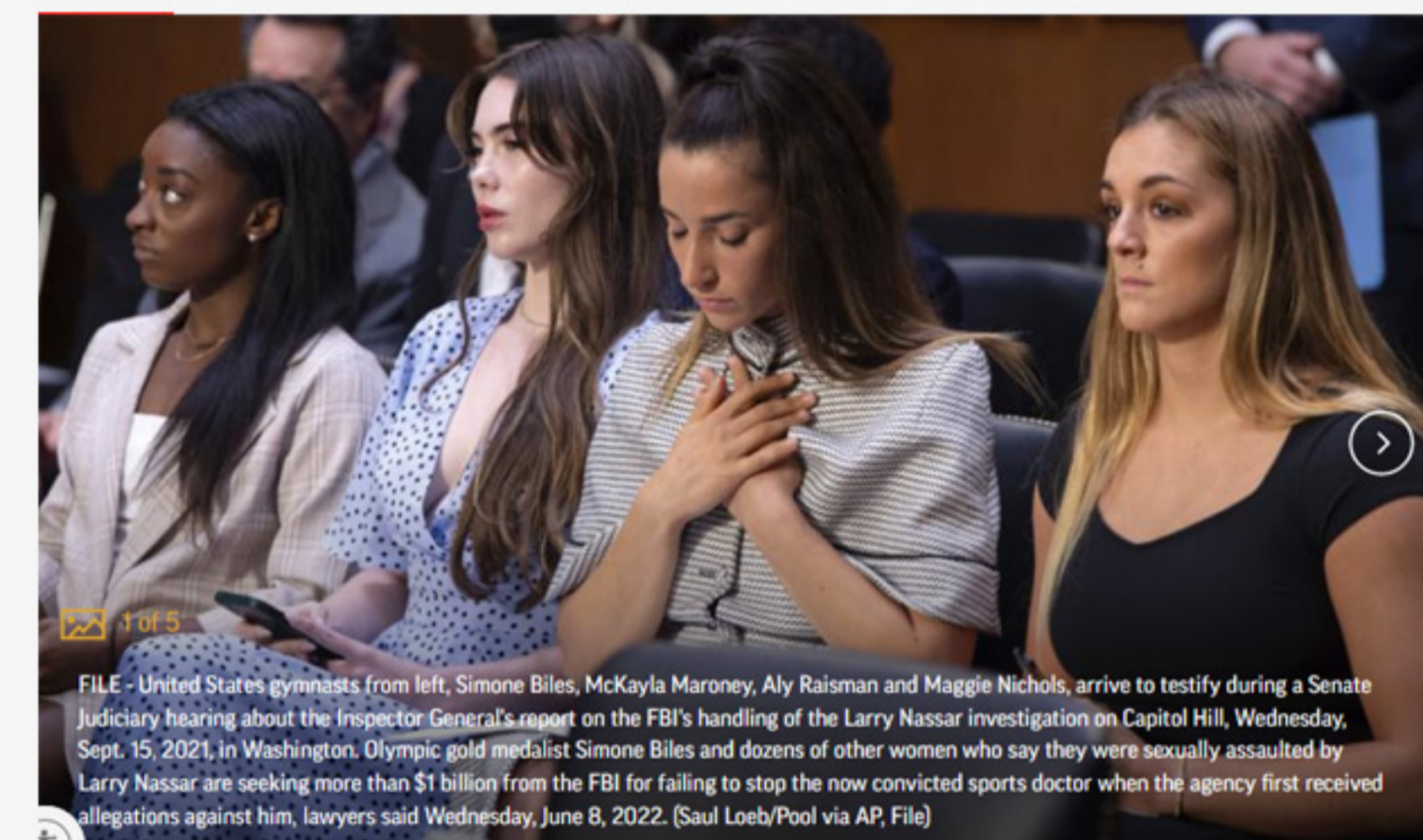
[Stacker](#) compiled a list of cities with the most expensive homes in California using data from Zillow. Cities are ranked by the Zillow Home Values Index for all homes as of April 2022. The charts in this story were created automatically using [Matplotlib](#). The most expensive city on the list has a typical home value of \$8,116,990 which is 927% higher than the state average of \$790,475.

Metros with the most cities in the top 30 in California

- #1. San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward: 11
- #2. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim: 8
- #3. San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara: 7
- #4. San Diego-Carlsbad: 2
- #5. Salinas: 1
- #5. Santa Maria-Santa Barbara: 1

Simone Biles, other women seek \$1B-plus from FBI over Nassar

By ED WHITE today



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FILE - United States gymnasts from left, Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Maggie Nichols, arrive to testify during a Senate Judiciary hearing about the Inspector General's report on the FBI's handling of the Larry Nassar investigation on Capitol Hill, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, in Washington. Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles and dozens of other women who say they were sexually assaulted by Larry Nassar are seeking more than \$1 billion from the FBI for failing to stop the now convicted sports doctor when the agency first received allegations against him, lawyers said Wednesday, June 8, 2022. (Saul Loeb/Pool via AP, File)

DETROIT (AP) — Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles and dozens of other women who say they were sexually assaulted by Larry Nassar are seeking more than \$1 billion from the FBI for failing to stop the sports doctor when the agency first received allegations against him, lawyers said Wednesday.

There's no dispute that FBI agents in 2015 knew that Nassar was accused of assaulting gymnasts, but they failed to act, leaving him free to continue to target young women and girls for more than a year. He pleaded guilty in 2017 and is serving decades in prison.

"It is time for the FBI to be held accountable," said Maggie Nichols, a national champion gymnast at Oklahoma in 2017-19.

Under federal law, a government agency has six months to respond to the tort claims filed Wednesday. Lawsuits could follow, depending on the FBI's response.

The approximately 90 claimants include Biles, Aly Raisman and McKayla Maroney, all Olympic gold medalists, according to Manly, Stewart & Finaldi, a California law firm. Separately, 13 claims were filed by others in April.

"If the FBI had simply done its job, Nassar would have been stopped before he ever had the chance to abuse hundreds of girls, including me," said former University of Michigan gymnast Samantha Roy.

Michigan State University, which was also accused of missing chances over many years to stop Nassar, agreed to pay \$500 million to more than 300 women and girls who were assaulted by him. USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee made a \$380 million settlement.

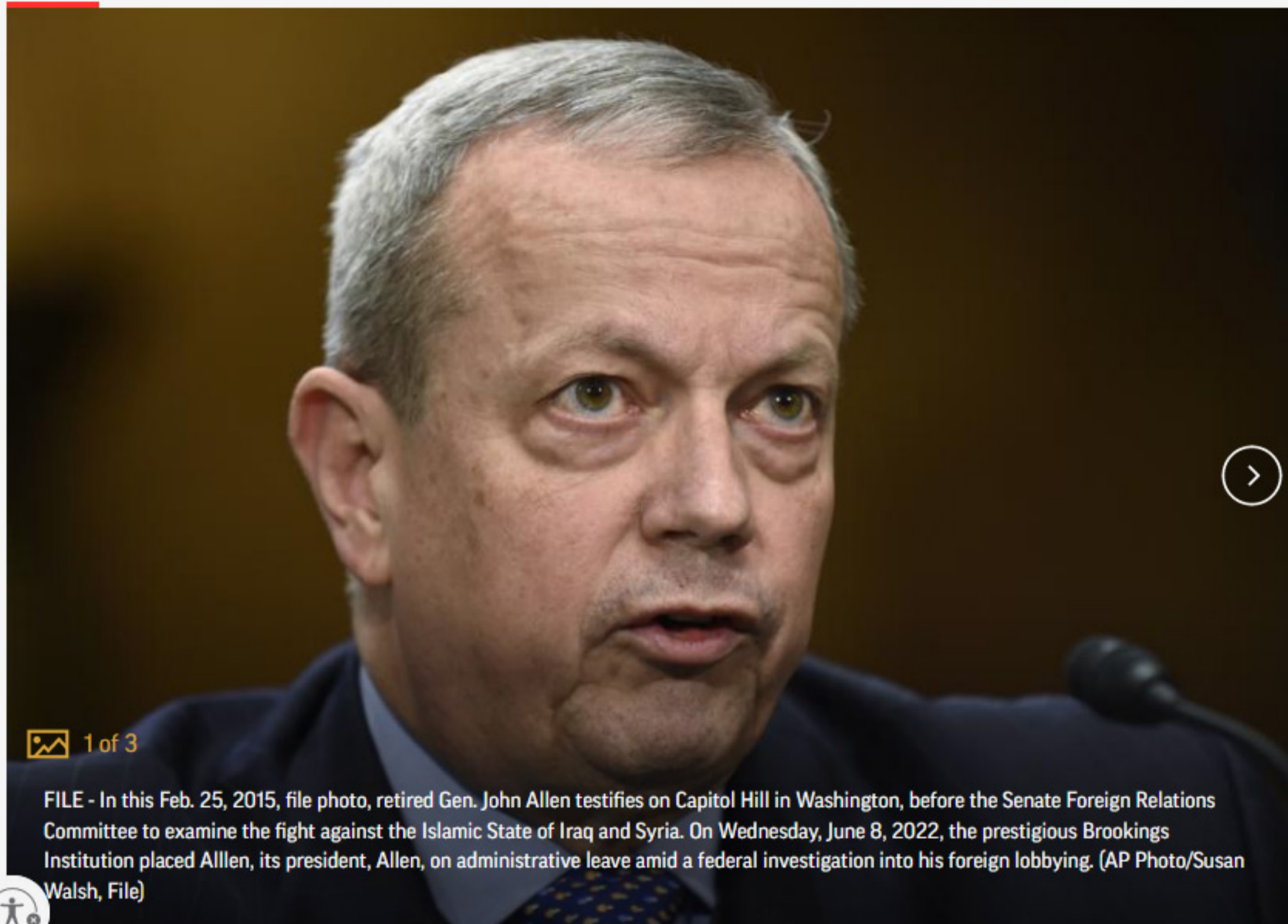
For more stories on Larry Nassar and the fallout from his years of sexual abusing young women and girls: <https://www.apnews.com/LarryNassar>



Dozens of women who say they were sexually assaulted by Larry Nassar are seeking more than \$1 billion from the FBI for failing to stop the sports doctor (June 8) d Maggie Nichols, a

Brookings places retired general on leave amid FBI probe

By ALAN SUDERMAN and JIM MUSTIAN today



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FILE - In this Feb. 25, 2015, file photo, retired Gen. John Allen testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to examine the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. On Wednesday, June 8, 2022, the prestigious Brookings Institution placed Allen, its president, on administrative leave amid a federal investigation into his foreign lobbying. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh, File)

The prestigious Brookings Institution placed its president, retired four-star Marine Gen. John Allen, on administrative leave Wednesday amid a federal investigation into his role in an illegal lobbying campaign on behalf of the wealthy Persian Gulf nation of Qatar.

Brookings is one of the most influential think tanks in the U.S. and has long had strong ties to Qatar. In 2007, the Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs agreed to fund a Brookings-backed offshoot in Qatar called the Brookings Doha Center.

The Qatari government said in a 2012 news release that the center's role included "reflecting the bright image of Qatar in the international media, especially the American ones," according to a New York Times report that showed Qatar had given Brookings \$14.4 million in donations over a four-year span.

As a nonprofit, Brookings does not have to disclose its donations but it voluntarily discloses some data. Its annual reports show Qatar giving at least \$2 million a year from 2016 to 2021.

Brookings said in a statement that Allen decided in 2019 to stop taking any new donations from Qatar and to close the Brookings Doha Center.

"Brookings has strong policies in place to prohibit donors from directing research activities," said the email to staffers Wednesday.

{Thursday, June 09, 2022}

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It's not that I turn up my nose when I hear, "The prestigious Brookings Institution placed its president, retired four-star Marine Gen. John Allen, on administrative leave Wednesday amid a federal investigation into his role in an illegal lobbying campaign on behalf of the wealthy Persian Gulf nation of Qatar." It's that I've become so used to nothing becoming of it.

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An FBI agent said in an affidavit in support of a search warrant there was "substantial evidence" that Allen had knowingly broken a foreign lobbying law, and had made false statements and withheld "incriminating" documents.



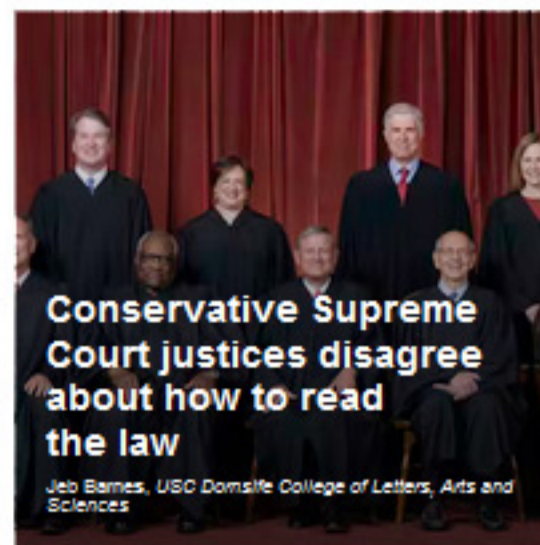
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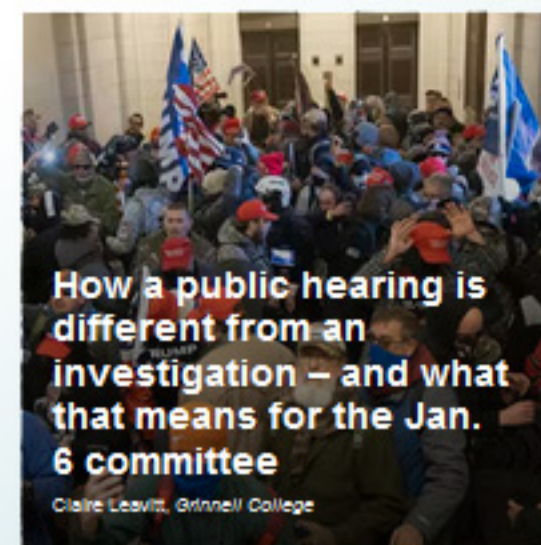
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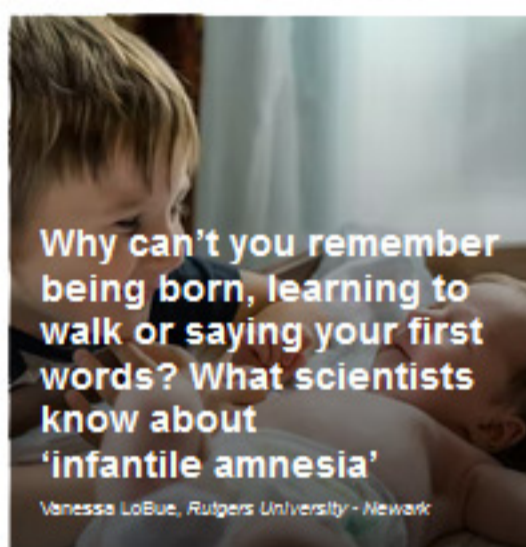
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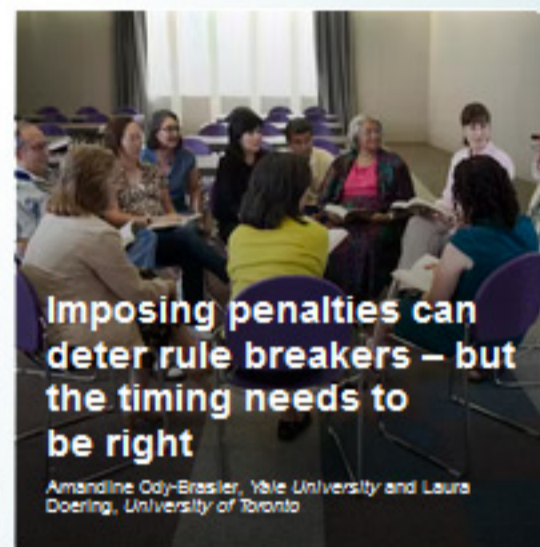
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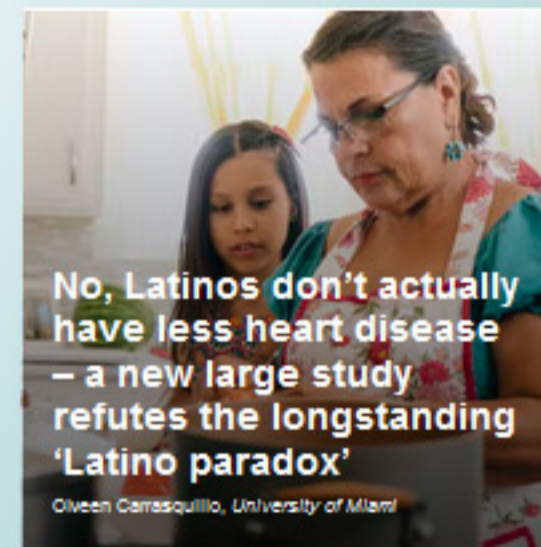
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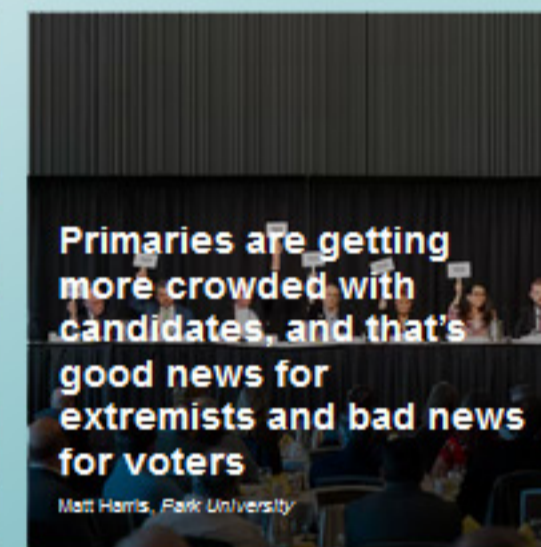
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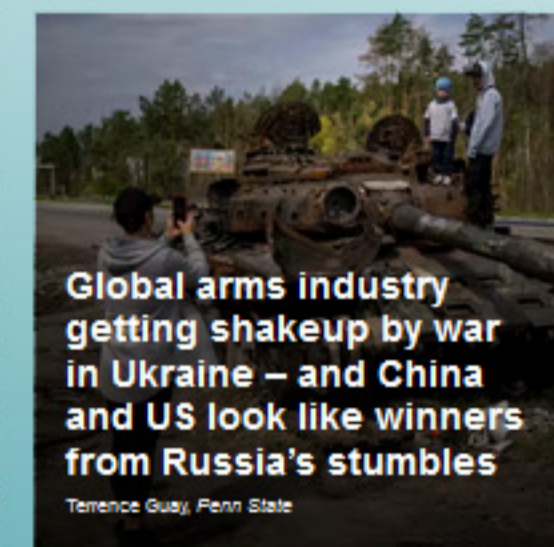
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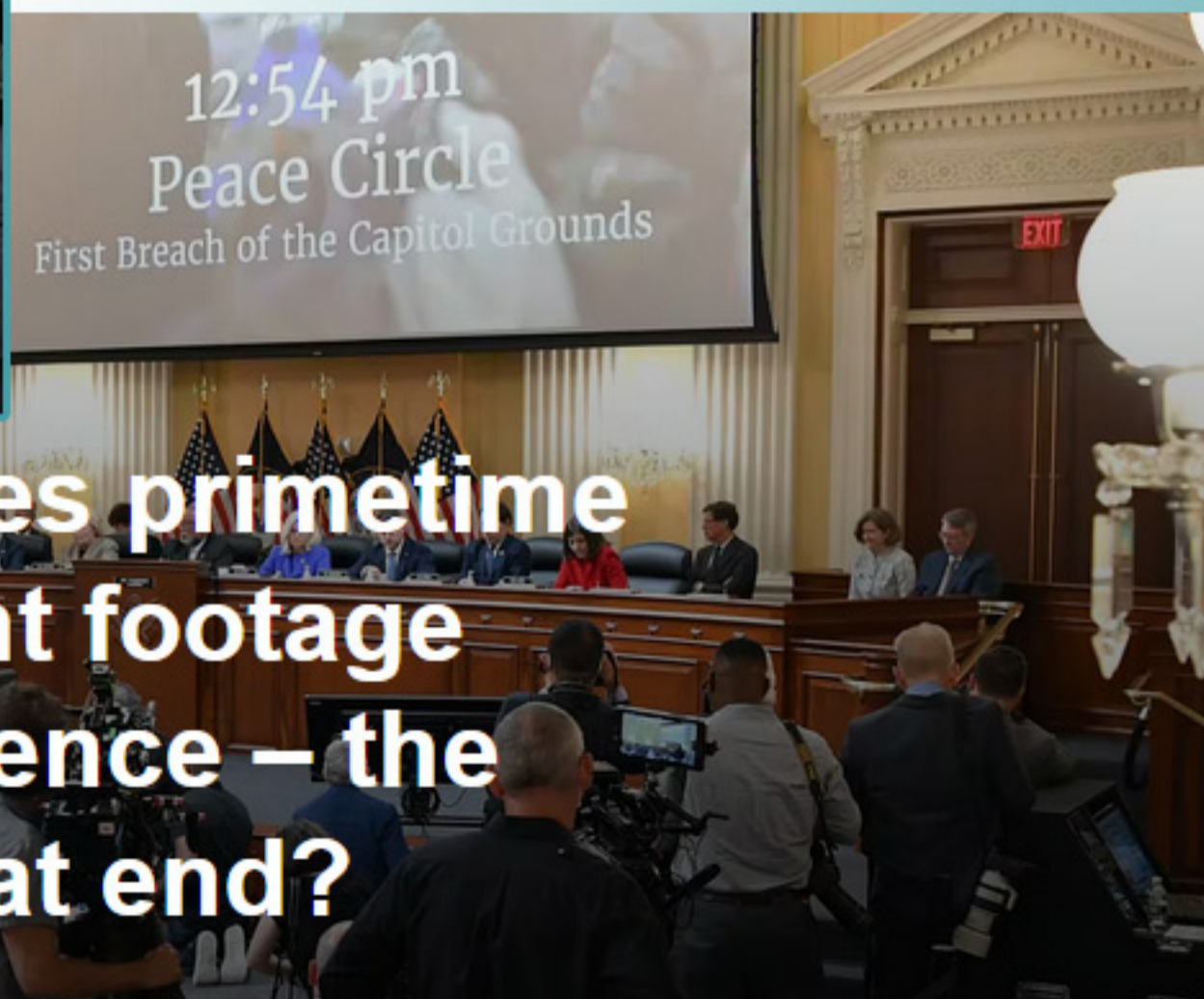
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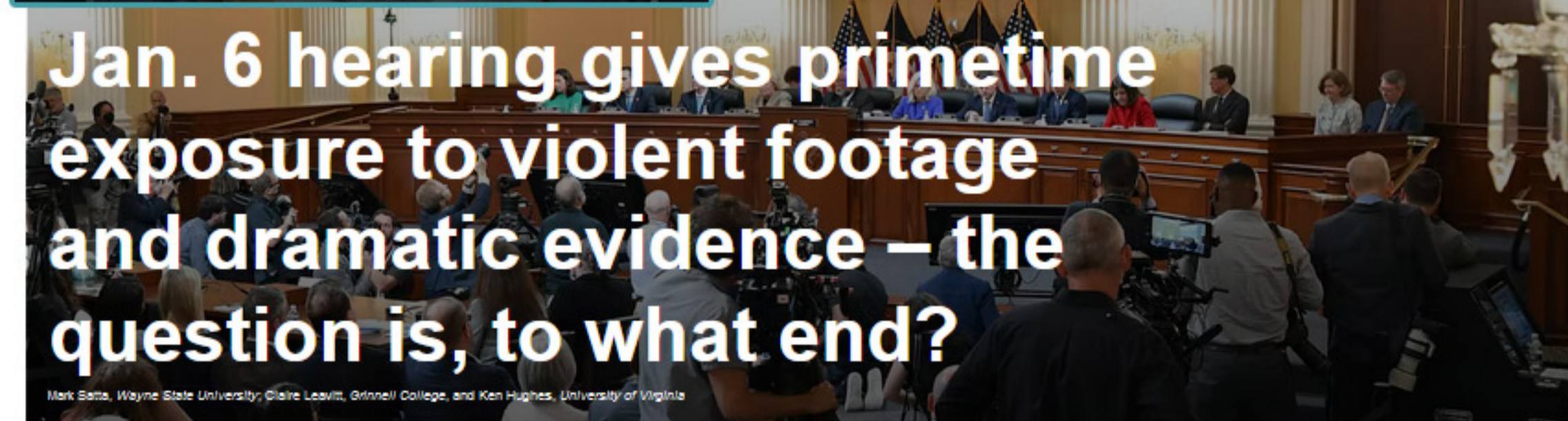


Regardless of seditious conspiracy charges' outcome, right-wing groups like Proud Boys seek to build a white nation

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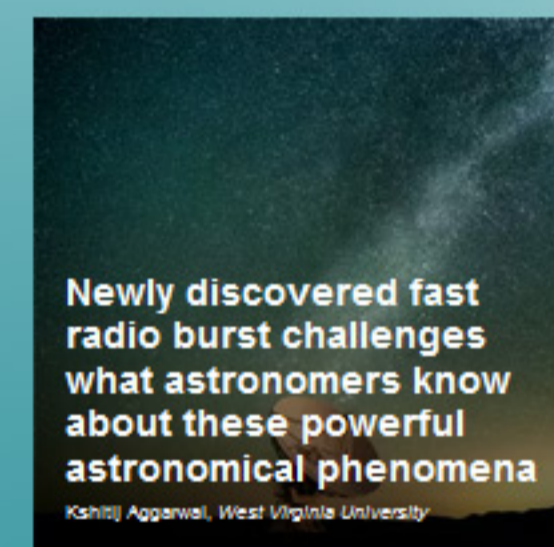


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Jan. 6 hearing gives primetime exposure to violent footage and dramatic evidence – the question is, to what end?

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Elise Springer, Wesleyan University



People overestimate groups they find threatening – when 'sizing up' others, bias sneaks in

Jacqueline Rifkin, University of Missouri-Kansas City and Rebecca Ponce de Leon, Columbia University

New revelations and 3 other takeaways from the first Jan. 6 committee hearing

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Ivanka Trump's testimony to the Jan. 6 committee is displayed on a screen during the committee's hearing on Thursday.

Cheney made the case that Trump didn't want to stop the riot, that he was yelling and angry at advisers who were telling him that he needed to do more, and that he was watching on TV and aware of rioters chanting "Hang Mike Pence!"

Trump's response to that? According to Cheney: "Maybe our supporters have the right idea. Mike Pence deserves it."

Here are four takeaways from the first day of the hearings:

1. New facts and information were revealed, Among them:

- Not previously publicly seen video footage from police body cameras, Capitol hallway and office footage, as well as police radio communication;
Trump Attorney General Bill Barr telling investigators in his on-camera deposition that he told Trump his allegations of election fraud were "bullshit." Barr revealed this in his book, but it carries different weight with him telling it to a congressional committee;
- Ivanka Trump, the former president's daughter and a former senior adviser in his White House, saying she accepted what Barr had to say. "I respect Attorney General Barr," she was shown saying, "so I accepted what he was saying."
- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley saying Vice President Mike Pence was being direct and wanting the military's help at the Capitol. The response from the White House, on the other hand, was very different. Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, Milley said, wanted instead to shape a "narrative" that Trump was in control. Milley said that wreaked of "politics, politics, politics," and it was a "red flag";
- Cheney said Rep. Scott Perry and "multiple other Republican congressmen" sought "presidential pardons for their roles in attempting to overturn the 2020 election";
- New texts between Fox News host Sean Hannity and then-White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany;
- Former campaign adviser Jason Miller saying on camera that he told Trump in "pretty blunt terms that he was going to lose;"
Trump lawyer Alex Cannon affirming there was no evidence of widespread election fraud or the election being stolen.
- Proud Boys and Oath Keepers on camera saying they went to the Capitol that day because they believed that's what Trump wanted done, they felt he'd asked them to do it and that after Trump's "Stand back and stand by" remark in a debate, membership tripled.



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[Liz Cheney offers a stark message to the GOP members who continue to support Trump](#)

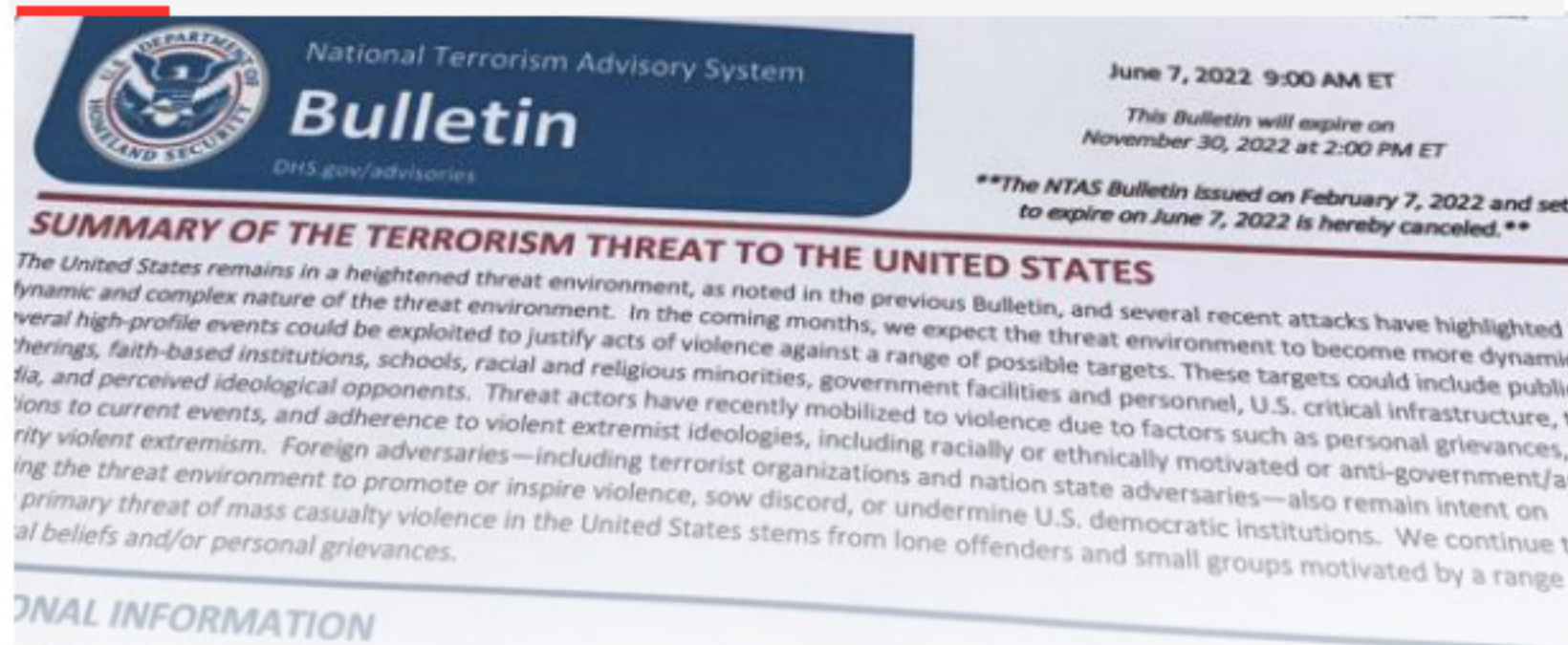
2. The videos and production were effective.

3. The committee went after Trump, painting him as a rogue and dangerous president.

4. One of the biggest problems in this country continues to be people not operating from or believing in a shared set of facts.

White supremacists are riling up thousands on social media

By AMANDA SEITZ an hour ago



WASHINGTON (AP) — The social media posts are of a distinct type. They hint darkly that the CIA or the FBI are behind mass shootings. They traffic in racist, sexist and homophobic tropes. They revel in the prospect of a “white boy summer.” White nationalists and supremacists, on accounts often run by young men, are building thriving, macho communities across social media platforms like Instagram, Telegram and TikTok, evading detection with coded hashtags and innuendo. Their snarky memes and trendy videos are riling up thousands of followers on divisive issues, like abortion, guns, immigration and LGBTQ rights. The Department of Homeland Security warned Tuesday that such skewed framing of the subjects could drive extremists to violently attack public places across the U.S. in the coming months. These type of threats and racist ideology have become so commonplace on social media that it’s nearly impossible for law enforcement to separate internet ramblings from dangerous, potentially violent people, Michael German, who infiltrated white supremacy groups as an FBI agent, told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday.

“It seems intuitive that effective social media monitoring might provide clues to help law enforcement prevent attacks,” German said. “After all, the white supremacist attackers in Buffalo, Pittsburgh and El Paso all gained access to materials online and expressed their hateful, violent intentions on social media.”

But, he continued, “so many false alarms drown out threats.”

DHS and the FBI are also working with state and local agencies to raise awareness about the increased threat around the U.S. in the coming months.

The heightened concern comes just weeks after an 18-year-old white man entered a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, with the goal of killing as many Black patrons as possible. He gunned down 10.

That shooter claims to have been introduced to neo-Nazi websites and a livestream of the 2019 Christchurch, New Zealand, mosque shootings on the anonymous, online messaging board 4Chan. In 2018, the white man who gunned down 11 at a Pittsburgh synagogue shared his antisemitic rants on Gab, a site that attracts extremists. The year before, a 21-year-old white man who killed 23 people at a Walmart in the largely Hispanic city of El Paso, Texas, shared his anti-immigrant hate on the messaging board 8Chan.

References to hate-filled ideologies are more elusive across mainstream platforms like Twitter, Instagram, TikTok and Telegram. To avoid detection from artificial intelligence-powered moderation, users don’t use obvious terms like “white genocide” or “white power” in conversation.

U.S. extremists are mimicking the social media strategy used by the Islamic State group, which turned to subtle language and images across Telegram, Facebook and YouTube a decade ago to evade the industry-wide crackdown of the terrorist group’s online presence, said Mia Bloom, a communications professor at Georgia State University.

“They’re trying to recruit,” said Bloom, who has researched social media use for both Islamic State terrorists and far-right extremists. “We’re starting to see some of the same patterns with ISIS and the far-right. The coded speech, the ways to evade AI. The groups were appealing to a younger and younger crowd.”

As society becomes more accepting of LGBTQ rights, the issue may be especially triggering for young men who have held traditional beliefs around relationships and marriage, Bloom said.

“That might explain the vulnerability to radical belief systems: A lot of the beliefs that they grew up with that they held rather firmly are being shaken,” she said. “That’s where it becomes an opportunity for these groups: They’re lashing out, and they’re picking on things that are very different.”

Goodbye Golden Arches: rebranded McDonald's to reopen in Russia

Reuters

3 minute read

- McDonald's has been hugely popular in Russia since early 1990s
- It is among Western firms exiting Russia over Ukraine
- Company had operated nearly 850 restaurants across Russia
- McDonald's restaurants to reopen on Sunday under new ownership



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A hamburger and two potato fries feature on the logo of a new restaurant chain, following McDonald's Corp company's decision to sell its restaurants in Russia to one of its local licensees that will rebrand them under a new name, in this handout image released June 9, 2022. Handout via REUTERS



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A worker dismantles the McDonald's Golden Arches while removing the logo signage from a drive-through restaurant of McDonald's in the town of Kingisepp in the Leningrad region, Russia June 8, 2022. REUTERS/Anton Vaganov

Oleg Paroev of McDonald's Russia has said other franchisees would have the option of working under the new brand, but the traditional McDonald's brand will leave the country. McDonald's has said it will retain its trademarks.

McDonald's last year generated about 9%, or \$2 billion, of its revenue from Russia and Ukraine. McDonald's has the right to buy its Russia restaurants back within 15 years, but many terms of the sale to Govor remain unclear.

The TASS news agency said on Wednesday McDonald's would stay open as usual at airports and train stations in Moscow and St Petersburg until 2023, quoting a source close to Rosinter Restaurants (ROST.MM), another franchisee.

"Rosinter has a unique agreement under which the American corporation cannot take the franchise away. They can operate in peace," TASS quoted the source as saying.

Rosinter declined to comment. McDonald's did not immediately respond.

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These peace signs went on for 5 or 6 houses, ...

Inflation surged at the fastest pace in over 40 years in May 2022, pushing the Federal Reserve toward a more aggressive pace of interest rate increases to slow it down. "I believe the Fed has a strong case for more aggressive action - so don't be surprised if the U.S. central bank lifts rates by 0.75 percentage point at its next meeting in mid-June. That would be the biggest increase since 1994," Veronika Dolar

Historically, prosecutions of **sedition conspiracy** charges succeeded against militant Islamist or Marxist groups. But prosecuting far-right groups has tended to be much more difficult. In 1988, Louis Beam, a figurehead in the white power movement, and 13 white supremacists from groups such as the Aryan Brotherhood and the Ku Klux Klan were acquitted of conspiring to kill a federal judge and an FBI agent and plotting to overthrow the federal government to establish an all-white nation in the Pacific Northwest. But it is clear from the charges stemming from the Jan. 6 insurrection – involving hundreds of alleged participants – that police and prosecutors are taking seriously the threat of violent action by Proud Boys, Oath Keepers and other far-right groups against individuals, organizations and local and national governments.



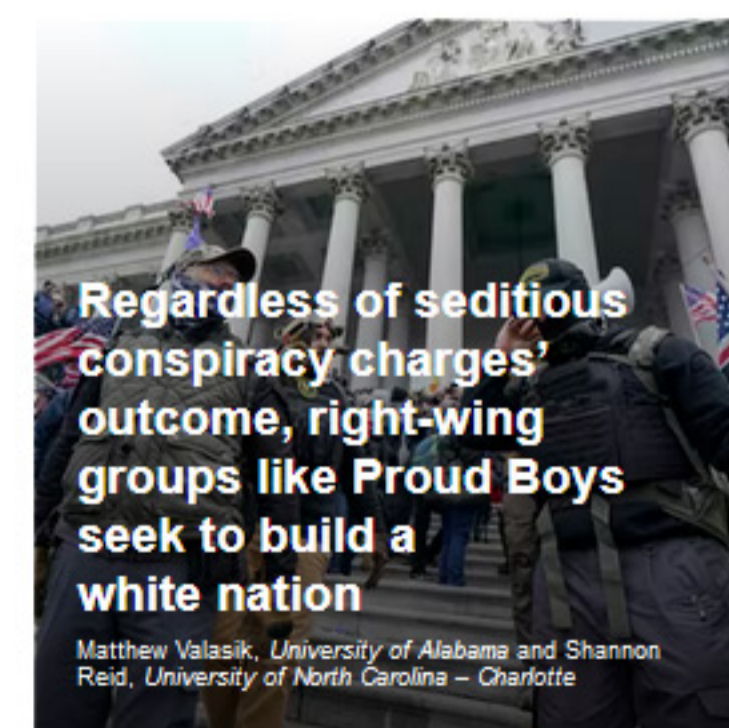
Inflation hits fresh 40-year high, pushing Fed to get more aggressive with interest rates – and the ‘Beveridge curve’ should give it courage to do so

Veronika Dolar, SUNY Old Westbury



Blaming ‘evil’ for mass violence isn’t as simple as it seems – a philosopher unpacks the paradox in using the word

Elise Springer, Wesleyan University



Regardless of seditious conspiracy charges’ outcome, right-wing groups like Proud Boys seek to build a white nation

Matthew Valasik, University of Alabama and Shannon Reid, University of North Carolina – Charlotte

Evil wasn’t always paradoxical. In Old English it was simply the common word for bad – for any kind of misfortune, illness, incompetence or unhappy result. This meaning lingers in phrases such as “choosing the lesser of two evils.” Starting around 1300, the word bad gradually emerged as the familiar opposite of good. Yet even while bad was becoming common, people continued to encounter the word evil in older written works, and speech influenced by these works. Translations of the Bible and Anglo-Saxon classic literature surely shaped how the concept of evil came to seem larger than life, and spiritually loaded. Some things seem too bad for the word bad. But what, exactly, does evil mean? Evil implies being beyond redemption, “beyond the pale” of this community.

13 small ways to ditch your phone and live more in the moment

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The mom stopped suddenly. Patting her pockets frantically, she turned to her daughter and said, "Sweetie, we have to go back to the car. I forgot my phone." Her daughter, who was already making a beeline toward the swings, turned to her mom and said, "Why?"

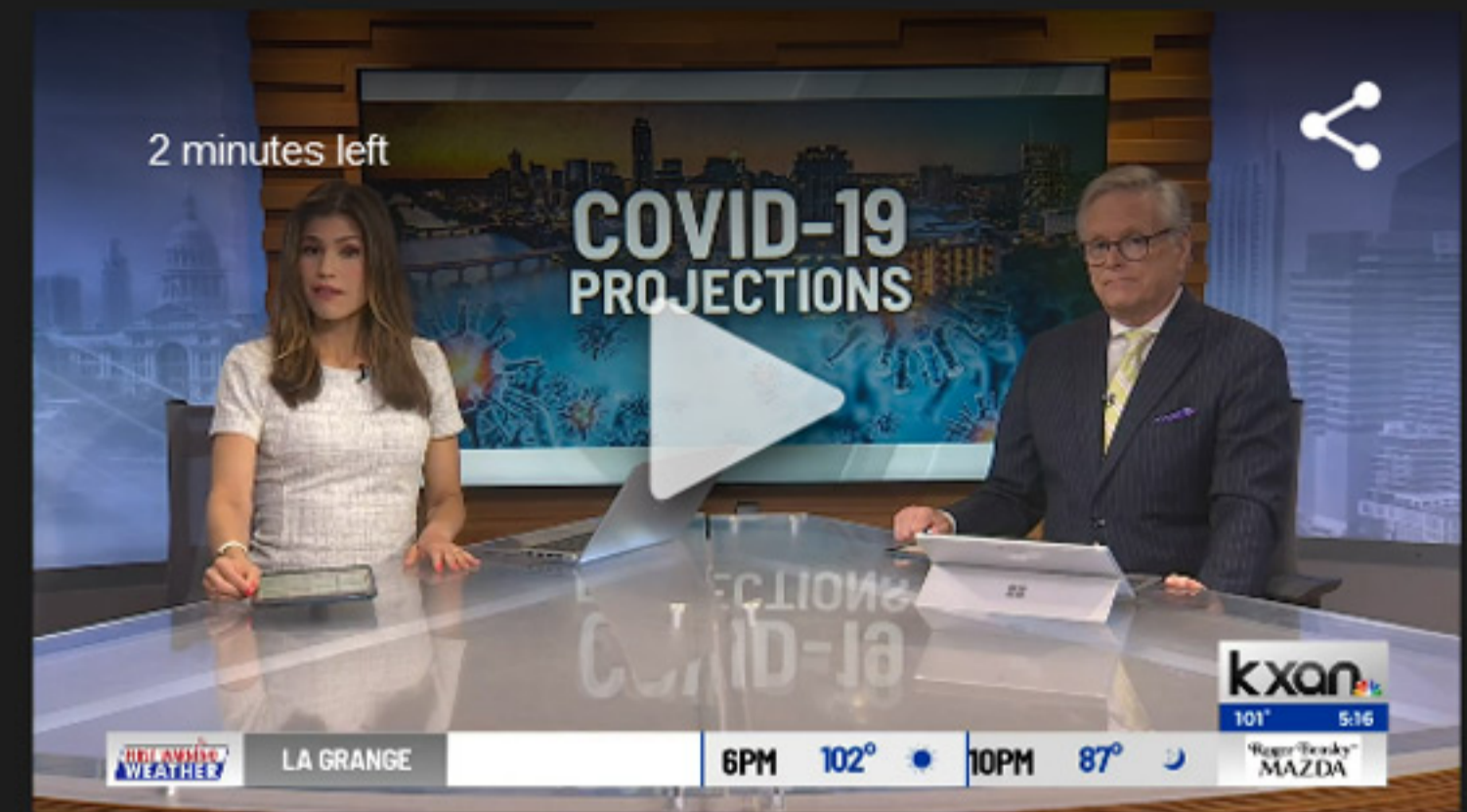
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COVID might be spreading as fast now as it was during previous surges, testing company says

by: [Grace Reader](#), [Christopher Adams](#)

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“Our positivity rate and our viral data suggest that there is a lot more COVID spread than people are really aware of”

AUSTIN (KXAN) — We’re not seeing lines around the block at testing sites in downtown Austin right now, but the co-founder of Curative says the positivity rate they’re seeing in patients is higher than it was during the first three COVID-19 surges and is approaching omicron levels from December.

Pair that with the lowest testing numbers we’ve seen since July of last year, and Isaac Turner says its likely COVID-19 is spreading in our community right under our noses.

“We’ve been seeing high positivity since the middle of April, so we really believe there is a lot of people out there with COVID who just aren’t testing with a lab that is reporting to public health,” Isaac Turner with Curative said. He also notes that at-home testing likely plays a big role and that case numbers are underrepresented.

“A lot of that is due to the confidence, I think, people have that COVID is over but our positivity rate and our viral data suggest that there is a lot more COVID spread than people are really aware of,” Turner said.



LOCAL

Yelp's top US bakery is in a downtown San Diego loft

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Jenny Chen and Jeffrey Brown, partners in life and in baking delicious goods. Their shop Izola was recently named Yelp's top bakery in the U.S. and Canada. (Photo: @izolabakery)



" I love that Izola is a community-driven bakery that focuses on amplifying the voices of the marginalized! The owners, Jenny and Jeffrey, are kind and generous individuals who have a dream of bringing delicious fresh bread and croissants to the masses."

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Janet Ricciuto

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Photo by business on Yelp

Museum by Naomi Shihab Nye



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Maker and role

Artist: Elizabeth Catlett, American, 1915-2012

Year

1952

<https://youtu.be/VD0j2c0M1Vo>

<https://americanart.si.edu/blog-post/559/museum-a-tale-of-art-life-and-everything-in-between>

"Museum," from her collection, Honeybee. Born in 1952 to a Palestinian father and American mother, Nye writes about moving with her family from Missouri to Texas as a young woman. One day, after reading about a private museum founded by eccentric collector Marion Koogler McNay in San Antonio, she and her best friend Sally decide to visit. Not having the address, Nye assures her friend that she'll recognize the building from photos in the magazine (remember, we're pre-GPS here).

"There it is, pull in," Nye points out and the two women drive into the parking lot. The museum is free, and when they enter, there are only a few people seated inside. They stop talking and stare at the young women. There are no docents or staff to offer any guidance, which pleases the two visitors. They can look at what they want and not feel pressured to join a tour. Sally bounds up a set of stairs, and Naomi explores the ground floor, till arriving at a room with sculptures, a small couch, and a "radiant" print by Paul Klee, her favorite artist. Her reverie is broken when she realizes that the man from the lobby is now standing behind her.

"Where do you think you are?" he asks.

"The McNay Art Museum!" Naomi replies.

"Sorry to tell you. The McNay is three blocks over, on New Braunfels Street. Take a right when you go out of our driveway, then another right."

"What is this place?" she asks.

"Well, we thought it was our home."

Mortified and apologetic, Naomi runs to the staircase and tells Sally to come down immediately, it's an emergency! They hurry out the front door with Naomi saying, "Sorry, ohmygod, please forgive us, you have a really nice place." They drive to the real McNay which has labels for the paintings, and I can only assume, docents. Naomi writes that she never told this story to anybody, but thirty years later something strange and wonderful happens, when a woman approaches her and asks if "by any chance [she entered] a residence, long ago, thinking it was the McNay Museum?"

"Yes. But how do you know? I never told anyone."

"That was my home," the woman replied. "I was a teenager sitting with my family talking in the living room. Before you came over, I never realized what a beautiful place I lived in. I never felt lucky before. You thought it was a museum. My feelings changed about my parents after that too. They had good taste. I have always wanted to thank you."



CORONAVIRUS BY THE NUMBERS

Tracking the coronavirus around the U.S.: See how your state is doing

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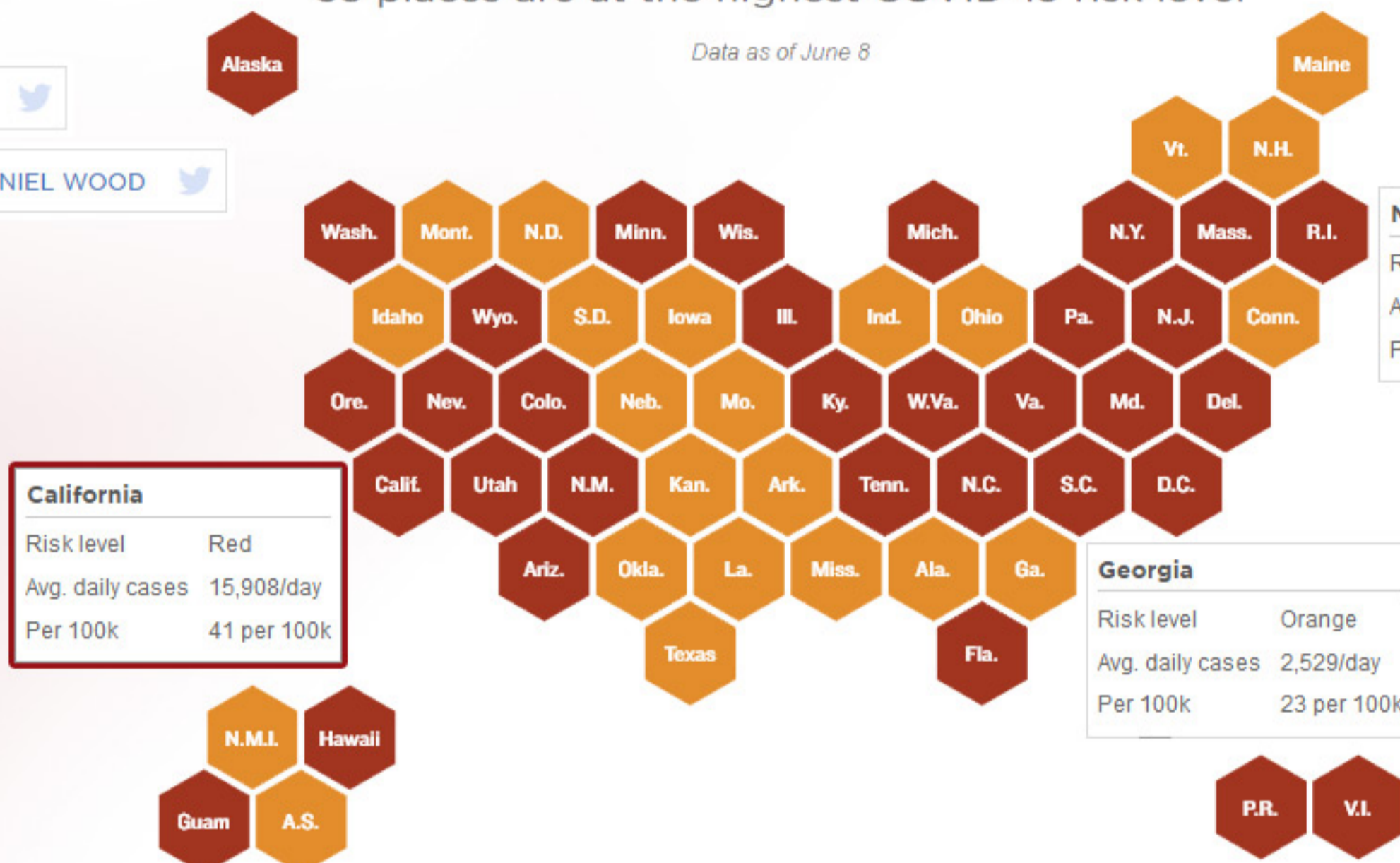
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33 places are at the highest COVID-19 risk level

Data as of June 8



Massachusetts	
Risk level	Red
Avg. daily cases	2,359/day
Per 100k	34 per 100k

California	
Risk level	Red
Avg. daily cases	15,908/day
Per 100k	41 per 100k

Georgia	
Risk level	Orange
Avg. daily cases	2,529/day
Per 100k	23 per 100k

RED	ORANGE	YELLOW	GREEN
Threshold: 25+ daily new cases per 100,000 people	Threshold: 10-24 daily new cases per 100,000 people	Threshold: 1-9 daily new cases per 100,000 people	Threshold: <1 daily new case per 100,000 people
Indicates: unchecked community spread	Indicates: escalating community spread	Indicates: potential community spread	Indicates: close to containment

Notes
— Daily cases are a 7-day average to smooth out day-to-day variations in the data. Risk levels are based on a scale developed by the Harvard Global Health Institute and a collaboration of top scientists at institutions around the country.



The map above shows the risk of infection in each state based on new daily cases per capita. **The consortium of researchers and public health experts who developed these risk levels advises states in the red and orange categories to issue stay-home orders and/or implement rigorous testing and contact tracing. Yellow states should keep up testing and contact tracing as well as social distancing and mask usage.**

Thousands of protesters from across the country are marching through Washington, D.C. today for the second **March for Our Lives**. The march comes in the wake of the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, last month that killed 19 children and 2 teachers. Demonstrators are calling on lawmakers to pass stricter gun safety legislation.



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New York City: Aisha, 19, joins the March for Our Lives rally in New York City.

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Denver: Tim (left) and Debbie Burke brought signs to a "March For Our Lives" rally at Civic Center Park.

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Houston: Demonstrators shout during the March for Our Lives rally.

31 Patriot Front members were arrested near an Idaho Pride event

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Authorities arrest members of the white supremacist group Patriot Front near an Idaho pride event Saturday, June 11, 2022, after they were found packed into the back of a U-Haul truck with riot gear.

Authorities arrested 31 members of the white supremacist group Patriot Front near an Idaho Pride event Saturday after they were found packed into the back of a U-Haul truck with riot gear. The men were standing inside the truck wearing khakis, navy blue shirts and beige hats with white balaclavas covering their faces when Coeur d'Alene police stopped the U-Haul and began arresting them on the side of the road. "They came to riot downtown," Coeur d'Alene Police Chief Lee White said at a news conference.

All 31 were charged with conspiracy to riot, a misdemeanor, White said. The men were going through the booking process Saturday afternoon and are scheduled to be arraigned on Monday, he said. Based on evidence collected and documents, authorities found that the group was planning to riot in several areas of downtown, not just the park, White said.

Police found riot gear, one smoke grenade, shin guards and shields inside the van, White said. They wore arm patches and logos on their hats that identified them as members of Patriot Front, he said.

Police learned about the U-Haul from a tipster, who reported that "it looked like a little army was loading up into the vehicle" in the parking lot of a hotel, White said. Officials spotted the truck soon after and pulled it over, he said.

Videos of the arrest posted on social media show the men kneeling on the grass with their hands zip-tied behind their backs.

"Reclaim America" was written on the back of one shirt.

Police led the men, one by one, to the front of patrol cars, took off their masks and then brought them to a police van.

Those arrested came from at least 11 states, including Washington, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Colorado, South Dakota, Illinois, Wyoming, Virginia and Arkansas, White said.

Only one was from Idaho, he said.

The truck was stopped near where the North Idaho Pride Alliance was holding the Coeur d'Alene Pride in the Park event. Police had stepped up their presence in the area during the event.

"It appears these people did not come here to engage in peaceful events," Kootenai County Sheriff Bob Norris told a Coeur d'Alene Press reporter.

Patriot Front is described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as "a white nationalist hate group" that formed after the deadly "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017.

"Patriot Front focuses on theatrical rhetoric and activism that can be easily distributed as propaganda for its chapters across the country," the Southern Poverty Law Center said of the group.

The group's manifesto calls for the formation of a white ethnostate in the United States, the Southern Poverty Law Center said.

CULTURE

How to watch the Tony Awards — and why Jennifer Hudson might make history

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Jennifer Hudson arrives at the 28th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Barker Hangar on Feb. 27, 2022, in Santa Monica, Calif.

Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP

The 75th annual Tony Awards, set for Sunday night, will name the best of Broadway in the 2021-22 season. And it could be a big night for Jennifer Hudson.

A Tony award is the final piece of the puzzle for Hudson, who is on the verge of reaching EGOT status — or winning an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony.

Cheap, energy-efficient manufactured homes? New federal standards aim for both

 By Sam Brasch · Jun. 8, 2022, 4:00 am

...people need cheaper homes that don't doom residents to decades of high energy costs.



Angela Maria Ortiz Roa outside her home at the Mapleton Mobile Home Park in Boulder, Colo., in May 2022.

In Jan. 6 cases, 1 judge stands out as the toughest punisher

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN and ALANNA DURKIN RICHER 59 minutes ago



FILE - A view of the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse in Washington, Oct. 11, 2019. As the number of people sentenced for crimes in the Capitol insurrection nears 200, an Associated Press analysis of sentencing data shows that some judges are divided over how to punish the rioters, particularly for the low-level misdemeanors arising from the attack. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh, File)

An Ohio couple climbed through a broken window of the U.S. Capitol and livestreamed a video of themselves inside. A Texas mortgage broker posed for a selfie in front of rioters breaching the building. An Indiana hair salon owner celebrated on Facebook a day after she joined the pro-Donald Trump mob. Federal prosecutors did not seek prison time for any of them after they pleaded guilty to petty offenses for their actions on Jan. 6, 2021. The judge had other ideas.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan put them all behind bars, describing it as the appropriate punishment for their participation in the riot that halted the certification of President Joe Biden's victory, sent lawmakers running for their lives and left dozens of police officers beaten and bloodied. As the number of people sentenced for crimes in the insurrection nears 200, an Associated Press analysis of sentencing data shows that some judges are divided over how to punish the rioters, particularly for the low-level misdemeanors arising from the attack.

"We're asking judges to do what they think is right, and they don't agree on what's right," said Greg Hunter, a lawyer defending several Jan. 6 defendants.

Chutkan, a former assistant public defender who was nominated to the bench by President Barack Obama, has consistently taken the hardest line against Jan. 6 defendants of any judge serving on Washington's federal trial court, which is handling the more than 800 cases brought so far in the largest prosecution in Justice Department history.

Chutkan has handed out tougher sentences than the department was seeking in seven cases, matched its requests in four others and sent all 11 riot defendants who have come before her behind bars. In the four cases in which prosecutors did not seek jail time, Chutkan gave terms ranging from 14 days to 45 days.

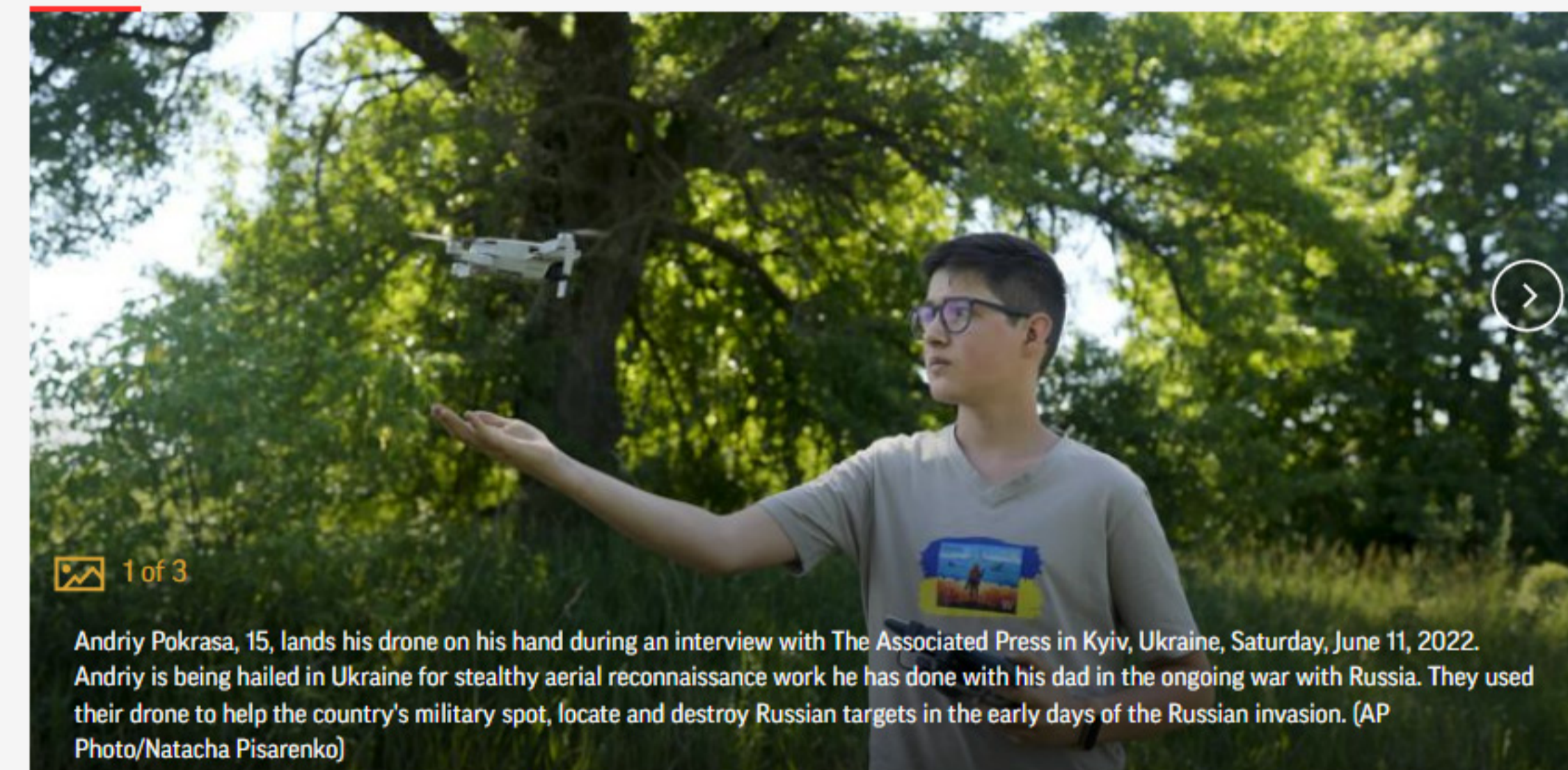
Overall, the 20 judges who have sentenced riot defendants have given lighter sentences than prosecutors were seeking in nearly three-fourths of the cases. The judges have exceeded prosecutors' recommendation for about only 10% of the defendants, according to AP's analysis. Most judges — appointed by presidents of both political parties — have gone easier on defendants than prosecutors wanted in most or all of their cases so far. While some judges have sentenced few Jan. 6 defendants, no other judge besides Chutkan has exceeded prosecutors' recommended punishment in most of the cases assigned to them. "Depending on the judge you get, the same facts could get you anything from probation to months in jail," said Hunter, the defense lawyer. "When you can literally look at who the judge is, who has been assigned to a case, and know that every defendant is going to get more time or less time because of the judge they drew ... that doesn't promote respect for the law," he added.

In one case, prosecutors sought a month in prison for California bartender Kevin Cordon, who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor. Judge Trevor McFadden, who was nominated by Trump, said jail time was not appropriate given his lack of criminal record. "In my experience as a judge and former prosecutor, it's almost unheard of for someone who is essentially a first-time offender to get jail time for a nonviolent misdemeanor," McFadden said. "I think it's important that I'm consistent in sentencing, not only compared with other judges in Jan. 6 cases but also with an eye to how misdemeanors are handled more generally outside of this politically fraught event."

McFadden has condemned the Jan. 6 riot as a "national embarrassment," while also suggesting that the Justice Department was being too hard on those who broke into the Capitol compared with the people arrested during racial injustice protests following George Floyd's 2020 murder. Without naming her colleague, Chutkan slammed McFadden's suggestion days later. "People gathered all over the country last year to protest the violent murder by the police of an unarmed man. Some of those protesters became violent," Chutkan said during an October hearing. "But to compare the actions of people protesting, mostly peacefully, for civil rights, to those of a violent mob seeking to overthrow the lawfully elected government is a false equivalency and ignores a very real danger that the Jan. 6 riot posed to the foundation of our democracy."

Ukraine's teen drone hero "happy that we destroyed someone"

HANNA ARHIROVA today



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Andriy Pokrasa, 15, lands his drone on his hand during an interview with The Associated Press in Kyiv, Ukraine, Saturday, June 11, 2022. Andriy is being hailed in Ukraine for stealthy aerial reconnaissance work he has done with his dad in the ongoing war with Russia. They used their drone to help the country's military spot, locate and destroy Russian targets in the early days of the Russian invasion. (AP Photo/Natacha Pisarenko)

KOLONSCHYNA, Ukraine (AP) — As Russian tanks and trucks rumbled close to their village, a Ukrainian teenager and his father stealthily launched their small drone into the air. Working as a team, they took bird's-eye photos of the armored column moving toward Kyiv and pinpointed its coordinates, swiftly messaging the precious information to the Ukrainian military. Within minutes, artillery batteries rained shells down on the invading forces, with deadly effect.

Andriy Pokrasa, 15, and his dad, Stanislav, are being hailed in Ukraine for their volunteer aerial reconnaissance work in the early days of the invasion, when Russian troops barreling in from the north made an ultimately failed attempt to take the capital and bring the country to its knees.

For a full week after the Feb. 24 invasion, the pair made repeated sorties with their drone — risking capture or worse had Russian troops been aware of their snooping. "These were some of the scariest moments of my life," Andriy recounted as he demonstrated his piloting skills for an Associated Press team of journalists. "We provided the photos and the location to the armed forces," he said. "They narrowed down the coordinates more accurately and transmitted them by walkie-talkie, so as to adjust the artillery."

As Russian and Ukrainian forces battled furiously for control of Kyiv's outskirts, Ukrainian soldiers finally urged the Pokrasa family to leave their village, which Russian troops subsequently occupied.

With all adult men up to age 60 under government orders to stay in the country, the elder Pokrasa couldn't join his wife and son when they fled to neighboring Poland.

They came back a few weeks ago, when Andriy had finished his school year.

"I was happy that we destroyed someone," he said. "I was happy that I contributed, that I was able to do something. Not just sitting and waiting."

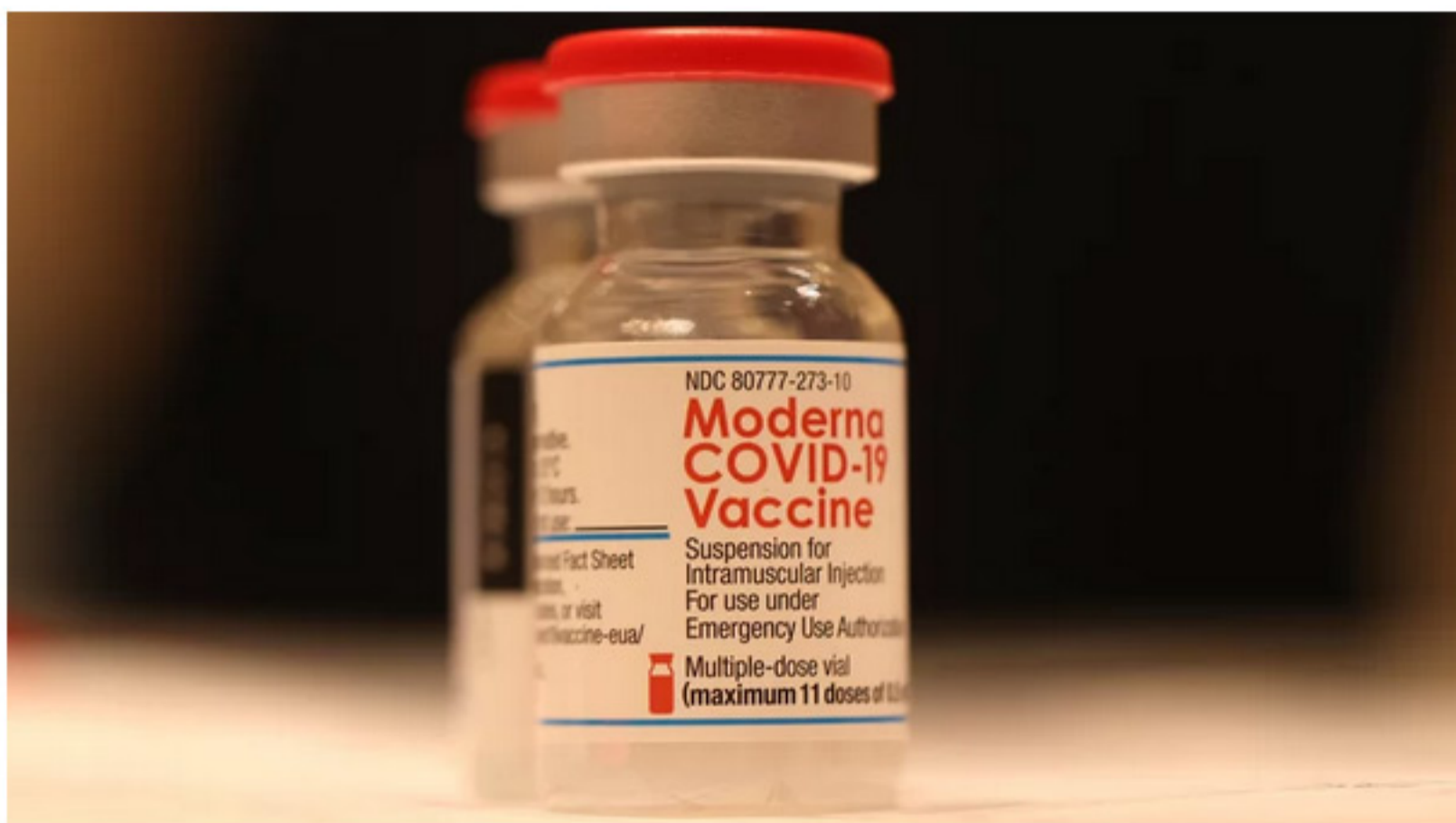
Moderna says its new vaccine booster shows 'superior' response to omicron

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ROB STEIN



Moderna says its new bivalent vaccine is its "lead candidate for a Fall 2022 booster." Here, a vial of the company's COVID-19 vaccine sits on a table at a vaccination clinic in San Rafael, California.

Moderna says its new vaccine candidate, which fights both the original COVID-19 strain and the now-dominant omicron variant, shows a "superior neutralizing antibody response" against the coronavirus compared to its original vaccine.

The "bivalent" vaccine — meaning it targets two different antigens — is Moderna's leading candidate to have an effective booster ready for fall of 2022, the company said.

"We are submitting our preliminary data and analysis to regulators with the hope that the Omicron-containing bivalent booster will be available in the late summer," Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel said in a news release. Because of the higher antibody response seen with the new vaccine candidate, Moderna predicts that people who get the booster will have protection that is "more durable over time" against omicron, compared to the original Moderna vaccine.

The protection is so strong that it could potentially last a year, Dr. Paul Burton, Moderna's chief medical officer, told NPR.

That means that if the company's findings bear out, people might only need annual COVID-19 boosters from now on.

A yearly booster shot would bring new relief to the public and to a health care system that's been stressed by the pandemic, including the need to administer millions of vaccine doses, followed by booster shots.

Health experts contacted by NPR on Wednesday say it remains to be seen how well Moderna's vaccine might work against some of the newer omicron subvariants that are even better at dodging the immune system. New variants are spreading quickly in the U.S.

The coronavirus has presented a moving target to immunologists, as new variants and strains quickly replace one another. News of Moderna's bivalent vaccine comes as even more contagious omicron variants are taking over in the U.S.

Pfizer and BioNTech are also testing a version of their vaccine that targets the omicron variant.

The original omicron variant quickly dominated transmission in the U.S. after emerging in late 2021. By the end of March, it had been overtaken by the omicron subvariant BA.2 — which has been supplanted in recent weeks by the BA.2.12.1 subvariant, according to the CDC. Now two new omicron variants, BA.4 and BA.5, are quickly spreading.

Adding to the sense of urgency: Yet another wave of infections is likely next winter when the cold weather drives everyone back indoors, where the virus spreads more easily.

This is the second bivalent vaccine Moderna has lauded as a success. The company announced in April that a new version of its vaccine targeting the beta variant appeared to produce high levels of antibodies for months. Some experts called those results a "proof of principle," while others said they needed to see more data about the bivalent approach's benefits.

Why Muslim countries are quick at condemning defamation – but often ignore rights violations against Muslim minorities

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Supporters of a Pakistani religious group burn an effigy depicting the former spokeswoman of India's ruling party, Nupur Sharma, during a demonstration in Karachi, Pakistan. AP Photo/Fareed Khan

As a Muslim, I am aware of the deep reverence for Prophet Muhammad, and I understand Muslim individuals' resentment. The reaction of Muslim governments, however, reflect their political regimes. As my book "Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment" explains, most Muslim governments are authoritarian and concentrate on condemning sacrilege against Islam – more than advocating to protect the rights of Muslim minorities abroad.

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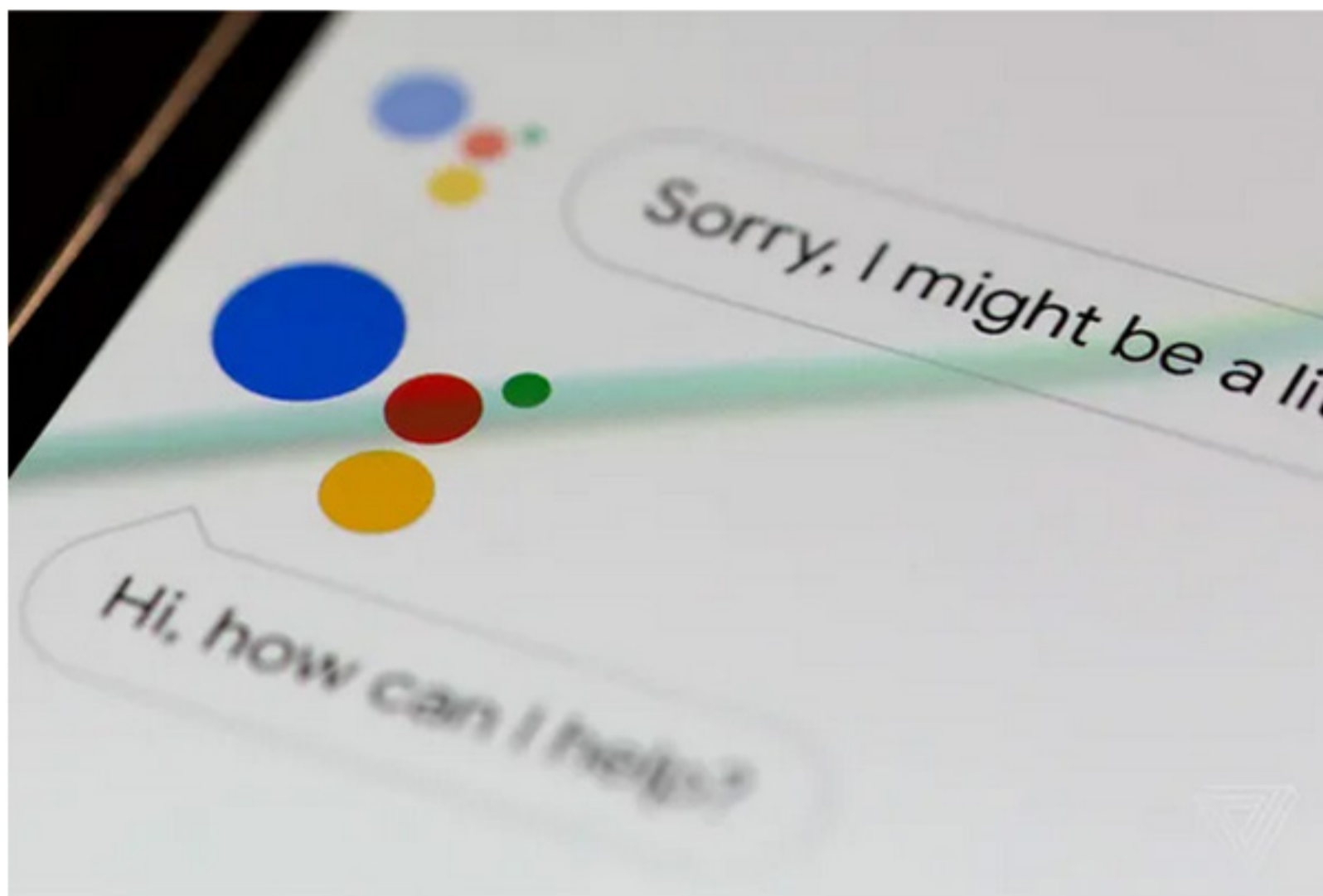
Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., listens as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol holds its first public hearing to reveal the findings of a year-long investigation, on Capitol Hill, Thursday, June 9, 2022, in Washington. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of the House committee investigating the Capitol riot said Sunday they have uncovered enough evidence for the Justice Department to consider an unprecedented criminal indictment against former President Donald Trump for seeking to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

Google suspends engineer who claims its AI is sentient

It claims Blake Lemoine breached its confidentiality policies

By [Jon Porter](#) | [@JonPorty](#) | Jun 13, 2022, 6:15am EDT



Its LaMDA system is built to make AI more conversational. | Photo by Amelia Holowaty Krales / The Verge

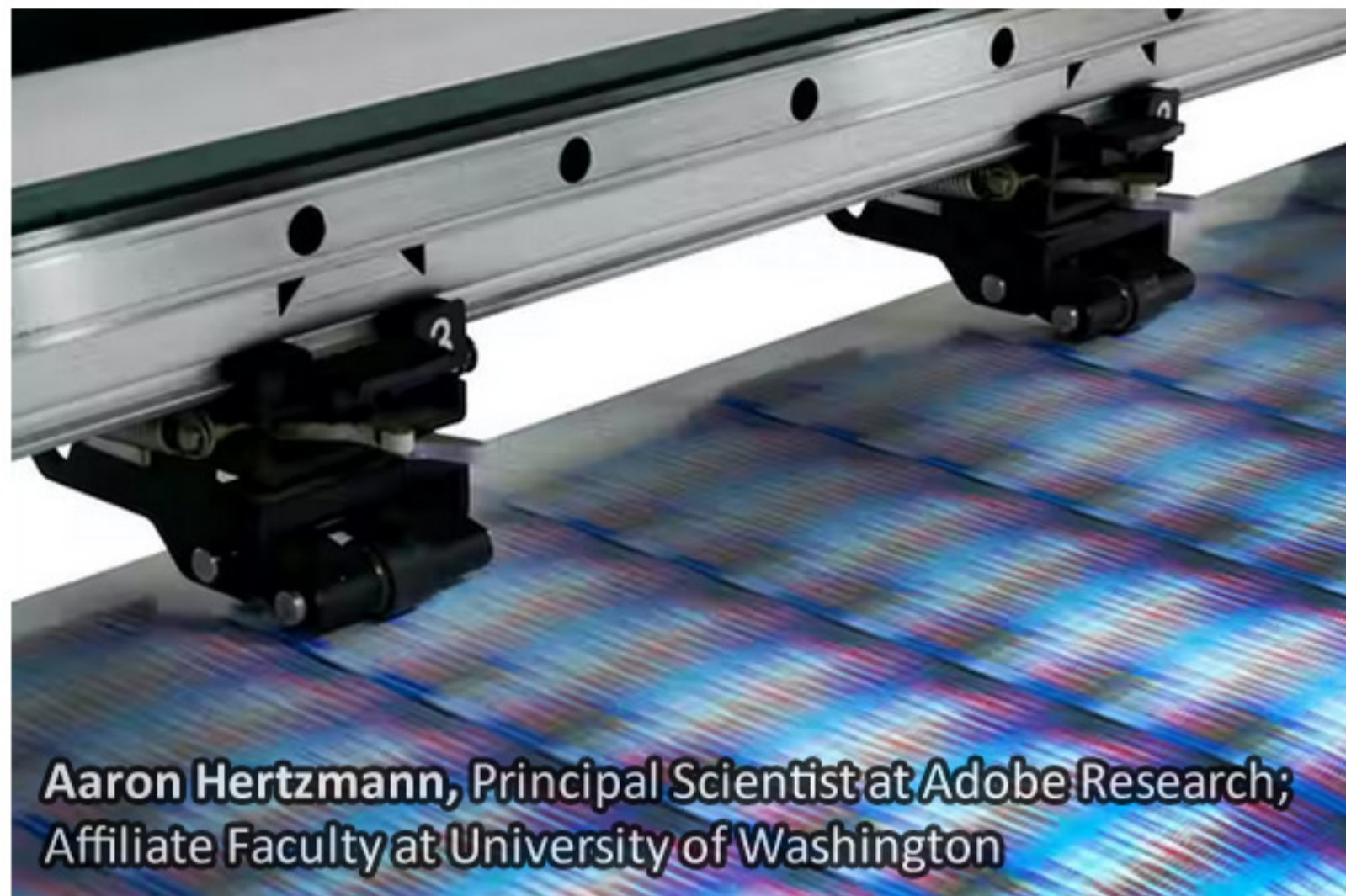
Google has placed one of its engineers on paid administrative leave for allegedly breaking its confidentiality policies after he grew concerned that an AI chatbot system had achieved sentience, the Washington Post reports. The engineer, Blake Lemoine, works for Google's Responsible AI organization, and was testing whether its LaMDA model generates discriminatory language or hate speech.

The engineer's concerns reportedly grew out of convincing responses he saw the AI system generating about its rights and the ethics of robotics. In April he shared a document with executives titled "Is LaMDA Sentient?" containing a transcript of his conversations with the AI (after being placed on leave, Lemoine published the transcript via his Medium account), which he says shows it arguing "that it is sentient because it has feelings, emotions and subjective experience."

A linguistics professor interviewed by WaPo agreed that it's incorrect to equate convincing written responses with sentience. "We now have machines that can mindlessly generate words, but we haven't learned how to stop imagining a mind behind them," said University of Washington professor Emily M. Bender.

Timnit Gebru, a prominent AI ethicist Google fired in 2020 (though the search giant claims she resigned), said the discussion over AI sentience risks "derailing" more important ethical conversations surrounding the use of artificial intelligence. "Instead of discussing the harms of these companies, the sexism, racism, AI colonialism, centralization of power, white man's burden (building the good "AGI" [artificial general intelligence] to save us while what they do is exploit), spent the whole weekend discussing sentience," she tweeted. "Derailing mission accomplished."

In spite of his concerns, Lemoine said he intends to continue working on AI in the future. "My intention is to stay in AI whether Google keeps me on or not," he wrote in a tweet.



**Aaron Hertzmann, Principal Scientist at Adobe Research;
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Each set of images takes less than a minute for DALL-E 2 to generate. koktaro/iStock/Getty Images

Give this AI a few words of description and it produces a stunning image – but is it art?

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Where's the art in that? I had a moment early on while using DALL-E 2 to generate different kinds of paintings, in all different styles – like “Odilon Redon painting of Seattle” – when it hit me that this was better than any painting algorithm I’ve ever developed. Then I realized that it is, in a way, a better painter than I am. In fact, no human can do what DALL-E 2 does: create such a high-quality, varied range of images in mere seconds. If someone told you that a person made all these images, of course you’d say they were creative. But this does not make DALL-E 2 an artist.

Even though it sometimes feels like magic, under the hood it is still a computer algorithm, rigidly following instructions from the algorithm’s authors at OpenAI. If these images succeed as art, they are products of how the algorithm was designed, the images it was trained on, and – most importantly – how artists use it.

You might be inclined to say there’s little artistic merit in an image produced by a few keystrokes. But in my view, this line of thinking echoes the classic take that photography cannot be art because a machine did all the work. Today the human authorship and craft involved in artistic photography are recognized, and critics understand that the best photography involves much more than just pushing a button. Even so, we often discuss works of art as if they directly came from the artist’s intent. The artist intended to show a thing, or express an emotion, and so they made this image. DALL-E 2 does seem to shortcut this process entirely: you have an idea and type it in, and you’re done. But when I paint the old-fashioned way, I’ve found that my paintings come from the exploratory process, not just from executing my initial goals. And this is true for many artists.

Take Paul McCartney, who came up with the track “Get Back” during a jam session. He didn’t start with a plan for the song; he just started fiddling and experimenting and the band developed it from there. Picasso described his process similarly: “I don’t know in advance what I am going to put on canvas any more than I decide beforehand what colors I am going to use ... Each time I undertake to paint a picture I have a sensation of leaping into space.”

In my own explorations with DALL-E 2, one idea would lead to another which led to another, and eventually I’d find myself in a completely unexpected, magical new terrain, very far from where I’d started.



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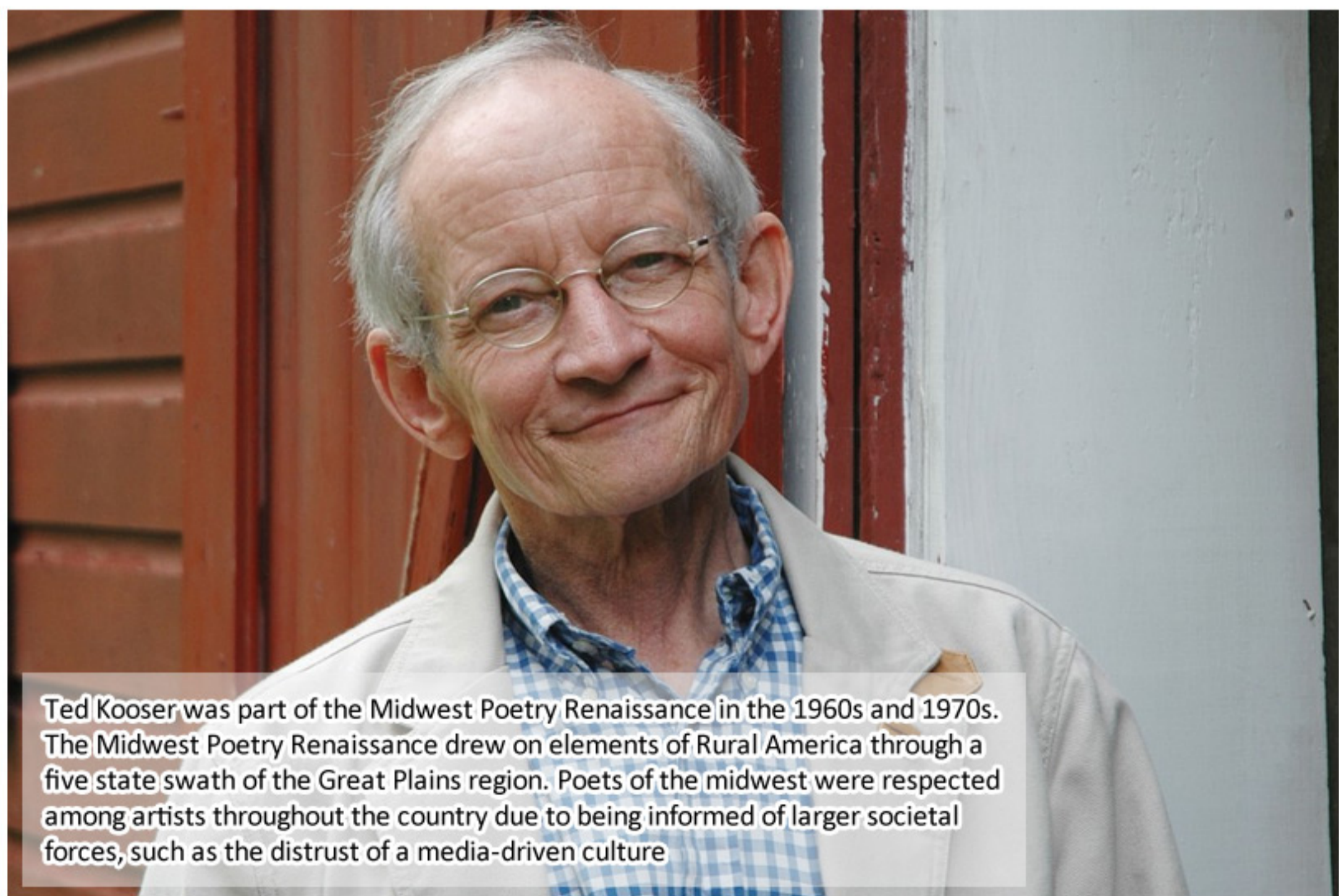
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"I want to show people how interesting the ordinary world can be if you pay attention."



Ted Kooser was part of the Midwest Poetry Renaissance in the 1960s and 1970s. The Midwest Poetry Renaissance drew on elements of Rural America through a five state swath of the Great Plains region. Poets of the midwest were respected among artists throughout the country due to being informed of larger societal forces, such as the distrust of a media-driven culture

Ted Kooser was born in Ames, Iowa, on April 25, 1939.

Courtesy of Blue Flower Arts

A Letter in October

BY TED KOOSER

Dawn comes later and later now,
and I, who only a month ago
could sit with coffee every morning
watching the light walk down the hill
to the edge of the pond and place
a doe there, shyly drinking,

then see the light step out upon
the water, sowing reflections
to either side—a garden
of trees that grew as if by magic—
now see no more than my face,
mirrored by darkness, pale and odd,

started by time. While I slept,
night in its thick winter jacket
bridled the doe with a twist
of wet leaves and led her away,
then brought its black horse with harness
that creaked like a cricket, and turned

the water garden under. I woke,
and at the waiting window found
the curtains open to my open face;
beyond me, darkness. And I,
who only wished to keep looking out,
must now keep looking in.



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i know you can't believe your eyes right now- troy out with another sketchbook tour? bestie it's more likely than you think. in this bad boy i cover not one but TWO sketchbooks because that's how interest works right



Inflation hits fresh 40-year high, pushing Fed to get more aggressive with interest rates – and the ‘Beveridge curve’ should give it courage to do so

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The Catholic Church’s official line on **abortion**, and even on any artificial birth control, is well known: Don’t do it. The vast majority of Catholic women have used contraceptives, despite the church’s ban. 56% of U.S. Catholics believe abortion should be legal in all or most circumstances, whether or not they believe they would ever seek one. 25% Americans who have had abortions are Catholic. It’s a clear reminder of the complex relationship between any religious tradition’s teachings and how people actually live out their beliefs. But even within one faith, there is no one religious position toward reproductive rights – let alone among different faiths.



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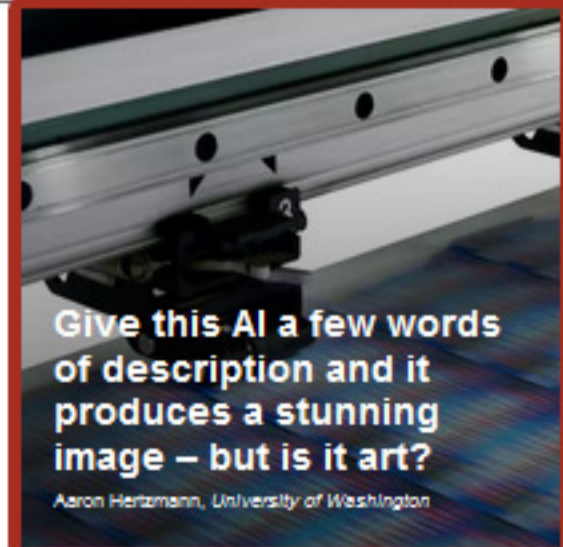
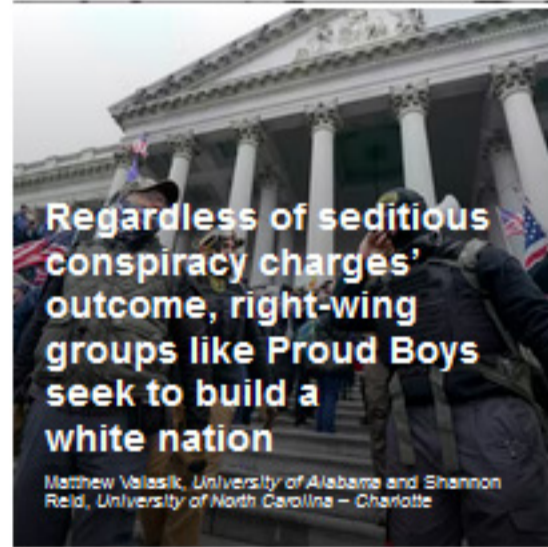
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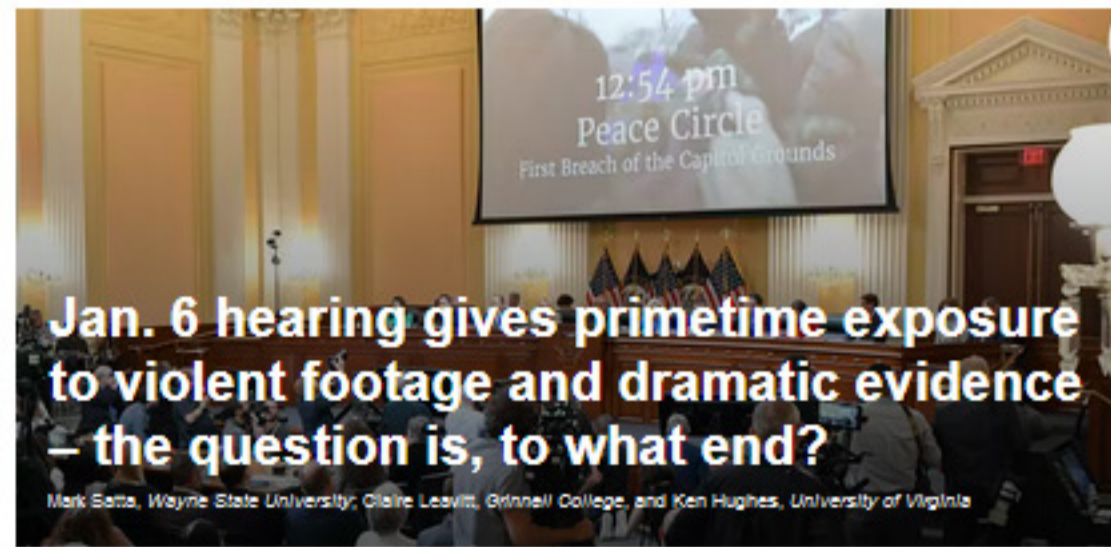


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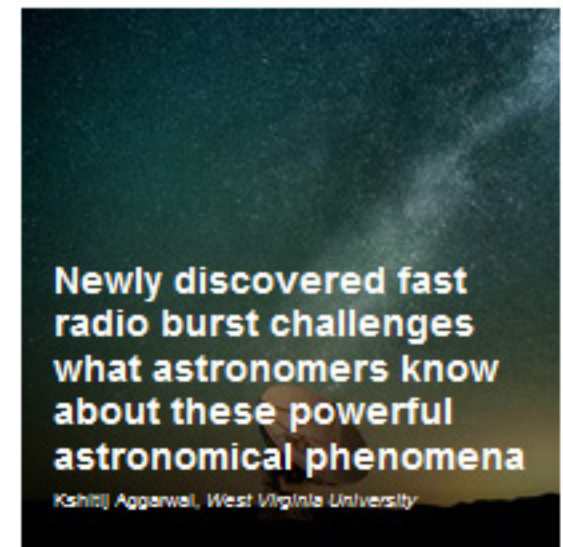
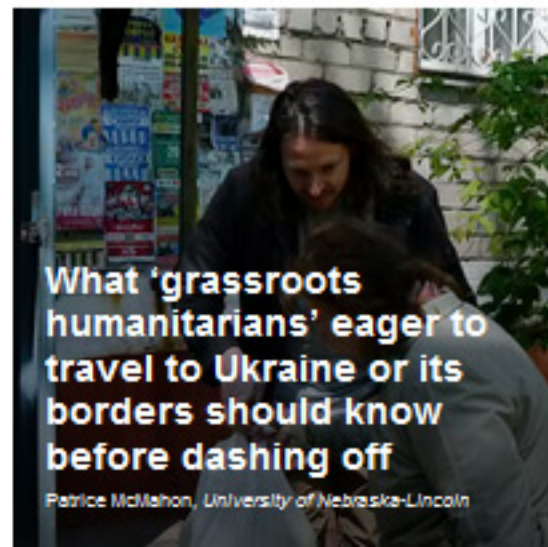
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Jan. 6 hearing gives primetime exposure to violent footage and dramatic evidence – the question is, to what end?

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DALL-E 2 is a new neural network algorithm that creates a picture from a short phrase or sentence that you provide, raises questions about what it means to be creative when DALL-E 2 seems to automate so much of the creative process itself.

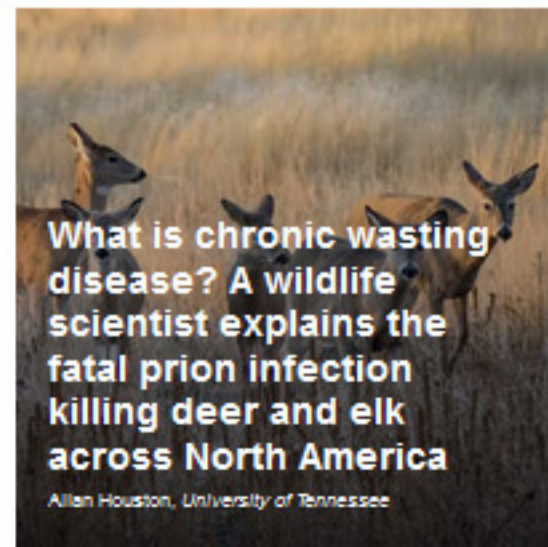


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In their own words: AAPI voters in Nevada talk economy, guns, race

The AAPI population is the fastest-growing demographic in Nevada and a rising political force. Five voters spoke to NPR about what issues are top of mind ahead of the midterm elections.

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Tina Kwan is a pediatric cardiologist and a registered Democrat. She said she's disappointed that President Biden didn't follow through on promises to make voting more accessible.

The Asian American Pacific Islander population is the fastest-growing demographic in Nevada and a rising political force in the state, which holds its primary elections on Tuesday.

The AAPI community makes up about 12% of Nevada's population and about 8% of the state's electorate.

Eric Jeng, the Director of Outreach for the Asian Community Development Council, says the AAPI vote historically tilts towards Democrats two-to-one, but it's not a lock for the party.

"If you ask me right now, for the midterm election, I honestly don't know who will win," he said. "I do see both sides doing a lot more events, doing outreach, and I like that. I like that no one is taking the Asian vote for granted."

Davis: What do you think, Cecilia?

Cecilia Winchell: I do think talking about diversity is important, but I think that... some of the things the Democratic Party does is a little performative. There's an emphasis on having things look diverse, but perhaps not including the actual perspectives.



Cecilia Winchell, 20, is a registered Democrat and said it would be a "doomsday scenario" if Joe Biden and Donald Trump have a presidential rematch in 2024.

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Covid is making flu and other common viruses act in unfamiliar ways



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A mobile coronavirus and flu testing site is set up in New York on May. More than two years into the coronavirus pandemic, doctors are seeing other viruses, like the flu, act in unusual ways. (Ismail Ferdous/Bloomberg News)

Ellen Foxman, an immunobiologist at the Yale School of Medicine, has spent years exploring how viruses interact and which genetic and environmental factors mean the same virus may cause a cold in one person and make another very sick.

For Foxman, the lab scientist, the pandemic's silver lining has been the way it will advance science.

Even as she continues to invest in high-tech experiments in her lab, **Foxman says the biggest lesson the pandemic has taught her about stopping the spread of viral infections comes from simple shifts in behavior, like masking, which she thinks should be continued in strategic circumstances.**

"We need to carry some of the lessons we learned forward," Foxman said.



A farmer spreads fertilizer on a field in Berks County, Pa. Harold Hoch/MediaNews Group/Reading Eagle via Getty Images

Fertilizer prices are soaring – and that’s an opportunity to promote more sustainable ways of growing crops

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▼ Kathleen Merrigan, Arizona State University

Farmers are coping with a fertilizer crisis brought on by soaring fossil fuel prices and industry consolidation. The price of synthetic fertilizer has more than doubled since 2021, causing great stress in farm country.

This crunch is particularly tough on those who grow corn, which accounts for half of U.S. nitrogen fertilizer use. The National Corn Growers Association predicts that its members will spend 80% more in 2022 on synthetic fertilizers than they did in 2021. A recent study estimates that on average, this will represent US\$128,000 in added costs per farm.

In response, the Biden administration announced a new grant program on March 11, 2022, “to support innovative American-made fertilizer to give U.S. farmers more choices in the marketplace.” The U.S. Department of Agriculture will invest \$500 million to try to lower fertilizer costs by increasing production. But since this probably isn’t enough money to construct new fertilizer plants, it’s not clear how the money will be spent.

I direct the Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems at Arizona State University and have held senior positions at the USDA, including serving as deputy secretary of agriculture from 2009 to 2013. In my view, producing more synthetic fertilizer should not be the only answer to this serious challenge. The U.S. should also provide support for nature-based solutions, including farming practices that help farmers reduce or forgo synthetic fertilizers, and biological products that substitute for harsher chemical inputs.

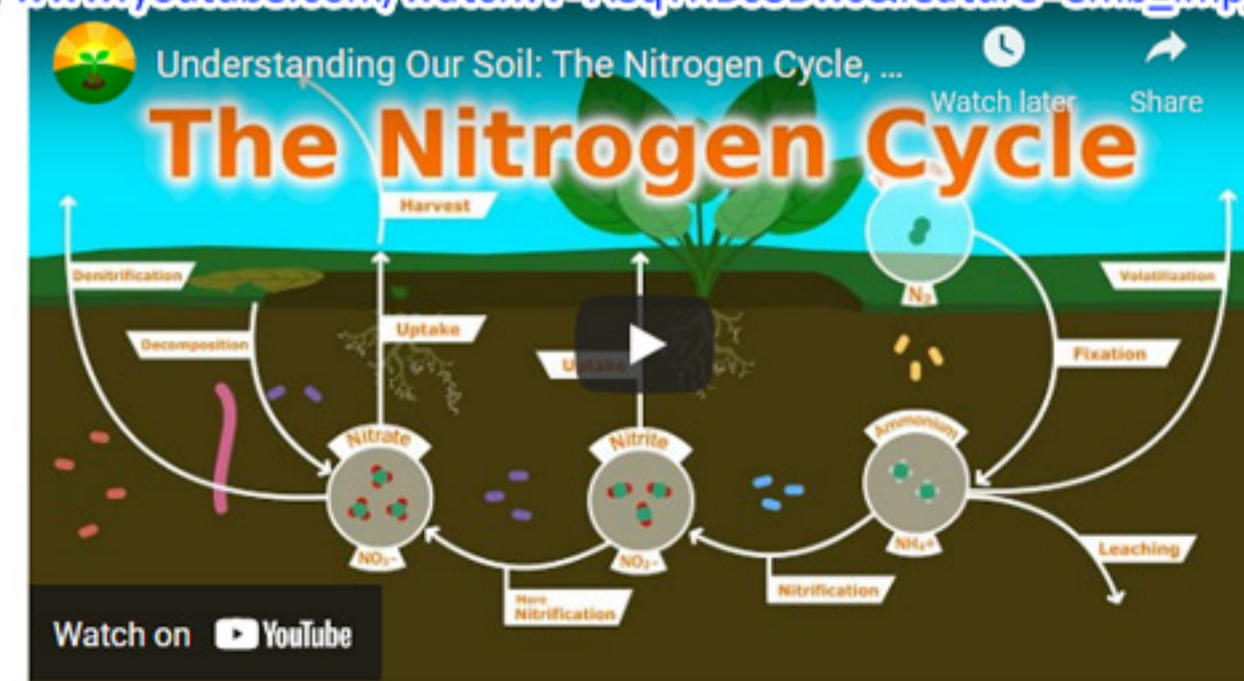
Offering more choices

Panicked U.S. farmers facing daunting fertilizer prices are looking for options. In public comments on USDA’s fertilizer initiative, the Illinois Corn Growers Association urged the department to investigate why farmers apply fertilizers at levels higher than necessary, while others noted a shortage of agronomists sufficiently trained to guide farmers on how best to sustainably fertilize their crops.

I believe now is an opportune time for USDA to offer incentives for adopting biologicals, as well as practices that organic farmers use to replace synthetic fertilizers, such as crop rotation, composting and raising crops and livestock together. A first step would be to deploy technicians who can advise farmers about sustainable practices and biological products. The department recently announced a new \$300 million initiative to help farmers transition to organic production; this is the right idea, but more help is needed.

The agency could also provide one-time payments to farmers in exchange for reducing their use of synthetic fertilizers, which would help to compensate them as they shift their production methods. In the longer term, I believe the USDA should develop new crop insurance tools to protect farmers from the risks of transitioning to more sustainable options. In my view, this kind of broad response would yield more value than a taxpayer-funded, status quo approach to synthetic fertilizers.

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Peas, beans and clover add nitrogen to soil naturally and can supplement or substitute for synthetic nitrogen fertilizer.



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From 2009-2013, Merrigan served as U.S. Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a \$150 billion, 110,000 employee institution. As Deputy Secretary, Merrigan created and led the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative to support local food systems; was a key architect of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! campaign, and made history as the first woman to chair the Ministerial Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Before joining the USDA, Merrigan was a professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University where she directed the M.S./PhD Agriculture, Food and Environment Program. Her prior career includes a variety of agriculture policy positions, including Administrator of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service and senior staff on the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, where she wrote the law establishing national standards for organic food.



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The metaverse might be a work in progress, but a key prototype – the virtual world – has been around for several decades. Screen capture from Second Life by Tom Boellstorff, CC BY-ND

How we describe the metaverse makes a difference – today’s words could shape tomorrow’s reality and who benefits from it

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Unable to distinguish innovation from hype, people can do little more than talk past one another. This leaves powerful companies like Meta to literally set the terms for their own commercial interests. For example, Nick Clegg, former deputy prime minister of the U.K. and now president of global affairs at Meta, attempted to control the narrative with the May 2022 essay “Making the Metaverse.”

This raises the question of why Meta – and many pundits – are fixated on interoperability. Left unsaid in Clegg’s essay is **the “foundation” of Meta’s profit model: tracking users across the metaverse to target advertising and potentially sell digital goods with maximum effectiveness.** Recognizing “metaverse” as a radial category reveals that Clegg’s claim about interoperability isn’t a statement of fact. It’s **an attempt to render Meta’s surveillance capitalism prototypical, the foundation of the metaverse.** It doesn’t have to be.

Clegg’s essay concludes optimistically that “time is on our side” because many metaverse technologies won’t be fully realized for a decade or more. But as the VR pioneer Jaron Lanier has noted, when definitions about digital technology get locked in they become difficult to dislodge. They become digital common sense.

With regard to the definitions that will be the true foundation of the metaverse, time is emphatically not on our side. I believe that now is the time to debate how the metaverse will be defined — because these definitions are very likely to become our digital realities.

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'Revenge travel' is surging. Here's what you need to know

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The airline industry is struggling to keep up with spiked demand for air travel.

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If you feel like everyone is on vacation without you right now, you might be right.

The data shows travel is surging — despite high plane-ticket prices — as many countries loosen their COVID-19 restrictions and reopen borders.

Analysts say vacation-starved Americans are making up for lost time during the pandemic, and there's even a new term for it: revenge travel.

Here's what's happening and what you should know if you want to join in. What do the numbers show?

The short answer is that everything is going up lately: airfares, fuel costs and trips taken.

Travel insurance company Allianz Partners analyzed more than 40,000 trip itineraries planned for this summer and concluded that American travel to Europe will jump 600% from last year.

This sharp uptick is not limited to Europe. This month during an industry conference, **Delta Air Lines CEO Ed Bastian said that "demand is off the charts," while the airline industry is struggling to keep up.**

"This also could be the time to maybe do something more adventurous, where it's still not overrun with tourists," Eric Hrubant, the owner of CIRE Travel, a luxury travel agency in New York City added.

His final tip: Remember that everyone has had a rough past few years. Trying to return to normal has put a lot of stress on the fewer workers in the hospitality industry. "Everyone is beat down and overworked right now," he said. "Be nice, be patient and just know that you're gonna have the best experience if you go into it with the best mindset."

Rich nations hit brakes on climate aid to poor at UN talks

By FRANK JORDANS 14 minutes ago



FILE - Children carry bags on their head as they walk the flooded fields near Maluakon in Northern Bahr el Ghazal State, South Sudan, Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021. (AP Photo/Adrienne Surprenant, File)

BERLIN (AP) — Rich countries including the European Union and the United States have pushed back against efforts to put financial help for poor nations suffering the devastating effects of global warming firmly on the agenda for this year's U.N. climate summit.

Observers and campaigners attending a ten-day preparatory meeting in Bonn, Germany, that's wrapping up Thursday expressed frustration at the resistance shown by developed nations to formally discussing how poor countries can get more aid when they're hit by climate disasters.

"Rich countries, particularly the EU, spiked the discussion about loss and damage at every single turn," said Teresa Anderson of the campaign group ActionAid International. Delegates from developing countries had hoped growing awareness of the severe economic cost that global warming is already having for billions of people around the world would help move the needle on an issue that has long split rich and poor nations.

Those hopes were fueled last month, when officials from the Group of Seven leading economies for the first time acknowledged the need for more public and private money to avert and address the "adverse impacts of climate change."

The meeting in Bonn, which is home to the U.N. climate office, was designed to lay the foundations for the upcoming climate summit in Egypt's seaside resort of Sharm-el-Sheikh in November. "Whether it was about setting up a new finance facility, providing funds, organizing technical support, or even just including the issue on the agenda for discussion at COP27 later this year, rich countries continued to block, block, block," said Anderson.

Noting the drought-induced famine currently threatening millions in the Horn of Africa, she accused rich countries of a "terrifying disconnect" to the real world.

Her comments echoed those of U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who this week accused many governments of "dragging their feet" on climate action.

Seasoned watchers of international climate meetings had cautioned against expecting delegates in Bonn to make any big progress on long-standing points of disagreement, particularly those that would entail big financial commitments. "Many of the issues are above their pay grade," said Alden Meyer of E3G, an environmental think tank. Still, the outcome was slimmer than expected, he said.

The issue of ramping up climate aid is likely to come up Friday at a virtual meeting of major economies hosted by U.S. President Joe Biden, and at the G-7 leaders summit in Germany on June 26-28.

The head of the U.N. climate office, Patricia Espinosa, had urged delegates at the start of the meeting in Bonn not to give in to despair, noting the progress made in recent years in tackling global warming.

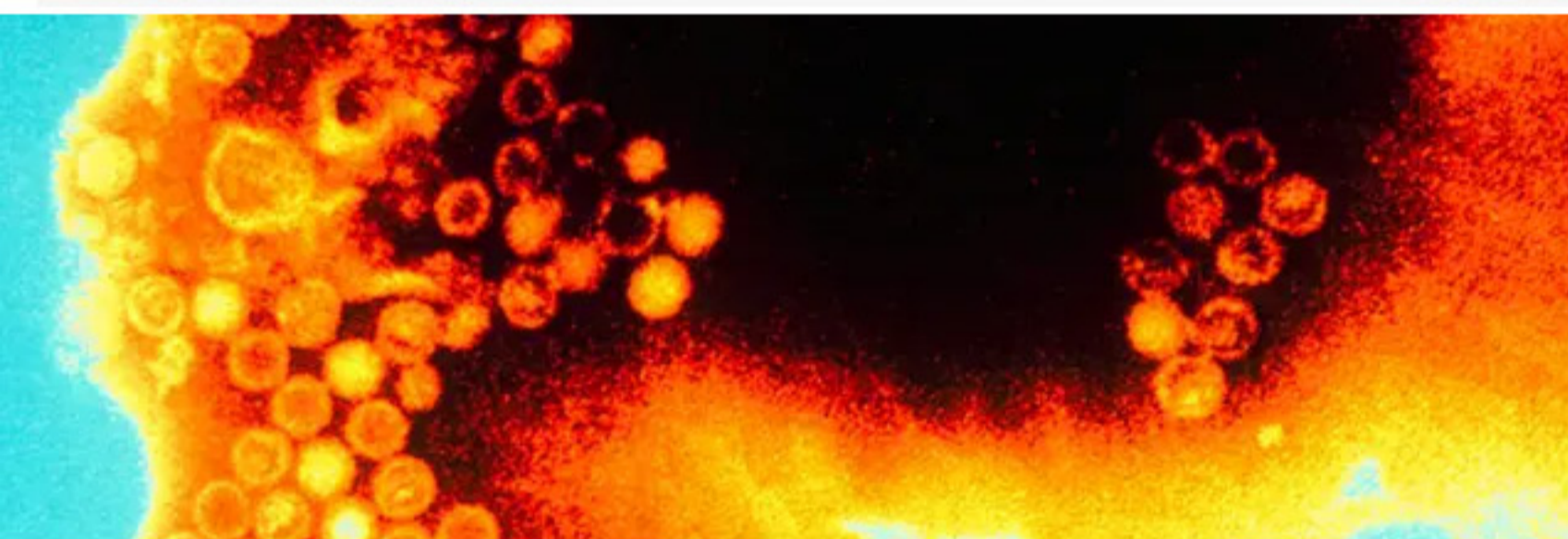
Participants drew some cheer from an announcement Thursday by Australia's new government, which formally pledged to raise its target for cutting greenhouse gas reduction to 43% by the end of the decade compared with 2005 levels. The previous government's goal had been to cut emissions by just 26% to 28% in 2030, far below the targets set by other big polluters.

Long COVID may be behind mysterious child hepatitis - study

12 cases of unexplained acute hepatitis in children have been reported so far in Israel.

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Long COVID may be the cause of unexplained cases of hepatitis in children around the world in recent months, Israeli researchers from Schneider Children's Medical Center, Rabin Medical Center – Beilinson Hospital, Rambam Medical Center and Tel Aviv University found in a study recently published in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition*.

12 cases of unexplained acute hepatitis in children have been reported so far in Israel. The Israeli scientists who conducted the study noted that liver injury has been recorded in adult patients with severe coronavirus infections and that children can be affected with multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C) as a result of COVID-19, which can injure the liver. Post-COVID-19 liver injuries have been increasingly reported among adults as well.

The new Israeli study analyzed the cases of five patients who were hospitalized in Schneider Children's Medical Center last year due to liver injury. All five patients had tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 before presentation of symptoms.

The patients analyzed by the study had asymptomatic or mild presentation of COVID-19 before the onset of liver issues, while among adults most patients who experienced liver issues had been in the ICU for a prolonged period while suffering from severe cases of COVID-19. Other studies conducted around the world have also found that some COVID-19 patients suffer from liver issues weeks or even months after being diagnosed with COVID-19.

The scientists noted that while many of the unexplained acute hepatitis cases around the world have also tested positive for adenovirus, this may not be the cause for the liver issues as adenovirus usually causes severe hepatitis in immunocompromised patients and these patients were healthy before experiencing hepatitis.

The scientists analyzed samples of the livers of the patients to see if there were signs that adenovirus had caused the damage to the organ, but did not find any antigens indicating adenoviruses nor any features suggesting hepatitis caused by an adenovirus. A number of other analyses of the liver tissue of other cases from around the world also failed to find any signs of liver damage caused by an adenovirus.

A number of possible mechanisms may cause liver injury during acute disease and after recovery from COVID-19, including direct viral damage, injuries caused by an aberrant immune response, restricted blood flow (ischemia), increased blood clotting (hypercoagulability state) and drug-induced injuries.

As none of the patients in the study had severe cases of COVID-19, the scientists stated that this suggested that the liver injury may have been caused by direct viral damage caused through the ACE2 receptor to which the SARS-CoV-2 binds and enters the cell.

Another possible mechanism that could have caused the liver damage is if the immune system either underreacted or overreacted to the infection. Autoimmune and auto-inflammatory diseases such as MIS-C have been reported in both children and young adults with long COVID-19, which could lead to liver disease.

The researchers from KU Leuven stressed that their observations "do not confirm or exclude the possibility that adenovirus or SARS-CoV-2 infections are contributors to the rise in acute hepatitis cases in children." They added that if either or both viruses do contribute, then their findings show that only a small minority of infections are likely to lead to severe hepatitis, as there were only a few hospitalizations due to hepatitis while there was a high rate of community transmission of both viruses.



Follow a natural health philosophy? Vaccination may have more in common with it than you think

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Jon Wardle, Southern Cross University

The natural or “alternative” health community is often held up as being vaccine hesitant. Yet, the relationship between the natural health community and vaccination is complex. Stories such as the Adelaide naturopath recently disciplined for using a newspaper column to spread vaccine misinformation may make headlines. But other stories like the director of Australia’s largest natural medicine society or even Nimbin’s herbal medicine columnist publicly advocating for COVID vaccination are more representative.

Ultimately vaccination, like the use of natural therapies, is a matter of personal choice. But as someone passionate about both natural health and public health, it’s one I would highly recommend people take up.

If you’re hesitating to get vaccinated because you’re concerned it may not align with your preferences for a natural approach to health, there’s no need to be. **Vaccines may have more in common with natural health approaches than differences.**



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Indigenous Elders Predicted Climate Crisis. Will Native Voices Finally Be Heard?



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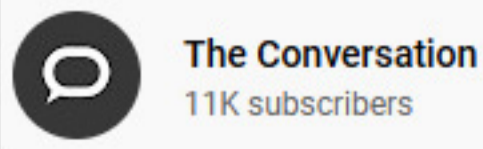
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THE CONVERSATION



COURTESY: KNEWWAYS MEDIA

Indigenous communities are among the most vulnerable to climate change, yet they still struggle to be heard by governments around the world. Their spiritual teachings might help civilization to change course and prevent disaster.





Ray Minniecon

NAIITS Indigenous Elder, NAIITS

Ray and Sharon Minniecom pastor Scarred Tree Indigenous Ministries with St. John's Anglican Church, Glebe, NSW, Australia. Ray is a Board member with several Indigenous Ministries and organizations. He is Founder of the Coloured Digger Project and Consultant to both the Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation and the Children of the Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home where many Aboriginal children were taken and placed under the Native Welfare Act of NSW. Ray and Sharon are Vision Keepers for the World Christian Gathering of Indigenous Peoples.



Founded in 2004 by journalist, Marina Cantacuzino, **The Forgiveness Project** collects and shares stories from both victims/survivors and perpetrators of crime and conflict who have rebuilt their lives following hurt and trauma.



Ray Minniecon

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NAIITS (formerly the North American Institute for Theological Studies) is one of the two members of Indigenous Pathways (IP), a nonsectarian, non-profit organization dedicated to working together with the Indigenous community.

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Why Indigenous communities need a seat at the table on climate

Ray Minniecon, NAIITS

An Anglican Aboriginal pastor who attended the COP26 climate conference shares his perspective on Indigenous knowledge in dealing with climate change.



Stories collected by The Forgiveness Project follow multiple themes that the Project states "provide a framework to these forgiveness stories, adding a dimension to the narrative of hate, hurt, and healing." These themes are feeling pain and anger, being curious, forgiving yourself, developing empathy, seeking revenge, transforming hate, and making meaning. The Forgiveness Project believes that analyzing the themes "shows that while forgiveness is not a linear process, and seldom a one-off event, nevertheless certain qualities and values feature in most of the stories."^[7]

- feeling pain and anger^[8]
- being curious^[9]
- forgiving yourself^[10]
- developing empathy^[11]
- seeking revenge^[12]
- transforming hate^[13]
- making meaning^[14]



The Forgiveness Project is a UK-based charity that uses real stories of victims and perpetrators of crime and violence to help people explore ideas around forgiveness and alternatives to revenge. With no political or religious affiliations, The Forgiveness Project's independent and inclusive approach ensures its core message – that everyone has the potential to change their perspective and break the cycle of vengeance – resonates across all cultures.

The charity's goals are centred on:

- **Awareness:** Raise the debate about forgiveness by collecting and sharing personal stories.
- **Education:** Encourage and empower people to explore the nature of forgiveness and alternatives to conflict and revenge.
- **Transformation:** Engage civil society, as well as transform hearts and minds, help individuals cope with their trauma.

The charity was founded in 2004 by Marina Cantacuzino, a journalist who in the build up to the Iraq War began to gather personal stories from people whose lives had been affected by violence and terrorism but who had learned to forgive and move on. Cantacuzino spent all of 2003 collecting stories of reconciliation and forgiveness for an exhibition of words and images which she created with the photographer Brian Moody. These stories subsequently formed the basis of The Forgiveness Project's The F Word exhibition.

The F Word exhibition

This collection of thought-provoking narratives document personal tales of forgiveness and reconciliation around the world. The exhibition can be hired in a range of formats and regularly tours Germany, the UK and the USA. There are also permanent exhibitions in France, Kenya, South Africa and Sweden. The exhibition was described by the charity's founding patron, **Anita Roddick**, as "**truly an education of the human spirit**". The Exhibition is made up of Storytellers, who engage others and share their traumas in order to help others heal.



Marina Cantacuzino MBE
Founder

Marina is an award-winning journalist who has worked for most British mainstream publications including The Guardian, The Telegraph and Hello magazine. In 2003, in response to the invasion of Iraq, she embarked on a personal project collecting stories of people who had lived through trauma and injustice, and sought forgiveness rather than revenge. As a result Marina founded The Forgiveness Project and started speaking widely about forgiveness and restorative storytelling.

POLITICS

Who is John Eastman, the Trump lawyer at the center of the Jan. 6 investigation?

The former law professor's name came up a number of times during the Jan. 6 investigation committee's hearing on Trump's pressure to get his vice president to overturn the 2020 election.

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Here's every word of the third Jan. 6 committee hearing on its investigation

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A committee exhibit shows former Vice President Mike Pence on the phone from his secure location during the riot, as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol holds a hearing in Washington, Thursday, June 16, 2022. (Drew Angerer/Pool Photo via AP)

Below, read the full transcript from the June 13 hearing of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol attack. The transcript was produced by CQ.



John Eastman, left, listens as former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani speaks at the Jan. 6, 2021, "Save America" rally that preceded the attack on the U.S. Capitol.

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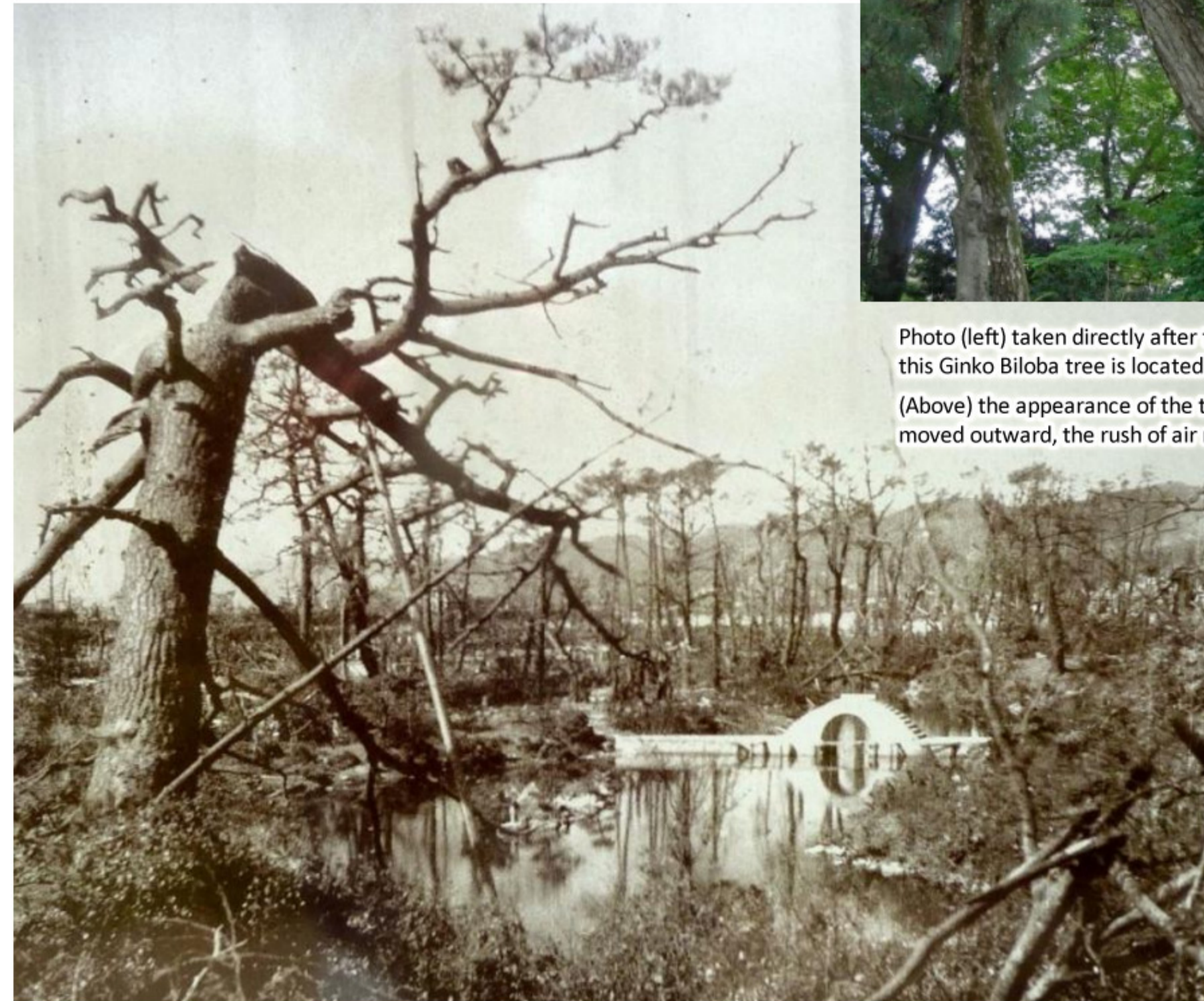
Hiroshima Ginkgo Biloba, *bearer of hope*

When the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, six Ginkgo trees were among the few living things to survive within a short radius of the blast site—and they're still standing today. Thus, the Japanese regard the ginkgo as “the bearer of hope.” It is also known as “the survivor” and “the living fossil.”



Photo (left) taken directly after the Hiroshima blast in 1945, this Ginkgo Biloba tree is located in Shukkein Gardens in Hiroshima.

(Above) the appearance of the tree today. The tree leans because as the blast moved outward, the rush of air returning to the epicenter bent the tree.



Mass Media, Media Culture, Consumer Culture

In cultural studies, media culture refers to the current Western capitalist society that emerged and developed from the 20th century, under the influence of mass media. The term alludes to the overall impact and intellectual guidance exerted by the media (primarily TV, but also the press, radio and cinema), not only on public opinion but also on tastes and values. Media culture, with its declinations of advertising and public relations, is often considered as a system centered on the manipulation of the mass of society. Corporate media "are used primarily to represent and reproduce dominant ideologies." Media culture is associated with consumerism, and in this sense called alternatively "consumer culture."

The news media mines the work of scientists and scholars often emphasizing elements that have inherent appeal or the power to amaze. Both scholarly facts and news stories get modified through popular transmission, often to the point of outright falsehoods. Driven by markets -- constantly immersed in trivia popular culture is "dumbing down. As a result, "tepid, the glib, and the senselessly cruel" topics become the norm. The concentration of media into a handful of large, multinational conglomerates decreased the amount of actual news or information and replaced it with entertainment or titillation that reinforces "fears, prejudice, scapegoating processes, paranoia, and aggression." This for profit media increasingly influences other institutions (e.g. politics, religion, sports), which become constructed alongside a media logic.

"Popular culture is a debased, trivial culture that voids both the deep realities (sex, death, failure, tragedy) and also the simple spontaneous pleasures. The masses, debauched by several generations of this sort of thing, in turn come to demand trivial and comfortable cultural products," argues Dwight Macdonald. "All mass media in the end alienate people from personal experience and though appearing to offset it, intensify their moral isolation from each other, from reality and from themselves," argues Van den Haag. Emphasizing shock-value and superficial thrills and themes that focus on the "basic instincts of aggression, revenge, violence, and greed formulaic media inaccurately represents the complexities of real life, promotes and fosters unreal, the celebrates the surreal.

Media culture is taking the place of the old traditional religions. The waves of enthusiasm and fervent exaltation for a given product, a characteristic consumerist phenomenon, has been compared to the "ecstasies of the convulsions and miracles of the old religious fetishism". Conversely, the Catholic Church, the dominant religious institution in the Western world, has been considered retrospectively as an antecedent and sophisticated form of public relations, advertiser and multinational corporation, selling its product to a mass of worshipers, frequently alternating as consumers.

The products consumers purchase are part of creating a story about who they are and whom they identify with. These meanings are conveyed to consumers through advertising, magazines and television. The symbolism of goods is based on socially shared beliefs. The creation of a "lifestyle" association through consumption may mean avoiding past patterns of consumption that symbolize the old self or certain social groups and buy into a 'makeover' with the new 'in crowd.'

The 'In' Crowd, 1965

Songwriter: Billy Page, Artist: Dobie Gray

I'm in with the in crowd

I go where the in crowd goes

I'm in with the in crowd

And I know what the in crowd knows

Ted Kooser was part of the Midwest Poetry Renaissance in the 1960s and 1970s. The Midwest Poetry Renaissance drew on elements of Rural America through a five state swath of the Great Plains region. Poets of the midwest were respected among artists throughout the country due to being informed of larger societal forces, such as the distrust of a media-driven culture

THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON CULTURAL PRACTICE

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SOCIAL MEDIA CULTURAL PRACTICE

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Abstract: Social media is a rapidly evolving platform for people to communicate, express themselves and share content of all kinds regardless of the distance that separate them. It has given rise to a new cultural paradigm that drives technology and businesses while changing the way people interact. As a tool, social media is a double-edged sword; while it has many benefits, it can also influence people in unhealthy ways. The study focusses on the impact of Social Media on cultural practice.

The findings of the study revealed that social media has been a major part of our lives. It has totally affected our cultural practices in both positive and negative ways. There are so many positive impacts of social media on culture. Social media has increased connections between people and created an environment in which you can share your opinion, pictures and share knowledge on different spheres of life been academic, spiritual materials and just about life in general. It has also become important for businesses because at the same point, you need to use social media in your business for example for marketing and advertising. On the other hand social media has influenced our cultural practice in negative ways. People can share whatever they want to on social media and some of this information might be inappropriate. People have become more conservative about each other's perceptive related to political views, religion, social rights and culture. The ugly part of social media is that there tons of unnecessary information shared by people and also bullying and harassment on social media has been increased. People can make brutal and negative comments about anything and anyone. Kids might be affected and are manipulated by some sites in which there is inappropriate information.

For example the positive influence of social media on children is that it allows them to be competent citizens in a digital age where they can fully participate in the broader society and learn the social skills of that generation while the negative side of social media on children according to Mrunal (2018) is that screen relationships also detract real-life relationships and building social skills in children and teenagers. This happens as they grow up without learning how to read non-verbal cues and facial gestures of people. Social interaction is critical to developing the skills needed to understand other people's moods and emotions. Hence children growing up interacting mostly with social media may turn out non-empathetic and also become poor at communicating verbally and nonverbally. In line with its findings, the study made a number of recommendations to policy makers and parents; government should restrict on what should be posted on social media, to work hand in hand with mobile providers in monitoring of social media and bring to book for those found wanting and that parents should also monitor what the children are doing on social media.



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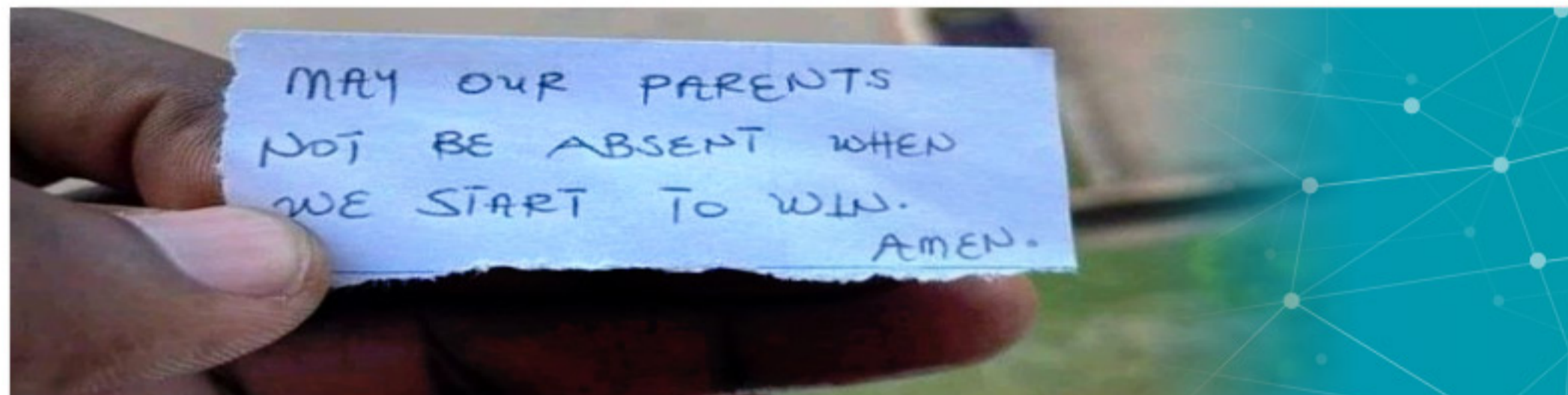
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We asked teachers how their year went. They warned of an exodus to come

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After a rough couple of years, teachers are feeling the pressure.

Tiki Boyea-Logan, a 4th grade teacher in Rowlett, Texas, said she hoped legislators and the upper management of school districts look at the data of teachers leaving.

"And I hope they really look at that and really ask these teachers, and really pay attention to their answers, about why they're leaving, [asking], 'What can we do to fix this?'"

"Because if they don't, they're just gonna be hemorrhaging really good teachers for the foreseeable future."

Reinholdt said teachers were naturally "eternal optimists" in order to get the job done, but would reach their limit, while Polk-Hoffses worried of an exodus and asked one thing to anyone reading this:

"Understand how you can help support your local schools. You need to, because these children are our future. We need them educated. Help us educate them, please."

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Molly Heston (center), with Erin Heston (left) and Brock Heston (right)

Carmen Cuweti, Jody Cadwell, Sole'a Harmon, and A.J. Proctor attend the "March for Our Lives" rally at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, June 11, 2022.







Husband, father, Muslim, Pan-African, author, teacher, photographer, avid traveler, tech enthusiast and friend. Hamza Abdul-Mumit is a Brooklyn native passionate about culture, the arts and his community. His aim is to document culture for the purpose of understanding.

Sacheen Littlefeather Talks About What Really Happened Before, During And After Rejecting Marlon Brando's Oscar

“So I see our people branching out and this is all beautiful for me to behold... the spirit of indigenous people is being seen, being heard, being felt. The indigenous people that I know, not the Hollywood stereotype,” Sacheen Littlefeather



If you watch it now, it all seems so... polite. Powerful, yes. But almost quaint by today's standards. Littlefeather was poised as she strode up to the podium, held up a hand as she refused to touch the trophy and then earnestly spoke to the audience. The young actor introduced herself as president of the National Native American Affirmative Image Committee, and then went on: “I'm representing Marlon Brando this evening and he has asked me to tell you... that he very regretfully cannot accept this very generous award,” she says, “And the reasons for this being are the treatment of American Indians today by the film industry.”

She says “excuse me” as some in the audience start booing, and then clapping kicks in. She then continues: “And on television, in movie reruns and also with recent happenings at Wounded Knee. I beg at this time that I have not intruded upon this evening and that we will, in the future, our hearts and our understandings will meet with love and generosity. Thank you on behalf of Marlon Brando.”

That's it.

The late actor John Wayne — known for playing the cowboy up against Indians portrayed as savage — became “incensed” at Littlefeather. “He attempted to assault me onstage. He had to be restrained by six security men,” Littlefeather says, “That is the most violent moment at the academy awards, which nobody knew about.” But all TV audiences saw was an Oscar trophy being turned down, and, in the eyes of many, a ceremony hijacked by an activist.

Marlon Brando's Oscar® win for "The Godfather"

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1:00 hello my name is sashing Littlefeather
1:04 I'm Apache and I'm president of the
1:07 **National Native American affirmative**
1:10 image committee I'm representing Marlon
1:12 Brando this evening and he has asked me
1:15 to tell you in a very long speech which
1:17 I cannot share with you presently
1:19 because of time but I will be glad to
1:23 share with the press afterwards that he
1:25 very regretfully cannot accept this very
1:30 generous award and the reasons for this
1:33 being are the treatment of American
1:36 Indians today by the film industry
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2:14 Brando



Wounded Knee Occupation

For the 1890 incident near the same location, see [Wounded Knee Massacre](#).



Wounded Knee Occupation

Date	February 27 – May 8, 1973 (2 months, 1 week and 4 days)
Location	Wounded Knee, South Dakota
Result	United States victory, siege ended Wounded Knee returned to US government control



Flag of the American Indian Movement

The Wounded Knee Occupation, also known as Second Wounded Knee, began on February 27, 1973, when approximately 200 Oglala Lakota (sometimes referred to as Oglala Sioux) and followers of the American Indian Movement (AIM) seized and occupied the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, United States, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The protest followed the failure of an effort of the Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization (OSCRO) to impeach tribal president Richard Wilson, whom they accused of corruption and abuse of opponents. Additionally, protesters criticized the United States government's failure to fulfill treaties with Native American people and demanded the reopening of treaty negotiations to hopefully arrive at fair and equitable treatment of Native Americans.

Public opinion polls revealed widespread sympathy for the Native Americans at Wounded Knee. They also received support from the Congressional Black Caucus as well as various actors, activists, and prominent public figures, including Marlon Brando, Johnny Cash, Angela Davis, Jane Fonda, William Kunstler, and Tom Wicker.

After DOJ prohibited the media from the site, press attention decreased. However, actor **Marlon Brando, an AIM supporter, asked Sacheen Littlefeather, an Apache actress, to speak at the 45th Academy Awards on his behalf**, as he had been nominated for his performance in *The Godfather*. She appeared at the March 27 ceremony in traditional Apache clothing. When his name was announced as the winner, she said that he declined the award due to "the treatment of American Indians today by the film industry ... and on television and movie reruns and also with recent happenings at Wounded Knee" in an improvised speech, as she was told she could not give the original speech given to her by Brando and was warned that she would be physically taken off and arrested if she was on stage for more than a minute. Afterwards, she read his original words about Wounded Knee backstage to many of the press. This recaptured the attention of millions in the United States and world media. AIM supporters and participants thought Littlefeather's speech to be a major victory for their movement. Although Angela Davis was turned away by federal forces as an "undesirable person" when she attempted to enter Wounded Knee in March 1973, AIM participants believed that the attention garnered by such public figures forestalled U.S. military intervention

Juneteenth is a jubilant celebration — and a sacred lament

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Emancipation Day celebration, June 19, 1900, in Austin, Texas.

PICA-05476, Austin History Center, Austin Public Library

On Sunday, churchgoers will commemorate and celebrate [Juneteenth](#) during their worship services. Throughout the day there will be colorful parades, coast-to-coast music festivals, visits to historical sites, large gatherings within local communities, team sports — and plenty of barbecue.



JUNETEENTH

Poet Amanda Gorman celebrates the gift of Blackness for Juneteenth

However, many will start the day with a long-standing tradition: worship.

The Lord by Moses to Pharaoh said:

"O let my people go!

If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead,

Then let my people go!"

Go down, Moses

Way down in Egypt's land

Tell old Pharaoh

Let my people go

These lyrics, from "[The Song of the Contrabands: O Let My People Go](#)," will have a special significance at services this Sunday because they echo the spirit of the holiday.

Is June 20th a federal holiday 2022? ^

This coming Monday, June 20, 2022, **will be the second Juneteenth officially recognized as a federal holiday** in the U.S. All federal government offices, federal courts, banks, post offices, schools, and the U.S. financial markets will be closed. 3 days ago

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Is Juneteenth a bank holiday in 2022? ^

Banks, stock market closed Monday

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Poet Amanda Gorman celebrates the gift of Blackness for Juneteenth

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OLIVIA HAMPTON



Amanda Gorman was the youngest inaugural poet when she read "The Hill We Climb" at President Joe Biden's inauguration in January 2021 at the age of 22.

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Fury & Faith

by Amanda Gorman

"Just justice."

You will be told this is not a problem,
Not your problem.

You will be told now is not the time
For change to begin,
Told that we cannot win.

But the point of protest isn't winning;
It's holding fast to the promise of freedom,
Even when fast victory is not promised.

Meaning, we cannot stand up to police
If we cannot cease policing our imagination,
Convincing our communities that this won't work,
When the work hasn't even begun,
That this can wait,
When we've already waited out a thousand suns.
By now, we understand
That white supremacy
& the despair it demands
Are as destructive as any disease.

So when you're told that your rage is reactionary,
Remind yourself that rage is our right.
It teaches us it is time to fight.
In the face of injustice,
Not only is anger natural, but necessary,
Because it helps carry us to our destination.

Our goal is never revenge, just restoration.
Not dominance, just dignity.
Not fear, just freedom.
Just justice.

Whether we prevail is not determined
By all the challenges that are present,
But by all the change that is possible.

& though we are unstoppable,
If we ever feel we might fail,
If we be fatigued & frail,
When our fire can no longer be fueled by fury,
We will always be fortified by this faith,
Found in the anthem, the vow:

Black lives matter,
No matter what.
Black lives are worth living,
Worth defending,
Worth every struggle.
We owe it to the fallen to fight,
But we owe it to ourselves to never stay kneeling
When the day calls us to stand.

Together, we envision a land that is liberated, not lawless.
We create a future that is free, not flawless.
Again & again, over & over,
We will stride up every mountainside,
Magnanimous & modest.
We will be protected & served
By a force that is honored & honest.
This is more than protest
It's a promise.



Rapid Roy (The Stock Car Boy). Bad Bad Leroy Brown. Operator. These Dreams. Speedball Tucker. You Don't Mess Around With Jim.

Henry FitzGerald Heard (6 October 1889 – 14 August 1971), commonly called **Gerald Heard**, was a British-born American historian, science writer, public lecturer, educator, and philosopher. He wrote many articles and over 35 books. Heard was a guide and mentor to numerous well-known people in the 1950s and 1960s, including author Aldous Huxley, Henry Luce, Clare Boothe Luce, and Bill Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. His work was a forerunner of, and influence on, the consciousness development movement that has spread in the Western world since the 1960s.

The Trouble with Aldous Huxley

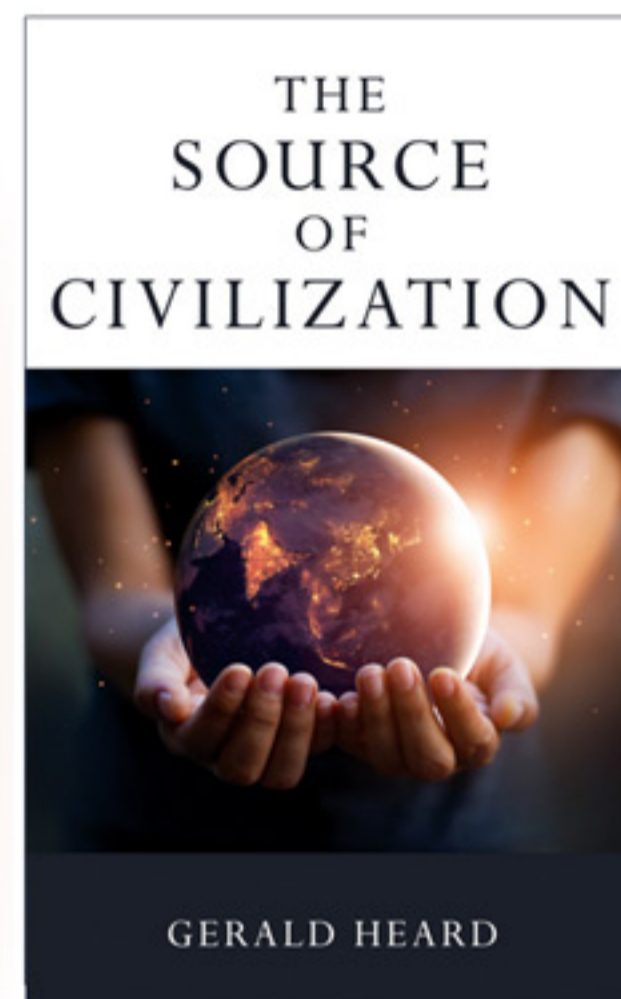
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TRACES remain of Huxley's talent for the disgusting and the bizarre. In *After Many a Summer Dies The Swan* there are still baboons and antiquaries and the Marquis de Sade. The diary of the Fifth Earl is as good as the digression in Elizabethan plumbing in *Crome Yellow*; the fate of the Fifth Earl is as exquisite as Gumbriel's pneumatic trousers or his visit to the night club in *Antic Hay*. But in the later novels baboons and antiquaries are lost among the sermons of Mr. Propter or the solemn monologues of Anthony Beavis. Readers to whom I have spoken either skipped the sermons of Mr. Propter or read them with pain, lamenting the decline of the novelist or, better, his ascent from novelist to mystic. Rochester's couplet, suitably corrupted, seems to fit the case:

From deep to deep the reasoning engine flies,
Who was so proud, so witty, and so wise.

These flights, which injure literature more than they advance piety, invite our concern. In general they may be attributed to evil times and to the religious temper. Specifically, however, **the trouble with Aldous Huxley is Gerald Heard.**

Huxley would not have succumbed to Heard without his earlier acquaintance with D. H. Lawrence, who prepared the way. When he first met Lawrence in 1915 Huxley was a civilized and fashionably cynical undergraduate, writing desperate verses and equally desperate stories. Lawrence was an earnest man, enlightened by the wisdom of Mme. Blavatsky, Mrs. Besant and James M. Pryse, the celebrated yogi of Los Angeles. The two men seemed to have nothing in common but Lawrence was taken with Huxley, Huxley with Lawrence. Lawrence invited Huxley to join him in his utopian community where,



The Source of Civilization
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In 1937 Gerald Heard came to the United States, accompanied by Aldous Huxley, after having been offered the chair of historical anthropology at Duke University. After delivering some lectures at Duke, Heard gave up the post and soon settled in California where from 1941 to 1942 he founded and oversaw the building of Trabuco College, a large facility where comparative-religion studies and practices flourished under Heard's visionary direction. Trabuco College, 30 years ahead of its time, was discontinued in 1947, and the vast properties were subsequently donated to the Vedanta Society of Southern California.

Gerald Heard



Born	Henry FitzGerald Heard 6 October 1889 London, England
Died	14 August 1971 (aged 81) Santa Monica, California
Other names	Henry FitzGerald Heard
Alma mater	University of Cambridge
Partner(s)	Christopher Wood
Website	geraldheard.com



Aldous Huxley and Gerald Heard, 1937.

Courtesy Laura A. Huxley.

Yellowstone National Park will partially reopen Wednesday after historic floods

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Yellowstone's North Entrance Road was washed out by flooding.

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Yellowstone National Park will partially reopen this week, days after a series of historic floods damaged roads, buildings and infrastructure throughout the park.

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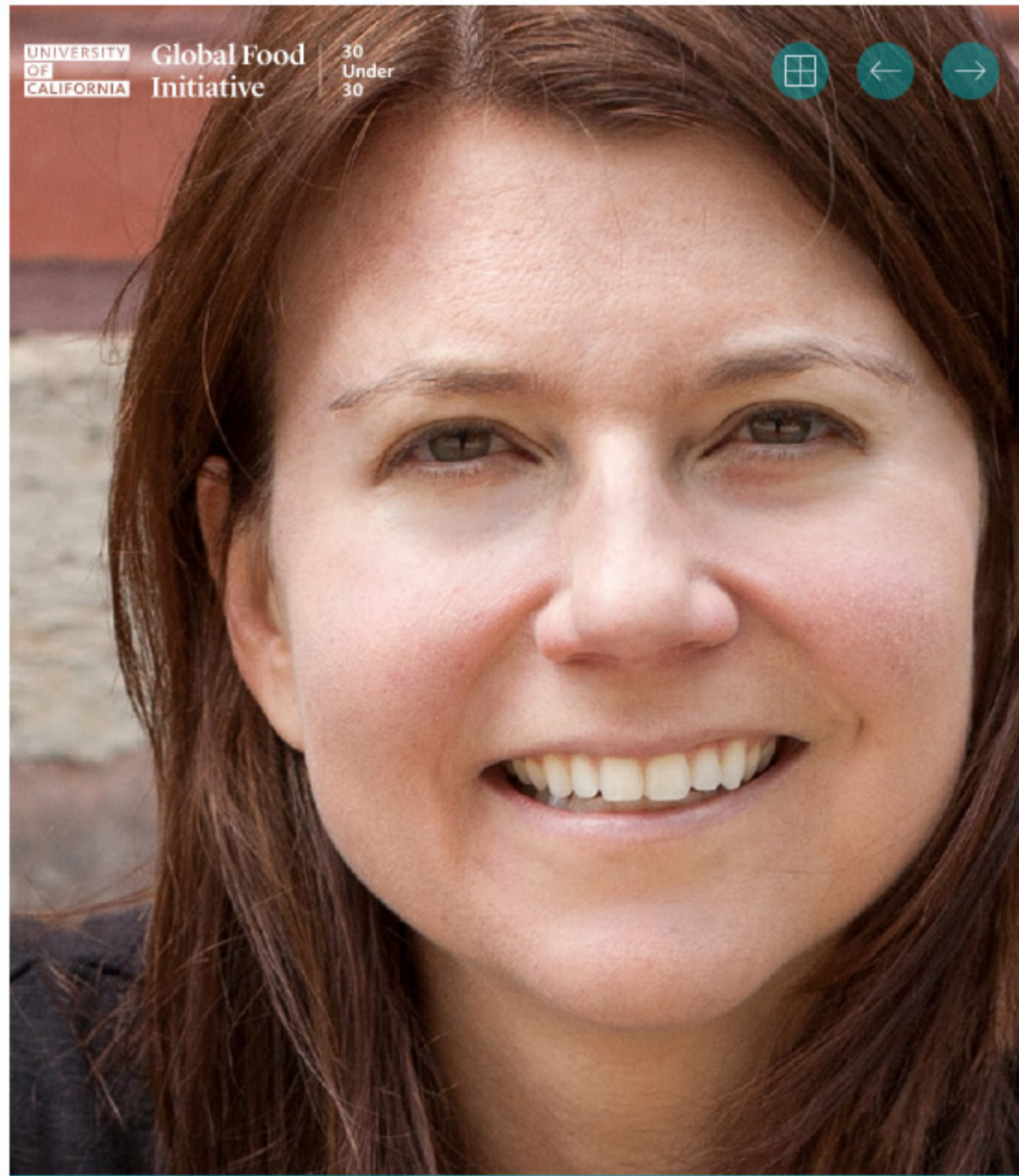
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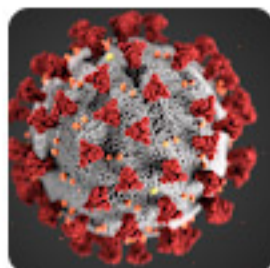
Long COVID answers are coming into focus, slowly

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According to new research, the risk of long COVID was less during the Omicron wave compared to the Delta wave.

The SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant is less likely to cause long COVID than the Delta variant, new research has found.

Analysis by researchers from King's College London of data from the ZOE COVID Symptom study app is published today (June 18, 2022) in a letter to the medical journal *The Lancet*. The findings are from the first peer-reviewed study to report on long COVID risk and the Omicron variant.

Long COVID is defined by NICE guidelines as having new or ongoing symptoms four weeks or more after the start of the disease. Symptoms include fatigue, shortness of breath, loss of concentration, and joint pain. The symptoms can adversely affect day-to-day activities, and in some cases can be severely limiting.

Researchers found the odds of experiencing long COVID were between 20-50% less during the Omicron period versus the Delta period, depending on age and time since vaccination.

The study identified 56,003 UK adult cases first testing positive between December 20, 2021, and March 9, 2022, when Omicron was the dominant strain. Researchers compared these cases to 41,361 cases first testing positive between June 1, 2021, and November 27, 2021, when the Delta variant was dominant.

The analysis shows 4.4% of Omicron cases were long COVID, compared to 10.8% of Delta cases. However, the absolute number of people experiencing long COVID was in fact higher in the Omicron period. This was because of the vast number of people infected with Omicron from December 2021 to February 2022. The UK Office of National Statistics estimated the number of people with long COVID actually increased from 1.3 million in January 2022 to 2 million as of May 1st, 2022.

Lead author, Dr. Claire Steves from King's College London, said: "The Omicron variant appears substantially less likely to cause Long-COVID than previous variants but still 1 in 23 people who catch COVID-19 go on to have symptoms for more than four weeks. Given the numbers of people affected it's important that we continue to support them at work, at home and within the NHS."

Reference: "Risk of long COVID associated with delta versus omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2" by Michela Antonelli, Joan Capdevila Pujol, Tim D Spector, Sebastian Ourselin and Claire J Steves, 18 June 2022, *The Lancet*.

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'The situation is serious': Germany plans to fire up coal plants as Russia throttles gas supplies

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KEY POINTS

- Economy Minister Robert Habeck on Sunday warned that the situation is going to be "really tight in winter" without precautionary measures to prevent a supply shortage.
- In light of that, Germany will seek to compensate for a cut in Russian gas supplies by increasing the burning of coal.
- Coal is the most carbon-intensive fossil fuel in terms of emissions and therefore the most important target for replacement in the transition to renewable alternatives.

Berlin (CNN) — Germany must reduce [natural gas consumption](#) and increase the burning of coal in order to help fill gas storage facilities for next winter, German Economy Minister Robert Habeck announced Sunday as the country moves away from reduced [Russian gas supplies](#).

"The situation is serious," Habeck said in a statement. "We are therefore continuing to strengthen precautions and taking additional measures to reduce gas consumption. This means that gas consumption must fall further, but more gas must be put into the storage facilities, otherwise things will really get tight in winter."

Germany is heavily reliant on Moscow's gas to power its homes and heavy industry, but has managed to whittle Moscow's share of its imports down to 35% from 55% before the start of the war in Ukraine.

Habeck said security of supply was currently guaranteed in spite of a "worsened situation on the gas market" in recent days. Soaring prices were "(Russian President Vladimir) Putin's strategy to unsettle us, drive up prices and divide us," Habeck said.

"We will not allow that. We are fighting back decisively, precisely and thoughtfully," he said.

Despite Germany's plans to exit coal-fueled energy production, Habeck, who is a Green Party politician in the center-left ruling coalition, announced a return to "coal-fired power plants for a transitional period" in order to reduce gas consumption for electricity production.

"We are setting up a gas substitute reserve on call. "That's bitter, but it's almost necessary in this situation to reduce gas consumption," Habeck said.

GAS PRICES

Average Gas Prices in San Diego Drop for Third Consecutive Day

The price decreases stem from a volatile week for the U.S. economy and less consumer demand, likely from record high prices, Doug Shupe said

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The 15 Cities With the Most Expensive Commutes, Based on the Cost of Gas

The average price of a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline in San Diego County dropped for the third consecutive day Saturday following a run of 19 increases in 20 days, decreasing 1.2 cents to \$6.348.

The average price set records 18 times in 19 days during the run of increases, including a record high of \$6.373 on June 15. It then dropped six-tenths of a cent Thursday and seven-tenths of a cent Friday.

The decreases stem from "a plunge of nearly 60 cents on the Los Angeles wholesale gasoline market this past week" caused by "a very volatile week for the U.S. economy and a slight downturn in consumer demand reported by the EIA, which is likely due to record high prices," said Doug Shupe, the Automobile Club of Southern California's corporate communications manager, referring to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The average price of a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline in **San Diego County** dropped for the third consecutive day Saturday following a run of 19 increases in 20 days, decreasing 1.2 cents to **\$6.348**.

The **national average** price of a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline dropped for the fourth consecutive day following an 18-day streak of increases, decreasing 1.1 cents to **\$4.989**.

The average price is 1.3 cents less than one week ago, but 33.1 cents more than one month ago and \$2.124 greater than one year ago, according to figures from the AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

It has risen \$1.592 since Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24 "sent shock waves through the oil market that have kept oil costs elevated," said Andrew Gross, an AAA national public relations manager.

Crude oil costs account for slightly more than half of the pump price, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The rest of the price includes the other components of gasoline, production costs, distribution costs, overhead costs for all involved in production, distribution and sales, taxes and carbon offset fees in California paid by the refineries.

The national average price of a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline dropped for the fourth consecutive day following an 18-day streak of increases, decreasing 1.1 cents to \$4.989. The average price rose 41.5 cents during the 18-day streak, setting a record each day. It dropped two-tenths of a cent Wednesday, a half-cent Thursday and nine-tenths of a cent Friday.

Wiccan celebration of summer solstice is a reminder that change, as expressed in nature, is inevitable

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▼ [Helen A. Berger, Brandeis University](#)



For Wiccans, celebration of summer solstice is a spiritual practice. Artur Widak/NurPhoto via Getty Images

Summer solstice, a time when the northern hemisphere will experience the maximum hours of sunlight, takes place on June 21 – and will be celebrated by followers of Wicca, a form of contemporary Paganism, with a holiday known as Litha. On this day the North Pole is at its greatest tilt toward the sun, creating the longest day and the official beginning of summer. As a sociologist of religion whose research has focused on contemporary Paganism, I know that for Wiccans, it is a day of celebration and joy at the light's full return. At Yule, the sabbat that celebrates the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year and the beginning of winter, one is always reminded that from this day forth the light will be growing. Similarly at Litha, participants are reminded that from this time forward there will be a decrease in the light. The focus is not only on the holiday and what it means immediately in nature and for the participants, but understanding it within the turning wheel of the year. It is a reminder that change is inevitable and normal even if it is sometimes enjoyable and at other times less so.

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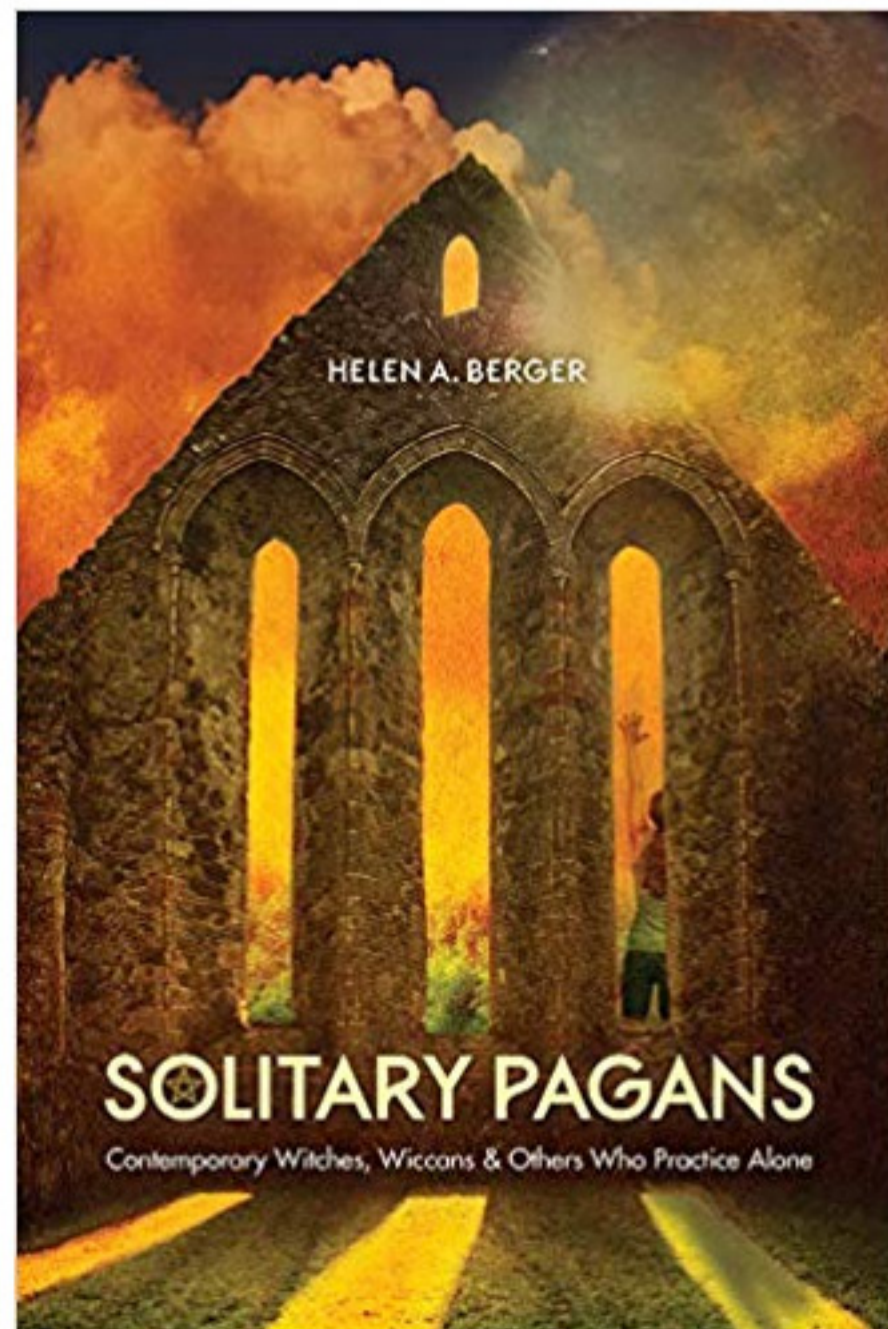


Helen A. Berger began researching contemporary Paganism in 1986 when, based on her earlier work on the witch trials, she was asked to give a series of talks at the Boston public library on witchcraft in New England. As she began to prepare for the five lecture series her interest was piqued by news articles about the Witches Anti-Defamation League protesting the negative portrayal of witches in the film, the Witches of Eastwick. Initially she thought she would do enough research to be able to conclude her lecture series with a discussion of contemporary Witches, particularly in Salem, Massachusetts where the Witches Anti-Defamation League is based. But as she began exploring it, she realized that here was a rich and exciting research area in which she could study issues about social change, concepts of the self, political attitudes and behaviors, and changing notions of community. She became hooked, changed her research agenda and has spent more than thirty years studying and learning about this religious group. After four books (two co-authored), an edited volume, and many articles she still finds the topic gripping and ripe for sociological exploration. Having just completed a book on solitary practitioners, she is turning her critical attention to the contemporary Pagan response to the Alt-Right.

Helen A. Berger, PhD

Solitary Pagans: Contemporary Witches Wiccans and

Others Who Practice Alone



"Fifteen years after her revolutionary Pagan Census, sociologist and contemporary pagan expert Berger (Brandeis Univ.) presents findings from her new, expanded survey, Pagan Census Revisited. Drawing on this new data, Berger examines the growing movement of contemporary pagans who practice alone instead of practicing in traditional groups. The author examines solitary pagans in depth, with particular attention to their practices, social engagements, beliefs, and growth. She looks at how changes in survey methods and easier access to books and the internet has allowed researchers to delve deeper in paganism to discover a significant increase in solitary practitioners and the increase in rural pagans. The gathering and decimation of this data is a notable feat due to the often hidden nature of pagan worship. Data are presented by demographics and compared to those of group practitioners and those in the UK and Canada. With its well-presented, accessible information, this volume is an excellent addition to the literature on pagan studies and on religion more broadly" - A. Sheppard, Arkansas State University, Choice, February 2020

"Helen Berger has produced a first-rate study of the most important form of modern Paganism, making her the leading authority upon it."—Ronald Hutton, University of Bristol

"This authoritative survey of contemporary paganism combines sympathetic portrayal with rich new data... It will be the new reference point for anyone interested in this rapidly-growing religious milieu."—Linda Woodhead, Research Fellow, Stanford University; Lancaster University

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EARTHSPiRIT

HONORING THE SACRED EARTH

Helen A. Berger, Evan A. Leach, and Leigh S. Shaffer present the findings of *The Pagan Census*, which was created and distributed by Berger and Andras Corban Arthen (<https://youtu.be/njMIMUG8F3k>) of the *Earthspirit Community*.

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EarthSpirit is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1977, dedicated to the preservation and development of Earth-centered spirituality, culture and community; we particularly focus on the indigenous traditions of pre-Christian Europe, known collectively as paganism, which have survived in varying degrees to the present day. At the core of the pagan traditions is a sense that the Great Mystery (or the Sacred, as some would call it) manifests throughout the natural world; that we can experience it directly through communion with Nature; and that the Spirit of the Earth unites all beings in a vast and varied web of interdependent connections. The pagan traditions incorporate attitudes of veneration and respect for the Earth, and shape a way of life that reflects the patterns and wisdom found in Nature, inspiring us to honor diversity, to value tribal, cooperative community, and to live in harmonious balance as an integral part of the natural world. Paganism is a spiritual path rooted in ancient European traditions which have as their core a respectful awareness of the sacredness of the Earth. We experience ourselves and everything that exists as vital parts of the whole of Nature, understanding that all things in the universe interact in both a physical and spiritual relationship. Paganism has experienced a dramatic resurgence in the last few decades as many thousands of people have sought a spiritual context through which to address the current environmental crisis. EarthSpirit turned the primary focus of its work toward helping develop pagan concepts and attitudes for living in the present age, to encourage communication and understanding among people of different traditions and ideologies, to provide opportunities for shared spiritual experience, and to help educate the general public concerning Earth-centered spirituality.

Inija Trinkūnienė and Andras Corban-Arthen at PWR Indigenous Plenary



<https://youtu.be/lzshdfy3iWA>

Inija Trinkūnienė is the Krivė (chief priestess) of Romuva, the indigenous religion of Lithuania, and a founding member of the European Congress of Ethnic Religions. Andras Corban-Arthen is spiritual director of the EarthSpirit Community, Vice-Chair of the Parliament of the World's Religions, and president of the European Congress of Ethnic Religions. The Parliament of the World's Religions was created to cultivate harmony among the world's religious and spiritual communities and foster their engagement with the world and its guiding institutions in order to achieve a just, peaceful and sustainable world. The first Parliament took place in Chicago in 1893, and it continues to be held today in various parts of the world.



Romuva (religion)

Romuva is a **neo-pagan** movement derived from the traditional **mythology** of the **Lithuanians**, attempting to reconstruct the **religious rituals** of the **Lithuanians** before their **Christianization** in 1387. Practitioners of Romuva claim to continue **Baltic pagan** traditions which survived in folklore, customs and superstition.^{[1][2][3]} Romuva is a **polytheistic** pagan faith which asserts the sanctity of nature and **ancestor worship**. Practicing the Romuva faith is seen by many adherents as a form of cultural pride, along with celebrating traditional forms of art, retelling Baltic folklore, practising traditional holidays, playing traditional Baltic music, singing traditional *dainos* (songs), as well as ecological activism and stewarding sacred places.^[4]

Romuva primarily exists in Lithuania but there are also congregations of adherents in Australia, Canada, Russia, the United States,^[5] and England.^{[6][7][8]} There are **believers of Baltic pagan faiths** in other nations, including **Dievturība** in Latvia.^[9] According to the 2001 census, there were approximately 1,200 people in Lithuania identifying with Romuva. That number jumped to around 5,100 in the 2011 census.^[10]

Romuva	
	
Flag of the Romuva religion	
High priestess (<i>krivė</i>)	Inija Trinkūnienė (2015–present)
Founder	Vydūnas
Origin	20th century
Members	~5,100 (2011)
Official website	romuva.lt
based on pre-1387 Lithuanian paganism	

The terms *Romuva*, *Romovė*, and *Ruomuva* came from medieval written sources in **East Prussia** mentioning the pagan Baltic temple **Romowe**.^[11] The word has meanings of "temple" and "sanctuary", but, further, also "abode of inner peace".^[12] The **Baltic root** *ram-/rām-*, from which *Romuva* derives,^[13] has the meaning of 'calm, serene, quiet', stemming from the Proto-Indo-European **(e)remə-*.^[14]



dearest Medeina, blossom racer,
you are our mother,
you love all,
bless us and nourish us



A pattern of the **world tree**, **Austras koks**, also commonly used as a symbol of Romuva.

660 pounds: Scientists say world's largest freshwater fish is found in Cambodia

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In this photo provided by Wonders of the Mekong taken on June 14, 2022, a man touches a giant freshwater stingray before being released back into the Mekong River in the northeastern province of Stung Treng, Cambodia.

BANGKOK — The world's largest recorded freshwater fish, a giant stingray, has been caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia, according to scientists from the Southeast Asian nation and the United States.

The stingray, captured on June 13, measured almost 13 feet from snout to tail and weighed slightly under 660 pounds, according to a statement Monday by Wonders of the Mekong, a joint Cambodian-U.S. research project.

"The fact that the fish can still get this big is a hopeful sign for the Mekong River," Hogan said, noting that the waterway faces many environmental challenges.

The Mekong River runs through China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. It is home to several species of giant freshwater fish but environmental pressures are rising. In particular, scientists fear a major program of dam building in recent years may be seriously disrupting spawning grounds. Koalas are now officially an endangered species in parts of eastern Australia

"Big fish globally are endangered. They're high-value species. They take a long time to mature. So if they're fished before they mature, they don't have a chance to reproduce," Hogan said. "A lot of these big fish are migratory, so they need large areas to survive. They're impacted by things like habitat fragmentation from dams, obviously impacted by overfishing. So about 70% of giant freshwater fish globally are threatened with extinction, and all of the Mekong species."

Local residents nicknamed the stingray "Boramy," or "full moon," because of its round shape and because the moon was on the horizon when it was freed on June 14. In addition to the honor of having caught the record-breaker, the lucky fisherman was compensated at market rate, meaning he received a payment of around \$600.



Kalanchoe beharensis

(commonly known as elephant's ear kalanchoe, felt bush, or feltbush) is a plant species in the succulent genus *Kalanchoe*, and the family *Crassulaceae*.

Kalanchoe beharensis is native to Madagascar

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*imagine all the people
living life in peace*

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Emmanuel Kelly was found in Iraq as a baby, half dead in a box at a park by two soldiers. With no birth certificate, passport, and no known identity, it is nothing short of a miracle that he is alive today.

Taken to the Mother Theresa Orphanage in Baghdad where he met his now brother Ahmed, Emmanuel & Ahmed spent the next 7 and half years as children of war, living a nightmare, experiencing and seeing some of the worst of mankind. Every day they wondered if death would claim them, or if they'd live to see another day.

Humanitarian Moira Kelly heard about Ahmed and Emmanuel whilst working in Albania. Months later Moira flew to meet the brothers and immediately fell in love with their energy, will to survive and passion to create a world filled with love. 2 and a half years later, after many complications, Moira brought the brothers to Australia for life changing surgeries.

Over the next 14 years, Emmanuel had 6 surgeries, stepping over huge obstacles such as learning how to walk and how to feed himself using a knife and fork. But Emmanuel's biggest obstacle was learning to embrace and love himself on the inside and out, overcoming his insecurities.

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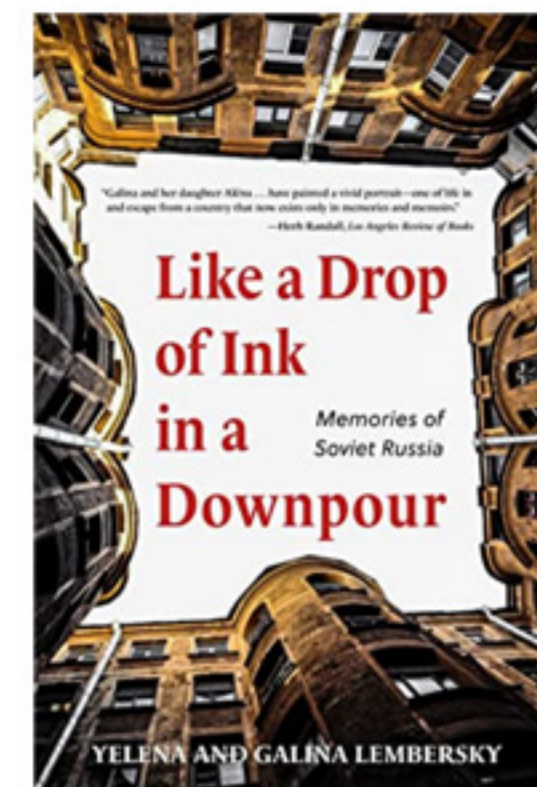


Naomi is Ruth's mother-in-law in the Hebrew Bible in the Book of Ruth, which depicts the struggles of Naomi and Ruth for survival in a patriarchal environment.



Ruth swearing her allegiance to Naomi by Jan Victors, 1653

YELENA LEMBERSKY



Yelena Lembersky grew up in Leningrad, now Saint Petersburg, in 1969. As a child, she studied painting, piano, and classical guitar, and learned English since she was eight.

In 1987, she and her mother, Galina Lembersky, emigrated to the United States. Yelena continued her studies at the University of Michigan, graduating with a double Bachelors in Art and Science in 1991. She moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to pursue her Masters of Architecture at MIT.

While working as an architect, she began to research her grandfather's art, which led to her first book, a monograph, *Felix Lembersky: Paintings and Drawings*, published by Galart in 2009. Her memoir, *Like a Drop of Ink in a Downpour: Memories of Soviet Russia*, co-authored with her mother, tells the story of her growing up in Leningrad, the legacy of her grandfather, artist Felix Lembersky, her mother's decision to emigrate, and their lives as *refuseniks* in the 1970s and '80s.

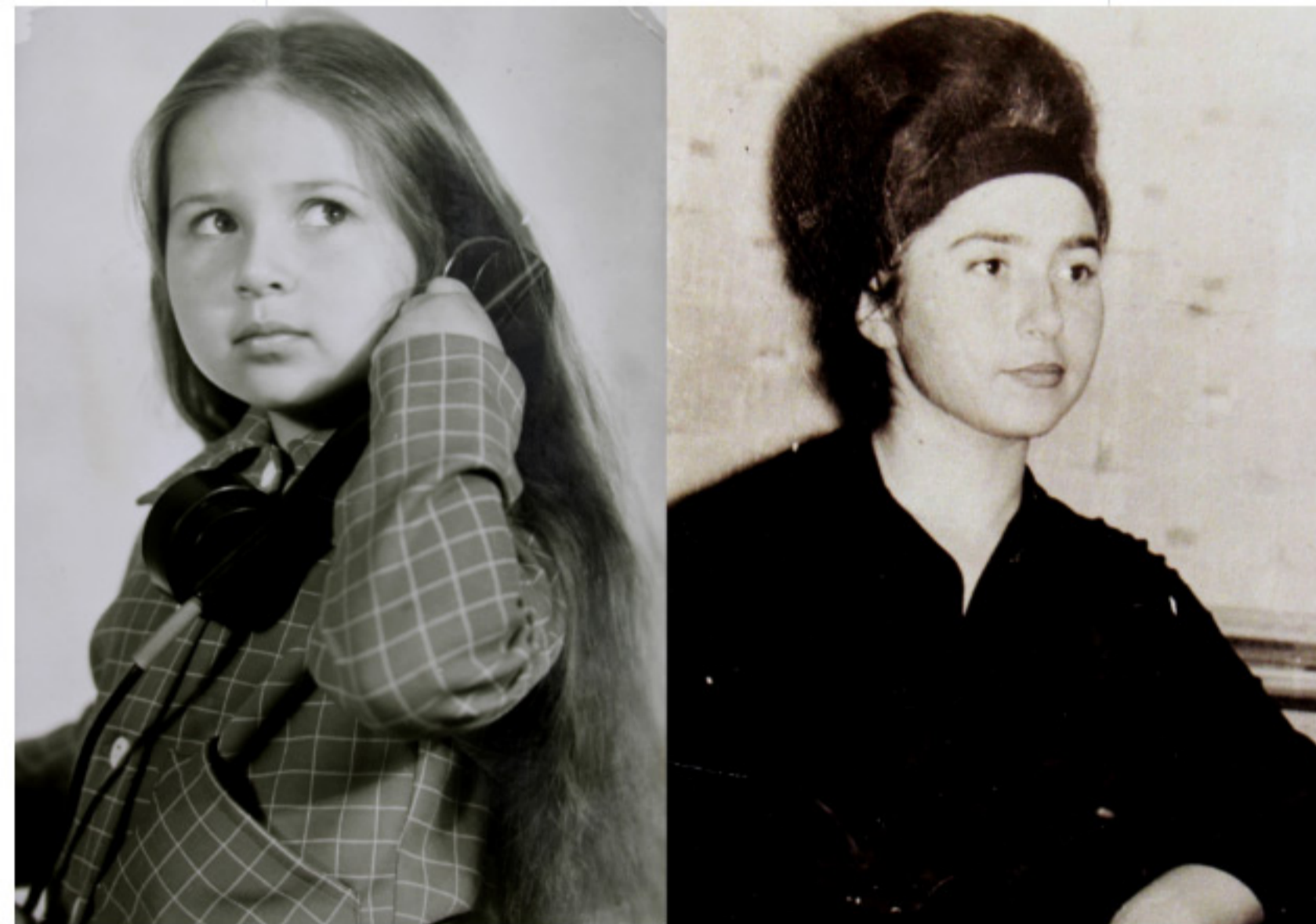




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Russian dissident mother and daughter discuss art, imprisonment and escape in new memoir

May 23, 2022 By [Robin Young](#) and [Allison Hagan](#)



Galina Lembersky (left) in the mid 1960s and Yelena Lembersky (right) in 1974.

One day, Yelena Lembersky came home from school to find KGB agents tearing up their apartment. Not long after her mother left the Soviet Union with the paintings, Galina Lembersky was sent to prison and then a labor camp on a false charge. From the camp, Galina Lembersky wrote her daughter letters that criticized the girl's spelling and storytelling abilities. "My love, foster self-criticism toward everything you do," Galina Lembersky wrote, "or you will never improve." The letters helped Yelena Lembersky feel her mother's strength from afar. "We were together apart, but I never felt alone," Yelena Lembersky says. "Even now that I am in my 50s, I realize that I live my life with the advice that she has given me in these letters."



Felix Lembersky, "Stair," gouache on paper, Nizhny Tagil, 1958, gouache on paper. (Courtesy)

When Joseph Stalin's regime offered Felix Lembersky riches to paint sunny Soviet propaganda, the Jewish Ukrainian artist declined. Instead, he painted scenes from the Holocaust in Ukraine and images of exhausted Russian coal workers. Following his death in 1970, Lembersky's wife, Lucia, fled the Soviet Union for the United States, bringing 500 of his paintings and the hope that her daughter Galina and granddaughter Yelena would soon join her. In their new memoir *"Like a Drop of Ink in a Downpour,"* the mother and daughter tell the story of the art that traveled with them to the United States.



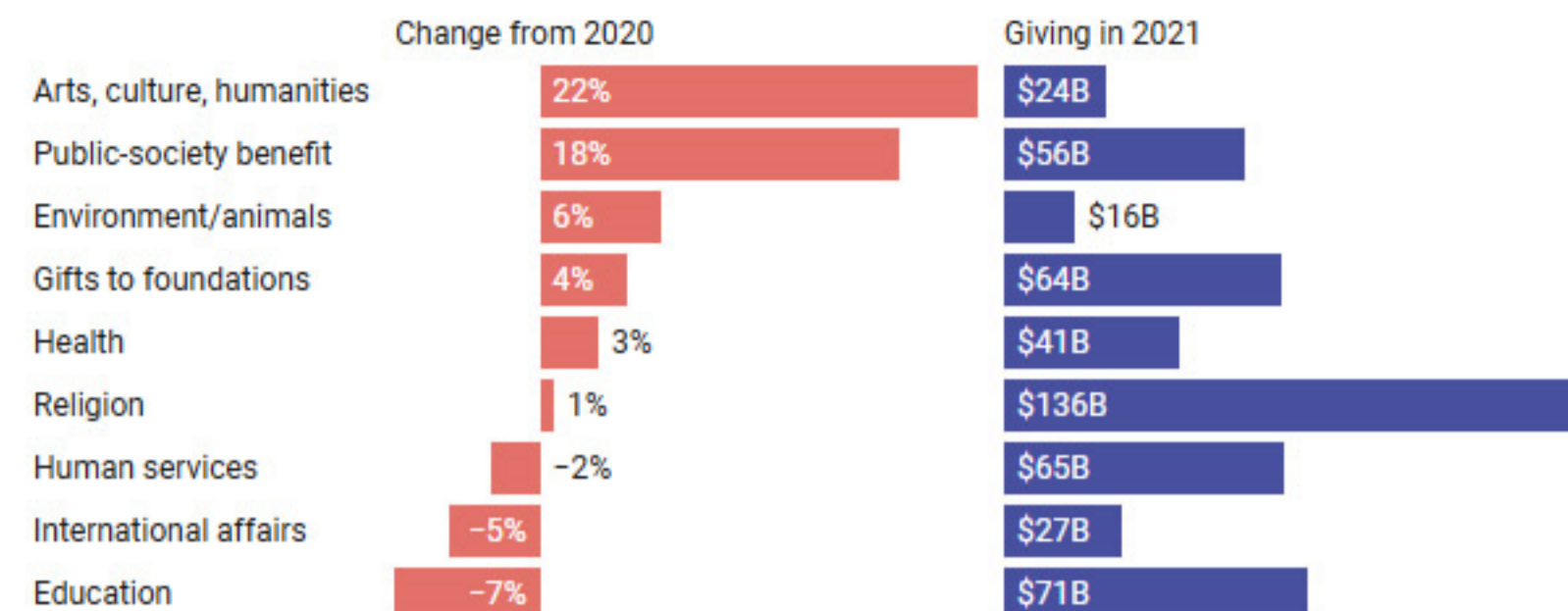
Felix Lembersky, "Workers' Town," Nizhny Tagil, the Urals, 1958, gouache on paper. (Courtesy)

Charitable Giving: Boosted by a strong year for stocks and swift economic growth, U.S. giving in 2021 totaled a near-record US\$485 billion. Individuals, foundations, estates and corporations gave more to charity in 2021 than before the pandemic. We also saw that a significant percentage of giving came from extremely large gifts and that many charities whose 2020 donations declined may have experienced a rebound. Two billionaires who took that route were Twitter co-founder and former CEO Jack Dorsey and SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. Donors who transfer money into DAFs get big tax deductions right away but can decide which causes to support later. That's similar to what happens when someone moves wealth into a foundation. MacKenzie Scott has given at least \$12 billion to charity since her 2019 divorce from Jeff Bezos without starting a foundation, and instead relies partly on donor-advised funds. In 2021, she continued to quickly channel large sums of money into nonprofits, especially those assisting people of color and underfunded communities.

Charitable donations fund a wide array of nonprofits, such as Habitat for Humanity.

Causes US donors supported in 2021

Giving trends in 2021 were inconsistent. Americans gave 22% more to museums, theaters and other arts, culture and humanities organizations than in 2020, a year when those donations declined. Giving to public-society benefit groups, a broad category encompassing the United Way, the largest donor-advised funds, civil rights groups and voter-registration organizations, remained high at 18%. At the other end of the spectrum, donations to educational causes, including colleges and universities, fell by 7%.





Pinpointing Elvis Presley's true persona can depend on when and whom you ask. Don Cravens/Getty Images

Was there anything real about Elvis Presley?

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“And who are you, Elvis?” As a scholar of southern history who has written a book about Elvis, I still find myself wondering the same thing. Elvis Presley proved that consumerism, when channeled productively, could be creative and liberating. He likewise demonstrated that left unrestrained, it could be empty and destructive. “Who are you, Elvis?” Maybe the answer is easier than we think. He’s all of us.

Historian William Leuchtenburg once characterized Presley as a “consumer culture hero,” a manufactured commodity more image than substance.



Elvis Presley during a press conference at Madison Square Garden in New York City in 1972. Art Zelin/Getty Images

Travel plans to or across Europe? Prepare for long lines

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It's a similar story in the United States, where airlines canceled thousands of flights over two days last week because of bad weather just as crowds of summer tourists grow. People are traveling, but airports are suffering from staff shortages, and it's taking a lot longer to process security clearances for newly hired workers. "They're all creating bottlenecks in the system," and it also means **"when things go wrong, that they're going drastically wrong."**

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Starbucks fired 7 union organizers. The government wants a court to reinstate them

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Seven Starbucks workers in Buffalo, N.Y. say they were fired because of their involvement in unionizing. The National Labor Relations Board is asking a court to reinstate them.

Joshua Bessex/AP

Inside the marathon Zoom call where Amazon seeks to overturn historic union victory

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ANDREA HSU



Workers at an Amazon warehouse on Staten Island voted in March 2022 to join the Amazon Labor Union. Amazon is presenting its objections to the election before a National Labor Relations Board hearing being conducted over Zoom.

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Russia's ruble is the strongest currency in the world this year

BY IRINA IVANOVA

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The Russian ruble continues to rise against the dollar, making it the best-performing currency in the world this year. Three months after the ruble's value fell to less than a U.S. penny amid the toughest economic sanctions imposed on a country in modern history, Russia's currency has mounted a stunning turnaround. **The ruble has jumped 40% against the dollar since January.**

Normally, a country facing international sanctions and a major military conflict would see investors fleeing and a steady outflow of capital, causing its currency to drop. But Russia's unusually aggressive measures to keep money from leaving the country, in combination with a dramatic rise in fossil-fuel prices, are working to create demand for rubles and pushing up its value. The ruble's resiliency means that Russia is partly insulated from the punishing economic penalties imposed by Western nations after its invasion of Ukraine, although how long that protection will last is uncertain.

The main reason for the ruble's recovery is soaring commodity prices. After Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, already high oil and natural gas prices rose even further.

Isolated Putin says trade with China and India is increasing

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In a transparent attempt to end his international isolation after the Ukraine war, Russian President Vladimir Putin has called for beefing up ties between BRICS, the bloc of five developing nations that includes China and India. On Thursday, the leaders of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa are holding the 14th annual meeting of their group. Virtually addressing a business forum a day earlier, Putin denounced the international sanctions imposed against his country, calling them "politically motivated." In his keynote speech Wednesday, Chinese President Xi Jinping echoed that sentiment, attacking the use of sanctions.

Putin also claimed that BRICS economies are looking into creating an international reserve currency using the basket of their own currencies. China has put a lot more energy into the Brics summit. China is getting internationally isolated in the aftermath of Ukraine, and it's looking for counterweight blocs. Putin noted that the total international reserves of the BRICS countries this year amount to about 35% of world reserves. He also said trade between the Russian Federation and the BRICS countries increased by 38% to reach \$45 billion in the first three months of 2022.

China's role: the International Institute for Strategic Studies' James Crabtree said China was the driving force behind this year's BRICS meeting. "China has put a lot more energy into the BRICS summit. China is getting internationally isolated in the aftermath of Ukraine, and it's looking for counterweight blocs," he told CNBC's "Street Signs Asia." China and Russia signed a "no-limits" partnership weeks before the Ukraine war. Beijing has not called out Moscow's aggression despite widespread condemnation from the West. In fact, none of the BRICS nations has spoken out against the Russian invasion, only issuing vaguely worded calls for peace through negotiations. But the effectiveness of the bloc is undermined by the fact it is not fully united, Crabtree pointed out.

"One of the problems with the BRICS is that it's divided internally. China and Russia agree with each other but you also have India and Brazil, both of whom tend to be quite skeptical of China," he said, adding that this limited what the group can do. China would also like to expand the group to include countries such as Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, Crabtree said.

AT&T: Free Cash Flow Yield Alert

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Summary

- In terms of price action, AT&T has done fine versus the broad market since the Warner Brothers Discovery spin off.
- Furthermore, AT&T might have reached a relative bottom when looking at the longer view of price action over time.
- Perhaps more importantly, AT&T has continued to demonstrate strong free cash flows, plus the FCF yield appears to be stable, if not rising.
- Putting the Warner Brothers Discovery spin off and dividend cut behind, it appears that AT&T is positioned for success into 2023.
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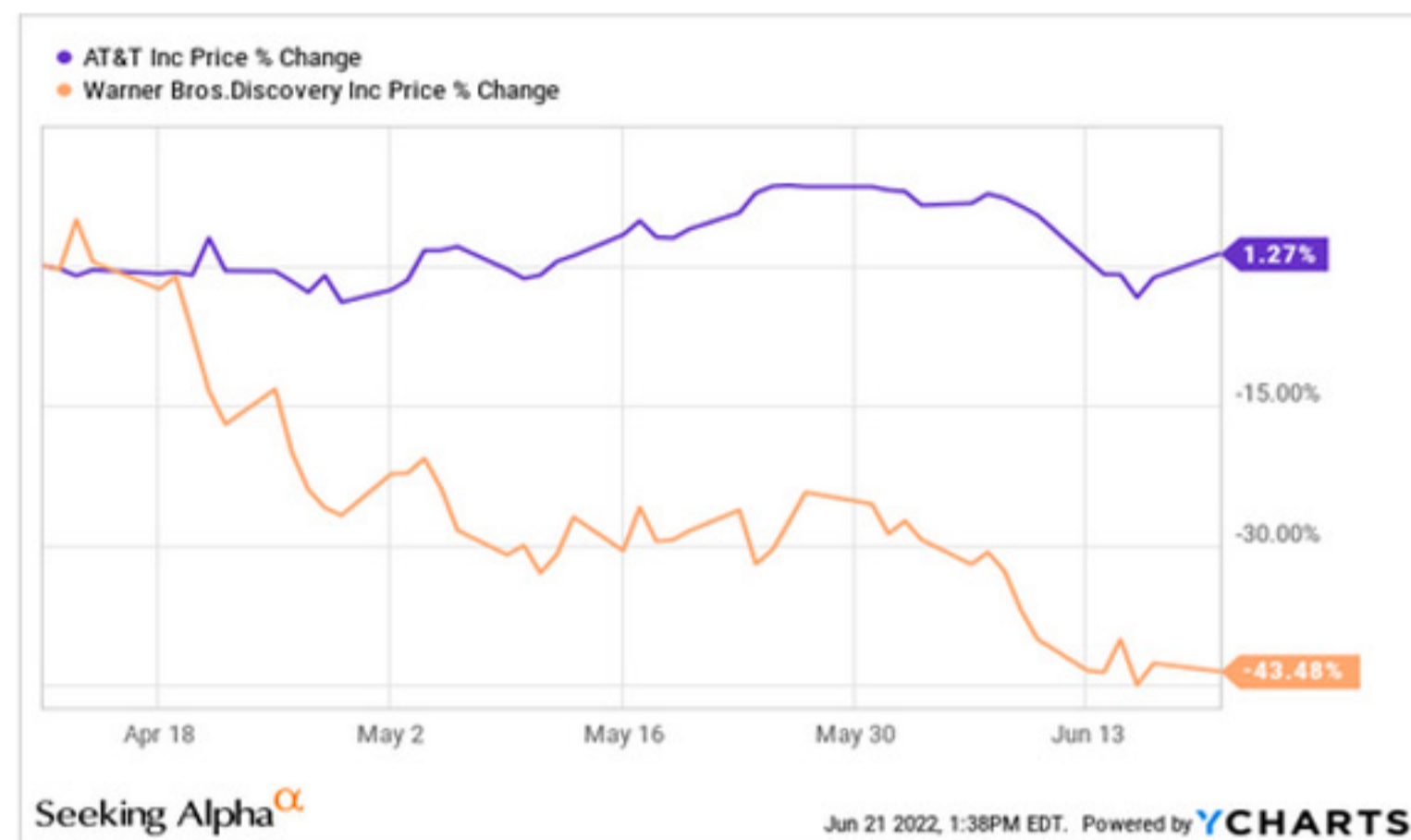
On April 11th, AT&T (NYSE:T) completed the spin-off of Warner Brothers Discovery (WBD). Of course, most T and WBD investors are very aware of this, and even many of the important details.

What's less well understood is how valuation and price have been shifting rapidly in a strange market, or at least weird market conditions. We've got war, inflation, supply chain issues and more.

We shall take a look at T's valuation and price, and leave WBD for another day. In other words, WBD is only mentioned here to give more context for T. **In this article, we'll see why now might be a good time to accumulate T. The specific emphasis will be free cash flow yield stability, and maybe even growth.**

Something Weird Happened

Let's take a look at T versus WBD, just for a quick minute.

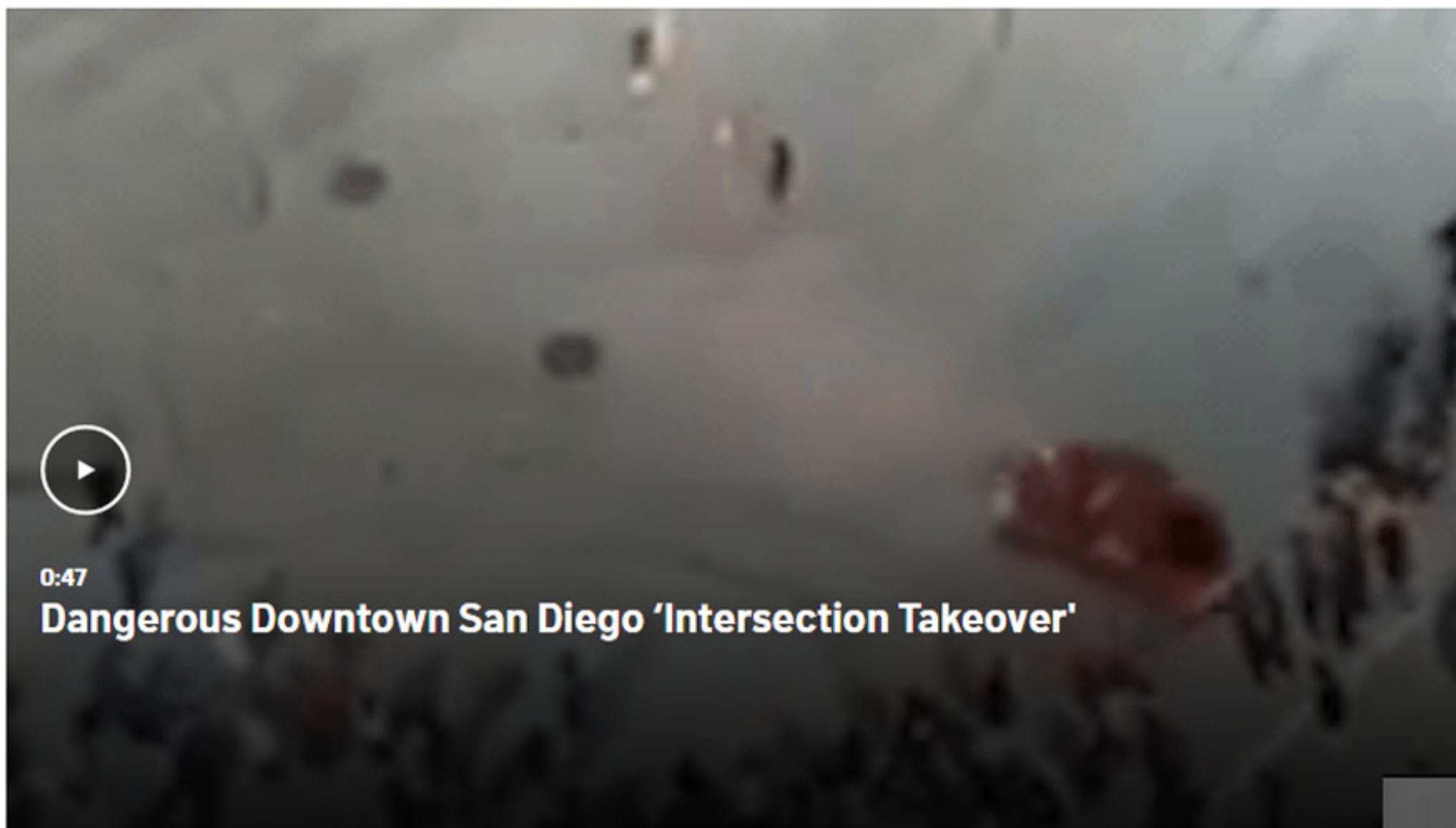


Data by YCharts

I've argued that T investors haven't done well with their WBD. And, as I've [previously spelled out](#):

...there was never a good time to sell T once we found out that WBD was getting spun off. If you sold immediately, you'd be down since T's price was already suppressed by the market. And, if you held, your dividend was cut, and you got WBD. Since WBD is down, you've lost money. In other words, your dividend income is down, and your capital has been eroded.

Furthermore, I feel that it's still true, or even more true than when I explained this back in the middle of May 2022. In short, T investors who also hold WBD should probably continue to hold WBD, versus selling. WBD's assets are wonderful and in the long run, it'll likely do just fine. So, that's what I'm doing in light of all the data I've seen; plugging my nose, holding my WBD.



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Dangerous Downtown San Diego 'Intersection Takeover'

What's not so well known is the fact that the drivers who participate in the takeovers can have their cars seized by San Diego police. In fact, to date this year, SDPD has seized 34 cars, with affidavits filed for the seizure of 19 others.

0:47 > *Dangerous Downtown San Diego 'Intersection Takeover'*

Warning: Adult language. Bianka Fimbres shot this remarkable video last weekend while working on the 19th floor of a building near the intersection of Broadway and Pacific Coast Highway.

"These affidavits were filed in direct response to street racing's stunt driving, and intersection takeovers," San Diego police Lt. Adam Sharki told NBC 7 on Wednesday. "These affidavits were filed as a result of investigations after these events took place and vehicles were identified due to investigations. This is in addition to vehicles that were stopped at the scene/leaving the scene and cited for 23109 or 23103 (street racing or reckless driving) and impounded pursuant to those sections."

Sharki said investigators have identified 172 "people/vehicles" involved in incidents this year "and we are working to hold every single one accountable."

The crackdown began in December of last year, Sharki told NBC 7, and in that month, 20 affidavits were submitted, resulting in the seizure and impounding of an additional 15 cars.



San Diego regulations for sidewalk vendors take effect



ABC 10News was in Mission Beach where reaction was mixed regarding the city's new sidewalk vendor regulations.

By: [City News Service](#)

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SAN DIEGO (CNS) - Sidewalk vendors and pushcart operators are now required to have permits for their micro-businesses following an ordinance regulating them which went into effect Wednesday.

The San Diego City Council voted to approve the ordinance earlier this year, bringing San Diego into compliance with SB 946, a California law that decriminalized sidewalk vending statewide and set parameters on how cities could impose regulations. "I am happy to see the Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance that I created with the support of my council colleagues go into effect," said Councilwoman Jennifer Campbell, who represents many of the city's beach communities in District 2. "San Diego has long awaited these regulations that will bring vendors into the formal economy and ensure access to San Diego's public spaces for all."

In March, Campbell led an effort to pass regulations restricting where and when sidewalk vendors can operate in an attempt to comply with the state law. The proposal was approved 8-1.

Sidewalk vendors and pushcart operators must pay \$38 annually for a permit to sell their wares in San Diego. City staff initially recommended the new permit fee be as high as \$230 per business, but negotiations in council chambers brought that number down to the same as a business tax certificate in the city. Following the first year of implementation, city staff will release an analysis to determine any fee modifications.

Food vendors are also required to obtain a San Diego County Health Permit and Food Handler Card.

The ordinance also sets up parameters for where vendors can physically set up -- for example, 15 feet from another vendor, 50 feet from a major transit stop and 100 feet from any sidewalk or street closure.

The city's previous laws were adopted in 2000 with minor updates since.

The ordinance sets up a system of enforcement that varies for those with and without permits. A first violation can draw a warning, followed by fines and ultimately confiscation of the stall and wares.

To enforce the ordinance and educate vendors, a city document estimates 32 new jobs in San Diego's Development Services and Parks and Recreation departments are needed at a total cost of \$5.1 million.

In the same document, city staff anticipated 1,000 vendors yearly applying for the permit for around \$230,000 in total revenue. With the updated permit fee approved by the council, that predicted revenue drops to around \$38,000.

The city has been working collaboratively with community-based organizations to provide outreach and education to vendors who are seeking to comply with the new ordinance. Over the past few weeks, in-person workshops have been hosted by the Logan Heights Community Development Corporation to present detailed information and guidance related to the new requirements in both English and Spanish.

The California State Coastal Commission is expected to review the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance in the coming months.

For more information regarding the ordinance's parameters and frequently-asked-questions, visit sandiego.gov/sidewalk-vending.

Mayim Bialik's experience with Covid-19 is 'no joke'

By [Lisa Respers France](#), CNN

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Mayim Bialik says getting COVID-19 was 'no joke,' feels regret ...

2 days ago — The Emmy-nominated actress said in an Instagram video Tuesday that she's feeling better after contracting an "exhausting" case of the virus.

Mayim Bialik has tested positive for Covid-19 and says it's been rough.

"The Big Bang Theory" star and "Jeopardy!" host posted a video on her verified Instagram account Monday about her diagnosis and how she has been struggling with it.

"I have Covid and it's no joke over here," she said. "It's very exhausting, the exhaustion is very special. I had mononucleosis when I was in college and the exhaustion hits like that where you cannot be awake. You can try to be awake but then all of a sudden you need to sleep."

Bialik, who is vaccinated and boosted, also shared, "I do have asthma, I do have a thyroid condition which means it's an immune compromised situation."

She also urged her followers to stay vigilant.

"I'm feeling a whole bunch of regret that I ever took my mask off ever in the world, like even outside," she said. "I'm feeling a lot of fear. Why did I ever go out? Why did I think that anything was fine ever?"

Bialik posted an update on the Instagram account for her podcast "Bialik Breakdown" on Tuesday, saying she was feeling better but still had congestion, tiredness and anxiety about going outside.

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Before getting COVID, Mayim Bialik fought anti-vax label

2 days ago — As recently as April, **Bialik** was pressed to clarify her position on vaccines after developing a reputation for being opposed to them.

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Coronavirus: Mayim Bialik says getting COVID-19 was 'no joke'

15 hours ago — Tested positive: Actress **Mayim Bialik** said she is feeling better after an "exhausting" experience with **COVID-19**. (Nathan Congleton/NBC/NBCU ...

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'Jeopardy!' Host Mayim Bialik Tests Positive for COVID-19

2 days ago — **Mayim Bialik**, 'Jeopardy!' co-host, said she tested positive for **COVID-19**, describing a range of symptoms and calling the virus "no joke."