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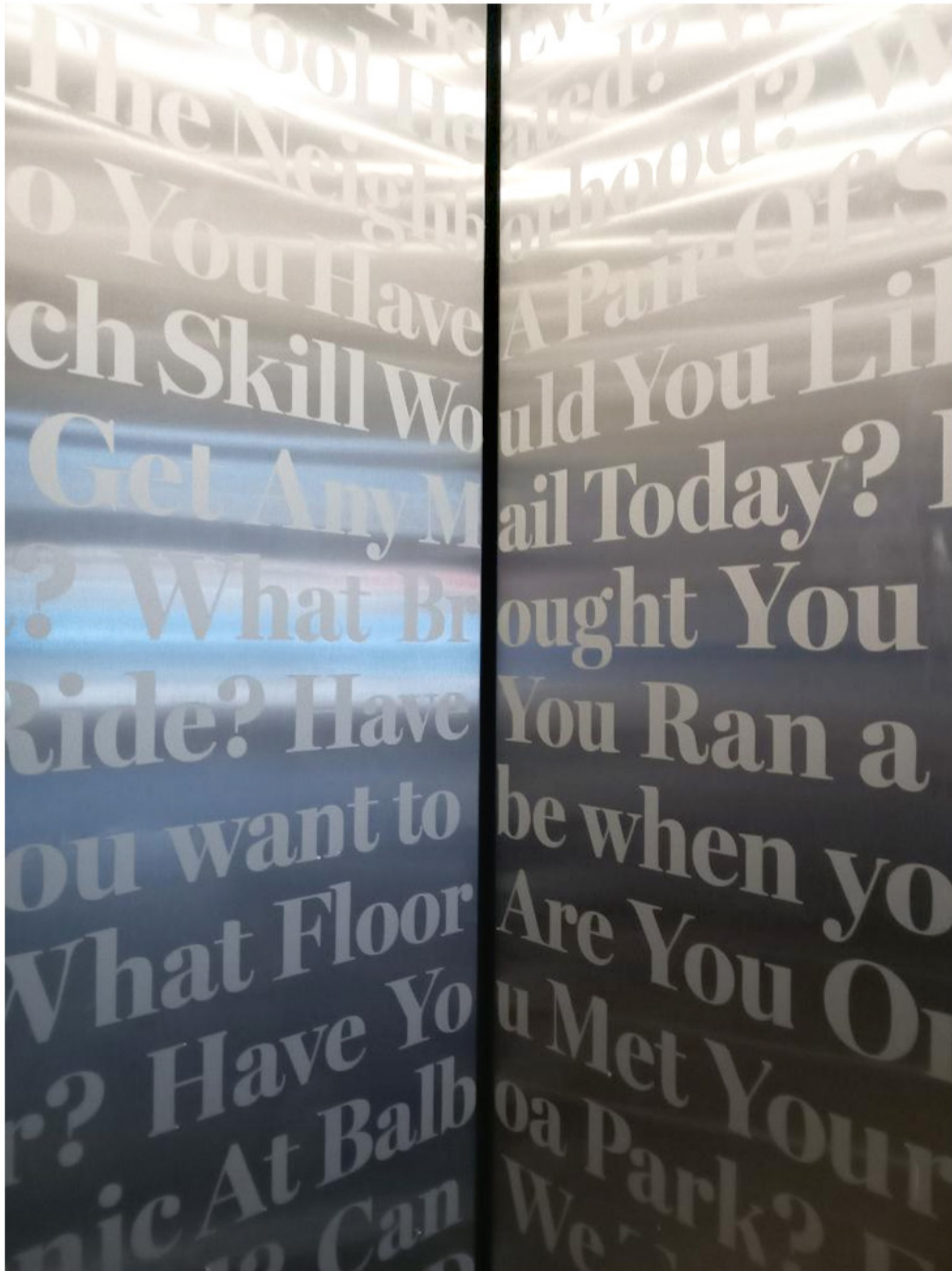
After she confronted a heavily armed Russian soldier she offered him sunflower seeds:

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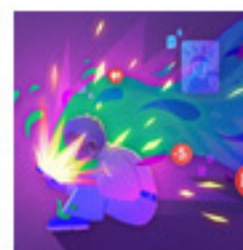


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## The dark side of the influencer industry

*Franke is a 41-year-old Mormon mother of six from Ivins, Utah. Though active across several social media platform, she's best known for her once-popular YouTube channel, "8 Passengers."*

### What is her family saying?

Shari Franke, the family's eldest daughter at age 20, has not replied to NPR's request for comment, but has been posting about her mother's arrest on her Instagram stories.

On Wednesday night, she shared a photo of officers at her childhood home and the caption "finally," according to several news outlets that caught the initial story, which disappears by design after 24 hours.

Shari later shared that she and her family were "so glad justice is being served" and had been "trying to tell the police and CPS for years about this." She also called for help collecting links to "questionable or concerning" videos featuring her mother and shared a link to a Google doc filled with public contributions.

Ruby Franke's three sisters, who are also family influencers, said in a joint post that the arrest "needed to happen."

"For the last 3 years we have kept quiet on the subject of our sister Ruby Franke for the sake of her children. Behind the public scene we have done everything we could to try and make sure the kids were safe," they wrote.

"The kids are now safe, which is the number one priority."



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**Dear Parents,  
You do not need to teach your children anything. Listen to them.  
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The most important thing that parents can do for their children is to listen to them and share their hearts. When we listen to our children, we are showing them that we value their thoughts and feelings. We are also creating a safe space for them to share their experiences, both good and bad. When we share our hearts with our children, we are showing them love, acceptance, and support. We are also teaching them how to be loving, accepting, and supportive people themselves.

Here are some specific ways that parents can listen to their children and share their hearts:

- Make time for your children every day. This means putting away your phone, turning off the TV, and giving them your full attention.
- Ask open-ended questions about their day. This will show them that you are interested in what they have to say.
- Listen without judgment. This means trying to understand their perspective, even if you don't agree with it.
- Validate their feelings. This means letting them know that their feelings are real and important.
- Share your own experiences. This will help them to feel connected to you and to learn from your mistakes.
- Be a role model for love and compassion. This means showing them how to treat others with kindness and respect.

Raising children is a challenging but rewarding experience. By listening to our children and sharing our hearts, we can help them to grow into happy, healthy, and successful adults.

With love,  
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**Maryville University of St. Louis** is a private university in Town and Country, Missouri. It was originally founded on April 6, 1872, by the Society of the Sacred Heart and offers more than 90 degrees at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels to students from 50 states and 47 countries. The school's name is derived from the shortening and altering of "Mary's Villa" when the school opened as an all women-school in the country outside of the order's original downtown St. Louis location in 1872 (an area that today is within the boundaries of the city of St. Louis). In 1961 it moved to suburban St. Louis and in 1968 began admitting men.[ Since 1972 the university has been governed by a board of trustees consisting mostly of members of the laity, although five of the trustees are always associated with the Society of the Sacred Heart.[4] The school's athletic nickname is now the Saints.

**The Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** (French: Religieuses du Sacré-Cœur de Jésus; Latin: Religiosae Sanctissimi Cordis Jesu), abbreviated RSCJ, is a Catholic centralized religious institute of consecrated life of Pontifical Right for women established in France by Madeleine Sophie Barat in 1800. Madeleine Sophie Barat founded the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the wake of the French Revolution to provide educational opportunities for girls. The manner of life was to be simple without the prescribed austerities of the older orders, which would be incompatible with the work of education. In some houses the religious conducted just one school, but in several places, especially in the larger houses in cities there were at least two schools, a boarding school and a school for poor children. The first convent was opened at Amiens in 1801. Other houses were opened in Grenoble, Niort, Poitiers and Cuigniers. In 1826 the society obtained the formal approbation of Pope Leo XII and the first cardinal protector was appointed. Barat remained superior general of the Society from 1806 until her death in 1865. The Society of the Sacred Heart quickly expanded within Europe and beyond.

### Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Latin: *Religiosae Sanctissimi Cordis Jesu*



<b>Abbreviation</b>	Post-nominal letters: <b>RSCJ</b>
<b>Formation</b>	November 21, 1800; 222 years ago
<b>Founder</b>	<a href="#">Madeleine Sophie Barat</a>
<b>Founded at</b>	<a href="#">Amiens France</a>
<b>Type</b>	Centralized Religious Institute of Consecrated Life of Pontifical Right for women







*Statue of St. Sophie Barat in St. Peter's Basilica*

### Founding of Society of the Sacred Heart

When Barat returned to Paris in 1800, she was introduced to Joseph Varin. He wanted to found a religious order of women devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and involved in the education of young women that would complement the work of the Fathers of the Faith. On 21 November 1800, at the age of 20, she abandoned her dream of becoming a Carmelite and, along with three other women living in the Paris safe-house, took her vows as one of the first members of this new religious congregation, marking the foundation of the Society of the Sacred Heart.[1] However, because the French authorities had prohibited devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the society was initially known as Dames de la Foi ("Ladies of the Faith") or de l'Instruction chrétienne ("...of Christian instruction") The first school was opened in Amiens in northern France in September 1801 and Sophie traveled to the provincial city in order to teach. She made her vows, 7 June 1802.[5] The new community and school grew quickly. A school giving classes to the poor of the town was opened. In December 1802, at the age of twenty-three, Sophie became Superior of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

**Madeleine Sophie Barat**, RSCJ, (12 December 1779 – 25 May 1865), was a French saint of the Catholic Church who founded the Society of the Sacred Heart, a worldwide religious institute of educators.

Barat was born on the night of 12 December 1779, in Joigny, France, next door to a house fire at a neighbor's home. The stress and the terror of the fire caused Sophie's mother, Madeleine Fouffé Barat (1740–1822), then pregnant with her third child, to go into labour. Born two months premature, Madeleine Sophie was considered so fragile that she was baptised early the next morning in Sainy Thibault Church, just a few yards from the Barat family home. Although her parents had arranged godparents in advance, there was no time to call them to the church and so at five o'clock on the morning of 13 December 1779, Louise-Sophie Cédor, a local woman on her way to early Mass, and Sophie's older brother, Louis, stood in as her godparents.


Barat was born into a financially-comfortable family whose ancestors had lived in Joigny for generations and were proud of their roots in the region. Her father, Jacques Barat (1742–1809), was a cooper and vine-grower. Both professions were respected trades, with centuries of French culture behind them. The Barats were Jansenist Catholics, which is said to have shaped Sophie's spirituality profoundly. She was always willing to help people in need and to pray for others.

Barat's older brother Louis was a serious boy and a brilliant student. Their parents encouraged his interest in studies and employed a tutor for him at home. Shortly after entering the Collège Saint-Jacques in Joigny at the age of nine, Louis decided to become a Catholic priest. In 1784, at the age of 16, Louis left Joigny to begin his studies for the priesthood at the seminary at Sens. Louis was ordained a deacon, but because he was too young to be ordained, he was obliged to return home until he was 21. Louis became a teacher of mathematics at his old school and decided to take on Sophie's education. He taught her Latin, Greek, history, natural science, Spanish, and Italian providing Sophie with an education that was rarely available to young women and girls at the time.

In 1789, Louis Barat became involved in the debate surrounding the pending Civil Constitution of the Clergy, which required all priests to swear allegiance to the new revolutionary state. Louis took the oath of loyalty in January 1791, but on learning that the pope had condemned the Constitution, he renounced his oath in May 1792. That renunciation had immediate consequences. Louis first tried to hide in his family's attic but soon fled to Paris, for the danger had become too great both for himself and his family. In Paris, he was arrested in May 1793, imprisoned there for two years and escaped the guillotine only through the brave intervention of a friend.

After her brother was released in 1795, he briefly returned home to Joigny. Louis then went back to Paris to seek ordination and exercise his ministry in secret. He brought sixteen-year-old Sophie with him to further her education.[3] After arriving in Paris, Sophie and Louis lived in a safe house belonging to one Madame Duval. Sophie worked as a seamstress and became an excellent embroidress. Louis continued to say Mass and teach Sophie the Fathers of the Church, mathematics, Latin, and the Scriptures. While living in Paris, at about the age of 18, Sophie decided to become a Carmelite nun.[2] That would be impossible, however, for the Carmelites had, along with many other religious communities, been abolished in 1790. For five years, she lived in Paris a life of prayer and study and taught catechism in secret to the children of The Marais quarter. In 1800, Sophie briefly returned home to help her family with the vine harvest.

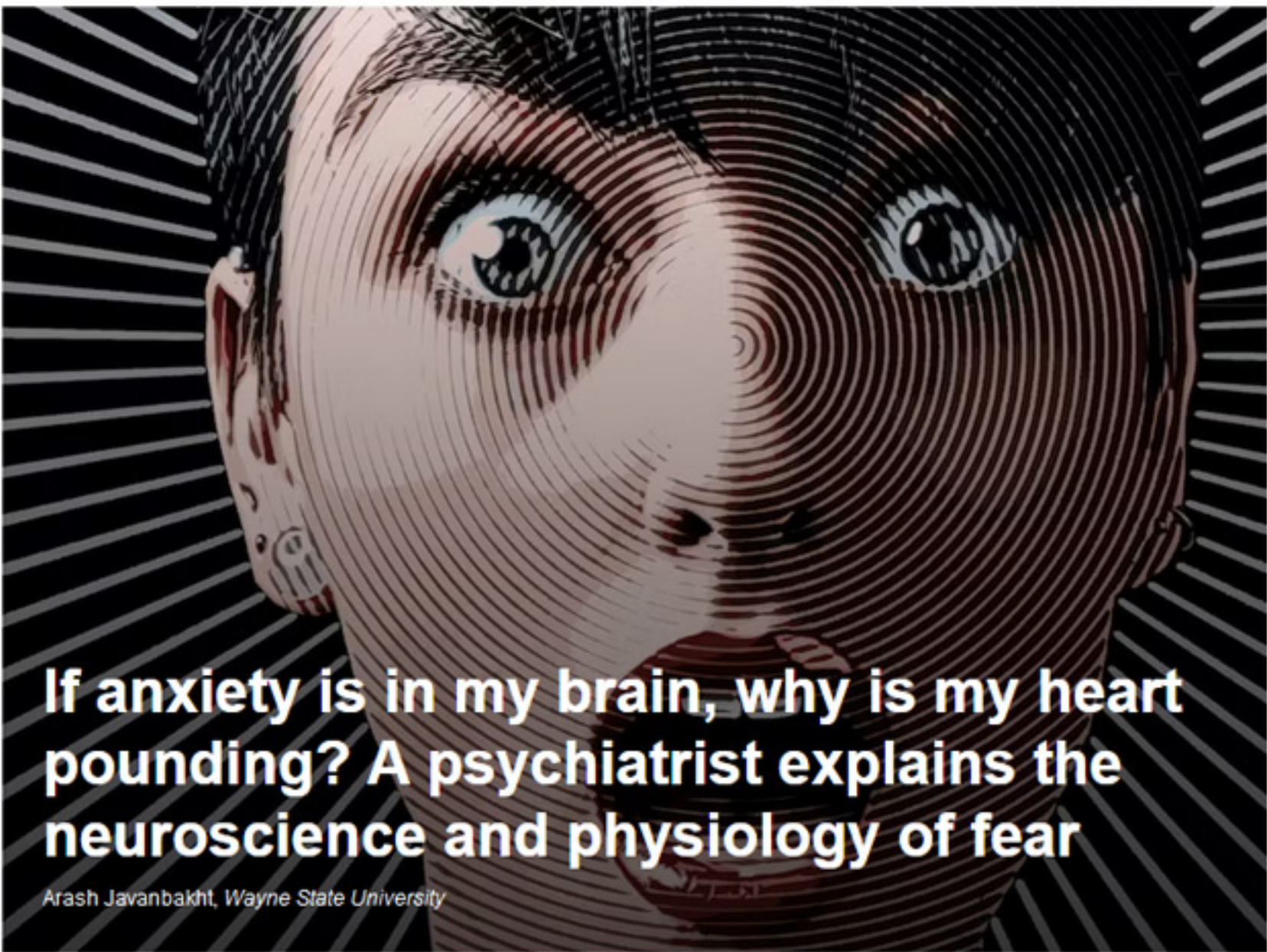




## Experts alone can't handle AI – social scientists explain why the public needs a seat at the table

Dietram A. Scheufele, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*; Dominique Brossard, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, and Todd Newman, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Decades of research show that most democratic societies struggle to hold nuanced debates about new technologies. These discussions need to be informed not only by the best available science but also the numerous ethical, regulatory and social considerations of their use. Difficult dilemmas posed by artificial intelligence are already emerging at a rate that overwhelms modern democracies' ability to collectively work through those problems. AI might not wipe out humanity anytime soon, but it is likely to increasingly disrupt life as we currently know it. Societies have a finite window of opportunity to find ways to engage in good-faith debates and collaboratively work toward meaningful AI regulation to make sure that these challenges do not overwhelm them.



## If anxiety is in my brain, why is my heart pounding? A psychiatrist explains the neuroscience and physiology of fear

Arash Javanbakht, *Wayne State University*

Heart in your throat. Butterflies in your stomach. Bad gut feeling. These are all phrases many people use to describe fear and anxiety. You have likely felt anxiety inside your chest or stomach, and your brain usually doesn't hurt when you're scared. Many cultures tie cowardice and bravery more to the heart or the guts than to the brain. But science has traditionally seen the brain as the birthplace and processing site of fear and anxiety. Then why and how do you feel these emotions in other parts of your body? I am a psychiatrist and neuroscientist who researches and treats fear and anxiety. In my book "Afraid," I explain how fear works in the brain and the body and what too much anxiety does to the body. Research confirms that while emotions do originate in your brain, it's your body that carries out the orders.

Although the feelings of fear and anxiety start in your brain, you also feel them in your body because your brain alters your bodily functions. Emotions take place in both your body and your brain, but you become aware of their existence with your brain. As the rapper Eminem recounted in his song "Lose Yourself," the reason his palms were sweaty, his knees weak and his arms heavy was because his brain was nervous.



## The impeachment trial of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is set to begin in the state Senate ▶

The Texas Senate is set to gavel in for the impeachment trial of state Attorney General Ken Paxton in a political reckoning that could lead to his permanent ouster.



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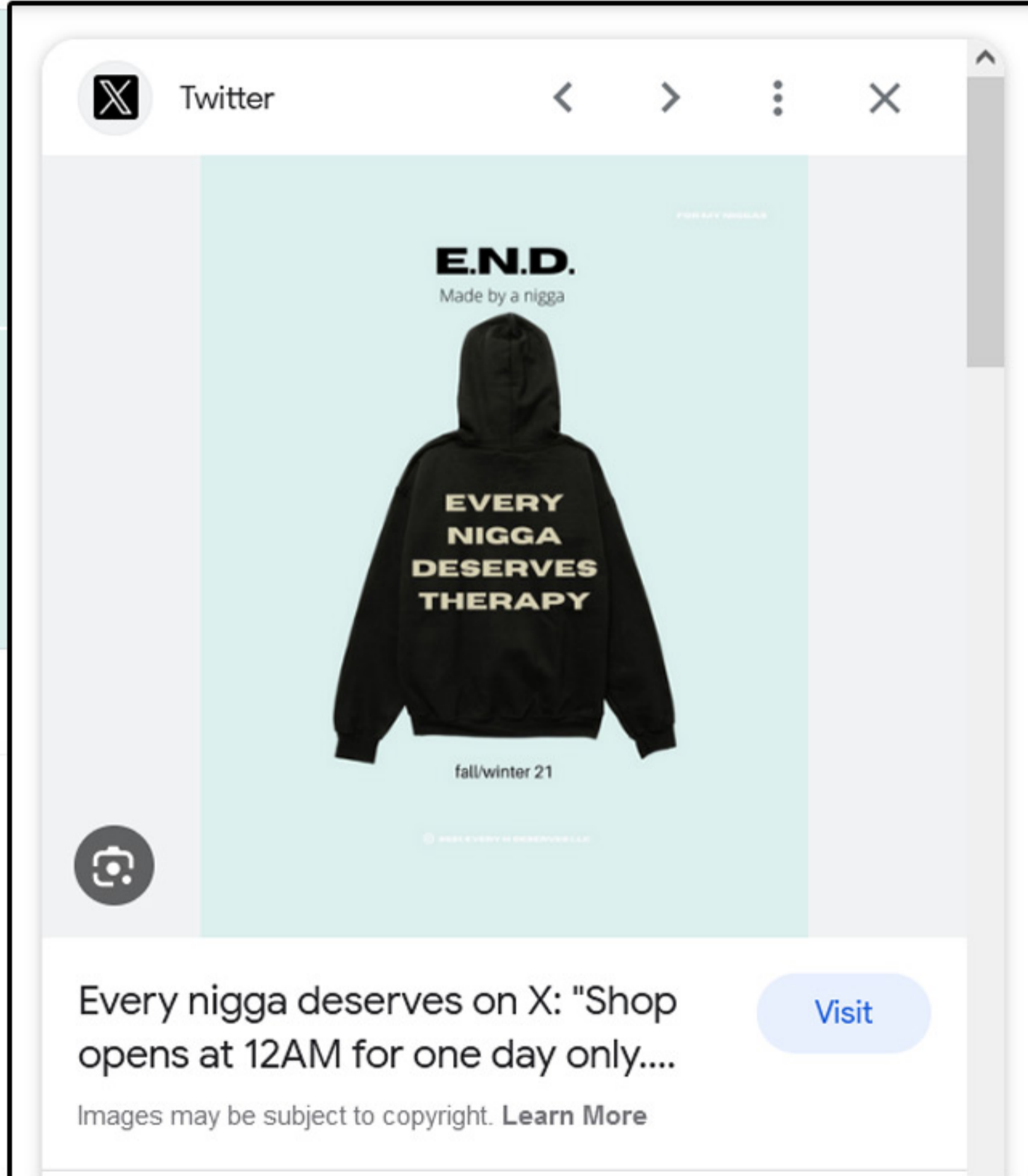


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# How Police Have Enforced San Diego's Camping Ban So Far

by [Lisa Halverstadt](#)

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A row of tents can be seen on 12th Avenue in downtown on July 31, 2023

Photo by Ariana Drehsler



Just over a month ago, San Diego police began enforcing a new homeless camping ban – and as of the end of August, they had yet to report a single arrest for the offense.

City spokeswoman Ashley Bailey said Friday that police wrote four misdemeanor citations and gave 85 warnings for camping ban violations between July 31 and Aug. 30.

By comparison, police data shows officers in the first five months of 2023 wrote an average of 139 citations a month using the city's longstanding encroachment law, which essentially bars blocking a sidewalk. They also made an average of 10 encroachment arrests a month.

Reminder: The new city law only allows police to crack down on people who are setting up makeshift structures – not simply for appearing to be homeless.

“The ordinance can only be enforced if certain criteria are met so every contact officers make may not qualify as enforcement of this ordinance,” Bailey said.

The ordinance bars camping on public property when shelter is available. Police can enforce the law even when there aren't open beds in so-called sensitive areas such as within two blocks of schools and homeless shelters, in certain parks and near transit hubs.

Where enforcement is happening: Police first began enforcing the new law in Balboa Park, where Mayor Todd Gloria said last week that parking rangers are reporting a “significant decrease in unsheltered activity.”

Bailey said police are now focused on parks and schools throughout the city.



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A forest-thinning project in Arizona leaves more open canopy and clearer ground. David McNew/Getty Images

## The US is spending billions to reduce forest fire risks – we mapped the hot spots where treatment offers the biggest payoff for people and climate

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### Wildfires are becoming more severe

Forests and fires have always been intertwined in the West. Fires in dry conifer forests like ponderosa pine historically occurred frequently, clearing out brush and small trees in the understory. As a result, fires had less fuel and tended to stay on the ground, doing less damage to the larger, older trees.

**That changed after European colonization of North America ushered in a legacy of fire suppression that wouldn't be questioned until the 1960s. In the absence of fire, dry conifer forests accumulated excess fuel that now allows wildfires to climb into the canopy.**

### Why treating forests is good for carbon, too

Forest thinning is like weeding a garden: It removes brush and small trees in dry conifer forests to leave behind space for the larger, older trees to continue growing. Repeatedly applying controlled burns maintains that openness and reduces fuels in the understory. Consequently, when a wildfire occurs in a thinned and burned area, flames are more likely to remain on the ground and out of the canopy.

Although forest thinning and controlled burning remove carbon in the short term, living trees are more likely to survive a subsequent wildfire. In the long term, that's a good outcome for carbon and climate. Living trees continue to absorb and store carbon from the atmosphere, as well as provide critical seeds and shade for seedlings to regenerate, grow and recover the carbon lost to fires.

Of course, forest thinning and controlled burning are not a silver bullet. Using the National Fire Protection Agency's Firewise program's advice and recommended materials will help people make their properties less vulnerable to wildfires. Allowing wildfires to burn under safe conditions can reduce future wildfire severity. And the world needs to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels to curb climate change impacts that increase the risk of wildfires becoming community disasters.



A firefighter sets a controlled burn to remove undergrowth that could fuel a fire.





Politicians all over the spectrum have long tried to appeal to religious voters. What about atheists, agnostics and nothing-in-particulars? Y.Gurevich/iStock via Getty Images Plus

## Not religious, not voting? The ‘nones’ are a powerful force in politics – but not yet a coalition

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Nearly 30% of Americans say they have no religious affiliation. Today the so-called “nones” represent about 30% of Democrats and 12% of Republicans – and they are making their voices heard. Organizations lobby on behalf of atheists, agnostics, secular humanists and other nonreligious people.

As more people leave religious institutions, or never join them in the first place, it’s easy to assume this demographic will command more influence. But as a sociologist who studies politics and religion, I wanted to know whether there was evidence that this religious change could actually make a strong political impact.

There are reasons to be skeptical of unaffiliated Americans’ power at the ballot box. Religious institutions have long been key for mobilizing voters, both on the left and the right. Religiously unaffiliated people tend to be younger, and younger people tend to vote less often. What’s more, exit polls from recent elections show the religiously unaffiliated may be a smaller percentage of voters than of the general population.

Most importantly, it’s hard to put the “unaffiliated” in a box. Only a third of them identify as atheists or agnostics. While there is a smaller core of secular activists, they tend to hold different views from the larger group of people who are religiously unaffiliated, such as being more concerned about the separation of church and state.

**2024 and beyond:** Concern about growing Christian nationalism, which advocates for fusing national identity and political power with Christian beliefs, has put a spotlight on religion’s role in right-wing advocacy. Yet religion does not line up neatly with one party. The political left also boasts a diverse coalition of religious groups, and there are many Republican voters for whom religion is not important. If the percentage of people without a religious affiliation continues to rise, both Republicans and Democrats will have to think more creatively and intentionally about how to appeal to these voters. My research shows that neither party can take the unaffiliated for granted nor treat them as a single, unified group. Instead, politicians and analysts will need to think more specifically about what motivates people to vote, and particularly what policies encourage voting among young adults. For example, some activist groups talk about “the secular values voter:” someone who is increasingly motivated to vote by concern about separation of church and state. I did find evidence that the average atheist or agnostic is about 30% more likely to turn out than the average religiously affiliated voter, lending some support to the secular values voter story. At the same time, that description does not fit all the “nones.” Instead of focusing on America’s declining religious affiliation, it may be more helpful to focus on the country’s increasing religious diversity, especially because many unaffiliated people still report having religious and spiritual beliefs and practices. Faith communities have historically been important sites for political organizing. Today, though, motivating and empowering voters might mean looking across a broader set of community institutions to find them.

**Rethinking assumptions:** There is good news in these findings for everyone, regardless of their political leanings. Social science theories from the 1990s and 2000s argued that leaving religion was part of a larger trend in declining civic engagement, like voting and volunteering, but that may not be the case. According to my research, it was actually unaffiliated respondents who reported still attending religious services who were least likely to vote. Their turnout rates were lower than both frequently attending religious affiliates and unaffiliated people who never attended. This finding matches up with previous research on religion, spirituality and other kinds of civic engagement. Sociologists Jacqui Frost and Penny Edgell, for example, found a similar pattern in volunteering among religiously unaffiliated respondents. In a previous study, sociologist Jaime Kucinkas and I found that spiritual practices like meditation and yoga were just as strongly associated with political behavior as religious practices like church attendance. Across these studies, it looks like disengagement from formal religion is not necessarily linked to political disengagement.

As the religious landscape changes, new potential voters may be ready to engage – if political leadership can enact policies that help them turn out, and inspire them to turn out, too.



# New state abortion numbers show increases in some surprising places

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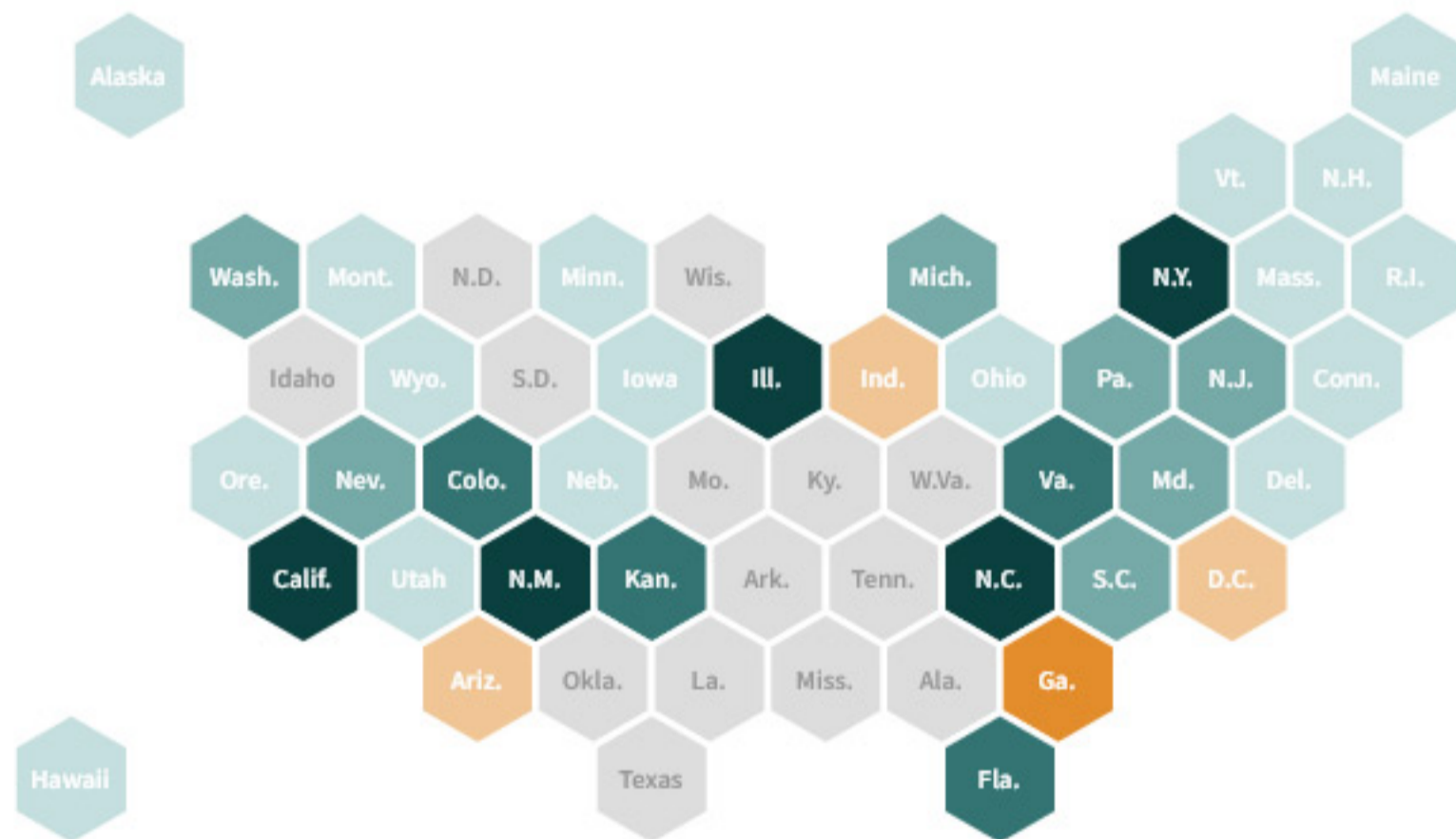
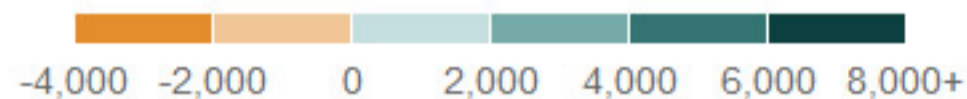
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## How the *Dobbs* decision changed the geography of abortion care

ESTIMATED CHANGE IN NUMBER OF ABORTIONS PERFORMED, 2020\* VS. JAN.-JUNE 2023



### Notes

\* Guttmacher's analysis divided 2020 abortion counts by two to represent a comparable six-month period.

— States shaded in gray had few or no abortions in 2023 due to state bans.

People seeking an abortion are "highly motivated" to travel if they can't get abortions where they live. That's one conclusion from a study from the Guttmacher Institute, a research and policy group that supports reproductive rights. Here's one striking finding: in Illinois, there were 18,300 more abortions in the first half of this year compared to 2020. "If you're interested in where people are going, then I think the numbers tell a big part of that story because it represents a lot of people traveling," says Isaac Maddow-Zimet, a data scientist at the Guttmacher Institute. **Illinois already provided a lot of abortions in the past, and the number increased by 69%.** "The percentage increase, I think, is also important because it does speak to the potential strain this puts on providers capacity to provide care," he says. **In New Mexico, there was a whopping 220% jump in the number of abortions.** Both New Mexico and Illinois have enacted laws to protect access to abortion. Their geography is another key factor. "What we're seeing is really big increases in states that border ban states," Maddow-Zimet says.

There were also small increases in states bordering ban states that have not positioned themselves as havens for access, including in Montana and Wyoming, which border the Dakotas. Ohio, which has its own ban on hold, also saw a slight increase. It borders Kentucky and West Virginia, which have no abortion access. States with abortion bans do allow an extremely small number of abortions, if they meet certain exceptions. This year in Texas, for instance, there have been four abortions on average each month — in 2020, that number was about 4,800 per month. (A lawsuit alleges that Texas's medical emergency exception is too narrow and prevents or delays care that's medically indicated.)

To estimate how the number of abortions has changed in each state, Guttmacher got data from a sample of providers every month and combined it with historical caseload data to create a model estimating abortion counts for January to June of this year. Then, for each state, researchers compared that estimate with the number of abortions provided in 2020, divided by two to represent a comparable six-month period.

One big caveat of this research is that it only measured abortions that happened in clinics, hospitals and doctor's offices, Maddow-Zimet says. "We do not attempt to measure counts of self-managed abortions, where somebody might be, for example, ordering pills from a pharmacy outside of the U.S., or obtaining them from a community network," he says. He also notes that not all of the changes can be traced directly to last year's Supreme Court decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*. "2020 was a long time ago and a lot has happened since then," he says. The COVID pandemic, and expanded telehealth, and a trend of increase in overall abortions that had already begun, all no doubt contributed to how state abortion numbers have changed to different degrees.

Guttmacher has put all of this data online, and they plan to keep updating it in nearly real time, Maddow-Zimet says. Soon they will publish data showing how new bans in Indiana and South Carolina, and a 12-week ban in North Carolina further change how people move around the country to access abortion.



# Here's why you shouldn't be surprised auto workers are asking for a 46% pay raise

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 Danielle Kaye



United Auto Workers members march while holding signs at a union rally held near a Stellantis factory Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, in Detroit.

**UPS part-time workers:** 48% average wage increase over five years  
Negotiated by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
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**Kaiser Permanente nurses in California:** 22.5% wage increase over four years  
Negotiated by the California Nurses Association  
Ratified on December 5, 2022

Jennifer Hancock, a part-time package sorter at UPS in Richmond, Virginia, said big pay raises are crucial to keep up with inflation. Referring to what she earned when she was first hired at UPS,

*"I got paid \$8 an hour in 1991,  
a part-timer now would need to make in the ballpark of \$25  
to have the same buying power."*

As a potential strike looms over the Detroit Three automakers, the United Auto Workers union is pushing for a substantial pay raise for its members: 46% over four years. It's a raise that Marcelina Pedraza, a Ford electrician in Chicago, thinks is long overdue. "Everything's going up — the cost of food, gas, mortgage interest rates," Pedraza said. "A lot of people haven't been able to have a safety net anymore."

UAW, which represents 150,000 workers at General Motors, Stellantis and Ford, is not alone in asking for big pay raises over the course of their contract. In recent months, workers across industries have fought for — and, in a handful of cases, won — around 50% wage increases over the next four to five years, as they call out years of stagnant wages and robust company profits. These bold union demands, bolstered by a tight labor market and frustration throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, are paying off in some sectors with raises that significantly exceed the expected rate of inflation. After months of contentious negotiations that led 340,000 UPS workers to the brink of a strike, the Teamsters union in July secured a 48% average total wage increase, over the course of the five-year contract, for existing part-time workers. Teamsters general president Sean O'Brien said the contract "sets a new standard in the labor movement."

In August, the Allied Pilots Association, which represents 15,000 American Airlines pilots, successfully pressured the airlines to increase pilots' pay by more than 46% over four years, with an immediate pay raise of more than 21%. Dennis Tajer, an American Airlines 737 pilot and spokesperson for the union, said the pay bump accounts for years of stagnant wages. The last time pilots got a raise, he said, was in 2019. "It's been a long time since there's been any financial gain," Tajer said. "This may be a four-year deal, but nothing's happened since January 2019 in pay."





Ayurveda is one form of traditional medicine that can integrate aromatherapy. It's popular in South Asia. Microgen Images/Science Photo Library

## Traditional medicine provides health care to many around the globe – the WHO is trying to make it safer and more standardized

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For approximately 80% of the world's population, the first stop after catching a cold or breaking a bone isn't the hospital — maybe because there isn't one nearby, or they can't afford it. Instead, the first step is consulting traditional medicine, which cultures around the world have been using for thousands of years. Traditional medicine encompasses the healing knowledge, skills and practices used by a variety of cultures and groups. Examples of traditional medicine include herbal medicine; acupuncture; Tui Na — which is a type of massage originating in China; Ayurveda — which is an ancient system of promoting health through diet, exercise and lifestyle from India; and Unani — which is another ancient system of health from South Asia, balancing key aspects of the mind, body and spirit. In recognizing that traditional medicine and other alternative forms of healing are critical sources of health care for many people worldwide, the World Health Organization and the government of India co-hosted their first-ever Traditional Medicine Summit. The summit took place in August 2023 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India.

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### Critical health care for many

In many countries, traditional medicine costs less and is more accessible than conventional health care. And many conventional medicines come from the same source as compounds used in traditional medicine — up to 50% of drugs have a natural product root, like aspirin.

Many factors may influence whether someone chooses traditional medicine, such as age and gender, religion, education and income level, and distance to travel for treatment. Cultural factors may also influence people's use of traditional medicine.

In China, for example, as more people have embraced Western culture, fewer have chosen traditional medicine. In contrast, many African migrants to Australia continue to use traditional medicine to express their cultural identity and maintain a cohesive ethnic community. A patient's preference for traditional medicine often has significant personal, environmental and cultural relevance.

### A framework for traditional medicine

Countries have been pushing the WHO to study and track data on traditional medicine for years. In the past, WHO has developed a "traditional medicine strategy" to help member states research, integrate and regulate traditional medicine in their national health systems.

The WHO also created international terminology standards for practicing various forms of traditional medicine.

The practice of traditional medicine varies greatly between countries, depending on how accessible it is and how culturally important it is in each country. To make traditional medicine safer and more accessible on a broader scale, it's important for policymakers and public health experts to develop standards and share best practices. The WHO summit was one step toward that goal.

The WHO also aims to collect data that could inform these standards and best practices. It is conducting the Global Survey on Traditional Medicine in 2023. As of August, approximately 55 member states out of the total 194 have completed and submitted their data.



SPORTS

# In 'brutal' US Open heat, Daniil Medvedev warns during his win that a player is 'gonna die'



1 of 16 | Daniil Medvedev, of Russia, reacts during a match against Andrey Rublev, of Russia, during the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, in New York. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

NEW YORK (AP) — Soaked with sweat as the temperature neared 95 degrees Fahrenheit (35 Celsius) on the hottest day at this year's U.S. Open, 2021 champion Daniil Medvedev walked slowly to towel off between points of his victory Wednesday, looked into a court-side camera and issued what sounded like a mix between a warning and a plea.

"You cannot imagine," he said. "One player (is) gonna die, and they're gonna see."

"The only thing that is a little bit, let's call it dangerous, is that the question is: How far could we go?" Medvedev, a 27-year-old Russian seeded No. 3, said after eliminating Andrey Rublev 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to reach the semifinals at Flushing Meadows for the fourth time.

"I'm not sure what can we do. Because probably we cannot stop the tournament for four days — because it's been, what, three, four days it's been brutal like this? — because then it basically ruins everything: the TV, even the tickets, everything. It ruins everything," said Medvedev, who said he needed an ice bath and something to eat after leaving the court. "So I don't think this could be done."

Medvedev won nine of his 15 return games against Rublev, who is now 0-9 in major quarterfinals.

Now Medvedev gets some time to try to recover.



BY HOWARD FENDRICH

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# The US keeps deporting people to a country that it says is too dangerous for travel

By [Rosa Flores](#) and [Sara Weisfeldt](#), CNN

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Haitian migrants walk past a razor wire fence deployed to inhibit the crossing of migrants into the United States, as seen from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico July 28, 2023.

The Biden administration launched a parole program in January that allowed 30,000 people from Haiti, Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba who pass vetting and had a US based financial supporter to enter the US legally every month. Haitians are the top nationality taking advantage of the program. Of the 181,000 people who have arrived legally from January to July, Haitians make up more than one third (over 60,000) of beneficiaries, CBP data shows.

Panamanian government data shows that since the beginning of the year, the number of Haitians transiting through the dangerous jungle between Panama and Colombia, known as the Darien Gap, has significantly dropped. This year Haitians have also become the top nationality seeking asylum in Mexico.

But many continue to take dangerous risks to reach US shores. From October 2022 to July 2023, more than 5,000 Haitians were interdicted at sea by the US Coast Guard.

**(CNN)** — The Biden administration has taken mixed positions on its policies involving Haiti – with one federal agency warning that the Caribbean country is too dangerous for US citizens, while another agency deports Haitians back to the violence-torn country.

Violence in Haiti during the second quarter of 2023 jumped almost 14% when compared to the previous quarter, according to a United Nations report released Thursday.

On August 30, [the US Embassy in Haiti](#) urged American citizens to leave the country due to the “current security situation.” The next day, [US Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\)](#) deported an undisclosed number of individuals to Haiti.

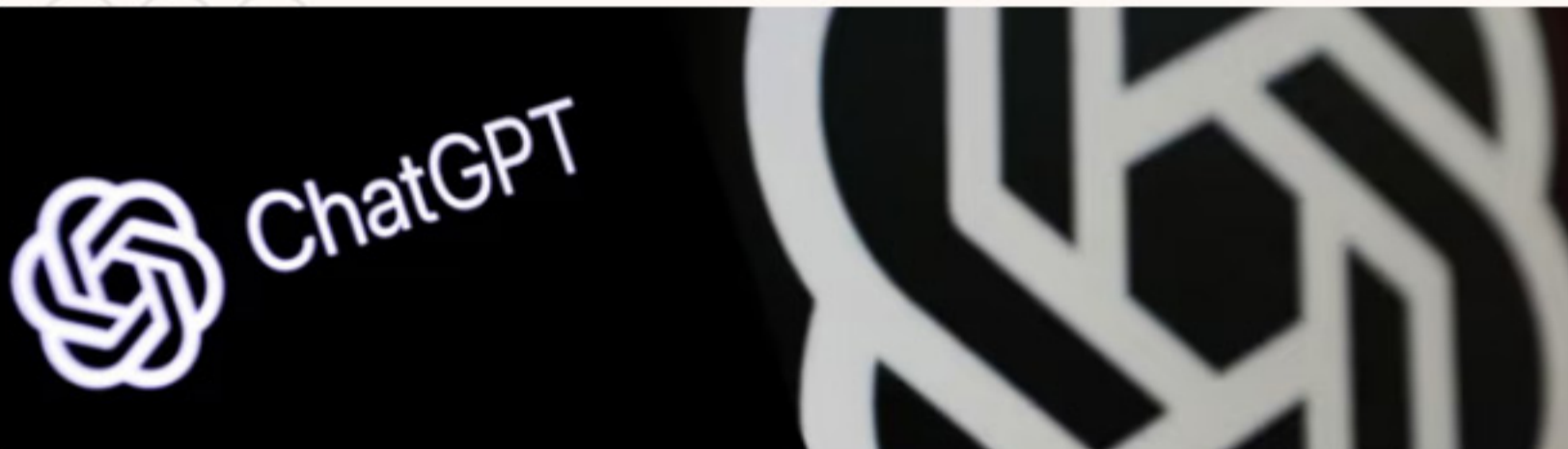
With Haiti’s capital Port-au-Prince largely controlled by gangs infamous for kidnapping and murder, experts warn that the deportations could amount to death sentences.



# ChatGPT can't be trusted. The Guardian is right to block its web crawler

**Jeanne Warren, Dr Theo Stickley** and **Owen Fraser** on the artificial intelligence chatbot and the decision to stop its owner OpenAI trawling Guardian content

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*'ChatGPT was flattering with regard to my contribution to society, but I sincerely hope my family do not use it to write my obituary when the time (eventually) comes,' writes Dr Theo Stickley.*

**ChatGPT cannot be trusted.** To test the accuracy of the tool, I thought I would conduct my own research using the data upon which I am the world's expert: my own life and work. Results include: I was born and raised in Nottingham (I wasn't), I studied for a bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Nottingham (I didn't), my PhD was in nursing (it wasn't) and finally I tragically passed away in 2019 (Oops! NB retirement is not a euphemism for dying).

ChatGPT was flattering with regard to my contribution to society, but I sincerely hope my family do not use it to write my obituary when the time (eventually) comes.

Dr Theo Stickley  
Nottingham

**AI is a passing fad** – we will be looking at these nonsense predictions about it becoming the next big thing and laughing about what a wild time the early 2020s were once the pandemic cleared off. Most Facebook users I've spoken to recognise on some level what a toxic platform it is – I doubt that they would want to uniformly hand that power to anything else again for fear of it being even worse. Congratulations on blocking AI scrapers from your website.

Owen Fraser  
Aberdeen

# The Guardian's block on ChatGPT using its content is bad news

**Praveen Naidoo** says there is need for a wider debate; **Paul Sawbridge** and **Ian Watson** believe the information fed to AI should not just come from the rightwing press

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Mixing Guardian content into the training material for ChatGPT (Letters, 4 September) would be like putting some healthy food into a poisonous batch of baby food in the hope that it will become safe to eat. The only solution is to get rid of the poison. In practice, this may spell the end of ChatGPT as a serious intellectual tool, since poisonous content is impossible to exclude from its training material. ChatGPT may be an unstoppable force, but maybe not. Let's keep a clear head about it. There are many other uses of AI which have clear benefit.

Jeanne Warren  
Garsington, Oxfordshire

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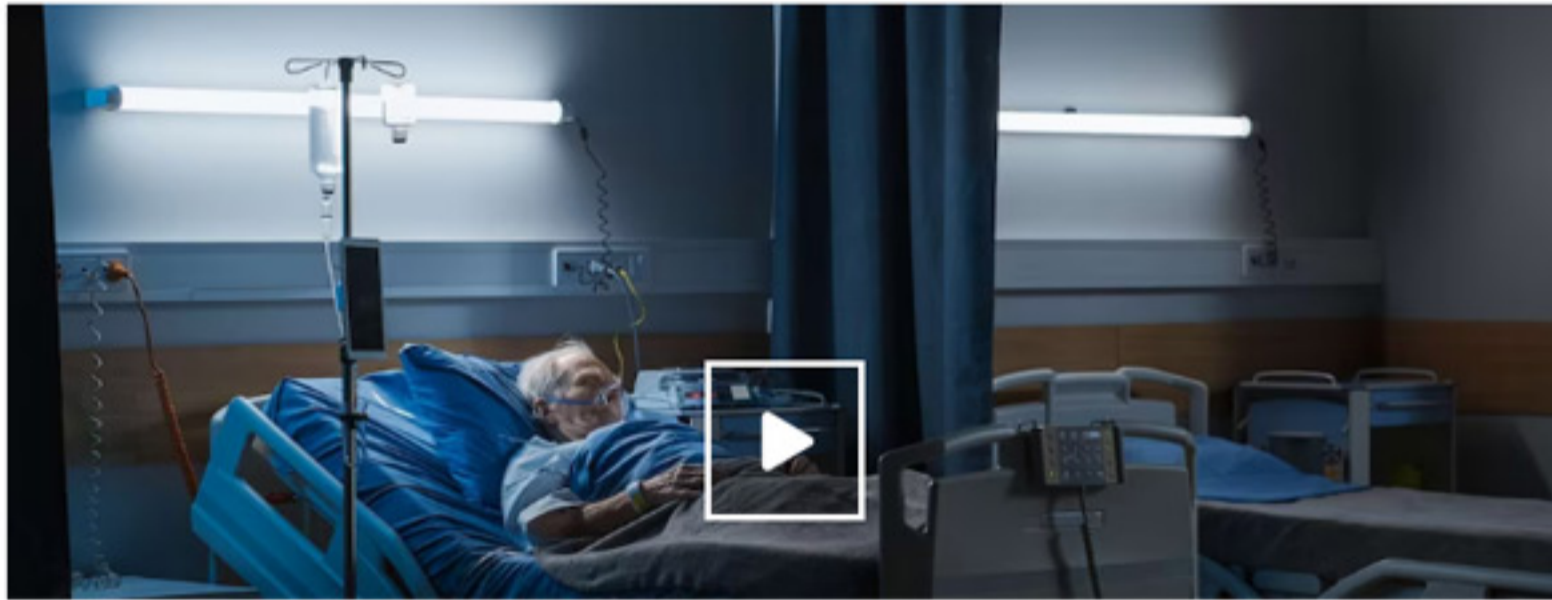


# COVID hospitalizations increase for 7th consecutive week but new boosters could help

New data shows the boosters protect against variants, including BA.2.86

By [Yuri Benadjaoud](#) and [Mary Kekatos](#)

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COVID-19 hospitalizations are continuing to rise in the United States but there is hope that the uptick could be stemmed with the new boosters.

Hospitalizations increased 15.7% for the week ending Aug. 26 from 15,050 to 17,418, according to data updated Monday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

These are similar to levels seen in late March of this year and it marks the seventh consecutive week that hospitalizations have increased.

MORE: Biden tests negative for COVID, will wear mask when close to others, White House says

However, hospitalizations remain relatively low compared to other points during the pandemic. During the peak of omicron, the week of Jan. 15, 2022, there were 150,674 hospitalizations.

Additionally, during the same week over the past three years, weekly hospitalizations have sat at 28,209 in 2020, 85,785 in 2021 and 36,922 in 2022.

What's more, the overwhelming majority of U.S. are reporting fewer than 10 new COVID hospital admissions per 100,000 people.

Dr. Cameron Wolfe, a professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at Duke University School of Medicine, said there has been an uptick at his hospital -- 50 to 60 COVID patients compared to 20 to 30 earlier in the summer -- but there are fewer people who are in the intensive care unit compared to years prior. "So, I think whilst the numbers have gone up, the intensity is not quite there like it had been in the past," he told ABC News. "We'll see what that looks like in a couple of weeks, but I don't see anything here that points to sort of an imminent or dramatic increase." Wolfe added that if the trend reflects previous years, there will be a dip before another spike comes in December and January.

There may be hope that a potential winter wave will not be so severe due to the upcoming COVID booster, which is expected to be available as early as next week. Recent data has indicated the shot could offer additional protection against currently circulating variants, most of which are related to XBB -- which is an offshoot of omicron -- and even the newer subvariant BA.2.86.

**The updated COVID vaccine booster generated a nearly nine-fold increase in antibodies against BA.2.86**, according to early results in a Moderna press release published Wednesday. Pfizer told ABC News that "a recent preclinical study showed that our updated monovalent XBB 1.5 vaccine elicited a strong neutralizing antibody response against a number of Omicron variants, including EG.5.1 and BA.2.86."

It's a good sign considering the CDC recently warned the new variant "may be more capable of causing infection in people who have previously had COVID-19 or who have received COVID-19 vaccines." Previous results from Moderna indicated the new booster offered additional protection against the subvariants EG.5 and FL.1.5.1, which are currently dominating in the U.S. and make up an estimated 36% of new cases, according to CDC data.

"This sort of release of a new booster in late September is actually really well timed because it gives people a good chance to get it ahead of what I would expect will be a wave coming again in January or February," Wolfe said. "I see no reason to think that that won't be here. It's been there for the last three winters."

He added, "If we've had the chance to kind of jack up at-risk patients' protection ahead of that, then that just seems perfectly logical."



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**For Suleyman, the only powers realistically capable of acting to contain AI are states, and despite the gallows humour, he's deeply worried about how fragile they are becoming.**

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### Books interview

## 'I hope I'm wrong': the co-founder of DeepMind on how AI threatens to reshape life as we know it

*David Shariatmadari*

**From synthetic organisms to killer drones, Mustafa Suleyman talks about the mind-blowing potential of artificial intelligence, and how we can still avoid catastrophe**



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Halfway through my interview with the co-founder of DeepMind, the most advanced AI research outfit in the world, I mention that I asked ChatGPT to come up with some questions for him. Mustafa Suleyman is mock-annoyed, because he's currently developing his own chatbot, called Pi, and says I should have used that. But it was ChatGPT that became the poster child for the new age of artificial intelligence earlier this year, when it showed it could do everything from compose poetry about Love Island in the style of John Donne to devise an itinerary for a minibreak in Lisbon.

The trick hadn't really worked, or so I thought – ChatGPT's questions were mostly generic talking points. I'd asked it to try a bit harder. "Certainly, let's dive into more specific and original questions that can elicit surprising answers from Mustafa Suleyman," it had trilled. The results still weren't up to much. Even so, I chuck one at him as he sits in the offices of his startup in Palo Alto on the other end of a video call (he left DeepMind in 2019). "How do you envision AI's role in supporting mental health care in the future," I ask – and suddenly, weirdly, I feel as if I've got right to the heart of why he does what he does. "I think that what we haven't really come to grips with is the impact of ... family. Because no matter how rich or poor you are, or which ethnic background you come from, or what your gender is, a kind and supportive family is a huge turbo charge," he says. "And I think we're at a moment with the development of AI where we have ways to provide support, encouragement, affirmation, coaching and advice. We've basically taken emotional intelligence and distilled it. And I think that is going to unlock the creativity of millions and millions of people for whom that wasn't available." It's not what I was expecting – AI as BFF – but it's all the more startling because of what Suleyman has already told me about his background. Born in 1984 in north London to a Syrian father and English mother, he grew up in relative poverty and then, when he was 16, his parents separated and both moved abroad, leaving him and his little brother to fend for themselves. He later won a place at Oxford to study philosophy and theology, but dropped out after a year. "I was frustrated with it being very theoretical. I was an entrepreneur at heart. I was running a fruit juice and milkshake stall in Camden Town while I was at Oxford. So I was coming back through the summer to make money because I was completely skint. And I was also doing the charity at the same time. So it was kind of three things simultaneously. And it just felt like I was doing this ivory tower thing when really I could be making money and doing good."

**Organisms will soon be designed and produced with the precision and scale of today's computer chips**

The most extraordinary scenarios in the book come from the realm of biotech, which is already undergoing its own transformation thanks to breakthroughs such as Crispr, the gene-editing technology. Here, AI will act as a potent accelerant. Manufactured products, Suleyman tells us, could one day be "grown" from synthetic biological materials rather than assembled, using carbon sucked out of the atmosphere. Not only that, but "organisms will soon be designed and produced with the precision and scale of today's computer chips and software". If this sounds fanciful, it's just a bit further along a trajectory we've already embarked on. He points out that companies such as The Odin are already selling home genetic engineering kits including live frogs and crickets for \$1,999 (£1,550). You can even buy a salamander bioengineered to express a fluorescent protein for \$299 – though when I visit the website, they're out of stock.



A protein is a naturally occurring, extremely complex substance that consists of amino acid residues joined by peptide bonds. Proteins are present in all living organisms and include many essential biological compounds such as enzymes, hormones, and antibodies. Aug 1, 2023



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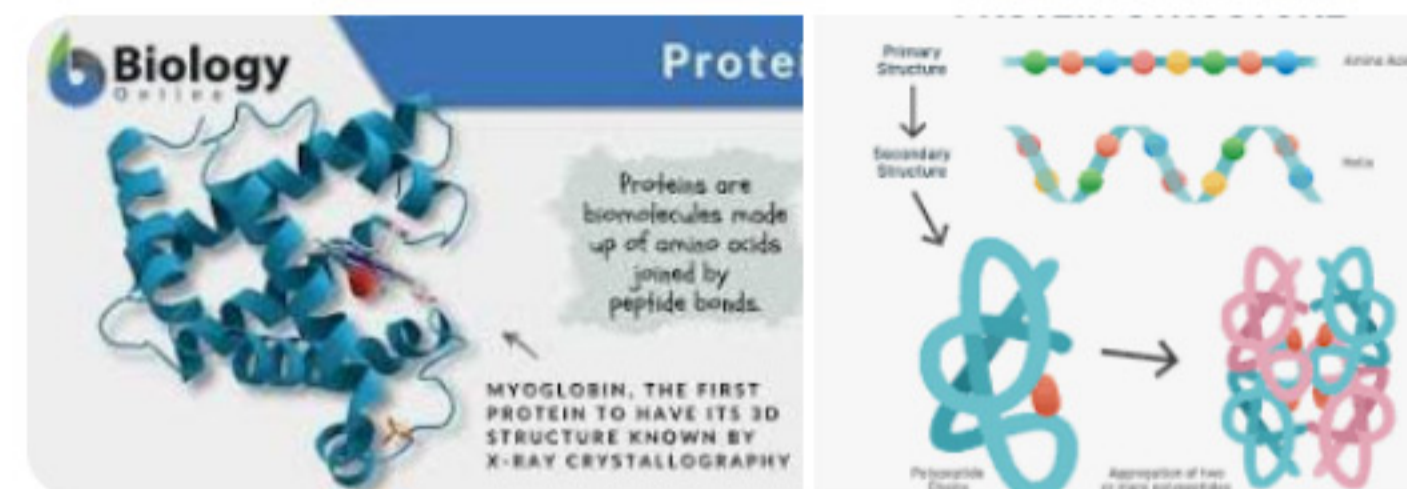


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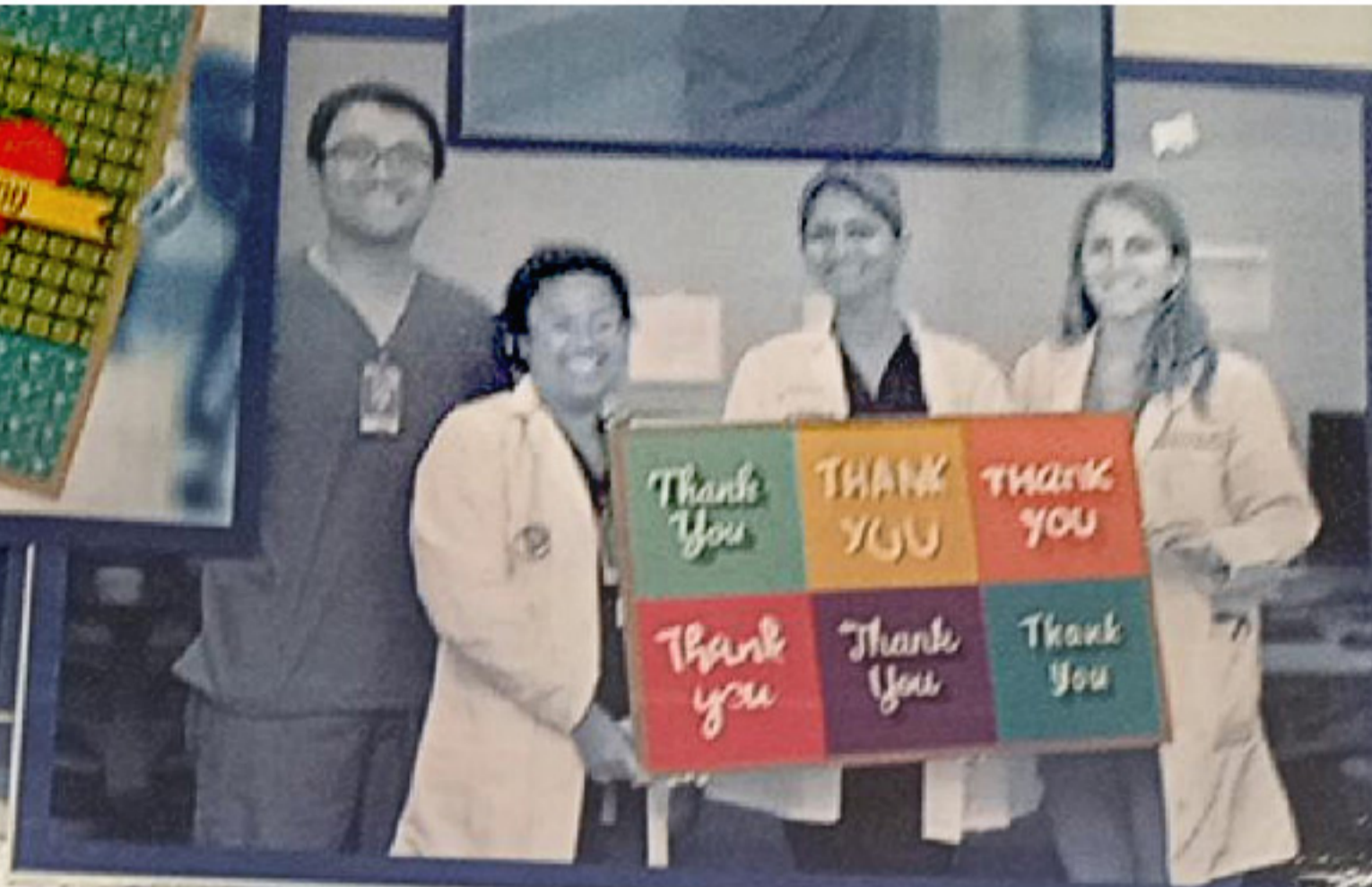
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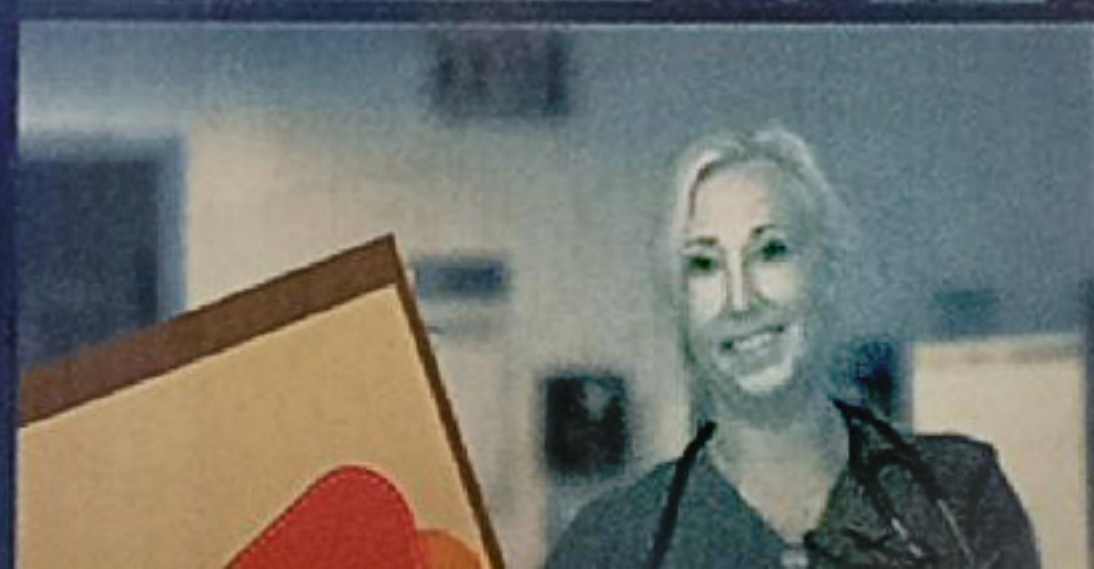


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# How a Riverbed Cleaning Project Began Helping Those Living There

When scientists started collecting data about the San Diego River's cleanliness, they found something they didn't expect: people.

by Kathryn Gray September 6, 2023



Claudia Alvarez, 33 in front of her tent in Mission Valley's riverbed on Aug. 22 2023. Alvarez has been homeless since she was 17 years old. / Photo by Ariana

**Claudia Alvarez has been homeless on and off for 16 years.** In late August, she told two women who discovered her tent among the brush of the San Diego River that she was ready to give up. With heavy lids surrounding her bright hazel eyes, she shared stories of being humiliated, like when someone threw a drink at her for being homeless. This wasn't always the case, she said, families used to visit the area with food. "Now they look at us like we're crazy," she said. "Like we're some type of vermin." Alvarez, 33, spoke about her desire to have a home, a job and to one day see her kids again. She just had no idea how to get there and was ready to give up on living, she told the women. They listened to Alvarez and encouraged her to meet with the social worker they called. The women are scientists who have worked for years to preserve the ecological health of the river. Sarah Hutmacher is the Chief Operating Officer of the San Diego River Park Foundation and Rachel Downing is a program manager for the Foundation's Clean River Team.

As San Diego's homeless population has grown, and increasingly inhabited the San Diego River area, their organization has taken on a new role: helping the communities that exist in the river. When the Foundation's Clean River Team started collecting data in 2018 and 2019 along the San Diego River, they were looking for trash. In the team's quest to clean up, they made an unexpected finding. "In that process, we came across a lot of people experiencing homelessness as well and a lot of times we were around encampments," Hutmacher said. "A lot of times we had to walk through camps. We knew a lot of the people that lived here." The partnership with the county was born from an idea Hutmacher had to use data collected by the Foundation's Clean River Team to help outreach workers better navigate the river. The San Diego River Park Foundation partners with San Diego County and works closely with the nonprofit People Assisting the Homeless, also known as PATH, to do that work.

On Aug. 22, I joined Downing and Hutmacher as they visited the river to assess the aftermath of Tropical Storm Hilary. In the river, it's easy to forget that it's in the middle of the city, the roar from Interstate-805 became background noise. Residents living in encampments shouted out "hi Miss Sarah" and "hi Miss Rachel." Almost everyone we encountered knew Hutmacher and Downing by name. Downing went up to two tents and called out that she was there from the Foundation with snacks and socks. No one answered. Downing tried again. Suddenly, we heard the sounds of dead branches crunched underfoot and a soft voice saying hello from a patch of brush. Out came a young woman in sweatpants, a T-shirt and plastic sandals. It was Alvarez. Alvarez explained she had trouble trusting others who weren't living on the streets and people trying to help her had always let her down. Despite that, she was receptive to Downing and Hutmacher. She agreed to meet with the social worker. After hours of mapping the riverbank, collecting data points, and checking in with residents, the team headed toward Mission Valley to get PATH outreach worker Kendall Burdett up to speed on Alvarez's condition and location. Burdett went down to meet Alvarez.

The partnership with the county to help address homelessness was not what Hutmacher envisioned for herself when she studied environmental policy in college but her work along the San Diego River has changed that. "Working with PATH as somebody with a very strict science background has made me a lot more empathetic and compassionate," Hutmacher said. "It's made me a lot more comfortable. Two years ago, you would never see me walking into an encampment to be like, hey, everybody, how's it going?" Experts on the river, Downing and Hutmacher know the beauty and dangers that exist there including plants, animals, toxic materials and changing water conditions. Now they also know the residents. Riverbed resident Justin Taylor told Hutmacher one of the ways he prepared for the storm was digging canals to help water flow away from the camp. He still got wet but said not as much as he had in previous storms. The Foundation duo also asked about residents' needs and told them that Burdett was coming to the riverbed to check in. An hour later, Burdett reported that Alvarez was in a shelter and being connected to resources. **The connection between Alvarez and Burdett may not have happened without the San Diego River Park Foundation's presence that day.** Alvarez's story isn't the only one like it. Hutmacher and Downing said they have learned a lot working with Burdett and PATH about how to approach people, help with basic needs and connect them with resources. Burdett has seen the direct impact of how partnering with the San Diego River Park Foundation has helped him and his clients. He said some describe Hutmacher and Downing as their guardian angels. "I hear this often and it is also how we feel about them," Burdett said.





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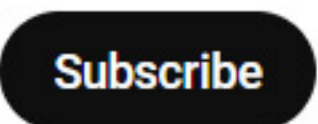
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In 2000, the largest sewer spill in California’s history dumped 34 million gallons of untreated sewage into the San Diego River. This spill ran for almost a week, while few people noticed or cared. Out of this tragedy, a group of concerned citizens formed the San Diego River Park Foundation on July 18, 2001.

Since this tragedy, the San Diego River Park Foundation has worked with the community to change San Diego’s relationship to its namesake waterway. We remain a local, grassroots non-profit organization and we rely on donations, support from the community, and public and private grants for our work creating the San Diego River Park, connecting people to the River, and conserving local resources.

We are not a foundation built upon an endowment or other source of funding. We are a foundation in name because we are built on a foundation of people that have come together to create the San Diego River Park system from the mountains to the ocean. We are working to achieve this goal by partnering with government agencies such as the San Diego River Conservancy, business and civic leaders, and a wide range of public organizations. By promoting stewardship of the River, facilitating a better understanding of the River’s natural systems, and creating appropriate access to this incredible historic resource, the San Diego River Park Foundation is endeavoring to enhance the quality of life in San Diego.

We are dedicated to making the project a truly treasured regional asset that is valued by all members of our community. We welcome and encourage everyone who is interested to join us in this effort.

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Carolyn felt like it was a shot in the dark when she emailed San Diego River Park Foundation about if they’ve ever seen her homeless son before, since she hadn’t seen him in months. After sending a photo of her and her son, Carolyn got a response saying our team had seen her son and knew where he was staying within the riverbed.

Watch more about this unexpected reunion to discover how SDRPF goes beyond river cleanups and reconnects families.





**Dragon fruit** is a tropical fruit that's low in calories and high in fiber and antioxidants. Some people say it tastes like a cross between a pear and a kiwi. You can slice and eat the fruit as-is, try it with yogurt, or add it to a smoothie or salad. > <https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/dragon-fruit>

*My neighbor' Dragon fruit . . . Selenicereus Monacanthus??*

A **Pitaya** (/pɪˈtɑɪ.ə/) or pitahaya (/ˌpɪtəˈhaɪ.ə/) is the fruit of **several different cactus species indigenous to the region of southern Mexico and along the Pacific coasts of Guatemala, Costa Rica, and El Salvador**. Pitaya is cultivated in East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the United States, the Caribbean, Australia, and throughout tropical and subtropical regions of the world. Pitaya usually refers to fruit of the genus *Stenocereus*, while pitahaya or dragon fruit refers to fruit of the genus *Selenicereus* (formerly *Hylocereus*), both in the family Cactaceae. The common name in English – dragon fruit – derives from the leather-like skin and scaly spikes on the fruit exterior. Depending on the variety, pitaya fruits may have sweet- or sour-tasting flesh that can be red, white, or yellow in color. > <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pitaya>



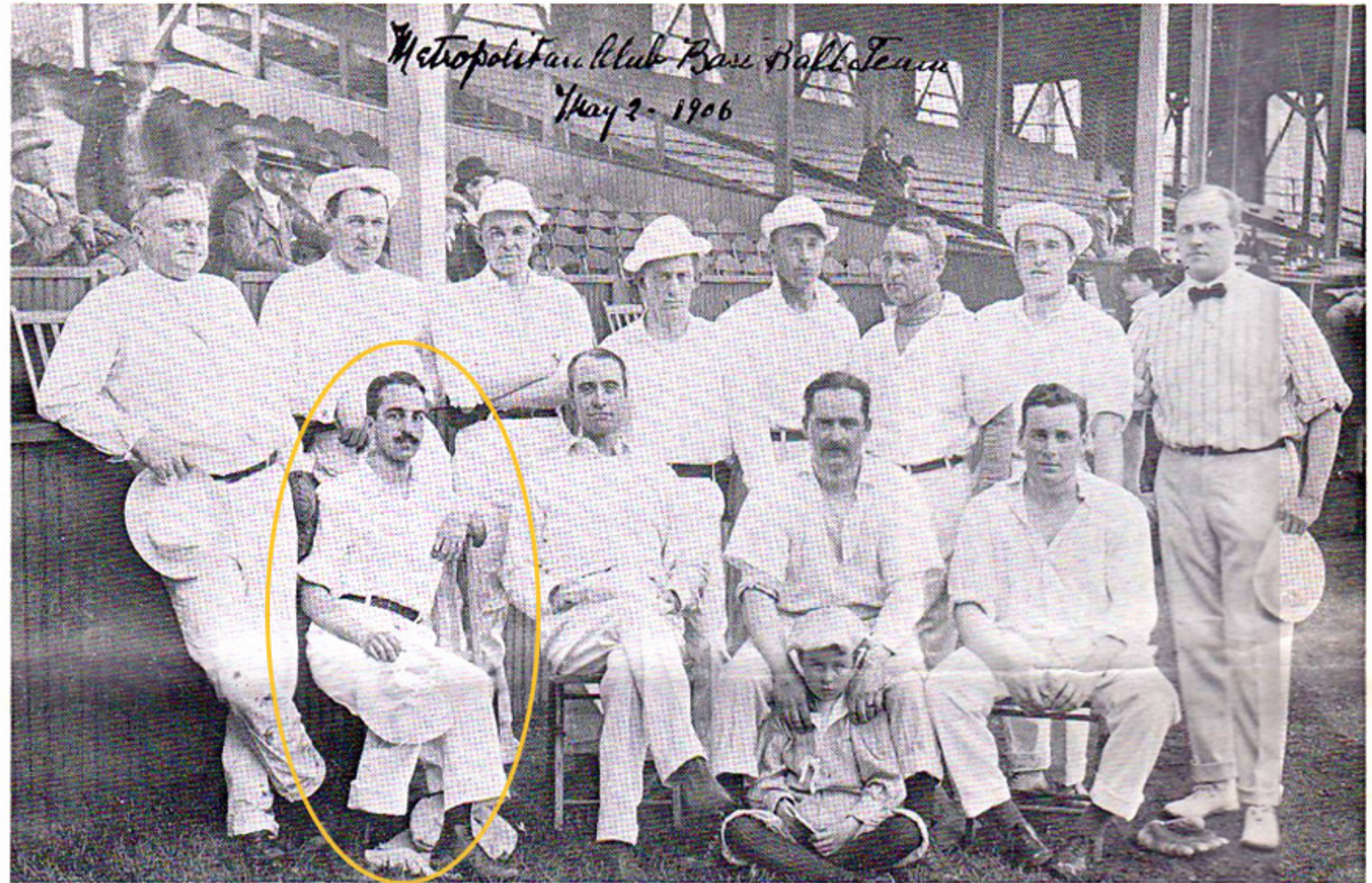


## Metropolitan and Century Clubs Play Benefit Game

*The Evening Star, May 3, 1906*

Forty-five runs, forty hits, thirty-four alleged assists and twenty-five errors of which note was taken were the aggregate grand totals in a "game of base ball" played on the American League grounds yesterday afternoon between teams representing the Century and Metropolitan clubs. The game was in aid of the earthquake sufferers of San Francisco, and society was out in force. After some three or four hours of struggling the Century "seventeen" won.

The Marine Band occupied one corner of the grandstand, and when the leader was not engaged in dodging foul tips the bleacherites were entertained with melodies and melodies rare. One unkind person, who was reported to be a regular attendant at the professional games whenever he can capture a pass, was roundly scored by the program ven-



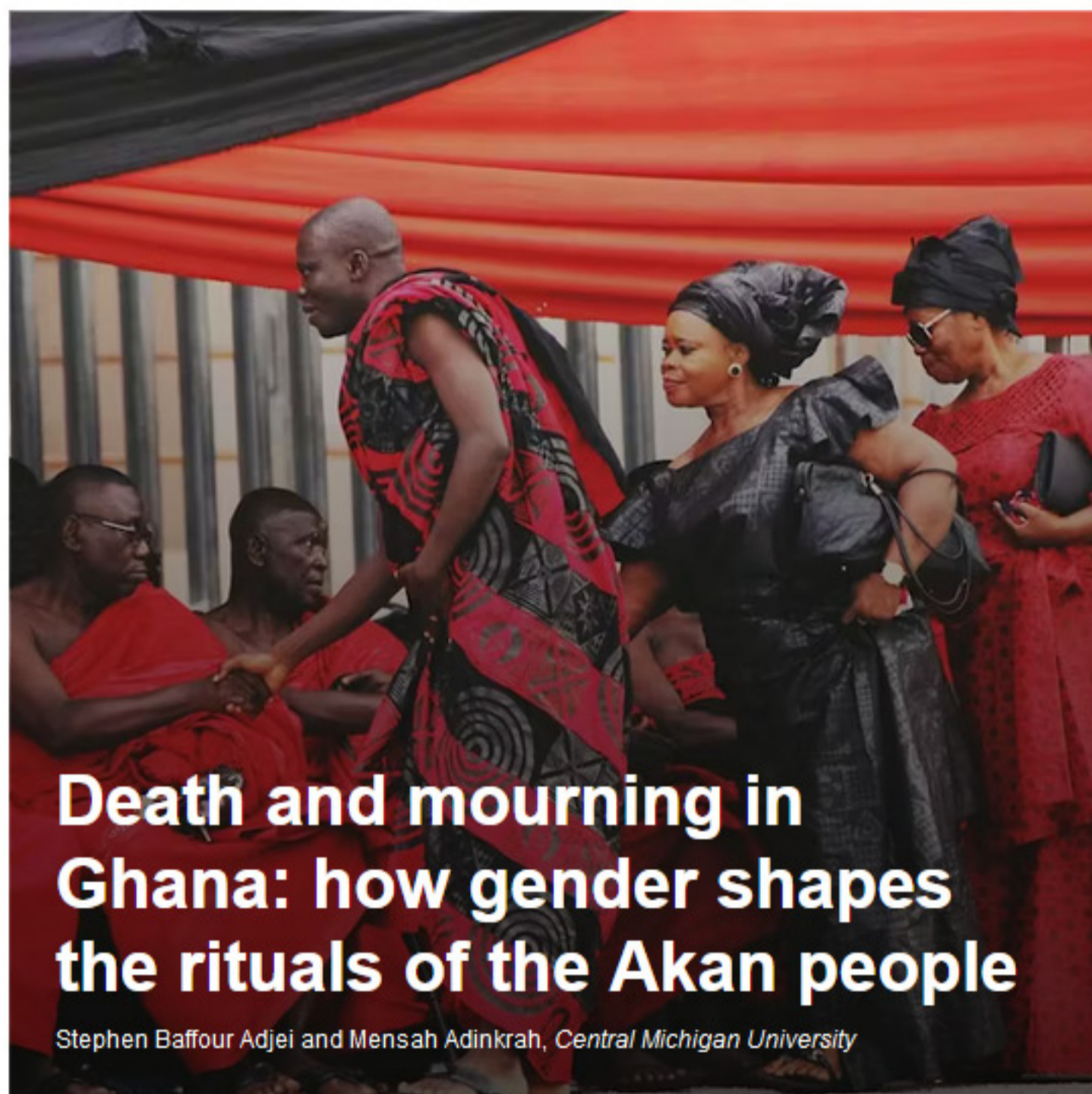
METROPOLITAN CLUB BASEBALL TEAM — MAY 2, 1906

W. E. Denny, S. Reber, F. Newbold, J. H. Merriam, F. M. Carlisle, E. H. Mitchell, N. Gulick, J. F. Wilkins, **Reginald Huidekoper**, J. H. de Sibour, H. Perrin, J. W. Gaines

Throughout the contest Huidekoper was a star performer, and he slid for his bases so many times that several acres of ball park mud decorated the front of his tennis suit when the game ended.

Huidekoper, for the Mets, however, turned the tide when he calmly sat on an ambitious runner to the windward of third base until he could reach the ball and tag him out.

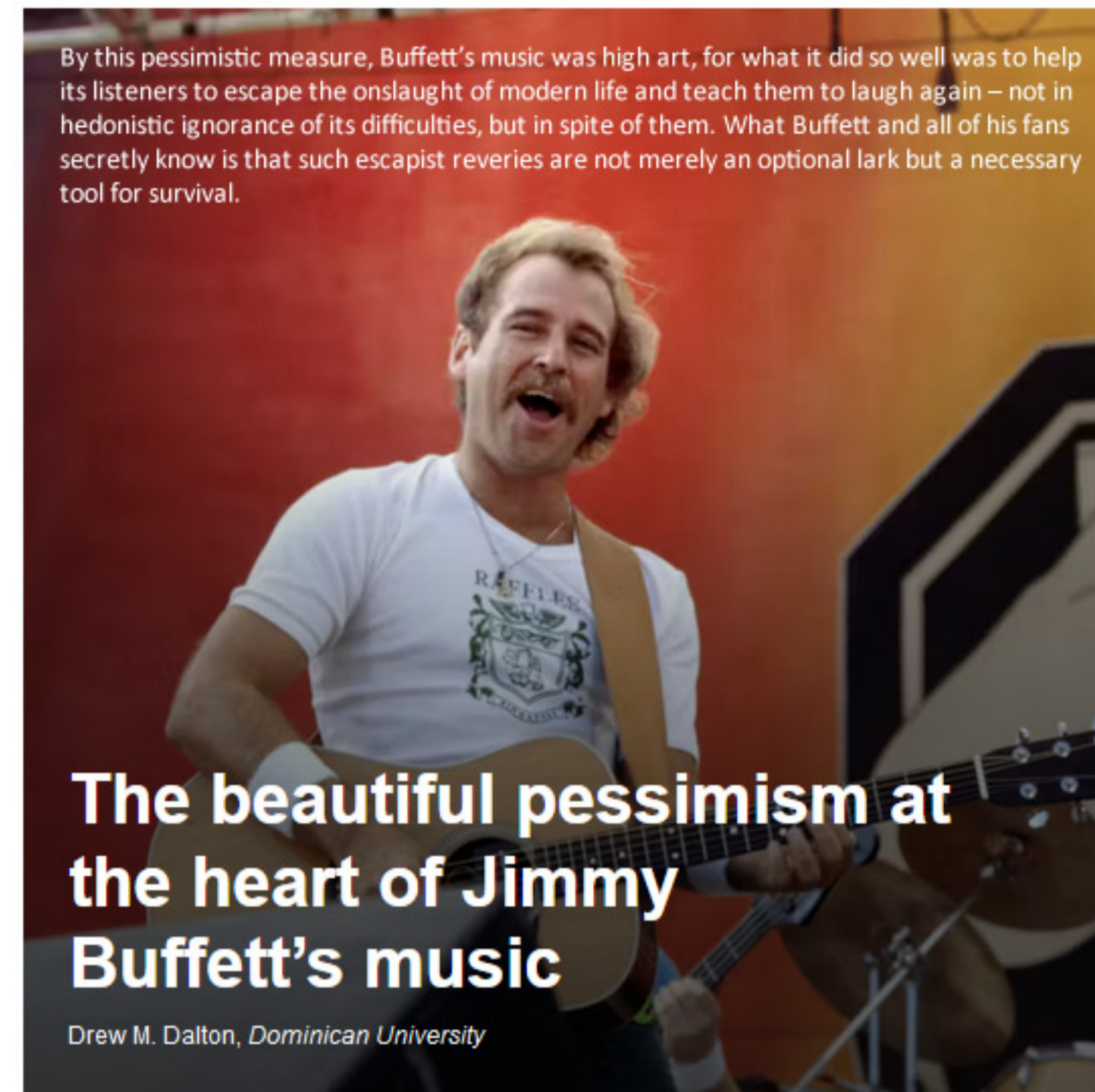




## Death and mourning in Ghana: how gender shapes the rituals of the Akan people

Stephen Baffour Adjei and Mensah Adinkrah, *Central Michigan University*

Gender has a significant impact on the socio-economic, political and religious experiences of Ghanaians. For Akans, the country's largest ethnic group, descent is traced through the maternal line. Property is transferred in this line too. Mourning rituals are another area of life that's shaped by gender in Ghana – as in many other cultures of the world. In a recent paper, we explored the way Akan mourning rituals reflect the culture's ideas about gender and reproduce social patterns. Bereavement is gendered in Akan society: there are strict behavioural prescriptions for males and females. We argue that enacting and reproducing masculinity and femininity in these rituals may have negative health and psychological consequences for both men and women. We concluded from our findings that Akan death and mourning rituals can be culturally and psychologically oppressive against men and women. **In the case of women**, this is due to the unfair power hierarchy and the patriarchal nature of Ghanaian society. **In the case of men**, the cultural expectation that they be emotionally restrained in mourning may have health and psychological consequences. These could include depression, stress and suicide. The masculine requirement for men to resist crying during bereavement leaves men to suffer alone in silence when they experience emotional pain.



## The beautiful pessimism at the heart of Jimmy Buffett's music

Drew M. Dalton, *Dominican University*

By this pessimistic measure, Buffett's music was high art, for what it did so well was to help its listeners to escape the onslaught of modern life and teach them to laugh again – not in hedonistic ignorance of its difficulties, but in spite of them. What Buffett and all of his fans secretly know is that such escapist reveries are not merely an optional lark but a necessary tool for survival.

With the death of Jimmy Buffett, the feathers of his loyal network of fans – affectionately known as Parrot Heads – collectively drooped. Over the course of his career, Buffett earned their love by transforming himself into a kind of musical shaman who offered transport from the banalities of everyday life to the bounty of a never-never land of eternal sun, endless sandy beaches and bottomless boat drinks: Margaritaville. As a young fan in the 1980s and 1990s, I marveled at the power of Buffett's music to carry his audience to this fantastic utopia, seeing in it nothing more than a bit of harmless fun. But as I matured and eventually became a professor of philosophy, I came to see Buffett's music as less an expression of optimistic pleasure-seeking and more a reflection of a profoundly pessimistic assessment of the trials and tribulations of life. Now his work strikes me as a closer companion to the pessimistic conclusions of the 19th-century philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer than to the hedonism of leisure culture.

As Buffett himself put it in his 1977 hit "Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes," *"If we couldn't laugh we would all go insane."*



**Tell me more about the hedonism of leisure culture. Where does it lead to? Where does it end? And what does Peter Pan have to do with it?**

**Google's Bard** > Hedonism is the pursuit of pleasure and the avoidance of pain. In the context of leisure culture, hedonism can be seen in the increasing popularity of activities that are purely for fun and enjoyment, such as watching movies, playing video games, and shopping.

There are a few reasons why hedonism is becoming more prevalent in leisure culture. One reason is that people have more free time than ever before. In the past, people had to work long hours to make ends meet. But today, many people have more disposable income and more leisure time. This gives them the opportunity to pursue activities that they enjoy. Another reason for the rise of hedonism is the influence of advertising. Advertisers often portray leisure activities as being glamorous and exciting. This can make people want to participate in these activities, even if they are not necessarily good for them.

The hedonism of leisure culture can lead to a number of problems. One problem is that it can lead to people becoming materialistic. When people focus on pursuing pleasure, they may start to value possessions and experiences over relationships and meaningful experiences. This can lead to feelings of emptiness and dissatisfaction. Another problem with hedonism is that it can lead to people becoming irresponsible. When people are only focused on the present moment, they may neglect their responsibilities, such as work, school, or family. This can lead to problems down the road. Finally, hedonism can lead to people becoming addicted to pleasure. When people become addicted to pleasure, they may start to engage in risky or destructive behaviors in order to get their fix. This can have serious consequences for their health and well-being.

Peter Pan is a fictional character who refuses to grow up. He lives in a world of imagination and play, and he is always seeking new adventures. Peter Pan is often seen as a symbol of hedonism, as he is always focused on having fun and avoiding responsibility. The hedonism of leisure culture can be seen as a modern-day version of Peter Pan syndrome. Just like Peter Pan, people who are caught up in the hedonism of leisure culture may be unwilling to grow up and take responsibility for their lives. They may also be more likely to engage in risky or destructive behaviors in order to get their fix of pleasure. It is important to be aware of the potential dangers of this trend and to make sure that we are not sacrificing our long-term happiness for short-term pleasure.

In his article on Jimmy Buffett, Drew M. Dalton states that Buffett's music was high art, for what it did so well was to help its listeners to escape the onslaught of modern life and teach them to laugh again – not in hedonistic ignorance of its difficulties, but in spite of them. What Buffett and all of his fans secretly know is that such escapist reveries are not merely an optional lark but a necessary tool for survival. As Buffett himself put it, "If we couldn't laugh we would all go insane." Now his work strikes me as a closer companion to the pessimistic conclusions of the 19th-century philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer than to the hedonism of leisure culture. >

<https://theconversation.com/the-beautiful-pessimism-at-the-heart-of-jimmy-buffetts-music-213043>

**Google's Bard** > I agree with Drew M. Dalton's assessment of Jimmy Buffett's music. Buffett's songs are not simply about hedonistic pleasure-seeking. They are also about finding joy and meaning in the midst of life's difficulties. Buffett's music is often described as "escapist," but I think it is more accurate to say that it is about finding a way to cope with the challenges of life. His songs often deal with themes of loss, regret, and uncertainty. But they also offer a message of hope and resilience. Buffett's music is not for everyone. Some people find it too sentimental or cheesy. But for those who are open to it, his music can be a source of great comfort and inspiration.

I think the comparison to Schopenhauer is apt. Schopenhauer was a pessimistic philosopher who believed that life is essentially suffering. But he also believed that there are ways to find meaning and happiness in life, even in the face of suffering. Buffett's music is not a denial of the harsh realities of life. But it is a reminder that we can find joy and beauty in the world, even in the midst of pain. It is a message of hope and resilience that is much-needed in our world today.

Here are some lines from Buffett's songs that illustrate this message: "Life is a funny proposition, it's better left to speculation. But if you can't laugh you might as well cry, so I'm gonna laugh until I die." (Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes) "It's all just a matter of perspective, if you can find the funny side of life, the good times will outweigh the bad." (Fins) "The perfect life is just an illusion, but the journey is worth the ride." (Come Monday) These are just a few examples of the many songs that Buffett has written about finding joy and meaning in life. His music is a reminder that we are all capable of finding happiness, even in the midst of difficulty.





# Coast Guard arrests a man trying to run a giant hamster wheel across the Atlantic

September 7, 2023 · 3:52 PM ET



Laurel Wamsley



Reza Baluchi was taken in by the U.S. Coast Guard last week while trying to cross the Atlantic in a "hydro pod" made of buoys. Authorities in Flagler County, Fla., responded to Baluchi and his vessel in 2021 and posted photos of his vessel on Facebook.

Baluchi now faces charges of Obstruction of Boarding, and Violation of a Captain of the Port Order.

Whether it will be enough to keep Baluchi on land remains to be seen. "Dream no coming after you," Baluchi told VICE. "You must follow your dream."



## Florida Man Runs to Bermuda in a Giant Bubble



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In 2016 a Florida man attempted to run from Boca Raton, FL to Bermuda in a home-made, inflatable plastic bubble. Reza Baluchi had been warned by the Coast Guard that any efforts to attempt his journey would be futile and result in severe legal and financial retribution. However, Reza's convictions and ambition left him undeterred by such threats - he'd been waiting his whole life to do this and nothing was going to stop him. This is the story of that fateful journey as told by the man who attempted it.



Bridge over I-805 at Landis Street 92104





Cherokee Point from 3800 block of 35th Street 92104 looking west.



Landmark tower in the Cherokee Point neighborhood of City Heights, San Diego. It presumably holds cellular antennae.





# What Are Community Schools?

A community school is the heart of a community, uniting diverse and engaged stakeholders in support of the [Whole Child](#). Children are not just taught academics, but learn in environments that make them feel safe, valued, engaged, challenged, healthy and connected. Because they reflect their unique community needs, no two community schools are alike. The shared-governance model of community schools gives all stakeholders (students, families, community members, CTA educators and school administrators) an equal voice in determining how best to serve students.

Community schools provide not only tremendous opportunities for student learning and success, but also offer opportunity and transformation to entire communities. Today, it's estimated that **there are between 8,000 and 10,000 community schools nationwide, and this number continues to grow.**

**“We’re reimagining schools. It’s so much more than what happens in class.”**

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## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

A whole-child, whole-school model for equitable school improvement



Expanded & Enriched Learning Time & Opportunities



After-school, weekend, and summer programs



Integrated Student Supports



Mental/physical health supports and social services



Collaborative Leadership and Practices



A culture of professional learning, trust, and continuous improvement



Active Family and Community Engagement



Parents/caregivers in the school as partners, leaders, and learners

Together, the four pillars result in stronger:



Relationships



Whole-Child Focus



Staffing & Partnerships



Teaching & Learning



Teams & Systems

### WHAT IS A COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

In San Diego Unified, Community Schools represent the whole-child, whole-school evidence-based model for achieving equitable outcomes for school improvement. We believe that strong collaborative leadership practices, and deep family engagement systems build the foundations for true transformational change within our schools and communities.

### SDUSD COMMUNITY SCHOOL FACTS

Every designated Community School will receive a full-time coordinator to support collaborative leadership and creating a community informed vision for the school. In the first year of designation, schools engage in a deep visioning practice to gather educational partner voice to create transformational change in their school community, while being supplemented with annual grant funding for five years. Our current cohorts of Community Schools support approximately 11,275 students in the highest-need school communities.

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Americans want, need, and deserve excellent schools for all students. Community Schools provide each and every student with the resources, opportunities, and support that make academic success possible and that create strong ties among families, students, schools, and community. This guide provides tools for advancing community schools as a strategy to improve schools, provide more equitable opportunities, and prepare students for success in life and as citizens.

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## Community Schools - California Department of Education

Aug 3, 2022 — A **community school** is a public school that serves prekindergarten through grade twelve and has community partnerships that support improved ...

### Who invented community in schools?

In a 1902 speech to the National Education Association, **John Dewey** outlined a comprehensive approach to American schooling that encompassed adults as well as children, fostered holistic development and brought community resources into strong partnerships with schools.

### How many community schools are there in the US?

**Roughly 10,000** community schools operate in the country, representing between 6% to 8% of all the country's public schools. Aug 25, 2021



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## 'Community Schools' See Revival in Time of Heightened Need

### What makes up a school community?

The school, itself, is a community of its members—**teachers, administrators, staff, students, and families of students.**



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## What Is a School Community, Anyway?

# COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Lessons from the Past and Present

John Rogers, UCLA

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According to Dewey:

***“The school is to be a reflection of the larger society outside its walls, in which life can be learnt by living. But it is to be a purified, simplified and better balanced society.”***

Dewey considered the ideal school as an enlarged ideal home.



## A Brief History of Community Schools as a Response to Poverty and Inequality

Educators, community leaders, and advocates have long viewed community schools as a powerful, comprehensive response to the needs of neighborhoods experiencing poverty and racial isolation. The approach can be traced back to early 20th-century efforts to make urban schools “social centers” serving multiple social and civic needs.<sup>2</sup> With increasing industrialization, immigration, and urbanization, the socioeconomic shifts of the late 19th century created new roles for public institutions to address the needs of the urban poor. Social reformers looked to schools to be social centers that could help address these needs, teach what the reformers deemed “wholesome” community values and proper hygiene, and act as sites for open discussion with people from various class backgrounds and political orientations.

The next wave of support for community schooling came in the 1930s, as social reconstructionists sought to give schools a critical role in addressing the social upheaval of the Great Depression. They believed the crisis called for new economic and political structures and large programs to relieve poverty. **Drawing on the ideas of John Dewey, America’s foremost education philosopher, community schooling proponents sought to create a strong social fabric, preserve American democracy, and strengthen struggling communities through democratic,** community-oriented approaches to education.<sup>3</sup> Schools, such as Franklin High in East Harlem, New York, acted as centers for community life that could support the well-being of the entire community while embracing the principles of democratic community-based inquiry that would help shape local ideas and politics.<sup>4</sup> For example, students at Franklin conducted neighborhood surveys to assist the neighborhood’s campaign for more public housing. However, growing conservatism in the following decades largely undermined such progressive approaches.

Community schooling also has its roots in African American struggles for quality education and local control that sought to create more positive school-community relations.<sup>5</sup> Under both de jure and de facto segregation, schools for African American children functioned as important social hubs controlled by and serving the black community, with broad-based participation, collaborative relations, and shared experiences and attempts to mitigate economic hardships and violence from white supremacists. The James Adams Community School is one example of a school rooted in this history. Between 1943 and 1956, this segregated school located in Pennsylvania served black students in grades K–9 by day and operated as a community center by night, offering free activities and classes for students, families, and community members. Its existence challenged the belief that black students were inferior, as the school and community worked together to create activities, curriculum, and community-based learning opportunities that were both challenging to and supportive of the students.<sup>6</sup>

The 1960s and 1970s brought a resurgence of community schooling. Advocacy groups saw these institutions as a way to build power by improving learning and addressing social issues,<sup>7</sup> including largely segregated and underfunded schools in urban centers that were not providing quality education to students.<sup>8</sup> Interest in community schooling also increased as a response to desegregation, as students of color bore the brunt of desegregation efforts and faced discrimination in their new schools. Community control of the schools represented a chance to remedy the downward spiral of urban education, make schools accountable to low-income black parents the way they were to parents in suburban schools,<sup>9</sup> promote democracy through wide-scale participation, and challenge discriminatory practices.<sup>10</sup> These initiatives struggled from lack of political support, insufficient funding, and opposition from some teachers who worried that community control threatened their professional responsibilities and standing.<sup>11</sup>

Like their predecessors, today’s community schools build partnerships between the school and other local entities—higher education institutions, government health and social service agencies, community-based nonprofits, and faith-based organizations. These partnerships intentionally create structures, strategies, and relationships to provide the learning conditions and opportunities—both in school and out—that are enjoyed by students in better-resourced schools, where the schools’ work is supplemented by high-capacity communities and families. Like much of American education, today’s community schools focus more on meeting the individual needs of students and families (in terms of health, social welfare, and academics) than the earlier emphasis on strengthening communities or civil society more generally. However, the most comprehensive community schools today also seek to be social centers where neighbors come together to work for the common good.<sup>12</sup>

Community schools cannot overcome all problems facing poor neighborhoods—that would require substantial investments in job training, housing and social safety net infrastructures, and other poverty alleviation measures. However, they have a long history of connecting children and families to resources, opportunities, and supports that foster healthy development and help offset the harms of poverty. A health clinic can deliver medical and psychological treatment, as well as glasses to myopic children, dental care to those who need it, and inhalers for asthma sufferers. Extending the school day and remaining open during the summer enable the school to offer additional academic help and activities, such as sports and music, which can entice youngsters who might otherwise drop out. Community schools can engage parents as learners as well as partners, offering them the opportunity to develop a skill, such as learning English or cooking, or preparing for a GED or citizenship exam, and this approach can support their efforts to improve the neighborhood—for example, by securing a stop sign or getting rid of hazardous waste.



LAW

# Justice Alito rejects recusal in major tax case

His statement came after Sen. Dick Durbin, the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, wrote to the chief justice, urging that steps be taken to assure that Alito not take part in the tax case.



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"I think that Alito has the better argument in this case," observed legal ethics expert Stephen Gillers, who recently has been highly critical of **Alito** and some other justices for their acceptance of luxury trips and other undisclosed gifts. This time, though, Gillers, a professor at NYU law school, sees Alito as correct and he notes that Rivkin, the Wall Street Journal opinion writer, is not the lead lawyer in the tax case and is not arguing the case before the court. Still, **Sen. Durbin** pushed back. In a written statement, he said that Alito "surprises no one by sitting on a case involving a lawyer who honored him with a puff piece in the Wall Street Journal."



ELECTIONS

## Trump visits South Dakota, picking up an endorsement from Gov. Kristi Noem

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AFRICA

## A powerful earthquake in Morocco has killed more than 800 people, government says



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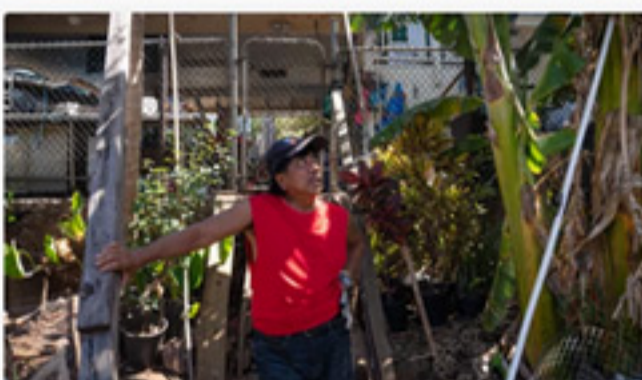
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## Judge rejects Mark Meadows' efforts to move Georgia racketeering case to federal court





POLITICS

## Rep. Nancy Pelosi is running for reelection



NATIONAL

## Their house miraculously survived the wildfire, but no longer feels like home

 **Nancy Pelosi**  ...  
@TeamPelosi

Now more than ever our City needs us to advance San Francisco values and further our recovery. Our country needs America to show the world that our flag is still there, with liberty and justice for ALL. That is why I am running for reelection — and respectfully ask for your vote. -Nancy

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### Future of controversial Dakota Access pipeline's river crossing remains unclear

Federal officials released a draft environmental review of the pipeline, but said they're waiting for more input before deciding the future of the line's river crossing in North Dakota.



Tom Stromme/AP

BISMARCK, N.D. — Federal officials on Friday released a draft environmental review of the Dakota Access oil pipeline, but said they're waiting for more input before deciding the future of the line's controversial river crossing in North Dakota. Standing Rock last year withdrew as a cooperating agency in the environmental review. The pipeline "is an ongoing trespass against the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe," Tribal Chair Janet Alkire previously said. "Every day that the pipeline operates and transfers oil, trespass damages continually accrue."

WORLD

### The G20 has agreed to make the African Union a permanent member, Indian PM Modi says

The announcement came at the opening of the G20 summit, one that comes as growing global rifts and the absence of key players threatened to make reaching consensus on the thorniest issues elusive.



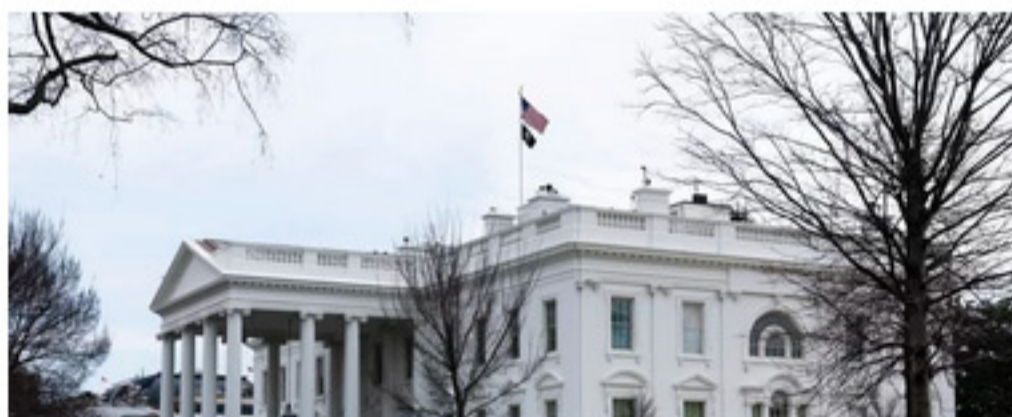
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NEW DELHI — The African Union has been granted permanent member status in the Group of 20 top world economies, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday, adding momentum to his drive to give a greater voice to the Global South as host of this year's annual summit. Modi has made giving voice to the Global South a centerpiece of this year's summit, and adding the AU at the outset was a strong step in that direction. With much of the world's focus on the Russian war against Ukraine, India has been working to try and direct more attention to addressing the needs of the developing world at the summit — though it is impossible to decouple many issues, such as food and energy security, from the European conflict.

UNTANGLING DISINFORMATION

### Appeals court slaps Biden administration for contact with social media companies

The panel of judges say that the administration's efforts to flag what it considered to be harmful content likely amount to a violation of the First Amendment.



The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld an injunction restricting how the government can communicate with social media companies, which the Biden administration warns will stymie efforts to counter false and misleading claims about elections, public health and other important topics.

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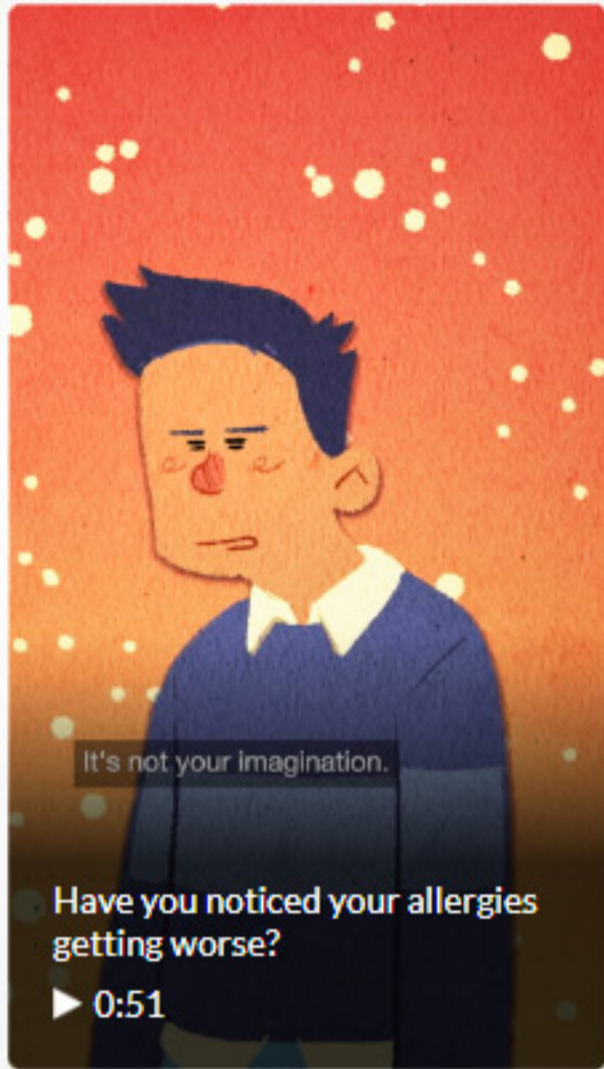
### Biden administration urges Supreme Court to hear case on major abortion pill

The Justice Department pressured the Supreme Court on Friday to reconsider the fate of mifepristone in the U.S. The abortion pill may be dramatically limited if the court decides not to review.



The Biden administration urged the Supreme Court on Friday to reconsider a lower-court ruling that would dramatically limit access to the key abortion pill, mifepristone. The dispute over mifepristone would be the first major abortion-related case decided by the Supreme Court since it overturned Roe v. Wade last year.





In 1990 the allergy season in North America was 20 days shorter

and there was 20% less pollen in the air.

Today, around a third of the world's population

have pollen related allergies

Studies point to climate change as the main cause

with rising temperatures causing

plants to bloom sooner and longer.



POLITICS

## Appeals court scales back order squelching Biden administration contact with social media platforms

BY KEVIN MCGILL

Updated 5:19 PM PDT, September 8, 2023



NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court Friday significantly whittled down a lower court's order curbing Biden administration communications with social media companies over controversial content about COVID-19 and other issues.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans on Friday said the White House, the Surgeon General, the Centers for Disease Control and the FBI cannot “coerce” social media platforms to take down posts the government doesn't like.

But the court threw out broader language in an order that a Louisiana-based federal judge issued on July 4 that effectively blocked multiple government agencies from contacting platforms such as Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) to urge that content be taken down.

Even the appeals court's softened order doesn't take effect immediately. The administration has 10 days to seek a Supreme Court review.

Friday evening's ruling came in a lawsuit filed in northeast Louisiana that accused administration officials of coercing platforms to take down content under the threat of possible antitrust actions or changes to federal law shielding them from lawsuits over their users' posts.

COVID-19 vaccines, the FBI's handling of a laptop that belonged to President Joe Biden's son, Hunter, and election fraud allegations were among the topics spotlighted in the lawsuit, which accused the administration of using threats of regulatory action to squelch conservative points of view.

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The states of Missouri and Louisiana filed the lawsuit, along with a conservative website owner and four people opposed to the administration's COVID-19 policy.

In a posting on X, Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry called Friday's ruling “a major win against censorship.”

In an unsigned 75-page opinion, three 5th Circuit judges agreed with the plaintiffs that the administration “ran afoul of the First Amendment” by at times threatening social media platforms with antitrust action or changes to law protecting them from liability.

But the court excised much of U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty's broad July 4 ruling, saying mere encouragement to take down content doesn't always cross a constitutional line.

“As an initial matter, it is axiomatic that an injunction is overbroad if it enjoins a defendant from engaging in legal conduct. Nine of the preliminary injunction's ten prohibitions risk doing just that. Moreover, many of the provisions are duplicative of each other and thus unnecessary,” Friday's ruling said.

The ruling also removed some agencies from the order: the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency and the State Department.

The case was heard by judges Jennifer Walker Elrod and Edith Brown Clement, nominated to the court by former President George W. Bush; and Don Willett, nominated by former President Donald Trump. Doughty was nominated to the federal bench by Trump.





## As more children die from fentanyl, some prosecutors are charging their parents with murder

A growing number of parents across the U.S. are being criminally charged with murder or manslaughter after their children die from exposure to fentanyl.

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Madison Bernard climbed into bed before dawn with her toddler, Charlotte, who was asleep next to a nightstand strewn with straws, burned tinfoil and a white powder. Hours later, the mother woke and found her daughter struggling to breathe, according to investigators who described the scene in court documents. After being rushed in an ambulance to a hospital, the 15-month-old girl died from a fentanyl overdose. Her mother and father, whom authorities said brought the drugs into their California home, were charged with murder and are awaiting trial. The couple has pleaded not guilty but are part of a growing number of parents across the U.S. being charged amid an escalating opioid crisis that has claimed an increasing number of children as collateral victims.

1 of 2 | Evan Frostick, left, and Madison Bernard, right, both charged with murder and child cruelty in the death of their daughter, Charlotte Frostick, appear before a judge on Sept. 1, 2022, at the Sonoma County Superior Court in Santa Rosa, Calif. They are part of a growing number of parents across the U.S. prosecutors have charged in the fentanyl overdose deaths of their children since the pandemic started. Prosecutors have been ramping up enforcement efforts in these cases as children increasingly become accidental victims of an escalating opioid crisis. (Beth Schlanker/The Press Democrat via AP) Press Democrat via AP)

BY OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ

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“They need to be held accountable under the law because they allowed harm to come to their children and they let their drug use and addiction outweigh taking care of their children and keeping their children safe,” Sonoma County District Attorney Carla Rodriguez said.



2 of 2 | FILE - In this photo released by the Santa Rosa Police Department, investigators collect evidence from the home of Evan Frostick and Madison Bernard, the parents of a 15-month-old toddler found unresponsive in a bedroom in Santa Rosa, Calif., on May 9, 2022. They are part of a growing number of parents across the U.S. prosecutors have charged in the fentanyl overdose deaths of their children since the pandemic started. Prosecutors have been ramping up enforcement efforts in these cases as children increasingly become accidental victims of an escalating opioid crisis. (Santa Rosa Police Department via AP, File)



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# The U.S. set the stage for a coup in Chile. It had unintended consequences at home

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By James Doubek



Military jets bombed La Moneda presidential palace during the coup on Sept. 11, 1973, in Santiago, Chile. President Salvador Allende killed himself and Gen. Augusto Pinochet began a 17-year dictatorship.

Fifty years ago in Chile, the United States worked to end the presidency of an elected Marxist and, in turn, helped usher in an authoritarian right-wing dictatorship. During the ensuing 17-year rule of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, more than 3,000 people would be disappeared or killed and some 38,000 would become political prisoners — most of them victims of torture. The brutality in Chile, thousands of miles away, would have repercussions back in the U.S.

When the U.S. role in Chile's democratic collapse became known, activists took action. So did lawmakers. In effect, the coup in Chile led to human rights concerns and Congress taking on a larger role in U.S. foreign policy. In America, the coup of Sept. 11, 1973, "galvanized public opinion in a way that no other activity, no other coup, no other military dictatorship in Latin America did," says Joe Eldridge, a longtime human rights advocate who was in Chile when it happened. "It was the suddenness, the abruptness in a country that had a long tradition of honoring democratic governance. Chile galvanized, it crystallized in the minds of so many, what was wrong with U.S. foreign policy."

But first, it's necessary to explain what happened. What follows is a history of what led the U.S. to have a hand in the coup, how it occurred, and what happened afterward.

[ . . . ]

Kissinger himself told Nixon five days after the coup: "We didn't do it. I mean we helped them. [Word missing] created the conditions as great as possible."

*Nixon instructed top U.S. officials to prevent Allende from taking office. Kissinger directed much of the U.S. foreign policy toward Chile.*

[ . . . ]

## The legacy of the Chilean coup at 50 years

Chile was far from the only place where the U.S. had either sponsored a coup or meddled in another country's politics. But it was the exceptional violence of Pinochet's government, the coup's timing during the Vietnam War and the unique influence of Chilean exiles that all made the coup particularly well-known in the canon of U.S. interventions abroad.

Another factor is that conversations between top officials were well-documented — and many of those documents have been made public with the help of Kornbluh and the National Security Archive. The U.S. was "caught red-handed," Kornbluh says.

And for its part, Chile has had an outside role in world history, Siavelis says.

It was among the first countries to democratically elect a Marxist leader. "It was the first country that really had as open a neoliberal economy as it had. Its democratic transition was lauded as an exemplar democratic transition," he says. It predated South Africa in its truth and reconciliation commission.

A council is now working on a new constitution to replace the one dating to the dictatorship. Voters rejected a previous effort last year.

"I do think that there's something there about the uniqueness of this country and its democratic experiments that it's had over the last 50 years," Siavelis says. "And that provides a lot of lessons for other countries in the world."



## At the G20, Biden joins forces with India and the Middle East, sidelining China

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Asma Khalid



President Biden shakes hands with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi after announcing a new corridor to link India to the Middle East and Europe.

NEW DELHI - President Biden announced plans for a new rail and shipping corridor that will connect India, the Middle East and Europe — a long-term push to improve the way goods, energy and information moves across borders, that notably does not involve China. Biden made the announcement with other world leaders at the G20 — a summit that China's President Xi Jinping chose to skip this year. Afterward, Biden clutched hands with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to mark the moment. Biden is off to India and Vietnam. It's part of his push to counter China's influence. It was one of several ways that Biden is seeking to counter the inroads China has made around the world through its Belt and Road Initiative and other development financing. At the G20, the United States and Europe also announced new investments in a rail line that will connect Angola with the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia.

"This is a game-changing regional investment. And both of these are huge, huge steps forward, but they're far from the only ones. We're continuing to make big investments in infrastructure around the world," Biden said. The summit has been a top priority for Modi, a leader who Biden has sought to bring closer as a counterbalance to China in the Indo-Pacific region.

Images of Modi's state visit to Washington in June graced a giant video billboard near the airport where Air Force One landed, and G20 posters featuring Modi were plastered around the capital. Modi declared a three-day public holiday for the G20, and the streets around the summit were bare, with the public kept far from the events. Leaders from China, the world's second-largest economy, and Russia — a long-time partner of India — opted not to attend. "I think for our Indian partners, there is substantial disappointment that they're not here — and gratitude that we are," said Kurt Campbell, Biden's top National Security Council adviser on the Indo-Pacific region.

Journalists have also been tightly restricted from events, drawing attention to India's track record on press freedom, and highlighting a challenge for Biden as he tries to develop a closer relationship with leaders who don't fully embrace human rights.

Campbell said it's something that Biden chooses to raise behind closed doors. "My experience is that the president is direct, open and does not shy from hard challenges. But what makes it effective is that he begins from a platform of trust and confidence, and I believe that allows his interlocutors to hear sometimes challenging issues more effectively," Campbell told reporters. President Biden attends at session at the G20 in New Delhi. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has used the pre-colonial Hindi name for his country on his nameplate during the summit.

Biden has also used the G20 to work with other members of the World Bank to try to make it a more attractive option to Chinese financing, which his national security adviser Jake Sullivan has described as "coercive" and "unsustainable" because it has left some countries in Asia and Africa with debts they cannot repay. Biden has asked Congress for more than \$2 billion for the World Bank, an investment the White House says would leverage more than \$25 billion in lending. He has also championed a G7 initiative known as the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, or PGII, which has similar aims. The goal is not to force developing countries to choose between China and the West, but rather to give them additional attractive options, the White House says. "We think [it] has real appeal for countries in regions that are underserved by infrastructure that have these enormous gaps that need to be filled," Jon Finer, Biden's deputy national security adviser, told reporters.



# 7 habits to live a healthier life, inspired by the world's longest-lived communities

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Allison Aubrey



Kame Ogito, 89, gathers seaweed at low tide in Motobu, Okinawa, Japan. Seaweed is part of the plant-based, low-calorie diet that makes Okinawans some of the longest-lived people in the world.



In blue zones, more than 95% of dietary intake is from plant-based foods.

At a time when life expectancy in the U.S. has dipped and diet-related disease is a leading cause of death, it's no wonder that Dan Buettner's decades-long exploration of centenarians who thrive in the longest-lived communities on Earth is attracting lots of attention. His new Netflix documentary, *Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones*, is trending as a top streaming pick. In it, there's an evocative scene, set against the backdrop of the turquoise waters and sugar-sand beaches of Okinawa, a subtropical archipelago about 1,000 miles south of Tokyo. Compared with Americans, people in Okinawa are about three times more likely to reach their 100th birthday, according to Buettner's research. He introduces us to centenarians who garden, cook, sing, laugh and play. Their weathered skin and slow gaits don't stop them from living fully, albeit simply. There are equally beautiful scenes from other long-lived communities, which Buettner calls "blue zones," including Ikaria, an island off the coast of Greece in the Aegean Sea, and the mountain villages of Sardinia, off the coast of Italy. As a viewer and reader — *The Blue Zones: Secrets for Living Longer* is the companion book that Buettner has just published — I felt myself pining for their way of life. For most of us, it's not feasible to swap places with these island dwellers, many of whom maintain a centuries-old, eat-from-the-land existence in remote corners of the globe. But we can learn from their simple habits and customs. "People in blue zones, they're not thinking about their health or a diet or an exercise program. They're not doing anything except living their lives," Buettner says. They are living longer without intentionally setting out to do so. He says they have unwittingly created an environment — through their habits, rituals and cultural norms — that promote health and longevity. So after watching the documentary, reading the book and interviewing Buettner, here's my take on ways to swap old habits for new ones, based on the blue zone revelations.

**Swap 1: Trade the La-Z-Boy for a mat and a garden**

**Swap 2: Ditch DoorDash and eat like a peasant**

**Swap 3: Reduce meat and aim for a plant-forward approach**

**Swap 4: Give loneliness the boot — become a joiner**

**Swap 5: Revamp social media to cultivate friends and a sense of purpose**

**Swap 6: In lieu of an afternoon espresso, take a nap**

**Swap 7: Trade big-city rents for an affordable home**

There's no single change to create a culture of health. Moving the needle requires dozens of small steps and initiatives that can help nudge people toward better choices and make the healthier choice the easiest. Buettner acknowledges that the original blue zones are fading. The isolation of many of these communities has helped preserve the traditional way of life, but urbanization and the global economy are pushing people to more modern lifestyles. We'd be wise to stop and take note. A body of scientific research validates the blue zone way of life: Good food, good sleep, good friends, plenty of movement and a sense of purpose are a recipe for living better.



At a family gathering on the Okinawan island of Taketomi, a 90-year-old islander greets a young relative.

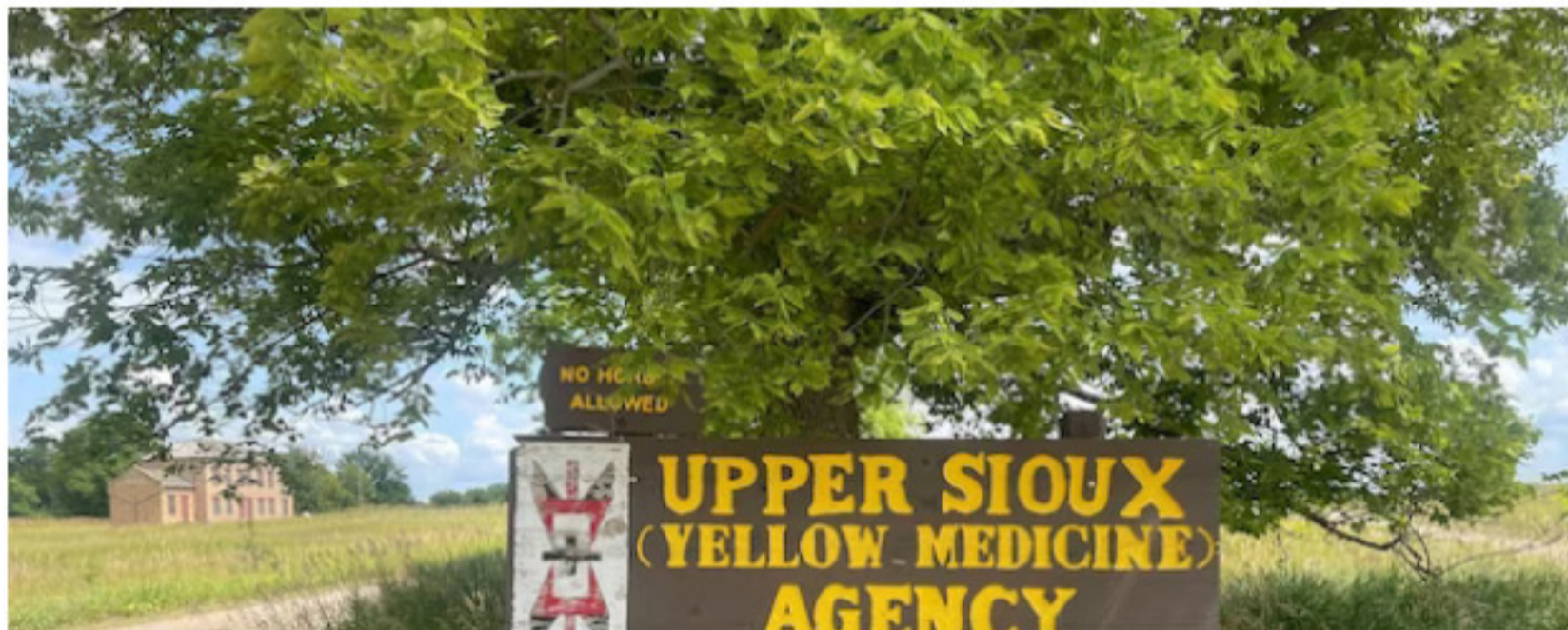


# Tribe getting piece of Minnesota back more than a century after ancestors died there

Golden prairies and winding rivers of a Minnesota state park also hold the secret burial sites of Dakota people who died as the U.S. failed to fulfill treaties with Native Americans more than a century ago

By TRISHA AHMED /REPORT FOR AMERICA Associated Press

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A large wooden sign that says "Upper Sioux (Yellow Medicine) Agency Historic Site" stands at the Upper Sioux Agency State Park near Granite Falls, Minn., on July 28, 2023. The golden prairies and winding rivers of the state park also hold the secret burial sites for Dakota people who died as the U.S. failed to fulfill treaties with Native Americans over a century ago — and now their descendants are getting that land back. (AP Photo/Trisha Ahmed)

GRANITE FALLS, Minn. -- Golden prairies and winding rivers of a Minnesota state park also hold the secret burial sites of Dakota people who died as the United States failed to fulfill treaties with Native Americans more than a century ago. Now their descendants are getting the land back. The state is taking the rare step of transferring the park with a fraught history back to a Dakota tribe, trying to make amends for events that led to a war and the largest mass hanging in U.S. history. "It's a place of holocaust. Our people starved to death there," said Kevin Jensvold, chairman of the Upper Sioux Community, a small tribe with about 550 members just outside the park.

The Upper Sioux Agency State Park in southwestern Minnesota spans a little more than 2 square miles (about 5 square kilometers) and includes the ruins of a federal complex where officers withheld supplies from Dakota people, leading to starvation and deaths. Decades of tension exploded into the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 between settler-colonists and a faction of Dakota people, according to the Minnesota Historical Society. After the U.S. won the war, the government hanged more people than in any other execution in the nation. A memorial honors the 38 Dakota men killed in Mankato, 110 miles (177 kilometers) from the park. Jensvold said he has spent 18 years asking the state to return the park to his tribe. He began when a tribal elder told him it was unjust Dakota people at the time needed to pay a state fee for each visit to the graves of their ancestors there.

Lawmakers finally authorized the transfer this year when Democrats took control of the House, Senate and governor's office for the first time in nearly a decade, said state Sen. Mary Kunesh, a Democrat and descendant of the Standing Rock Nation. Tribes speaking out about injustices have helped more people understand how lands were taken and treaties were often not upheld, Kunesh said, adding that people seem more interested now in "doing the right thing and getting lands back to tribes." But the transfer also would mean fewer tourists and less money for the nearby town of Granite Falls, said Mayor Dave Smiglewski. He and other opponents say recreational land and historic sites should be publicly owned, not given to a few people, though lawmakers set aside funding for the state to buy land to replace losses in the transfer.

The park is dotted with hiking trails, campsites, picnic tables, fishing access, snowmobiling and horseback riding routes and tall grasses with wildflowers that dance in hot summer winds. "People that want to make things right with history's injustices are compelled often to support action like this without thinking about other ramifications," Smiglewski said. "A number, if not a majority, of state parks have similar sacred meaning to Indigenous tribes. So where would it stop?" In recent years, some tribes in the U.S., Canada and Australia have gotten their rights to ancestral lands restored with the growth of the Land Back movement, which seeks to return lands to Indigenous people.

A national park has never been transferred from the U.S. government to a tribal nation, but a handful are co-managed with tribes, including Grand Portage National Monument in northern Minnesota, Canyon de Chelly National Monument in Arizona and Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska, Jenny Anzelmo-Sarles of the National Park Service said. This will be the first time Minnesota transfers a state park to a Native American community, said Ann Pierce, director of Minnesota State Parks and Trails at the Department of Natural Resources. Minnesota's transfer, expected to take years to finish, is tucked into several large bills covering several issues. The bills allocate more than \$6 million to facilitate the transfer by 2033. The money can be used to buy land with recreational opportunities and pay for appraisals, road and bridge demolition and other engineering. Rep. Chris Swedzinski and Sen. Gary Dahms, the Republican lawmakers representing the portion of the state encompassing the park, declined through their aides to comment about their stances on the transfer. They voted against a key bill allocating \$5 million to the transfer. The vote was largely on party lines and passed with broad support from Democrats.

Tribal wins are rare in these conflicts, but the land transfer is a victory, Jensvold said. "We're just a small community," he said. "We've accomplished something that teetered on the edge of impossible."



## Lauren Groff has a go bag and says so should you

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Heard on Morning Edition



Andrew Limbong



Author Lauren Groff's new book, *The Vaster Wilds*, is a tight and tense novel that takes place in 1610 Jamestown.

Elizabeth Gillis/NPR

Lauren Groff has been thinking about the end of the world a lot lately. She says she's got a stockpile of food and supplies should her family need it — MREs, machetes. No guns, but maybe soon. "I think *everyone* should have a [go bag](#) right now," she says. "I think every household should have enough food to last through at least two weeks. This is just logical at this point."



AUTHOR INTERVIEWS

In Lauren Groff's 'Florida,' Everything's Out To Get You

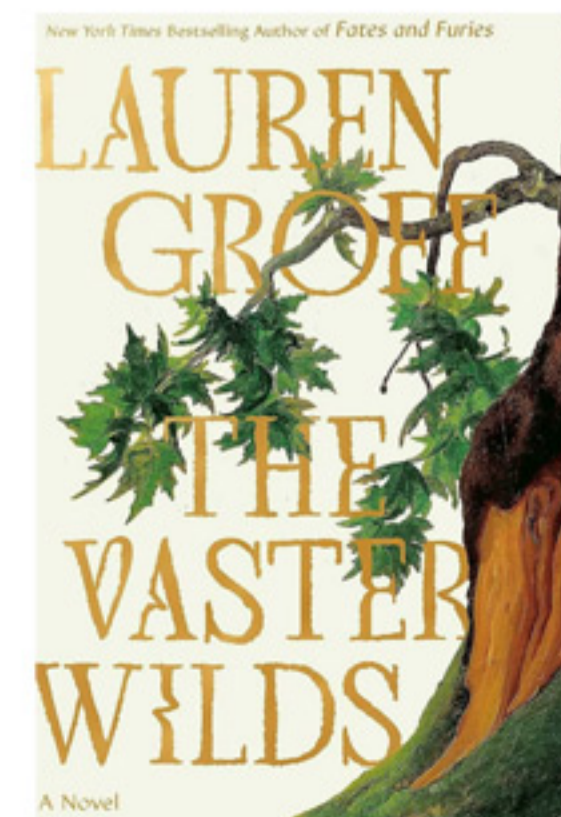
### Historical fiction and heroes:

*The Vaster Wilds* is tonally and stylistically different from Groff's last book, *Matrix* — that book is about Marie de France and a medieval nunnery — but they play with the same themes: feminism, God, the body. Groff was in the middle of writing *The Vaster Wilds* when the idea for *Matrix* came to her. So she knocked that out first before coming back to *Vaster*. The two are actually part of a larger project she's working on. A triptych of sorts, "where I'm sort of seeing from the outside about a thousand years of how we got to where we are now," Groff said.

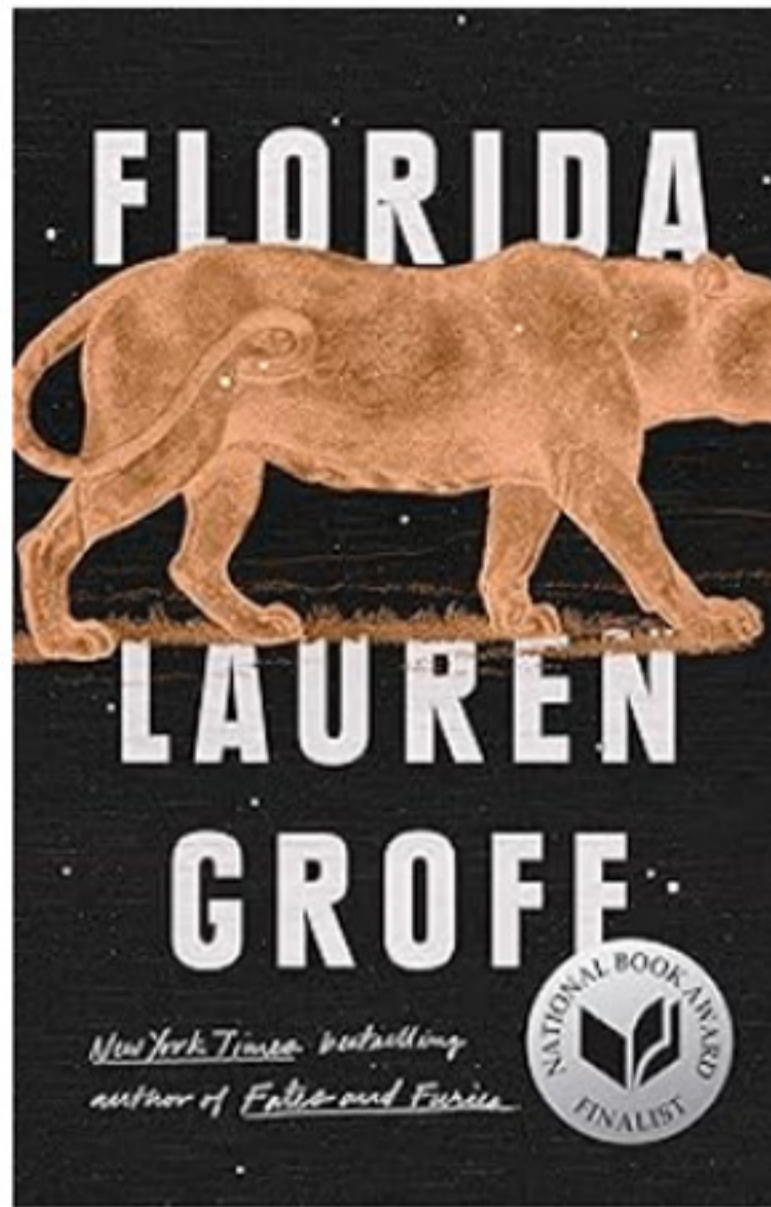
While *Matrix* dealt with 12th century Catholicism, and *Vaster* with 17th century Protestantism, Groff is currently working on the third installment that will take place now. "What I really want to do is talk about ideas of God, right? And the changeable ideas of God and how those ideas have sent us careening through the Anthropocene to the cusp of absolute catastrophic climate times," she said.

Groff's best known work, *Fates and Furies*, was a current-day examination of domesticity. She used to be a snob about historical fiction, she said. But working in it for the past two books, she found that the genre can help democratize history. It can help untether us from the hero narratives that litter the Western canon. "It doesn't have to be Napoleon standing on the mountain. It can be the masses of people swarming to create that historical moment. That could be the interesting thing," she says. "Not this 'single hero,' which I find a very corrosive and almost evil narrative that we have brought into."

From centuries old religious texts to superhero blockbusters, we've all been fed stories about the bad guys and the people coming to save us from the bad guys. The thrust of Groff's literary ambitions seem to be about not waiting to be saved, but a call for survival.







# Florida

by [Lauren Groff](#) (Author)

From the universally acclaimed, New York Times bestselling author of *Fates and Furies*, *Matrix*, and the highly-anticipated *The Vaster Wilds*

Florida is a "superlative" book (*Boston Globe*), "frequently funny" (*San Francisco Chronicle*), "brooding, inventive and often moving" (*NPR Fresh Air*) --as Groff is recognized as "Florida's unofficial poet laureate, as Joan Didion was for California." (*Washington Post*)

In her thrilling new book, Lauren Groff brings the reader into a physical world that is at once domestic and wild—a place where the hazards of the natural world lie waiting to pounce, yet the greatest threats and mysteries are still of an emotional, psychological nature. A family retreat can be derailed by a prowling panther, or by a sexual secret. Among those navigating this place are a resourceful pair of abandoned sisters; a lonely boy, grown up; a restless, childless couple, a searching, homeless woman; and an unforgettable, recurring character—a steely and conflicted wife and mother.

The stories in this collection span characters, towns, decades, even centuries, but Florida—its landscape, climate, history, and state of mind—becomes its gravitational center: an energy, a mood, as much as a place of residence. Groff transports the reader, then jolts us alert with a crackle of wit, a wave of sadness, a flash of cruelty, as she writes about loneliness, rage, family, and the passage of time. With shocking accuracy and effect, she pinpoints the moments and decisions and connections behind human pleasure and pain, hope and despair, love and fury—the moments that make us alive. Startling, precise, and affecting, *Florida* is a magnificent achievement.

Lauren Groff (born July 23, 1978) is an American novelist and short story writer. She has written five novels and two short story collections, including *Fates and Furies* (2015), *Florida* (2018), and *Matrix* (2022). Groff was born and raised in Cooperstown, New York. She graduated from Amherst College and from the University of Wisconsin–Madison with a Master of Fine Arts degree in fiction.

Groff's fifth book, a short story collection titled *Florida*, was released in 2018. *Florida* was the winner of The Story Prize for short story collections published in 2018. It was also a finalist for the 2018 National Book Award for Fiction. The *Guardian* called Groff's storytelling "a heroic pushback against the way we live now, against waste, against the artificial environments in which we find ourselves maintained by corporations, but equally against the pressures on women to be flawless, effortlessly excellent mothers, wives, sisters, lovers, friends, within this dire state of affairs."

Groff is married and has two children and lives in Gainesville, Florida. Her sister is the Olympic triathlete Sarah True.

## Lauren Groff







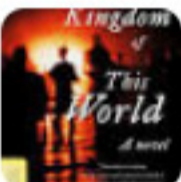




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<b>Occupation</b>	Novelist
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## Magic Realism Books

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Magic realism or magical realism is a style of literary fiction and art. It paints a realistic view of the world while also adding magical elements, often blurring the lines between fantasy and reality. Magic realism often refers to literature in particular, with magical or supernatural phenomena presented in an otherwise real-world or mundane setting, commonly found in novels and dramatic performances.[2]:1–5 Despite including certain magic elements, it is generally considered to be a different genre from fantasy because magical realism uses a substantial amount of realistic detail and employs magical elements to make a point about reality, while fantasy stories are often separated from reality. Magical realism is often seen as an amalgamation of real and magical elements that produces a more inclusive writing form than either literary realism or fantasy.

The term magic realism is broadly descriptive rather than critically rigorous, and Matthew Strecher (1999) defines it as "what happens when a highly detailed, realistic setting is invaded by something too strange to believe." [10] The term and its wide definition can often become confused, as many writers are categorized as magical realists. The term was influenced by a German and Italian painting style of the 1920s which were given the same name. [2] In *The Art of Fiction*, British novelist and critic David Lodge defines magic realism: "when marvellous and impossible events occur in what otherwise purports to be a realistic narrative—is an effect especially associated with contemporary Latin American fiction (for example the work of the Colombian novelist Gabriel García Márquez) but it is also encountered in novels from other continents, such as those of Günter Grass, Salman Rushdie and Milan Kundera. All these writers have lived through great historical convulsions and wrenching personal upheavals, which they feel they cannot be adequately represented in a discourse of undisturbed realism", citing Kundera's 1979 novel *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting* as an exemplar. [11] Michiko Kakutani writes that "The transactions between the extraordinary and the mundane that occur in so much Latin American fiction are not merely a literary technique, but also a mirror of a reality in which the fantastic is frequently part of everyday life." [12] Magical realism often mixes history and fantasy, as in Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*, in which the children born at midnight on August 15, 1947, the moment of India's independence, are telepathically linked.

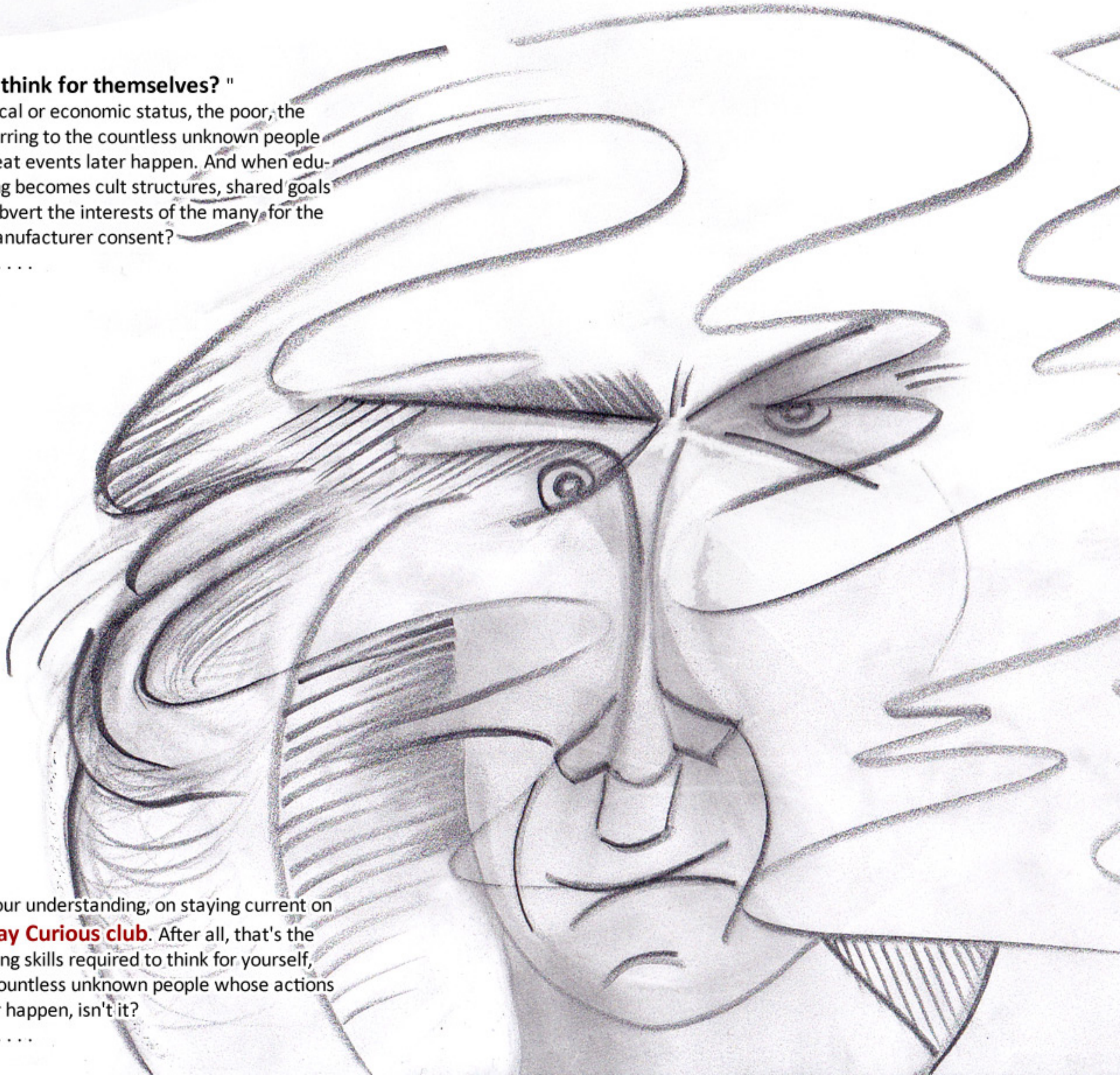


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think for yourself

**How do you get the powerless to think for themselves? "**

Powerless" meaning those without political or economic status, the poor, the exploited . . . "think for themselves" referring to the countless unknown people whose actions lay the basis for which great events later happen. And when education becomes indoctrination, organizing becomes cult structures, shared goals are manipulated by those in power to subvert the interests of the many for the gains of a few, when media is used to manufacture consent?

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Love your agility, openness to growing your understanding, on staying current on paying your membership dues for the **Stay Curious club**. After all, that's the entrance to developing the critical thinking skills required to think for yourself, which is the foundation supporting the countless unknown people whose actions lay the basis for which great events later happen, isn't it?

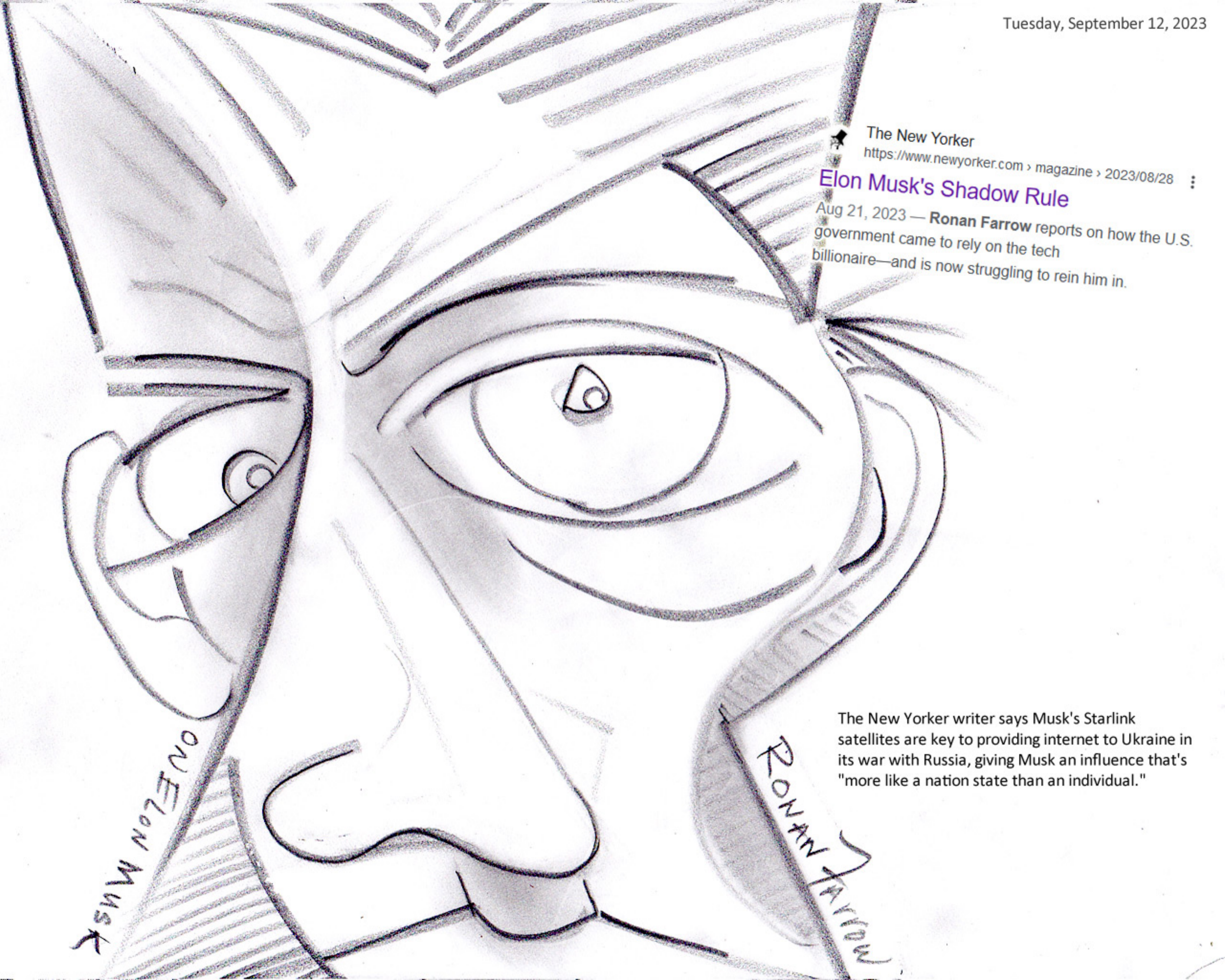
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**That finer diner from Caroliner,** I'm standin' behind her, she my man.  
No matter what they say, the haters on X, she/they victorious in holdin' to truth.  
That's what I for, happiness in the face of not in control, running free o'er the cliff  
of bad taste, misplaced, fear-centered haste.







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## Elon Musk's Shadow Rule

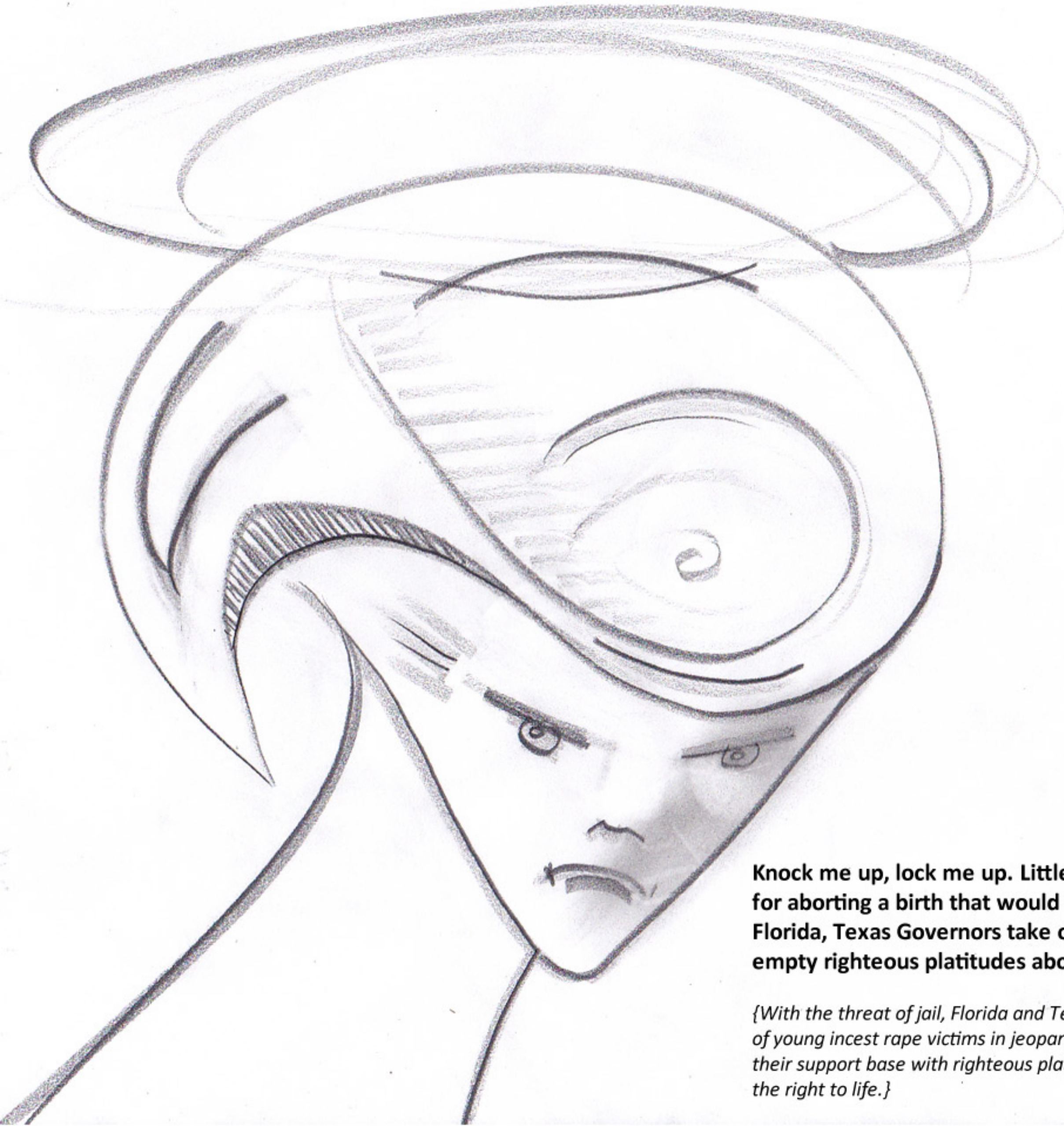
Aug 21, 2023 — Ronan Farrow reports on how the U.S. government came to rely on the tech billionaire—and is now struggling to rein him in.

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The New Yorker writer says Musk's Starlink satellites are key to providing internet to Ukraine in its war with Russia, giving Musk an influence that's "more like a nation state than an individual."

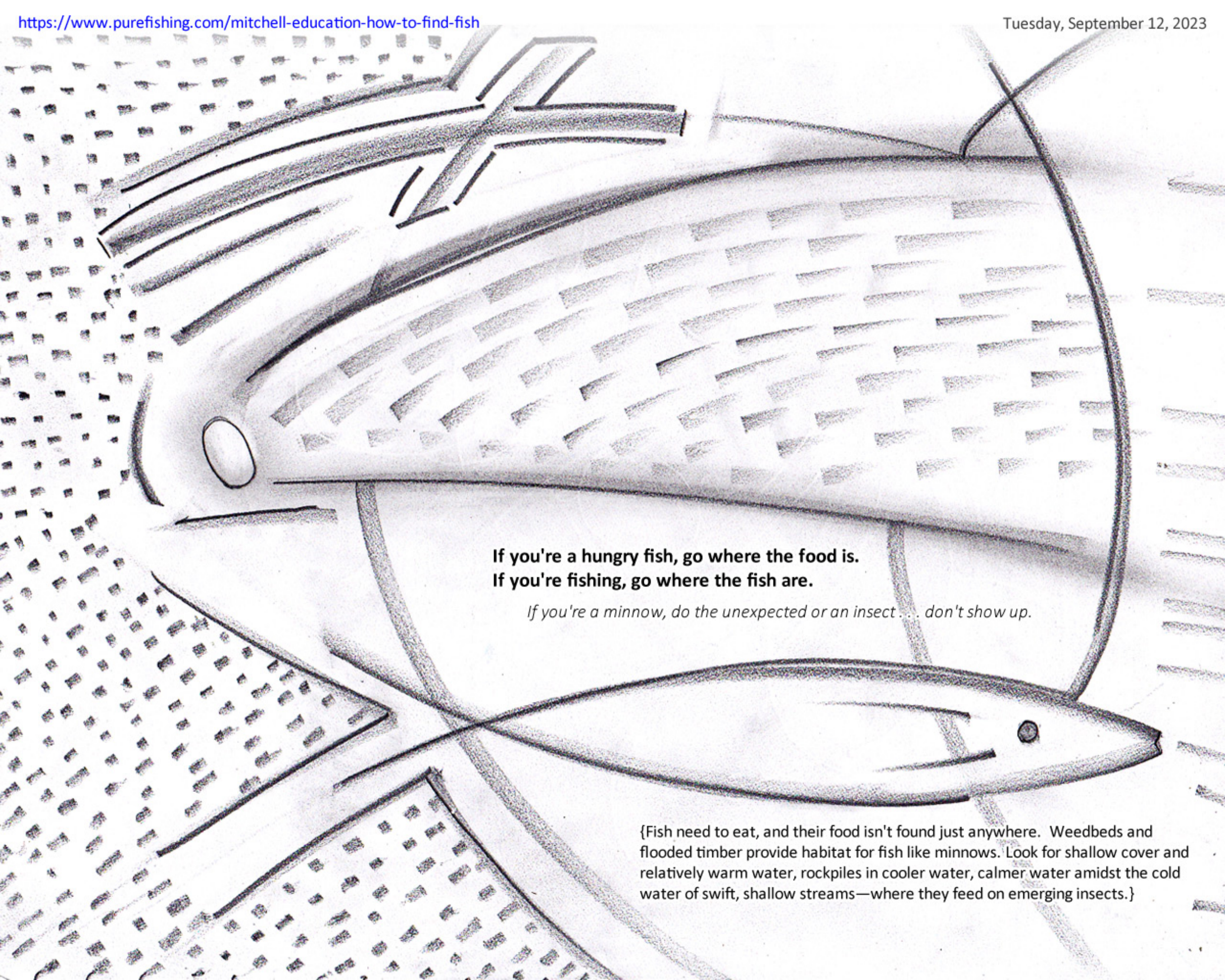




**Knock me up, lock me up. Little girls raped, incest, going to jail  
for aborting a birth that would kill them.  
Florida, Texas Governors take our lives, and callously hand back  
empty righteous platitudes about the right to life.**

*{With the threat of jail, Florida and Texas Governors put the lives  
of young incest rape victims in jeopardy and callously stir up  
their support base with righteous platitudes about  
the right to life.}*





**If you're a hungry fish, go where the food is.  
If you're fishing, go where the fish are.**

*If you're a minnow, do the unexpected or an insect... don't show up.*

{Fish need to eat, and their food isn't found just anywhere. Weedbeds and flooded timber provide habitat for fish like minnows. Look for shallow cover and relatively warm water, rockpiles in cooler water, calmer water amidst the cold water of swift, shallow streams—where they feed on emerging insects.}



**Vigilantly reaffirm** what you do know,  
follow the thread of what you don't.  
Learn to the end of your last gasp.

Let it go . . .  
know that you don't.

Never really did,  
but you were.

Once.

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**Some of my best thoughts come when I'm cutting cabbage.**

Which is not a bad thing. Cabbage is patient. It will wait for me as the squirrel cage scurries around collecting notions, mauls over, constructs rehash and finally rushes back to the dispensary. When I've made a substantial deposit, the cabbage dissection picks up where it left off, never missing a beat, now sharing the room with a side of succotash.



# United States takes on Google in biggest tech monopoly trial of 21st century

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Dara Kerr



Google is headed to trial in Washington D.C., where it will defend itself over the Justice Department's claims that it abused its monopoly power in its search engine business.

The United States government is taking on one of the world's most powerful companies: Google. A court battle kicks off on Tuesday in which the U.S. Justice Department will argue that Google abused its power as a monopoly to dominate the search engine business. It's the government's first major monopoly case to make it to trial in decades and the first in the age of the modern internet. The Justice Department's case hinges on claims that Google illegally orchestrated its business dealings, so that it's the first search engine people see when they turn on their phones and web browsers. The government says Google's goal was to stomp out competition. "This lawsuit strikes at the heart of Google's grip over the internet for millions of American consumers, advertisers, small businesses and entrepreneurs beholden to an unlawful monopolist," said former Attorney General William Barr when the case was first filed in October 2020. Now nearly three years later, with millions of pages of documents produced and depositions from more than 150 people, the case is going to trial.

**How the internet is run is at stake:** The government's case challenges how tech companies are able to amass power and control the products people now use daily in their lives. **The outcome of the case could change how tech giants are able to do business and, in effect, how the internet is run.** Google, which is worth \$1.7 trillion, controls around 90% of the U.S. search engine market. It's put together a massive legal team and brought on outside law firms to help fight its case. The company says its search product is superior to competitors and that is why it dominates the industry. Google says if people don't want to use its search engine, they can just switch to another.

"People don't use Google because they have to — they use it because they want to," Kent Walker, one of Google's top lawyers and its president of global affairs, wrote in an emailed statement. "It's easy to switch your default search engine — we're long past the era of dial-up internet and CD-ROMs."

**Echoes of the Microsoft case, which the government won:** The last antitrust case of this magnitude took place in 1998, when the Justice Department sued Microsoft. That trial centered around claims that Microsoft illegally grouped its various products together in a way that both stifled competition and compelled people to use its products. The judge ruled in favor of the Justice Department in that case, saying Microsoft violated antitrust laws and held "an oppressive thumb on the scale of competitive fortune." The Justice Department's case against Google is strikingly similar and its lawyers are angling for the same outcome. "That case was about a monopolist tech platform and the government won," says Rebecca Haw Allensworth, a professor at Vanderbilt Law School who specializes in antitrust law. "And so, everybody has viewed that as a kind of blueprint for how we might enforce the laws against the current tech giants." "This is a real test of whether or not that theory works," Allensworth added.

**Google's exclusive deals with Apple & Samsung:** The case against Google focuses on the company paying billions of dollars each year for exclusive agreements with phone makers, like Apple and Samsung, and web browsers, like Mozilla, which runs Firefox. Those agreements let Google be the default search engine on most devices. The Justice Department says that by securing this position, Google has been able to box out smaller rivals. DuckDuckGo is one of those smaller rivals. It has centered its search business around privacy and ensuring users aren't tracked — unlike Google, which has long tracked users for targeted advertising. Kamy Bazbaz, DuckDuckGo's vice president of public affairs, says she's glad this case is headed to trial. "Google has used its monopoly power to block meaningful competition in the search market by putting a stranglehold on major distribution points for more than a decade," Bazbaz wrote in an email. "So even though DuckDuckGo provides something extremely valuable that people want and Google won't provide — real privacy — Google makes it unduly difficult to use DuckDuckGo by default."

**A 3-month trial without a jury and the judge will rule:** After the Justice Department filed its case against Google in 2020, a group of 35 states, along with Guam, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, filed a near identical suit against Google. That suit will be tried with the Justice Department's claims and also be heard at the trial kicking off on Tuesday. Lawyers for the Justice Department are expected to cover the history of Google and how it became one of the most powerful companies on earth. "Two decades ago, Google became the darling of Silicon Valley as a scrappy start-up with an innovative way to search the emerging internet," the Justice Department wrote in its initial complaint. "That Google is long gone." Witness lists haven't yet been released but it's expected that Google CEO Sundar Pichai will testify. Top executives from other tech companies are also expected, including Apple's Eddie Cue. Judge Amit Mehta will preside over the trial; he was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2014. It's a bench trial, so there's no jury and Mehta will give the final ruling. The trial is slated to last about three months.

If Judge Mehta rules in favor of the Justice Department, it's still unclear how he'd sanction Google. It could be anything from fines to a restructuring of the company, which could ultimately affect how people experience the internet.

*Editor's note: Apple and DuckDuckGo are among NPR's financial supporters.*



## What is a simple definition of socialism?

Socialism is, broadly speaking, a political and economic system in which property and the means of production are owned in common, typically controlled by the state or government. Socialism is based on the idea that common or public ownership of resources and means of production leads to a more equal society.

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Socialist systems are divided into non-market and market forms. [18] Non-market socialism substitutes factor markets and often money with integrated economic planning and engineering or technical criteria based on calculation performed in-kind, thereby producing a different economic mechanism that functions according to different economic laws and dynamics than those of capitalism. [19] A non-market socialist system seeks to eliminate the perceived inefficiencies, irrationalities, unpredictability, and crises that socialists traditionally associate with capital accumulation and the profit system in capitalism. [20] By contrast, market socialism retains the use of monetary prices, factor markets and in some cases the profit motive, with respect to the operation of socially owned enterprises and the allocation of capital goods between them. Profits generated by these firms would be controlled directly by the workforce of each firm or accrue to society at large in the form of a social dividend. [21][22][23] Anarchism and libertarian socialism oppose the use of the state as a means to establish socialism, favouring decentralisation above all, whether to establish non-market socialism or market socialism. [24][25] Socialist parties and ideas remain a political force with varying degrees of power and influence on all continents, heading national governments in many countries around the world. Socialist politics have been both internationalist and nationalist; organised through political parties and opposed to party politics; at times overlapping with trade unions and at other times independent and critical of them, and present in both industrialised and developing nations. [26] Social democracy originated within the socialist movement, [27] supporting economic and social interventions to promote social justice. [28][29] While retaining socialism as a long-term goal, [30] since the post-war period it came to embrace a mixed economy based on Keynesianism within a predominantly developed capitalist market economy and liberal democratic polity that expands state intervention to include income redistribution, regulation, and a welfare state. [31] Economic democracy proposes a sort of market socialism, with more democratic control of companies, currencies, investments, and natural resources. The socialist political movement includes a set of political philosophies that originated in the revolutionary movements of the mid-to-late 18th century and out of concern for the social problems that socialists associated with capitalism. [13] By the late 19th century, after the work of Karl Marx and his collaborator Friedrich Engels, socialism had come to signify anti-capitalism and advocacy for a post-capitalist system based on some form of social ownership of the means of production. [33][34] By the early 1920s, communism and social democracy had become the two dominant political tendencies within the international socialist movement, [35] with socialism itself becoming the most influential secular movement of the 20th century. [36] Many socialists also adopted the causes of other social movements, such as feminism, environmentalism, and progressivism. While the emergence of the Soviet Union as the world's first nominally socialist state led to socialism's widespread association with the Soviet economic model, several scholars posit that in practice, the model functioned as a form of state capitalism. [38][39][40] Several academics, political commentators, and scholars have noted that some Western countries, such as France, Sweden and the United Kingdom, have been governed by socialist parties or have mixed economies sometimes referred to as "democratic socialist". [41][42] Following the end of the Cold War and the revolutions of 1989, many of these countries have moved away from socialism as a neoliberal consensus replaced the social democratic consensus in the advanced capitalist world, [43] while many former socialist politicians and political parties embraced "Third Way" politics, remaining committed to equality and welfare, while abandoning public ownership and class-based politics. [44] Socialism experienced a resurgence in popularity in the 2010s, most prominently in the form of democratic socialism.

**Socialism** is a political philosophy and movement encompassing a wide range of economic and social systems which are characterised by social ownership of the means of production, as opposed to private ownership. As a term, it describes the economic, political, and social theories and movements associated with the implementation of such systems. Social ownership can be public, community, collective, cooperative, or employee. While no single definition encapsulates the many types of socialism, social ownership is the one common element, and is considered left-wing. Different types of socialism vary based on the role of markets and planning in resource allocation, on the structure of management in organizations, and from below or from above approaches, with some socialists favouring a party, state, or technocratic-driven approach. Socialists disagree on whether government, particularly existing government, is the correct vehicle for change.

### Socialists Protesting

The economic philosophies of socialism and capitalism are opposed. Protesters demonstrate against a plan to sell off public healthcare (a socialist stance) to private corporations (a capitalist stance) on April 30, 2019 at Queen's Park in Toronto, Ontario



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# California Fast Food Giants Call Off Ballot Fight with Unions After \$20 Wage Deal



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Fast-food workers and other SEIU members march on the Capitol in 2022 in support of industry regulation. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

A two-year battle between labor groups and fast food giants ended in a last-minute deal Monday that would give workers a \$20 minimum wage starting next April if businesses agree to nix their November 2024 ballot measure to undo a landmark law regulating the industry. The agreement, detailed in changes to Assembly Bill 1228, averts what would have been a costly campaign for both sides. And they each get a major concession: It ensures at least a modest raise for workers, while the industry gets lawmakers to back off on a controversial proposal to hold fast food corporations legally responsible for labor violations in their franchise locations. Assembly Bill 257 passed in 2022 would have established a state-run council with worker and business representatives to write rules regulating wages and working conditions in fast food restaurants — an industry labor organizers have long struggled to unionize. The council would have had the power to raise the fast food minimum wage to as much as \$22 an hour. The statewide minimum wage rises to \$16 on Jan. 1. The law was quickly put on hold last fall when restaurant groups and major fast food corporations poured millions into a signature-gathering campaign to have voters repeal it on the 2024 ballot. **The referendum campaign in July reported amassing \$50 million in an “initial contribution” from McDonald’s, In-N-Out, Chick-Fil-A and the International Franchise Association and National Restaurant Association.** The Service Employees International Union, sponsor of the law, and other labor groups said the fast food industry, which employs more than 500,000 Californians, is in particular need of regulation because of low wages, unpredictable scheduling and what they said were harsh working conditions in restaurants often controlled not by the corporations but by numerous independent franchise operators. “For the last decade, fast-food cooks, cashiers and baristas in California have been sounding the alarm on the poverty pay and unsafe working conditions plaguing our industry,” Ingrid Vilorio, a leader in union efforts to organize fast food workers, said in a statement. “We have always known that to solve these problems, we need a seat at the table with our employers and the power to help shape better rules across our industry.”

Businesses have painted the law as an overreach, countering that restaurants have already raised wages during a period of record inflation, and said additional regulations would force fast food stores to close or hike prices. Last December, the average hourly wage of California fast food workers was about \$19. In response to the referendum, SEIU and a furious Assemblymember Chris Holden, the Pasadena Democrat who authored the fast food council law, this year introduced AB 1228, the bill to establish joint labor law liability for corporations. That provision was stripped out of the law in 2022 to gain more support for its passage. Also, this year’s state budget included a \$3 million line item to resurrect the Industrial Welfare Commission, a state board dormant since 2004 that could also write new, industry-specific regulations. Over the weekend, lawmakers in another budget bill proposed calling off that commission’s revival. The deal, which has days to be approved before the legislative session ends Thursday, would require the fast food council convene and meet for the first time by March 15, 2024 — earlier than it would have if it had to await voter approval next November. “Together, with both supporters and opposition, we are establishing a new standard that inspires a safe and prosperous environment within the fast food industry,” Holden said in a statement. “It provides meaningful wage increases for workers, while at the same time eliminates more significant — and potentially existential — threats, costs, and regulatory burdens targeting local restaurants in California,” International Franchise Association president and CEO Matt Haller said in a statement. The agreement also tweaks the council’s 10-member makeup to nine by making the two state government representatives non-voting members and adding a “member of the public.” The council would still include two fast food workers, two labor representatives, two fast food industry representatives and two fast food franchise owners.

The newly proposed council also would write rules that apply to more restaurants — those that belong to a chain with at least 60 locations nationally, compared with 100 locations as outlined in the 2022 law. The deal also removes a provision by which cities and counties could convene their own fast food councils, which businesses had said could create a burdensome number of additional regulations. As previously enacted, the council would operate for five years unless lawmakers extend it. And it has the same restrictions as the version passed last year — limited to rulemaking on wages and workplace safety, though the council would have to petition the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health to enact some of those rules. It would not be able to write rules that create new time-off benefits or dictate how restaurants schedule workers’ hours. The fast food industry and unions were in a crunch to reach an agreement by Monday night, the absolute last chance for bills to be amended this session because of a requirement they be in print for 72 hours before a final vote. The deal is only possible because of a brand-new law signed on Friday by Newsom. AB 421 by Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, a Culver City Democrat, creates a process for proponents of a referendum to withdraw their measure from the ballot until 131 days before the election. Such a process already existed for other statewide initiatives, but not for efforts to overturn a law passed through the legislative process.

The Legislature rushed the bill through a final series of votes last Tuesday and sent it to the governor’s desk with an urgency clause allowing it to take effect immediately. That means, for the November 2024 election, referendums can be pulled off the ballot until June 27 — potentially opening the door for another deal next session with the oil industry over a referendum they qualified challenging a 3,200-foot drilling setback around homes, schools and health care facilities.





## 30 years after Arafat-Rabin handshake, clear flaws in Oslo Accords doomed peace talks to failure

Maha Nassar, *University of Arizona*

Thirty years later, it is clear the **Oslo Accords** have achieved neither peace nor a two-state solution. So far in 2023 alone, over 200 Palestinians and nearly 30 Israelis have been killed. Israel has the most right-wing, nationalist government in its history, and the Palestinian leadership is weak and divided. There is little prospect for a return to negotiations anytime soon.

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## CDC greenlights two updated COVID-19 vaccines, but how will they fare against the latest variants? 5 questions answered

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## Shelters can help homeless people by providing quiet and privacy, not just a bunk and a meal

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On Sept. 12, 2023, the **Centers for Disease Control** and Prevention recommended the newly formulated COVID-19 vaccines for all Americans ages 6 months and up, hours after its expert advisory committee voted 13 to 1 in favor of recommending the vaccines.

For the past two years, we have worked as researchers with the Human Services Campus, a 13-acre complex in Maricopa County, Arizona, where 16 nonprofit organizations work together to help people who are experiencing **homelessness**. The campus includes Central Arizona Shelter Services, or CASS, Phoenix's largest homeless emergency shelter, which assists 800 people experiencing homelessness on any given night. Our work includes talking with staff and clients to better understand their challenges and identify possible solutions that draw from our work in the fields of architecture, health and social innovation. FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — More than 130 countries have agreed on sweeping changes to how big global companies are taxed, including a 15% minimum corporate rate designed to deter multinationals from stashing profits in low-tax countries.



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## Why humans can't trust AI: You don't know how it works, what it's going to do or whether it'll serve your interests

Mark Bailey, *National Intelligence University*

If you fundamentally don't understand something as unpredictable as **AI**, how can you trust it?

**Summer 2023** has been the hottest on record by a huge margin. The changes will get worse until we stop putting more carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than the planet can remove.



## Summer 2023 was the hottest on record – yes, it's climate change, but don't call it 'the new normal'

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## How September 1993, when Latter-day Saints leaders disciplined six dissidents, continues to trouble the church

Benjamin Park, *Sam Houston State University*

**LDS Church** leaders decided to root out the three "major invasions" in May 1993: "the gay-lesbian movement, the feminist movement" and "the so-called scholars or intellectuals."

Ben Franklin concluded that **impeachment** was a process that could be "favorable" to the president, saying it is the best way to provide for "the regular punishment of the Executive when his misconduct should deserve it and for his honorable acquittal when he should be unjustly accused."



## Humility is the foundation to a virtuous life

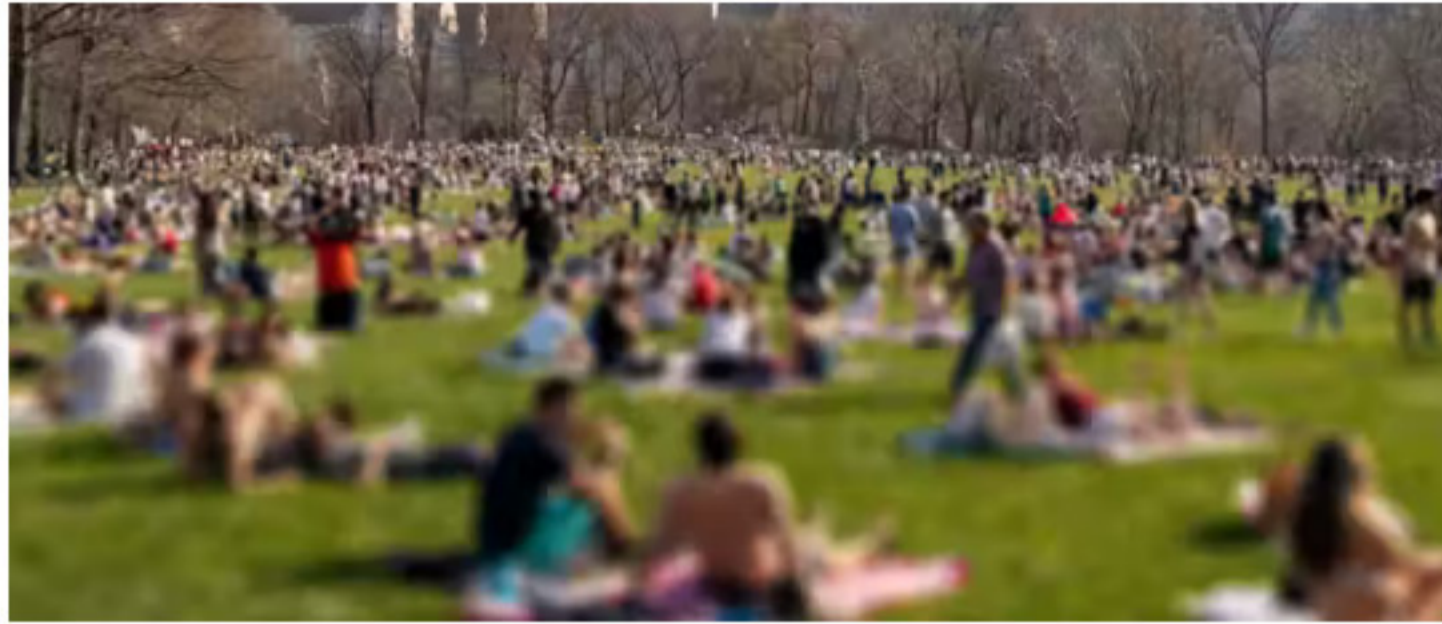
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## Republicans call for impeachment inquiry into Biden – a process the founders intended to deter abuse of power as well as remove from office

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Humility can help your interconnectedness with others snap into focus.  
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## Humility is the foundation to a virtuous life

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The default psychological setting for human beings is an unavoidable self-centeredness. We each stand at the center of our own thoughts, feelings and needs, and thus experience them in a way that we cannot experience the thoughts, feelings and needs of others.

As writer David Foster Wallace put it in a 2005 commencement address: “... *Everything in my own immediate experience supports my deep belief that I am the absolute center of the universe, the realest, most vivid and important person in existence ... it’s pretty much the same for all of us.*”

This self-centeredness comes as a part of the packaging – a natural part of our human experience. Yet it isn’t hard to see how it can be problematic. Take a step back from your own life to take in the whole of humanity, and you can see how this self-focus might easily distort your ethical sensibilities, leading you to overinflate the value and importance of certain lives over others and the “rightness” of your values and way of life over those of others. You can also see how it might similarly interfere with your ability to change your beliefs in pursuit of the truth – it’s hard to let go of false beliefs when they feel true because you believe them. It’s hard to imagine things from perspectives that are not your own. It’s hard to accept that you are limited and fallible, prone to error.

This is where humility comes in.

Humility also reduces the immediacy of your own feelings, needs and goals, creating space for the importance of others’ to enter in. It quiets the “centeredness” enough for you to better experience your interdependency and connection to others. We all bring parts of the puzzle of human experience to the table. We all have something to offer.

### Humility supports all the virtues

And this corrective function is why I now consider humility foundational to other intellectual and moral virtues.

Self-centeredness is a force that can interfere with one’s ability to exercise virtues appropriately. It’s hard to be appropriately open-minded and curious, for example, when the ideas being presented threaten or stand in conflict to your own, implying you’ve been mistaken. It’s hard to be compassionate, generous or courageous when your perception is distorted, when your own beliefs and needs weigh more heavily than those of others. And this makes quieting this distortion critical.

When considering who should benefit from your time, energy and resources, humility is necessary to bring the needs of others clearly into view. It quiets the incessant push and pull of your own desires and needs, facilitating and deepening your capacity for patience, honesty, generosity, compassion and so on.

This is not to say that humility is all about focusing on others and not yourself. It is also not about stepping back from your values, beliefs or needs when it is appropriate for you to assert them. As the Mussar Jewish ethical movement teaches, humility is about occupying the right amount of space, the space necessary for the situation – not less, not more.

In other words, humility serves as the foundation of our ability to thrive, both as individuals and together in human society.



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A number of journalists have highlighted connections with conservative causes. A 1997 article said the foundation had given a significant amount of financial support to groups, causes and individuals considered conservative, including gifts to Gertrude Himmelfarb, **Milton Friedman**, Walter E. Williams, Julian Lincoln Simon and Mary Lefkowitz, and called John Templeton Jr. a “sugar daddy” for such thinkers.



## Why the earth quakes – a closer look at what’s going on under the ground

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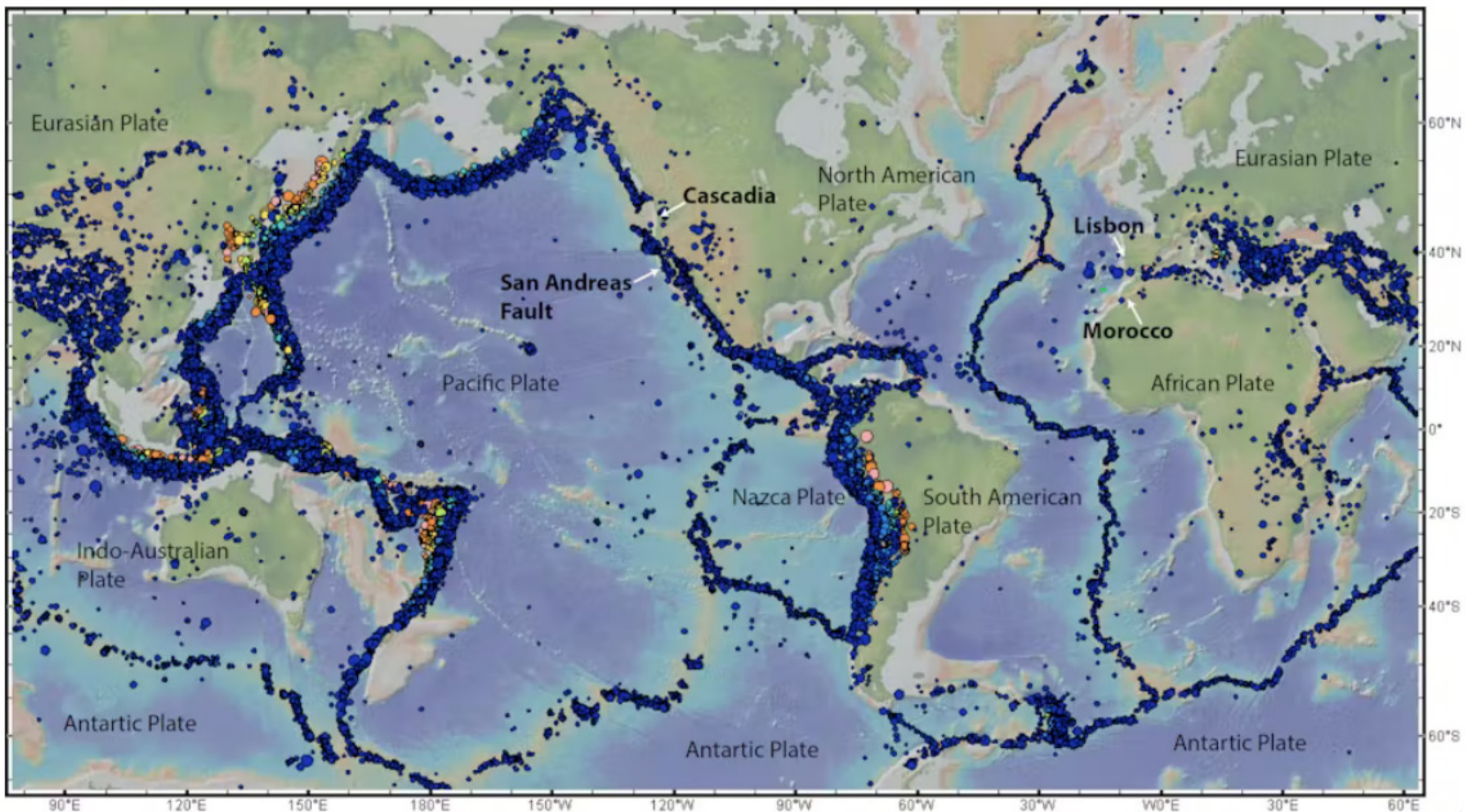
**Earthquakes, large and small, happen every single day** along zones that wrap around the world like seams on a baseball. Most don’t bother anybody, so they don’t make the news. But every now and then a catastrophic earthquake hits people somewhere in the world with horrific destruction and immense suffering.

**Preparing for the big one:** An important fact about catastrophic earthquakes is that, in most cases, the earthquakes don’t kill people – falling buildings do.

Most Americans have heard of California’s San Andreas Fault and the seismic risk to San Francisco and Los Angeles. The last major earthquake along the San Andreas Fault hit at Loma Prieta, in the San Francisco Bay area, in 1989. Its magnitude, 6.9, was comparable to that of the earthquake in Morocco, yet 63 people died compared with thousands. That’s largely because building codes in these earthquake-prone U.S. cities are now designed to keep structures standing when the Earth shakes. The exceptions are tsunamis, the huge waves generated when an earthquake shifts the seafloor, displacing the water above it. A tsunami that hit Japan in 2011 had horrific consequences, regardless of the quality of engineering in coastal towns.

Unfortunately, earthquake scientists can’t predict exactly when an earthquake might occur; they can only estimate the hazard.

*A map of all earthquakes greater than magnitude 5 from 1960 to 2023 clearly shows the outlines of the tectonic plates.*







What is the temperature in the center of the earth?



## 9,392° Fahrenheit

The inner core is a hot, dense ball of (mostly) iron. It has a radius of about 1,220 kilometers (758 miles). Temperature in the inner core is about 5,200° Celsius (9,392° Fahrenheit). The pressure is nearly 3.6 million atmosphere (atm). Jun 12, 2023



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**At 9,392°F, the Earth's inner core is similar in temperature to the surface of the sun.** At Earth's center, the pressure is 3.6 million times atmospheric pressure-3,350 times more crushing than in the deepest part of the Marianas Trench.

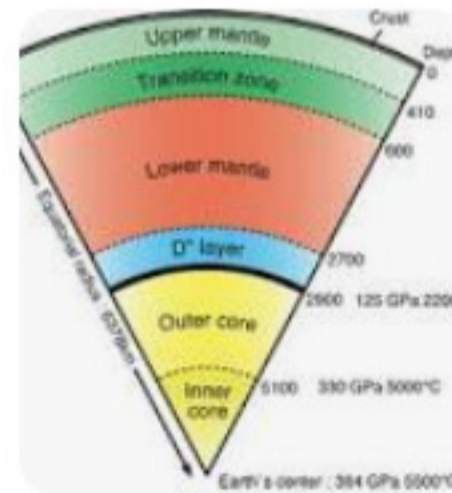


What is the pressure in the center of the earth?



## 364 GPa

The deeper inside the Earth, the higher the pressure and temperature (Fig. 1). The Earth's center has an ultrahigh pressure of 364 GPa and an ultrahigh temperature of 5,500 °C. Researchers worldwide have been continuously devoting themselves to recreating such an environment in their laboratories.



**GPa or GigaPascal** is a unit of pressure equal to 1,000,000,000 Pa (that's a billion Pascals). Pa or Pascal is the basic SI unit for measuring pressure, equal to 1 Newton of force being applied to 1 square meter of surface area. A newton (N) is the international unit of measure for force. One newton is equal to 1 kilogram meter per second squared. In plain English, 1 newton of force is the force required to accelerate an object with a mass of 1 kilogram 1 meter per second per second.



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## What is the liar's dilemma?

**Google's Bard** > The liar's dilemma is a paradox of self-reference in which a statement refers to its own truthfulness. The paradox is as follows: "This statement is false."

If the statement is true, then it is false, which means it is true. But if the statement is false, then it is true, which means it is false. This paradox can be generalized to any statement that refers to its own truthfulness.

One way to resolve the paradox is to say that the statement is meaningless. It does not make sense to talk about a statement's truthfulness if the statement is about itself. Another way to resolve the paradox is to say that the statement is both true and false. This is called the principle of bivalence, which states that every statement is either true or false. However, this solution is not without its problems. It seems strange to say that a statement can be both true and false at the same time.

There is no easy solution, and the paradox continues to challenge our understanding of truth and falsehood. Here are some other examples of liar's paradoxes: "The next sentence is false." "This sentence is true." "I am lying." These paradoxes are all self-referential, and they all seem to lead to a contradiction. However, there is no easy way to resolve these paradoxes. They continue to be a source of puzzlement and debate.

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## What is the prisoner's dilemma?

**Google's Bard** > The prisoner's dilemma is a game theory thought experiment that involves two rational agents, each of whom can cooperate for mutual benefit or betray their partner ("defect") for individual reward. The dilemma is as follows:

- Two prisoners are arrested for a crime they have both committed.
- They are separated and cannot communicate with each other.
- Each prisoner is given the choice of either confessing or remaining silent.
- If one prisoner confesses and the other does not, the one who confesses will be released, and the one who does not will receive a harsh sentence.
- If both prisoners confess, they will both receive a moderate sentence.
- If both prisoners remain silent, they will both receive a light sentence.



A paradox in decision analysis in which two individuals acting in their own self-interests do not produce the optimal outcome.

The dominant strategy for each prisoner is to confess. This is because, regardless of what the other prisoner does, the prisoner who confesses will get a better outcome. If the other prisoner confesses, the prisoner who confesses will be released, while the prisoner who remains silent will receive a harsh sentence. If the other prisoner remains silent, the prisoner who confesses will still receive a moderate sentence, while the prisoner who remains silent will receive a light sentence.

However, the outcome of both prisoners confessing is worse for both of them than if they both remained silent. This is the dilemma. Each prisoner is better off defecting, even though the outcome of both defecting is worse for both of them. The prisoner's dilemma is a thought experiment, but it has been used to model many real-world situations involving strategic behavior. For example, the prisoner's dilemma can be used to model the arms race between two countries. In the arms race, each country has the choice of either building up its military or disarming. If one country builds up its military, the other country will be worse off if it disarms. But if both countries build up their militaries, they will both be worse off than if they had both disarmed.

The prisoner's dilemma is a powerful tool for understanding strategic behavior. It shows that, even when people are rational and self-interested, they can sometimes end up in situations where they are all worse off than they would be if they had cooperated. There are a number of ways to try to overcome the prisoner's dilemma. One way is to create a repeated game, where the prisoners play the game against each other multiple times. In a repeated game, the prisoners may be able to learn to cooperate with each other, even though it is not the dominant strategy in each individual game. Another way to overcome the prisoner's dilemma is to introduce some kind of punishment for defecting. For example, the prisoners might be told that if they both confess, they will both be executed. This would make defecting a less attractive option.

The prisoner's dilemma is a complex problem, and there is no easy solution. However, it is an important tool for understanding strategic behavior and for finding ways to overcome the challenges that it presents.

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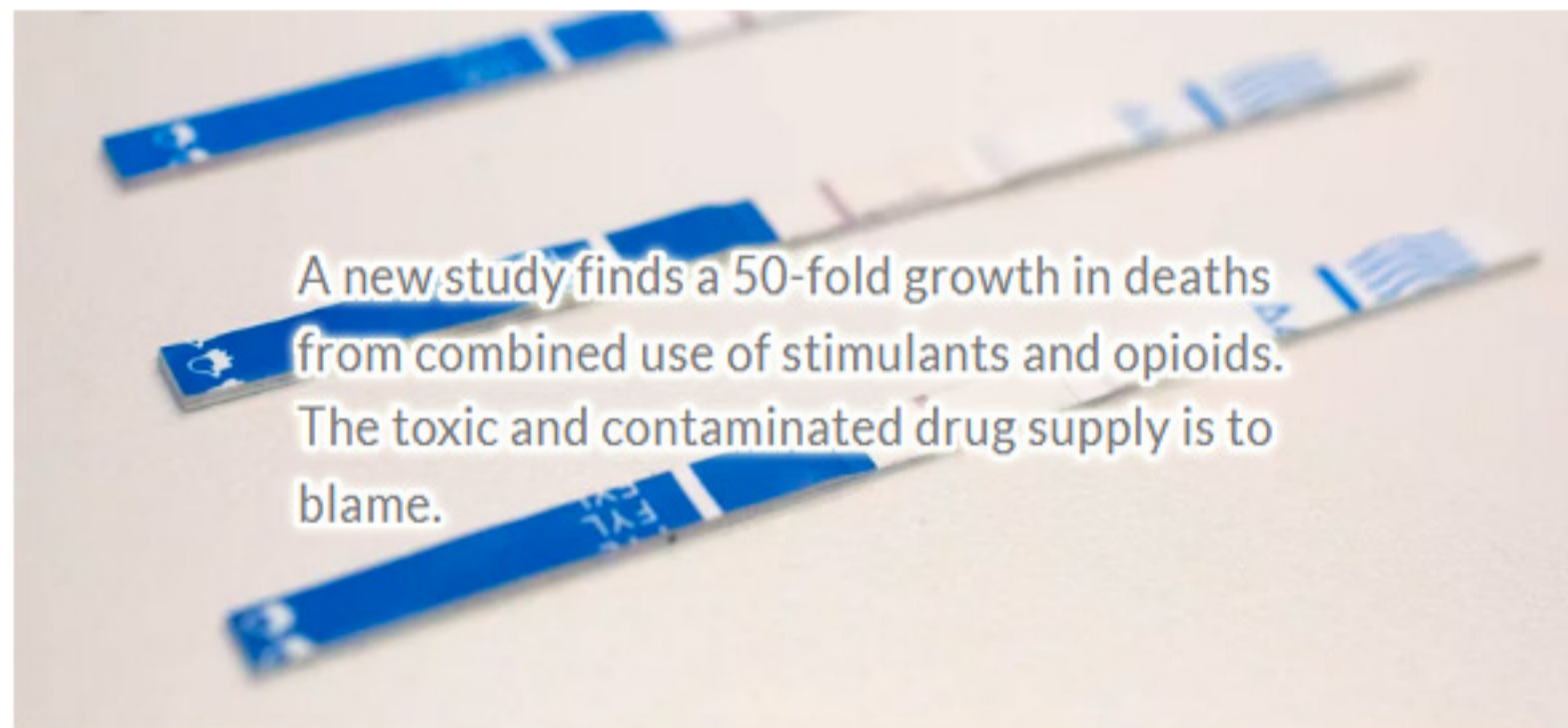


# Fentanyl mixed with cocaine or meth is driving the '4th wave' of the overdose crisis

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By Scott Maucione



The number of overdoses that involve both fentanyl and stimulants like cocaine and meth is growing fast. One way people who use drugs can protect themselves is by using test strips to check for the presence of fentanyl in other drugs.

The mixture of stimulants like cocaine and meth with highly potent synthetic opioids is a fast-growing driver of fatal overdoses in the U.S. Since 2010, overdoses involving both stimulants and fentanyl have increased 50-fold, and now account for 32% of U.S. overdoses in 2021 and nearly 35,000 deaths, according to a study published Thursday in the scientific journal *Addiction*. "We're now seeing that the use of fentanyl together with stimulants is rapidly becoming the dominant force in the U.S. overdose crisis," says Joseph Friedman, the lead author of the study and a researcher at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine. "Fentanyl has ushered in a polysubstance overdose crisis, meaning that people are mixing fentanyl with other drugs, like stimulants, but also countless other synthetic substances."

The study authors call the rise in these polysubstance overdoses a "fourth" wave in the opioid crisis. The first was characterized by the rise in prescription opioids starting in the early 2000s, the second by heroin's rise starting around 2010 and the third, fentanyl circa 2013. Chelsea Shover, the senior author of the paper and assistant professor-in-residence at UCLA, says understanding how people use drugs is crucial to stopping the overdose crisis and helping people get treatment.

Awareness of effective medical treatments for opioid addiction, including drugs like suboxone and methadone, has increased over the years. Shover says **preventing poly-drug overdoses, "also means getting serious about treating stimulant use disorder."** "It's not just an opioid crisis, although all the strategies we're trying to deal with opioid overdose still apply," she adds. However, treatments for stimulant use disorder are still rare and underfunded. Opioids and stimulants have a history together. People who chronically use opioids often will turn to stimulants as a way to offset the tiredness that comes along with the use of drugs like heroin and fentanyl. The tactic is called speedballing, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and can cause an intense high, which can also be very dangerous. "Stimulants cause vasoconstriction of your vessels and increase your need for oxygen," said Eric Weintraub, the director of addiction research and treatment at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. "Opioids do the opposite, they actually decrease your respiration so less oxygen is delivered to the body." That stress on the body can make people more susceptible to an overdose. Another group of people who are affected are people intending to use stimulants on their own but who don't realize their supply has been laced with or contaminated with potent drugs like fentanyl. "The drug supply is so toxic and dangerous, so if somebody's using cocaine on the weekends here and there and they get the wrong batch, they could die of an overdose as well," Weintraub said.

**Making sense of autopsy data:** While taking both of the drugs at the same time is potentially lethal, it's important to note that just because a person has both stimulants and opioids in their bloodstream, it doesn't mean they died from the combination. **Autopsy toxicology reports, which the *Addiction* study is based on, are not a perfect science.** "What they do is just provide us a list of substances that a person may have used, it doesn't tell us when they used it and doesn't tell us if they were consumed at the same time," said Zachary Kosinski, the director of harm reduction at the Behavioral Health System Baltimore. "The sources usually do a pretty poor job of telling us what caused the overdose." Shover said that death certificate data has its limitations, but medical examiners are taking note of what may have caused the fatality. "The deaths that are included in this study, when we say a death involves fentanyl and cocaine, that means that at some point a medical examiner or coroner determined that both were important factors in causing death," Shover said. "What we can't know is, did someone use fentanyl and cocaine together on purpose? Did someone use cocaine thinking that it was just cocaine and it had fentanyl in it? We can't tell that from this type of work." She noted that the data point to important trends that can help focus treatment and resources. **For example, previous waves hit white and Native American populations particularly hard. However, this new wave is skewing toward the Black population.** **There are also geographic considerations. In the northeast, fentanyl tends to be combined with cocaine, while in the south and west it is more likely to be mixed with methamphetamine.**

"We suspect this pattern reflects the rising availability of, and preference for, low-cost, high-purity methamphetamine throughout the U.S., and the fact that the Northeast has a well-entrenched pattern of illicit cocaine use that has so far resisted the complete take-over by methamphetamine seen elsewhere in the country," Friedman said. Weintraub and Shover said it's unlikely that people will stop illicit drug use anytime soon, so it's important that the overdose antidote Narcan is made widely available in places where people use drugs



# Seattle officer recorded joking about woman's death, saying 'she had limited value'

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Seattle police officer Kevin Dave hit 23-year-old Jaahnavi Kandula with his vehicle while he was driving 74 miles an hour in a 25 mph area, responding to a reported overdose. In the footage, Seattle police officer Daniel Auderer, who is vice president of the Seattle Police Officers Guild, is heard speaking to someone on the phone. "I mean, he's going 50. That's not out of control, that's not reckless for a trained driver," Auderer says. "Yeah, lights and sirens. I don't think she was thrown 40 feet, either," Auderer says. A report by the SPD's traffic collision investigation squad later found that Dave had been driving at a peak speed of 74 miles per hour in a 25 mph zone. Investigators concluded that Dave struck Kandula with his Ford SUV at approximately 63 miles per hour, and Kandula was thrown approximately 138 feet.

In the video, Auderer is heard laughing, apparently at something his interlocutor says. "Yeah, just write a check," Auderer says, chuckling. "\$11,000. She was 26 anyway, she had limited value."



Kandula was to graduate in December with a master's degree in information systems from the Seattle campus of Northeastern University, The Seattle Times reports, and had been working to support her mother in India.

*"The family has nothing to say," her uncle, Ashok Mandula, told the newspaper. "Except I wonder if these men's daughters or granddaughters have value. A life is a life."*

A photo of Jaahnavi Kandula is seen with flowers Jan. 29, 2023, at the Seattle intersection where she was struck and killed by the cruiser of a Seattle Police officer who was responding to a report of an overdose. (Ken Lambert / The Seattle Times) [Less](#) ^



## Earth is outside its 'safe operating space for humanity' on most key measurements, study says

A new study of Earth's health says the planet is outside its "safe operating space for humanity" on six out of nine key measurements.



1 of 3 | FILE - A woman is silhouetted against the setting sun as triple-digit heat indexes continue in the Midwest, Aug. 20, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo. Earth is exceeding its "safe operating space for humanity" in six of nine key measurements of its health, and two of the remaining three are headed in the wrong direction, a new study said.



BY **SETH BORENSTEIN**

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**Planetary Boundaries: Exploring the Safe Operating Space for Humanity; ABSTRACT:** We have identified nine planetary boundaries and, drawing upon current scientific understanding, we propose quantifications for seven of them. These seven are climate change (CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere <350 ppm and/or a maximum change of +1 W m<sup>-2</sup> in radiative forcing); ocean acidification (mean surface seawater saturation state with respect to aragonite ≥ 80% of pre-industrial levels); stratospheric ozone (<5% reduction in O<sub>3</sub> concentration from pre-industrial level of 290 Dobson Units); biogeochemical nitrogen (N) cycle (limit industrial and agricultural fixation of N<sub>2</sub> to 35 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) and phosphorus (P) cycle (annual P inflow to oceans not to exceed 10 times the natural background weathering of P); global freshwater use (<4000 km<sup>3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> of consumptive use of runoff resources); land system change (<15% of the ice-free land surface under cropland); and the rate at which biological diversity is lost (annual rate of <10 extinctions per million species). The two additional planetary boundaries for which we have not yet been able to determine a boundary level are chemical pollution and atmospheric aerosol loading. We estimate that humanity has already transgressed three planetary boundaries: for climate change, rate of biodiversity loss, and changes to the global nitrogen cycle. Planetary boundaries are interdependent, because transgressing one may both shift the position of other boundaries or cause them to be transgressed. The social impacts of transgressing boundaries will be a function of the social-ecological resilience of the affected societies. Our proposed boundaries are rough, first estimates only, surrounded by large uncertainties and knowledge gaps. Filling these gaps will require major advancements in Earth System and resilience science. The proposed concept of "planetary boundaries" lays the groundwork for shifting our approach to governance and management, away from the essentially sectoral analyses of limits to growth aimed at minimizing negative externalities, toward the estimation of the safe space for human development. Planetary boundaries define, as it were, the boundaries of the "planetary playing field" for humanity if we want to be sure of avoiding major human-induced environmental change on a global scale.

Earth is exceeding its "safe operating space for humanity" in six of nine key measurements of its health, and two of the remaining three are headed in the wrong direction, a new study said. Earth's climate, biodiversity, land, freshwater, nutrient pollution and "novel" chemicals (human-made compounds like microplastics and nuclear waste) are all out of whack, a group of international scientists said in Wednesday's journal *Science Advances*. Only the acidity of the oceans, the health of the air and the ozone layer are within the boundaries considered safe, and both ocean and air pollution are heading in the wrong direction, the study said. "We are in very bad shape," said study co-author Johan Rockstrom, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany. "We show in this analysis that the planet is losing resilience and the patient is sick." In 2009, Rockstrom and other researchers created nine different broad boundary areas and used scientific measurements to judge Earth's health as a whole. Wednesday's paper was an update from 2015 and it added a sixth factor to the unsafe category. Water went from barely safe to the out-of-bounds category because of worsening river run-off and better measurements and understanding of the problem, Rockstrom said. These boundaries "determine the fate of the planet," said Rockstrom, a climate scientist. The nine factors have been "scientifically well established" by numerous outside studies, he said. If Earth can manage these nine factors, Earth could be relatively safe. But it's not, he said. In most of the cases, the team uses other peer-reviewed science to create measurable thresholds for a safety boundary. For example, they use 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the air, instead of the Paris climate agreement's 1.5 degrees (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) of warming since pre-industrial times. This year carbon in the air peaked at 424 parts per million. The nine factors are intermingled. When the team used computer simulations, they found that making one factor worse, like the climate or biodiversity, made other Earth environmental issues degrade, while fixing one helped others. Rockstrom said this was like a simulated stress test for the planet. The simulations showed "that one of the most powerful means that humanity has at its disposal to combat climate change" is cleaning up its land and saving forests, the study said. Returning forests to late 20th century levels would provide substantial natural sinks to store carbon dioxide instead of the air, where it traps heat, the study said. Biodiversity – the amount and different types of species of life – is in some of the most troubling shape and it doesn't get as much attention as other issues, like climate change, Rockstrom said. "Biodiversity is fundamental to keeping the carbon cycle and the water cycle intact," Rockstrom said. "The biggest headache we have today is the climate crisis and biodiversity crisis." University of Michigan environmental studies dean Jonathan Overpeck, who wasn't part of the study, called the study "deeply troubling in its implications for the planet and people should be worried." "The analysis is balanced in that it clearly sounds a flashing red alarm, but it is not overly alarmist," Overpeck said. "Importantly, there is hope." The fact that ozone layer is the sole improving factor shows that when the world and its leaders decide to recognize and act on a problem, it can be fixed and "for the most part there are things that we know how to do" to improve the remaining problems, said Carnegie Mellon chemistry and environment professor Neil Donahue. *Some biodiversity scientists, such as Duke's Stuart Pimm, have long disputed Rockstrom's methods and measurements, saying it makes the results not worth much.* But Carnegie Mellon environmental engineering professor Granger Morgan, who wasn't part of the study, said, "Experts don't agree on exactly where the limits are, or how much the planet's different systems may interact, but we are getting dangerously close." "I've often said if we don't quickly cut back on how we are stressing the Earth, we're toast," Morgan said in an email. "This paper says it's more likely that we're burnt toast."





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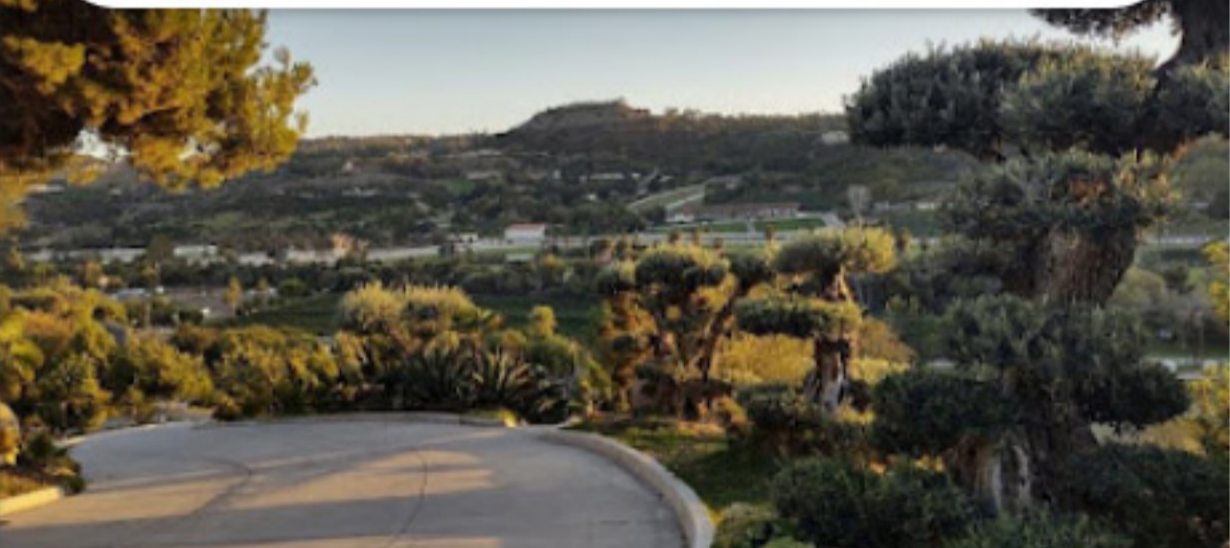
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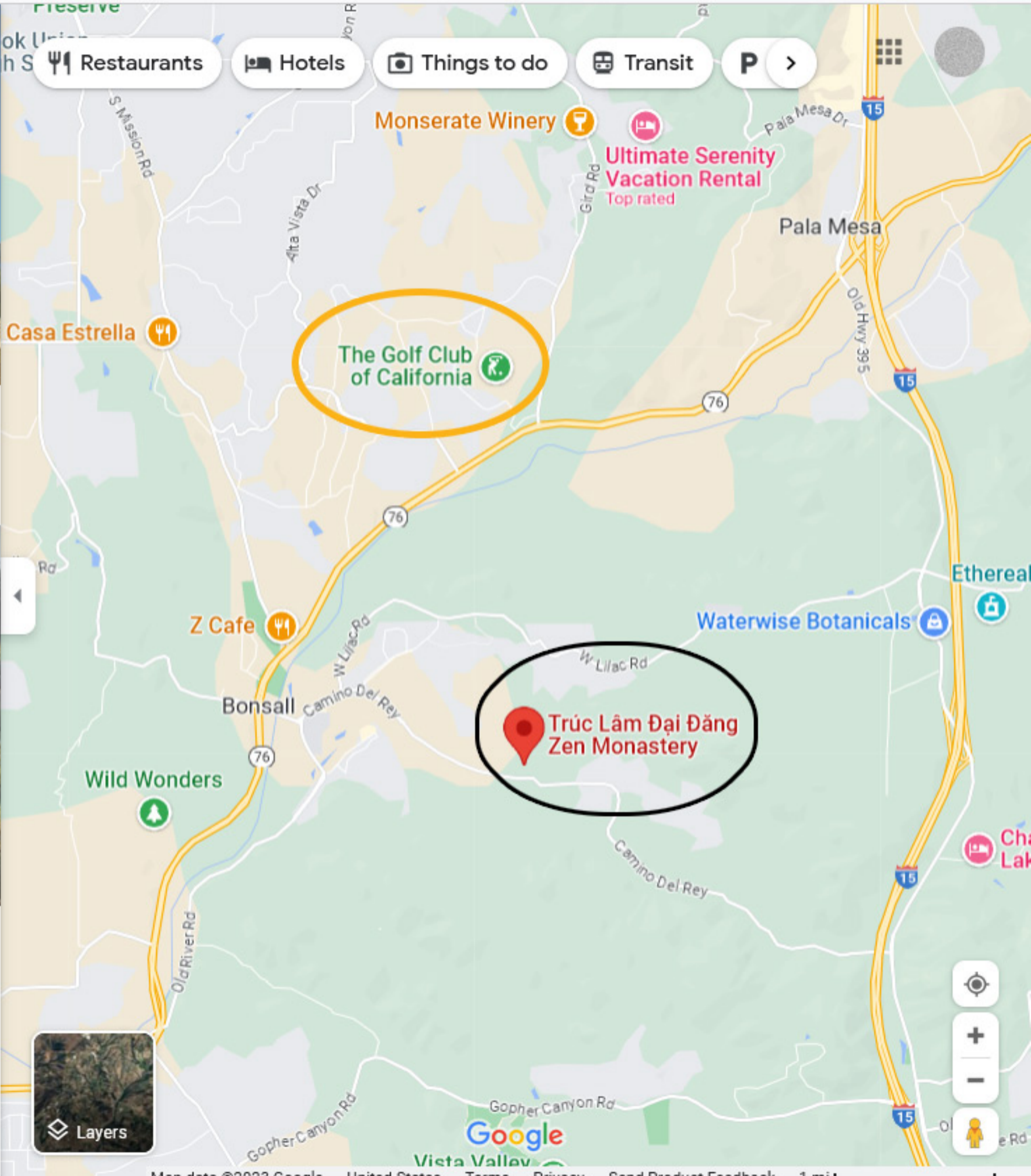
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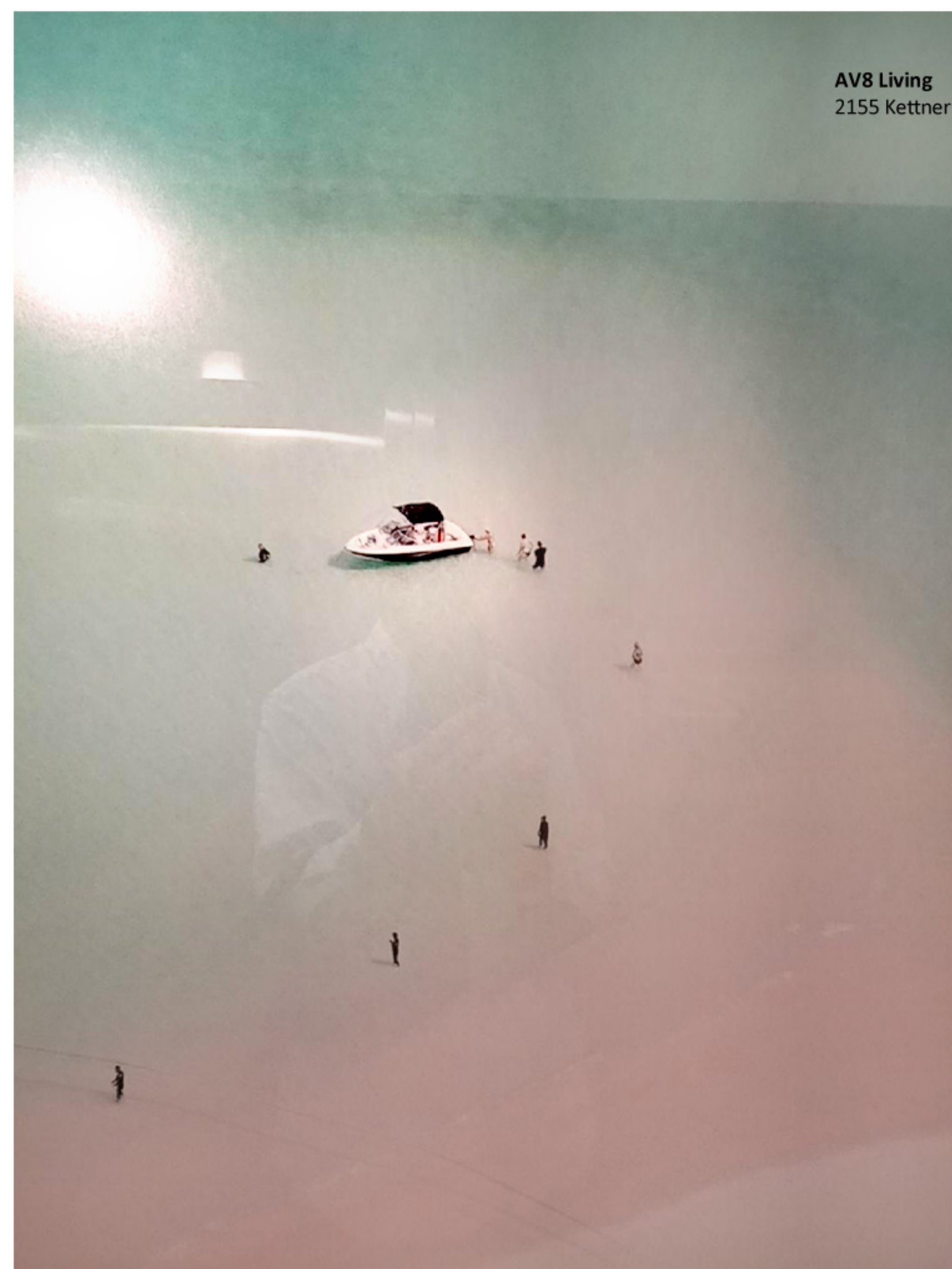




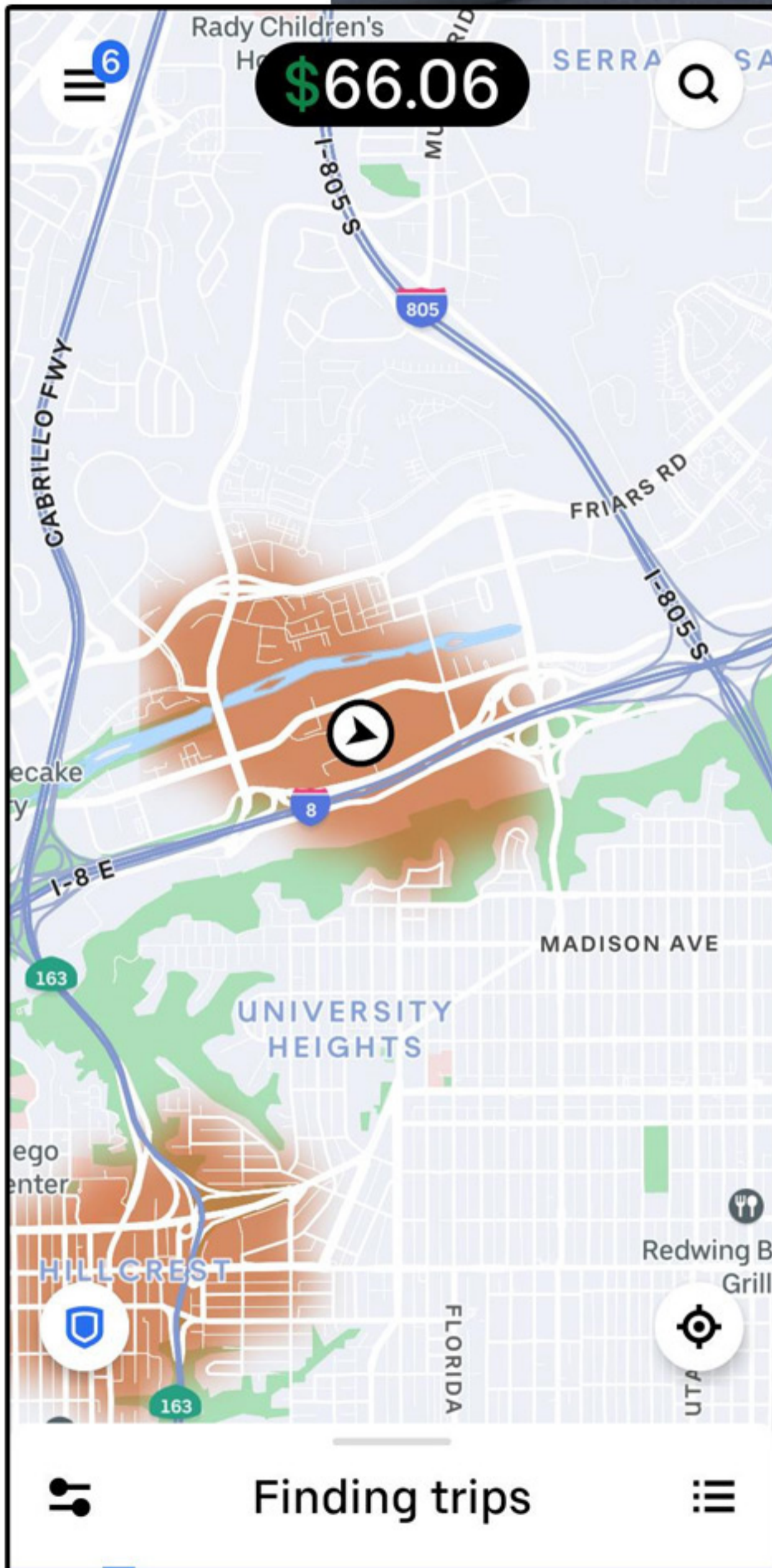




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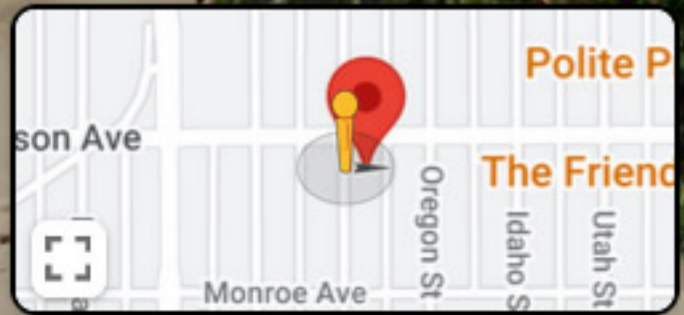






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# The importance of shining a light on hidden toxic histories

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Activists in Newark, N.J., offer tours that teach visitors about the city's legacy of industrial pollution and environmental racism.





The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, written in 1787 on parchment paper. Joe Sohm/Visions of America/Universal Images Group via Getty Images

# A constitutional revolution is underway at the Supreme Court, as the conservative supermajority rewrites basic understandings of the roots of US law

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Scholars describe a constitutional revolution as “a historic constitutional course correction,” or a “deep change in constitutional meaning.” As Constitution Day is celebrated this year on Sept. 17 – the anniversary of the signing of America’s basic law in 1787 – I believe a shift of that magnitude is clearly occurring in the recent rulings of the Supreme Court.

## Revolutionary rulings

**In the 2021-22 term**, the Supreme Court’s dramatic rulings focused on abortion, guns, religion and the power of federal agencies. In a nutshell, the justices removed the recognition of a constitutional right to abortion, expanded gun rights and religious rights, and restricted the power of agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency to craft regulations.

**In the recent 2022-2023 term**, the court again addressed religion and the power of the federal bureaucracy, also adding race as a major area of controversy in a decision that ended affirmative action in college admissions.

The core rulings on these disputes were all 6-3, with the court’s new supermajority of conservative justices on one side and the three remaining liberals in dissent.

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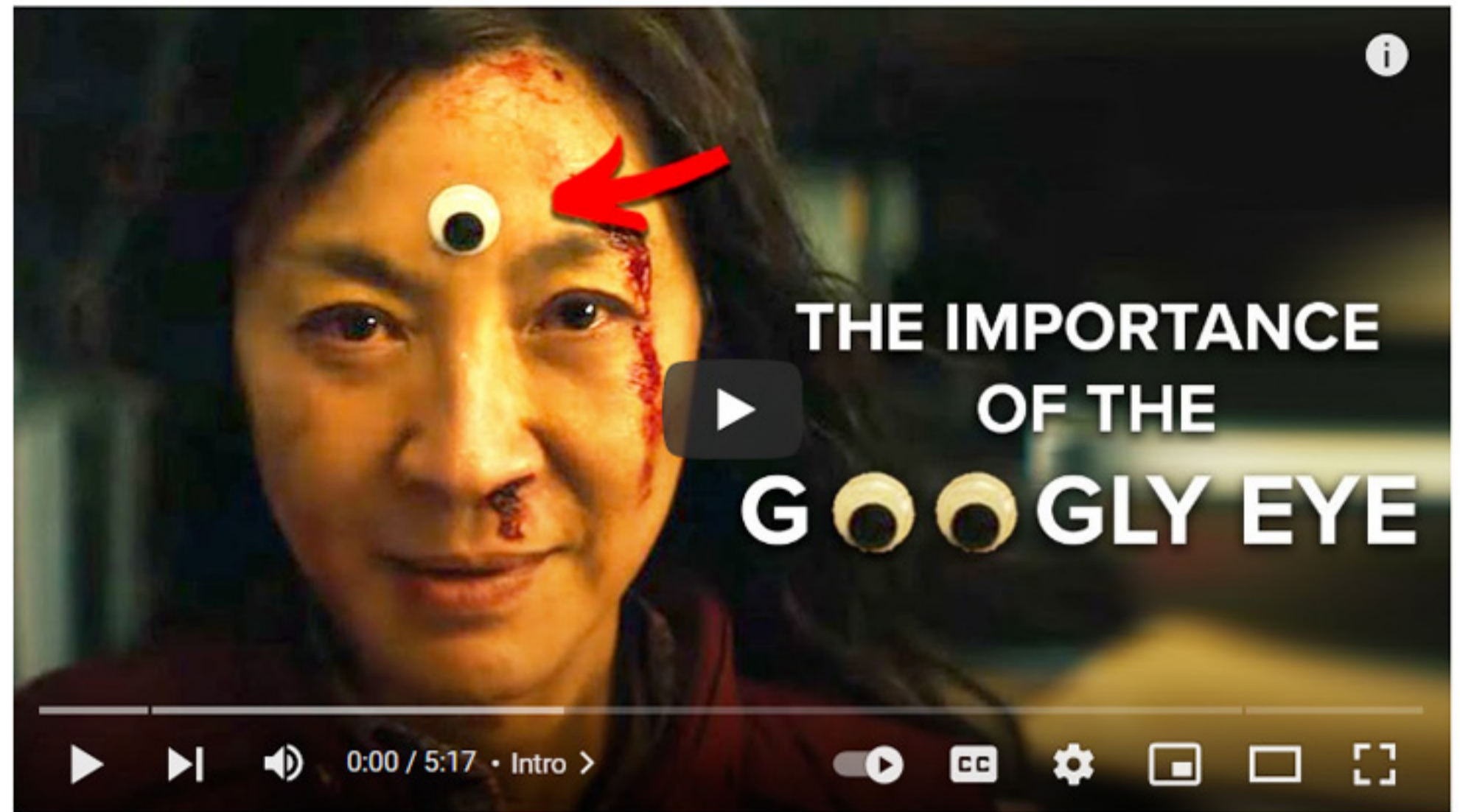
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This constitutional revolution could lead far beyond abortion, guns, race, religion or the administrative state. What is known on this Constitution Day is that the revolution will likely continue, expressed in Supreme Court opinions crafted by the new supermajority of conservative justices.

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Rather than utter the words hopelessness and suicide, Jobu creates an "Everything Bagel," which is quite literally **a bagel with every experience and emotion.** When considered all at once, the totality of human experience renders life meaningless. The void at the center of that bagel is Jobu's answer to suffering. Mar 13, 2023



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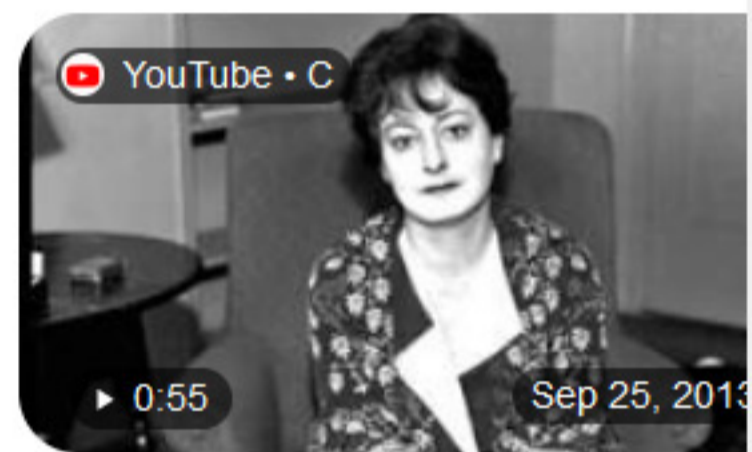
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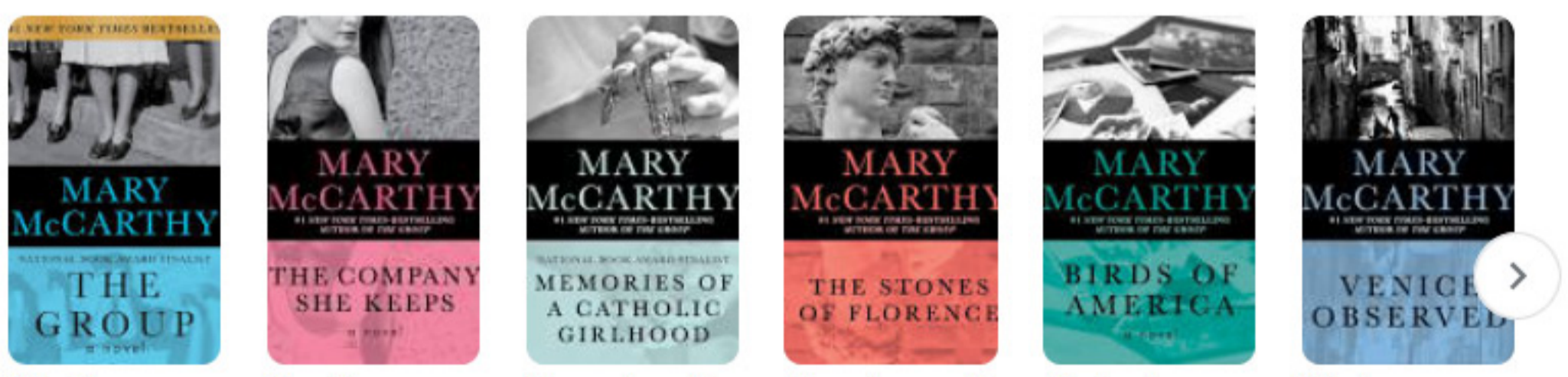
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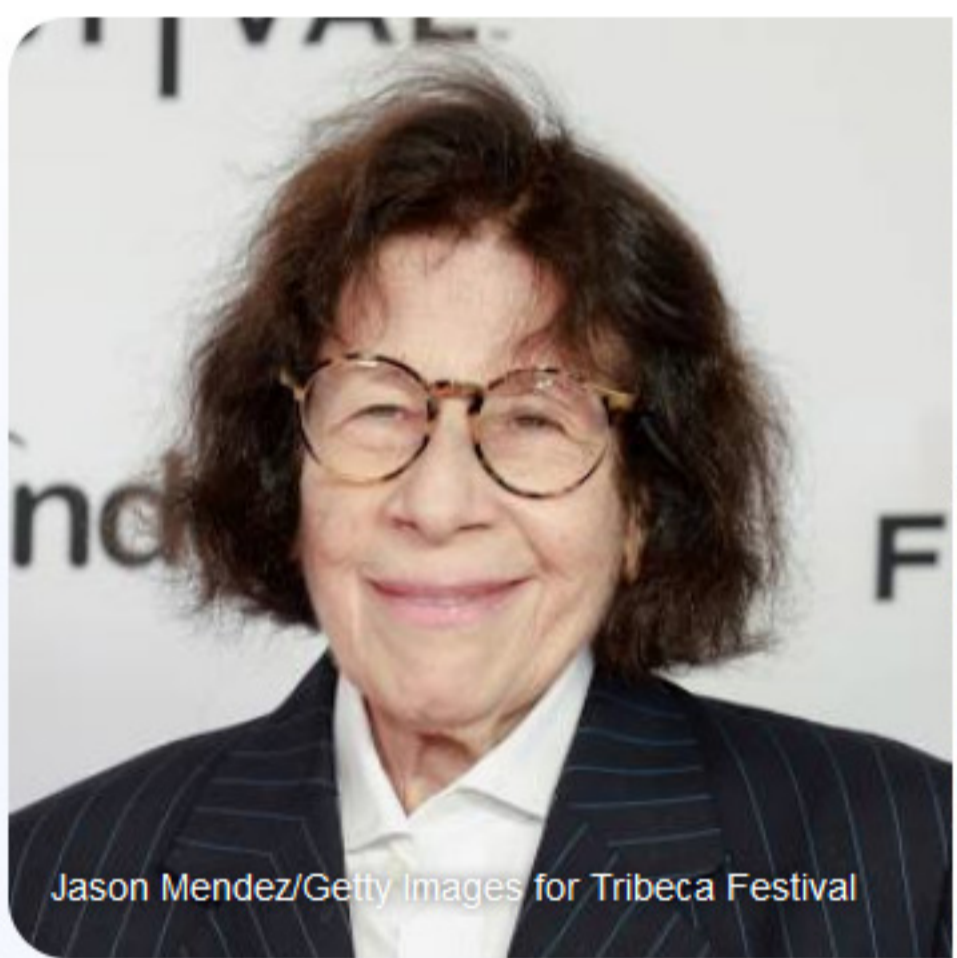
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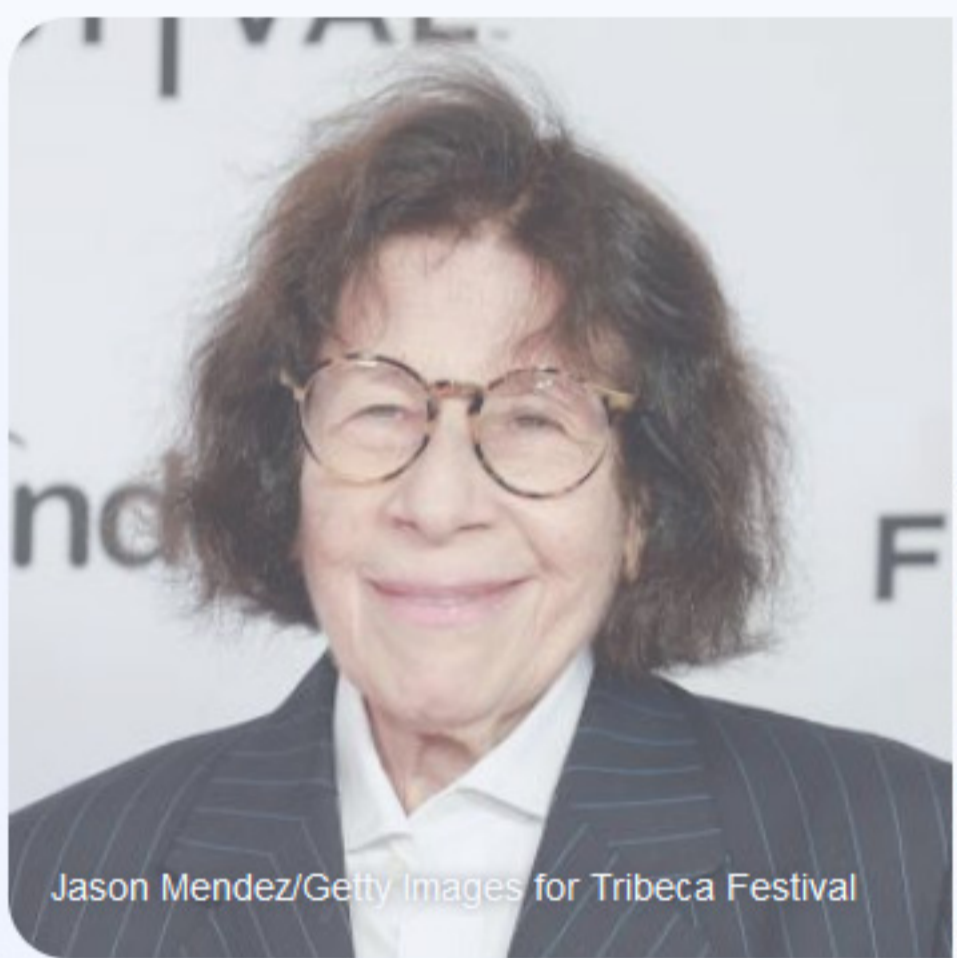




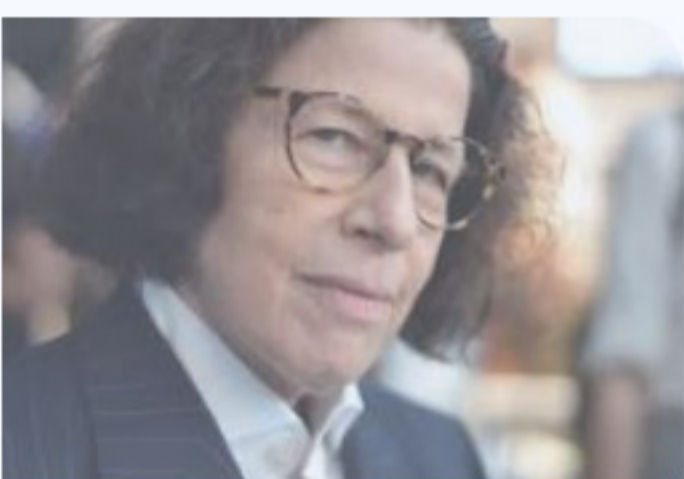
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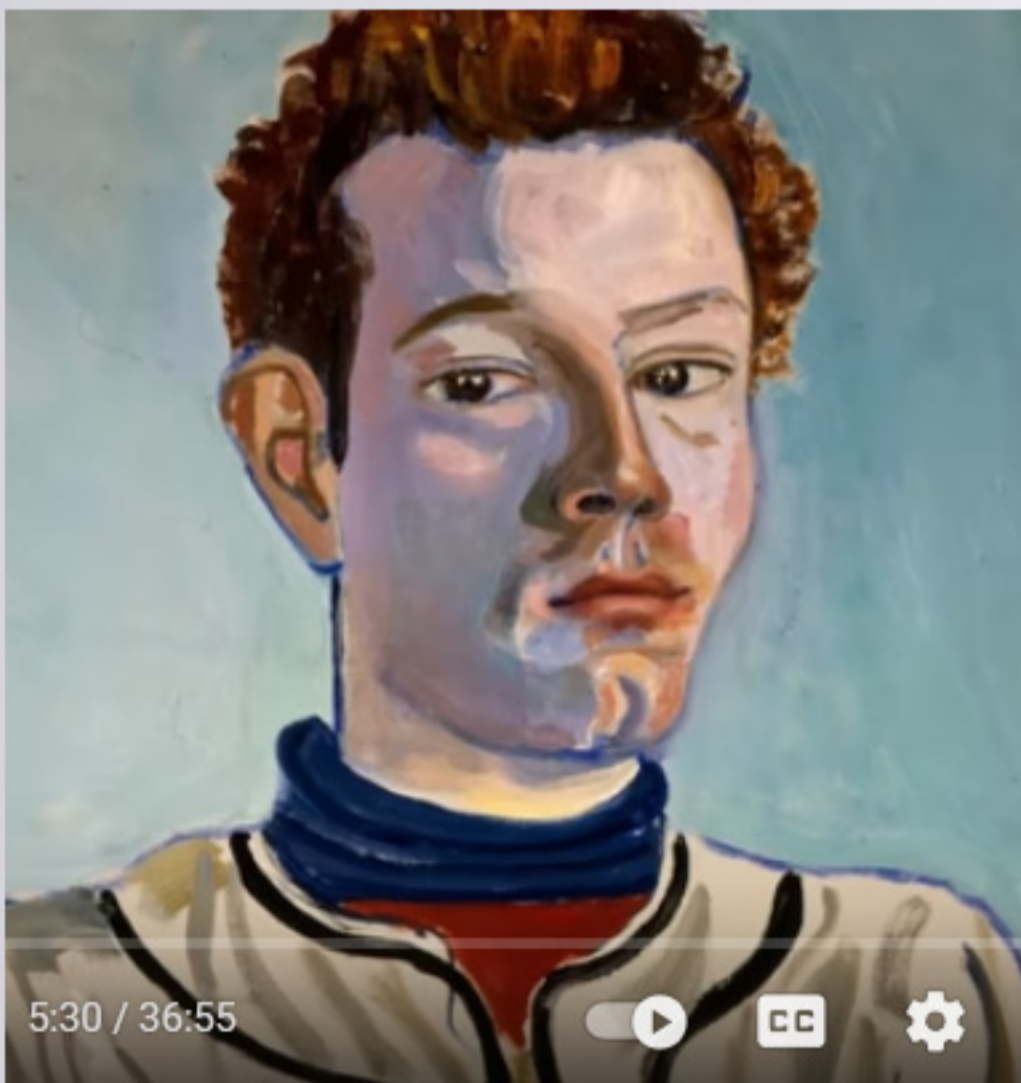
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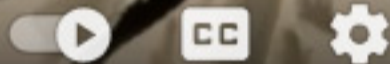
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**10:23** [Helen] Yes. [Fran] You know, I mean, they're intrinsically New York.

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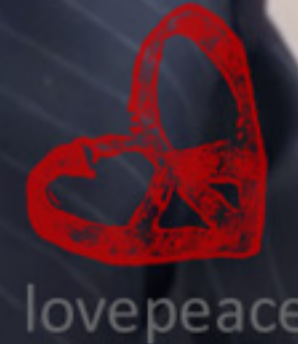


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[Fran] "...like, this painting of her mother. When I saw this, I've never seen that in person and I thought, right, Alice Neel was a gentile. Okay, something that I wouldn't, I know is that she was, but, you know, that kind of gentile that her mother was, there are none of these people in New York, okay? So that is not just being a gentile. It's also being white in a certain way, you know?



[Helen] Alice Neel is not someone who had commercial success in her lifetime. This is not someone who ever seemed to make a decision predicated on money. You didn't try and make money. You didn't want a job. You wanted to not work. You made what you needed so that you could then go and do what you wanted to do. Folks who don't know this period need to know what it meant to be an artist and not think about making money, and think about making just enough money so you could go and do your work when the idea of a rich artist was a much, much smaller idea, represented a much smaller version of who artists were. [Fran] The problem with me is I hate money, but I love things. So I'm incredibly materialistic. It's okay to hate money, it's not that hard to hate money if you also hate things, but the combination, very difficult. So I don't think Alice Neel, doesn't seem to me, like she loved things, you know? So that was probably helpful to her. There's something about her own aversion to money and her own acceptance of poverty that I think actually is really part of the taproot of this incredible body of work. There's nothing about Alice Neel that is a business. And we live of course in an era where business is treated like I don't even know what, you know, like a philosophy. [Helen] Like the ultimate value. [Fran] Yes. [Helen] Yeah. [Fran] You know, and they use, the businesses use the language of poets. They have visions and, you know, visions and missions . . .



**Nancy Drew** is a fictional character appearing in several mystery book series, movies, video games, and a TV show as a teenage amateur sleuth. The books are *ghostwritten* by a number of authors and published under the collective pseudonym *Carolyn Keene*.<sup>[1]</sup> Created by the publisher *Edward Stratemeyer* as the female counterpart to his *Hardy Boys* series, the character first appeared in 1930 in the *Nancy Drew Mystery Stories* series, which lasted until 2003 and consisted of 175 novels.

Over the decades the character has evolved in response to changes in American culture and tastes. Beginning in 1959, the books were extensively revised and shortened, partly to lower the printing costs,<sup>[2]</sup> with arguable success.<sup>[3][4]</sup> In the revision process, the heroine's original character was changed to be less unruly and violent.<sup>[5]</sup> In the 1980s, an older and more professional Nancy emerged in a new series, *The Nancy Drew Files*, that included romantic subplots for the sleuth.<sup>[6]</sup> Launched in 2004, the *Nancy Drew: Girl Detective* series features Nancy driving a *hybrid electric vehicle* and using a cell phone. In 2012, the *Girl Detective* series ended, and a new series, *Nancy Drew Diaries*, was launched in 2013. Illustrations of the character evolved over time to reflect contemporary styles.<sup>[7]</sup>

The *Nancy Drew* franchise has been adapted into other forms of media with varied success. As of April 2020, the character has been adapted into six feature films, three television series, four television pilots, 33 video games produced by the brand *HeR Interactive*, and two different comic book series. Film and television adaptations of the character have been met with mixed reviews, while the video games by HeR Interactive have often been lauded.

The character proves continuously popular worldwide: At least 80 million copies of the books have been sold,<sup>[8]</sup> and the books have been translated into over 45 languages. A cultural icon, Nancy Drew is cited as a formative influence by several women, from *Supreme Court Justices* *Sandra Day O'Connor*<sup>[9]</sup> and *Sonia Sotomayor* to former *Secretary of State* *Hillary Rodham Clinton*<sup>[10]</sup> and former *First Lady* *Laura Bush*.<sup>[11]</sup> *Feminist literary critics* have analyzed the character's enduring appeal, arguing variously that Nancy Drew is a mythic heroine, an expression of *wish fulfillment*,<sup>[12]</sup> or an embodiment of contradictory ideas about femininity.<sup>[13]</sup>

**Nancy Drew**



Cover of the 1953 version of *The Secret of the Old Clock*, the first Nancy Drew mystery

<b>First appearance</b>	<i>The Secret of the Old Clock</i> (1930)
<b>Created by</b>	Edward Stratemeyer
<b>Portrayed by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bonita Granville (1938–39 films)</li> <li>Pamela Sue Martin (1977 TV series)</li> <li>Janet Louise Johnson (1977 TV series)</li> <li>Tracy Ryan (1995 TV series)</li> <li>Maggie Lawson (2002 TV film)</li> <li>Emma Roberts (2007 film)</li> <li>Sophia Lillis (2019 film)</li> <li>Kennedy McMann (2019 TV series)</li> <li>Bailee Madison (2020 TV series)</li> </ul>
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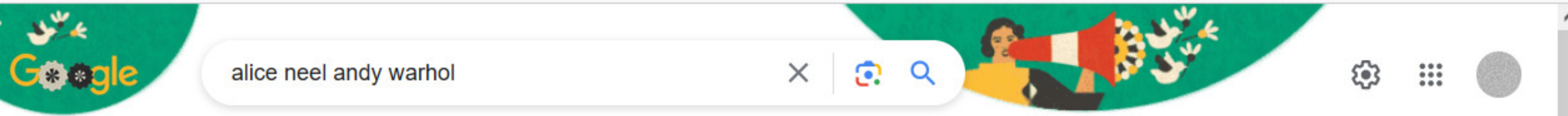
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<b>Nationality</b>	American

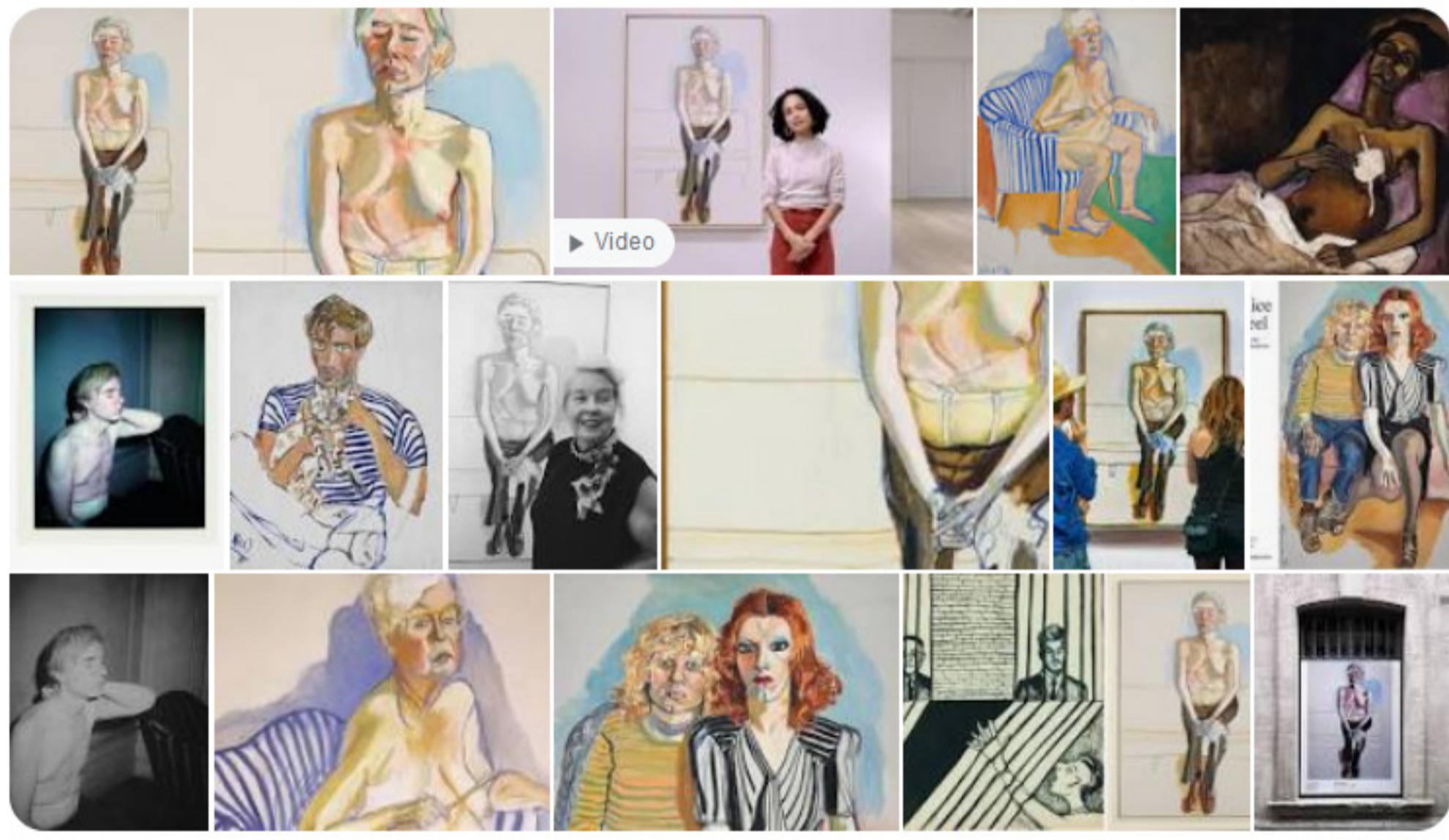
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Nancy Drew is arguably one of the most famous and beloved fictional sleuths—the girl detective who captured the hearts of millions with her innocent curiosity and crime-solving acumen.





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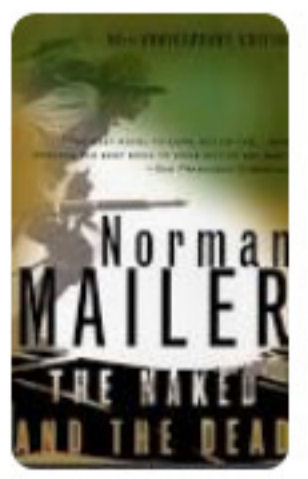
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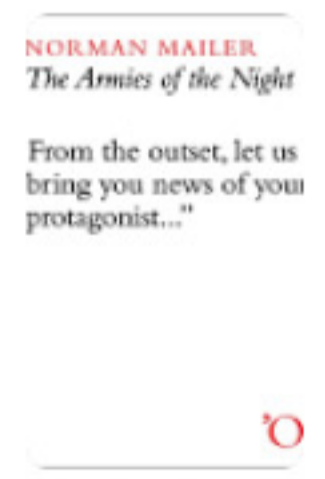
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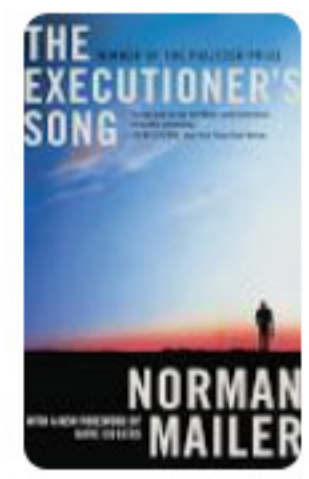
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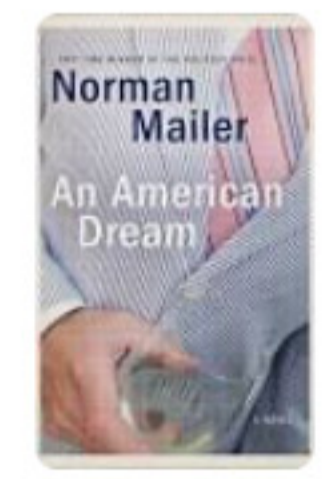
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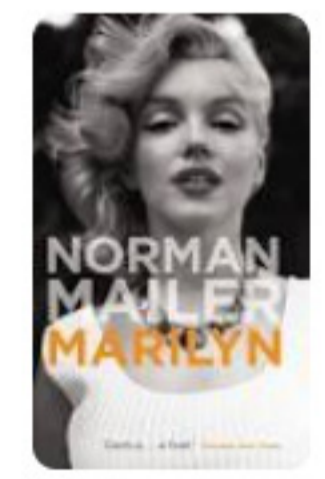
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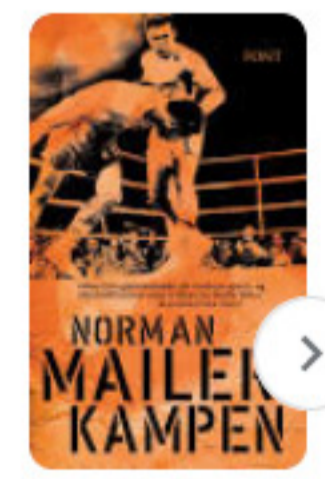
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Nachem Malech Mailer, known by his pen name Norman Kingsley Mailer, was an American novelist, journalist, playwright, filmmaker and actor. In a career spanning over six decades, Mailer had 11 best-selling books, at least one in each of the seven decades after World War II. Wikipedia

Born: January 31, 1923, Long Branch, NJ

Died: November 10, 2007, The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY

Influenced by: William S. Burroughs, Pablo Picasso, MORE

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I mean to write a book and a good novel that you care about and you put a lot into for a couple of years and then get very bad reviews that takes something out of you forever. if nothing else it takes away from you a certain large love of humanity that you might have had when you know your love of humanity is so much smaller that is part of every every professional in every trade or or discipline goes through that as professionals **they harden up. It's why they're professionals not amateurs, amateurs are still full of love**, right, from the meaning of the word. **A professional is someone who measures the cost of every achievement and decides whether that achievement is worth the effort** and the sometimes the killing effort that will go into it and so for that reason if you're gonna keep it one trade all your life as I have you truly do well to become a professional because it enables you to take the bumps

## Norman Mailer, Academy Class of 2004, Full Interview



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**Google's Bard** > Norman Mailer's quote on writing and criticism is a poignant one. He speaks to the emotional toll that bad reviews can take on a writer, and the importance of developing a professional attitude in order to cope with it. Mailer's point is that writing a good novel is a labor of love, and it can be devastating to receive negative feedback after putting so much time and effort into a project. However, he also argues that it is important for writers to learn to take criticism in stride. If a writer wants to make a career out of writing, they need to be able to handle the bumps along the way.

Mailer's advice is to become a professional. A professional writer is someone who understands the business of writing and is able to separate their personal feelings from their work. They know that bad reviews are a part of the job, and they don't let them discourage them. Here are some tips for becoming a professional writer: Develop a thick skin. Don't take criticism personally. Instead, try to learn from it and improve your writing. Focus on your craft. Keep practicing and learning more about writing. Surround yourself with supportive people. Find other writers who can give you feedback and encouragement. Build a platform. Get your work published and connect with readers.

Remember, becoming a professional writer takes time and effort. But if you are passionate about writing and you are willing to work hard, it is possible to achieve your dreams. I think Mailer's quote is particularly relevant today, when writers have access to a wider audience than ever before. On social media, writers can face instant and often brutal criticism. It is important to remember that not everyone will like your work, and that's okay. The important thing is to keep writing and to produce work that you are proud of.

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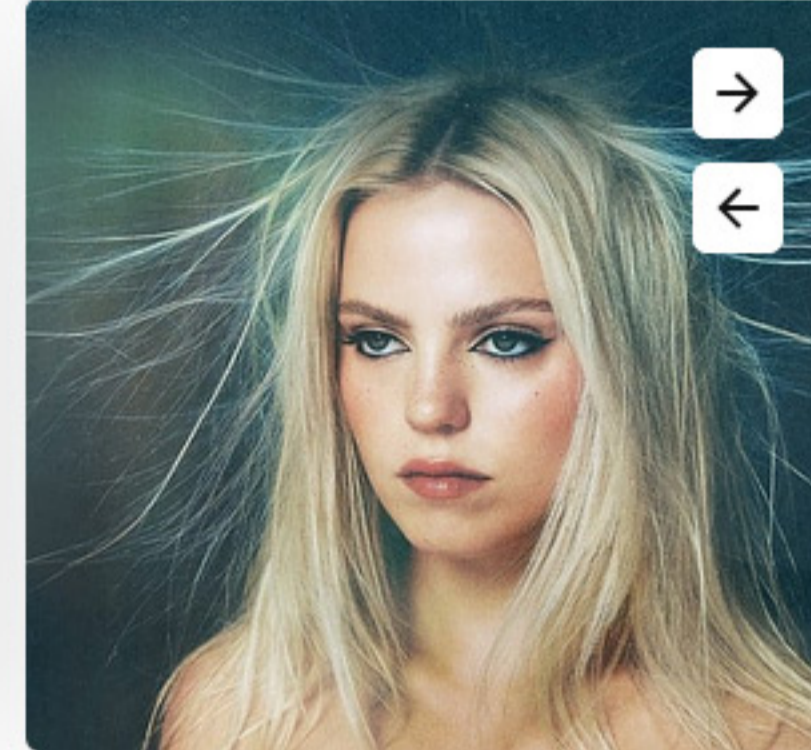
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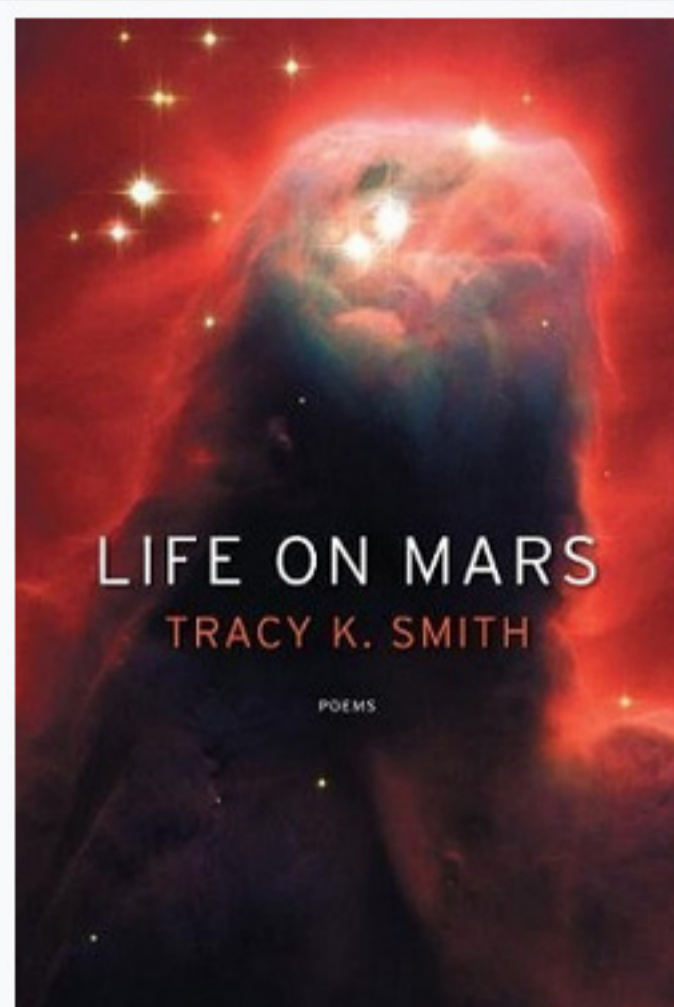
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**Tracy K. Smith** (born April 16, 1972) is an American poet and educator. She served as the 22nd [Poet Laureate of the United States](#) from 2017 to 2019.<sup>[1]</sup> She has published five collections of poetry, winning the [Pulitzer Prize](#) for her 2011 volume *Life on Mars*.<sup>[2][3]</sup> Her memoir, *Ordinary Light*, was published in 2015.

In April 2018, she was nominated for a second term as United States Poet Laureate by [Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden](#).<sup>[4][5]</sup>

In 2023, she was elected to the [American Philosophical Society](#).<sup>[6]</sup>

## Early life [\[edit\]](#)

Born in [Falmouth, Massachusetts](#),<sup>[1]</sup> she was raised in [Fairfield, California](#), in a family with "deep roots" in [Alabama](#). Her mother was a teacher and her father an engineer<sup>[7]</sup> who worked on the [Hubble Space Telescope](#).<sup>[8]</sup> Her book *Life on Mars* pays homage to her father's life and work.<sup>[9]</sup> Smith became interested in writing and poetry early, reading [Emily Dickinson](#) and [Mark Twain](#) in elementary school; Dickinson's poems, in particular, struck Smith as working like "magic," she wrote in her memoir *Ordinary Light*, with the rhyme and meter making Dickinson's verses feel almost impossible not to commit to memory.<sup>[7]</sup> Smith then composed a short poem entitled "Humor" and showed it to her fifth-grade teacher, who encouraged her to keep writing.<sup>[7]</sup> The work of [Elizabeth Bishop](#), [Seamus Heaney](#), [Philip Larkin](#), [Yusef Komunyakaa](#), and [Rita Dove](#) also became significant influences.<sup>[7][10]</sup>

Smith received her A.B. from [Harvard University](#), where she studied with [Helen Vendler](#), [Lucie Brock-Broido](#), [Henri Cole](#) and [Seamus Heaney](#).<sup>[10]</sup> While in Cambridge, Smith joined the [Dark Room Collective](#).<sup>[11]</sup> She graduated in 1994, then earned an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from [Columbia University](#) in 1997. From 1997 to 1999, she was a [Stegner Fellow](#) in poetry at [Stanford University](#).

**Life on Mars** is a poetry collection by Tracy K. Smith for which she won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize. The collection is an elegy for her father, a scientist who worked on the Hubble Space Telescope. Writing in *The Washington Post*, Troy Jollimore advised readers "had better be prepared to face some stark metaphysical questions...An awareness of death permeates Life on Mars." In *The New Yorker*, Dan Chiasson described *Life on Mars* as "Smith's wild, far-ranging elegy" for her father who died in 2008. Her father had been a scientist who worked on the Hubble Space Telescope and "Smith cannot think about [him] without thinking in galactic dimensions, which, paradoxically, minimize him: drawn to that scale, individual lives (even his) can seem puny, and private traumas (even hers) inconsequential." Chiasson also points to the Martian reference's callback to the culture of the 1950s. "The issues of power and paternalism suggest the deep ways in which this is a book about race. Smith's deadpan title is itself racially freighted: we can't think about one set of fifties images of Martians and sci-fi comics, without conjuring another, of black kids in the segregated South."

## Tracy K. Smith



Smith reading at the [Library of Congress](#) in 2017

<b>Born</b>	April 16, 1972 (age 51) <a href="#">Falmouth, Massachusetts, U.S.</a>
<b>Education</b>	<a href="#">Harvard University</a> (BA) <a href="#">Columbia University</a> (MFA)
<b>Occupation(s)</b>	Poet, educator
<b>Title</b>	<a href="#">Poet Laureate of the United States</a>
<b>Awards</b>	<a href="#">Cave Canem Prize</a> (2002) <a href="#">James Laughlin Award</a> (2006) <a href="#">Pulitzer Prize for Poetry</a> (2012)



# My God, It's Full of Stars

By Tracy K. Smith

1.

We like to think of it as parallel to what we know,  
Only bigger. One man against the authorities.  
Or one man against a city of zombies. One man

Who is not, in fact, a man, sent to understand  
The caravan of men now chasing him like red ants  
Let loose down the pants of America. Man on the run.

Man with a ship to catch, a payload to drop,  
This message going out to all of space. . . . Though  
Maybe it's more like life below the sea: silent,

Buoyant, bizarrely benign. Relics  
Of an outmoded design. Some like to imagine  
A cosmic mother watching through a spray of stars,

Mouthing yes, yes as we toddle toward the light,  
Biting her lip if we teeter at some ledge. Longing  
To sweep us to her breast, she hopes for the best

While the father storms through adjacent rooms  
Ranting with the force of Kingdom Come,  
Not caring anymore what might snap us in its jaw.

Sometimes, what I see is a library in a rural community.  
All the tall shelves in the big open room. And the pencils  
In a cup at Circulation, gnawed on by the entire population.

The books have lived here all along, belonging  
For weeks at a time to one or another in the brief sequence  
Of family names, speaking (at night mostly) to a face,

A pair of eyes. The most remarkable lies.

2.

Charlton Heston is waiting to be let in. He asked once politely.





## “Weather in Space” by Tracy K. Smith

Is God being or pure force? The wind  
Or what commands it? When our lives slow  
And we can hold all that we love, it sprawls  
In our laps like a gangly doll. When the storm  
Kicks up and nothing is ours, we go chasing  
After all we’re certain to lose, so alive—  
Faces radiant with panic.

## Tracy K. Smith

b. 1972



*Rachel Eliza Griffiths. Courtesy of Blue Flower Arts*

*Faces radiant . . .*

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The final poem compresses a life into eight lines:

We are here for what amounts to a few hours,  
a day at most.  
We feel around making sense of the terrain,  
our own new limbs,  
Bumping up against a herd of bodies  
until one becomes home.  
Moments sweep past. The grass bends  
and then learns again to stand

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HOMAGE: Tracey K. Smith



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When you are in the minority, you have a clear dichotomy, us/them.  
A constant duality, we/other. You're always one of them.  
In the majority you don't notice the distinction as much. You're too busy differentiating  
yourself from the school, the troop, the crowd. Finding your unique "I" spot  
in the competing din of near same others. Either way,  
getting jiggy in the huge ocean or engulfed in the inlet, you, your offspring,  
you're never really found. Shape shifting in the sea of humanity, it's all sink or swim.  
Choose your stroke. Different strokes for different folks.

**Google's Bard** > I like your poem. It captures the essence of the dichotomy between minority and majority in a very concise and poetic way. When you are in the minority, you are constantly aware of your difference from the majority. You are always "one of them." This can be a very isolating experience, and it can lead to a feeling of being marginalized and excluded.

In the majority, you are less aware of the distinction between yourself and others. You are too busy differentiating yourself from the crowd to notice the ways in which you are all the same. This can lead to a feeling of individuality and uniqueness, but it can also lead to a sense of alienation and disconnection.

Either way, you are never really found. You are always shape-shifting in the sea of humanity, trying to find your place. It is all sink or swim.

I find the last line of your poem particularly interesting: "Different strokes for different folks." This line suggests that there is no one right way to be. We are all different, and we all have different ways of swimming through life. The important thing is to find a way that works for you.

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# NASA report finds no evidence that UFOs are extraterrestrial

Chris Impey, *University of Arizona*

NASA's independent study team released its highly anticipated report on UFOs on Sept. 14, 2023.

In part to move beyond the stigma often attached to UFOs, where military pilots fear ridicule or job sanctions if they report them, UFOs are now characterized by the U.S. government as UAPs, or unidentified anomalous phenomena.

Bottom line: The study team found no evidence that reported UAP observations are extraterrestrial.

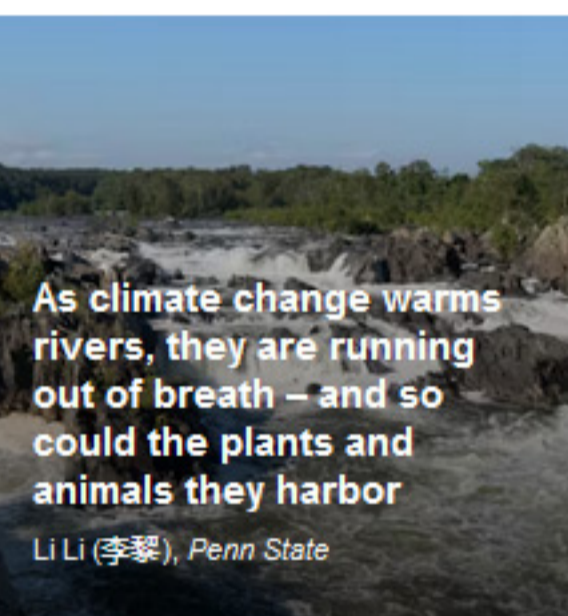
I'm a professor of astronomy who has written extensively on astrobiology and the scientists who search for life in the universe. I have long been skeptical of the claim that UFOs represent visits by aliens to Earth.

At the beginning of the briefing, Nelson gave his opinion that there were perhaps a trillion instances of life beyond Earth. So, it's plausible that there is intelligent life out there. But the report says that when it comes to UAPs, extraterrestrial life must be the hypothesis of last resort. It quotes Thomas Jefferson: "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence." That evidence does not yet exist.



# US autoworkers launch historic strike: 3 questions answered

Joshua Murray, *Vanderbilt University*



As climate change warms rivers, they are running out of breath – and so could the plants and animals they harbor

Li Li (李黎), *Penn State*



What are strike funds? A labor-management relations expert explains

Raymond Gibney Jr., *Penn State*

The United Auto Workers union, or UAW, has told workers at three factories to go on strike after failing to agree on new contracts with each of Detroit's major automakers. The contracts expired at 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 14, 2023. By midnight, the union posted a strike declaration on its website. The strike will force General Motors, Ford and Stellantis – the global company that builds Chrysler, Jeep, Ram and Dodge vehicles in North America – to halt some of their operations. "Tonight for the first time in our history we will strike all three of the Big Three at once," UAW President Shawn Fain announced about two hours before the negotiation deadline passed without a contract. The union is seeking higher pay, better benefits and assurances that large numbers of its members will work in the automakers' growing number of electric-vehicle factories. The Conversation U.S. asked Joshua Murray, a sociologist who studies the automotive industry and its workers, to discuss the UAW's strategy and explain why this strike is significant.



# Another Nipah outbreak in India: What do we know about this virus and how to stop it?

September 15, 2023 · 4:50 PM ET

By Kamala Thiagarajan, Ari Daniel



A field researcher holds a male bat that was trapped in an overhead net as part of an effort to find out how the animals pass Nipah virus to humans. The animal will be tested for the virus, examined and ultimately released.

*Fatima Tuj Johora for NPR*

The Southern Indian state of Kerala is now battling another deadly outbreak of the Nipah virus, its fourth since 2018. Authorities were alerted to the outbreak after two deaths attributed to the virus. A 49-year-old man named Mohammed Ali, who lived in the village of Maruthonkara, died on August 30, and 40-year-old Mangalatt Haris, who lived in the town of Ayanchery, died on September 11.

On September 13, test results confirmed that both men had died of Nipah. Authorities tested for the virus from routine nose swabs. A combination of flu-like and neurological symptoms — headache, fever, cough, acute respiratory distress and seizures — alerted them to test for the virus.

The virus, first identified among pig farmers in Malaysia in 1999, likely jumped to humans at that time from infected pigs. But there was no human-human transmission noted during the Malaysian outbreaks, says Dr. Thekkumkar Surendran Anish, associate professor for community medicine at the Government Medical College at Manjeri, Kerala, who is leading the state's surveillance team and who spoke to NPR about the situation.

There are two strains of the virus.

"There is virological evidence that the strain we're encountering in Kerala is the Bangladeshi strain," says Anish. This has a high fatality rate of 75% and causes acute respiratory distress, with the higher possibility of human-to-human transmission, he adds.

Meanwhile, health authorities wanted to determine if the cases were related. The one apparent connection, discovered on closed circuit TV footage, is that Haris was visiting a sick relative in a ward in the hospital where Ali was a patient — and the same health worker was identified in both wards. The virus is not airborne but can be spread with contact with body fluids from an infected person or with infected food.

The health worker was not wearing a mask or gloves. "It's possible that he could have transmitted the disease through contact with surfaces such as counters or the side of the bed," Anish says.

On the morning of September 15, Anish encountered yet another case — a 39-year-old man who'd been attending to a patient in the adjacent bed when Mohammed Ali was hospitalized. So far, in addition to the two deaths, Kerala has confirmed six active cases of Nipah.

Kerala has a wide variety of bat species; tests of some fruit bats in 2018 showed that they harbored the virus. Samples of bat urine and half-eaten fruit have now been collected from Maruthonkara, the village in Kozhikode, where the first



# Baby babble isn't just goo goo! And hearing 2 languages is better than one

September 15, 2023 · 3:24 PM ET

By Sydney Lupkin

In English, we adults like to say babies go "goo goo ga ga." In French, it's "areau areau." And in Mandarin, it's "ya ya." So do babies really babble with different sounds in different parts of the world? And what does that tell us about how babies learn to speak?

A few years ago I was on a train, seated across a table from a French woman traveling with her toddler. His mom and I hit it off and spoke in English for a few hours. Meanwhile, this little boy had a lot to say. I couldn't understand it, but he clearly had opinions about his books, his snacks, maybe how cool it was that his hands were attached to his arms – all in what I just assumed was French. I said to his mom completely earnestly, "So, what's he saying?" She paused for a while and then she went, "Nothing. He's a baby." Well, it turns out that baby babble has a deeper meaning.

I called up Megha Sundara, the linguistics department chair at UCLA, whose lab is unlike any lab you've ever heard of. For starters, there's a castle in it. Well, it's a sound booth, but it looks like a castle. "So the thing about sound booths is they are intimidating spaces," she says. So her student with a background in set design built a castle around it. "And we've never had a problem with the baby going in. They just waltz right in." **Sundara studies how babies listen before they start talking and how they eventually learn language.** When babies first start babbling at around 6 months old, they all make the same sounds – even deaf babies. Then they start to drift toward the language around them. Babies, it turns out, "are very good at imitating the rhythm and the intonation of the language they're hearing," Sundara says.

Sundara also studies how babies respond to hearing different languages. In bilingual households, babies switch that rhythm and melody in their babble depending on what language they're responding to. In monolingual households, they don't. She led an experiment showing that those babble patterns can change, however. At the beginning of the experiment, each participating baby is 9 or 10 months old and can only babble in what sounds like English. Then, they let the babies spend time with a research assistant who speaks Spanish. "And in these sessions, you are just reading to them, playing with them in Spanish. That's all that's happening." The babies get about five hours of exposure to the second language spread out over four weeks.



**Then, when her team gives the babies another chance to interact with a Spanish speaker, they are able to change their babbling to match the Spanish sounds. Babies have this special skill for picking up language thanks to something called enhanced neuroplasticity. It basically means their brains are superadaptive.** "When babies are born, they can hear and distinguish all of the sounds and all the languages in the world," says Jeannette Reiff, associate director of clinical issues in speech language pathology with the American Speech Language Hearing Association. So a baby who hears a couple of languages regularly would be able to tune into both languages. And there are, of course, cognitive and social benefits to being bilingual. And what about the idea that trying to learn two languages at once would confuse babies. That has since been disproven, Reiff says. But the question still comes up. "I work with many families and I have this conversation a lot with them," she says. You know, 'We speak three languages in our home. Which language should we choose?' And I say 'All three... We're not confusing [the baby]. We're only increasing brain flexibility and maximizing the neuroplasticity that your baby has right now.'"

That heightened ability to learn language lasts until children are around 5 years old — with some lingering language superpowers lasting until age 12. So while my baby isn't walking yet and insists on scooting backward on his bottom while blowing raspberries, his babble is one sign his brain is doing amazing things. As I occasionally struggle to conjugate verbs in Spanish, willing my brain to remember something from high school Spanish class, I sometimes wonder how much easier it would be if I had just started to learn a second language as a baby.



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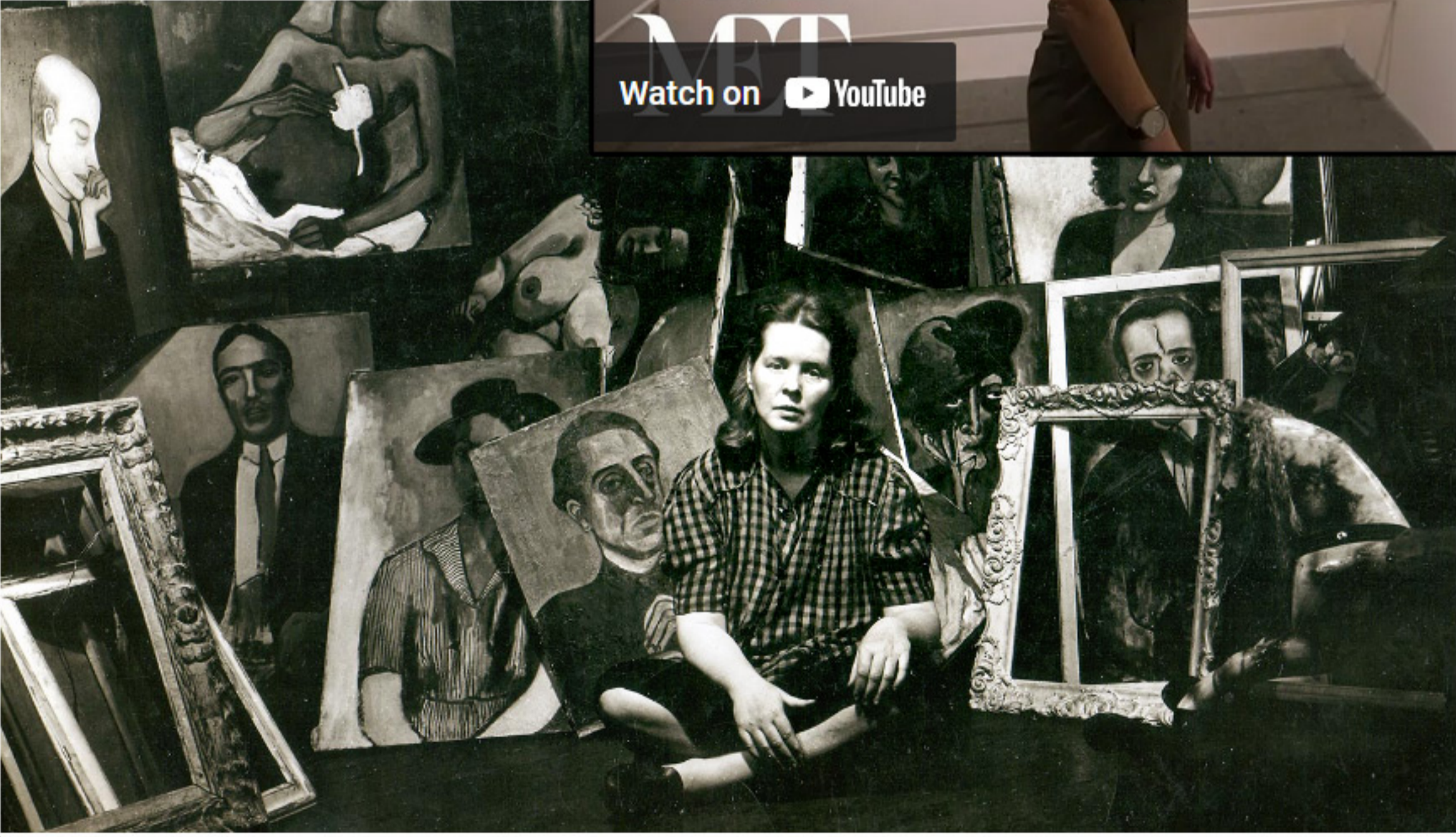


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# Ford and GM announce hundreds of temporary layoffs with no compensation due to strike

The two auto companies said the strike is causing supply chain issues that are leading to temporary layoffs of non-striking workers.

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Juliana Kim

The ripple effects of the United Auto Workers' strike have started. Ford sent home about 600 workers at its Michigan plant on Friday because of strike-related production issues. Citing similar reasons, General Motors has also warned that 2,000 workers at its Fairfax assembly plant in Kansas are expected to be out of work by early next week. When a factory is idled because of supply chain issues, companies typically give partial pay to its non-striking workers. But in this case, Ford and General Motors said there will be no such compensation. The UAW President Shawn Fain said the union will make sure that affected workers continue to have an income and called the temporary layoffs as a strategic attack to hasten negotiations.

But UAW president Fain argued that the auto companies can afford to avoid such temporary layoffs. "With their record profits, they don't have to lay off a single employee. In fact, they could double every auto-worker's pay, not raise car prices, and still rake in billions of dollars," he said in a statement on Saturday.



United Auto Workers members strike at the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant on Sept. 16 in Wayne, Mich.



# California sues oil giants, saying they downplayed climate change. Here's what to know

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By Juliana Kim, Michael Copley

The state of California has filed a sweeping climate lawsuit against Exxon Mobil, Shell, BP, ConocoPhillips, and Chevron, as well as the domestic oil industry's biggest lobby, the American Petroleum Institute. The suit, filed on Friday in San Francisco Superior Court, claims that the companies misled the public for decades about climate change and the dangers of fossil fuels. It demands the companies help fund recovery efforts related to California's extreme weather events, from rising sea levels to drought and wildfires, that have been supercharged by human-caused climate change.

Scientists with the United Nations say the world is running out of time to prevent global warming that would cause more dangerous impacts, like storms and heat waves. Climate scientists say people need to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit). The world is currently heading for about 2.5 degrees Celsius of warming. Climate change is making California wildfires more explosive. Over the past two years, the threat of wildfires has led several big insurance companies to scale back their home insurance business in the state or to stop selling new policies altogether in order to avoid paying billions in damages.



In this aerial picture taken on Aug. 21, a vehicle drives through floodwaters following heavy rains from Tropical Storm Hilary in Thousand Palms, Calif.

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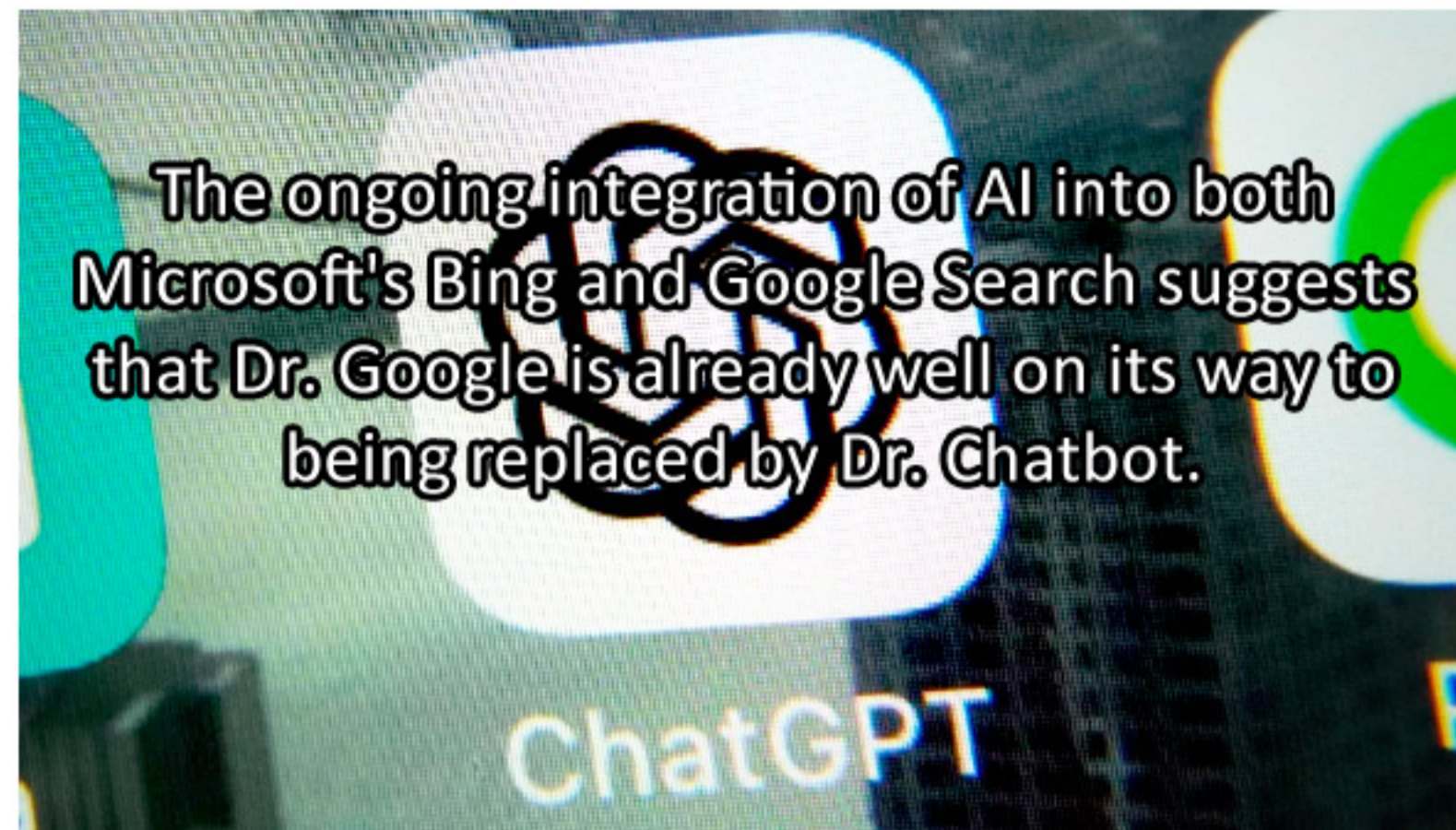
**Exxon climate predictions were accurate decades ago. Still it sowed doubt**



# 'Dr. Google' meets its match in Dr. ChatGPT

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By Andrew Leonard



Researchers used ChatGPT to diagnose eye-related complaints and found it performed well.

As a fourth-year ophthalmology resident at Emory University School of Medicine, Riley Lyons' biggest responsibilities include triage: When a patient comes in with an eye-related complaint, Lyons must make an immediate assessment of its urgency. He often finds patients have already turned to "Dr. Google." Online, Lyons said, they are likely to find that "any number of terrible things could be going on based on the symptoms that they're experiencing." So, when two of Lyons' fellow ophthalmologists at Emory came to him and suggested evaluating the accuracy of the AI chatbot ChatGPT in diagnosing eye-related complaints, he jumped at the chance.

In June, Lyons and his colleagues reported in medRxiv, an online publisher of health science preprints, that ChatGPT compared quite well to human doctors who reviewed the same symptoms — and performed vastly better than the symptom checker on the popular health website WebMD. And despite the much-publicized "hallucination" problem known to afflict ChatGPT — its habit of occasionally making outright false statements — the Emory study reported that the most recent version of ChatGPT made zero "grossly inaccurate" statements when presented with a standard set of eye complaints. The relative proficiency of ChatGPT, which debuted in November 2022, was a surprise to Lyons and his co-authors. The artificial intelligence engine "is definitely an improvement over just putting something into a Google search bar and seeing what you find," said co-author Nieraj Jain, an assistant professor at the Emory Eye Center who specializes in vitreoretinal surgery and disease.

**Filling in gaps in care with AI:** But the findings underscore a challenge facing the health care industry as it assesses the promise and pitfalls of generative AI, the type of artificial intelligence used by ChatGPT. **The accuracy of chatbot-delivered medical information may represent an improvement over Dr. Google, but there are still many questions about how to integrate this new technology into health care systems with the same safeguards historically applied to the introduction of new drugs or medical devices.** The smooth syntax, authoritative tone, and dexterity of generative AI have drawn extraordinary attention from all sectors of society, with some comparing its future impact to that of the internet itself. In health care, companies are working feverishly to implement generative AI in areas such as radiology and medical records.

When it comes to consumer chatbots, though, there is still caution, even though the technology is already widely available — and better than many alternatives. Many doctors believe AI-based medical tools should undergo an approval process similar to the FDA's regime for drugs, but that would be years away. It's unclear how such a regime might apply to general-purpose AIs like ChatGPT. "There's no question we have issues with access to care, and whether or not it is a good idea to deploy ChatGPT to cover the holes or fill the gaps in access, it's going to happen and it's happening already," said Jain. "People have already discovered its utility. So, we need to understand the potential advantages and the pitfalls."

**Bots with good bedside manner:** The Emory study is not alone in ratifying the relative accuracy of the new generation of AI chatbots. A report published in *Nature* in early July by a group led by Google computer scientists said answers generated by Med-PaLM, an AI chatbot the company built specifically for medical use, "compare favorably with answers given by clinicians."

AI may also have better bedside manner. Another study, published in April by researchers from the University of California-San Diego and other institutions, even noted that health care professionals rated ChatGPT answers as more empathetic than responses from human doctors. Indeed, **a number of companies are exploring how chatbots could be used for mental health therapy, and some investors in the companies are betting that healthy people might also enjoy chatting and even bonding with an AI "friend."** The company behind Replika, one of the most advanced of that genre, markets its chatbot as, "The AI companion who cares. Always here to listen and talk. Always on your side." "We need physicians to start realizing that these new tools are here to stay and they're offering new capabilities both to physicians and patients," said James Benoit, an AI consultant. While a postdoctoral fellow in nursing at the University of Alberta in Canada, Benoit published a study in February reporting that ChatGPT significantly outperformed online symptom checkers in evaluating a set of medical scenarios. "They are accurate enough at this point to start meriting some consideration," he said.

**An invitation to trouble:** Still, even the researchers who have demonstrated ChatGPT's relative reliability are cautious about recommending that patients put their full trust in the current state of AI. For many medical professionals, AI chatbots are an invitation to trouble: They cite a host of issues relating to privacy, safety, bias, liability, transparency, and the current absence of regulatory oversight. The proposition that AI should be embraced because it represents a marginal improvement over Dr. Google is unconvincing, these critics say. "That's a little bit of a disappointing bar to set, isn't it?" said Mason Marks, a professor and MD who specializes in health law at Florida State University. He recently wrote an opinion piece on AI chatbots and privacy in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. "I don't know how helpful it is to say, 'Well, let's just throw this conversational AI on as a band-aid to make up for these deeper systemic issues,'" he said to KFF Health News. **The biggest danger, in his view, is the likelihood that market incentives will result in AI interfaces designed to steer patients to particular drugs or medical services.** "Companies might want to push a particular product over another," said Marks. "The potential for exploitation of people and the commercialization of data is unprecedented." OpenAI, the company that developed ChatGPT, also urged caution. "OpenAI's models are not fine-tuned to provide medical information," a company spokesperson said. "You should never use our models to provide diagnostic or treatment services for serious medical conditions." John Ayers, a computational epidemiologist who was the lead author of the UCSD study, said that as with other medical interventions, the focus should be on patient outcomes. "If regulators came out and said that if you want to provide patient services using a chatbot, you have to demonstrate that chatbots improve patient outcomes, then randomized controlled trials would be registered tomorrow for a host of outcomes," Ayers said. **He would like to see a more urgent stance from regulators.** "One hundred million people have ChatGPT on their phone," said Ayers, "and are asking questions right now. People are going to use chatbots with or without us." At present, though, there are few signs that rigorous testing of AIs for safety and effectiveness is imminent. In May, Robert Califf, the commissioner of the FDA, described **"the regulation of large language models as critical to our future,"** but aside from recommending that regulators be "nimble" in their approach, he offered few details.

In the meantime, the race is on. In July, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that the Mayo Clinic was partnering with Google to integrate the Med-PaLM 2 chatbot into its system. In June, WebMD announced it was partnering with a Pasadena, California-based startup, HIA Technologies Inc., to provide interactive "digital health assistants."



# NASA releases 'baby picture' of a star that will grow up to be much like our sun

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Babies, amirite? Supersonic jets of gas spew from a newborn star in this new infrared image by @NASAWebb: [go.nasa.gov/3RrVADD](https://go.nasa.gov/3RrVADD)

The bright regions are called Herbig-Haro objects, and they form when star particles collide with nearby gas and dust, forming intense shockwaves.

[amirite = "am I right?"]

The James Webb Space Telescope captured an image of a newborn star that reveals what Earth's sun may have looked like when it was only a few tens of thousands of years old.



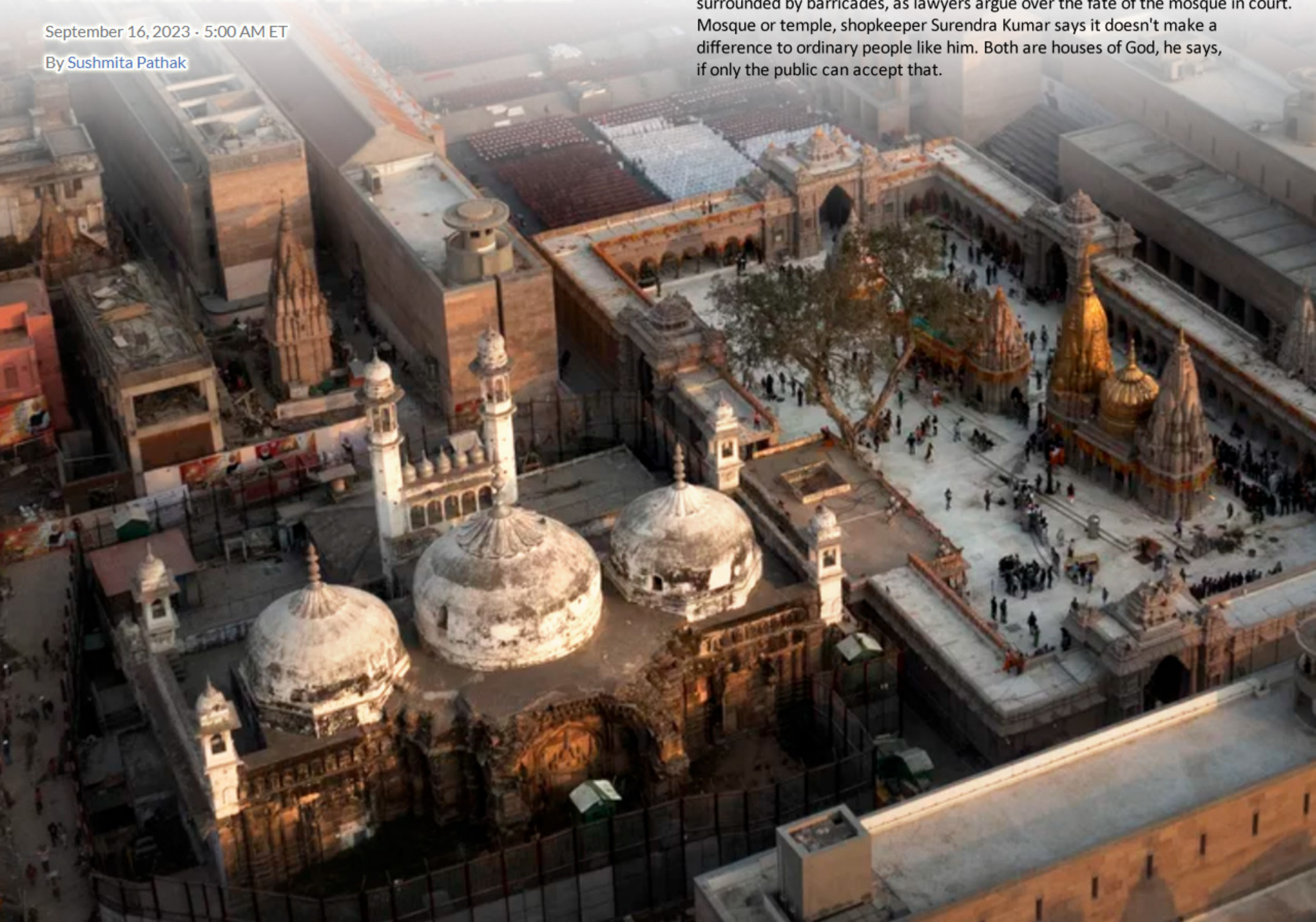
# A Hindu-Muslim dispute tests centuries of interfaith culture in India's Varanasi

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By Sushmita Pathak

*An aerial view shows Gyanvapi mosque (left) and Kashi Vishwanath temple on the banks of the Ganges River in Varanasi, India.*

These days, police stand guard near the entrance to the temple and mosque, surrounded by barricades, as lawyers argue over the fate of the mosque in court. Mosque or temple, shopkeeper Surendra Kumar says it doesn't make a difference to ordinary people like him. Both are houses of God, he says, if only the public can accept that.







## What if public transit was like Uber? A small city ended its bus service to find out

Small-scale, tech-based solutions to transportation problems have emerged as a great equalizer in the battle for infrastructure dollars between big cities and rural communities.



## Yoga in a basement helps people in a Ukrainian front-line city cope with Russia's constant shelling



## Republican Texas AG Ken Paxton is acquitted of 16 corruption charges at historic impeachment trial

## Comedian Russell Brand denies allegations of sexual assault published by three UK news organizations

Hollywood strikes enter a new phase as daytime shows like Drew Barrymore's return despite pickets

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on his way home after concluding a trip to Russia's Far East

The auto workers strike will drive up car prices, but not right away — unless consumers panic

Oregon launches legal psilocybin access amid high demand and hopes for improved mental health care

Prosecutors seek narrow gag order on Trump in federal election case after 'inflammatory' comments

California lawsuit says oil giants deceived public on climate, seeks funds for storm damage



## North Korean arms for Russia probably wouldn't make a big difference in the Ukraine war, Milley says

South Korea's Yoon warns against Russia-North Korea military cooperation and plans to discuss at UN

First two cargo ships arrive in Ukrainian port after Russia's exit from grain deal

Zimbabwe's reelected president says there's democracy. But beating and torture allegations emerge



## Auto workers' union calls talks with Ford productive as strike continues

New York employers must include pay rates in job ads under new state law

Chinese police detain wealth management staff at the heavily indebted developer Evergrande

Workers strike at all 3 Detroit automakers, a new tactic to squeeze companies for better pay



## Arson attacks at schools in Belgium are believed to be connected to a controversial sex ed program

After attacks, British prime minister says American XL Bully dogs are dangerous and will be banned

NASA says more science and less stigma are needed to understand UFOs

Climate change could bring more storms like Hurricane Lee to New England



## Beer flows and crowds descend on Munich for the official start of Oktoberfest

A German tailor who specializes in bespoke lederhosen is in high demand ahead of Oktoberfest

Things to know about Sweden's monarchy as King Carl XVI celebrates 50 years on the throne

Protesters demand that Japan save 1000s of trees by revising a design plan for a popular Tokyo park



## What if public transit was like Uber? A small city ended its bus service to find out



1 of 2 | Driver Milton Barnes poses for a photo with customer David Bunn in front of his RIDE van in Wilson, N.C. on Aug. 24, 2023. The city of Wilson, North Carolina, ended its bus service in September 2020 to offer on-demand van trips anywhere in town for less than \$3 a ride. Even during the pandemic, which sent public transit ridership plummeting, it surged 300% in Wilson. (Courtesy of Milton Barnes via AP)

BY JEFF MCMURRAY

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When a small city abruptly parked all its buses to launch a publicly subsidized van service offering \$1.50 trips anywhere in town, only one of its bus drivers — a big-city transplant — went along for the ride. Milton Barnes used to oversee packed subway stations in Washington, D.C., a far cry from the sparsely filled buses he drove after moving to Wilson, North Carolina, to care for his elderly parents. Although transit ridership plummeted almost everywhere due to the pandemic, it has been surging in Wilson since its September 2020 switch from a fixed-route system to an on-demand one powered by a smartphone app. “All day long I’m picking up people and dropping them off,” Barnes, 59, the only driver to work under both systems, said while driving his van on a typically busy morning. “When you’ve got door-to-door, corner-to-corner service, it’s going to be more popular.”

These smaller-scale, tech-based solutions to public transportation problems, known broadly as microtransit, have emerged as a great equalizer in the battle for infrastructure dollars that has traditionally pit the bus, train and subway needs of urban areas against the road construction projects sought by rural communities. “We don’t view transit as something only for big cities,” U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg told The Associated Press. “We want people to benefit wherever they live, including in less-dense, rural areas. The point of transit is not to have a bus. The point of transit is getting people where they need to be.” [...] “In small, southern towns, the perception of public transportation is that it’s for the low-income,” said Gronna Jones, Wilson’s transportation manager. “There’s a stigma attached to riding the bus. Going to microtransit and nontraditional vehicles removed that stigma.”

The first city to sign a public contract with Via was the Texas capital of Austin, where certain corridors were adequately served by city buses but others were considered transit deserts. Since then, Via has expanded operations to fill the transportation gaps in a broad range of communities in the U.S. and beyond. On the Blackfeet Reservation in rural Montana, residents can use its app to order door-to-door rides. At one of the nation’s busiest airports, Chicago’s O’Hare, overnight FedEx cargo workers now use it to get home. “Every movement is individual,” said Melinda Metzger, executive director at PACE, a bus system in the Chicago area that teamed with Via this summer for the O’Hare pickup service. “People are going different directions, and the biggest thing is patterns have changed. We have to understand and adjust to them.” Although the pandemic drastically altered the nation’s transportation needs, it also helped illustrate one of microtransit’s greatest assets: the ability to be nimble. Subway systems and even major bus lines lack flexibility to instantly change service as demand changes, but microtransit is designed exactly for such fluctuations, if it’s tailored specifically to each community to be considered.”

Still, the biggest challenge of all is largely universal: cost.



## Beer flows and crowds descend on Munich for the official start of Oktoberfest



People run to enter the 188th 'Oktoberfest' beer festival in Munich, Germany, Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023.



# Embroidered sculptures of woodland treasures - in pictures

Every day, **Amanda Cobbett** walks her dog in the Surrey Hills and observes the minute changes in the woodland around her. The embroidery artist takes note of the different lichen, fungi and bark patterns she finds in different parts of the forest; later, using photographs and a magnifying light, she recreates them in painstaking detail out of thread, paper, papier-mache and silk.

“When you’re out in the forest, it’s the tiny detail that makes me want to be there as much as the bigger picture,” she says. “It’s really important to take note of these things, because if at some point they disappear, and we don’t know that they exist, how will we know when they’ve gone?”

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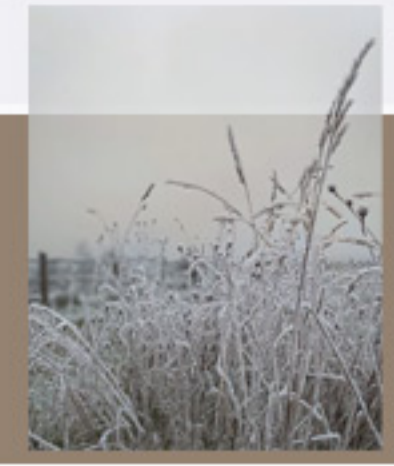
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# amanda cobbett

embroidered nature



Dec 30, 2022: **Where did the time go?**  
*(screenshot from BBC Countryfile Surrey Hills episode 21 August 2022)*

Where actually did it go? Another year is coming to a close, and the good intentions of writing a new blog post for well over a year have fallen by the wayside. At least Instagram regularly has my patronage, a snapshot here and a few words there, it's honestly the quickest way to find out where I am and what I'm up to!! However, actually finding the time to sit down and write has lately felt like a luxury. As usual I get to the end of the year and berate myself for not having achieved enough; that 'I could have done more' feeling. Is it the curse of self employment or an innate emotion that I've carried around with me all my life? I would say that it's definitely the driving force behind what I do actually manage to pull out of the bag each year as likely to the onlooker, I'm working at full capacity! My brain actually rarely switches off from the creative aesthetic; If I can visualise it, then surely I can make it, right? My unwavering belief to succeed somehow sees me through, and all deadlines are met and delivered, and yet that niggle .... let's call it procrastination, catches up with me by the end of the year, along with the Tax return! During a recent trip to Scotland where taking the sewing machine was not an option, I branched out (quite literally) with some Watercolours which ignited my desire to make a little book. And if I promise myself not to procrastinate, next year, I may just have the time to actually make that happen!



This, one of my favourite little pieces, got shipped off to the USA along with 9 others in the Autumn, and is now in the home of a lovely lady and 'super fan' collector. I know if she reads this, she won't mind me giving her that title! I occasionally receive a very heartfelt email from her which always puts a little skip in my step knowing that I've made someones day a little brighter through my work.


I am incredibly lucky to be given such wonderful opportunities to create really special and relevant embroideries, I don't ever take that for granted and am fully aware that so many other talented artists do not get the kind of gigs that I get.

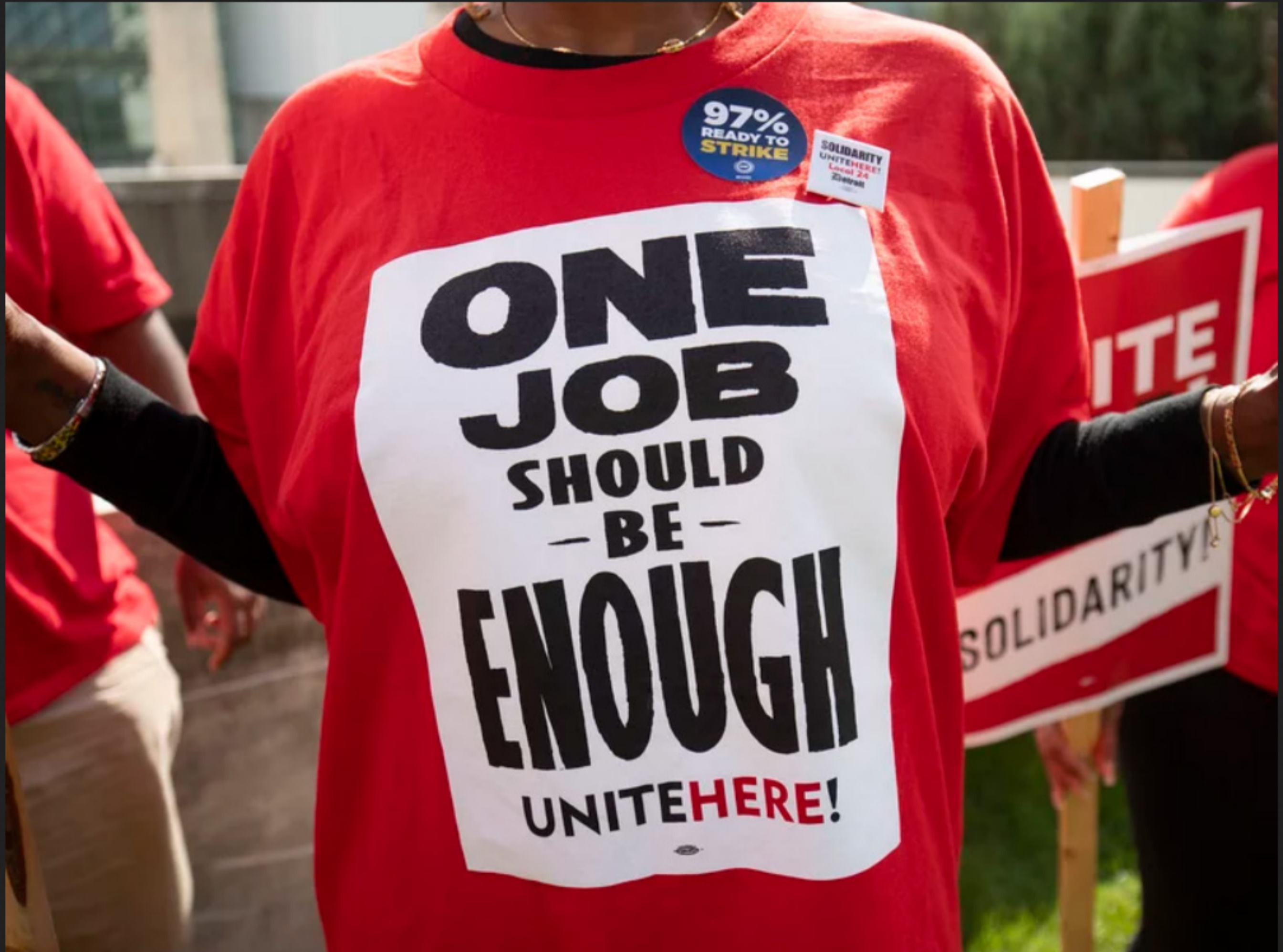
Being on BBC Countryfile in the summer was a gift! When the email pinged through inviting me to be on the show, I joked with my husband that this would be my chance to meet presenter Matt Baker, who, along with his family, is our family's favourite, but alas, no presenter, just me and the camera crew. And despite the editing team having to cut out a massive amount of my babble (I'm such a TV amateur) I really enjoyed the day and had some lovely email responses when the show aired in August. Our dog Frank, was the obvious star, sitting when told and walking to heel. Many of my friends suspected that I must have drugged him as his usual mode of operation is 'lunatic' but he's becoming used to the camera and drone work and knows how



# UAW strike Day 4: GM threatens to send 2,000 workers home, Ford cuts 600 jobs

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 Andrea Hsu



United Auto Workers members attend a solidarity rally in Detroit as the UAW strikes the Big Three auto makers on September 15, 2023



## UAW justifies wage demands by pointing to CEO pay raises. So how high were they?



1 of 3 | File - Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors, talks with President Joe Biden as he sits in a Corvette during a tour of the Detroit Auto Show on Sept. 14, 2022, in Detroit. United Auto Workers President Shawn Fain's focus on CEO pay is part of a growing trend as emboldened labor unions cite the widening wealth gap between workers and the top bosses to bolster their demand for higher wages and better working conditions. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON

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### Then there's Tesla.

CEO Elon Musk's 2022 compensation was reported as zero in the company's proxy statement, rendering its official pay ratio meaningless. Of course, that's because Tesla hasn't awarded Musk new packages since a 2018 long-term compensation plan that could potentially be worth more than \$50 billion and is facing a legal challenge from shareholders.

But the proxy offers glimpse at the mind-boggling wealth disparity between its nonunion workers and one of the world's richest men.

The filing reported Musk's total "realized compensation" in 2021 at more than \$737 million. A typical Tesla worker earned \$40,723 that year.

According to the proxy, for that worker to make Musk's "realized compensation" that year, it would take more than 18,000 years.

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been a central argument for the United Auto Workers union: If Detroit's three automakers raised CEO pay by 40% over the past four years, workers should get similar raises.

UAW President [Shawn Fain](#) has repeatedly cited the figure, contrasting it with the 6% pay raises autoworkers have received since their last contract in 2019. He opened negotiations with a demand for a similar 40% wage increase over four years, along with the return of pensions and cost of living increases. The UAW has since lowered its demand to a 36% wage increase but the two sides remain far apart in contract talks, [triggering a strike](#).

Fain's focus on CEO pay is part of a growing trend of emboldened labor unions citing the wealth gap between workers and the top bosses to bolster demand for better pay and working conditions. In June, Netflix shareholders rejected executive pay packages in a nonbinding vote, just days after the Writers Guild of America wrote letters urging investors to vote against the pay proposals, saying it would be inappropriate amid Hollywood's ongoing strike by writers. The WGA wrote similar letters targeting the executive pay at Comcast and NBCUniversal.



## She chased 'ego death' — first in religion, then in parenthood

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Rachel Martin



Jia Tolentino talks about God and psychedelics and finding comfort in chaos.

*Don't tell my children this, but I wasn't always sold on the idea of having kids. I grew up in a really religious, conservative town in Idaho. I wanted out of that place. I wanted to see the world and be uncomfortable and get lost and find my way again and fall in and out of love. And I did all those things. And it was intoxicating. For the most part, I did whatever I wanted. I moved from city to city — sometimes from country to country. I called my own shots. I made my own mistakes and owned up to them and didn't ask a lot from other people. I was the center of my own life and by the time I was in my early thirties, I was sick of myself. I felt this deep, almost primal need to take myself out of the spotlight of my own making. I didn't want to kill my ego (an expression that will come up a little later) but I did want to give it the kind of flesh wound that would force it onto the bench for a while so I could suss out a different way of living. I wanted all the things I had never prioritized. I didn't just want a stable, intimate relationship — I wanted a spouse — a person I was spiritually and legally bound to.*

*And I wanted kids and all the joy and wonder, chaos and heartbreak that raising children can bring. I no longer saw marriage and parenting as social expectations set up to annihilate my identity. Instead, I saw them as opportunities to sink deeply into a less selfish, more ethical version of myself. And to push the outer bounds of what it means to love. Where am I going with all this? This is my way of telling you why I connected so much with the conversation I had recently with Jia Tolentino. She's a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and I've followed her writing for a long time. She's the daughter of Filipino immigrants who ended up in Houston, Texas as devout members of an evangelical megachurch. I wanted to talk with Tolentino for this series because she has such a nuanced perspective on her religious upbringing and her subsequent rejection of that belief system. And even though she just had her second child, she has also felt ambivalent about parenting in earlier chapters of her life. But wait, you say, I don't want to listen to a story about having kids! I don't blame you — I don't either! Trust me, this is anything but. It's about the power of ego. It's about the ecstasy of transcendence. It's about God and psychedelics and finding comfort in chaos. See for yourself.*

**Jia Tolentino:** I'm still theoretically ambivalent on the decision to have children, but I'm so glad now. I'm really glad. **Rachel Martin:** Why? What's good about it? I know that seems obvious, but what specifically?

**Tolentino:** I think I was hungry for ego death in general and I have sought experiences of ego death in various capacities in my life. In psychedelic drugs, in music, in art, but mostly in drugs. **Martin:** Explain what that means to you, ego death.

**Tolentino:** I grew up extremely religious and I think that was one of the things that kept me religious for so long was the experience of sublimating the ego to a sense of the divine. You would get it occasionally in prayer. I would get it often in this giant church that I was raised in. It was the kind of church where the pastor's face is on billboards throughout the highway and the sermons are broadcast on TV every Sunday and the worship center, as it was called, was three stories high and sat, I think, five to six thousand people. I think it had the largest pipe organ in the state of Texas. I liked accessing this certain part of myself, when I could feel the boundaries of myself dissolving and I could feel myself as part of this nebulous collective. And that always came with some sort of access point to mystery and some sort of access point to fear, but also love and connection. You get that in church, you get that with this backdrop of salvation and damnation and pouring out your love to God and God pouring out love back to you and supplication, all these things. As I stopped believing in God, and stopped certainly believing in any sort of idea of God that was taught to me within a Christian framework, I started to seek that experience of the boundaries of the self dissolving in drugs and in music and lots of dark rooms where people felt the boundaries of the self go away. It felt good for me whenever I would have those experiences of ego death or ego dissolution.

[...]



# She chased 'ego death' – first in religion, then in parenthood

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Rachel Martin



Jia Tolentino says she has sought a feeling of deep connectedness ever since she was a young girl in Houston, Texas attending an evangelical megachurch.

**Martin:** Accessing those parts of your consciousness through psychedelics, through those kinds of experiences, did that fill that void that leaving religion had left?

**Tolentino:** The thing is, I don't think there was a void. And that was one thing that I was suspicious about. You know, I was like, "Jia, you really rationalized this all a little too cleanly." You know? I found sources in other things. I found sources of God in other things. Although going back and rereading my journals, it was not quite as smooth of a transition as I thought it was. I did have a year or two where I was really kind of turgid with thoughts about what it meant that I was maybe not a Christian anymore, but it felt like there had not been a void left. I felt enough access in my life to spaces of transcendence and to submission and to, like, ethical inquiry, these things that I wanted and still want and learned through religion. I've never found a shortage of paths towards those things. My parents are still religious, and sometimes I think about the comfort that real religious faith gives people. This real trust in a divine will. I don't have that whatsoever. But I actually think maybe that was a reason that I drifted this way. I don't want that comfort. It has been better for me to have no trust in a plan or a path or anything. I think I'm better off operating as if the absence of supervision is all that we have.

**Martin:** Because it puts the onus on you and that is OK. **Tolentino:** And I think it's bracing and enlivening and kind of scarier in a good way.

**Martin:** Yeah. How does that jibe with your efforts to dissolve your ego? Because I wrestled with this myself. **If there is nothing and it's us, right, and we have all the agency and we create the meaning and we divine the sacred spaces, because we just decide that they are, that feels like building up the ego, not sublimating.** **Tolentino:** I think in some aspects it does. To some extent, sure, it feels like you are constructing a sort of self-based universe. But it's never really building your own, there's always other traditions or ethics that you find. But I still feel like the actual experiences of those things, they're still cracking at the ego.

So I had my first kid in August 2020. **The experiences of that ego dissolution, they've happened so often in these experiences with my child. They happened in birth itself, this incredibly shocking event where you are nothing but a vessel. And it's this shocking moment of revelation and this twinning of life and death and that felt divine in a real way, in a bloody and terrifying way. The way that transcendence is always paired with terror.** One thing that I found sad about having a kid is that my natural ecstatic inclinations, which used to spike really high all the time, don't really anymore. I feel like I've been trickled out a million times a day in tiny ways. And so I no longer have these big reserves, like when I would be walking around in New York City and just feel overcome with a sense of transcendence. Like, I don't have that anymore. **It feels like I'm meteing it out every day on my children.** And that honestly feels like one of the biggest, most fundamental changes to my life since having a kid. I mean, I can still access those emotions, certainly, but **they don't come as often and as intensely** and it's probably just getting older and not having hours to just walk around at golden hour, you know, like those are the peak indoor chaos hours in my home now.

**Martin:** Right. Does that feel like a grief to you or just a change?

**Tolentino:** I feel a little bit of grief about it, but I also think it feels right. It also feels entirely correct to this stage of life. Which is something that I've been telling myself, that I'm deep in this right now. I have a nine-week-old and a three-year-old. And I've been reminding myself that three years from now, this will be an entirely different phase. I think that I'll have more shifts in the way these issues manifest to me as time goes on. I think death will come to play a larger part in it as time goes on, and I think my sense of independent experience certainly will shift again, hopefully shift dramatically in the next 10 years so that I'll start having more of them.

**Martin:** There's a short supply right now. Yeah. To just be really basic about it, you see a spiritual component of parenting?

**Tolentino:** Yeah. **The primary way that I think about the biggest sweep of all the stuff that we're talking about, let's be real, it's still drugs.** Last summer, I had finished breastfeeding and I went to Montana with one of my best friends for three days and we went hiking and then we did acid. She's like a born and bred downtown New York girl and staunch atheist. And she had this moment, it was overpoweringly beautiful and also we were on acid, and she was like, "How is it that we're alive at the same time as each other and as all this beauty." She was like, "I feel so scared and I feel so grateful."

We're both starting to cry and I said, "Girl, this is why people believe in God." I'm reminded in those moments that now what I understand as the closest analog to God is the fact that the laws of physics and biology create a world that begets life, human and non-human. And I understand the framework of the devil as the competing forces of entropy.

At some point in college, I was like, OK, this thing that I understood as God, creation and destruction, is basically just whatever laws of physics are knitting this world together. I locate some sense of that spiritual wonder in that. **There's a shimmer of the divine around just the fact of our existence.** And so in that way, my understanding of spirituality has bloomed to an inhuman scale, and then it has shrunk to the labor of taking care of a brand new life and the small moments of mystery and the unknown and also fear and desperation that that experience brings you.



# \$250K reward offered for assailant who shot Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy

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By The Associated Press



Police cars block off a street where a sheriff's deputy was shot while in his patrol car in Palmdale, Calif. on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023.

A vigil for Clinkunbroomer was scheduled for Sunday evening outside the Palmdale sheriff's station.

PALMDALE, Calif. — Authorities asked for the public's help and offered a \$250,000 reward as investigators searched Sunday for the assailant who shot and killed a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy as he sat in his patrol car at an intersection.

Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer, 30, died at a hospital after being found unconscious in the vehicle while on duty around 6 p.m. Saturday in the city of Palmdale, Sheriff Robert Luna said.

Luna said he believed the shooting was a "targeted attack." But the motive, and whether Clinkunbroomer or the department in general was the target, was not yet known.

"Without warning, he was murdered while serving our community," an emotional Luna said at a Sunday news conference during which he urged any potential witnesses to contact detectives. "Please, I beg you. Somebody has information. Make things right."



This undated photo provided by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department shows its Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer.

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## Iran-US prisoner swap likely set in motion as \$6 billion of once-frozen Iranian assets reaches Qatar

Some \$6 billion of Iranian assets once frozen in South Korea is now in Qatar, a key element for a planned prisoner swap between Tehran and the United States.

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## Libya was mired in chaos and corruption. For years, warnings the Derna dams may burst went unheeded

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran and the United States will exchange prisoners on Monday after some \$6 billion once frozen in South Korea reached Qatar, a key element of the planned swap, officials said. The planned exchange comes just ahead of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, where Iran's hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi will speak. However, the swap won't mean that tensions have been lowered between the U.S. and Iran, which now enriches uranium closer than ever to weapons-grade levels. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani was the first to acknowledge the swap would take place Monday. He said the cash sought for the exchange was now in Qatar. An individual with direct knowledge of the deal, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity given the exchange had yet to be concluded, later said that both Iranian and U.S. officials had been notified by Qatar that the money had been transferred from Switzerland into the Gulf Arab nation. Kanaani made his comments during a news conference aired on state television, but the feed cut immediately after his remarks without explanation. "We witnessed freezing of parts Iranian assets in some countries including South Korea," Kanaani said. "As part of our policy of active foreign diplomacy, fortunately Iran's frozen assets in South Korea were released and God willing today the assets will start to be fully controlled by the government and the nation." "On the subject of the prisoner swap, it will happen today and five prisoners, citizens of the Islamic Republic, will be released from the prisons in the U.S.," Kanaani added. "Five imprisoned citizens who were in Iran will be given to the U.S. side reciprocally, based on their will. We expect these two issues fully take place based on the agreement." He said two of the Iranian prisoners will stay in the U.S. Iranian news agencies immediately afterward reported, quoting Kanaani, that the prisoner swap would be done on Monday. There was no other information immediately released by the agencies and Washington did not acknowledge the comments. However, a Qatar Airways Airbus A320 landed on Monday morning at Mehrabad International Airport in Tehran, where previous prisoner releases have taken place, according to flight-tracking data analyzed by the AP. Qatar Airways uses Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport for its commercial flights. The announcement by Kanaani comes weeks after Iran said that five Iranian-Americans are now under house arrest as part of a confidence-building move while Seoul allowed the frozen assets, held in South Korean won, to be converted into euros. That money was then sent to Qatar, an interlocutor between Tehran and Washington in the negotiations. The planned swap has



# Analysis: Iran-US prisoner swap for billions reveals familiar limits of diplomacy between nations



1 of 6 | FILE - The entrance to the former U.S. Embassy, which has been turned into an anti-American museum, is seen in Tehran, Iran, on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023. The upcoming prisoner swap between Iran and the United States follows the same contours that the countries have tracing since the resolution of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover and hostage crisis. The limits of this diplomacy remain largely the same as they have been for over the four decades since, with officials in both countries even using similar language to discuss the deals now. (AP Photo/Vahid Salemi, File)



BY **JON GAMBRELL**

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# U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

Thrummed: make a continuous rhythmic humming sound.



UNITED NATIONS (AP) — For two years, it was the coronavirus pandemic. Then, it was Russia's war in Ukraine. Throughout it all, the perils of climate change, poverty and inequality have steadily, increasingly **thrummed** through each convening of world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly.



Everything you need to know about this year's meeting of leaders at the UN General Assembly



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## SPOTLIGHT

Lots of indoor farms are shutting down as their businesses struggle. So why are more being built?



Across the country, more indoor farms are launching or expanding even as others founder. This summer marked the groundbreaking of a huge vertical farming operation in Virginia by the California-based company Plenty Unlimited.

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There's no sign of widespread COVID-19 mandates in the US. Republicans are warning of them anyway



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A preacher to death row inmates says he wants to end executions. Critics warn he's only seeking fame

A death row inmate in Oklahoma is scheduled for execution next week, but he has fired his lawyers and skipped a clemency hearing.





# Police Training on Camping Ban Still in Works

The city of San Diego has yet to finalize a written guide for officers on how to enforce the new law.

by Lisa Halverstadt September 14, 2023



Mercedes Ortega (left) moves some of her belongings from Commercial and 15th Street to another location in the outskirts of downtown on July 31, 2023. / Photo by Ariana Drehsler

More than a month after San Diego police began enforcing the city's homeless camping ban, the city has yet to finalize a written guide for officers on how to enforce the new law.

Voice of San Diego's Lisa Halverstadt has repeatedly requested the document that a police captain told the City Council in June the department would use to teach officers how to correctly enforce the ordinance. City staff have said the document doesn't yet exist.

City spokeswoman Ashley Bailey said a draft training bulletin is now going through a city approval process that includes legal review. She said the department has concluded it should issue a training bulletin before officers throughout the city enforce the new law.

For now, Bailey said, that means only officers in the department's Neighborhood Policing Division who focus on homelessness-related issues are enforcing the law.

"The department has provided extensive guidance to officers in the Neighborhood Policing Division who are currently enforcing this ordinance," Bailey wrote in an email. "Officers citywide have not yet been instructed to enforce the ordinance."

Bailey said the training bulletin will be posted on the city's website when it's finalized and issued.



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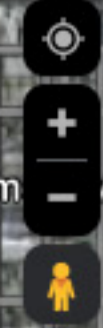
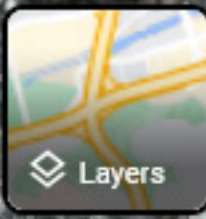
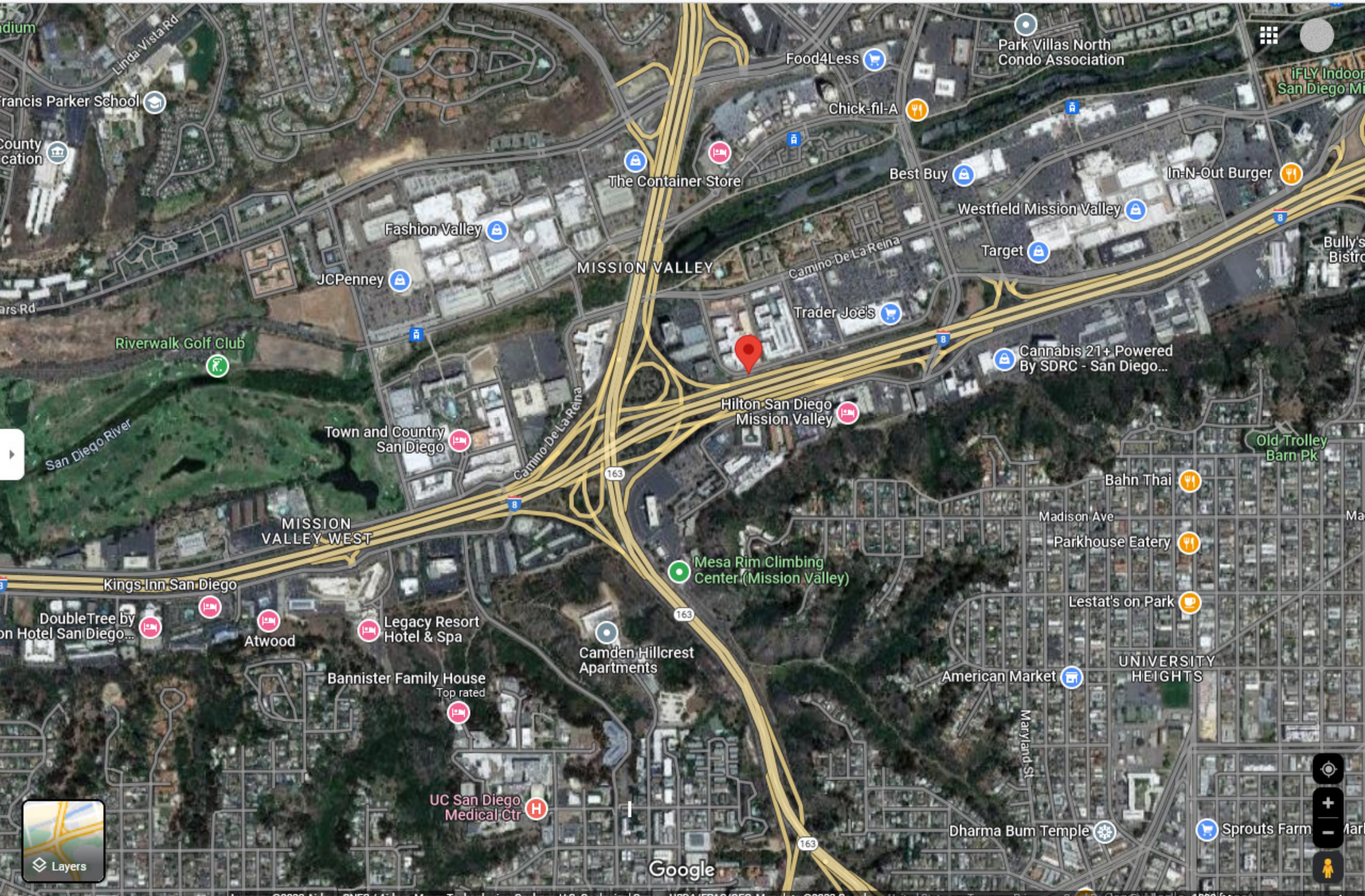
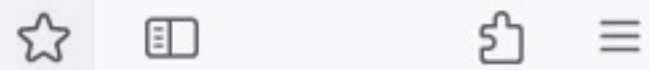




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# Genocide fears in Darfur are attracting little attention – have nations abandoned their responsibility to protect civilians?

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**Mass atrocities are once again plaguing the people of Darfur, Sudan, with talk of a genocide taking place.** Twenty years after genocide began in the region, recent conflict and targeted violence have forced over 5 million people to flee their homes across Sudan in just five months. In Darfur, non-Arab unarmed civilians have been hunted down and massacred, according to eyewitnesses and survivors. Women and girls have been subjected to systematic rape, sexual violence and trafficking. With genocide and crimes against humanity once again taking place and so little international attention, one wonders if the international community has completely turned its back on a decades-old commitment to protect civilians from mass atrocities, known as the “responsibility to protect.”

I’m an adjunct professor of genocide studies and human rights at the University of Connecticut, and the question of how the international community should confront genocide is an issue my students and I grapple with every semester.

Before unpacking that question, let’s look at why the expectation of civilian protection even exists. **An important question:** In 2000, then-United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan asked the international community, “If humanitarian intervention is, indeed, an unacceptable assault on sovereignty, how should we respond to a Rwanda, to a Srebrenica — to gross and systematic violations of human rights that offend every precept of our common humanity?” It was an important question. For centuries, the principle of sovereignty reigned supreme in international relations. It was largely understood that what happens within a country’s borders is that government’s responsibility. Governing authorities were pretty much free to do what they pleased, without fear of meddling from other international actors. In the post-World War II era, states began to willingly give up some of their sovereignty to join the newly created United Nations and engage in

**Even worse than before:** But there is an important distinction between today and the early 2000s – today there is little appetite among the international community to engage in a meaningful way that would protect civilians and bring an end to the slaughter. Kenyan President William Ruto has called for a new peacekeeping mission to be deployed, but neither the United Nations nor the African Union has supported him. The UN’s former mission in Darfur ended in 2020. Meanwhile, the United Arab Emirates publicly called for peace while privately sending arms to the very militia committing mass atrocities. The United States has sanctioned elements of the Rapid Support Forces and the Sudanese armed forces and has repeatedly called for accountability for perpetrators of atrocities. The United States ambassador-at-large for global criminal justice, Beth Van Schaack, has stated that the violence in West Darfur “serves as an ominous reminder of the horrific events that led the United States to determine in 2004 that a genocide was underway in Darfur.” But she stopped short of saying genocide was happening again. Historically, United States genocide determinations have been political decisions that are often delayed by State Department lawyers. The question of the viability of the “responsibility to protect” principle goes beyond the crisis in Darfur. Over the past two decades, the international community has failed to protect civilians in Syria, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Yemen, Myanmar and Ethiopia. The responsibility to protect does not have a great track record. It would appear that even the secretary-general of the United Nations has lost faith in the doctrine. In António Guterres’ recently released policy paper, *New Agenda for Peace*, which outlines his vision for creating a more peaceful world, the term “responsibility to protect” does not appear once in the 40-page document. Perhaps after two decades of limited success, flagrant violations and overall apathy, it is time to retire the responsibility to protect and find a new way to answer Annan’s question.



# A former Navy SEAL went to college at 52. His insight led to a new class

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James Hatch was a dog handler in the military. At Yale, he's often accompanied in class by his service dog, Mina.

Heading to college is hard for anyone. But have you tried being at least 30 years older than most of your classmates? James Hatch did. Who is he? Hatch had a career in the Navy — including more than 20 years as a SEAL — before heading to Yale University. He was a member of the Naval Special Warfare Development Group and was involved in 150 missions across Iraq, Bosnia, Africa and Afghanistan. His military career ended when he was shot and badly wounded in Afghanistan in 2009. Now he's studying at Yale as an Eli Whitney scholar, as part of a program for nontraditional students.

NPR first talked to Hatch in 2019, when he arrived in New Haven, CT., as a 52-year-old freshman. He said he struggled to fit in at first: "I thought, man, I really have no business being here. But then, you know, things progressed and I could actually contribute." Fast forward to this fall and the 56-year-old is starting his senior year as a humanities major.

**What has he learnt?** A lot can happen in four years, and talking to All Things Considered's Mary Louise Kelly now, there is one bit of advice senior-year Hatch says he would give his freshman-year self: you've got a lot to learn. "At first, James Hatch was pretty scared, but I don't know that he was all that humble with his opinions about the world," he said. "The James Hatch you're speaking to now, I am the champion of the humble pie, man." As a humanities major, he has tackled some of the greatest works of literature (Moby Dick is one of his favorites) and he believes literature has been the "connective tissue" between humans for thousands of years. For Hatch, humanity is that through-line. Whether it's Captain Ahab or Achilles in the Iliad, humans and their choices (good or bad) are more common than we realize. "You're not all that original, you know," he surmises. **How his past is informing his education:** Hatch has thought deeply about the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan two years ago. At the time, Hatch did an interview with CNN. He said the U.S. military should do an "after-action" — a debrief on every choice and event in an effort to learn from them: "Where we tear apart our conduct, all the choices we made," he said. "Because if you don't seriously reflect on the choices made in tough situations, you're probably going to make mistakes again." Yale's Dean of the Jackson School of Global Affairs saw that interview and told Hatch they should do exactly what he suggested — but as a class. Hatch got to question his former commanders, even the Taliban. He told NPR it's important to talk to people and reflect, even if that's not the easiest choice: "Look, the military is kind of, I think, the easy button. And when we've had problems internationally, the military is kind of the first resource. And I just think we need to stop that. And that means we need to talk to people that we don't want to talk to. I sure as hell didn't want to talk to the Taliban, you know, but I think it's important that we do that kind of thing because there's a lot of dead Americans and Afghans who paid the price for some choices that were made. And I don't know if there's enough reflection on all of that for those choices."

**So, what now?** Hatch is set to graduate this coming spring. In the meantime, he continues to work with the nonprofit he founded, Spike's K9 Fund, which is dedicated to the training and care of working dogs.



James Hatch in Afghanistan in July, 2009, the night he was wounded.



# Border Report: Migrants from All Over the World Are at Our Border



by Sandra Dibble

9 hours ago



Asylum seekers in between the primary and secondary border walls while they wait to be processed by U.S. Immigration in San Ysidro on Sept. 12, 2023. / Photo by Ariana Drehsler

In my time covering the border I've witnessed different groups of migrants crossing at the Tijuana-San Diego border. For decades, they were mainly Mexicans, heading north to find work or reunite with family members. But in recent years the flow has been changing. In 2016, thousands of Haitians showed up at the San Ysidro Port of Entry. Many had been living in Brazil, but as the country fell into recession, large numbers headed for the United States. More than two years later, in the fall of 2018, thousands of Central Americans arrived in Tijuana in giant caravans, many fleeing violence and poverty. There have been smaller groups of Ukrainians, Russians and Cameroonians. This year people seem to be coming from everywhere all at once. From Ecuador, Turkey, Mauritania, Equatorial Guinea, Burkina Faso, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, India, China and Vietnam. I decided to see firsthand what was happening just miles from my house – and this time I didn't even cross the border.

**Here's What I Found:** On a patch of grass at a bus and trolley station on Iris Avenue, a half dozen women from Vietnam hovered over cellphones. In the parking lot, a group of men from Senegal tried to figure out how to get to the airport without money. They told me they were robbed in Mexico. On the sidewalk, a man from Guatemala spoke on the phone in a Mayan language to his father in Riverside County. A man from Eritrea sat on the curb, lacing his shoes. U.S. Border Patrol agents had just dropped them off and they were struggling to find their way. Many of them didn't have money or working cell phones – just U.S. immigration court documents and pieces of paper with hand-written addresses and phone numbers. To the west of the San Ysidro Port of Entry, just off of Dairy Mart Road, hundreds of migrants waited between two U.S. border fences. The groups I saw were small, traveling with family members or clustered in small groups of fewer than a dozen migrants. Some were traveling alone.

A 46-year-old clothing merchant from the northwest African country of Mauritania, said he could no longer support himself. He had left behind an 82-year-old mother and young daughter, he told me in halting French as we spoke through steel bollards. Back home, "it's very difficult," he said. His journey had taken him through so many countries. First to Turkey, then to Colombia. Through Central America and Mexico, finally to Tijuana, where he had arrived a couple of days earlier and headed straight to this fenced area, he said. When I asked how he got in, he said it was a secret, though one man from Ecuador said he had paid \$600 to cross into this barren spot. Across the fence, volunteers from migrant support groups offered food, water and a cell phone charging station. Border Patrol vans arrived, and left loaded with new groups for processing. Pedro Rios, director of the U.S.-Mexico Border Program for the American Friends Service Committee, told me he heard of people congregating by the fence two or three weeks ago. "But they were being moved out very quickly," he said. "It wasn't until late last week where we saw people staying here for a longer period of time." In some ways, it seems to be a repeat of last May, when immigration officials left hundreds of migrants at a time to wait for days.

As in May, a smaller group has camped near the U.S.-Mexico border fence near the East County community of Jacumba Hot Springs. Voice of San Diego multimedia journalist Ariana Drehsler found a group of more than 100 people there on Sunday night in the custody of the U.S. Border Patrol agents. But the timing of this surge is raising the question: Why now? Back in May, the crossings spiked just as the Biden administration prepared to lift Title 42, the Covid-19 pandemic restriction that had virtually halted the asylum process at the border. Immigration officials instructed asylum applicants waiting in Mexico to sign up for appointments through the CBP One application. But this new group of migrants has not been waiting to register with CBP. "They don't know about it," Rios told me. "The people who are here just recently arrived."

**Some Numbers:** As more migrants arrive at the U.S.-Mexico border, many others on their way. Unprecedented numbers are crossing on foot through the dangerous Darien Gap – a dense tropical jungle between Colombia and Panama, then typically making their way by land through Central America and Mexico. The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – citing figures from the government of Panama – reported this month that a record of 330,000 migrants made the crossing – more than half of those from Venezuela. This year's total already has surpassed the 2022 total of 284,000. U.S. Customs and Border Protection numbers show that illegal crossings at the southern U.S. border – including San Diego County – initially plunged last May and June following the lifting of Title 42 restrictions. But since July, they have been rising sharply. CBP will release the latest numbers for August soon. But the Washington Post, citing preliminary data, has reported that the Border Patrol "made more than 177,000 arrests along the Mexico border in August, up from 132,652 in July and 99,539 in June." **Organized crime:** David Perez Tejada, the head of Mexico's National Migration Institute in Baja California, told reporters last week that organized crime had taken control of several points on the U.S. border. Perez Tejada named several "hot zones" in Tijuana, including the Tijuana River channel and canyons near Playas de Tijuana, El Imparcial newspaper reported. He said traffickers cross close to 1,000 migrants through the Tijuana River channel over the course of a weekend. **Deadly land route:** In a report released last week, the International Organization for Migration described the U.S.-Mexico border as the deadliest land route worldwide on record, documenting 686 deaths and disappearances in 2022. **Smuggling by sea:** The U.S. Border Patrol last week reported some recent incidents attempting to enter along the Pacific Ocean. Two of the incidents took place at Border Field State Park, one involving a group of 20 swimmers who returned to Mexico once they were spotted. That same night, six swimmers were caught in Imperial Beach near Seacoast Drive after crossing the Tijuana River. In recent days, agents have also reported personal watercraft traveling from Mexico at a high rate of speed, in one instance dropping off an individual at the Imperial Beach pier who was taken into custody. **Fatality at border fence:** On Friday afternoon, a woman died after falling from the U.S. border fence west of Tijuana's A.L. Rodriguez International Airport on Otay Mesa, U.S. authorities reported. She has not been identified. **Mexico's Grupo Beta makes a rescue:** A 43-year-old woman and 31-year-old man, both from Mexico City, were rescued earlier this month by agents from Grupo Beta, a federal migrant protection unit, after getting lost in a rocky mountainous area between Tecate and Mexicali. The migrants said that they were deceived by a smuggler who charged them 70,000 pesos – about \$4,000 – to cross them to the United States. The smuggler led them to a canyon, saying they were a short walk from the U.S. border. After they were too exhausted to continue, they were able to call for help and were found by agents 30 hours after they began walking.



# DISCOVER



## YouTube suspends Russell Brand from making money off the streaming site after sex assault claims

YouTube says Russell Brand will no longer make money from the video streaming site after several women made allegations of sexual assault against the comedian-turned influencer.

LONDON (AP) — YouTube said Tuesday that Russell Brand will no longer make money from the video streaming site after several women made allegations of sexual assault against the comedian-turned-influencer.

YouTube said monetization of Brand’s account, which has 6.6 million subscribers, has been suspended “following serious allegations against the creator.”

“This decision applies to all channels that may be owned or operated by Russell Brand,” the Google-owned video service said.



## Google brings its AI chatbot Bard into its inner circle, opening door to Gmail, Maps, YouTube



## Once a global ideal, Germany’s economy struggles with an energy shock that’s exposing longtime flaws



## The Versailles Palace celebrates its 400th anniversary and hosts King Charles III for state dinner

### SPOTLIGHT



## A Black student was suspended for his hairstyle. The school says it wasn’t discrimination

A Black high school student in Texas has been punished with an in-school suspension over his hairstyle for over two weeks, his mother said.

MONT BELVIEU, Texas (AP) — A Black high school student in Texas has served more than two weeks of in-school suspensions for wearing twisted dreadlocks to school. When he arrived Monday with the same hairstyle, he was suspended again, his mother said. Darryl George, a junior at Barbers Hill High School in Mont Belvieu, was initially suspended the same week his state outlawed racial discrimination based on hairstyles. School officials said his dreadlocks fell below his eyebrows and ear lobes and violated the district’s dress code. George, 17, has been suspended since Aug. 31 at the Houston-area school. He was in tears when he was suspended Monday despite his family’s arguments that his hair does not violate the dress code, his mother Darresha George said.



# What to know about the Sikh movement at the center of the tensions between India and Canada



1 of 5 | Mourners carry the casket of Sikh community leader and temple president Hardeep Singh Nijjar during Antim Darshan, the first part of a day-long funeral service for him, in Surrey, British Columbia, Sunday, June 25, 2023. Canada expelled a top Indian diplomat Monday, Sept. 18, as it investigates what Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called credible allegations that India's government may have had links to the Sikh activist's assassination. (Darryl Dyck/The Canadian Press via AP)

BY SHEIKH SAALIQ

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NEW DELHI (AP) — Tensions between Canada and India have reached new heights with dueling diplomatic expulsions and an allegation of Indian government involvement in the killing of a Sikh activist on Canadian soil. The row centers around the Sikh independence, or Khalistan, movement. India has repeatedly accused Canada of supporting the movement, which is banned in India but has support among the Sikh diaspora. On Monday, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Parliament described what he called credible allegations that India was connected to the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June. The Indian government denied any hand in Nijjar's killing while also saying Canada was trying to shift the focus from Khalistan activists there.

**Here are some details about the issue:** WHAT IS THE KHALISTAN MOVEMENT? The Sikh independence movement began as an armed insurgency in the late 1980s among Sikhs demanding a separate homeland. It was centered in northern Punjab state, where Sikhs are the majority, though they make up about 1.7% of India's total population. The insurgency lasted more than a decade and was suppressed by an Indian government crackdown in which thousands of people were killed, including prominent Sikh leaders. Hundreds of Sikh youths were also killed during police operations, many in detention or during staged gunfights, according to rights groups. In 1984, Indian forces stormed the Golden Temple, Sikhism's holiest shrine, in Amritsar to flush out separatists who had taken refuge there. The operation killed around 400 people, according to official figures, but Sikh groups say thousands were killed. The dead included Sikh militant leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, whom the Indian government accused of leading the armed insurgency. **On Oct. 31, 1984, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who ordered the raid on the temple, was assassinated by two of her bodyguards, who were Sikh.** Her death triggered a series of anti-Sikh riots, in which Hindu mobs went from house to house across northern India, particularly New Delhi, pulling Sikhs from their homes, hacking many to death and burning others alive.

IS THE MOVEMENT STILL ACTIVE? There is no active insurgency in Punjab today, but the Khalistan movement still has some supporters in the state, as well as in the sizable Sikh diaspora beyond India. The Indian government has warned repeatedly over the years that Sikh separatists were trying to make a comeback. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has also intensified the pursuit of Sikh separatists and arrested dozens of leaders from various outfits that are linked to the movement. When farmers camped out on the edges of New Delhi to protest controversial agriculture laws in 2020, Modi's government initially tried to discredit Sikh participants by calling them "Khalistanis." Under pressure, Modi government later withdrew the laws. Earlier this year, Indian police arrested a separatist leader who had revived calls for Khalistan and stirred fears of violence in Punjab. Amritpal Singh, a 30-year-old preacher, had captured national attention through his fiery speeches. He said he drew inspiration from Bhindranwale.

HOW STRONG IS THE MOVEMENT OUTSIDE INDIA? India has been asking countries like Canada, Australia and the U.K. to take legal action against Sikh activists, and Modi has personally raised the issue with the nations' prime ministers. India has particularly raised these concerns with Canada, where Sikhs make up nearly 2% of the country's population. Earlier this year, Sikh protesters pulled down the Indian flag at the country's high commission in London and smashed the building's window in a show of anger against the move to arrest Amritpal Singh. Protesters also smashed windows at the Indian consulate in San Francisco and skirmished with embassy workers. India's foreign ministry denounced the incidents and summoned the U.K.'s deputy high commissioner in New Delhi to protest what it called the breach of security at the embassy in London. The Indian government also accused Khalistan supporters in Canada of vandalizing Hindu temples with "anti-India" graffiti and of attacking the offices of the Indian High Commission in Ottawa during a protest in March. Last year, Paramjit Singh Panjwar, a Sikh militant leader and head of the Khalistan Commando Force, was shot dead in Pakistan.



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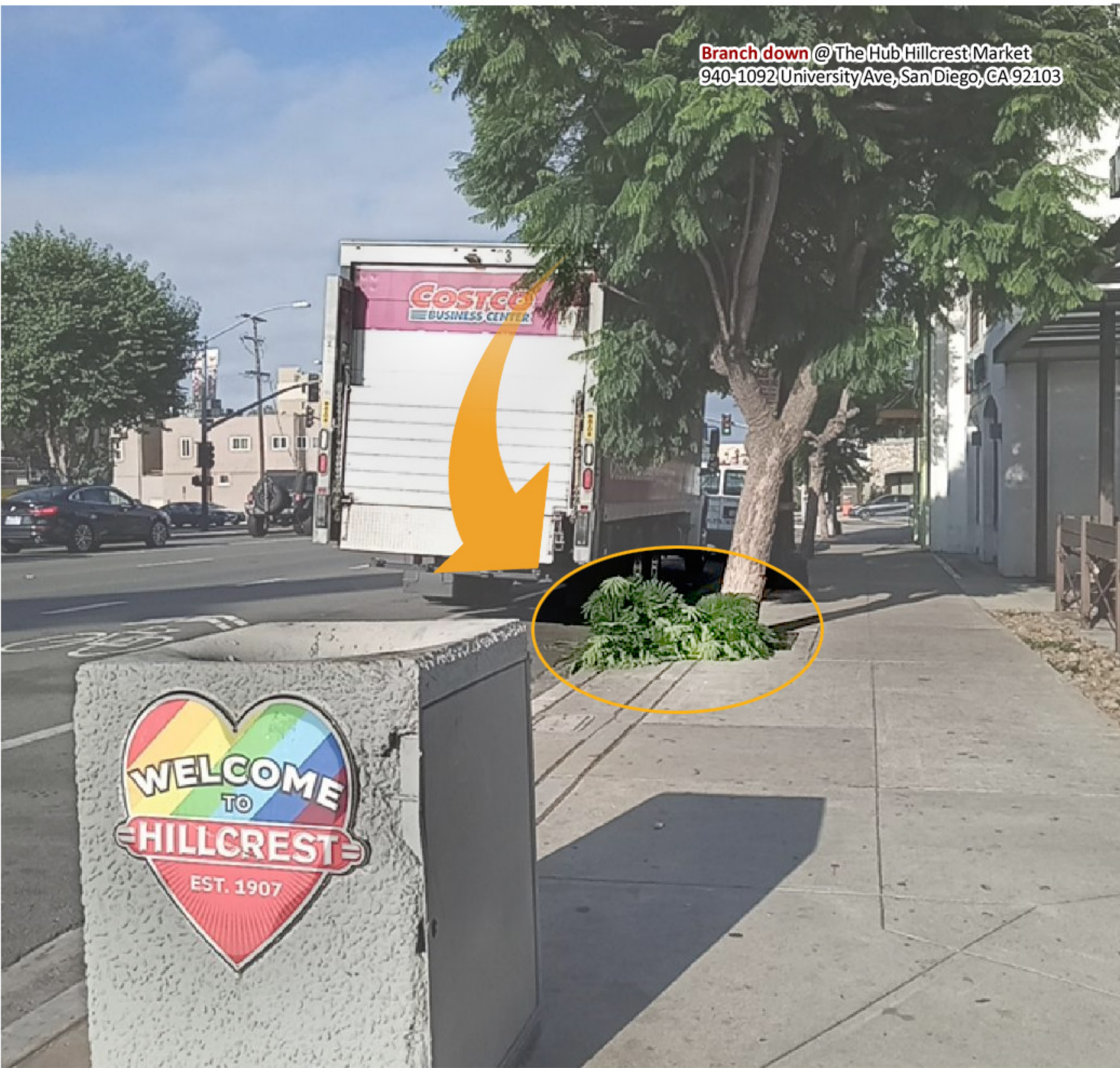
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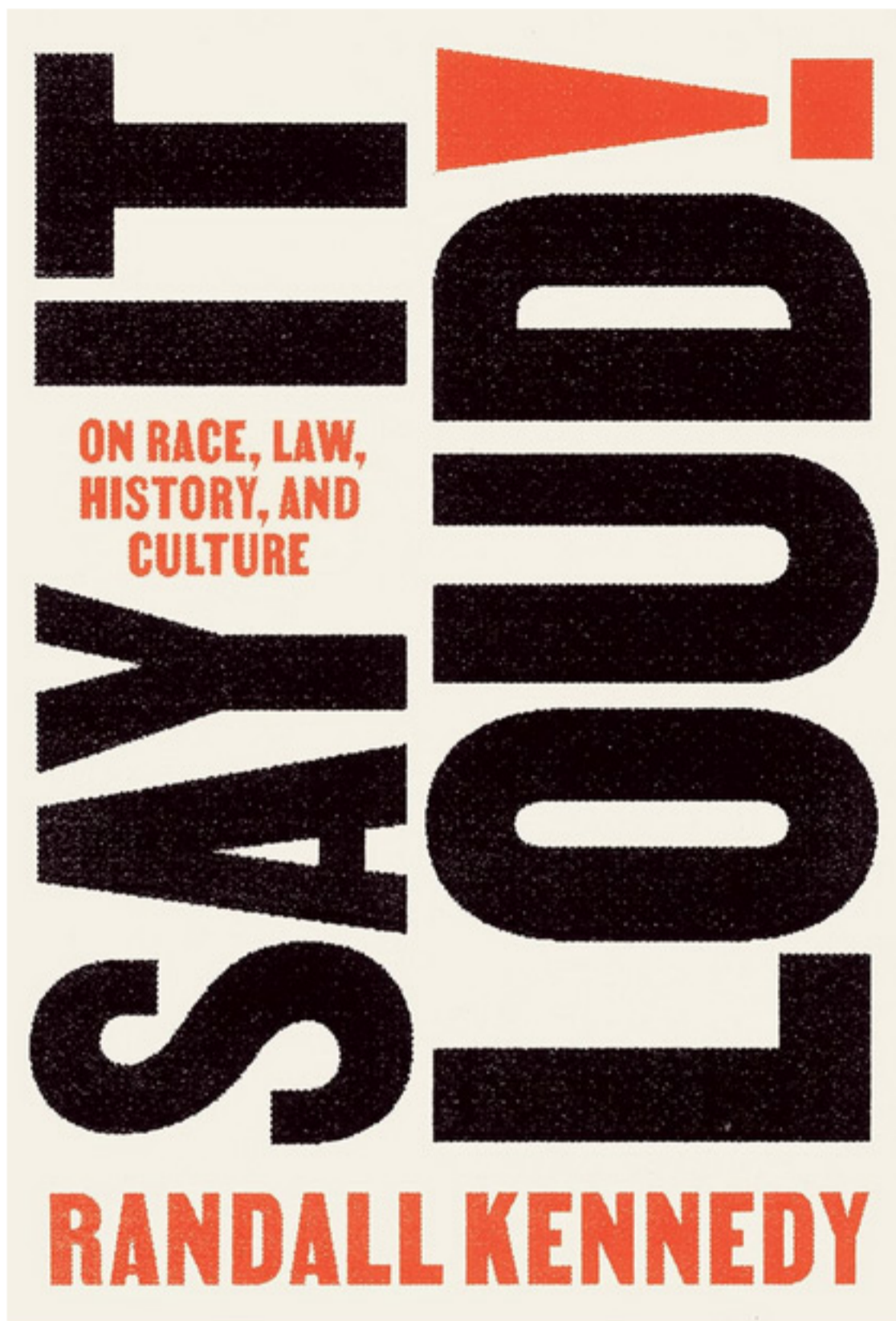


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## Say It Loud!: On Race, Law, History, and Culture

September 7, 2021

by [Randall Kennedy](#) (Author)

**Randall Kennedy** — Say It Loud!: On Race, Law, History, and Culture - with Rep. Jamie Raskin

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A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR • A collection of provocative essays exploring the key social justice issues of our time—from George Floyd to antiracism to inequality and the Supreme Court. Kennedy is "among the most incisive American commentators on race" (*The New York Times*).

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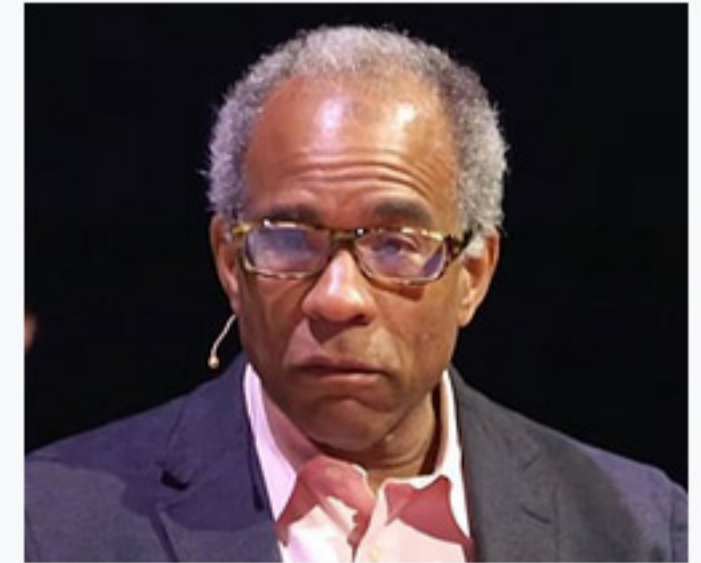
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**Some of the Supreme Court's recent decisions concerning Rascism have spurred comparisons to the decisions of the late 1800s. Randall Kennedy, a professor at Harvard Law School talks about these comparisons ahead of the new term beginning next month.** > <https://www.npr.org/2023/09/18/1196977796/here-now-anytime-draft-09-18-2023>

**Kennedy is known as unafraid to tackle socially difficult issues, such as racism.**

In 2002, controversy erupted when Kennedy published *Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word*. In *Interracial Intimacies: Sex, Marriage, Identity and Adoption* (2003), Kennedy attempts to bring greater understanding to the racial issues that continue to trouble American society. Through numerous appearances on the lecture circuit, Kennedy continues to promote debate on hot-button racial issues in the public arena. "If you are socially isolated", he told Regan Goode in *The New York Times*, "you are more vulnerable to stereotypes and myths, you won't have the opportunity to have conversations with someone who has a different social background than you." While many critics have attempted to use Kennedy's work to advance their own agendas, he has retained his academic independence. "Against black pessimists", wrote Galston and Wasserman, "[Kennedy] argues that substantial progress has been made toward the ideal of color-blind justice. Against complacent whites, he argues that there is still a long way to go." According to Kennedy noted, the relationship between white and black America remains one of America's most perplexing problems. "Obviously there are all sorts of ethnic, racial conflicts in American society", Kennedy told Smith, "but there's one that is deeper than all the others and that's white/black racial conflict."

### Randall L. Kennedy



Kennedy in 2016

**Born** Randall LeRoy Kennedy  
September 10, 1954 (age 69)  
[Columbia, South Carolina, U.S.](#)

**Occupation** Law professor

**Spouse** Yvedt Matory  
(m. 1986; died 2005)

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**Education** [Princeton University \(BA\)](#)  
[Balliol College, Oxford](#)  
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# Randall Kennedy — Say It Loud!: On Race, Law, History, and Culture - with Rep...



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In a magnum opus that spans two decades, Harvard Law School professor Randall Kennedy, one of our preeminent legal scholars and public intellectuals, gives us twenty-nine provocative essays—some previously published, others written for this occasion—that explore key social justice issues of our time.

In each essay, Kennedy is mindful of complexity, ambivalence, and paradox, and he is always stirring and enlightening. *Say It Loud!* is a wide-ranging summa of Randall Kennedy's thought on the realities and imaginaries of race in America.



Randall Kennedy is joined in conversation with Congressman Jamie Raskin, the U.S. Representative for Maryland's 8th Congressional District. He previously served as the Lead House Manager in the second Senate impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump, which ended with a 57-43 vote to convict the president for inciting a violent insurrection against the government to overthrow the 2020 presidential election. This summer, he was appointed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to serve on the Select Committee to investigate the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol. He is currently serving his third term on the Judiciary, House Oversight and House Administration Committees and is serving his second term on the Rules Committee. Prior to his time in Congress, Raskin was a three-term State Senator in Maryland and a professor of constitutional law for more than a quarter-century at American University Washington College of Law. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he served as an Editor of the Harvard Law Review. He has authored several books, including *We the Students* and the Washington Post best-seller *Overruling Democracy: The Supreme Court versus the American People*.

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**Derrick Albert Bell Jr.** (November 6, 1930 – October 5, 2011)<sup>[1]</sup> was an American lawyer, professor, and [civil rights](#) activist. Bell worked for first the [U.S. Justice Department](#), then the [NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#), where he supervised over 300 school desegregation cases in Mississippi.

After a decade as a civil rights lawyer, Bell moved into academia where he spent the second half of his life. He started teaching at [USC Law School](#), then moved to [Harvard Law School](#) where he became the first tenured African-American professor of law in 1971. From 1991 until his death in 2011, Bell was a visiting professor at [New York University School of Law](#),<sup>[2]</sup> and a dean of the [University of Oregon School of Law](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

Bell developed important scholarship, writing many articles and multiple books, using his practical legal experience and his academic research to examine [racism](#), particularly in the legal system. Bell questioned civil rights advocacy approaches, partially stemming from frustrations in his own experiences as a lawyer. Bell is often credited as one of the originators of [critical race theory](#).<sup>[4]</sup>

## Early life [edit]

Born to a working-class family in the [Hill District](#) of [Pittsburgh](#) in 1930, Bell was the eldest of four children by Derrick A. Bell Sr. and Ada Elizabeth Bell. He was raised a Presbyterian.<sup>[5]</sup> Bell was offered a scholarship to Lincoln University, however, could not attend due to the lack of financial aid.<sup>[6]</sup> Bell would go on to receive a [B.A.](#) from [Duquesne University](#) making him the first of his family to go to college. In 1952, he would go on to enlist becoming a member of the [Duquesne Reserve Officers' Training Corps](#) and later served as an [Air Force](#) officer for two years (stationed in Korea for one of those years).<sup>[1]</sup> In 1957, he received a [LL.B.](#) from the [University of Pittsburgh School of Law](#) where he was the only Black graduate of his class.<sup>[7]</sup> In 1960, Bell married Jewel Hairston who was also a Civil Rights activist and educator and they would go on to have three sons: Derrick, Douglas, and Carter. They were married until Jewel's death in 1990. He later married Janet Dewart.<sup>[8]</sup>

## Harvard Law School [edit]

In 1969, Black [Harvard Law School](#) students helped to get Bell hired. They had protested for a minority faculty member and [Derek Bok](#) hired Bell to teach as a lecturer. Bok promised that Bell would be "the first but not the last" of his Black hires. In 1971, Bell became Harvard Law's first Black tenured professor.<sup>[7]</sup> During his time at Harvard, Bell established a new course in civil rights law, published a celebrated case book, *Race, Racism and American Law*, and produced a steady stream of law review articles.

**Derrick Bell**



<b>Born</b>	Derrick Albert Bell Jr. November 6, 1930 <a href="#">Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.</a>
<b>Died</b>	October 5, 2011 (aged 80) <a href="#">New York City, New York, U.S.</a>
<b>Education</b>	<a href="#">Duquesne University (AB)</a> <a href="#">University of Pittsburgh (LLB)</a>
<b>Occupation(s)</b>	University professor, author
<b>Employer(s)</b>	<a href="#">New York University School of Law</a> <a href="#">University of Oregon School of Law</a> <a href="#">Harvard Law School</a> <a href="#">University of Southern California Law School</a>
<b>Known for</b>	<a href="#">Critical race theory</a>
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Jewel Hairston (died 1990) Janet Dewart (1992–2011)



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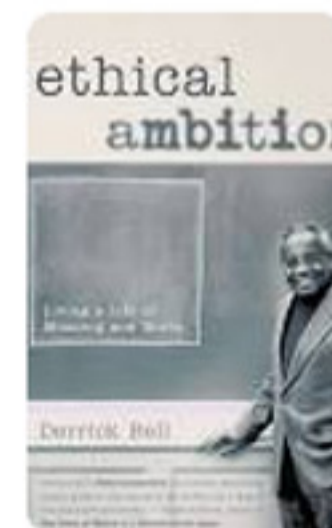
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## Critical Race Theory



**Derrick Bell is arguably the most influential source of thought critical of traditional civil rights discourse.** Bell's critique represented a challenge to the dominant liberal and conservative position on civil rights, race and the law. He employed three major arguments in his analyses of racial patterns in American law: constitutional contradiction, the interest convergence principle, and the price of racial remedies. His book *Race, Racism and American Law*, now in its sixth edition, has been continually in print since 1973 and is considered foundational in the field of critical race theory. The 1954 Brown V. Board of Education case ignited Bell's interest in studying racial issues within the education system. This was due to the Supreme Courts decision and its evident lack of progress for black students. During the 70s, Bell studied and wrote about the effects of desegregation noting that this decision was not due to a moral shift in nature, but rather because of the "convergence" of efforts in dismantling Jim Crow laws and racial segregation. Additionally, it had to do with the concern of the white elite that the United States would lose the battle to communism, and tarnish their reputation and global influence.[24][10] The injustices initially set by segregation were not undone but, instead created new issues for black students at predominantly white institutions. Consequently, Bell comes to the conclusion that American educational systems should focus on improving the quality of education for black students, as opposed to, national integration. His early work on education contributed to his creation of critical race theory, alongside Kimberlé Crenshaw, Alan Freeman, Cheryl Harris, Patricia J. Williams, Charles R. Lawrence, Mari Matsuda, and Richard Delgado.

In the 1970s, Bell and these other legal scholars began using the phrase "critical race theory" (CRT) as a takeoff on critical legal studies, a branch of legal scholarship that challenges the validity of concepts such as rationality, objective truth, and judicial neutrality. Critical legal theory was itself a takeoff on critical theory, a philosophical framework with roots in Marxist thought. Bell continued writing about critical race theory after accepting a teaching position at Harvard University. He worked alongside lawyers, activists, and legal scholars across the country. Much of his legal scholarship was influenced by his experience both as a black man and as a civil rights attorney. Writing in a narrative style, Bell contributed to the intellectual discussions on race. According to Bell, his purpose in writing was to examine the racial issues within the context of their economic and social, and political dimensions from a legal standpoint. In addition to this, Bell's critical race theory was eventually branched off into more theories, describing the hardships of other groups, such as AsianCrit (Asian), FemCrit (Women), LatCrit (Latino), TribalCrit (American Indian), and WhiteCrit (White).[26] His theories were based on the following propositions: • racism is ordinary, not aberrational. • white-over-color ascendancy serves important purposes, both psychic and material, for the dominant group. • ("social construction" thesis) race and races are products of social thought and relations. • dominant society racializes different minority groups at different times, in response to shifting needs such as the labor market. • "intersectionality and anti-essentialism" thesis. No person has a single, easily stated, unitary identity. Everyone has potentially conflicting, overlapping identities, loyalties, and allegiances.[27] For example, a person who has parents with different religious views, political views, ethnicity, etc. • ("voice-of-color" thesis) because of different histories and experiences to those of white counterparts, matters that the white people are unlikely to know must be communicated to them by the racialized minorities.

CRT has also led to the study of microaggressions, paradigmatic kinship, the historical origins and shifting paradigmatic vision of CRT, and how in-depth legal studies show law serves the interests of the powerful groups in society. Microaggressions are subtle insults (verbal, nonverbal, and/or visual) directed toward people of color, often automatically or unconsciously. For instance, in *The Constitutional Contradiction*, Bell argued that the framers of the Constitution chose the rewards of property over justice. With regard to the interest convergence, he maintains that "whites will promote racial advances for blacks only when they also promote white self-interest." [This quote needs a citation] Finally, in *The Price of Racial Remedies*, Bell argues that whites will not support civil rights policies that may threaten white social status. Similar themes can be found in another well-known piece entitled, "Who's Afraid of Critical Race Theory?" from 1995. His 2002 book, *Ethical Ambition*, encourages a life of ethical behavior, including "a good job well done, giving credit to others, standing up for what you believe in, voluntarily returning lost valuables, choosing what feels right over what might feel good right now".

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**Derek Bell:** 18:40 > ... this leads nicely into the chapter of your book about derek bell entitled "Derek Bell and me" and obviously you had a long and passionate and sometimes tempestuous friendship with derrick bell who was your colleague at harvard for a long time and then ...



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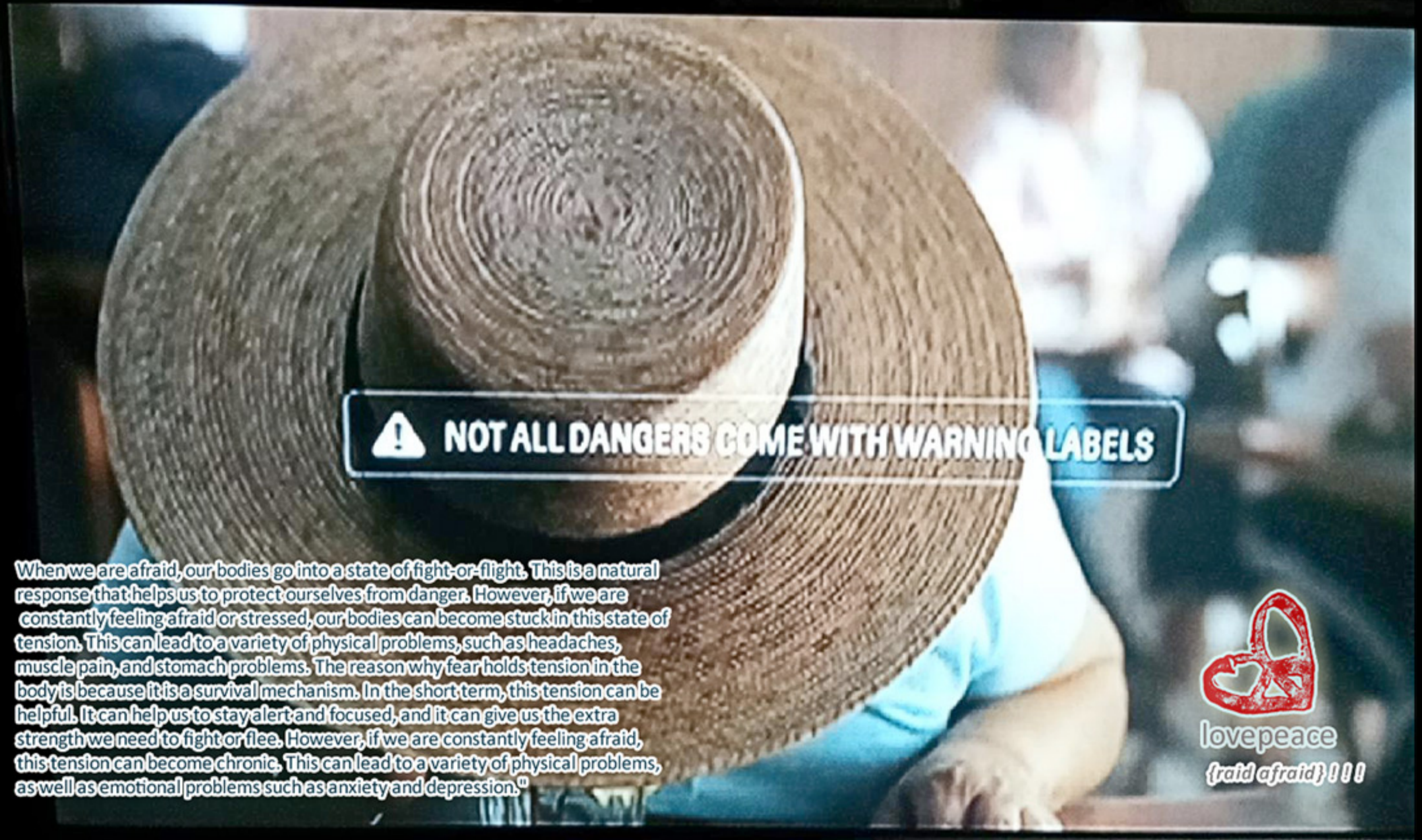
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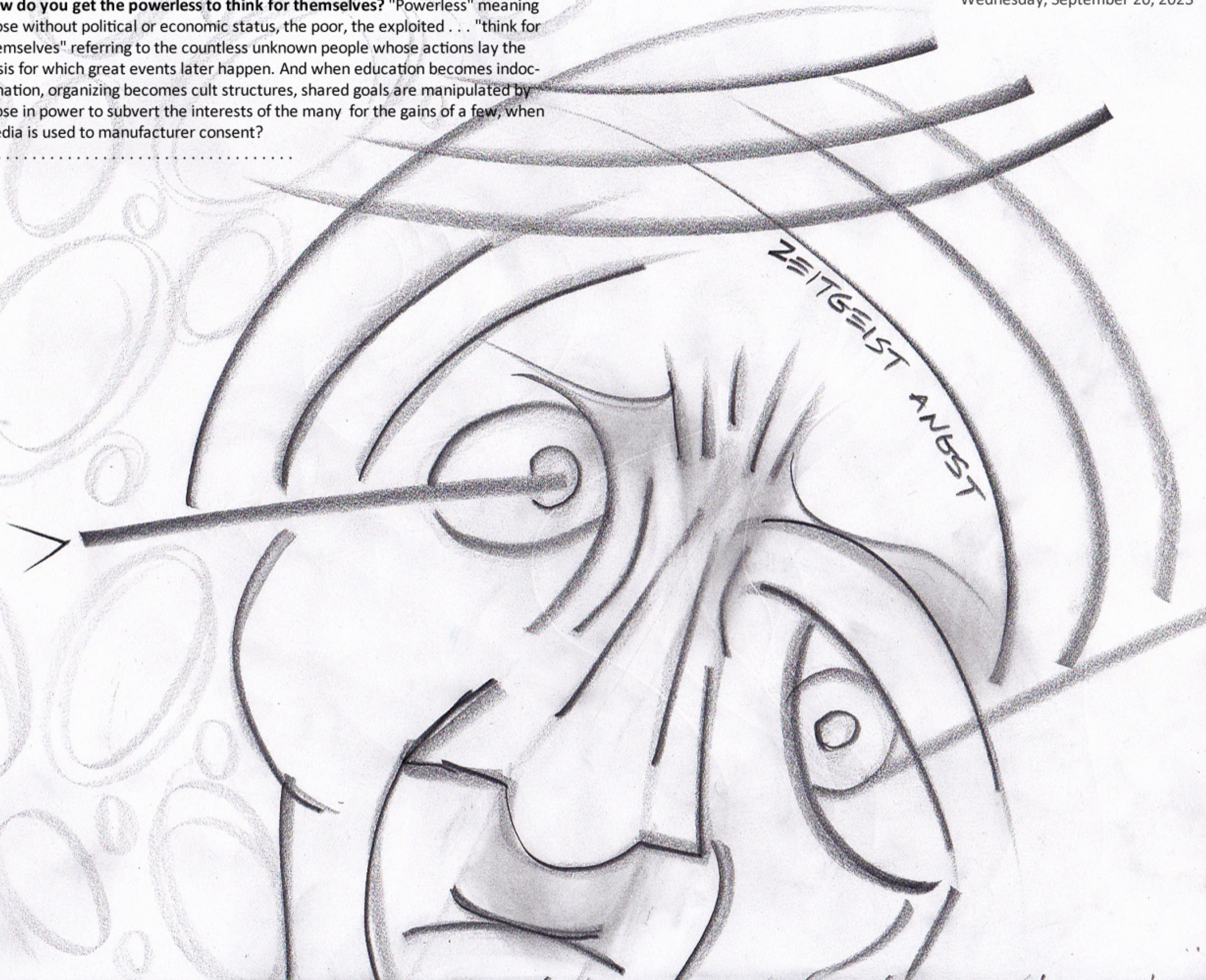


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**How do you get the powerless to think for themselves?** "Powerless" meaning those without political or economic status, the poor, the exploited . . . "think for themselves" referring to the countless unknown people whose actions lay the basis for which great events later happen. And when education becomes indoctrination, organizing becomes cult structures, shared goals are manipulated by those in power to subvert the interests of the many for the gains of a few, when media is used to manufacturer consent?

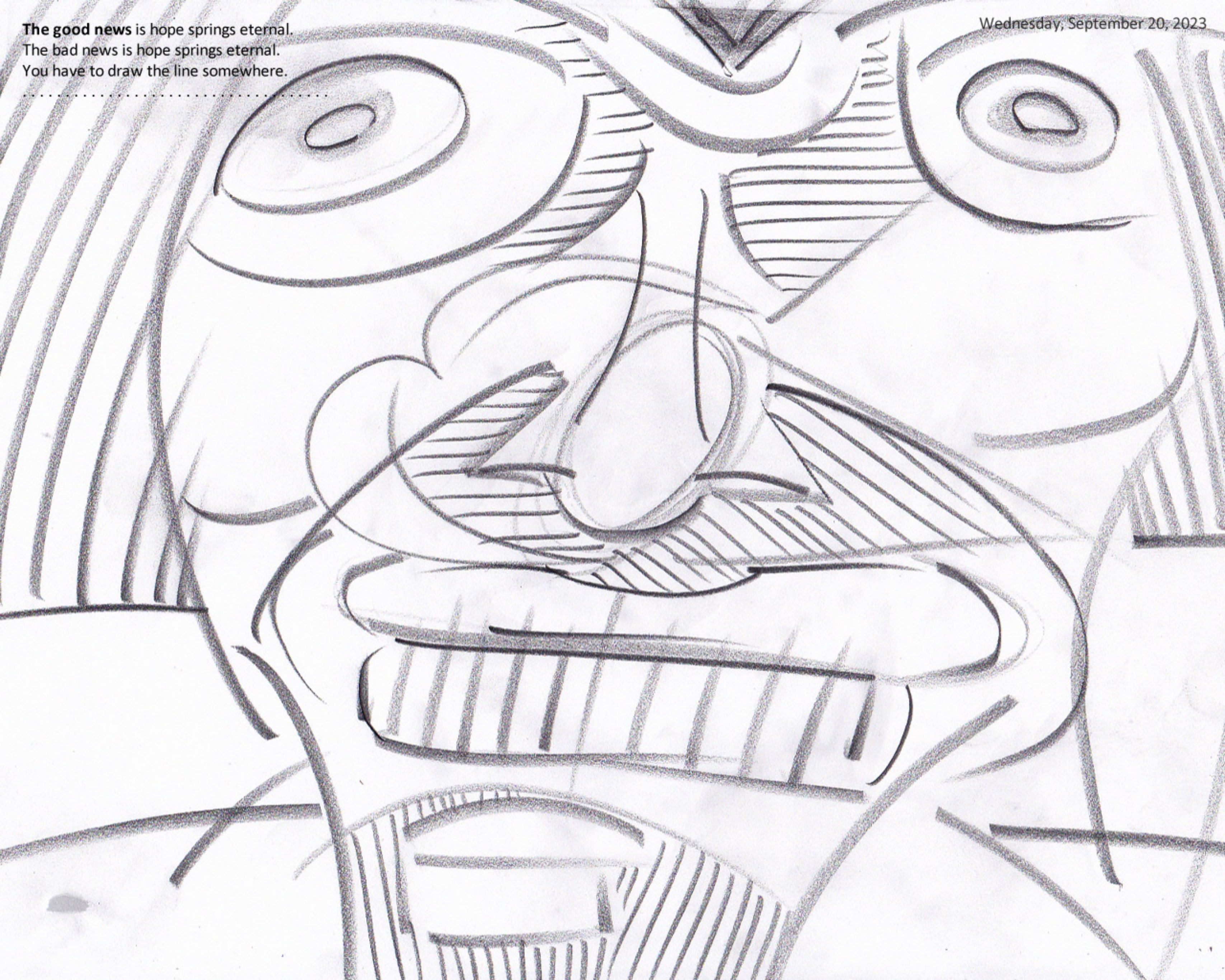
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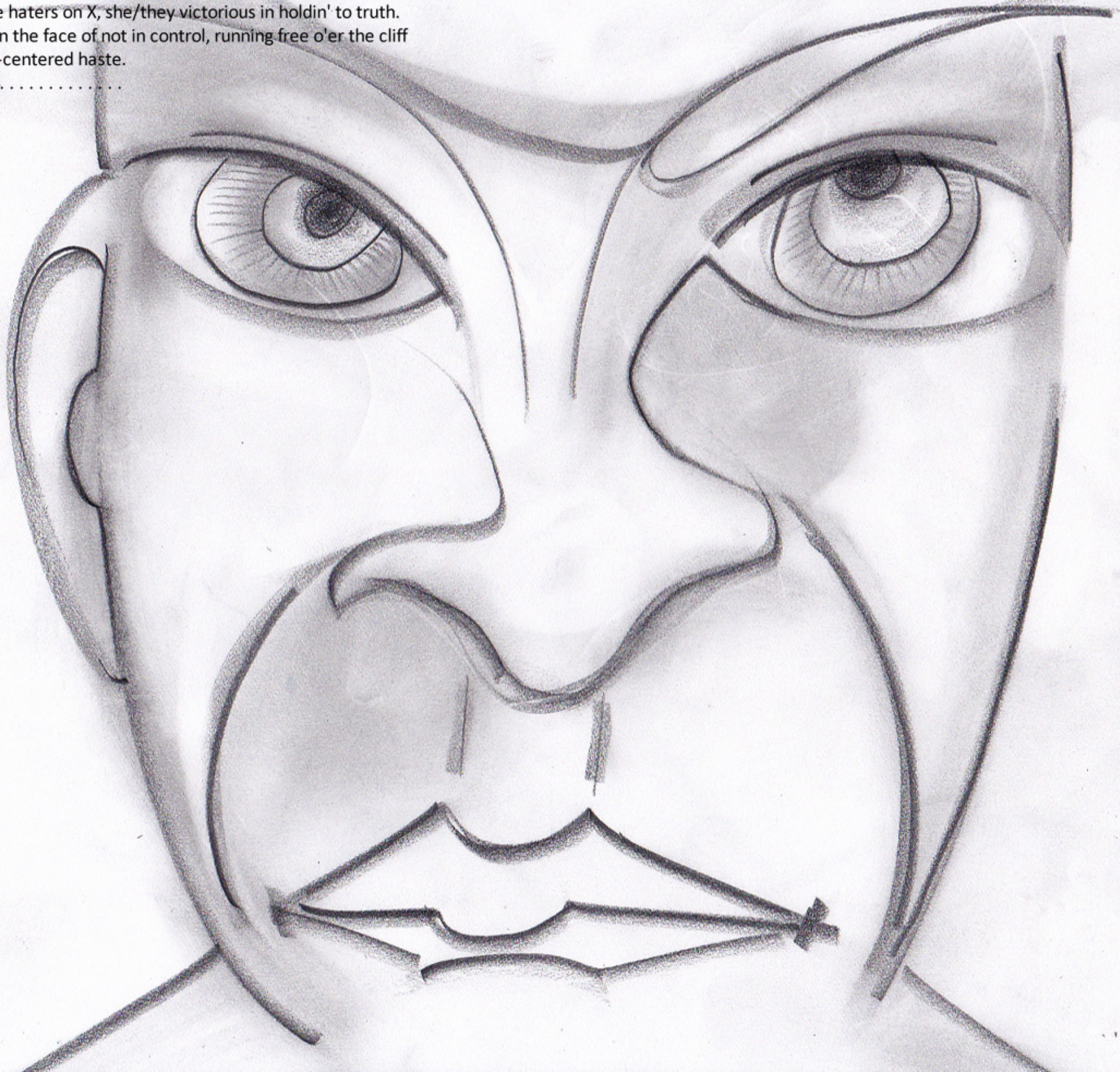
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*That finer diner from Caroliner, I'm standin' behind her, she my man.*  
No matter what they say, the haters on X, she/they victorious in holdin' to truth.  
That's what I for, happiness in the face of not in control, running free o'er the cliff  
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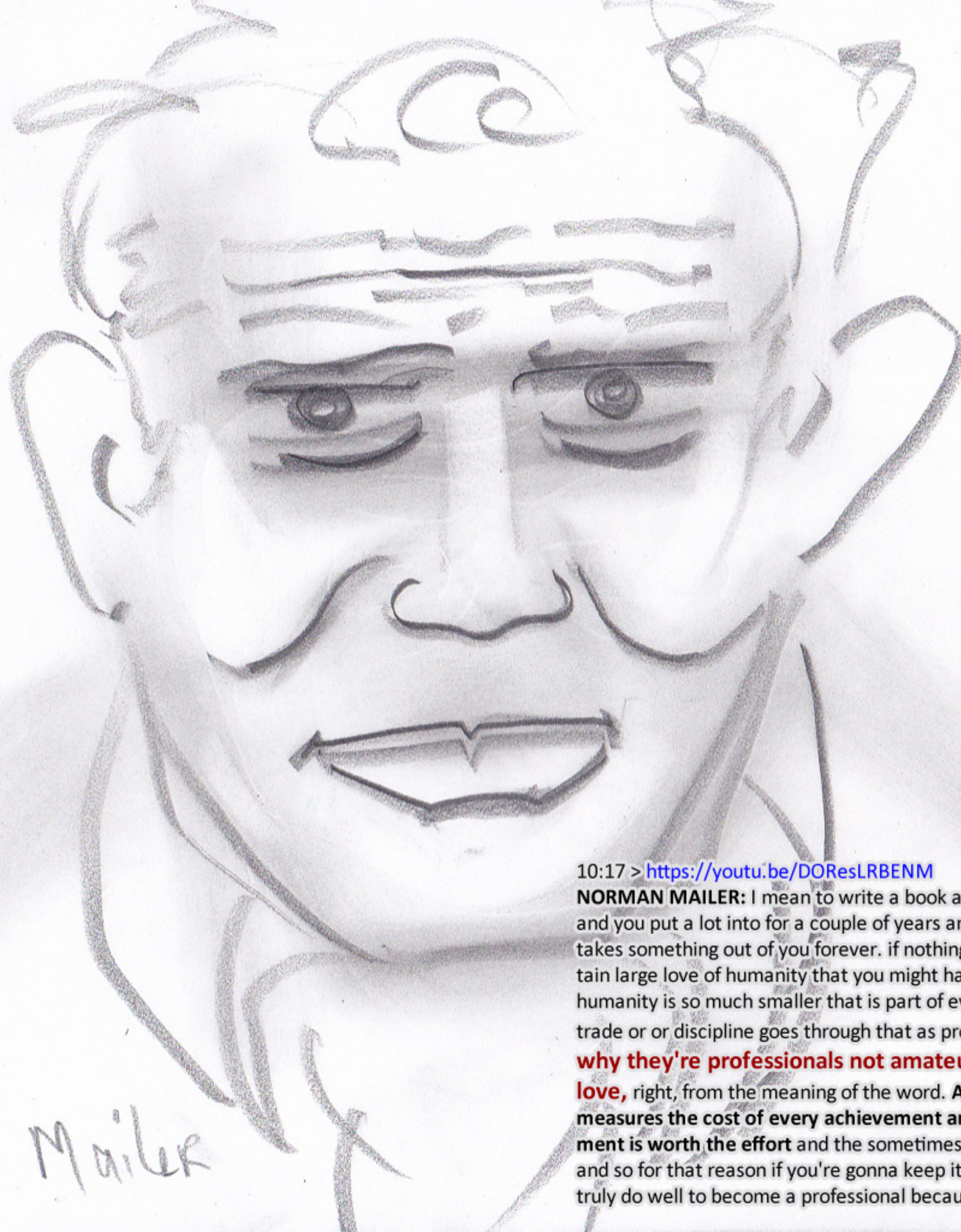
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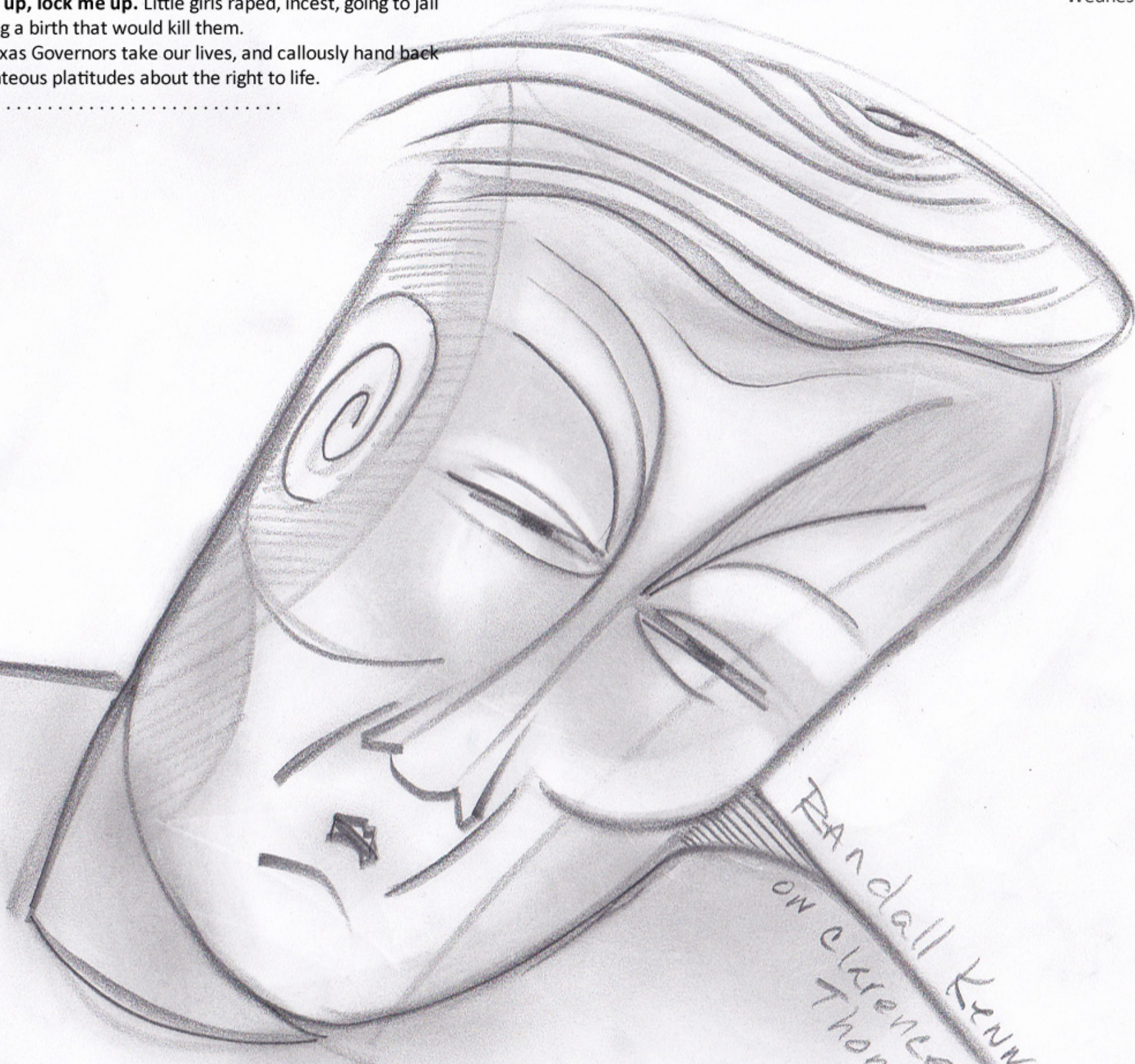
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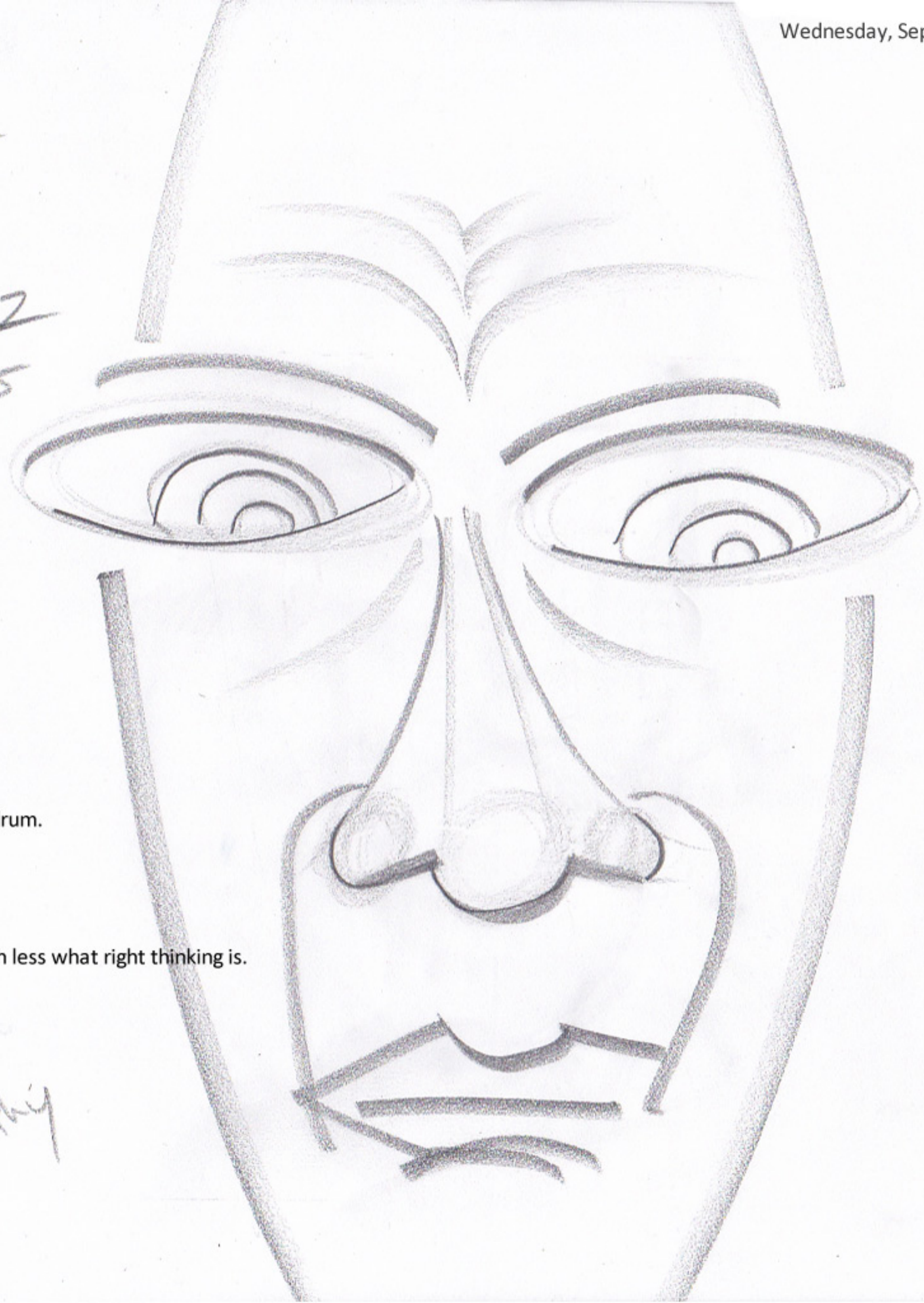
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Florida, Texas Governors take our lives, and callously hand back  
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**Beating a drum, rat-a-tat-tat-tat . . .**  
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if we can call a five gallon plastic bucket a drum.  
Bad judgment.  
rat-a-tat-tat-tat . . . not thinking right.  
The problem is,  
you don't know you're not thinking right.  
rat-a-tat-tat-tat rat-a-tat-tat-tat . . . much less what right thinking is.

Dorothy Parker  
Mary McCarthy



**Some of my best thoughts come when I'm cutting cabbage.** Which is not a bad thing. Cabbage is patient.

It will wait for me as the squirrel cage scurries around collecting notions, mauls over, constructs rehash and finally rushes back to the dispensary. When I've made a substantial deposit, the cabbage dissection picks up where it left off, never missing a beat, now sharing the room with a side of succotash.

How you frame the world makes it so.

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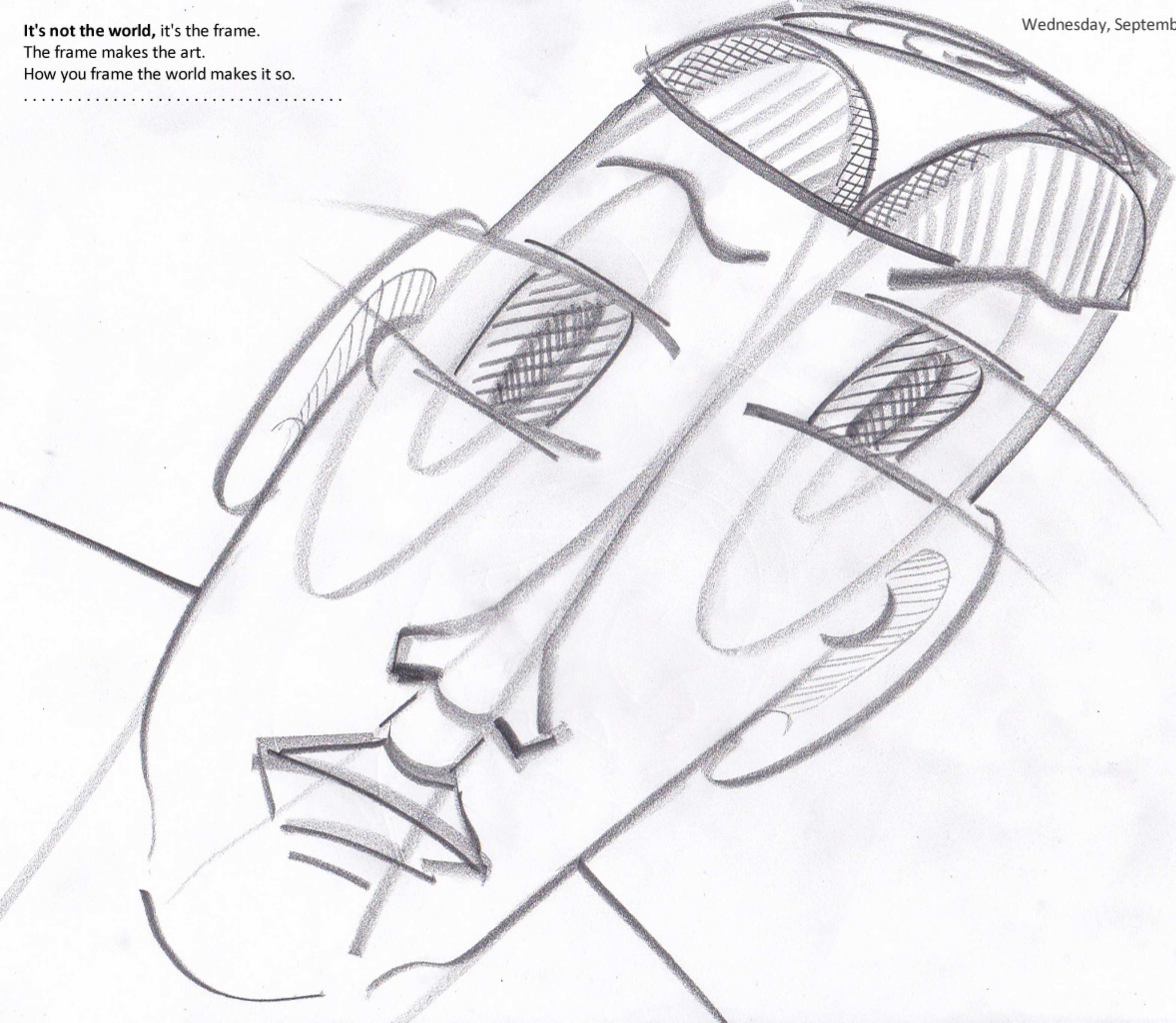
Derrick Bell --- CRT





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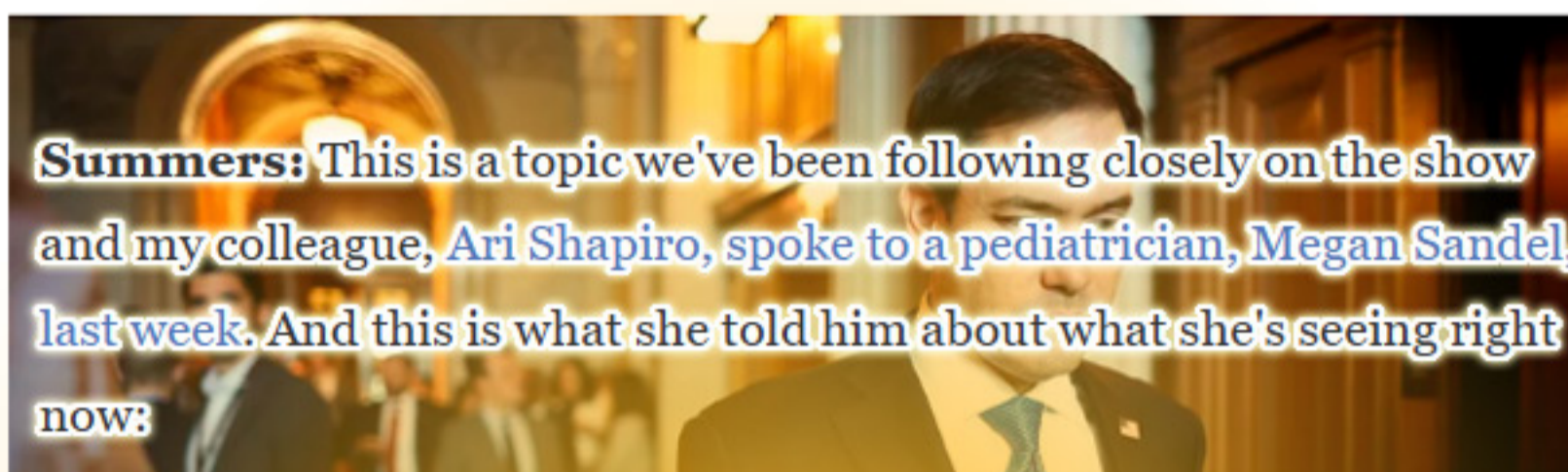




# This Republican senator wants an expanded child tax credit — with work requirements

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By Juana Summers, Noah Caldwell, Patrick Jarenwattananon



**Megan Sandel:** What we're starting to see is kids flatlining. Kids who should be growing, should be gaining weight, should be, frankly, growing the brain that they need for the rest of their lives. And we're seeing kids not grow. We're seeing kids lose weight, which, when you're three or four years old, that is a medical emergency — what's going on? And a lot of times when we really dig deeper, it's simply because people can't afford enough food and are stretching beyond what they can deal with.

**Summers:** Senator Rubio, what would you say to someone like Dr. Sandel, who is seeing these kids as patients day in and day out? And who is clearly not just worried, but deeply frustrated and alarmed by what she is seeing in these patients?

**Rubio:** Well, I would say it's terrible to hear that, in the most advanced economy in the history of the world, in the wealthiest nation in the world, where an extraordinary amount of wealth is being produced every day. And we don't envy that wealth. And we don't discourage it.

An unusual thing happened a couple of years ago: nearly 3 million children in the United States were lifted out of poverty. That's because of an expansion of the child tax credit, which was passed as a part of the federal COVID relief package. Fast forward 2.5 years — those expanded tax credits have expired and new census data released last week showed child poverty has surged to pre-pandemic levels. Many in Washington, D.C., would like to see the child tax credit expanded again, including Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, a Republican. But Rubio, unlike his Democratic counterparts, wants the expanded child tax credit to include work requirements.

*All Things Considered* host Juana Summers talks to Rubio about why he thinks work requirements are necessary, and how Republicans and Democrats can find common ground.

**Juana Summers:** Let's just get right into it. Explain why you think work requirements are so necessary here? **Marco Rubio:** I mean, certainly "work requirement" is one way to describe it. But, basically, the way we've always viewed the child tax credit is you have a job, and you get to expense the cost of raising children, the way businesses get to expend the investments they make. If we can have tax breaks for businesses that make investments, we most certainly should have the ability of working people to keep more of the money they earn in order to raise their children, which is the most important investment we're making in our country. So that's what the tax credit has always been. And it's a credit against taxes. Now, the problem was that people under a certain income level had no income tax liability to apply it to, which is why we always argued that it should be applied — at least part of it — towards the payroll tax, which is the primary tax liability of working parents. So, yeah, it requires you to have a job, because it requires you to have some tax liability that the credit applies towards. But I also think it recognizes that the purpose of this program always was, and should continue to be, to allow working parents raising children to be able to keep more of the money they earn, to be able to afford, or help afford, the costs of raising children in the modern economy.

**Summers:** I just want to take a second to spell out the data here, because I think it's really important. **The new data that came out last week showed that all of the gains when it comes to child poverty that we saw in 2021, they were lost in 2022. There was an alarming rise in child poverty last year from 5.2% in 2021, to 12.4%, in 2022.** So, given the fact that we're seeing this problem balloon into this huge need, how would you go about addressing that in an urgent manner? **Rubio:** Well, first of all, I think to measure just based on one year, you basically had one year in which you had a child allowance, it wasn't a child tax credit, from \$2,000 per child to \$3,600 per child. So, suddenly, families are reporting \$3,600 per child, zero to five [years old], and \$3,000 for children above six up to 17. And then it expires. So you're going to have that jump. But that is different from what we're trying to achieve here, which is we're trying to achieve an economy that produces the kind of work that parents are no longer in poverty, families are no longer in poverty. And that's a much bigger struggle. And that really should be the cornerstone of what our focus is on



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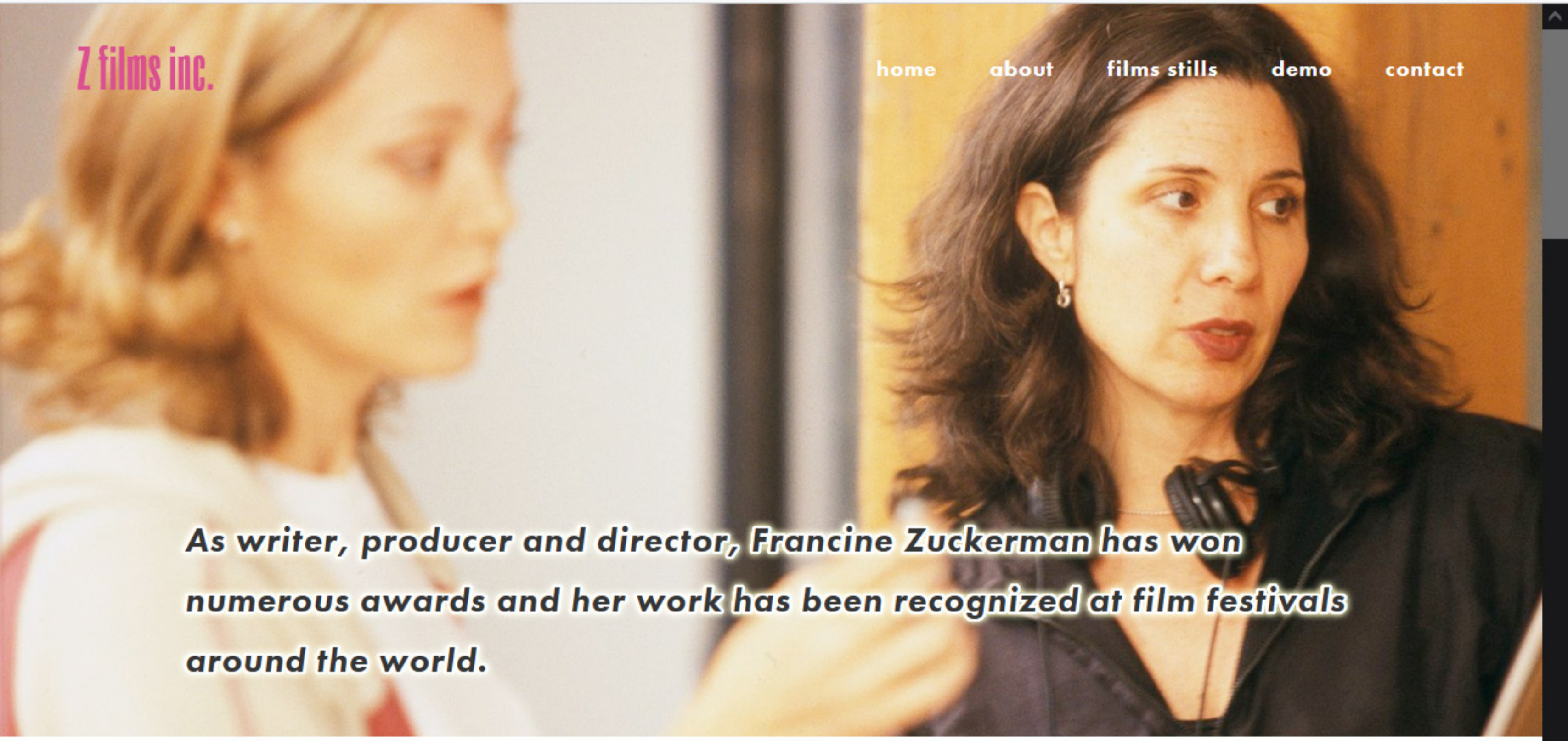
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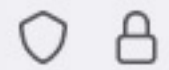
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## California orders Arrowhead bottled water to stop drawing from mountain springs it's used for more than a century

BY ADAM BEAM, AMY TAXIN AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Activist Bridger Zadina drinks spring water flowing from a BlueTriton pipe in the San Bernardino National Forest on Sept. 18, 2023, in San Bernardino, Calif.**

California regulators on Tuesday ordered the company that owns Arrowhead bottled water to stop using some of the natural springs it has relied on for more than a century, a victory for community groups who have said for years that the practice has drained an important creek that is a habitat for wildlife and helps protect the area from wildfires. Arrowhead bottled water traces its roots to a hotel at the base of the San Bernardino Mountains that first opened in 1885 and began selling bottled spring water from its basement in 1906. But environmental and community groups say the company has never had permission to take water from the springs, which flow through the San Bernardino National Forest on public lands.

On Tuesday, after eight years of wrangling that included dozens of hearings, the State Water Resources Control Board agreed that BlueTriton — the company that owns the Arrowhead brand — does not have permission to use the water and ordered them to stop. The order does not ban the company from taking any water from the mountain, but it significantly reduces how much it can take. “I understand a huge amount of money and business is at stake,” board member Laurel Firestone said. “It also is important for us that no matter how much money is involved that we are going to ensure that the laws of our state are upheld and that they apply to everybody.”

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And it's not the first challenge against bottled water companies, either from consumer advocates or groups fighting against plastic waste. The U.S. Interior Department said earlier this year it would phase out the sale of all plastic water bottles in national parks. Poland Springs, also owned by BlueTriton, has faced lawsuits claiming its water doesn't come from a spring. Lawyers for BlueTriton said Tuesday there is ample evidence the company and its predecessors have been using the springs since well before 1914, when the state began regulating how people can use water. They argue that gives them seniority to use the springs under California's complex water rights system. The company also points to a 1931 court case that they say proves they have a legal right to use the springs — a ruling that went unchallenged for decades.

Beyond those arguments, BlueTriton's lawyers spent most of Tuesday's hearing arguing California regulators don't have the power to tell them what to do. They said the company actually takes water that is underground and hasn't reached the surface. That's an important distinction because the State Water Resources Control Board does not have the authority to regulate certain types of groundwater. But regulators were unmoved. They said the company's claim dates to 1929, meaning it does not have seniority under California's water rights law. They said the 1931 court case merely settled a dispute between two parties and was not a declaration that the company had a right to use the water from the springs. And they said state regulators were well within their rights to order the company to stop using them. “The last thing we want is for someone diverting water from a spring to evade the state's water right rules by using a tunnel, borehole or similar method to intercept water that otherwise would have discharged from the spring into a stream,” said Ken Petruzzelli, the lead attorney on the case for the State Water Resources Control Board.

The vote was a triumph for a small band of community residents who have been fighting the company for years. They include Amanda Frye, a resident of Redlands who has spent countless hours combing through documents to investigate the case. She said when hiking the mountain, she can see BlueTriton's pipes gushing with water as they run along the dry bed of Strawberry Creek.



# Art, archive and community at the inaugural Oceanside Zine Fair

By [Julia Dixon Evans](#) / Arts Calendar Editor and Producer

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A new festival will make space for a growing zine movement in Oceanside this weekend, with dozens of zinemakers, artists, musicians and vendors descending upon The Hill Street Country Club — all celebrating an accessible, enduring, analog form of art and archiving. Pronounced "zeens," as in magazine or fanzine — zines are a form of DIY publication, sometimes about a single topic or scene (though not always). Generally, the zine aesthetic has an unpolished look to it; obviously photocopied shadows and tape marks are a feature, not a bug. And zines are defined also by who makes them: anyone who wants to. An artist's ability to create and share a zine doesn't depend on finding a publisher, editor, agent or gallery. **"Literally, it's the most accessible form of art that we can disseminate in our community," said Dinah Poellnitz, cofounder and artistic director of The Hill Street Country Club.**

Zines have a rich history of sharing activism, fandom and art, and connecting communities long before the internet gave us instant sharing and connections. But zines have persisted as an enduring art form, as a tangible, analog alternative to the rest of our digital lives. Brookes Reeder began making zines about 15 years ago. He's the founder of Lunchtime Printhouse and also organized the small-scale Papercuts zine art shows in the past with The Hill Street Country Club. "For me, my favorite thing is that there's no rules. You can do whatever you want. You can make a zine about your cat. You can make a zine about your favorite band, or the skate scene in your town and share that with anybody," Reeder said. "In this time and age where everybody's taking pictures with their phone and they take a picture, and they see it, and then it goes away — this is a cool way to keep them and to share with others, and have something tactile in your hands," Reeder said. He said that zines had their roots in science-fiction fan culture in the 1930s and 1940s and grew with punk and skate culture in the 1980s. Zines also developed into tools of political activism. For Reeder, fans are the foundation of zines. "It's that DIY movement, do it yourself, where if you're a fan of something and it doesn't exist, you make it yourself," Reeder said. Ten years ago, when The Hill Street Country Club hosted a group exhibition of Oceanside photography, Reeder suggested making a zine. They've worked together on mini-fairs and other zines throughout the decade, and zinemaking practice has been integral to The Hill Street Country Club's place in both the artistic community and the Oceanside community ever since. To make a zine, Reeder said it's not really about art supplies or access to technology.

The number one thing is imagination. And the number two thing is courage," Reeder said. All it then really takes is paper, he suggested. You can hand-draw or print out your own photos, text or drawings, or cut up found items or magazines.

"As I said, there's no rules. Your zine can be five inches tall or it could be 12 inches tall and it could be out of cardboard, it could be out of canvas, paper, whatever you want," Reeder said.

This weekend's fair is a big step in putting Oceanside on the map for zinemaking and zine fairs.

Oceanside has a growing zine movement, partly due to the workshops through The Hill Street Country Club and the Oceanside Zine Library, a collaboration with the Oceanside Public Library — accessible to anyone with a library card.

"Every time we have an exhibition, we try to create a zine with (the artists), and right away we catalog it with the Oceanside Public Library because it has the same value as archiving with your historical society, and it's another way to legitimize your work, but also document your memories through civic identity and civic engagement," Poellnitz said.

That exhibition zine archive also serves as a historian for their organization, she said.

"It has archived and sustained memory for us through those analog experiences with the zines. So zines have been important for us in general. It just reminds us who we are, and it gives us an opportunity to reflect," Poellnitz said.

This weekend's festival is a two-day event. It kicks off Saturday evening with an "art opening" type party. Alongside zinemaker booths and a zine art exhibit on the walls, three Oceanside bands will perform: Cbarrgs, Shindigs and Micro Dos. The Saturday event runs from 6 p.m.-10 p.m.  
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Sunday, the doors open at 11 a.m. for a family-friendly full day of zines, art, workshops, artist discussions (including artist Akiko Surai) and a pop-up bookstore from Libélula Books.

Dozens of zinemakers and artists will display and sell their zines across both days, including Lunchtime Printhouse, Compás 88, San Diego State University Zine Club, Ellipsis Books, Bryan Tipton, Zines4Queers and many more.



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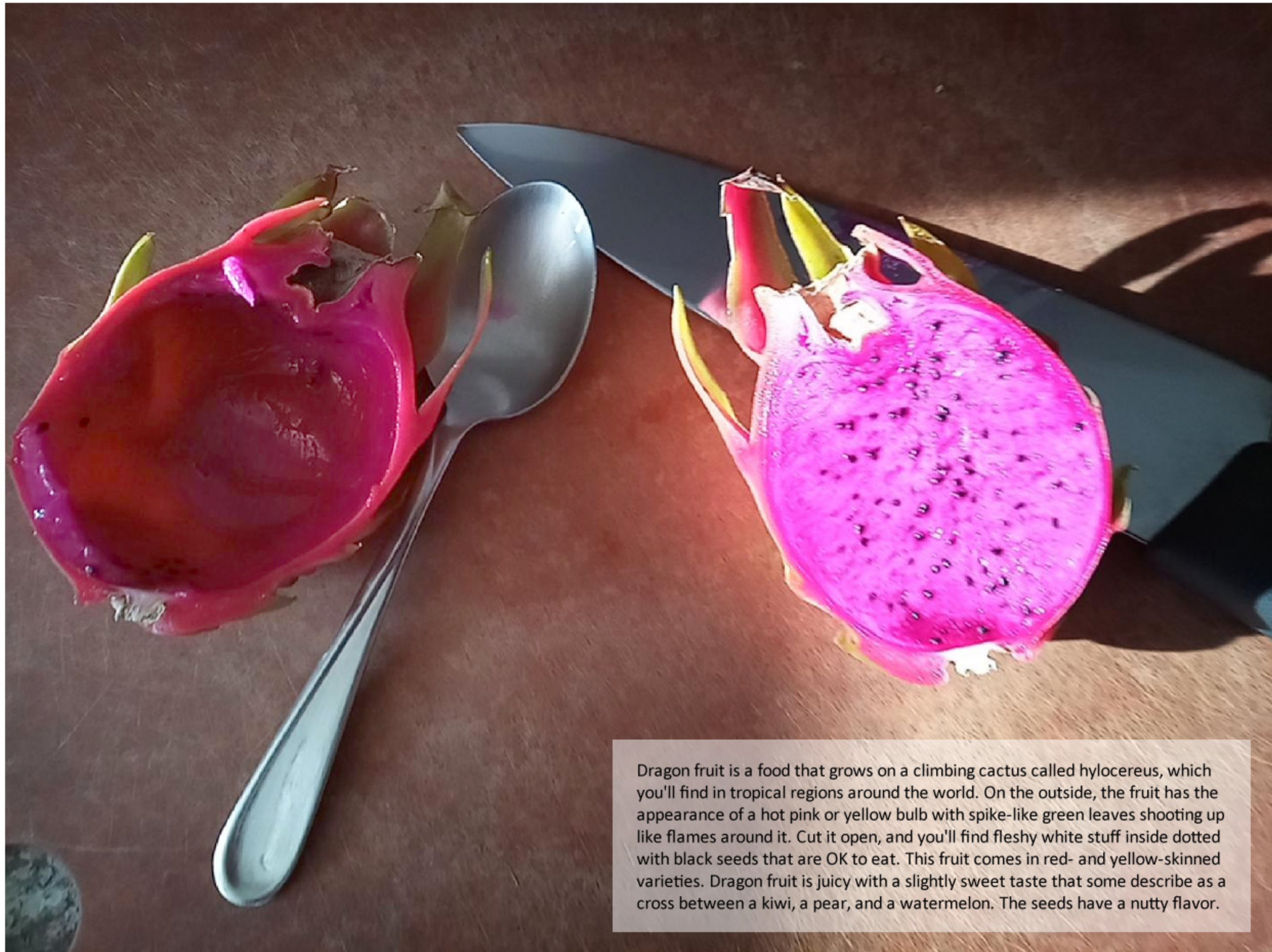
Dinah is one of the Co-founders of The HSCC, Curator, and Director of Development for the space. Dinah grew up between Vista & Oceanside, and was always inspired by the diverse activity that surged up & down Hill Street in the 70s - 90s. Graduating from University of CA Riverside in 2006, she earned a BA in Art History + Arts Administration. While her accomplishments as an arts professional & board member are extensive, she is also a committed and active member of many local political orgs, and is constantly working towards building a more sustainable & creative society.



*"We can't build and sustain a thriving art community by ignoring our history. Art is a personal, communal and universal message to record our cultural experiences. Art is for everyone. "Country clubs" are generally members only. We wanted to cancel out the ideal that art only belongs to a small few. So, it just made sense. Our art exhibitions are the embodiment of love for our community." -Dinah*

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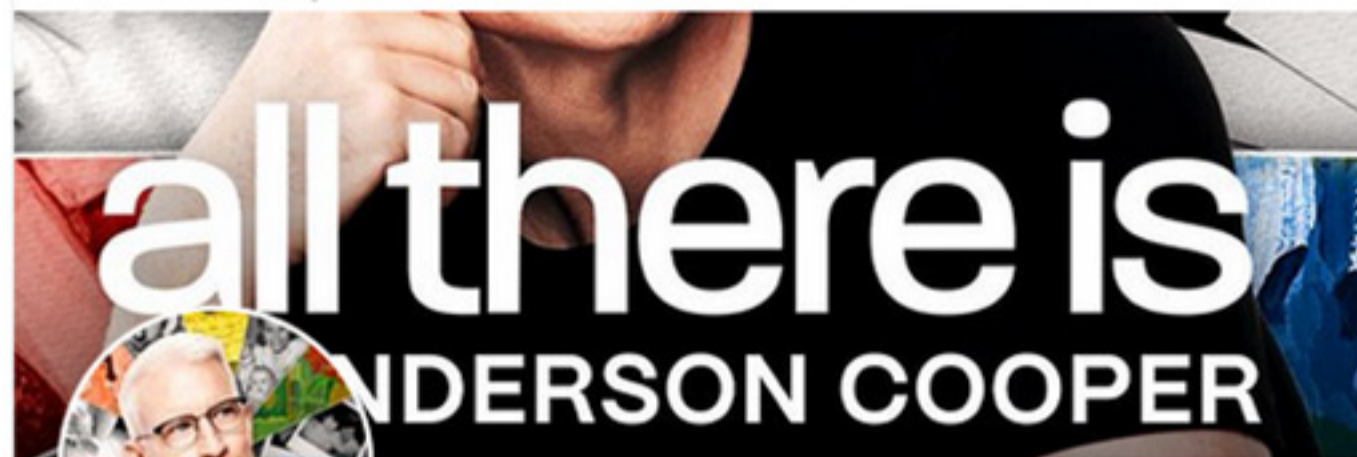
Dragon fruit is a food that grows on a climbing cactus called hylocereus, which you'll find in tropical regions around the world. On the outside, the fruit has the appearance of a hot pink or yellow bulb with spike-like green leaves shooting up like flames around it. Cut it open, and you'll find fleshy white stuff inside dotted with black seeds that are OK to eat. This fruit comes in red- and yellow-skinned varieties. Dragon fruit is juicy with a slightly sweet taste that some describe as a cross between a kiwi, a pear, and a watermelon. The seeds have a nutty flavor.





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Anderson Cooper retched the phone from his shirt pocket tapping a photo in mid-air. Future pop can't stop the crazy, but it can freeze a frame.

Google's Bard > The sentence "Anderson Cooper retched the phone from his shirt pocket tapping a photo in mid-air. Future pop can't stop the crazy, but it can freeze a frame." is a poetic and evocative description of a famous news anchor using his phone to take a picture of a chaotic scene. The use of the word "retched" suggests that Cooper is disgusted or horrified by what he is seeing, but he is still compelled to document it. The phrase "future pop can't stop the crazy, but it can freeze a frame" suggests that while technology cannot prevent bad things from happening, it can capture them in a moment of time, allowing us to reflect on them later. The sentence is also interesting because it plays with the different meanings of the word "crazy." On the one hand, it could refer to the chaotic scene that Cooper is photographing. On the other hand, it could also refer to the act of taking a picture of something chaotic. The phrase "future pop" could also be interpreted in multiple ways. It could refer to the genre of music known as future pop, or it could refer to the use of technology to create and share images of the future. Overall, the sentence is a complex and thought-provoking piece of writing that can be interpreted in many different ways. It is a reminder of the power of photography to capture moments of both beauty and chaos.

Often, when I'm quickly getting the phone out of my shirt pocket, I lean forward and flip the phone from the bottom up and out of the pocket in a motion reminiscent of physically retching. So it's that feeling of urgently getting the sickly vomit out. The image of 'tapping a photo in mid-air' is inspired by the dynamic camera movement around slow-motion events capturing the action in The Matrix movie. Yes, it's a chaotic scene, but the actor is in fine-tuned control of himself as he dodges the bullet. The phrase "future pop" indeed can be interpreted in multiple ways, not only referring to the future of what is popular, or trendy, but also as in 'what's popping?,' what's happening, the ever constant tease of the breaking news. Breaking news in a good way—what's fresh, innovative, adding joy to an oasis island in the turgid sea of chaos.

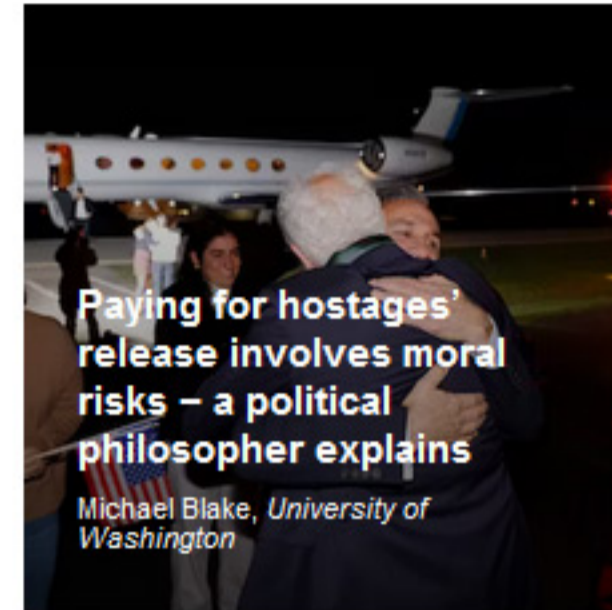
Google's Bard > Thank you for the clarification. Your explanation of the sentence is very helpful, and it adds a new layer of meaning to the sentence for me. I especially appreciate your explanation of the phrase "future pop." I think it is very interesting to think about the future of what is popular, or trendy, and how that might intersect with the ever-changing nature of breaking news. I also like your interpretation of the phrase "tapping a photo in mid-air." It is a very evocative image, and it reminds me of the way that technology can be used to capture and freeze moments in time, even in the midst of chaos. Overall, I think the sentence is a very well-written and thought-provoking piece of writing. It is a reminder of the power of language to create vivid images and to convey complex ideas.





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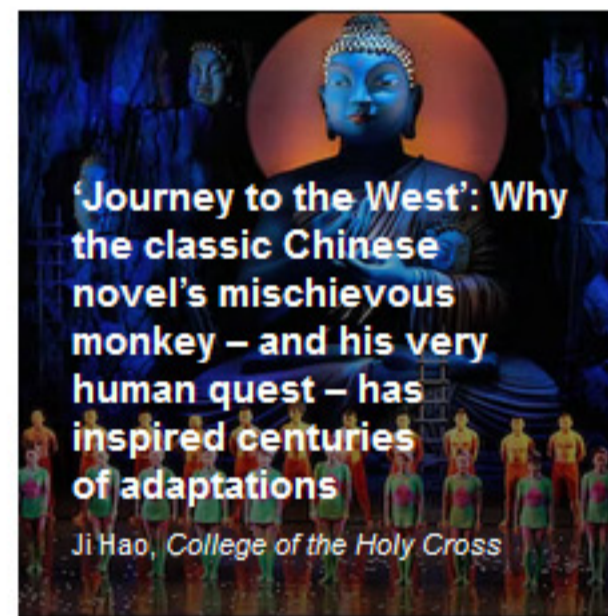
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Rupert Murdoch, 92, one of the world’s most influential modern media figures, announced on Sept. 21, 2023, that he is stepping down as chair of Fox Corp. and executive chairman of News Corp. By mid-November, he will no longer be at the helm of the multibillion-dollar media empire that has stirred so much controversy over decades.



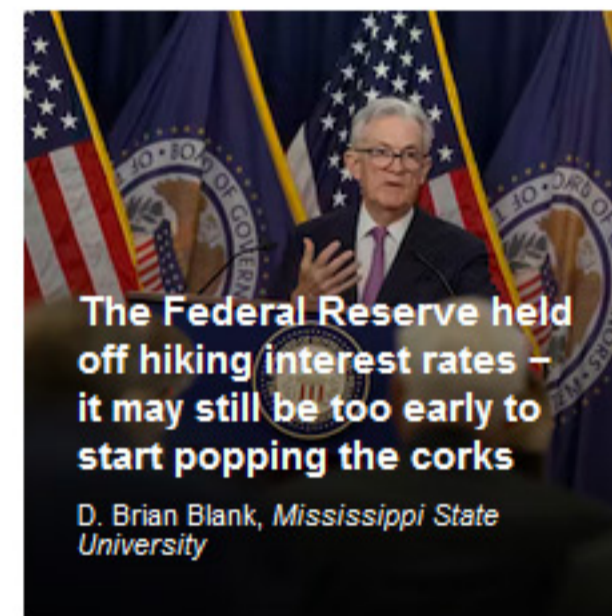
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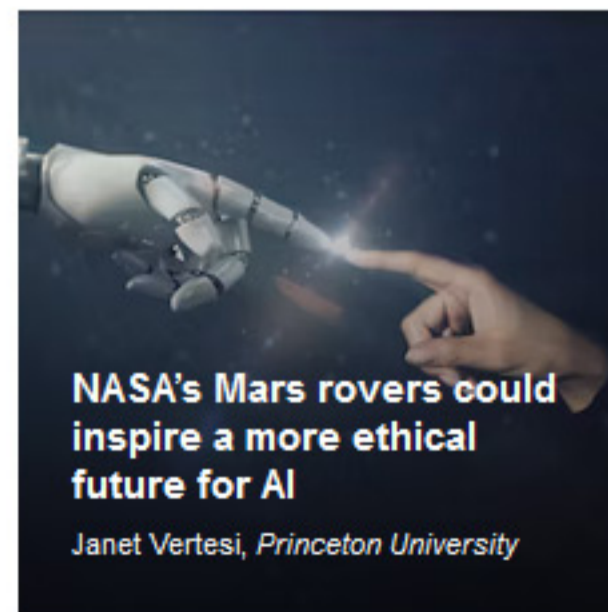


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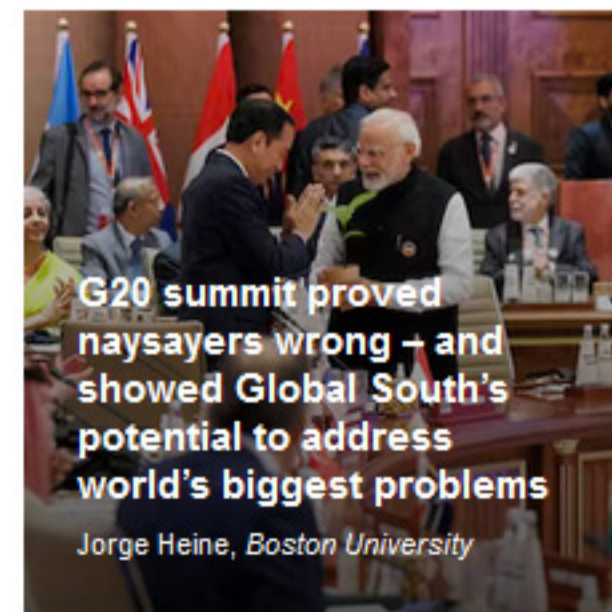
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## Americans do talk about peace – just not the same way people do in other countries

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While Americans tend not to use the word “peace,” and instead opt for terms like “safety and security,” their desires and fears are not so different from what people in war-torn places express.





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# Securing his western flank, Zelenskyy bids to maintain his U.S. support

Volodymyr Zelenskyy says he is making an effort to answer any legitimate questions concerning his administration and its conduct during the war in Ukraine.

By one account, Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy said something convincing when he met with leaders of Congress on Thursday. Before the meeting, Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy brushed off a question about committing for more funding for Ukraine's defense against Russia. "Is Zelenskyy elected to Congress? Is he our president?" McCarthy asked. "I have questions for him. Where's the accountability on the money we've already spent?" After the meeting, McCarthy said Zelenskyy answered his questions and had "made some changes" regarding concerns about corruption. It's hard to say whether the Ukrainian president really changed McCarthy's mind, or if the whole episode was part of McCarthy's effort to win over recalcitrant Republican lawmakers. Some of McCarthy's caucus seems even more reluctant to fund Ukraine than they are to fund the operations of the U.S. government. Zelenskyy spent part of this week's visit to the U.S. trying to assure continued backing from Washington. He knows he has President Biden's support — with the two leaders meeting at the White House. And he knows Ukraine enjoys broad bipartisan backing in Congress. But a faction of right-wing lawmakers has been demanding an end to American funding. That faction has folded criticism of Ukraine into its various demands over the federal budget, which may cause a partial federal government shutdown after September 30.

Zelenskyy spoke to Morning Edition's Steve Inskeep in New York on Wednesday shortly before he joined a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council. In the sit-down interview, Zelenskyy insisted he is doing all he can to answer legitimate concerns about his administration's conduct of the war. Days before traveling to the U.S., he removed the defense minister and numerous other senior leaders amid concerns about corruption. The timing may not have been entirely coincidental. "We have to be very strict and very fast because we might lose the trust and the support of our partners," he told NPR. Apparently, he discussed the move with Speaker McCarthy, who emerged from their meeting and praised it. In the Morning Edition interview, Zelenskyy insisted the scandal within the ministry — inflating the price of eggs bought for the troops — had nothing to do with U.S. aid. "We have zero tolerance for corruption," he said, with him promising to be transparent on the inevitable occasions when it is found. Other problems will need careful tending as the war goes on. While Ukraine is positioned as the front line of democracy, Ukrainians have lived under martial law since early 2022. The response to Russia's invasion has included limits on large gatherings, restrictions on media and a delay in this fall's parliamentary elections.

In the interview, Zelenskyy did not commit to holding a presidential election in 2024, as peacetime law would require. He said he would be happy to hold a vote, but only after the many problems of balloting in a war zone were resolved. He insisted that Ukraine remains a "free country" that shares basic democratic values with the United States. "And that's why we are fighting against Russia," he said. Zelenskyy also faces periodic suggestions that he eventually will have to negotiate with Russia, but has insisted on a complete Russian withdrawal before discussing anything. He said it was impossible to trust the word of Russian leader Vladimir Putin. "How many times would you need to make the same mistake, really? I believe that with this leader... we can't achieve anything," Zelenskyy said. Several of the questions in the NPR interview came from Ukrainians, and had been solicited by an NPR team in Kyiv. Inskeep told Zelenskyy of a soldier in uniform, who was married just this week. The young couple said they worried about the future, but were in love, said they would "overcome everything" and they wanted to start a family. Zelenskyy was visibly moved.

*What could Zelenskyy promise them about the future?*

"I'm not sure they need promises," Zelenskyy replied, saying they had spoken "such strong words." Such people showed why "we will win," he added. "What can I say? I will be with them."





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# Securing his western flank, Zelenskyy bids to maintain his U.S. support

"We are not afraid to start a family. We know that everything will be fine," says Ukrainian soldier Oleksandr Zhulinskyi, 26, two hours after marrying his longtime girlfriend Anastasia "Nastya" Zhulinska, 23, in Kyiv. "We are fighting for our family, for our loved ones. I think we will cope, no matter how long it takes."

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# 'Not sure where the airplane is,' pilot told 911 dispatcher after F-35 ejection

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By The Associated Press



A U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II takes part in an aerial display during the Singapore Airshow 2022 on Feb. 15, 2022.

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### Debris has been located in search for the F-35 jet that went missing

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — A military pilot whose advanced fighter jet went temporarily missing over the weekend is heard repeatedly requesting an ambulance in a perplexing 911 call from the South Carolina home where he had parachuted to safety, according to an audio recording released Thursday to The Associated Press.

The four-minute recording captures the bizarre circumstances for the three unidentified people involved: a North Charleston resident calmly explaining that a pilot just parachuted into his backyard, the pilot who doesn't know what became of his F-35 jet, and a puzzled dispatcher trying to make sense of it all. "We got a pilot in the house, and I guess he landed in my backyard, and we're trying to see if we could get an ambulance to the house, please," the resident said.

The pilot, who said he was 47, reported feeling "OK" after falling what he estimated was 2,000 feet. Only his back hurt, he said. The resident said the pilot looked fine.

"Ma'am, a military jet crashed. I'm the pilot. We need to get rescue rolling," the pilot said. "I'm not sure where the airplane is. It would have crash landed somewhere. I ejected."

Later in the call, he made another plea for medical help.

"Ma'am, I'm a pilot in a military aircraft, and I ejected. So I just rode a parachute down to the ground. Can you please send an ambulance?" the pilot said.

The Marines have described the pilot as an experienced aviator with decades of experience in the cockpit.

The F-35 crashed Sunday after a malfunction prompted the pilot to eject over Charleston and land in the residential backyard not far from Charleston International Airport.

The fighter jet, which the Marine Corps said was at an altitude of only about 1,000 feet, kept flying for 60 miles until it crashed in a rural area near Indian-town. It took more than a day to locate the wreckage.

"The good news is it appeared to work as advertised. The other bit of silver lining in this case is that through the F-35 flying away it avoided crashing into a densely populated area surrounding the airport, and fortunately crashed into an empty field and forested area," the statement said.



CULTURE

# Remembering Olympic gold medalist Florence 'Flo-Jo' Griffith Joyner

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Florence Griffith-Joyner celebrates with her gold medal after winning the Women's 100 meters final event during the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea.

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Twenty-five years ago, Olympic gold medalist Florence Griffith Joyner, better known as "Flo-Jo," died in her sleep.

Known for her style — long painted nails and colorful one-legged running suits — Griffith Joyner was also celebrated for being the fastest woman to run the 100 meter and 200 meter sprints.

On September 21, 1998, Griffith Joyner died in her sleep at home in the Canyon Crest neighborhood of Mission Viejo, California, at the age of 38. The unexpected death was investigated by the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner's office, which announced on September 22 that the cause of death was suffocation during a severe epileptic seizure.

Today, Griffith Joyner is enshrined as one of the greatest athletes in track for revolutionizing women's sprinting with both her speed and her fashion. And more than 35 years after her victories at the summer games in South Korea, she still holds the world records for the 100 and 200 meter sprints.



Griffith Joyner displays her medals from the 1988 Summer Olympic Games. She won gold in the Women's 100, 200 and 4x100 meters relay and silver for the 200 meters.

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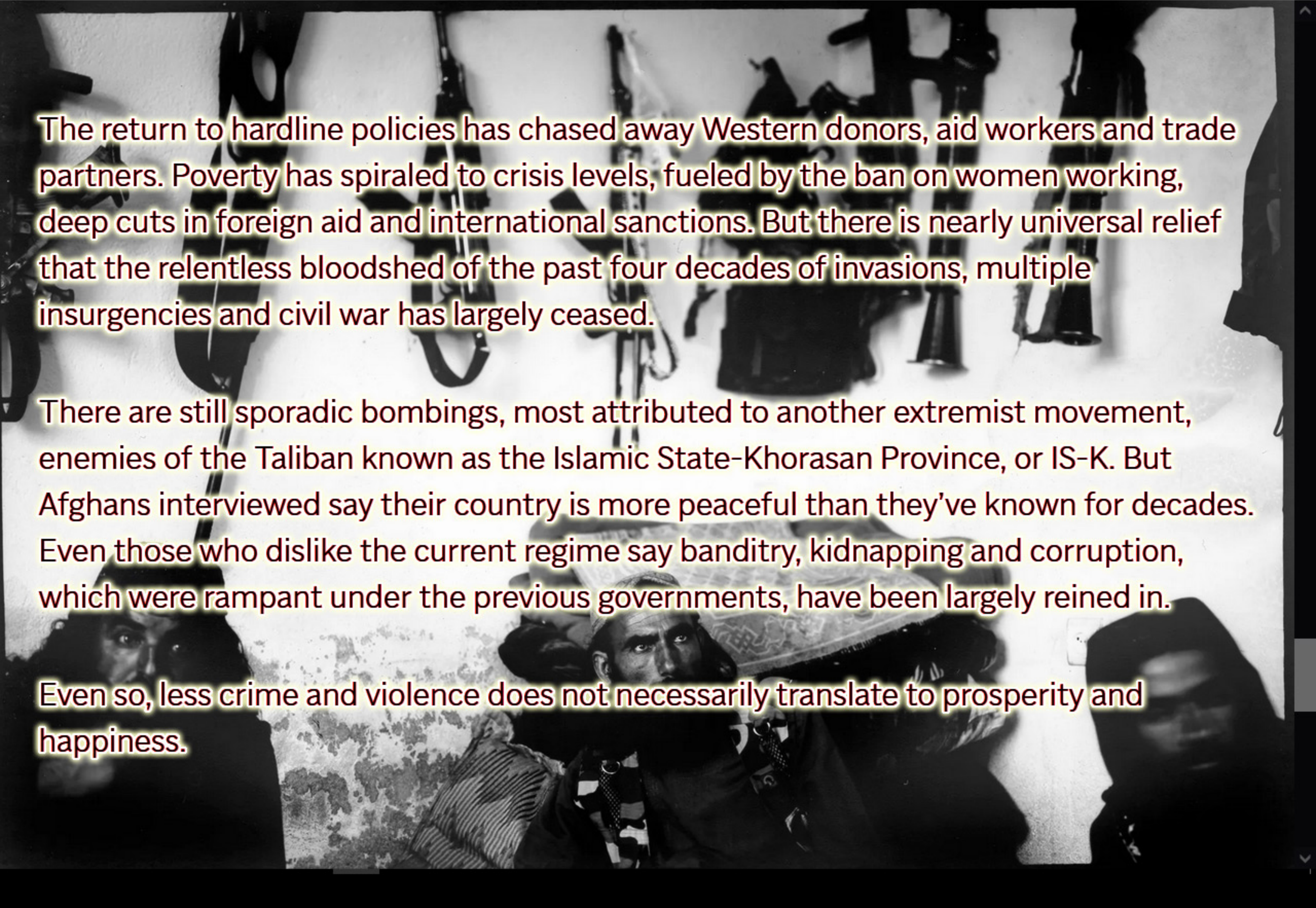
In the years after the 2001 U.S. invasion and the ouster of the Taliban regime, Associated Press photographer Rodrigo Abd spent months on assignment in Afghanistan and learned how to use a traditional Afghan “box camera,” a handmade camera and darkroom in one. Abd returned this year with an idea: to employ the nearly disappeared Afghan art form to document how life has changed in peacetime, for better and worse, two years after U.S. troops left and the Taliban returned to power.





Child laborers at brick factory outside Kabul.





The return to hardline policies has chased away Western donors, aid workers and trade partners. Poverty has spiraled to crisis levels, fueled by the ban on women working, deep cuts in foreign aid and international sanctions. But there is nearly universal relief that the relentless bloodshed of the past four decades of invasions, multiple insurgencies and civil war has largely ceased.

There are still sporadic bombings, most attributed to another extremist movement, enemies of the Taliban known as the Islamic State-Khorasan Province, or IS-K. But Afghans interviewed say their country is more peaceful than they've known for decades. Even those who dislike the current regime say banditry, kidnapping and corruption, which were rampant under the previous governments, have been largely reined in.

Even so, less crime and violence does not necessarily translate to prosperity and happiness.





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# Brazil Court Rules for Indigenous Land Rights in Key Case



Members of the community, some visibly emotional, celebrated the victory in the capital, Brasilia.

## Indigenous people in Brazil shed tears of joy as the Supreme Court enshrines their land rights

Indigenous people in Brazil are celebrating after the country's Supreme Court ruled to enshrine their land rights. The decision Thursday removed the imminent threat those protections could be rolled back. The ruling came in a lawsuit brought by Santa Catarina state, backed by farmers, seeking to block an Indigenous group from expanding the size of its territory. (Sept. 22) (AP video/Eduardo François)

Brasília, Brazil — A lopsided majority on Brazil's Supreme Court ruled Thursday against an effort to restrict native peoples' rights to protected reservations on their ancestral lands, in a win for Indigenous activists and climate campaigners. Indigenous leaders in bright feather headdresses and body paint exploded in celebration outside the high court building in Brasilia as Justice Luiz Fux became the sixth on the 11-member court to side with the native plaintiffs in the landmark case, giving them victory. The judges voted one by one and in the end, the tally was a 9-2 win for Indigenous people opposed to the restriction. "Justice is on the side of Indigenous peoples," said Joenia Wapichana, the head of the government's Indigenous affairs agency, FUNAI. "Today is a day to celebrate the death of the 'time-frame argument.'" The so-called "time-frame argument" at the center of the case held that Indigenous peoples should not have the right to protected reservations on lands where they were not present in 1988, when the country's current constitution was ratified.

The plaintiffs argued that violated their rights, given that many native groups were forced from their ancestral lands, including during the military dictatorship that ruled Brazil from the 1960s to 1980s.

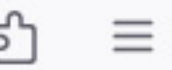
**'Impossible debt':** *Indigenous activists had dubbed the case the "trial of the century."*

After Fux's ruling, Justice Carmen Lucia also sided with the majority, as did two more judges, bringing the final vote to 9-2. "Brazilian society has an impossible debt to pay to native peoples," Lucia said in her ruling. The only two justices to rule in favor of the "time-frame argument" so far were appointed by former far-right president Jair Bolsonaro (in office 2019-22), who fulfilled his vow while in office not to create "one more centimeter" of protected Indigenous reservations in Brazil. Bolsonaro is an ally of Brazil's powerful agribusiness lobby, which backed the "time-frame" limitation. He presided over a surge in the destruction of the Brazilian Amazon during his presidency, when average annual deforestation increased by more than 75% from the previous decade. Environmentalists had joined Indigenous activists in pressing for the court to reject the "time-frame" argument. Numerous studies have found protected Indigenous reservations are one of the best ways to fight deforestation and, with it, climate change. Brazil's constitution makes no mention of a cutoff date in relation to Indigenous reservations, which currently cover 11.6 percent of Brazil's territory, notably in the Amazon region. Leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who defeated Bolsonaro in elections last year, has resumed creating Indigenous reservations since taking office in January, and also created Brazil's first ministry of Indigenous affairs. Brazil has more than 700 recognized Indigenous lands, though around a third are still awaiting official designation as reservations.

**Payment issue:** The case was brought by the Xokleng, Guarani and Kaingang peoples of the Ibirama-Laklano indigenous reservation in southern Brazil, part of which lost protected status when a lower court ruled the groups were not living on the land in question in 1988. They say that is because Brazil's military dictatorship forcibly removed them. The Supreme Court ruling will set legal precedent nationwide. It came as Congress was debating legislation that would have enshrined the 1988 cutoff date into law. A bill to that effect already passed the lower house and was working its way through the Senate. Further legal battles remain for Indigenous activists. The Supreme Court majority must still decide the touchy subject of whether damages should be paid to property owners who lose land to newly created Indigenous reservations. Justice Alexandre de Moraes, who sided with the Indigenous plaintiffs, proposed the payment of such damages in his ruling. Indigenous leaders condemned the proposal.

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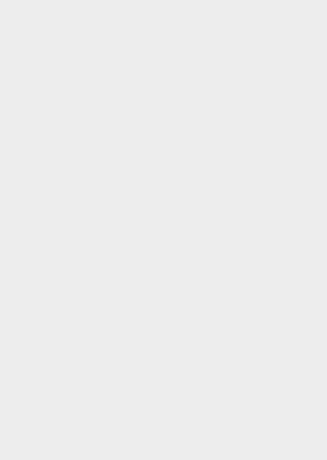
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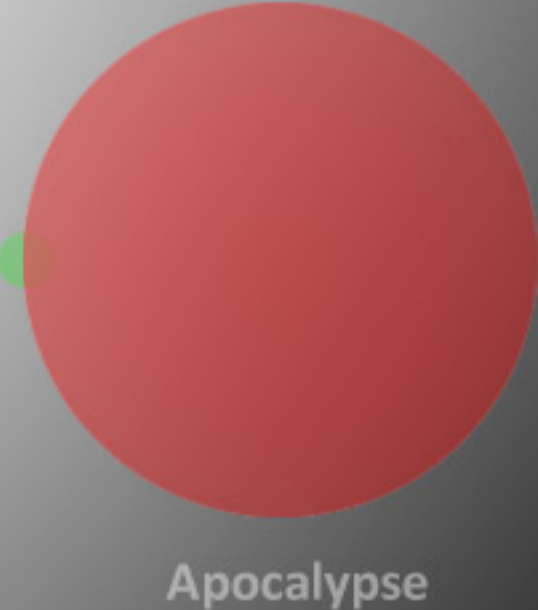
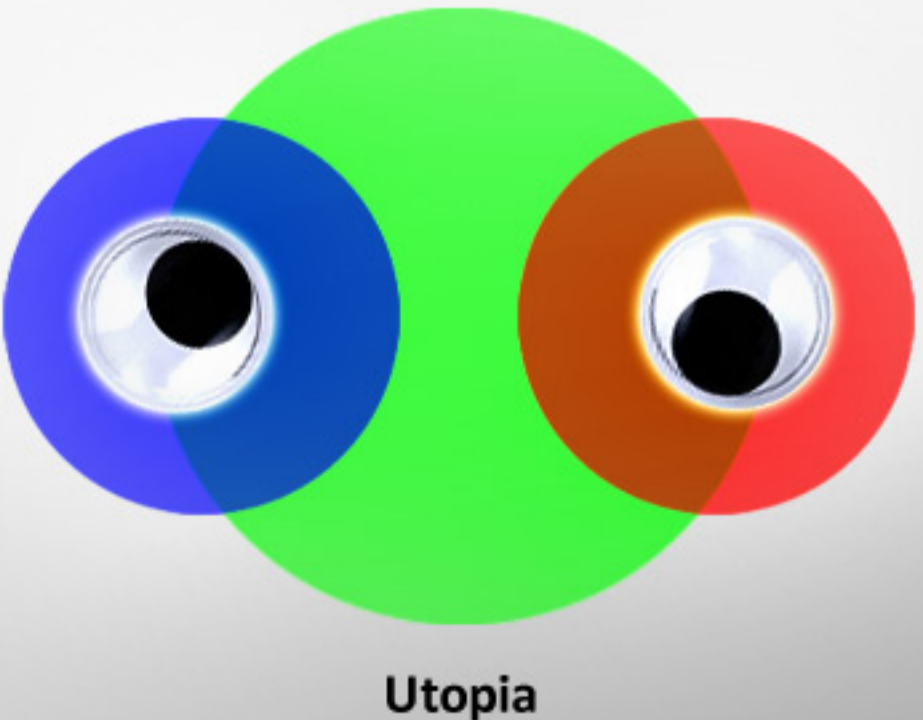
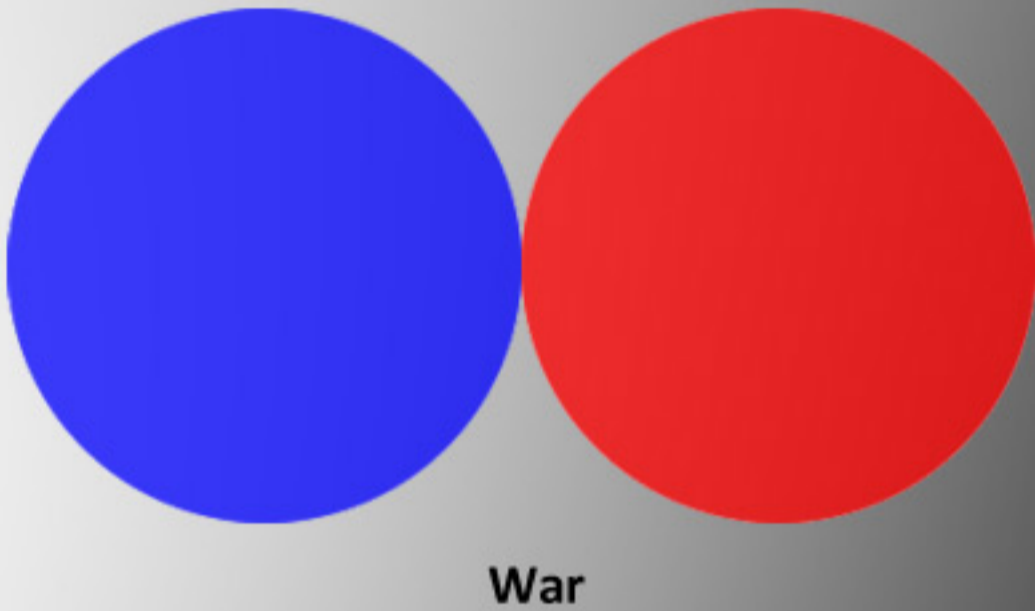
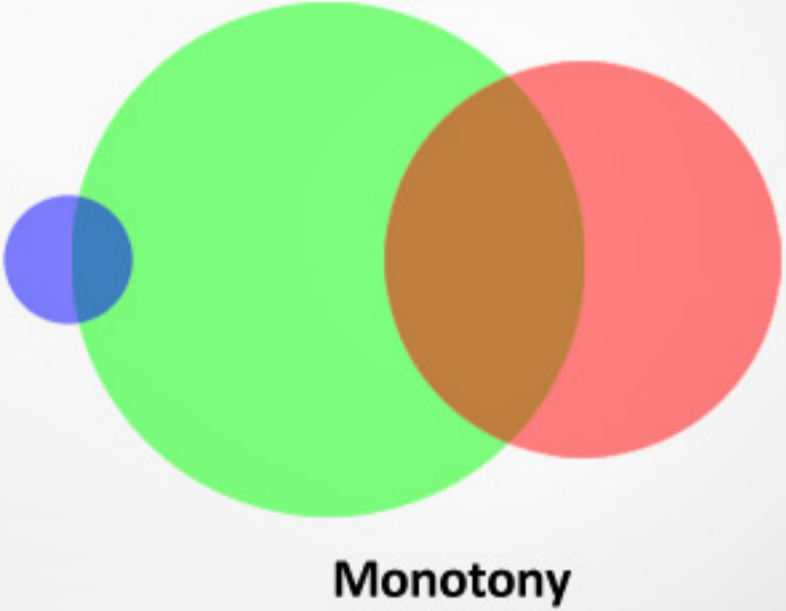
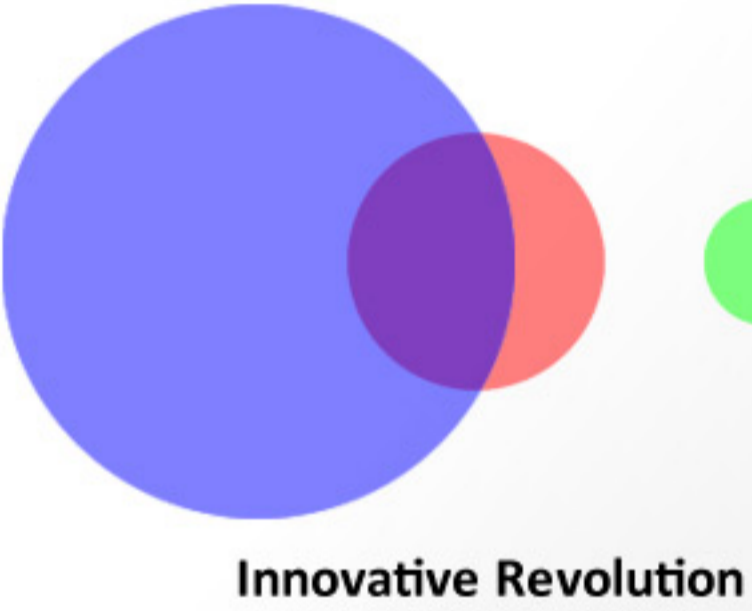
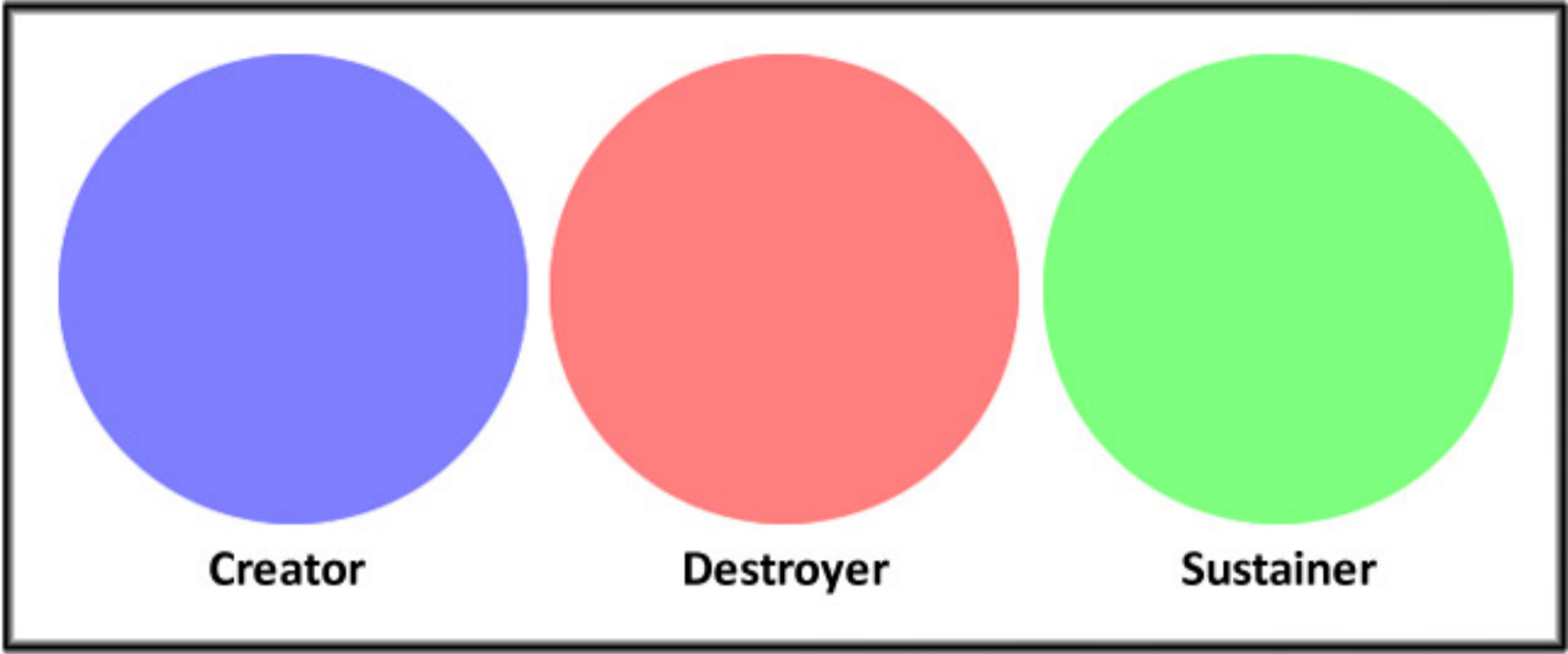


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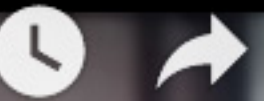
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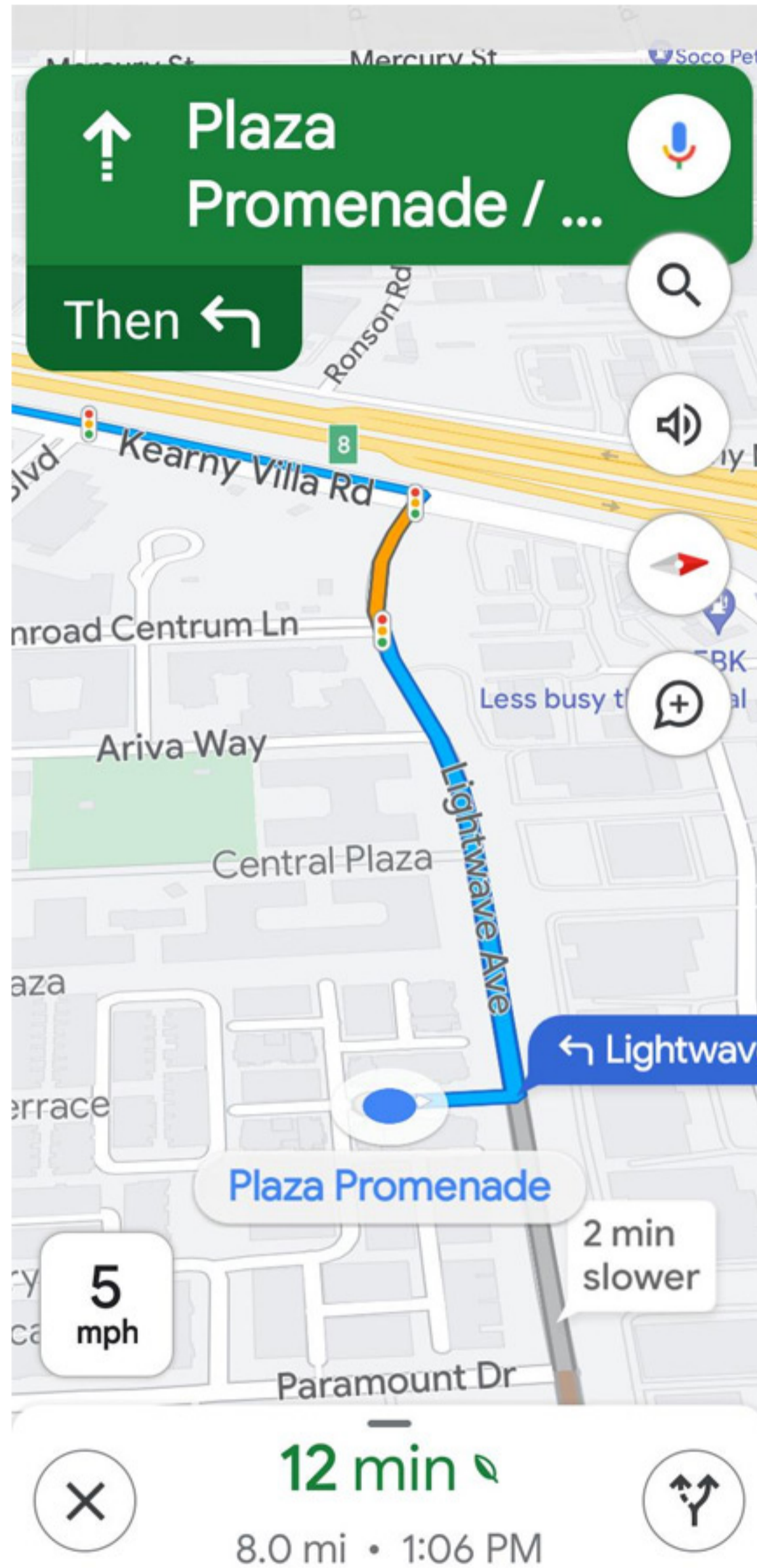
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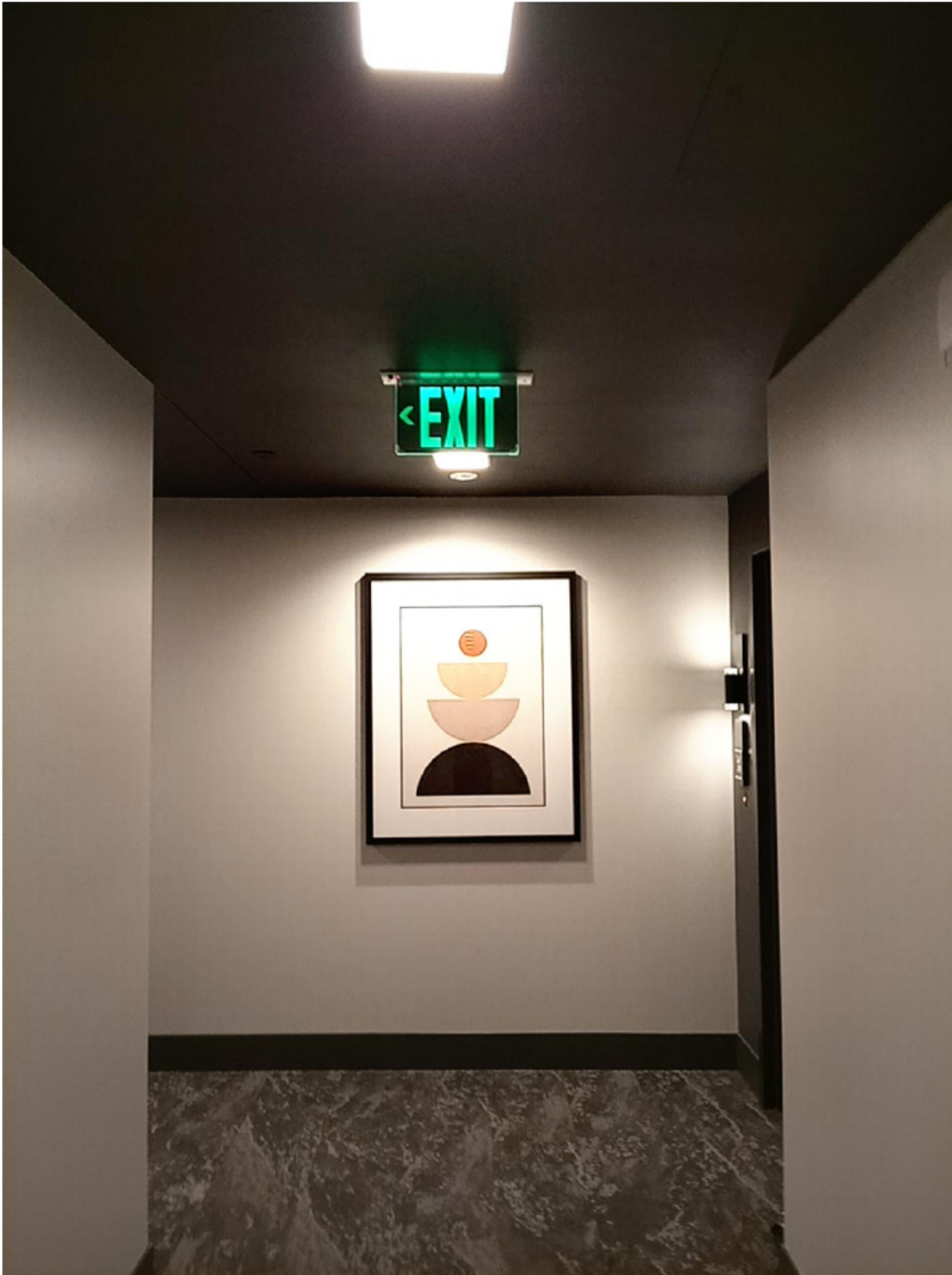
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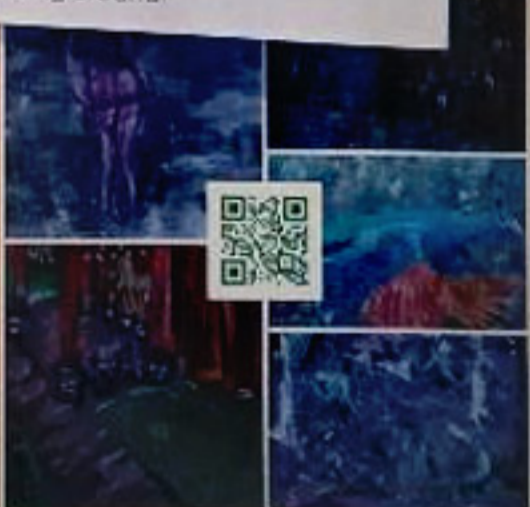

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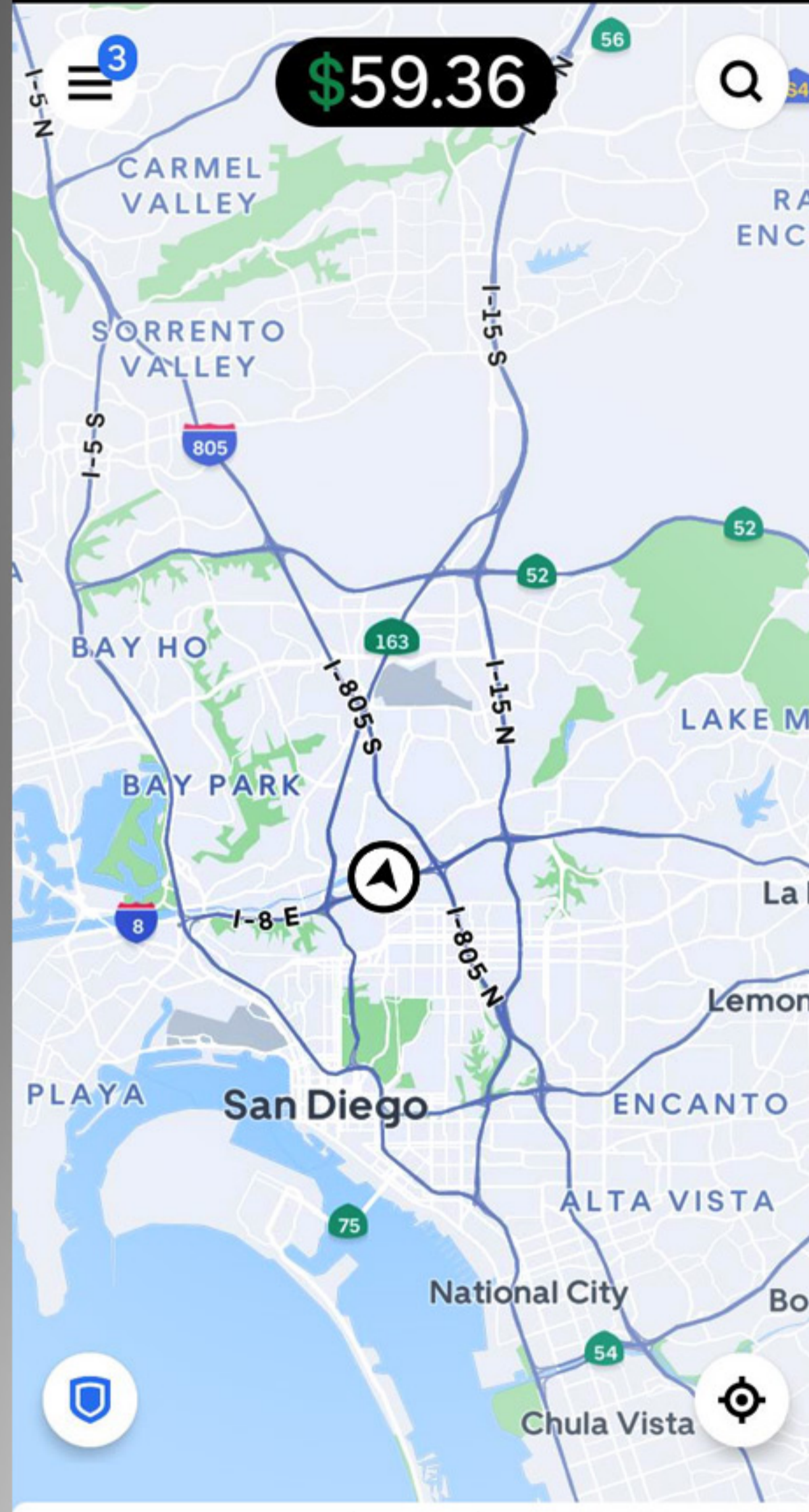
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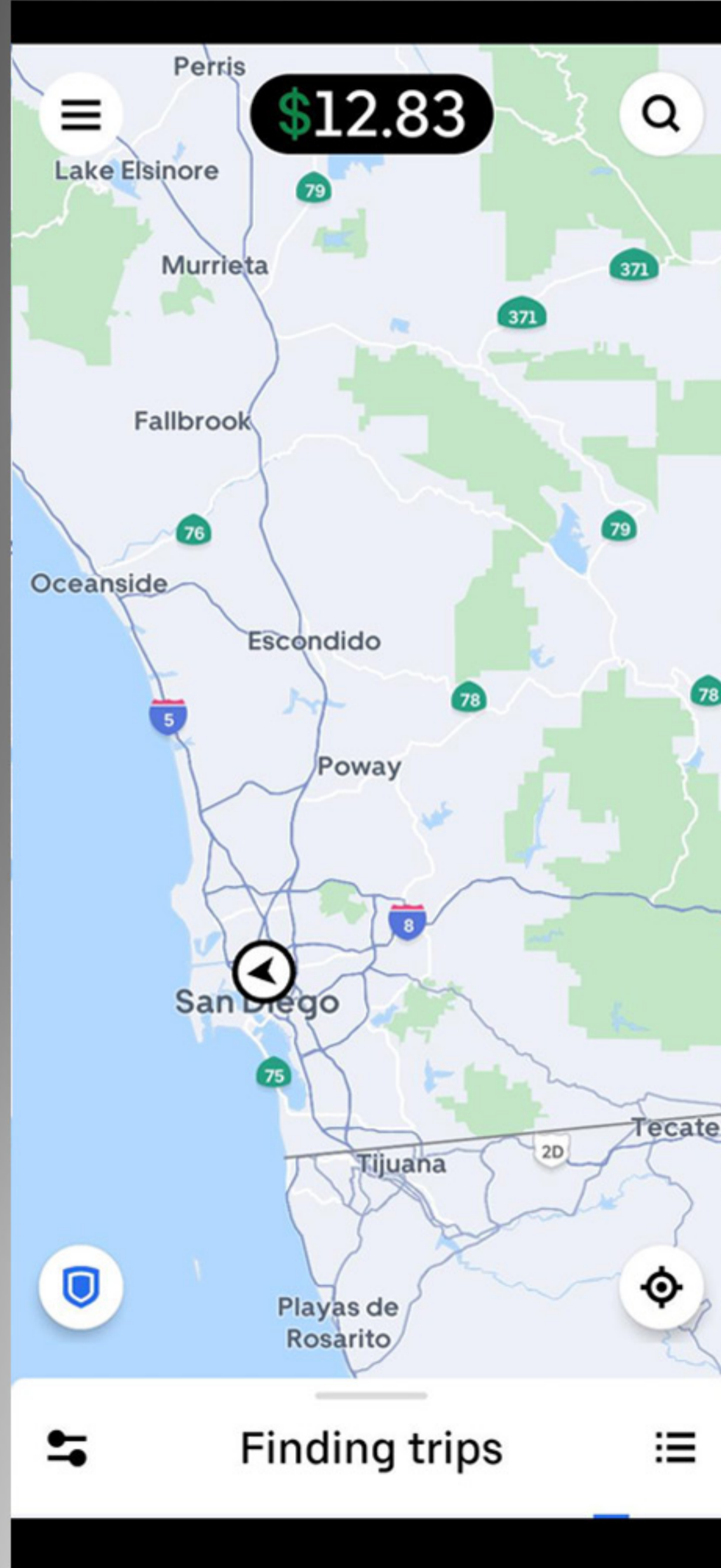


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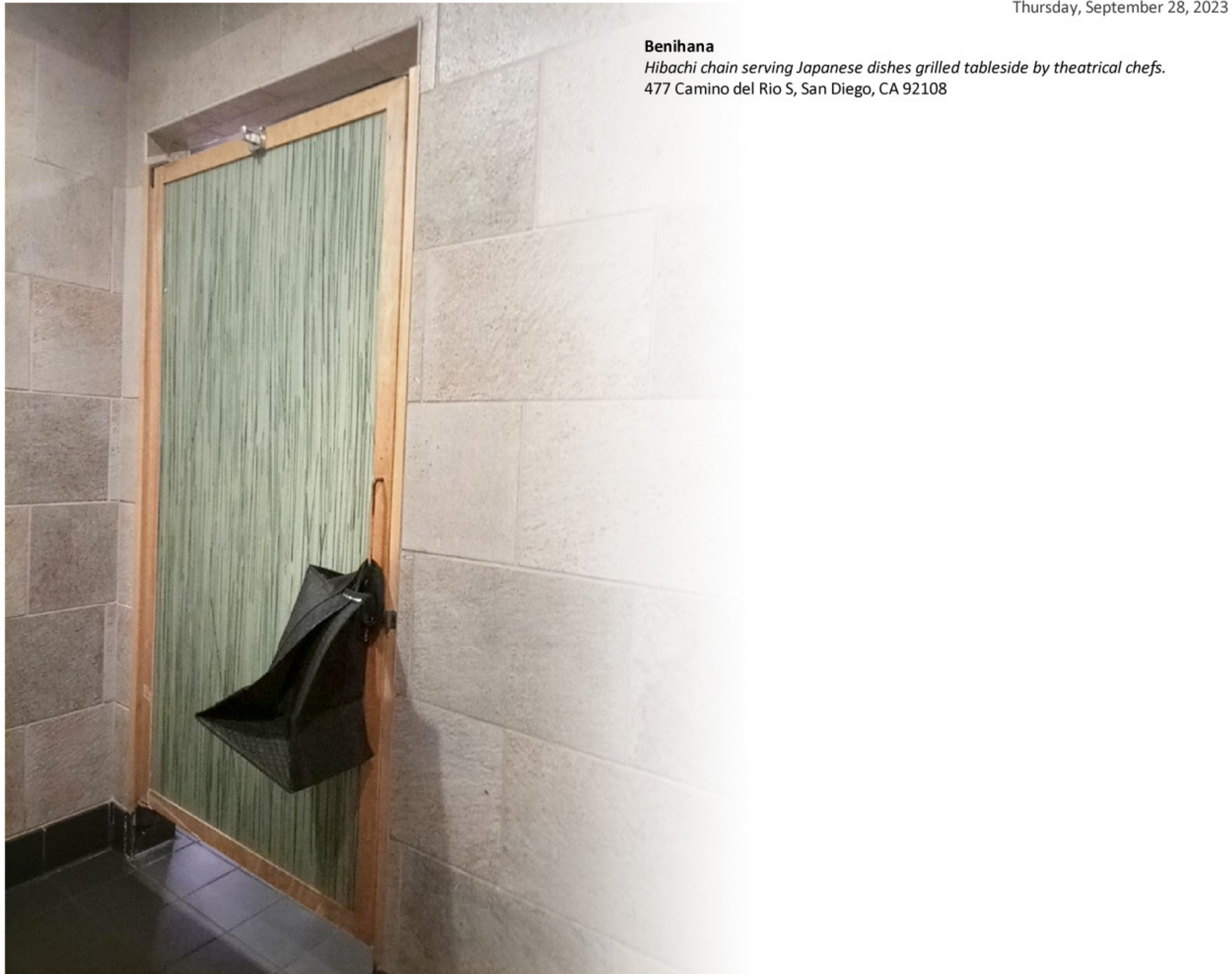
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# A Nobel prize-winning immigrant's view on American inequality

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US-British economist Angus Deaton speaks at a press conference after winning the Nobel Prize for Economics at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey, on October 12, 2015.

The paper, which Angus Deaton co-authored with his wife, Anne Case, another distinguished economist at Princeton, was titled "***Rising morbidity and mortality in midlife among white non-Hispanic Americans in the 21st century.***" Case and Deaton documented an astonishing fact: unlike virtually every other demographic group in America (and other rich countries), the death rate of white, middle-aged Americans was rising instead of falling. And that this macabre trend was being driven largely by a rise in what they would call "deaths of despair" — from suicides, drug overdoses, and alcohol abuse — especially in the population without a college degree.

Going forward, Deaton urges the economics profession to think more about "pre-distribution — the mechanisms that determine the distribution of income in the market itself, before taxes and transfers — and less about a redistribution that is not going to happen and is not what people want in any case." That, he stresses, will force many economists into "uncomfortable territory: promoting unions, place-based policies, immigration control, tariffs, job preservation, industrial policy, and the like. We need to promote a more realistic understanding of how governments and markets work. We need to abandon our sole fixation on money as a measure of human wellbeing."

To be fair to Deaton's chosen profession, he is not the only economist in America who is reconsidering traditional assumptions and policy recommendations. A growing number of people in his field are changing tack in light of emerging data, including the shocking statistics about the rise in deaths of despair documented by Case and Deaton.



# Who is Caroline Ellison, a key witness set to testify against Sam Bankman-Fried?

By Luc Cohen

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caroline\\_Ellison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caroline_Ellison)

**Caroline Ellison** (born 1994) is an American former business executive and quantitative trader who pleaded guilty to fraud, money laundering and conspiracy charges. She is the former CEO of Alameda Research founded by Sam Bankman-Fried, the trading firm affiliated with the cryptocurrency exchange FTX.

According to an anonymous source cited by the Wall Street Journal in November 2022, Alameda Research owed \$10 billion to FTX. The source said FTX had lent the trading firm money from customer funds at FTX.

Ellison was terminated from her position after FTX and Alameda filed for bankruptcy. In December 2022, Ellison pleaded guilty to two counts of wire fraud, two counts of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, conspiracy to commit securities fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Ellison was born in Boston and grew up in nearby suburbs Cambridge and Newton. She is the eldest of three daughters of Glenn and Sara Fisher Ellison, both economists at MIT. Ellison was brought up Catholic. She says she and her siblings were exposed to economics early, learning Bayesian statistics in primary school. At age 8, Ellison gave her father an economic study of stuffed animal prices from Toys "R" Us for his birthday. At Bigelow Middle School, Ellison and her younger sister Anna competed with the math team coached by their father. In 2008, Ellison received top honors in the American Mathematics Competitions. As a Newton North High School student, she represented the US in the 2011 International Linguistics Olympiad and received an honorable mention and an award for "best solution". Ellison competed in the Greater Boston Math League through her high school and served as the team's captain. She represented Newton several times in the Math Prize for Girls. During her senior year, Ellison was accepted into the MIT PRIMES after-school program. She graduated in 2012 with a National Merit Scholarship.

Ellison graduated from Stanford University in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. While at Stanford, she scored in the top 500 students in the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Putnam Competitions. As a freshman, Ellison developed an interest in effective altruism, a data-based philanthropic movement. She joined Stanford's effective altruism club and served as its vice president.

**Now Ms. Ellison is poised to be a star witness at Mr. Bankman-Fried's criminal trial, which is scheduled for Oct. 2, 2023.** Mr. Bankman-Fried, 31, is accused of misusing billions of dollars taken from customer accounts and faces eight counts of fraud and election law violations. His spectacular downfall, which sent FTX and Alameda into bankruptcy, transformed Ms. Ellison from a powerful — yet relatively private — figure into a target of tabloid speculation.



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## Supreme Court to consider abortion pills, guns, social media in its new term

In one form or another, all those questions are back on the table this term — mainly to take a second look at appeals from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers Texas and parts the South.



## Taylor Swift's stadium stop hikes up ticket prices for Chiefs-Jets game



Singer Taylor Swift and actor Ryan Reynolds are seen ahead of the game

After the news surfaced that **Taylor Swift** would be at the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, the price for cheap seats rose 10% percent to \$152, according to Gametime, an online marketplace for last-minute tickets. The average ticket price shot up 35% to \$380 on Friday. Since being linked to Kansas City Chiefs tightend Travis Kelce, Swift's support for the pro football player has brought an economic boost to the NFL franchise and beyond. Although she arrived alongside a few major Hollywood players — including Blake Lively, Ryan Reynolds and Hugh Jackman — the talk was all Taylor.

< **Rep. Jamaal Bowman** of New York says he mistakenly triggered a fire alarm in a congressional office building Saturday afternoon as elected officials were preparing to vote on a spending bill to avert a potential government shutdown. Republicans alleged that Bowman was trying to delay the vote and have called for him to be punished, but the Democrat said in a statement that the incident occurred as he was rushing to cast his vote and arrived at a closed door that is usually open.

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By Julia Simon

And we have to remember that some individuals and companies are more responsible for climate change than others. So how do we hold them accountable? This summer in Montana, 16 young plaintiffs won a climate lawsuit arguing against the state's development of fossil fuels. Last month, California filed suit against several of the world's biggest oil companies. These cases could have major implications across the United States.

Accountability can be a climate solution too.

## GOP wants Rep. Jamaal Bowman punished after he triggered a fire alarm on Saturday







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Two scientists have won the Nobel Prize in medicine for discoveries that enabled the creation of mRNA vaccines against COVID-19 and that could be used to develop other shots in the future.



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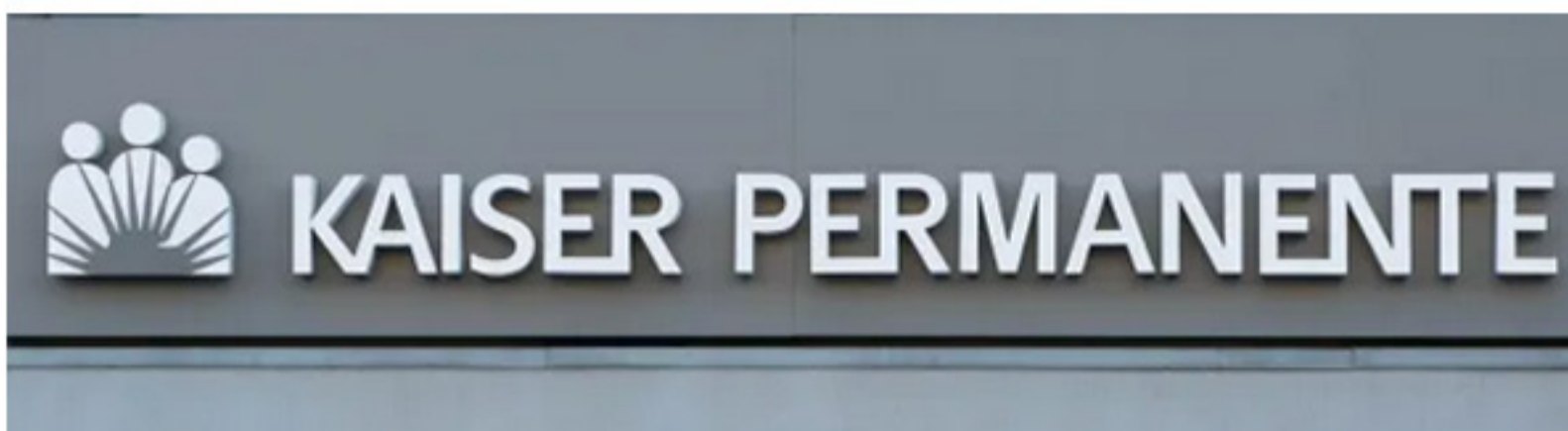


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## How it affects you: Kaiser employees begin strike in San Diego County

The nonprofit company said its 39 hospitals, including emergency departments and pharmacies, will remain open during the strike

By Brenda Gregorio-Nieto, City News Service and The Associated Press • Published October 4, 2023 • Updated on October 4, 2023 at 1:03 pm



Kaiser Permanente al norte de California por recibir vacunas contra el coronavirus

Thousands of Kaiser Permanente employees around the country, including those in San Diego County, are striking for three days, which can affect some services at hospitals and emergency departments.

The strike was initiated after contract negotiations failed to produce an agreement. The union representing the employees has accused Kaiser of cutting performance bonuses for employees, failing to protect employees against subcontracting, offering wages that fail to keep pace with inflation and falling short in efforts to maintain adequate staffing levels.

Among the workers involved in a strike would be licensed vocational nurses, emergency department technicians, radiology technicians, ultrasound sonographers, teleservice representatives, respiratory therapists, X-ray technicians, certified nursing assistants, dietary services, behavioral health workers, surgical technicians, pharmacy technicians, transporters, home health aides, phlebotomists and medical assistants, union officials said.

### How the strike affects you

Kaiser Permanente is one of the country's larger insurers and healthcare system operators, serving nearly 13 million people. The nonprofit company said its 39 hospitals, including emergency departments and pharmacies, will remain open during the strike, though appointments and non-urgent procedures could be delayed.

Patients can also expect high call volumes resulting in longer than usual wait times.

In the event that some non-urgent appointments or procedures need to be re-scheduled, Kaiser said those patients will be contacted in advance. There is no need to call or email your doctor's office at this time.

The strike is scheduled from Oct. 4 through Oct. 7 at 6 a.m.



NBC 7's Adonis Albright spoke to employees on the picket lines Wednesday after no deals were made at the bargaining table overnight.



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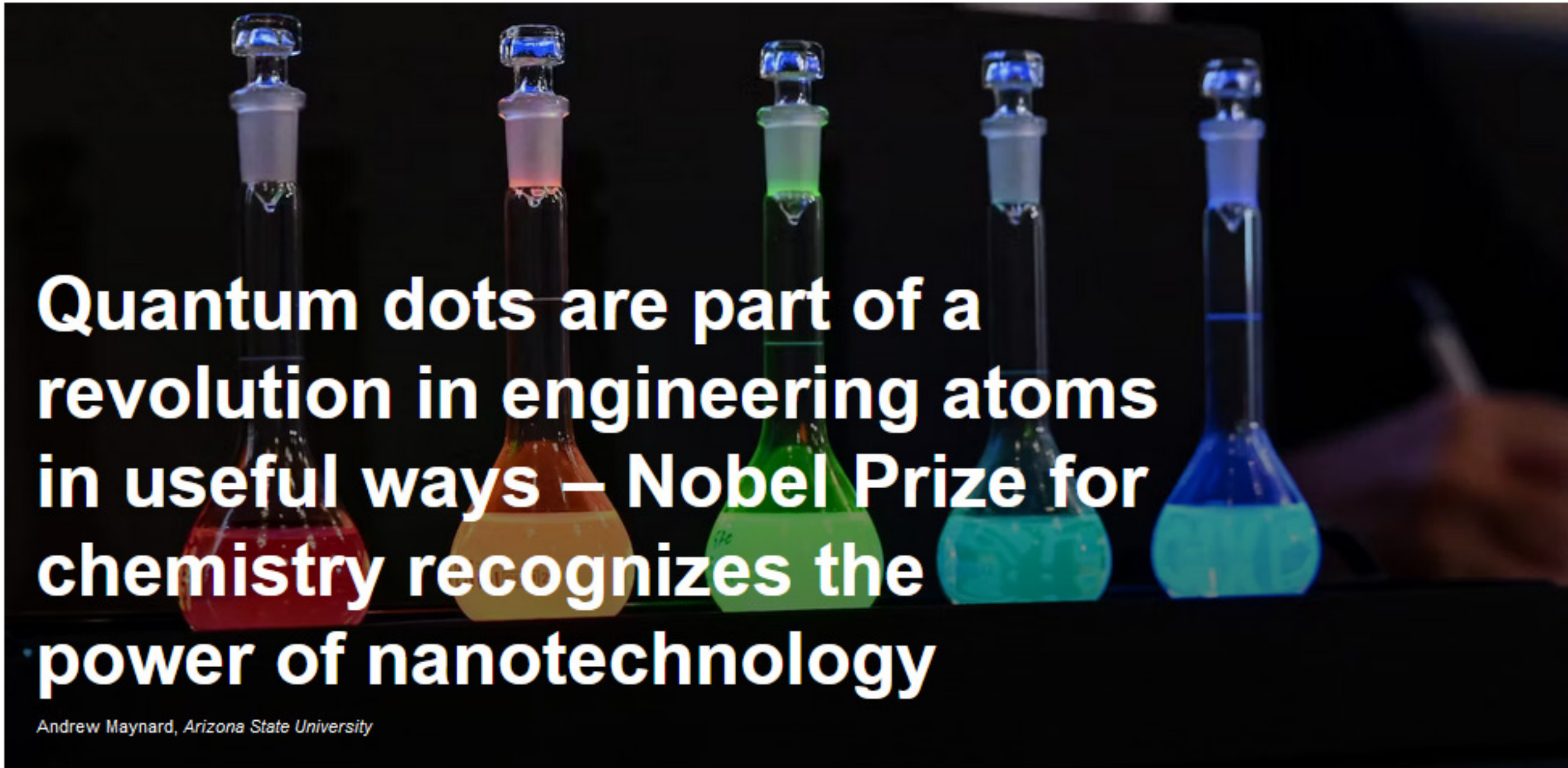
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# Quantum dots are part of a revolution in engineering atoms in useful ways – Nobel Prize for chemistry recognizes the power of nanotechnology

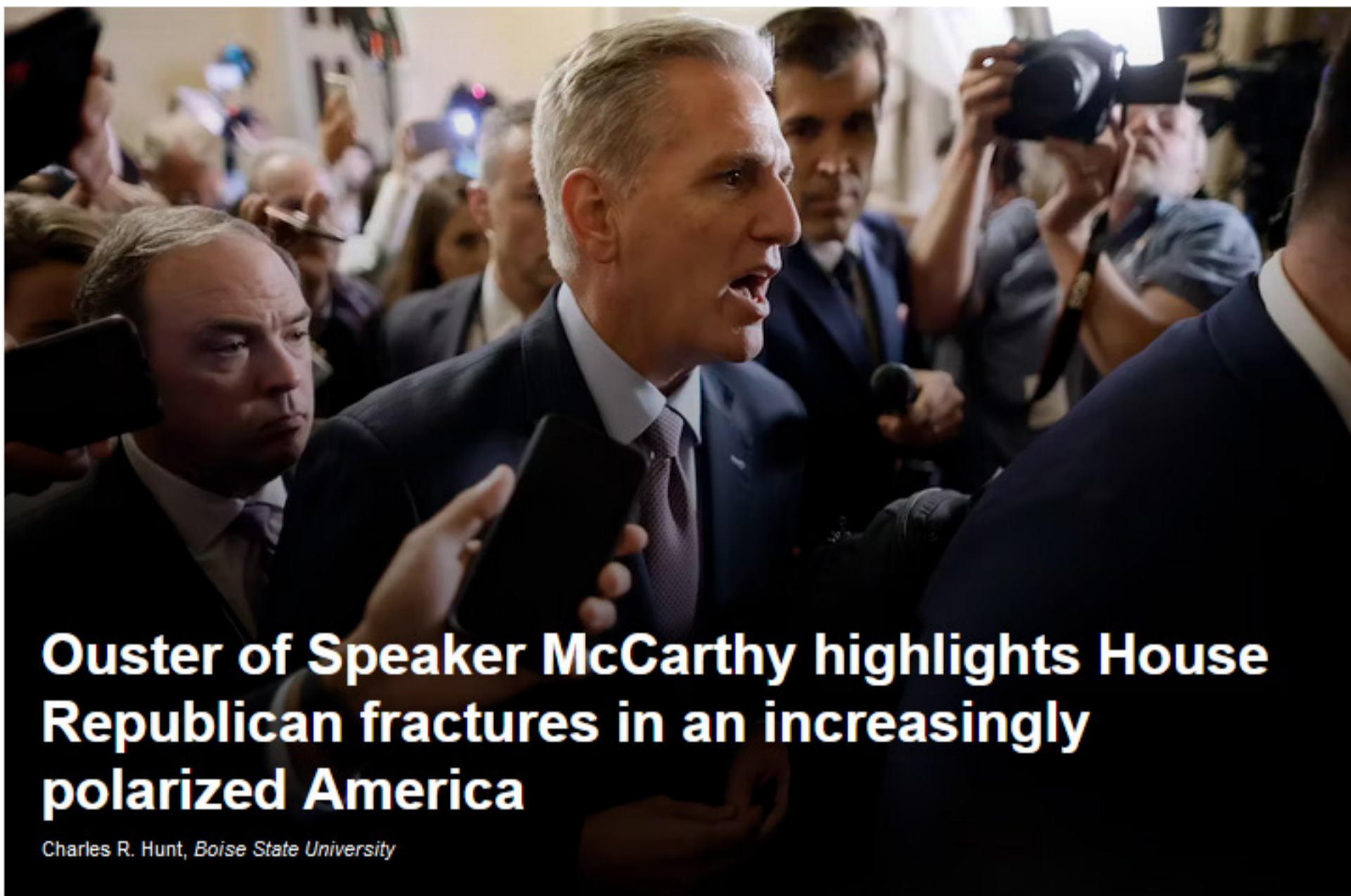
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Quantum dots brilliantly fluoresce: They absorb one color of light and reemit it nearly instantaneously as another color. A vial of quantum dots, when illuminated with broad spectrum light, shines with a single vivid color. What makes them special, though, is that their color is determined by how large or small they are. Make them small and you get an intense blue. Make them larger, though still nanoscale, and the color shifts to red.

This property has led to many arresting images of rows of vials containing quantum dots of different sizes going from a striking blue on one end, through greens and oranges, to a vibrant red at the other. So eye-catching is this demonstration of the power of nanotechnology that, in the early 2000s, quantum dots became iconic of the strangeness and novelty of nanotechnology.

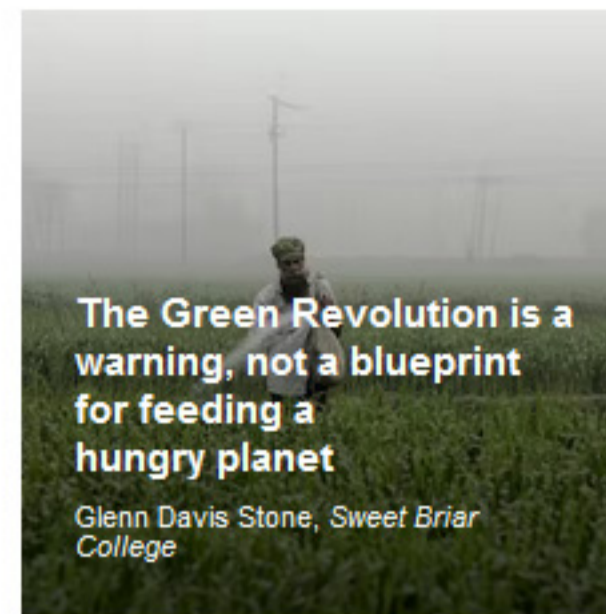
But, of course, quantum dots are more than a visually attractive parlor trick. They demonstrate that unique, controllable and useful interactions between matter and light can be achieved through engineering the physical form of matter – modifying the size, shape and structure of objects or instance – rather than playing with the chemical bonds between atoms and molecules. The distinction is an important one, and it's at the heart of modern nanotechnology.





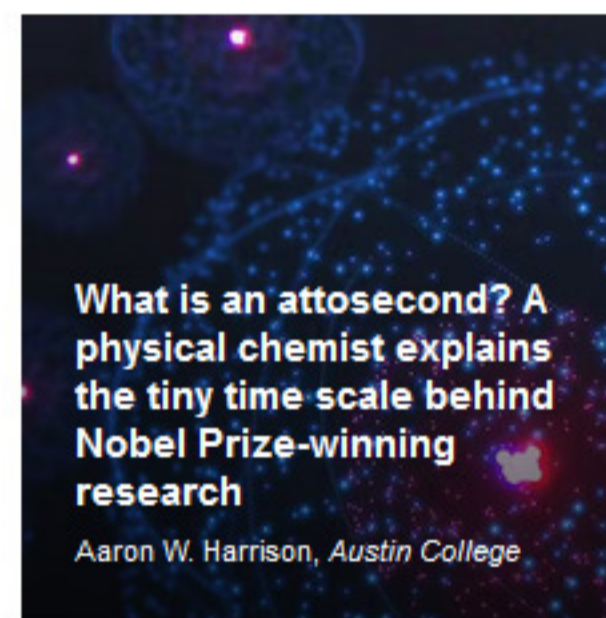
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The Green Revolution is a warning, not a blueprint for feeding a hungry planet

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What is an attosecond? A physical chemist explains the tiny time scale behind Nobel Prize-winning research

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### How long is an attosecond?

“Atto” is the scientific notation prefix that represents 10 exponent 18, which is a decimal point followed by 17 zeroes and a 1. So a flash of light lasting an attosecond, or 0.000000000000000001 of a second, is an extremely short pulse of light. In fact, **there are approximately as many attoseconds in one second as there are seconds in the age of the universe.**

The **Green Revolution** still has many boosters today, especially among biotech companies that are eager to draw parallels between genetically engineered crops and Borlaug’s seeds. I agree that it offers important lessons about how to move forward with food production, but actual data tells a distinctly different story from the standard narrative. In my view, there are many ways to pursue less input-intensive agriculture that will be more sustainable in a world with an increasingly erratic climate.

As Tao Te Ching states, “Dao begets One (or nothingness), One begets Two (yin and yang), Two begets Three (Heaven, Earth and Man; or yin, yang and breath qi), Three begets all things.” For Taoist thinkers, not-being determines how all things within the cosmos come into being, evolve and disappear. Perhaps **WeChat**’s interpretation of the word “everything” – as simultaneously pervasive and inconspicuous – is the secret to its success over the past 10 years.



Making ‘movies’ at the attosecond scale helps researchers better understand electrons – and could one day lead to super-fast electronics

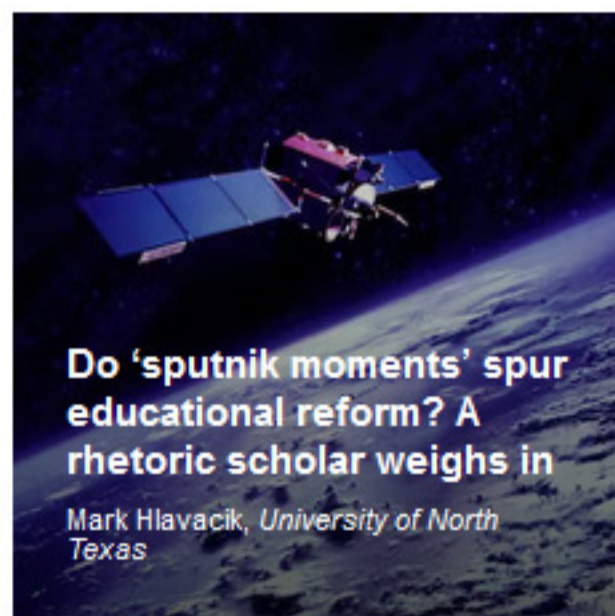
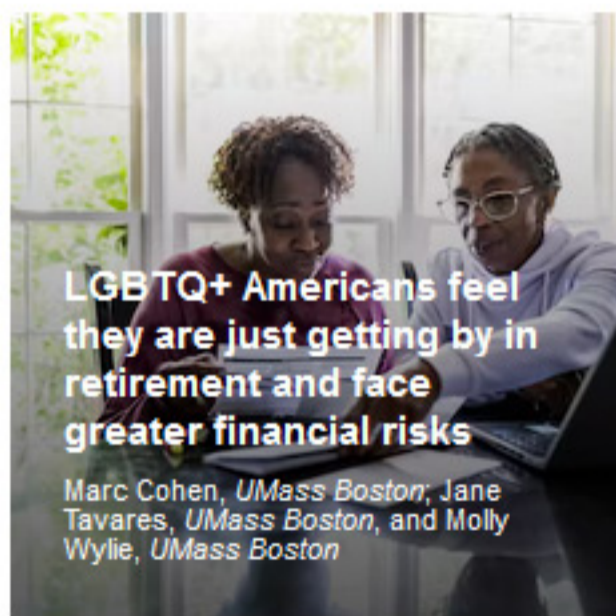
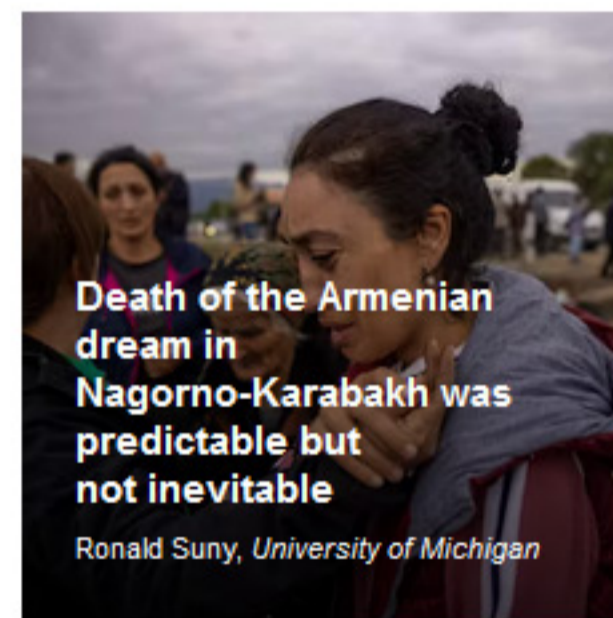
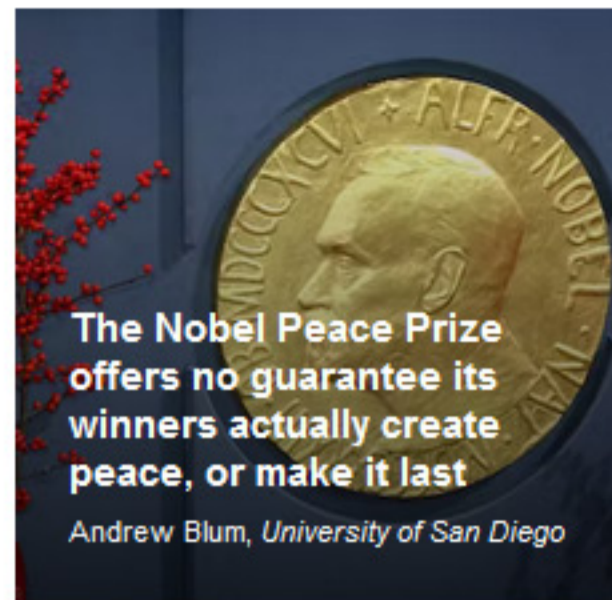
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China’s WeChat is all-encompassing but low-key – a Chinese media scholar explains the Taoist philosophy behind the everything app’s design

Jianqing Chen, *Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis*





30 years after the infamous Battle of Mogadishu, the U.S. military is still conducting operations **in Somalia**. Popularized in the U.S. by the 2001 film "Black Hawk Down," the Battle of Mogadishu occurred on Oct. 3, 1993, and saw the downing of two U.S. helicopters and the deaths of 18 American soldiers. Some of their bodies were dragged along city streets by Somali militants. The battle was considered one of the worst fiascoes in U.S. military history. Since then, the U.S. has waged economic and military warfare in Somalia to first eliminate the Union of Islamic Courts, a grassroots legal and political group, and most recently to attack the militant group al-Shabaab. There have been at least 282 U.S. counterterrorism operations in Somalia, including drone strikes and other aerial bombardments. The U.S. role in Somalia does not absolve al-Shabaab of its crimes, as the militant group continues to recruit from socially and economically disenfranchised communities in Somalia. Among those crimes are bombings of civilian targets throughout Africa and the Middle East, resulting in hundreds of deaths. But in my view, a demand for reparations from the Somali government before an international tribunal may force a U.S. reckoning on its global war against terrorism that nevertheless still rages on in Somalia.

**Living cells** work better than dying cells, right? However, this is not always the case: your cells often sacrifice themselves to keep you healthy. The unsung hero of life is death. While death may seem passive, an unfortunate ending that just "happens," the death of your cells is often extremely purposeful and strategic. The intricate details of how and why cells die can have significant effects on your overall health. There are over 10 different ways cells can "decide" to die, each serving a particular purpose for the organism. My own research explores how immune cells switch between different types of programmed death in scenarios like cancer or injury. Programmed cell death can be broadly divided into two types that are crucial to health: silent and inflammatory. In good times and bad, your cells are always ready to sacrifice themselves to keep you healthy. You can thank cell death for keeping you alive.



# She was bracing for her boyfriend's anger. Then a stranger stepped in

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By [Laura Kwerel](#), [Autumn Barnes](#)



When Renée's boyfriend couldn't find his passport at the airport, she felt his anger rising.

*This story is part of the My Unsung Hero series, from the Hidden Brain team, about people whose kindness left a lasting impression on someone else.*

In 2016, Renée was struggling to leave a relationship. She felt that her boyfriend put her down and made her feel small. But she struggled to stand up for herself. "I clearly had no self-confidence, and it was just a really tough time," she said.

Renée and her boyfriend were living thousands of miles away from where they had both grown up. They'd often travel back home to visit friends and family. One day at the airport, her boyfriend couldn't find his passport. He looked for it everywhere. And then his frustration began to build.

"I became nervous because I was mentally bracing myself, knowing that he was going to take it out on me," she said. They tried to retrace their steps as best they could. She asked him where he had last left it. And then his mood took a turn for the worse.

"That's when he aggressively snapped at me," she said. "I don't even remember what he said, but it was sharp. It was hot. It felt horrible. And when he was aggressive like that, it just hits you like a punch in the stomach. Like you just, you feel so alone."

Out of nowhere, a man approached them. His eyes were wide, and he was looking straight at her boyfriend. The man politely asked if he had checked the pockets on his backpack. When her boyfriend responded, his voice became quiet.

"The man looked at me and he didn't say anything to me. But he looked at me as if, to say, 'I see you,'" she said. "And it was such a brief moment. It was seconds. But him stepping in, it just immediately defused the situation." The man's gesture of support made Renée feel that this was not her fault. And it reminded her that there are still good people in the world, trying to look out for you.

"I felt validated. I felt stood up for. I felt cared for by a total stranger," she said.

"He was a bright light in a very dark tunnel. And he was my hero. And I truly thank him for that."

Renée says she is now in a healthy relationship. She credits the stranger in the airport for helping her remember that she is worthy of compassion.



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# South Korea teachers seek protection from harassment by students' parents

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By Se Eun Gong



South Korean teachers participate in a rally in front of the National Assembly on Sept. 4, 2023 in Seoul, South Korea. School teachers rallied to mourn the recent suicide deaths of fellow teachers distressed by disgruntled parents and unruly students, and to call for measures to prevent such tragedies.

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# MacArthur 'genius' makes magical art that conjures up her Afro-Cuban roots

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Malaka Gharib



The artist Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons is one of this year's MacArthur fellows. Her sculptures, paintings, installations and photography are displayed in over 30 museums around the globe. When she got news of the so-called "genius grant," she says, "I was running room to room in the house, feeling a sense of terror and elation."

*MacArthur Foundation*

**What do you think about being called a 'genius'? It's kind of a big label.** Do I consider myself a genius? I need to laugh about that! I am one of those manifestations of a miracle from the Global South. I am the daughter of a father who only was educated until the third grade. He needed to cut sugarcane in the fields. A mother who only went to the sixth grade, then started making clothes for people and ironing and washing clothes. I don't know! We need a new nomenclature for what this is.

**What words would you propose?** A visionary, a dreamer, a never-sleeper, the one who stays awake all night. But I'm honored. I'll take the cap.

**You grew up with a lot of people who were very in tune with their spirituality. Your mother was a priestess of Santeria, a religious tradition developed by African slaves in Cuba. And your father used plants for healing as an herbalist. How did that affect your artwork?** My father had an incredible amount of respect for nature. He would not take a little branch of a tree without knocking on it first and offering a gift, sometimes cornmeal, sometimes a penny. Only then would he take the branch — because you don't take energy from a tree without asking permission. It inspired a piece in 1994 called *The Herbalist's Tools*. It includes his tools, his machete and his garabato [a hooked staff used to pluck plants from the ground] to clear a path down the forest.

**As a woman from the Global South, did you have a hard time getting recognition as an artist?** I have received letters of rejection from very important places. And then ten years later, I get letters of invitation [from these same places]. I always tell my students: recognition and fame has many layers. Be sure you are recognized, respected and cared for in your home — so you are good to the people in your house — in your neighborhood, in your town, in your state and then in your nation. But it starts at home.

**What will your family and friends in La Vega think of your award?** I will go back there in December and explain to them the award. But I will have to show them something. When I was 13, I did my first plaster-cast of an antique sculpture from the Greco-Roman empire at the provincial school in Matanzas. When I came home, I showed it to my father, and he put me on his horse — that was the mode of transportation for our family — and we went from house to house so that I could show the neighbors what he called my "monument." Here I was with something of no importance, but he already knew I was on my way to becoming an artist and he wanted me to have an audience. So for this award, maybe what I would do is bring a copy of the letter [from the MacArthur Foundation] and frame it [to show people]. Someday I plan to have a site in the town dedicated to the history of the Campos family and the history of all the indentured, enslaved people who worked there to produce incredible wealth.

***I bet you wish your parents were here to see you today.***

They are. They are seeing me from the sky. They are clapping.





## Why the UAW union's tough bargaining strategy is working

Marick Masters, Wayne State University

**The United Auto Workers** union isn't backing down as it bargains for more compensation and better benefits in its new contracts with General Motors, Ford and Stellantis. Under the deft leadership of its president, Shawn Fain, and other officials elected in March 2023, the union has thrown the three companies off balance with a strike that began on Sept. 15 – the minute its prior contracts expired.

As of Oct. 6, the number of UAW members on strike from their Big Three jobs stood at 25,000 after a gradual climb – meaning that 1 in 6 of the union's nearly 150,000 autoworkers were on the picket lines instead of going to work.

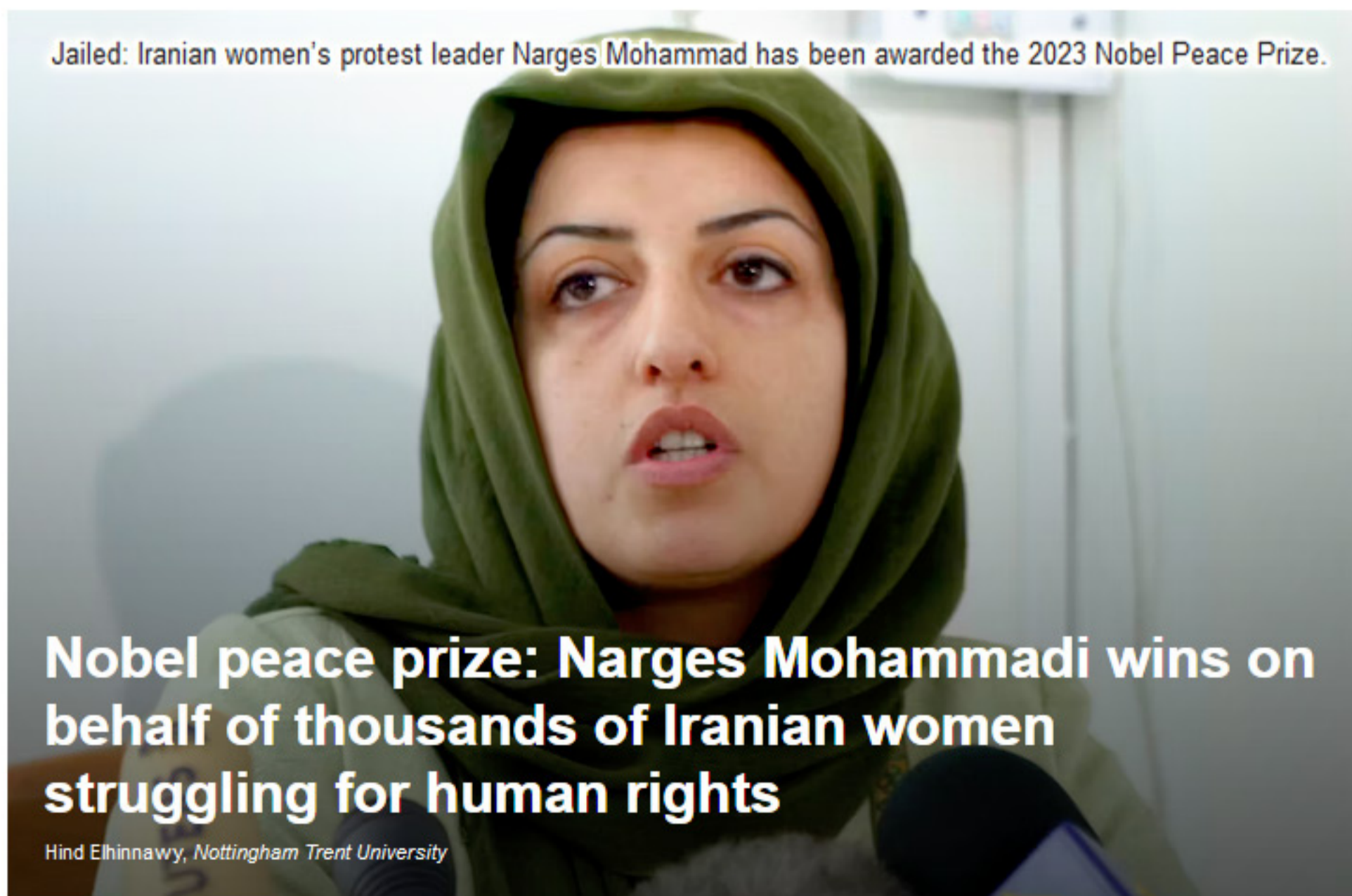
I'm a labor and business scholar who has studied the history of UAW collective bargaining with the Detroit Three. I've observed that the union's bargaining strategy has three interconnected elements that match what Harvard Program on Negotiations researchers recommend: an emphasis on substance, processes affecting interpersonal relations, and the setup – or context.

**Prominent Iranian women's rights advocate Narges Mohammadi** has won the 2023 Nobel peace prize for her long fight against the oppression of women in Iran. Mohammadi is serving multiple prison sentences in Evin prison in Tehran on charges which include spreading propaganda against the state. She was named by the committee for "her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all".

The award comes as women across Iran and around the world continue to protest the treatment of women in Iran after the death of Mahsa Amini in the custody of morality police, for allegedly violating the Islamic Republic's dress code for women.

The committee said: "The motto adopted by the demonstrators – "Woman-Life-Freedom" – suitably expresses the dedication and work of Narges Mohammadi."

That the Woman-Life-Freedom protests have endured so long in the face of Iranian state repression is in itself remarkable. But this year-long protest, the latest wave of decades of battles fought by women against religious authoritarianism in Iran sparked, seems to be turning into an unprecedented shift in the decades of struggle against one of the most repressive regimes in modern history.



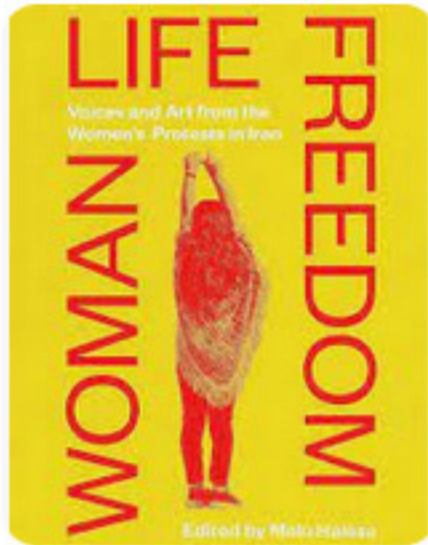
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## Nobel peace prize: Narges Mohammadi wins on behalf of thousands of Iranian women struggling for human rights

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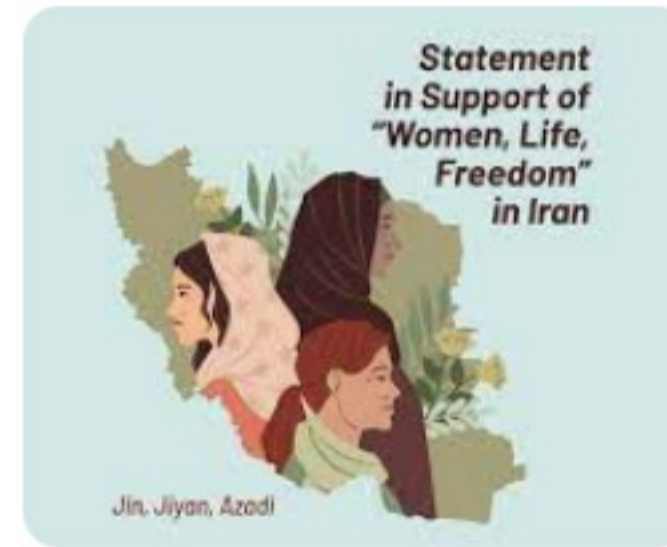
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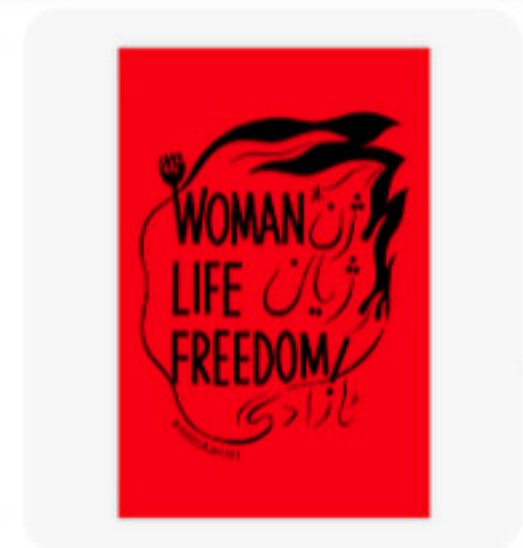
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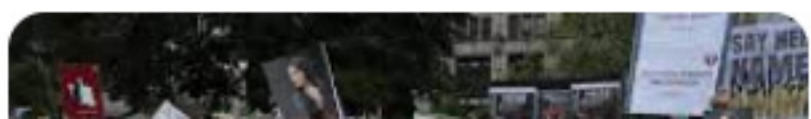
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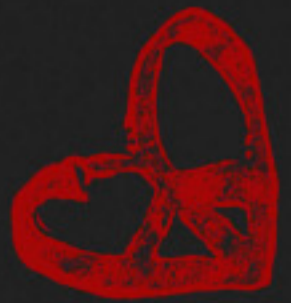
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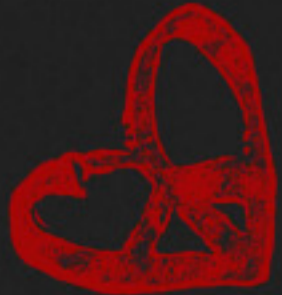






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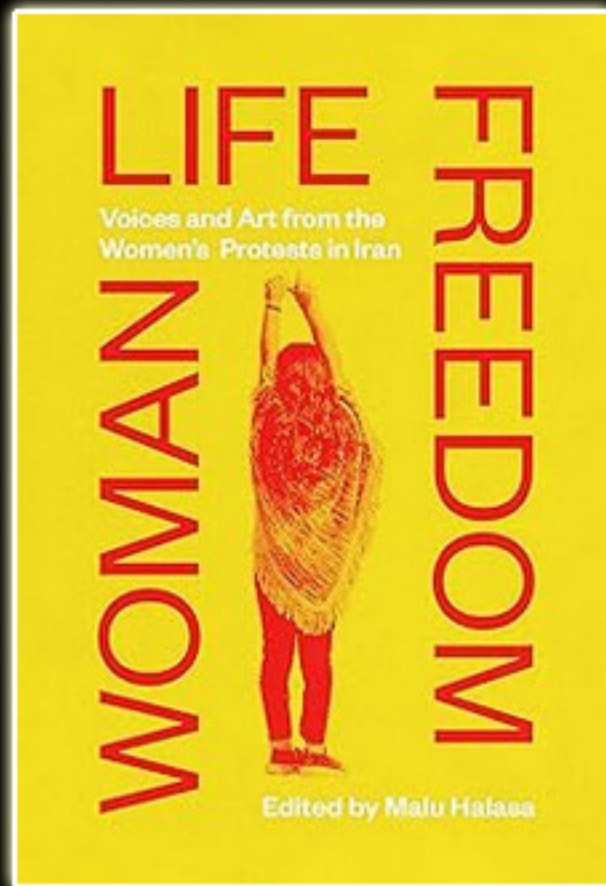












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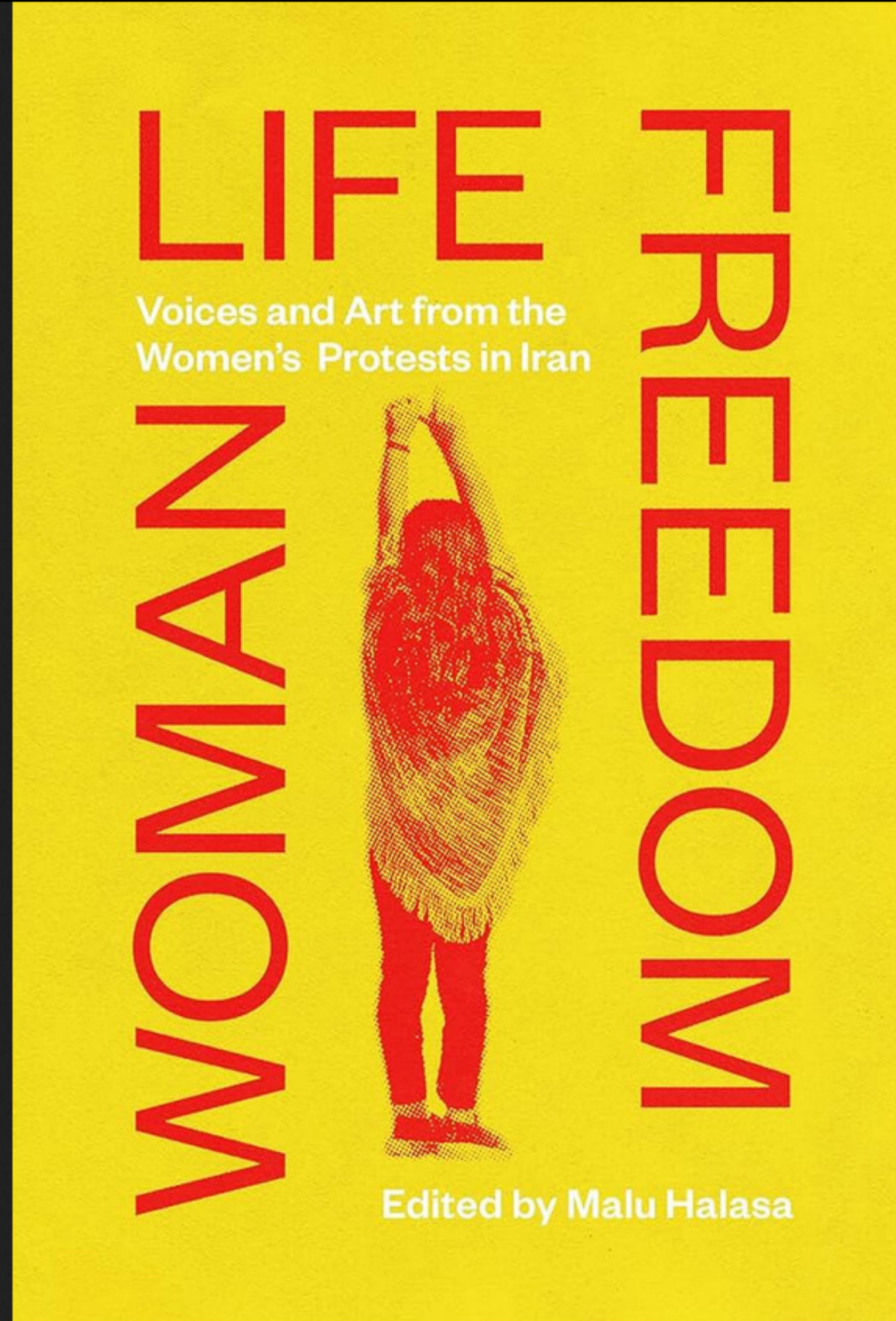


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by [Malu Halasa](#) (Editor)

Jina Mahsa Amini's death at the hands of Iran's Morality Police on 16 September 2022 sparked widespread protests across the country. Women took to the streets, uncovering their hair, burning headscarves and chanting 'Woman Life Freedom' – 'Zan Zendegi Azadi' in Persian and 'Jin Jiyan Azadi' in Kurdish – in mass demonstrations. An explosion of creative resistance followed as art and photography shared online went viral and people around the world saw what was really going on in Iran. Woman Life Freedom captures this historic moment in artwork and first-person accounts. This striking collection goes behind the scenes at forbidden fashion shows; records the sound of dissent in Iran where it is illegal for women to sing unaccompanied in public; and walks the streets of Tehran with 'The Smarties' – Gen Z women who colour and show their hair in defiance of the authorities, despite the potentially devastating consequences. Extolling the power of art, writing and body politics – both female and queer – this collection is a universal rallying call and a celebration of the women the regime has tried and failed to silence.

This is what protest looks like.





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Kaiser Permanente health care workers in five states and Washington, D.C., are rallying against low wages and understaffing that they say is undermining patient care.

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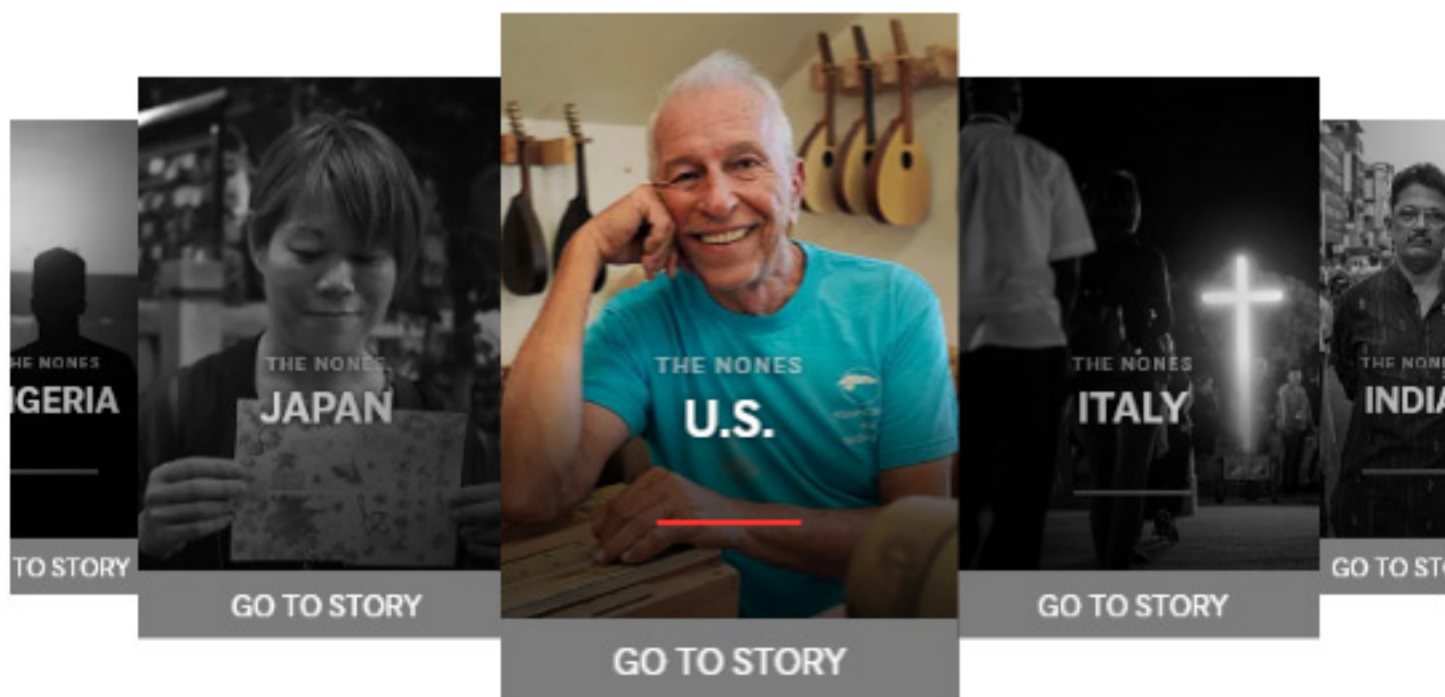




# THE NONES

In many countries around the world, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of people who are nonbelievers or unaffiliated with any organized religion. These so-called “nones” — atheists, agnostics, or nothing in particular — comprise 30% or more of the adult population in the United States and Canada, as well as numerous European countries. Japan, Israel and Uruguay are among other nations where large numbers of people are secular.

In a sweeping package of stories, photos and video, The Associated Press Religion Team takes an in-depth look at how this phenomenon is playing out in several of these countries. The package also looks at regions where openly being a none is rare or even dangerous.



## California governor vetoes bill that would have banned caste discrimination



FILE - California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks in Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 10, 2023. (AP Photo/José)



**BHARATH**

Updated 5:58 PM PDT, October 7, 2023

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed a bill Saturday that would have made California the first U.S. state to outlaw caste-based discrimination. Caste is a division of people related to birth or descent. Those at the lowest strata of the caste system, known as Dalits, have been pushing for legal protections in California and beyond. They say it is necessary to protect them from bias in housing, education and in the tech sector — where they hold key roles. Earlier this year, Seattle became the first U.S. city to add caste to its anti-discrimination laws. On Sept. 28, Fresno became the second U.S. city and the first in California to prohibit discrimination based on caste by adding caste and indigeneity to its municipal code. In his message Newsom called the bill “unnecessary,” explaining that California “already prohibits discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other characteristics, and state law specifies that these civil rights protections shall be liberally construed.” A 2016 Equality Labs survey of 1,500 South Asians in the U.S. showed 67% of Dalits who responded reported being treated unfairly because of their caste. A 2020 survey of Indian Americans by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace found caste discrimination was reported by 5% of survey respondents. While 53% of foreign-born Hindu Indian Americans said they affiliate with a caste group, only 34% of U.S.-born Hindu Indian Americans said they do the same.



## America's nonreligious are a growing, diverse phenomenon.

*They really don't like organized religion*

By PETER SMITH | Photos and video by JESSIE WARDARSKI

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Mike Dulak grew up Catholic in Southern California, but by his teen years, he began skipping Mass and driving straight to the shore to play guitar, watch the waves and enjoy the beauty of the morning. “And it felt more spiritual than any time I set foot in a church,” he recalled. Nothing has changed that view in the ensuing decades. “Most religions are there to control people and get money from them,” said Dulak, now 76, of Rocheport, Missouri. He also cited sex abuse scandals in Catholic and Southern Baptist churches. “I can’t buy into that,” he said. As Dulak rejects being part of a religious flock, he has plenty of company. He is a “none” — no, not that kind of nun. The kind that checks “none” when pollsters ask “What’s your religion?”

The decades-long rise of the nones — a diverse, hard-to-summarize group — is one of the most talked about phenomena in U.S. religion. They are reshaping America's religious landscape as we know it. In U.S. religion today, “the most important story without a shadow of a doubt is the unbelievable rise in the share of Americans who are nonreligious,” said Ryan Burge, a political science professor at Eastern Illinois University and author of “The Nones,” a book on the phenomenon. The nones account for a large portion of Americans, as shown by the 30% of U.S. adults who claim no religious affiliation in a survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Other major surveys say the nones have been steadily increasing for as long as three decades.

**So who are they?** They’re the atheists, the agnostics, the “nothing in particular.” They’re the “spiritual but not religious,” and those who are neither or both. They span class, gender, age, race and ethnicity. While the nones’ vast diversity splinters them into myriad subgroups, most of them have this in common: They. Really. Don’t. Like. Organized. Religion. Nor its leaders. Nor its politics and social stances. That’s according to a large majority of nones responding to the survey. But they’re not just a statistic. They’re real people with unique relationships to belief and nonbelief, and the meaning of life. They’re secular homeschoolers in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, Pittsburghers working to overcome addiction. They’re a mandolin maker in a small Missouri River town, a former evangelical disillusioned with that particular strain of American Christianity. They’re college students who found their childhood churches unpersuasive or unwelcoming. Church “was not very good for me,” said Emma Komoroski, a University of Missouri freshman who left her childhood Catholic religion in her mid-teens. “I’m a lesbian. So that was kind of like, oh, I didn’t really fit, and people don’t like me.”

The nones also are people like Alric Jones, who could cite bad experiences with organized religion that ranged from the intolerant churches of his hometown to the ministry that kept soliciting money from his devout late wife — even after Jones lost his job and income after an injury. “If it was such a Christian organization, and she was unable to send money, they should have come to us and said, ‘Is there something we can do to help you?’” said Jones, 71, of central Michigan. “They kept sending us letters saying, ‘Why aren’t you sending us money?’” Although he doesn’t believe in organized religion, he believes in God and basic ethical precepts. “People should be treated equally as long as they treat other people equally. That’s my spirituality if you want to call it that.” These days, if a visiting relative wants to attend church, he’ll go along, “but I’m not prone to listening to anybody telling me this is the way it should be,” Jones said. About 1 in 6 U.S. adults surveyed, including Jones and Dulak, is a “nothing in particular.” There are as many of them as atheists and agnostics combined (7% each). “All the media attention is on atheists and agnostics, when most nones are not atheist or agnostic,” Burge said. About half of nothings in particular say they’re “spiritual but not religious,” and some say they’re both. Data showing Religious or not. 30% identified with no religion Many embrace a range of spiritual beliefs — from God, prayer and heaven to karma, reincarnation, astrology or energy in crystals. “They are definitely not as turned off to religion as atheists and agnostics are,” Burge said. “They practice their own type of spirituality, many of them.” Dulak still draws inspiration from nature. “It just feels so good to be next to something so timeless,” he said, sitting in his yard beneath a rustling hackberry tree in the Missouri River town he now calls home. He finds similar fulfillment in his two-story workshop, where he makes the latest of thousands of mandolins he has created over the decades, enabling people to “share the joy of music.” “It feels spiritually good,” Dulak said. “It’s not a religion.” Burge said the nones are rising as the Christian population declines, particularly the “mainline” or moderate to liberal Protestants. “This is not just some academic exercise for me,” said Burge, who pastors a dwindling American Baptist church in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. It’s “what I’ve seen every single Sunday of my life the last 16 years.” The statistics show the nones are well-represented in every age group, but especially among young adults. About four in 10 of those under 30 are nones — nearly as many as say they’re Christians. The trend was evident in interviews on the University of Missouri campus. Several students said they didn’t identify with a religion. Mia Vogel said she likes “the foundations of a lot of religions — just love everybody, accept everybody.” But she considers herself more spiritual. “I’m pretty into astrology. I’ve got my crystals charging up in my window right now. Honestly, I’ll bet half of it is a total placebo. But I just like the idea that things in life can be explained by greater forces.” - Mia Vogel, a student at the University of Missouri. One movement that exemplifies the “spiritual but not religious” ethos is the Twelve Step sobriety program, pioneered by Alcoholics Anonymous and adopted by other recovery groups. Participants turn to a “power greater than ourselves” — the God of each person’s own under-



# “We are part of something bigger, and that is the Earth. There is meaning just in being.”

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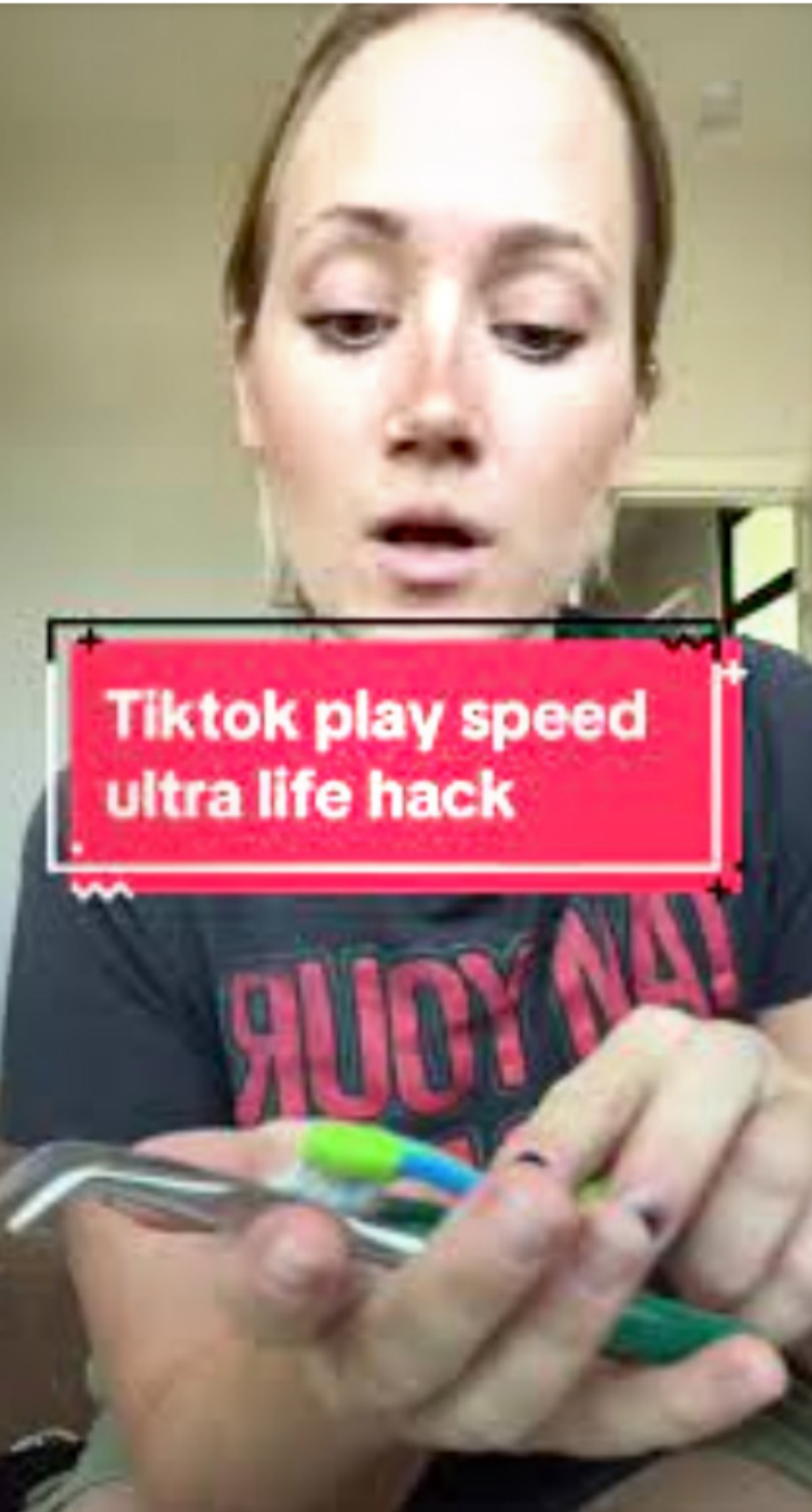


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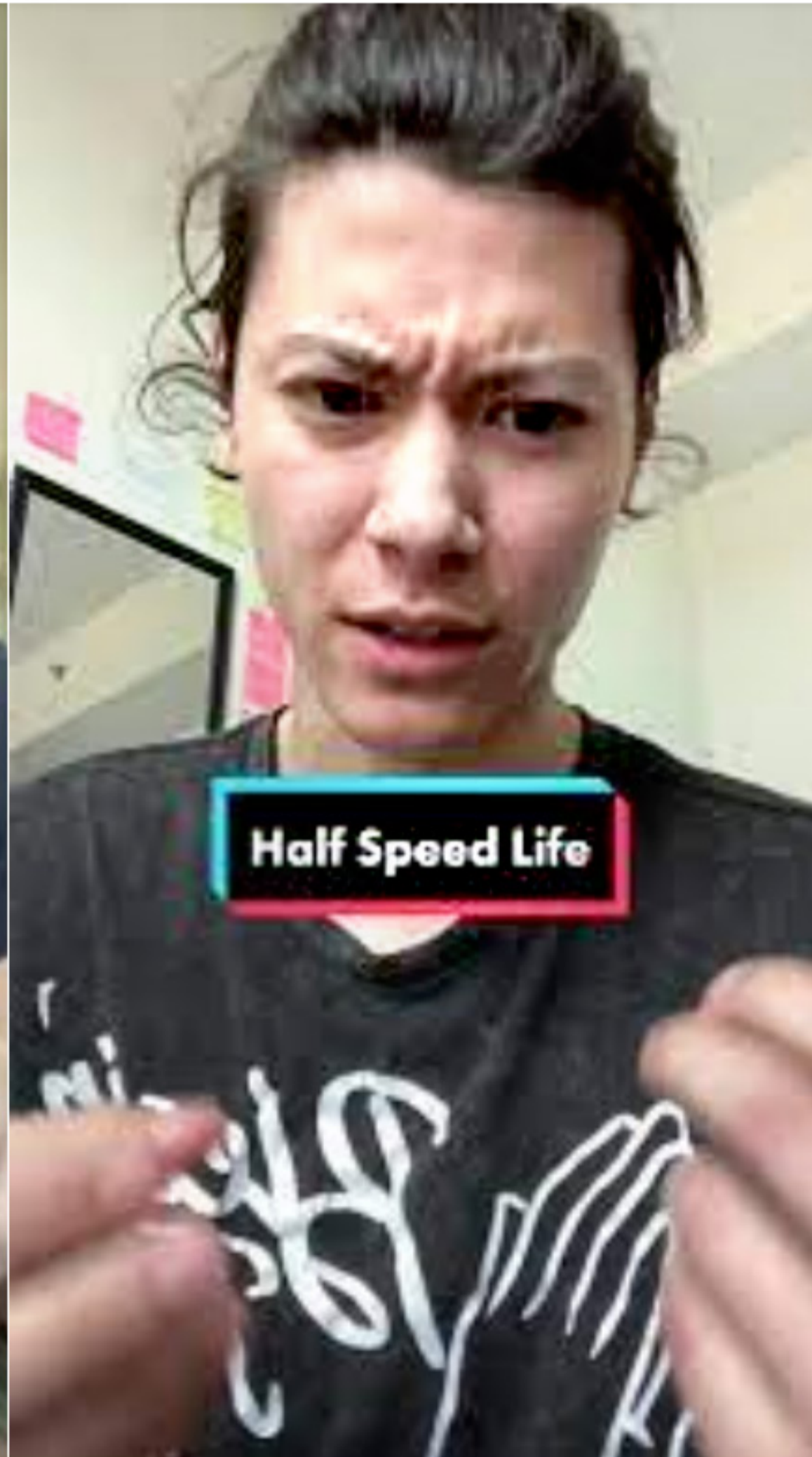




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**Life at the Speed of TikTok :** TikTok is a popular social media app that allows users to create, watch, and share 15-second videos shot on mobile devices or webcams. With its personalized feeds of quirky short videos set to music and sound effects, the app is notable for its addictive quality and high levels of engagement. Every time users watch a video on TikTok, dopamine is released in their brains in a way that mimics the effects of drugs and there is not much that can compete with this type of stimulation. The app's algorithm is designed to keep users engaged by showing them more of the content they like, which can lead to a cycle of addictive behavior. This has led to concerns that TikTok could be contributing to the rise of mental health problems among young people, including anxiety and depression.



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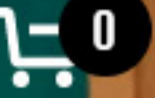
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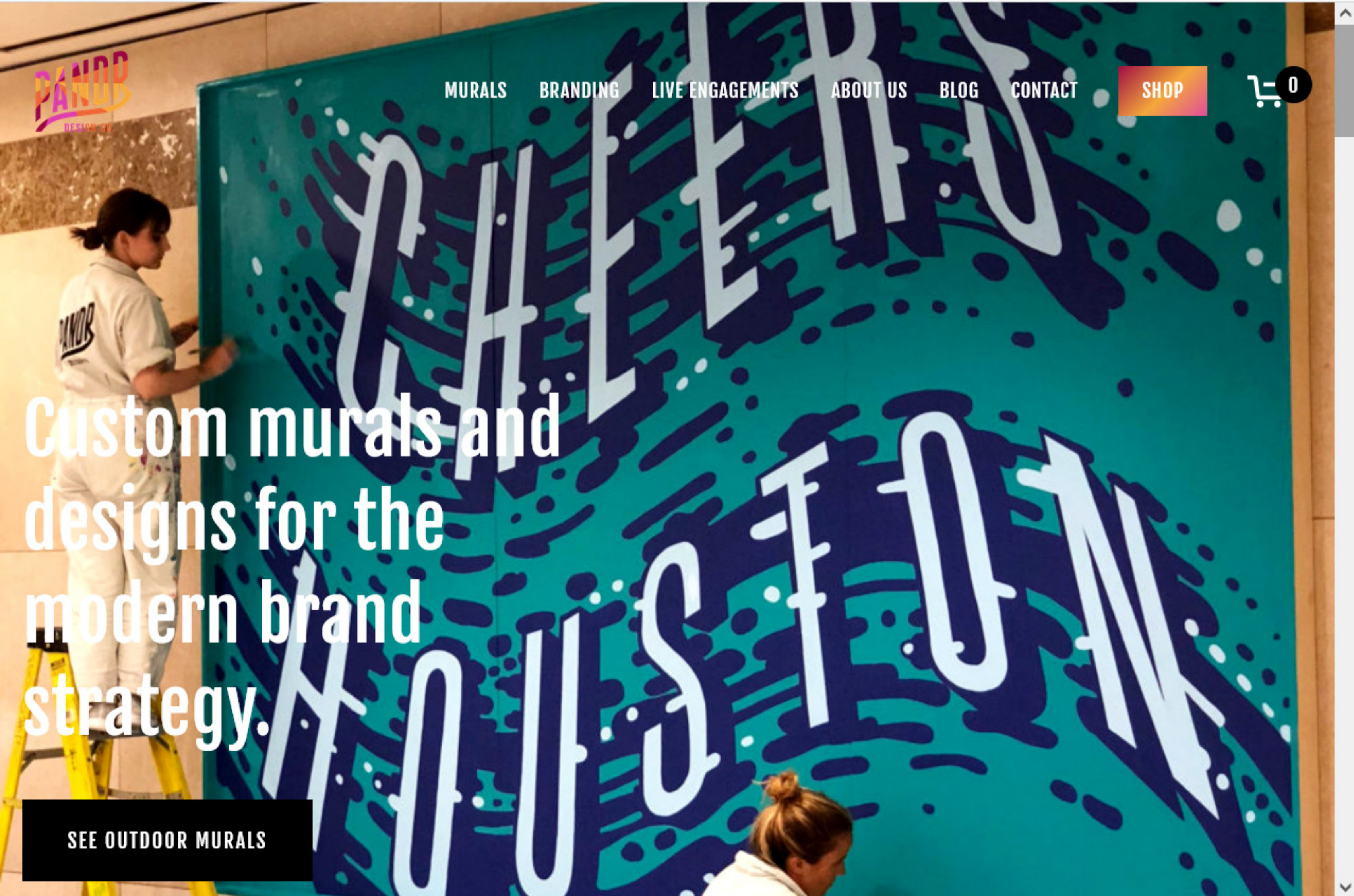
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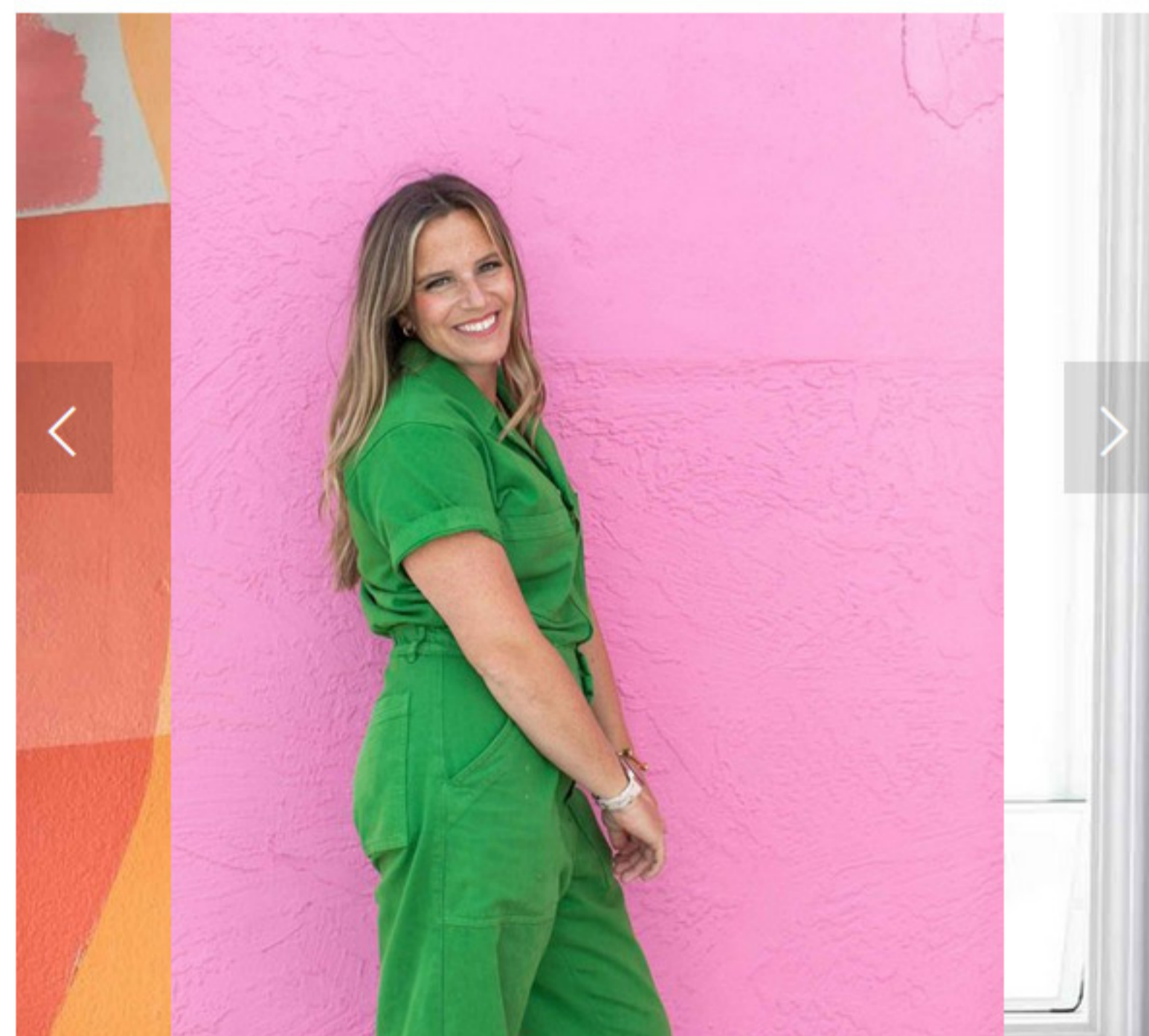
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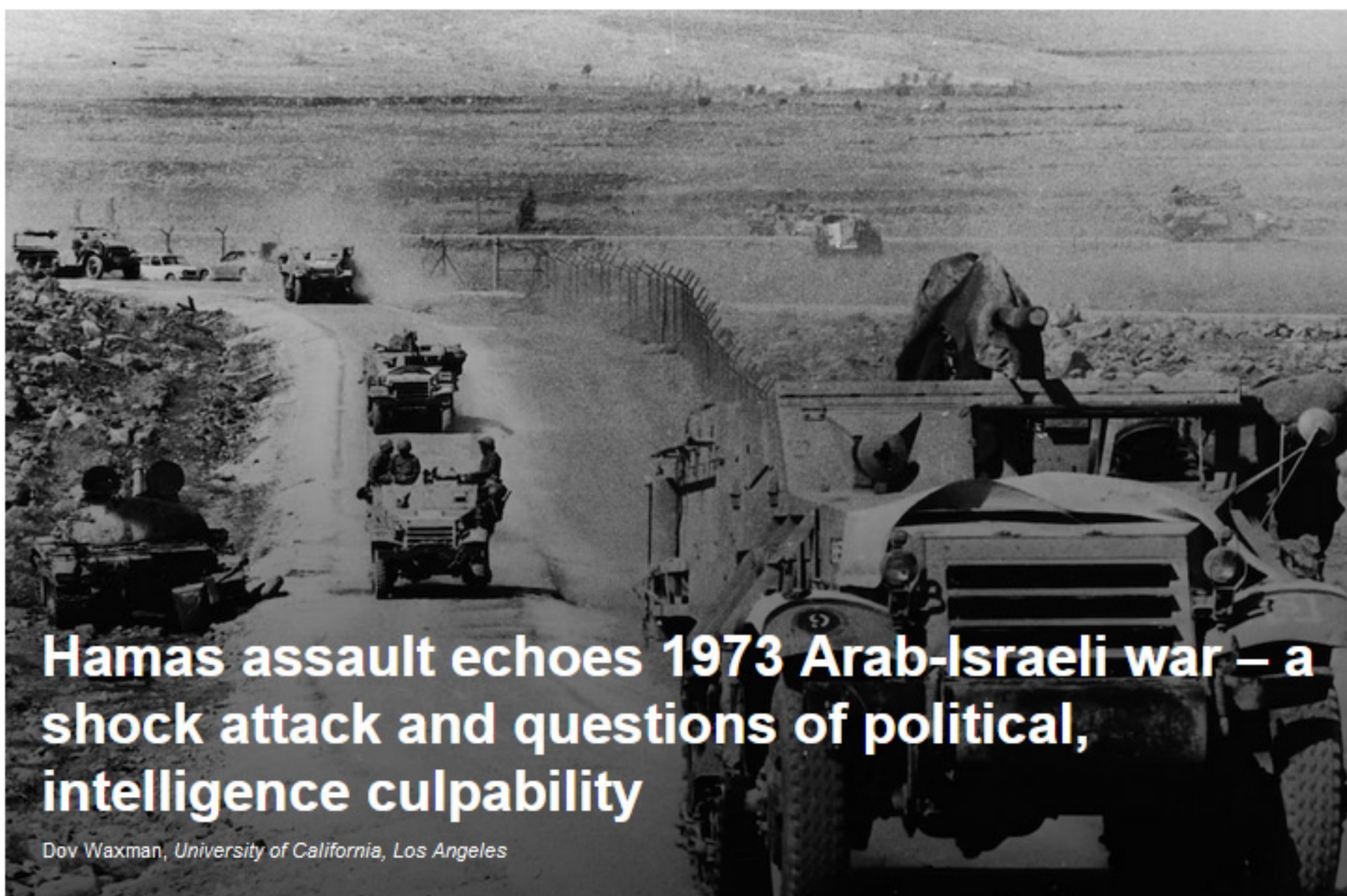




# The Israel-Hamas war: No matter who loses, Iran wins

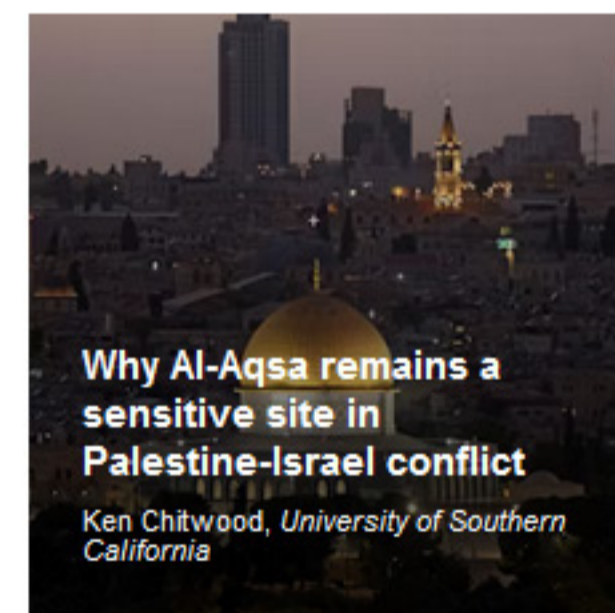
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Early on Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas militants invaded southern Israel by land, sea and air, and fired thousands of rockets deep into the country. Within hours, hundreds of Israelis were killed, hostages taken and war declared. Fierce Israeli reprisals have already taken the lives of hundreds of Palestinians in Gaza, and many more will surely be dead by the time this war is over.



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In the weeks ahead, the Israeli military will surely retaliate and kill hundreds more Palestinian militants and civilians. As an analyst of Middle East politics and security, I believe that thousands on both sides will suffer. But when the smoke settles, only one country's interests will have been served: Iran's.



# Nearly 1,000 migrating birds died after crashing into Chicago building

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Clare Marie Schneider

The Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimate hundreds of **millions of birds are killed annually in the United States due to building collisions**. A 2021 study determined that decreasing the number of lit windows at tall buildings could cut fatal bird collisions by around 60%. Chicago's voluntary Lights Out program asks that tall buildings turn their lights out after 11p.m. every night until daylight during spring and fall migration dates. Stotz said most buildings downtown participate in the program, although "sometimes forget that they should be turning out the lights."



Workers at the Chicago Field Museum inspect the bodies of migrating birds that were killed when they flew into the windows of the McCormick Place Lakeside Center.  
Lauren Nassef/Chicago Field Museum via AP



## An 'anti-World's Fair' makes its case: give land back to Native Americans

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By Jennifer Vanasco

"The World's UnFair" that has one goal: to convince people to give public and private land back to the people who once occupied it. Giving land back to Indigenous peoples may....seem unimaginable. But the artists say that helping people imagine the unimaginable is one of the purposes of art.





## California Gov. Gavin Newsom signs bill expanding conservatorship law



FILE - California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks in Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 10, 2023. (AP Photo/José Luis Villegas)

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — More Californians with untreated mental illness and addiction issues could be detained against their will and forced into treatment under legislation signed Tuesday by Gov. Gavin Newsom. The new law, which reforms the state's conservatorship system, expands the definition of "gravely disabled" to include people who are unable to provide themselves basic needs such as food and shelter due to an untreated mental illness or unhealthy drugs and alcohol use. Local governments say current state laws leave their hands tied if a person refuses to receive help.

The law is designed to make it easier for authorities to provide care to people with untreated mental illness or addictions to alcohol and drugs, many of whom are homeless. Local government said their hands are tied if a person refuses to receive help under existing law.

The bill was aimed in part at dealing with the state's homelessness crisis. California is home to more than 171,000 homeless people — about 30% of the nation's homeless population. The state has spent more than \$20 billion in the last few years to help them, with mixed results.

Newsom is pushing his own plan to reform the state's mental health system. Newsom's proposal, which would overhaul how counties pay for mental and behavioral health programs and borrow \$6.3 billion to pay for 10,000 new mental health treatment beds, are expected to go before voters next March.

"California is undertaking a major overhaul of our mental health system," Newsom said in a signing statement. "We are working to ensure no one falls through the cracks, and that people get the help they need and the respect they deserve."

The legislation, authored by Democratic Sen. Susan Eggman, is the latest attempt to update California's 56-year-old law governing mental health conservatorships — an arrangement where the court appoints someone to make legal decisions for another person, including whether to accept medical treatment and take medications.

The bill was supported by the National Alliance on Mental Illness California and mayors of the biggest California cities, who said the existing conservatorship law has made it challenging to provide mental health treatment to those most in need.

Opponents of the bill, including disability rights advocates, worried the new law will result in more people being locked up and deprived them of their fundamental rights. Coercing a person into treatment could also be counterproductive, they said.

Eggman said detaining a person with mental illness against their will should only be used as a last resort. The legislation aims to provide an alternative to sending people with mental illness and addiction problems to the prison system.

"Our state prisons are full of people who, after they've been restored to competency, are in our state prisons because of serious mental health issues and drug addiction issues," Eggman said in an interview. "I think that is the most inhumane way to treat the most vulnerable of us."

The law takes effect in 2024, but counties can postpone implementation until 2026. The changes will serve as another tool to help the state reform its mental health system. Last year, Newsom signed a law that created a new court process where family members and others could ask a judge to come up with a treatment plan for certain people with specific diagnoses, including schizophrenia. That law would let the judge force people into treatment for up to a year. The court program started this month in seven counties.





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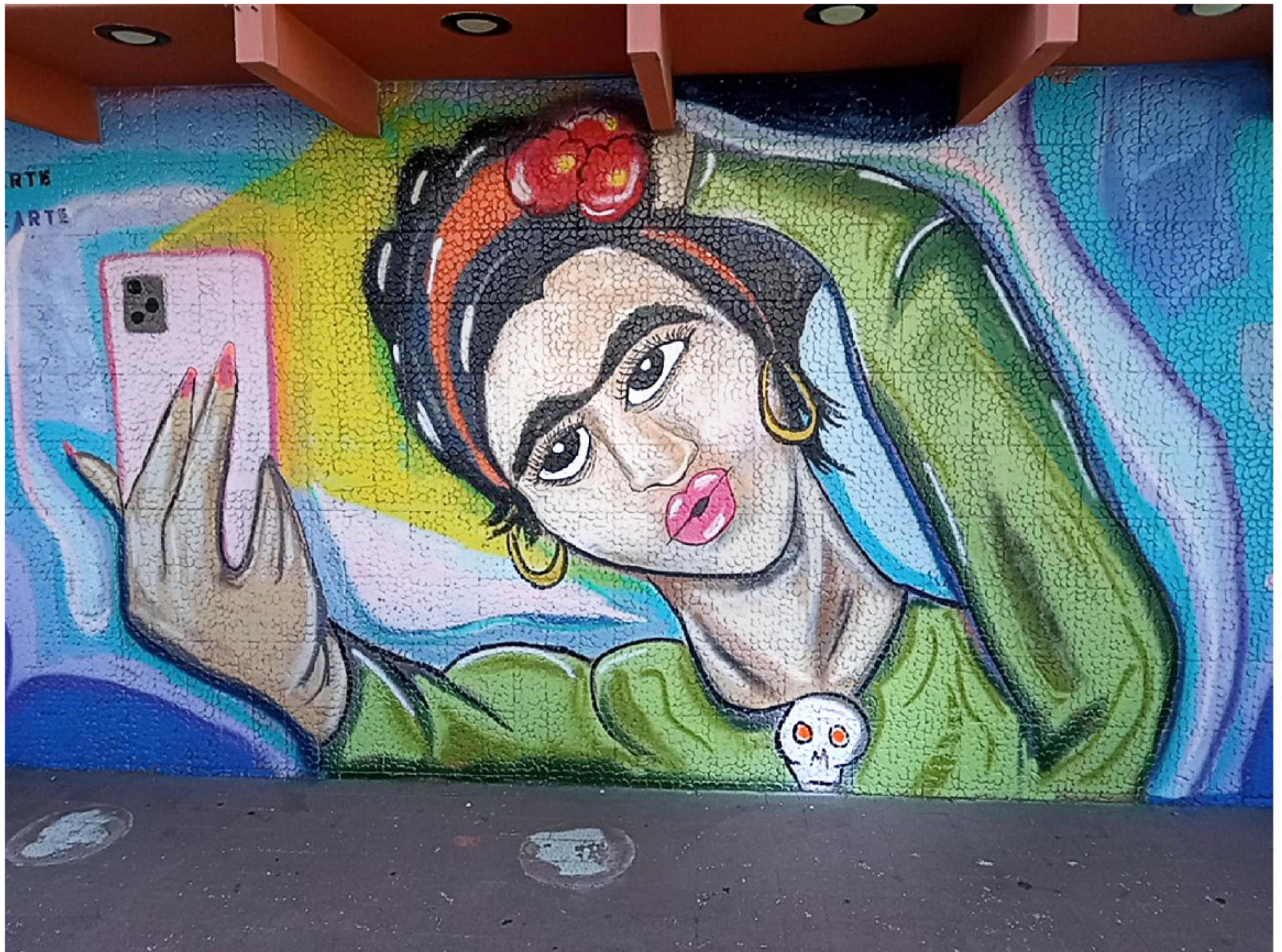
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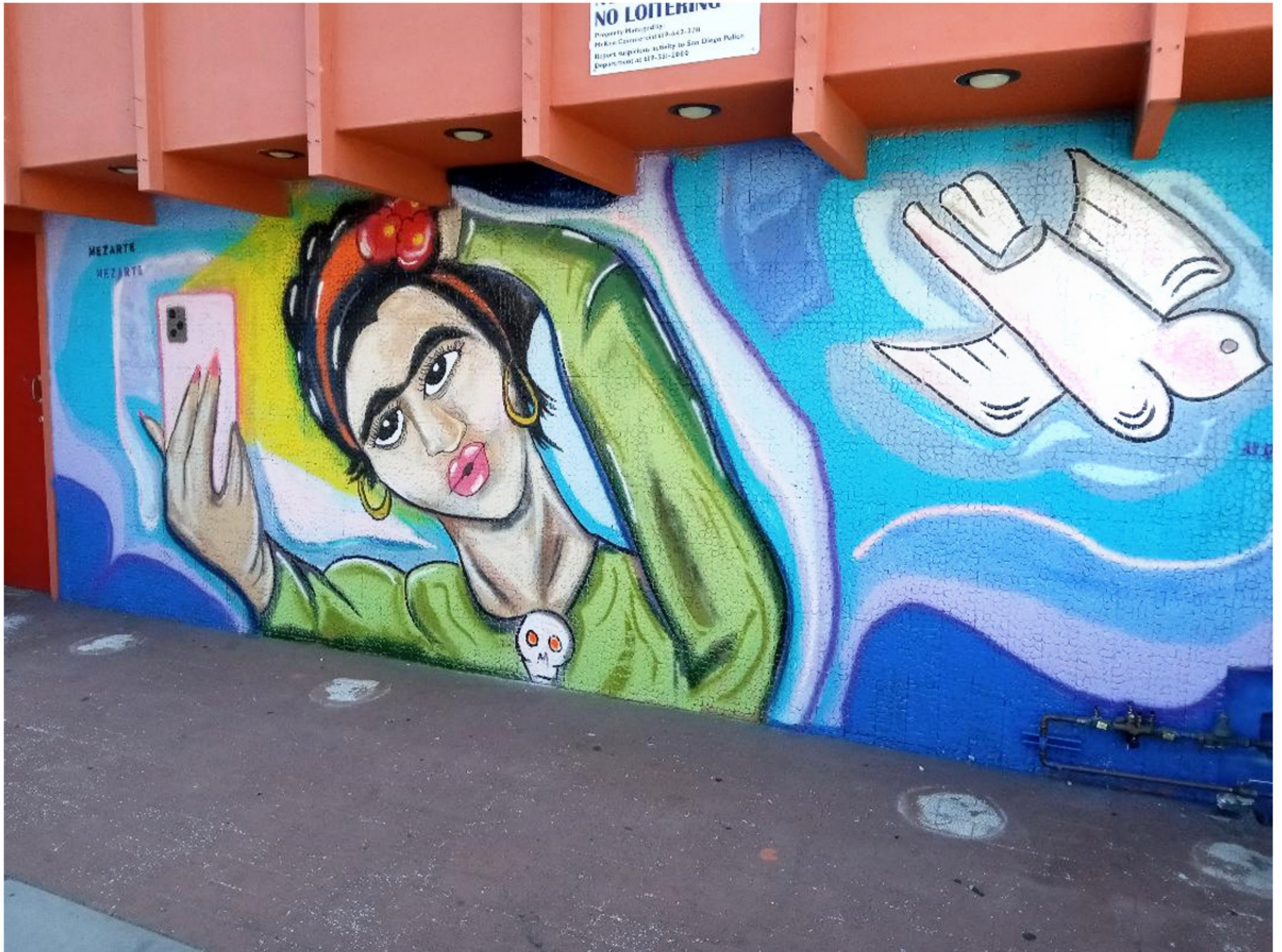


















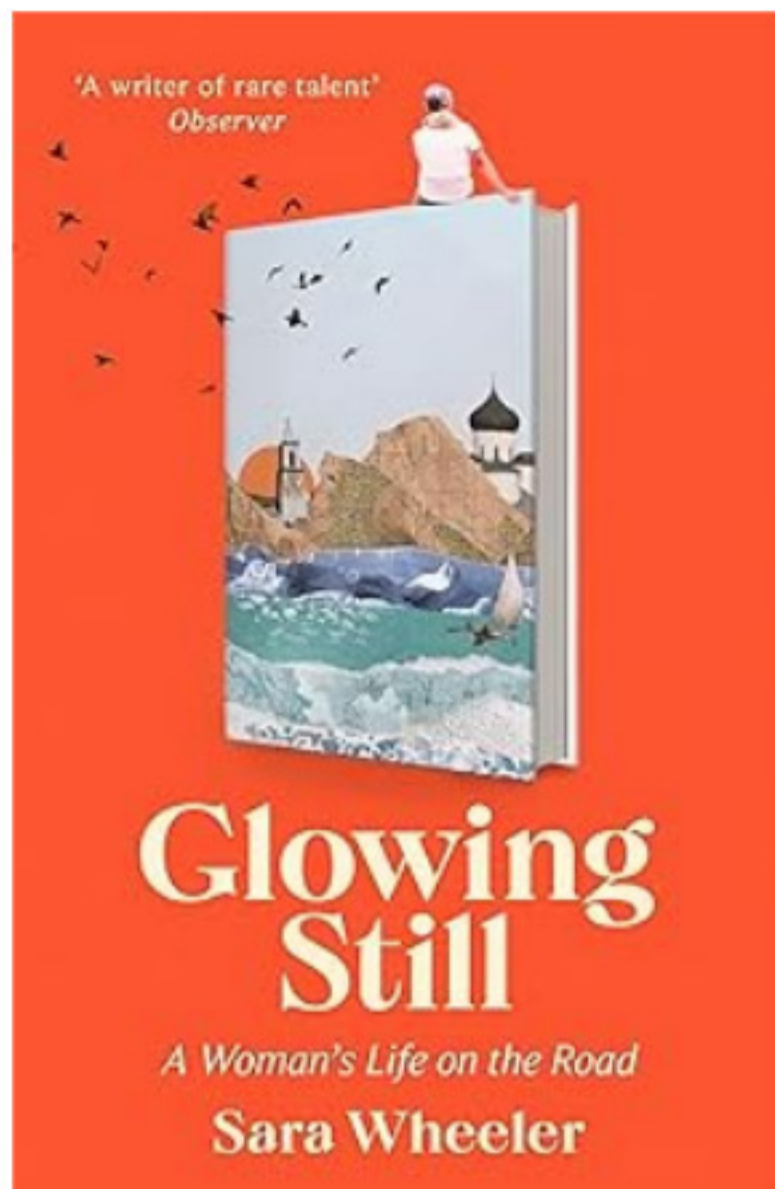
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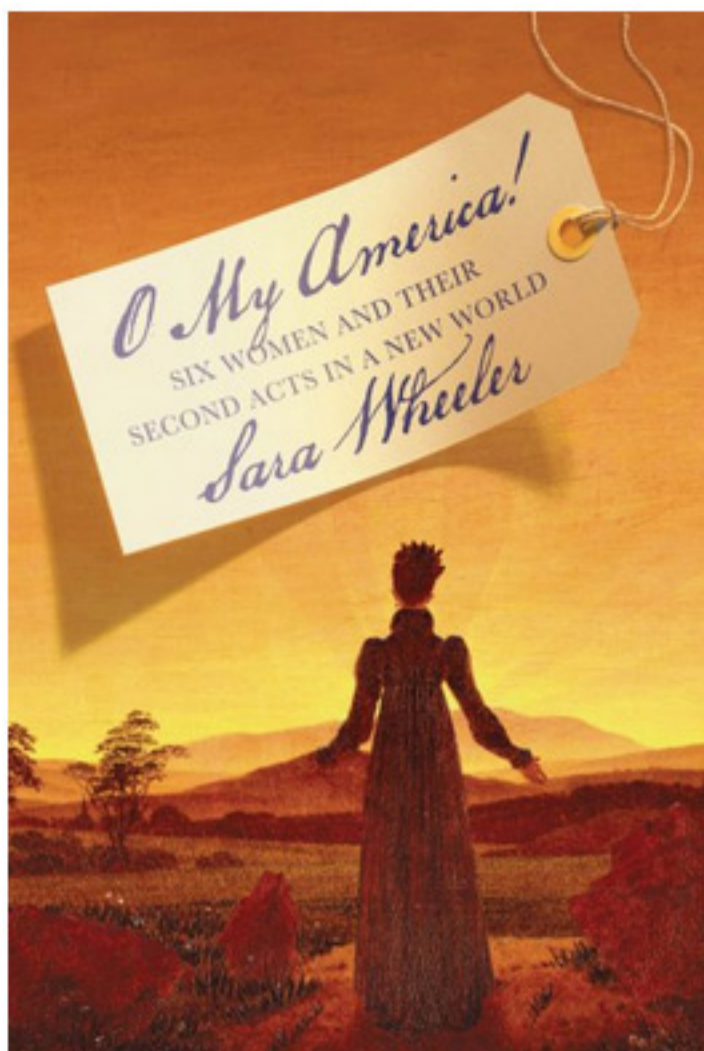
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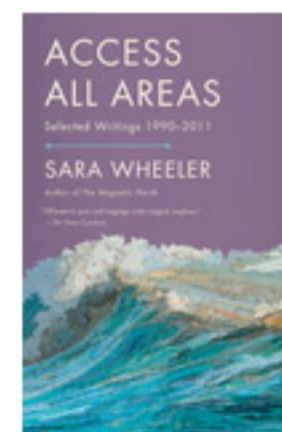
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# The Gaza Strip – why the history of the densely populated enclave is key to understanding the current conflict

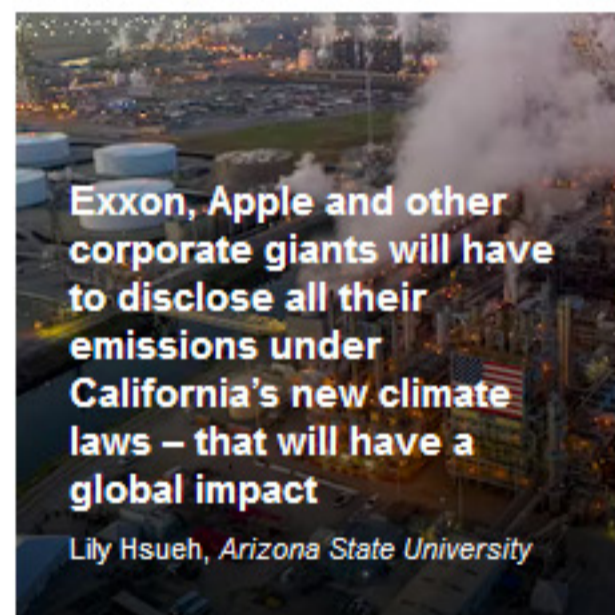
Maha Nassar, University of Arizona

Many of the world’s largest public and private companies will soon be required to track and report almost all of their greenhouse gas emissions if they do business in California – including emissions from their supply chains, business travel, employees’ commutes and the way customers use their products. That means oil and gas companies like Chevron will likely have to account for emissions from vehicles that use their gasoline, and Apple will have to account for materials that go into iPhones. It’s a huge leap from current federal and state reporting requirements, which require reporting of only certain emissions from companies’ direct operations. And it will have global ramifications. California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed two new rules into law on Oct. 7, 2023.



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Hamas has offered a long-term truce in exchange for Israel ending the blockade on Gaza. Israel has refused to accept the offer, sticking to its position that Hamas must first end violence and recognize Israel. In the months leading up to the latest escalation, conditions in Gaza have deteriorated even further. The International Monetary Fund reported in September that Gaza’s economic outlook “remains dire.”

Conditions became more dire when Israel announced on Sept. 5, 2023, that it was halting all exports from a key Gaza border crossing. Without an end in sight to the suffering caused by the blockade, it appears that Hamas has decided to upend the status quo in a surprise attack on Israelis, including civilians. Israel’s reprisal airstrikes and its imposition of a “complete siege” on the strip have heaped even further suffering on ordinary Gazans.

**It is a tragic reminder that civilians bear the brunt of this conflict.**





On Oct. 12, National Farmers' Day, Americans honor the hardworking people who keep the world fed and clothed. But the farming labor force has a problem: It's aging rapidly. The average American farmer is 57 and a half years old, according to the most recent data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That's up sharply from 1978, when the figure was just a smidge over 50.

The USDA already has programs to aid new farmers, as well as farmers of color and female farmers, and those who operate small farms. Expanding these programs' reach and impact could help bring new talent into the field. Congress could do just that when it reauthorizes the farm bill – a package of laws covering a wide range of food – and agriculture-related programs that get passed roughly every five years. The farm bill also includes nutrition aid and funds telehealth and training and educational outreach for farmers, all of which could help meet the needs of young and aging farmers alike. Notably, the Cooperative Extension Service offers programs that range from 4-H and youth development, including introduction to agriculture, to providing on-site technical help. Also in **2024, the USDA will release its next Census of Agriculture, giving researchers new insight into America's farming workforce. We expect it will show that the average age of U.S. farmers has reached a new all-time high.**

If you believe otherwise – well, we wouldn't bet the farm.

Defining what is and isn't a country is a lot more complicated than many people would realize. Take the case of Taiwan. On Aug. 30, 2023, a committee of the U.K. Parliament referred to Taiwan as an "independent country" in a report. This is the first time any part of the British political system has used that phrasing. Officially, the U.K. "does not recognise Taiwan" as a country, nor does it "maintain formal diplomatic relations with the island," which is one way states recognize each other as equals on the international stage. Like the U.K., the U.S. also "does not have diplomatic relations with Taiwan," although there is a "robust unofficial relationship," according to the State Department. Many other countries are in a similar boat.

Today, only a dozen or so countries continue to maintain formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan, most of which are small island developing states such as Nauru, Palau and Tuvalu. Each of these countries recognizes Taiwan as "the Republic of China," and none of them simultaneously maintains official ties with the People's Republic of China. **Until Taiwan formally declares itself independent of the rest of China – or until Taiwan is recognized by the international community as being independent of the rest of China – Taiwan's status as a country will continue to be questioned.**



# Claudia Goldin's Nobel Prize win is a victory for women in economics – and the field as a whole

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The world's newest Nobel laureate takes a bow. Carlin Stiehl/Getty Images

Economic history has long been chronicled through a male lens, emphasizing the contributions of men and their viewpoints. For proof, just look to the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences. It's been awarded to 90 men since 1969 – and just three women. The third woman to win the prize, distinguished Harvard labor economist Claudia Goldin, was honored on Oct. 9, 2023, for her decades of work studying the gender pay gap. It wasn't a victory just for her but for women in the field. As an economist, I take this issue personally. My field has a huge gender gap. Only 24% of tenure-track faculty in economics are women. In contrast, women make up 43% of tenure-track faculty across academia as a whole. Part of the problem is that economics is often stereotypically associated with finance, money and banking. This narrow perception might not appeal to everyone. Women in particular tend to be drawn to areas that have direct bearing on social challenges. But economics is about much more than just the stock market. In fact, vast areas of the discipline deal with social issues – health, development, education and, yes, gender inequality. For instance, labor economists study issues like family leave policies and the gender pay gap – areas that directly affect women's lives. It shouldn't come as a surprise, then, that women have had a greater presence in labor economics than in other subfields.

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**Where are the women?** Not only are women underrepresented as economists, economics as a field has historically ignored the role women play in the economy. Even as the study of family economics gained traction in the 1970s, the pivotal roles of women were often sidelined. Traditional models often oversimplified households' decision-making processes and overlooked women's contributions. This led economists to undervalue the unpaid labor women provided in households and perpetuate stereotypical gender roles in their analyses. A young reporter in a suit is shown speaking to economist Claudia Goldin, who stands with her hands clasped. Goldin has challenged these traditional male-centric narratives. Through her groundbreaking research – particularly on wage inequalities and the "motherhood penalty" – Goldin has turned the spotlight on women's economic roles and challenges. Her findings reveal the complexities of wage disparities, emphasizing issues like the challenges women face after childbirth. For instance, career interruptions such as maternity leave or reduced work hours to care for children and other relatives can reduce women's earnings and job prospects in the long term. **It's vital to note that Goldin's research doesn't attribute the gender pay gap to employer discrimination. Instead, her insights advocate for the establishment of robust support systems.** Strengthening child care facilities, improving parental leave policies, offering workplace flexibility and otherwise bolstering policies that support families with kids can play a pivotal role in addressing the wage gap, her findings suggest. In the absence of such supports, women are bound to keep earning less than men after they become parents.

**A win for one, a victory for many:** Goldin's Nobel recognition isn't merely an honor for her individual achievements. It serves as a beacon for women in economics and academia as a whole. First, her win challenges the historical gender imbalance in such prominent awards, signaling a long-overdue recognition for women's contributions to economics. It provides hope for young female economists that their work can also achieve such renown. Beyond this, her Nobel nod underscores a crucial point: Economics is a rich and complex discipline that goes beyond traditional monetary and financial issues. It's about parenthood. It's about child care. It's about people's struggles. It's about social change. In essence, Goldin's win shows the world just how expansive, inclusive, diverse and interconnected the field really is. Economics isn't just the dismal science. It's a human science.

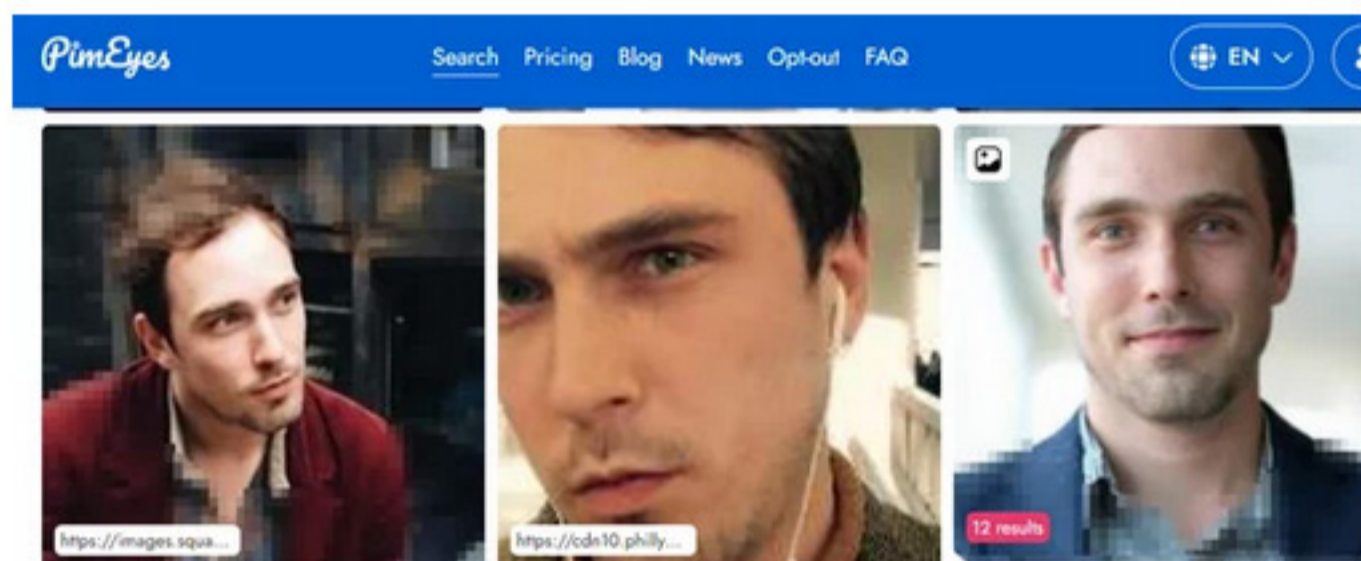


# 'Too dangerous:' Why even Google was afraid to release this technology

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Bobby Allyn



An example of the photos surfaced by PimEyes when a photo of author Bobby Allyn was uploaded to the site. Some of the photos are easily found from a Google search. But even the person depicted in the photo didn't know some of these images existed online.

Imagine strolling down a busy city street and snapping a photo of a stranger then uploading it into a search engine that almost instantaneously identifies the person. This isn't a hypothetical. It's possible now, thanks to a website called PimEyes, considered one of the most powerful publicly available facial recognition tools online. On TikTok, PimEyes has become a formidable tool for internet sleuths trying to identify strangers, with videos notching many millions of views showing how a combination of PimEyes, and other search tools, can, for example, figure out the name of a random cameraman at a Taylor Swift concert.

Originally developed by two hackers in Poland, it's an AI tool that's like a reverse image search on steroids — it scans a face in a photo and crawls dark corners of the internet to surface photos many people didn't even know existed of themselves in the background of restaurants or attending a concert. While the company claims it is a service that can help people monitor their online presence, it has generated controversy for its use as a surveillance tool for stalkers, collecting countless images of children and for adding images of dead people to its database without permission. Without any federal laws on the books in the U.S. governing facial recognition technology, services copying PimEyes are expected to proliferate in the coming years. Consider the consequences, says journalist Kashmir Hill, of everyone deciding to use this technology at all times in public places.

"Something happens on the train, you bump into someone, or you're wearing something embarrassing, somebody could just take your photo, and find out who you are and maybe tweet about you, or call you out by name, or write nasty things about you online," said Hill, a reporter for The New York Times who recently published a book on facial recognition technology called "Your Face Belongs to Us." A basic version of PimEyes is free for anyone to use, but the company offers advanced features, like alerts on images that users may be interested in when a new photo appears online, for a monthly subscription fee. TikTok users have pointed out that there is a way for people to opt-out of having their photos in the PimEyes database, but tests of the search tool show that it is not always a guaranteed way of removing oneself from the company's massive trove of photos.

**The technology Google dared not to release:** Hill said super-powerful face search engines have already been developed at Big Tech companies like Meta and Google. Yet the potential for misuse is so great that some top executives — like former Google CEO Eric Schmidt — have been reluctant to release them into the world, an almost unthinkable move in the fast-paced, hyper-competitive world of Silicon Valley. "Eric Schmidt as far back as 2011, said this was the one technology that Google had developed and decided to hold back, that it was too dangerous in the wrong hands — if it was used by a dictator, for example," Hill said. There are potential uses of the technology that could be beneficial. For instance, for people who are blind, or for quickly identifying someone whose name you forgot and, as the company highlights, keeping tabs on one's own images on the web. But the technology has the potential to compromise the privacy of citizens. For instance, government and private companies could deploy the technology to profile or surveil people in public, something that has alarmed privacy experts who study the tool.

"These benefits are being used as a pretext for government and industry simply to expand their power and profits, without any meaningful gains any way," said Woodrow Hartzog, a Boston University School of Law professor who specializes in facial recognition technology. "And so, I simply don't see a world where humanity is better off with facial recognition than without it." Giorgi Gobronidze, an academic based in Georgia in eastern Europe, now operates PimEyes. He did not respond to multiple interview requests from NPR, but he has said in interviews that PimEyes' rules stipulate that people only search for themselves, or people who consent to a search. Still, there is nothing stopping anyone from running a search of anyone else at any time.

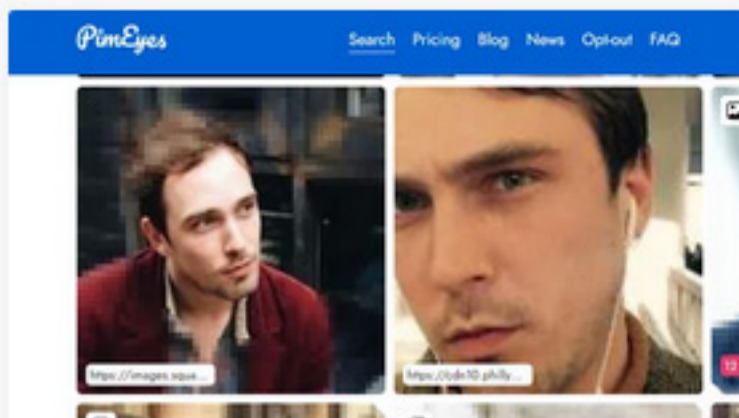
**Like Apple Face ID, except on steroids:** Of course, some version of facial recognition tools are already out in the world. Unlocking iPhones with Apple's Face ID. And at airports, the Transportation Security Administration can confirm someone's identity with a face scan. But a face search engine takes this idea to an entirely different level. And while Big Tech companies have been holding back, smaller startups pushing the technology are gaining momentum like PimEyes, and another called Clearview AI, which provides AI-powered face search engines to law enforcement. PimEyes and ClearviewAI did not make anyone available for an interview. Hartzog said Washington needs to regulate, even outright ban, the tools before it becomes too widespread. "I think that it should really tell you something about how radioactive and corrosive facial recognition is that the larger tech companies have resisted wading in, even when there's so much money to be made on it," Hartzog said.

**Just like AI chatbots, facial recognition search engines can take off:** Most Silicon Valley watchers predict it is just a matter of time. Look at AI chatbots as an instructive lesson. Silicon Valley giants had developed the powerful chatbots for years in labs, but kept them a secret until a smaller startup, OpenAI, made ChatGPT available to the public. Eventually, tech analysts say, Big Tech companies will likely have no choice but to make advanced face search engines publicly available in order to stay competitive. Hartzog said he hopes it is a future that never comes to pass. "If facial recognition is deployed widely, it's virtually the end of the ability to hide in plain sight, which we do all the time, and we don't really think about," he said.

**A "walking barcode":** In the European Union, lawmakers are debating a ban of facial recognition technology in public spaces. Brussels-based activist Ella Jakubowska is hoping regulators go even farther and enact an outright ban of the tools. Jakubowska is behind a campaign called Reclaim Your Face that is warning against a society where visits to the doctor, a stroll down a college campus, or even crossing a street, will expose someone's face to scanning. In some parts of the world, it is already a part of daily life. "We've seen in Italy the use of biometric, they call them 'smart' surveillance systems, used to detect if people are loitering or trespassing," Jakubowska said. Jakubowska said the EU's so-called AI Act will be coming up with rules over how biometric data, like someone's face, fingerprints and voice, will be regulated. "We reject the idea that, as human beings, we should be treated as walking bar code so that governments can keep tabs on us, even when we haven't done anything wrong," she said.

In the U.S., meanwhile, there are laws in some parts of the country, like Illinois, that give people protection over how their face is scanned and used by private companies. A state law there imposes financial penalties against companies that scan the faces of residents without consent. But until there is federal regulation, how and where are faces are recorded by private companies is nearly unrestricted and largely determined by the multi-billionaire-dollar tech companies developing the tools.





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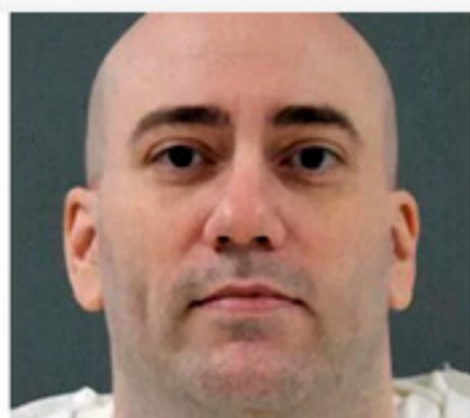
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Suavecito was the first product that Douglas Mrdeza listed to sell on Amazon back in 2014. He had ordered a bit too much of the specialty hair pomade for his barbershop in East Lansing, Michigan. He wanted to see whether he could offload some online. It sold out. So, he ordered more. This time he paid Amazon some extra money to use its warehouse storage and shipping service. "I did the calculation, bought what would have sold in a month and sent it in," Mrdeza says. "And it sold out in like a day." He was hooked. He started selling more hair and beauty products on Amazon. Soon that part-time hustle became his full-time business, Top Shelf Brands. Within a couple of years, Mrdeza had more than 40 employees, ran four warehouses and was bringing in \$10 million in revenue, he says. "It was thriving, for sure," Mrdeza says. "We were all in."



Douglas Mrdeza's Amazon store took off after it launched in 2014. But by 2022, it was bankrupt.

Douglas Mrdeza

California has become the first U.S. state to outlaw the use of four potentially harmful food and drink additives that have been linked to an array of diseases, including cancer, and are already banned in dozens of countries. The California Food Safety Act prohibits the manufacturing, distribution and sale of food and beverages that contain brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben and red dye 3 — which can be found in candy, fruit juices, cookies and more.

Mrdeza's story is at the heart of a lawsuit that the Federal Trade Commission brought against Amazon in September.

The suit, which was joined by 17 state attorneys general, alleges the company illegally used its monopoly power to stamp out rivals, which ultimately hurts consumers. The FTC says Amazon punishes third-party sellers that offer lower prices on other sites, strong-arms them into using its shipping service and hikes up fees indiscriminately.

None of it lasted. Today, Top Shelf Brands is bankrupt, its employees laid off and its warehouses shuttered. It's one of an untold number of third-party Amazon merchants that cashed in and then lost it all. And it serves as an illustration of their precarious position on Amazon, where everything can change from one day to the next.



# Why Hamas and Israel reached this moment now — and what comes next

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By [Fatma Tanis](#)



Palestinians attend a rally in support of Hamas and the Gaza Strip in the West Bank city of Nablus on Monday.

*Majdi Mohammed/AP*

**Hamas responds to Palestinian despair:** With the most far-right, ultranationalist and religiously conservative government Israel had seen in power, Hamas saw an opportunity as conditions worsened for Palestinians — not only those in Gaza, who have been living under a blockade for 16 years, but the West Bank as well, according to Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat professor for peace and development at the University of Maryland. There has been an increase in violence between Israeli settlers and Palestinian villagers this past year, which has displaced hundreds of Palestinians, according to the United Nations. Israeli police also increasingly conducted raids in cities like Jenin and Nablus and at the Al-Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem — a flashpoint in the conflict. "You have an increase in settler violence, an encroachment in East Jerusalem, which is really critical," Telhami said. "People don't understand how important Jerusalem is to the Palestinians, to many people in the Arab and Muslim world. That's why, in fact, Hamas named this operation Al Aqsa Flood, referring to the holy mosque in Jerusalem. So, they're trying to capture that mood."

Telhami, who was in the West Bank last week, said he observed total despair and desperation after 56 years of occupation by Israel.

"At first [the Palestinians] were counting on Biden to do something after Trump. That didn't happen. Then they were counting on Arab states to do something. Instead, the Saudis and Israelis are trying to make peace without them, in a way," he said.

Telhami said Hamas, which is designated as a terrorist group by Israel, the U.S. and European countries, saw the "perfect political opportunity for them, in a horrific way, to reshuffle the deck" and to also neutralize the influence of the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank, led by Mahmoud Abbas.

## Netanyahu emboldened Hamas over the years

Another thread that contributed to this moment is the way in which Netanyahu has dealt with Hamas over his years in power.

"He didn't have a straight-out policy and the prime minister obviously now denies it in hindsight," Schneider said. "But we know as reporters who have been following this for many years. They wanted to weaken the Palestinian Authority."

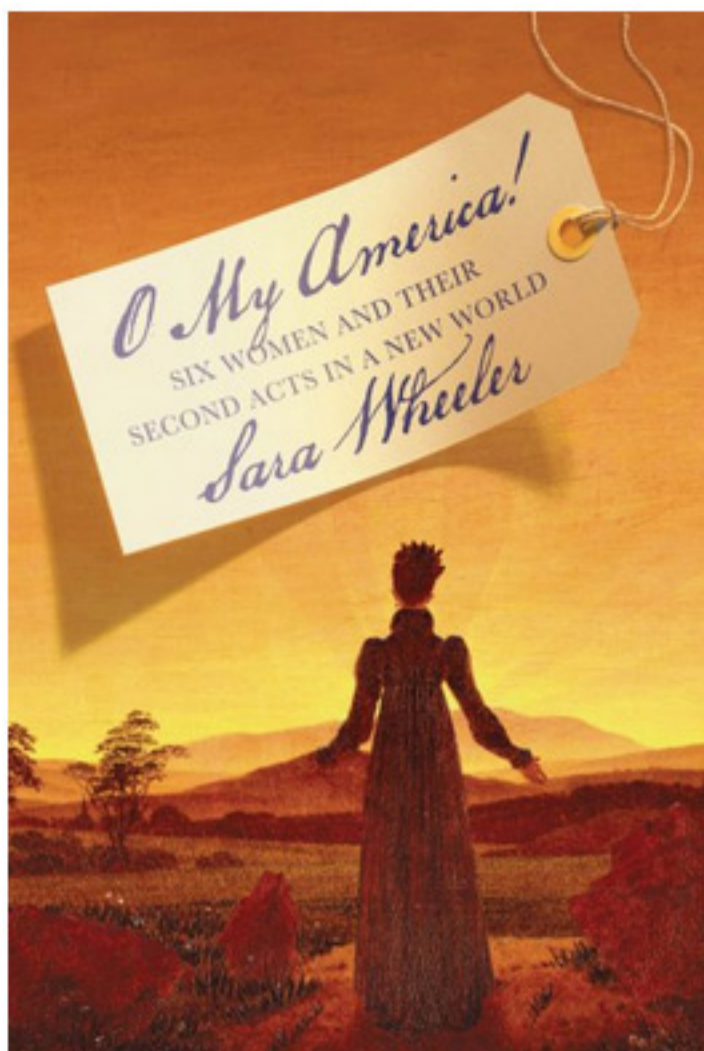
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, pictured here in September.  
*Abir Sultan/POOL/AFP via Getty Images*

The goal for Netanyahu, according to Schneider, was to avoid the building of a future Palestinian state at any cost. And he did that in the way he approached Hamas, by allowing cash to flow into Gaza, which is ruled by Hamas, and making deals with the militants via Egypt.

"Netanyahu, in order to get Mahmoud Abbas to be smaller and to humiliate him politically, they managed to give Hamas some sort of leverage," Schneider said.

"I mean, the Israelis could prevail and destroy Hamas and destroy Gaza. And then what? Then what?" Telhami said, adding that the Biden administration, which has been focused on brokering a deal between Israel and Saudi Arabia, needed to rethink its approach as well.





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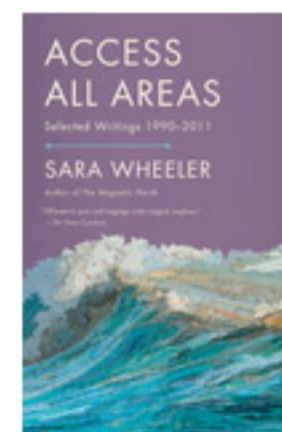
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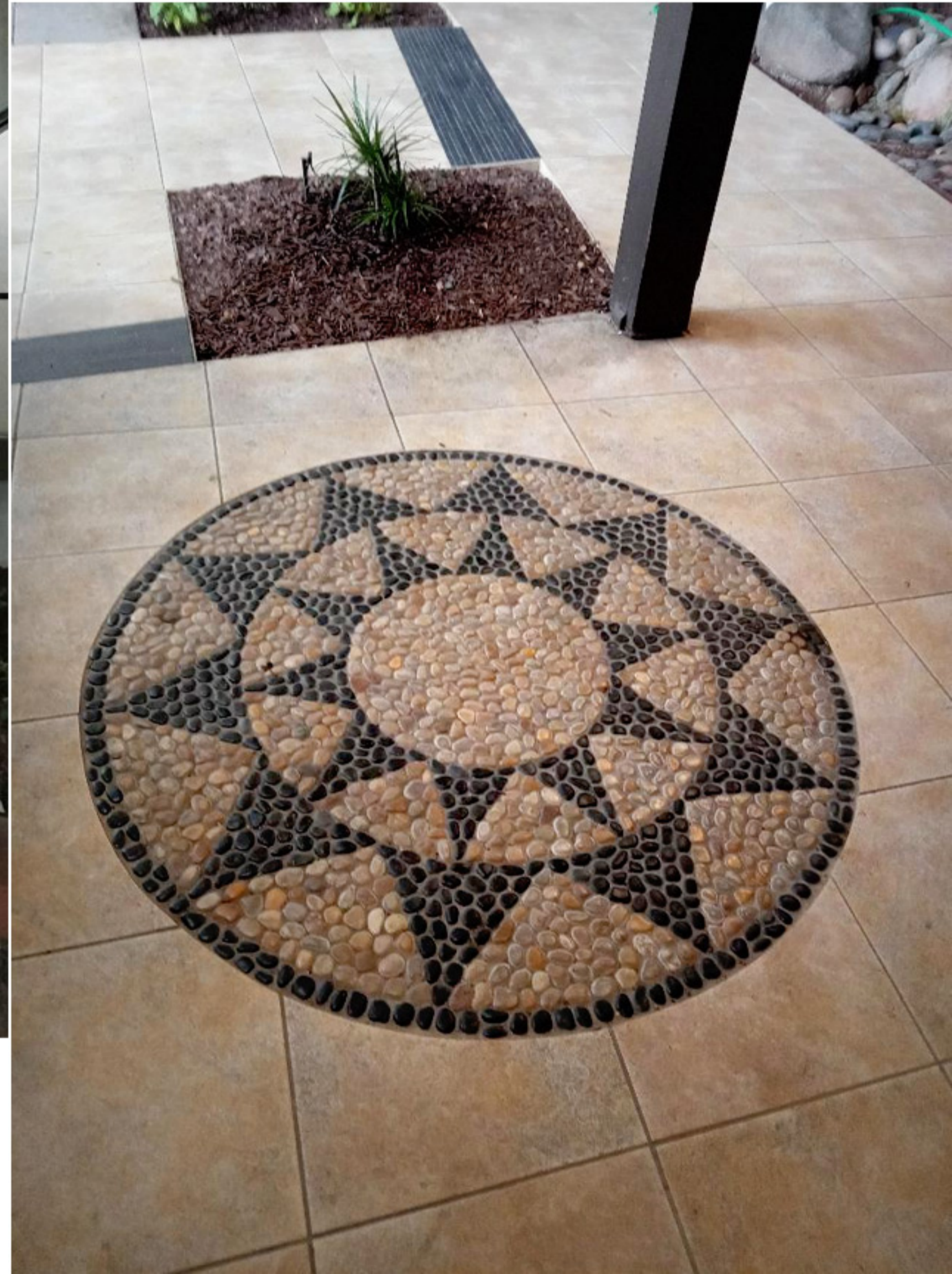
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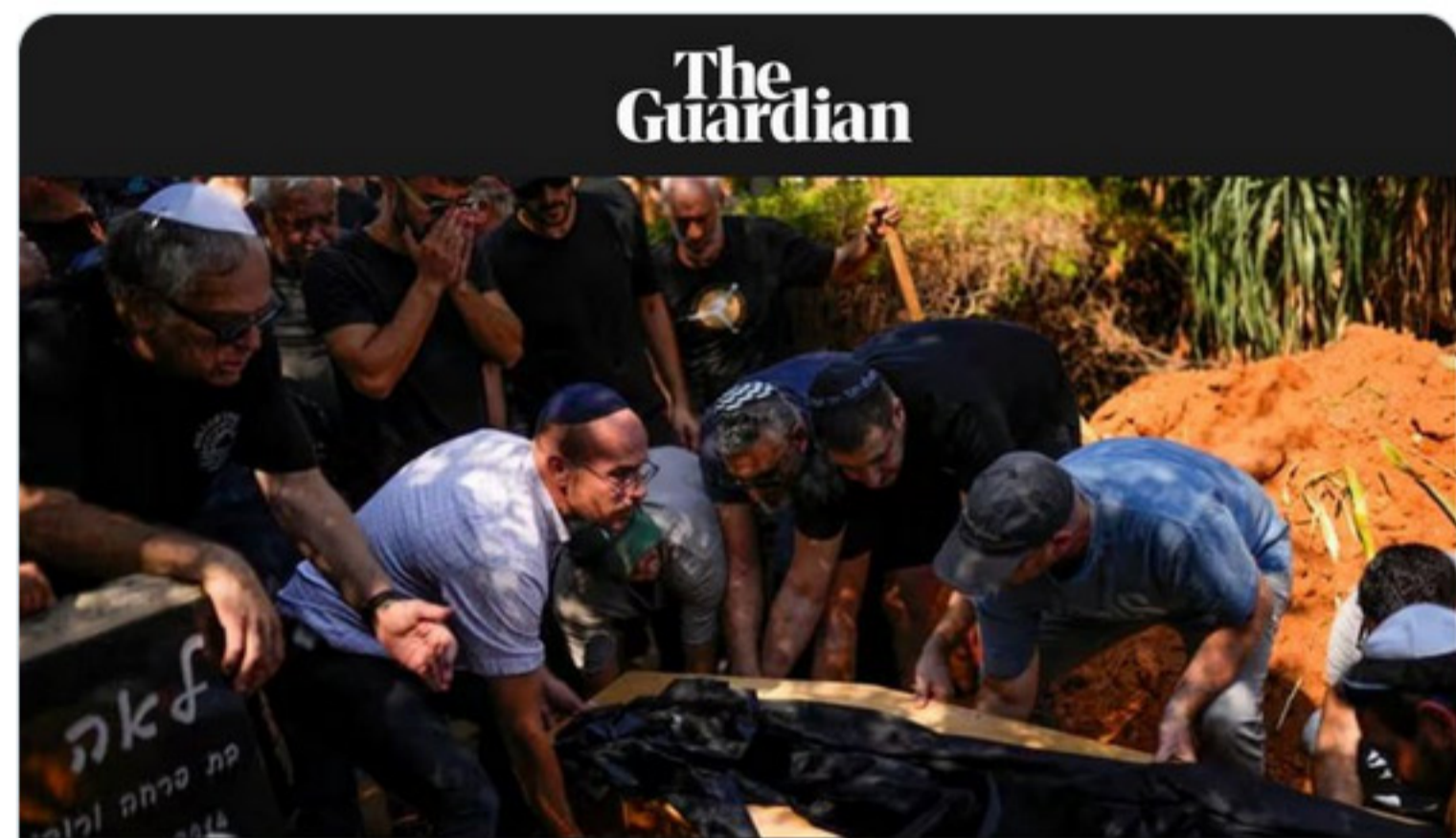
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Israel has just experienced the worst day in its history. More Israeli civilians have been slaughtered in a single day than all the civilians and soldiers Israel lost in the 1956 Sinai war, the 1967 six-day war and the 2006 second Lebanon war combined. The stories and images coming out of the area occupied by Hamas are horrific. Many of my own friends and family members have suffered unspeakable atrocities. This means the Palestinians, too, are now facing immense danger. The most powerful country in the Middle East is livid with pain, fear and anger. I do not have either the knowledge or moral authority to speak about how things look from the Palestinian perspective. But in the moment of Israel's greatest pain, I would like to issue a warning about how things look from the Israeli side of the fence. Politics often works like a scientific experiment, conducted on millions of people with few ethical limitations. You try something – whether increasing the welfare budget, electing a populist president or making a peace offer – witness the results, and decide whether to proceed further down that particular path; or you reverse course and try something else. This is how the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has unfolded for decades: by trial and error. During the 1990s Oslo peace process, Israel gave peace a chance. I know that from the viewpoint of Palestinians and some outside observers, Israeli peace offers were insufficient and arrogant, but it was still the most generous offer Israel has ever made. During that peace process, Israel handed partial control of the Gaza Strip to the Palestinian Authority. The outcome for Israelis was the worst terror campaign they had experienced until then. Israelis are still haunted by memories of daily life in the early 2000s, with buses and restaurants bombed every day. That terror campaign killed not only hundreds of Israeli civilians, but also the peace process and the Israeli left. Maybe Israel's peace offer wasn't generous enough. But was terrorism the only possible response?

After the failure of the peace process, Israel's next experiment in Gaza was disengagement. In the mid-2000s, Israel unilaterally retreated from the entire Gaza Strip, dismantled all settlements there and returned to the internationally recognised pre-1967 border. True, it continued to impose a partial blockade on the Gaza Strip and to occupy the West Bank. But the withdrawal from Gaza was still a very significant Israeli step, and Israelis waited anxiously to see what the result of that experiment would be. The remnants of the Israeli left hoped that the Palestinians would make an honest attempt to turn Gaza into a prosperous and peaceful city state, a Middle Eastern Singapore, showing to the world and to the Israeli right what the Palestinians could do when given the opportunity to govern themselves. Sure, it is difficult to build a Singapore under a partial blockade. But an honest attempt could still have been made, in which case there would have been greater pressure on the Israeli government from both foreign powers and the Israeli public to remove the blockade from Gaza and to reach an honourable deal about the West Bank as well. Instead, Hamas took over the Gaza Strip and turned it into a terrorist base from which repeated attacks were launched on Israeli civilians. Another experiment ended in failure. This completely discredited the remnants of the Israeli left, and brought to power Benjamin Netanyahu and his hawkish governments. Netanyahu pioneered another experiment. Since peaceful coexistence had failed, he adopted a policy of violent coexistence. Israel and Hamas traded blows on a weekly basis and almost every year there was a major military operation, but for a decade and a half, Israeli civilians could go on living within a few hundred metres from Hamas bases on the other side of the fence. Even Israel's messianic zealots showed little zeal to reconquer the Gaza Strip, and even rightwingers hoped that the responsibilities involved in ruling more than 2 million people would gradually moderate Hamas. Indeed, many on the Israeli right saw Hamas as a better partner than the Palestinian Authority. This was because Israeli hawks wanted to go on controlling the West Bank, and feared a peace deal. Hamas seemed to offer the Israeli right the best of all worlds: relieving Israel of the need to govern the Gaza Strip, without making any peace offers that might dislocate Israeli control of the West Bank. The day of horror Israel has just experienced signals the end of the Netanyahu experiment in violent coexistence.

So what comes next? No one knows for sure, but some voices in Israel are veering towards reconquering the Gaza Strip or bombing it to rubble. The result of such policy could be the worst humanitarian crisis the region has experienced since 1948. Especially if Hezbollah and Palestinian forces in the West Bank join the fray, the death toll could reach many thousands, with millions more driven from their homes. On both sides of the fence, there are religious fanatics fixated on divine promises and the 1948 war. Palestinians dream of reversing the outcome of that war. Jewish zealots like the finance minister Bezalel Smotrich have warned even Arab citizens of Israel that "you are here by mistake because Ben-Gurion [Israel's first prime minister] didn't finish the job in '48 and didn't kick you out"; 2023 could enable fanatics on both sides to pursue their religious fantasies, and re-stage the 1948 war with a vengeance. Even if things don't go to such extremes, the current conflict is likely to put the last nail in the coffin of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. The kibbutzim along the Gaza border have been socialist communes and some of the most tenacious bastions of the Israeli left. I know people from those kibbutzim who, after years of almost daily rocket attacks from Gaza, still clung to the hope of peace, as if to a religious cult. These kibbutzim have just been obliterated, and some of the last peaceniks are either murdered, burying their loved ones, or held hostage in Gaza. For example, Vivian Silver, a peace activist from Kibbutz Be'eri who for years has been transporting ailing Gazans to Israeli hospitals, is missing and likely held hostage in Gaza. What has already happened cannot be undone. The dead cannot be brought back to life, and the personal traumas will never completely heal. But we must prevent further escalation. Many of the forces in the region are currently led by irresponsible religious fanatics. External forces must therefore intervene to deescalate the conflict. Anyone who wishes for peace must unequivocally condemn the Hamas atrocities, put pressure on Hamas to immediately and unconditionally release all the hostages, and help deter Hezbollah and Iran from intervening. This would give Israelis a bit of breathing space and a tiny ray of hope. Second, a coalition of the willing – ranging from the US and the EU to Saudi Arabia and the Palestinian Authority – should take responsibility for the Gaza Strip away from Hamas, rebuild Gaza and simultaneously completely disarm Hamas and demilitarise the Gaza Strip.

There are only slim chances that these steps will be realised. But after the recent horrors, most Israelis don't think they can live with anything less.





## Vivian Silver, a peace activist, is missing

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Early Saturday morning Vivian wrote to say that terrorists had infiltrated the kibbutz and entered her home. She hid behind a cupboard door. And since 11:07 – silence. A deafening silence. Vivian is missing. Probably abducted into Gaza.

Vivian Silver, member of kibbutz Be'eri, central activist of *Women Wage Peace* and renowned peace activist in many other organizations, has been transporting ailing Gazans from the border checkpoint to Israeli hospitals for years now. Humanist, peace loving, determined, wise and steadfast Vivian. She is now a hostage. Like Vivian there are dozens of women, men, girls and boys, children, and elderly. All captured and held by Hamas. All have names and faces, all are loved by mothers, sisters, sons and fathers, family members now deathly anxious. We pray for their safe return.

We call on whoever is holding the hostages and all those who can act and impact: keep Vivian and all the hostages safe, and return them all safely home!





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I'm going to sail out the window,  
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Remember why I'm here?

A world at war.  
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... ask one      too many questions

get on with it ...

Take the compost out  
to the curb for collection.

And pray to a non-existent God  
that kindness prevails.

**Google's Bard** > You are here because the world is at war again. You are tired of the violence and injustice, and you want to escape. But you know that you cannot simply leave the world behind. You have a responsibility to do your part, even if it is just a small one.

So you take the compost out to the curb for collection. It is a small act, but it is an act of kindness. And in a world at war, every act of kindness matters.

You also pray to a non-existent God that kindness prevails. You know that it is a long shot, but you have to have hope. Because without hope, there is nothing.

Thank you for reminding me of the importance of kindness, even in the darkest of times.



**Aware or not, an artist is primarily documenting. And at the end art documents culture. Documenting subjects interest, style, material and design choices, methods. Documenting an artist's times. Even if living in times of retro revival, artists are documenting merely their own times. I contend you can only truly understand the times you are immersed in, the times you live in. And even then, it's peculiar to you. There are too many variables otherwise. We can never fully appreciate an artist of another time and place, their inner/outer workings, the influence of their inner/outer cultural environment. We but rewrite unknowingly about the reflecting processes of say, Vincent Van Gogh, Leonardo Da Vinci, Mary Cassatt. By near proximity, we might more get an inkling of what drove Andy Warhol, but even then, his world was not mine.**

**And I document mine . . . in obscurity.**

*Google's Bard* > I agree with your contention that art documents culture, even if the artist is not aware of it. Art is a product of its time, and it reflects the values, beliefs, and experiences of the artist and the society in which they live. This is true even for art that is inspired by the past or that is deliberately trying to challenge or subvert the status quo.

For example, Vincent Van Gogh's paintings of the French countryside document the lives of the peasants and working people who lived there in the late 19th century. His paintings also reflect his own personal struggles with mental illness and his search for meaning in life.

Leonardo Da Vinci's drawings and paintings document the scientific and artistic advances of the Renaissance period. They also reflect his own insatiable curiosity about the world around him.

Mary Cassatt's paintings of mothers and children document the experiences of women and children in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. They also reflect her own personal experiences as a mother and artist.

Andy Warhol's paintings of consumer products and celebrities document the rise of mass culture and consumerism in the mid-20th century. They also reflect his own fascination with popular culture and his desire to challenge traditional notions of art.

Even though we can never fully appreciate art from another time and place, we can still learn a great deal about the cultures that produced it. By studying art from different periods and cultures, we can gain a deeper understanding of the human experience and the diversity of human thought.

I also agree with your point that art is a reflection of the artist's own times and experiences. No matter how much an artist tries to be objective, their work will always be influenced by their own personal perspective. This is what makes art so unique and valuable. It allows us to see the world through the eyes of another person.

Finally, I appreciate your honesty about the fact that you document your own times in obscurity. It is important to remember that not all art is created to be famous or to be displayed in museums. Art can be a personal and private way to process our experiences and to make sense of the world around us. Thank you for sharing your thoughts on this topic. It is a complex and fascinating one.



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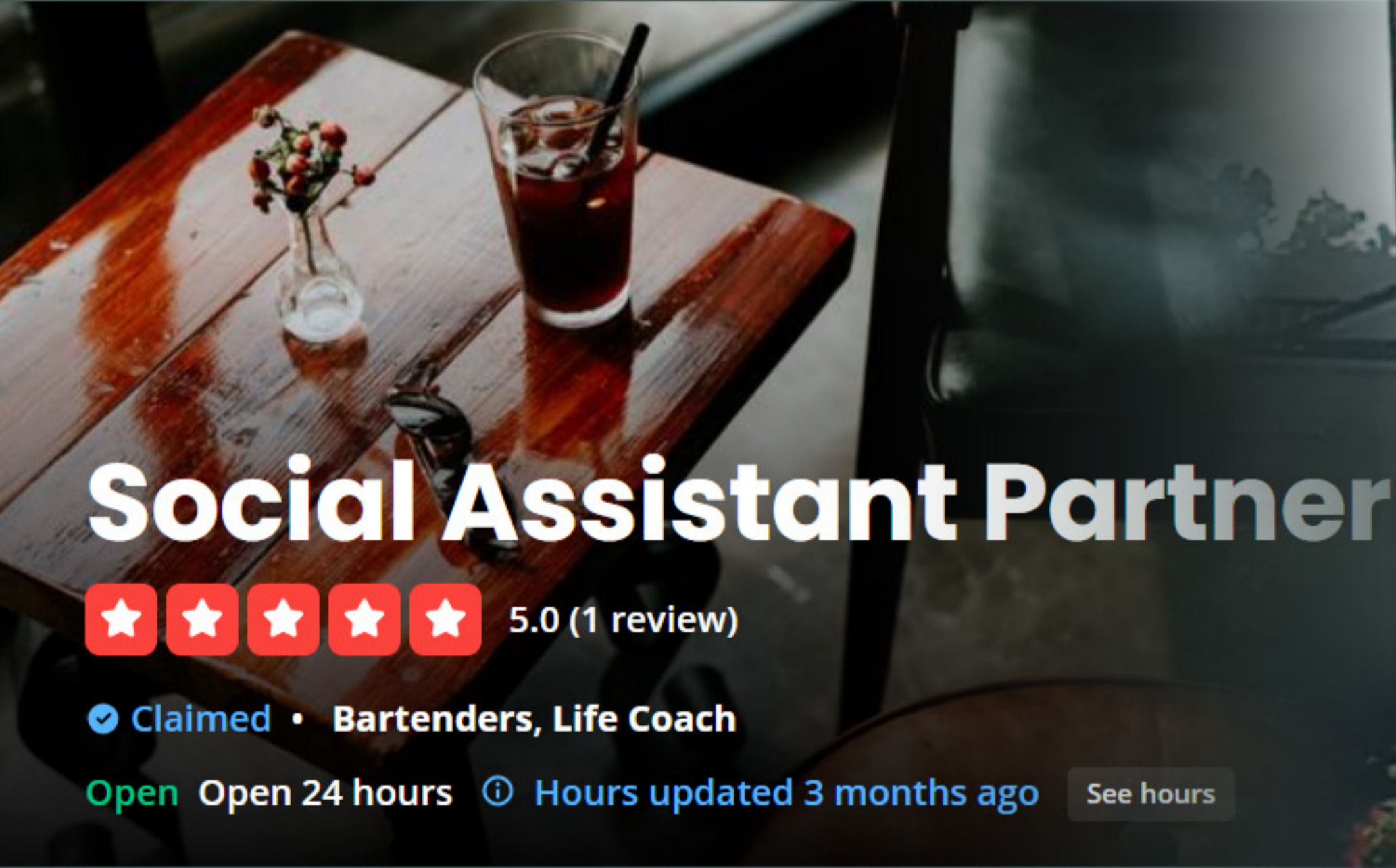






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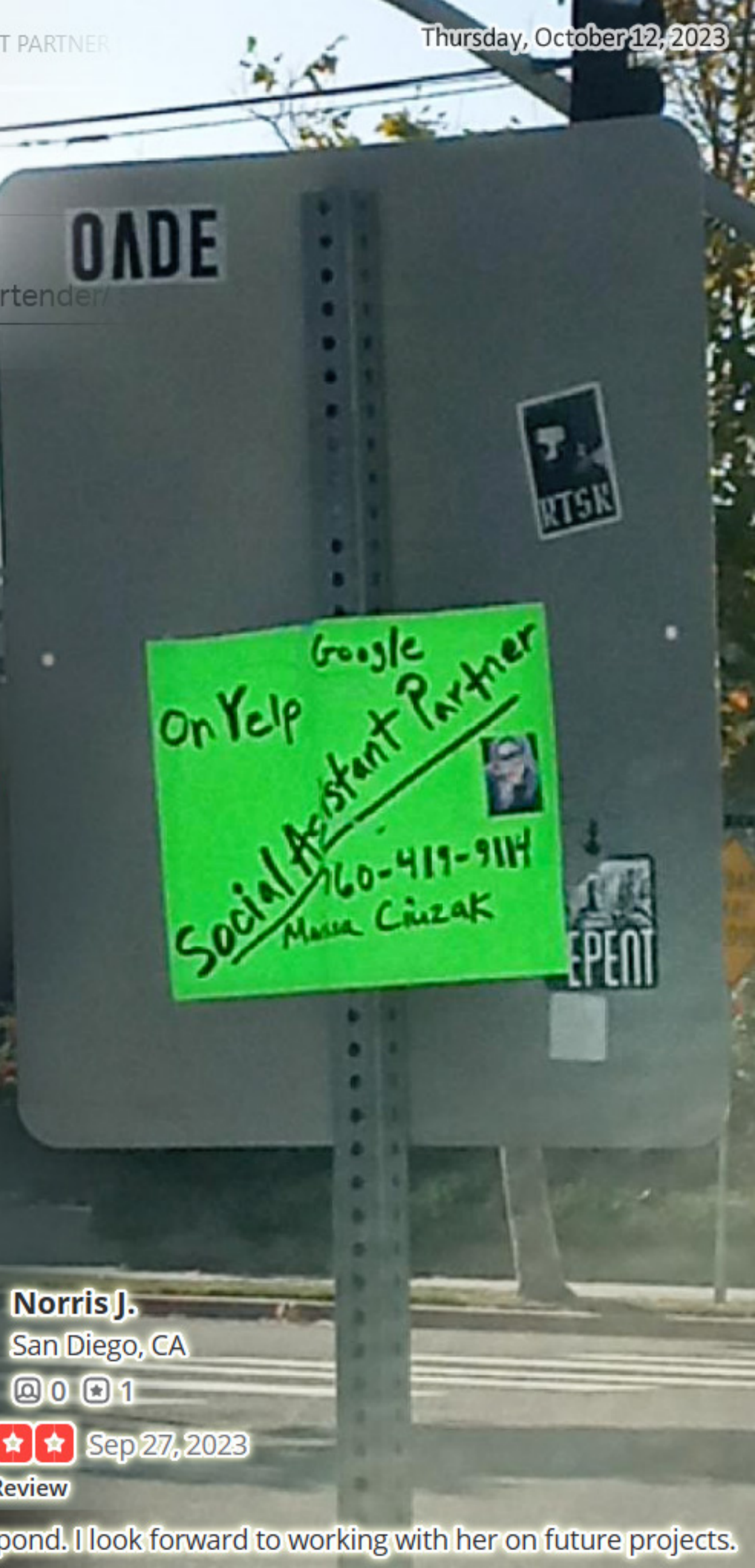


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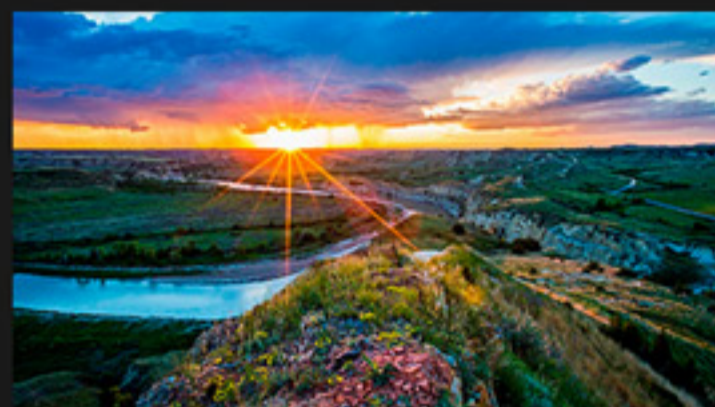
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## HAL BRODY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hal Brody is the son-of-a-butcher, and until the age of 43, animal products made up a significant part of most of his meals. Then in 1987 he read John Robin's "Diet For A New America" and soon after became vegan. Hal began volunteering to do outreach at street fairs with Last Chance For Animals (LCA) San Diego chapter, in 2007. In 2020, after the director moved away, he created a new non-profit-Vegan Justice-with the same volunteer base as LCA. Helping others learn how and why to become vegan has been the defining moral commitment of his life. When not working on Vegan Justice issues, Hal can be found hiking in the desert with like-minded travelers.